

# Tredegar Town Council



## Annual Report

April 2024 to March 2025



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## Mayor's Foreword

Serving as Mayor of Tredegar has been a tremendous privilege and one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

Although I've spent over a decade working at the heart of our community, I felt stepping into the role of Mayor has deepened my connection to the people and the town I'm proud to call home. The position has offered me the opportunity to see Tredegar in all its vibrancy - from its traditions and celebrations to the remarkable individuals who quietly enrich our daily lives.

Over the past year, I've had the honour of attending many memorable events, from Armed Forces Day to the energy and pride of the Bevan Festival. Each occasion was a unique reflection of our town's spirit. One of the most touching moments, however, was joining the Town Council in visiting care homes and sheltered accommodations during the Christmas season. Sharing songs, smiles, and conversation with residents was a reminder of how simple acts of kindness makes so much difference.

Whether through charity events, birthday celebrations, or meeting with local groups doing invaluable work, the impact of this role has been deeply personal. I learnt the Mayor is more than a ceremonial figure—it's a role of connection that can impact positively on people. It's about being present, listening, celebrating, and at times, offering comfort. A smile, a kind word, or simply showing up can lift someone's spirits - and that is where the true value of this office lies.

Our community spirit is perhaps best seen during the summer months at the Bandstand, where people of all ages gather to enjoy local performers who help keep our rich Welsh musical heritage alive. These moments of togetherness are what make Tredegar such a special place.

As I reflect on my time as Mayor, I want to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Councillors for their continued commitment and support, particularly during community events. I'm especially grateful to Annette and Clare, whose dedication and hard work behind the scenes make all the difference. And finally, thank you to the people of Tredegar - it is for you that we serve.

Let's continue working together to support one another and nurture the strong sense of community that defines our town.

Cllr Kevin Phillips

Town Mayor

## Introduction:

Tredegar Town Council was founded in 1974 when the Tredegar Urban District Council was disbanded; over those years many clubs, societies and other organisations have benefited from the grants that Tredegar Town Council has provided. Throughout the year, the Town Council worked diligently on behalf of the local community on a variety of issues. Tredegar Town Councillors continued to work on behalf of, and in partnership with, groups and individuals within the community. This report highlights the main achievements and activities of the Council during that period.

## Organisation:

Tredegar Town Council has eighteen voluntary Councillors elected by the residents of Tredegar. The Council is split into three Wards - Central and West, Sirhowy and Georgetown:

### *Central & West*

Ellie Griffin	Gerraint Jones-Griffiths	Sunny Mavar	Jacqueline Thomas
Haydn Trollope	Sharon Trollope	Mark Turner	[Vacancy]

### *Georgetown*

Kevin Phillips	Geraint Meredith	Katie Waldron	Gerran Walters
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### *Sirhowy*

Gemma Badham	Andrew Evans	Allan Jones	Ellen Jones
Diane Rowberry	Alyson Tippings		

*N.B. The following Members stood down during 2024:  
Mandy Moore, Bethan Rees and Chris Walters*

## Committee Membership:

**Civic Committee** - all Members of Council

**Performance Review Sub-Committee** - all Members of Council

**Civic Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader) (Chair), K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), E. Jones, D. Rowberry, H. Trollope,

**Events Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

***To incorporate Publicity Sub-Committee and Website Working Party***

Councillors A. Jones, (Chair), K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), M. Turner (Leader), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), J. Thomas, H. Trollope

**Heritage Sub-Committee (encompassing Bedwellty House and Park, the Assembly Room Picture Gallery, Tredegar War Memorials and Tredegar Town Clock) with plenary powers up to £500.00 - 10 Members**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader) (Chair), K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), A. Jones, H. Trollope, G. Walters,

**Finance & Staffing Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

***To incorporate the Budget Working Party***

Councillors H. Trollope (Chair), K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), M. Turner (Leader), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), G. Badham, E. Jones, G. Walters]

**Appeals Committee - 6 Members**

Councillors A. Jones, D. Rowberry, J. Thomas, S. Trollope, K. Waldron, C. Walters

**Policy Sub-Committee - all Members of Council**

**Community, Youth and International Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

***To incorporate Twinning Association***

Councillors M. Turner (Leader), K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), E. Jones, D. Rowberry, H. Trollope, S. Trollope,

**One Voice Wales Climate Change Adaptation Programme - 7 Members**

Councillors K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), M. Turner (Leader), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), A. Jones, D. Rowberry, J. Thomas

**Tredegar Public Facilities Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

***To incorporate Tredegar W/C Facilities, Deighton playing field and Sirhowy Community Garden, Allotments and the Town Clock***

Councillors A. Jones (Chair), K. Phillips (Mayor), M. Turner (Leader), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), H. Trollope

**Planning**

Councillor A. Jones (Chair) (Sirhowy Ward); [Vacant] (Reserve)

Councillor K. Phillips (Georgetown Ward); G. Walters (Reserve)

Councillor M. Turner (Central & West); C. Walters (Reserve)

***\*\* Town Council representatives – Consultee-only status, as delegated by the Local Authority***

Members also attended meetings as representative 'Delegates to Outside Bodies' in respect of the following organisations:

**Quarterly Liaison Meeting / Joint Committee of Local Councils**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader), K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), Ms. C. Aherne (Clerk); G. Walters (Reserve)

**Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader), K. Phillips (Reserve)

**One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader), K. Phillips (Reserve)

**Tredegar Twinning Association**

Councillors A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader), K. Phillips (Mayor), E. Griffin (Deputy Mayor), E. Jones

**School Governing Bodies**

**Bryn Bach Primary** - C. Walters

**Deighton Primary** - S. Trollope

**Georgetown Primary** - G. Walters

**Glanhowy Primary** - Vacancy

**St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary** - K. Phillips (Mayor)

**Ysgol Bro Helyg Primary** - M. Turner (Leader)

**Blaenau Gwent CAB**

Councillors E. Jones, H. Trollope (Reserve)

**Tredegar Business Forum**

Councillors J. Thomas, A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader) (Reserve)

**Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader), K. Phillips (Reserve)

**Tredegar Placemaking**

Councillor K. Phillips (Mayor)

**Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader), A.E. Tippings (Deputy Leader)

**Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park**

Councillors M. Turner (Leader), E. Griffin (Reserve)

**Armed Forces Community Covenant**

Councillors K. Phillips (Mayor), M. Turner (Reserve)

Following restrictions introduced in respect of the Covid-19 pandemic during 2022 / 2023, to ensure the continuation of Council business, Council Meetings continued to be held on a hybrid basis, remotely via Microsoft Teams and physically in the Council Chamber.

- ***Meetings of Council, its' Sub-Committees and Working Parties***

Annual Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2024  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024  
Events Sub-Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024  
Civic Meeting of Council – 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024  
Civic Meeting of Council – 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024  
Public Facilities Sub-Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024  
Events Sub-Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024  
Events Sub-Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
Civic Meeting of Council – 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
Civic Sub-Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024  
Civic Meeting of Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
Special Meeting of Council – 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Events Sub-Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Meeting with Tredegar Ward Members BGCBC – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Civic Meeting of Council – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Events Sub-Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Events Sub-Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024  
Civic Meeting of Council – 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2024  
Events Sub-Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024  
Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025  
Civic Meeting of Council – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025  
Events Sub-Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2025  
Civic Meeting of Council – 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2025  
Civic Sub-Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025  
Policy Sub-Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025  
Civic Meeting of Council – 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025  
Policy Sub-Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

## Council's Aims and Objectives:

The Council's key aims are:

- To act as a link between public sector organisations and the community on a range of subjects including
  - community facilities
  - community safety, health and wellbeing
  - the environment
  - planning and licensing
- To represent the views of the community in an open and transparent manner
- To continually identify and monitor the needs of the community in order to influence services and policies
- To provide a wide range of advice, information and support for its' constituents and local community groups / individuals
- To appropriately liaise with other partner organisations to address any concerns / issues to a satisfactory conclusion
- To support community projects and groups
- To deliver activities in a sustainable way and encourage sustainable practices throughout our community
- To engage with the community via social media, i.e. designated website, Facebook and Twitter, regular meetings and (as appropriate) consultation
- To support tourism in encouraging visitors to Tredegar as a whole

## Training Plan 2024 / 2025

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Code of Conduct	All Councillors / Clerk <b>** Mandatory</b>	Within six months of being elected
Understanding the Law	All Councillors / Clerk	Within six months of being elected
Chairing Skills	All Chairs / Clerk	Within six months of being elected
The Council Meeting	All Councillors / Clerk	Within six months of being elected
Local Government Finance	Finance Sub-Committee Members / Clerk / RFO	Within six months of being appointed to the Sub-Committee
The Council	All Councillors / Clerk	Once in the Council Term
The Councillor	All Councillors / Clerk	Once in the Council Term
Effective Staff Management	Staffing Sub-Committee Members	Within six months of being elected
The Council as an Employer	Staffing Sub-Committee Members	Within six months of being elected
Advanced Local Government Finance	Finance Sub-Committee Members / Clerk / RFO	By the end of second year of Council Term
Introduction to Community Engagement	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Community Engagement Part 2	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Health & Safety	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Creating a Community Plan	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Information Management	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Equality & Diversity	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Mediation and Conciliation	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Planning	Two Councillors	Once during Council term

N.B: Cost of Training to be added as undertaken – optional, unless stated otherwise: Members to attend 'as and when required'

*It is recommended that elected Members and staff attend the appropriate training, as identified in the Training Plan*

## Assets and Services:

The Council holds a comprehensive Asset Register, detailing assets of any value, which is a 'live' document continually monitored and updated by the appropriate Officer:

Town Clock

Aneurin Bevan Roundels

Cenotaph

Commemorative plaques for Cenotaph

Gates, Fences, Street Furniture

Civic Chains

Assembly Room Picture Gallery

Waterford Vase in Display Case

Battle of Tredegar Hill Memorabilia

Bronze Bust of Aneurin Bevan

Plaster Bust of Lord Tredegar

Aneurin Bevan Bronze Tablet

Other Memorabilia and gifts

Other office Equipment

Consort chain

CCTV system at Public Conveniences

(Renewed 2024 / 2025)

Community Benches (x 3)

Mayor's Parlour Oak Furniture

Mayor's Board

Gates – Deighton playing field / Public Toilet

Noticeboards – External (x2)

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The following outlines some services and responsibilities within Council remit:

- ***Town Clock***

Built in 1858, the Town Clock is a Grade II Listed Structure; the Clock tower is 72 feet high and the pillar is composed of cast iron. The Council undertook significant improvements to the Town Clock during a maintenance project in 2021, which entailed refurbishment of the exterior, upgrading to the lighting and reinstating of the Rooster weathervane. The surrounds of the Clock are planted every season with colourful flowers to make it an even more attractive feature.

- ***War Memorials***

The Council is responsible for three War memorials - these are

- the Remembrance Gates to Bedwellty Park, repainted during 2024 / 2025
- the Cenotaph, surrounded by the names of Tredegar's heroes who fell in the two World Wars, has Listed Structure status
- the unique Burma Memorial with a casket containing earth from Tredegar Hill in the Arrakan in Burma.

- ***WWI Memorial benches***

These are located at Commercial Street, Peacehaven and Sirhowy Village Green; each year a Remembrance Service is held at the Commemorative Benches, with the placing of poppy bouquets.

- ***Public Toilets***

Tredegar Town Council was proactive and responded to the needs of the community in taking over management of public toilet provision in the town centre, following the cessation of this facility by the Local Authority. Maintenance and operation of the Public Conveniences, situated at Gwent Shopping Centre, has been provided mainly via financial support of the Town Council. Renovations were undertaken to improve the facility with the refurbishment of the Ladies / Gents and Disabled Toilets in September 2021 and subsequently upgrading with installation of LED lights; with further refurbishment required in 2025 in regard to general upkeep.

- ***Deighton playing field and Sirhowy Community Garden***

Retention of open / green spaces for access by the public is of utmost importance to the community, particularly bearing in mind the loss of so many facilities for sporting groups – both for training and ‘match’ fixtures.

## Basic Financial Information:

### ***Budgeting and Precept***

The budget setting process took place over two Full Council meetings; whilst also incorporating previous discussions from the Performance Review meetings. As with other financial years, all aspects of the Council's budget were scrutinised and evaluated to reduce costs and make efficiency savings while ensuring that its core functions were adequately resourced. Also,

- Council continued with the decision to remain at the current level of services it offers and would not be looking towards accepting further devolved services.
- Considered the impact of inflation on the cost of Council's activities and events.
- Council discussed any potential projects for 2024 / 2025, taking into consideration as to whether they were vital / necessary / emergency and if sufficient funds were available to complete them without there being an adverse impact upon and depleting the level of Reserves.

Council recognises the importance of providing a best value service and keeping costs down; service providers and contracts are reviewed to ensure best value.

Income and use of Reserves covers a percentage of the anticipated annual expenditure with the remainder met by the Precept which is borne by Council Tax payers and levied, by the Local Authority, on chargeable dwellings in Tredegar.

When setting the Precept, Members had also continued to consider the impact of Covid 19 on the community and the increased financial struggles residents were incurring.

At the Ordinary meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Council agreed a Precept increase of 7.5% of £171,098.00.

## Financial Statements at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

As at the date of this report, Council has one external audit (31/03/2024) outstanding. All information was supplied to the external auditor within the statutory timescale with the delay in supplying an audit opinion being that of the external auditor. Therefore, the Financial Statements below are unaudited.

*N.B. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.*

<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>
159,161	Precept	171,098
0	Christmas Lights Grant	0
0	Function Income	0
0	Night Out scheme	0
0	Memorabilia	0
0	Bandstand	0
0	Prizes	0
3,429	Bank Interest	4,763
9,290	VAT	8,743
<u>3,971</u>	Other Income	<u>3,345</u>
<u>175,851</u>	<b>Total Income</b>	<u>187,949</u>

### Expenditure

#### General Administration:

39,904	- Staff salaries	41,527
22,295	- National Insurance/PAYE	22,222
30	- Officers Expenses	0
76	- Training	40
0	- Telephone	0
0	- Publications	0
5,640	- Stationery/Equipment	1,745
531	- Postage/Petty Cash	326
2,116	- Insurances	2,204
3,196	- Fees to Associations	3,279
336	- Bank Charges	322
1,848	- General Administration	863
875	Members Expenses/Allowances	624
0	Senior Allowance (Leader/Mayor)	500
0	Inauguration	333
0	Mayor's Civic Budget	0
668	Election Expenses	0
675	Audit Fees	1,939
120	Conference Fees	0

	<i>Town Clock:</i>	
1,831	- Energy	2,173
667	- Insurance	701
357	- Maintenance / Repairs	1,348
1,589	- Garden surround	923
94	- Celebrations	0
286	- Annual Clock Maintenance	315
	<i>Community Provisions:</i>	
26,406	- Public Conveniences/Green Space	26,416
7,237	- Green Spaces	6,923
2,591	- Special Projects	4,066
2,873	- Park Concerts	2,400
477	- Civic Presentations	396
0	- Environmental Improvements	0
	<i>Grants:</i>	
900	- Churches s137	1,500
5,880	- Sporting/Cultural	5,850
545	- s137	350
1,834	Presentations	155
23,798	Christmas Lights	28,589
0	War Memorial	5,700
50	Allotments	50
8,797	VAT	10,062
<u>790</u>	Publicity	<u>3,126</u>
<u>165,311</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>176,967</u>

<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>Cumulative Fund Balance</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>
248,849	01.04.2022 / 2023 – Opening Balance	259,389
<u>175,851</u>	Add: Total Income	<u>187,949</u>
424,700		447,338
<u>(165,311)</u>	Less: Expenditure	<u>(176,967)</u>
<u>259,389</u>	31.03.2023 / 2024 – Closing Balance	<u>270,371</u>
	<b>Current Assets</b>	
259,389	Cash	270,371
	<b>Creditors</b>	
<u>0</u>	Miscellaneous/Trade Creditors	<u>0</u>
<u>259,389</u>		<u>270,371</u>

	<b>Represented by:</b>	
30,000	General Reserves (Contingency)	30,000
	Earmarked:	
11,880	- Members Attendance Allowance	
10,000	- Election	10,000
5,000	- Office refurbishment	5,000

14,000	- Green Spaces (2 years)	14,000
4,500	- Allotments (3 sites)	4,500
10,000	- Town Clock	10,000
22,950	- Contractual Maintenance (toilets)	22,950
	Tredegar Recreation Ground	10,000
	Cost of Care Allowance	5,000
<u>151,016</u>	Reserves	<u>158,921</u>
<u>259,389</u>		<u>270,371</u>

### **Grants and Donations:**

The Council has a Grants Policy and grant forms, to be completed by applicants, in place. There are two types of grant forms: A general form for use by cultural and sporting associations and a specific form for Churches / Chapels. The Council's Grants Policy stipulates for Churches / Chapels

“grants are not to be issued in relation to religious activities; for grants towards building upkeep, there must be evidence that the building is being utilised for other community activities i.e. coffee mornings, lunch clubs, playgroups. A grant form specifically for religious venues requests this information is formally identified / recorded as evidence of the community benefit.”

The Council maintained the level of its community grants budget and during the 2024 / 2025 financial year, Council approved grants totalling £7,700 to a variety of worthwhile associations, all of which carry out valuable and important work within the community. A list of those who received grants or donations is listed below.

#### Cultural and Sporting

2167 Squadron ATC  
 Aneurin Leisure / Life Leisure Trust  
 Bedwellty Park Bowls Club  
 BGCBC  
 Cefn Golau Together  
 Friends of Bedwellty Park  
 Gwent Defibbers  
 Hospice of the Valleys  
 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod  
 Made in Tredegar  
 Moose No. 1 Ladies Circle  
 Oak Football Club  
 Silurian Amateur Boxing  
 St. John Ambulance  
 Stocktonville Senior Citizens

Tredegar Angling Club  
Tredegar Camera Club  
Tredegar Comprehensive School  
Tredegar Cricket  
Tredegar Decoupage Group  
Tredegar History / Archive Society  
Tredegar Twinning  
Tredegar Veterans Support  
Valleys Life After Stroke  
Waundeg Nantybwlch Community Centre  
Ystrad Deri Community Centre

*Church/Chapel (s.137) and others s.137*

Castle Street Congregational  
Horeb Chapel: Flower Festival  
Sardis Chapel  
Tredegar Methodist Church  
Trinity Spiritualist

Cerebral Palsy Cymru  
Teenage Cancer Trust  
Wales Air Ambulance

Well-being:

- ***Defibrillators in the community***

There are defibrillators located throughout Tredegar, accessible to the public (some during 'opening' hours only):

1-2 Lower Salisbury Street [Bowls Club]

Bedwellty House and Park

Betfred

The Cambrian Inn

Fresh Active

The Moose Hall

The Mountain Air

R & V, Ashvale Industrial Estate

Sirhowy Community Centre

Sogefi Filtration Ltd, Crown Business Park

Tredegar Fire Station

Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir (Exterior cabinet)

Tredegar Rugby Club

Ty Parc

Bethel Baptist Church (Exterior cabinet)

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

St. George's Church

Aneurin Bevan Health and Wellbeing Centre

Bupa Dental Care

Castle Street Dental Practice

Glan-yr-Afon Surgery

Tredegar Ambulance Station

Tredegar Health Centre, Park Row

Woffington House Care Home

The following defibrillators were presented by Tredegar Town Council:

All Primary Schools within the Tredegar area and Tredegar Comprehensive School; Fresh Active Gym; and, The Mountain Air, Nantybwlch

Environment:

- ***Deighton playing field and Sirhowy Community Garden***

Responsibility of the maintenance for this playing field transferred to Tredegar Town Council from the Local Authority and also the management, in partnership with various sporting organisations throughout Tredegar, to retain this facility for the benefit of the community. The facility is also available on request, subject to criteria for appropriate use, such as the Blaenau Gwent play sessions in the school holiday period; thus supporting the Local Authority. Sirhowy Community Garden was also maintained by Town Council, subject to a lease from the Local Authority.

Council continued to work with Local Places for Nature / Keep Wales Tidy and volunteers in respect of both sites. Grass cutting maintenance was provided by the Local Authority in accordance with the appropriate Service Level Agreement.

- ***Allotments***

Tredegar has three allotment sites, all based in the Georgetown Ward. The Southend Allotment site is owned by Tredegar Town Council, whilst Milefield and Vale View are rented from the Borough of Blaenau Gwent on an annual basis. Each allotment is managed by the cultivators of that site by the appropriate Allotment Association.

The maintenance of trees within these sites subject to a Tree Preservation Order remains the responsibility of Tredegar Town Council and is undertaken as and when required.

- ***Woodland Trust 'The Charter'***

Tredegar Town Council entered into the 'The Charter for Trees, Woods and People' which sets out "the modern-day relationship between people and trees, and a vision for a future where we can be stronger together". Since its' inception, over 600 communities, known as Charter Branches, joined the movement to implant Tree Charter principles within their area.

- Council also support local groups, such as Sirhowy Woodlands and Tredegar Business Forum, in work undertaken within the community, e.g. weeding and maintenance of the barrier baskets and planters throughout the town centre, having donated bulbs and seeds for the all year round planting, providing constant colour / flowers; and
- Enhance the environment by undertaking planting of the garden surround to the Town Clock in the town centre.

Activities undertaken and engagement with the community:

- ***Calendar of Events***

Highlights of the Council's activities and achievements from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025, entailed:

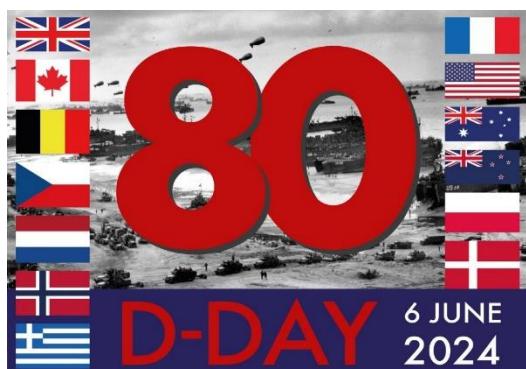


Twinning visit – 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

As part of the Twinning partnership with Orvault, France, our French counterparts visited Tredegar, mainly staying with host families. The trip went very well and proved a success in engaging with our French visitors.

Summer Concerts in the Bandstand  
Bedwellty Park, Tredegar  
26<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 - 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

- Ebbw Valley Brass
- Cwm Salvation Army Band
- Crosskeys Silver Band
- MBB Summer Jazz
- Newport Borough Brass Band
- Royal Welsh Regimental Band
- Tredegar Town Band
- Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir
- Rogerstone Community Band
- Oakdale Silver Band



D-Day 80 – 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

### **The D-Day 80 Beacon and Lamp Light of Peace**

Tredegar Town Council was very proud to participate in the celebration of Lamp Light of Peace, as part of the D-Day 80 commemorations, by lighting a Beacon on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 9.15 p.m. at The Aneurin Bevan Stones, Bryn Serth, Tredegar. Prior to which was the 'Ringing out in Celebration' at 6.30 p.m., with the ringing of the Church bell at St. George's Church.

## Armed Forces Day – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

Town Council was proud to hoist the Armed Forces flag in support of military personnel and welcome the Royal Welsh Regimental Band to our annual event in Bedwellty Park, as part of the National Armed Forces Day celebrations.



## Aneurin Bevan Day – 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 Aneurin Bevan and the NHS

Tredegar Town Council held our annual event in Bedwellty Park – a fun day, featuring stalls and activities, including a performance by Tredegar Town Band in celebration of the NHS and its' founder, Aneurin Bevan. Council was happy to support any events organised by local groups and organisations to celebrate Aneurin Bevan and the NHS.

## Open Doors 2024 – Tredegar Town Clock – 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

Tredegar Town Council was delighted to open the VERY small door of Tredegar Town Clock to the public in support of Cadw's 'Open Doors 2024', enabling visitors to climb the interior to the top!



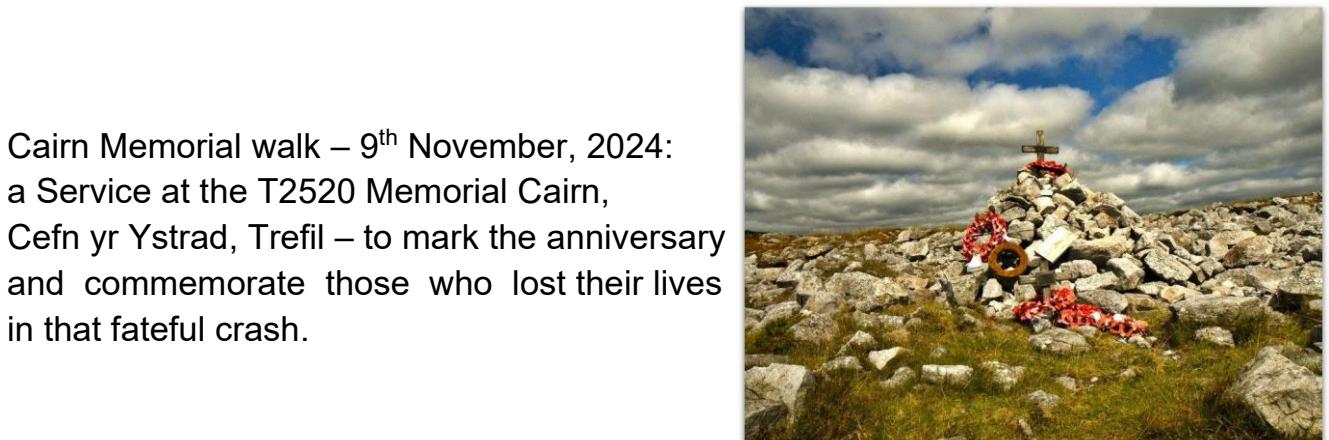
## Merchant Navy Day 'Fly the Red Ensign' – 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024

The event was held to mark Merchant Navy Day, with invited guests, undertaking readings, and the Order of Service being led by Rev'd Matt Davis.



Opening of the Town Clock to pupils of Georgetown Primary School – 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

A visit was arranged as part of their term topic “Our Town”



Cairn Memorial walk – 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2024:  
a Service at the T2520 Memorial Cairn,  
Cefn yr Ystrad, Trefil – to mark the anniversary  
and commemorate those who lost their lives  
in that fateful crash.

Remembrance Day Memorial service, Gwent Shopping Precinct (*support role only*); and Memorial benches / placing of poppy bouquets in Commercial Street, Peacehaven and Sirhowy Community Garden – November 2024





Remembrance Parade and Service –  
10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 Cenotaph,  
Bedwellty Park (*support role only*)

Christmas Light switch-on –  
29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

Each year, Tredegar Town Council host a Christmas Light switch-on event, with visitors from far and wide participating in activities - this display has been highly commended and is a fitting event to commence the festive season.



Local food and drink vendors support the event and stall opportunities are offered for local groups to participate - selling Christmas decorations, hair accessories, jewellery, Cakes, handing out promotional literature, and –  
for the Children – funfair, face painting... and Santa!

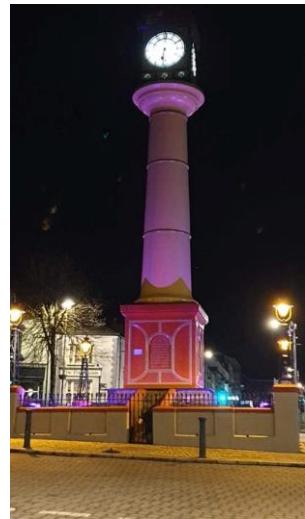


Mayor's Christmas visits to Nursing, Residential and Care Homes – 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



National Holocaust Memorial Day  
– 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

To commemorate this year's Holocaust Memorial Day, the Town Clock in The Circle, Tredegar, was illuminated in purple and white.



Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth –  
11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Primary School Pupils in Tredegar joined with civic dignitaries at Bedwellty House and Park to celebrate Commonwealth Day 2025.

Tredegar Town Council is proud to support National Awareness Days throughout the year by illuminating the Town Clock, for example – Holocaust Memorial Day, 27<sup>th</sup> January; St. David's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> March; Covid Day of Reflection, 9<sup>th</sup> March; World Parkinson's Day, 11<sup>th</sup> April; in October, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and LGBTQ History Month; Remembrance and Armistice services, November.

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*Public Conveniences*

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*Open spaces*

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Sirhowy Community Garden, Beaufort Road, Tredegar NP22 4NP

*Allotments*

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Vale View Allotment, Vale View, Tredegar NP22 4ND

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