



News from One Voice Wales:

Welcome to Issue 8 of the One Voice Wales E-Bulletin. This edition is packed with our regular update from our *Cost of Living* team and *Local Places for Nature* programme, along with key news and opportunities to support your work in local communities.

NEWS



On behalf of Repair Cafe Wales, we'd like to invite you and your community to our Open Session events where we'll be discussing volunteering at a repair cafe and the positive difference you can make to the environment and your local community.

We have an Open Session on the **23rd September**.

Please email jessica@repaircafewales.org if you'd like a diary invite for your calendar, or for more information please visit our website: [Repair Cafe Wales - Local Community Repair Cafés](#).

Could you be a Volunteer Organiser? What's a Repair Cafe? Repair Cafes are pop up events held on regular dates where local community members can get their broken household items and volunteers will fix them FREE OF COST!! Let's save the planet, prevent waste, and keep our community thriving! Free support provided by Repair Cafe Wales When? **Tuesday, 23rd September 6pm – 6.30pm** [join here](#)



Mae Age Cymru'n chwilio am esiamplau o arferion gorau mewn cartrefi gofal yng Nghymru – yn benodol, cartrefi gofal sy'n cefnogi preswylwyr hŷn sy'n:

- LHDTC+
- Niwroamrywiol
- Byddar neu'n ddall
- Saesneg yw eu hail iaith
- Cyn-filwyr

Os ydych chi'n gwneud gwaith arbennig er mwyn cefnogi eich preswylwyr hŷn mewn ffyrdd eraill, rydyn ni'n awyddus iawn i glywed eich stori!

Os hoffech chi rannu rhagor o wybodaeth – e-bostiwch carehomes@agecymru.org.uk neu ffoniwch 07944 996720



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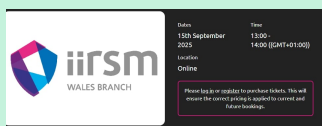
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Complaints to our office continue to rise

We have today published our Annual Report & Accounts for 2024-25, which shows a staggering 43% increase in the number of new complaints received since the year preceding the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Full Version](#)[Executive Summary](#)[Easy Read](#)

The Burning Issues Surrounding Lithium-ion Battery Fires

Free online session - Would you know the implications for community groups- fire hazards from things like mobility scooters, e-bikes and vapes etc. - There is a free webinar available to you on the 15th September between 13.00 - 14.00

[Log in Here](#)[Register](#)

Remember there are all sorts of useful documents on our website to help you.



Model Governance Documents and guidance for Councils:

One Voice Wales has published model arrangements to help Councils run effectively and meet their statutory obligations. We also circulate statutory guidance and other guidance.

We keep these arrangements under regular review, helping Councils to maintain a sound governance framework.

Click on the the link to see the wealth of documents that are available

For further information

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Practice Development Notes:

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One Voice Wales has created Practice Development Notes - simple guides to help Councils understand key annual tasks and provide advice on other council activities.

[View Practice development Notes](#)

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One Voice Wales Training Dates:

Councillors wishing to attend training modules please contact your clerk who will book you on to the relevant session. All session until the end of the year are now available on our website.

[List of courses and dates](#)

★ AREA COMMITTEE SURVEY SUMMARY ★

YOUR VOICE , YOUR IMPACT . OUR FUTURE
A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL COUNCILS THAT COMPLETED THE AREA
COMMITTEE SURVEY EARLIER IN THE YEAR

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Consultations

Welsh Government Consultation on extending the duty on local authorities to broadcast meetings

Dear Chair and Clerk

The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on extending the duty on local authorities to broadcast meetings. Although it does not directly affect Community and Town Councils, it is an opportunity to express an opinion on a matter of general public interest with the aim of providing more information on how decisions that affect them are made.

This consultation is to consider:

- . whether the duty on a principal council to broadcast meetings should be extended to include meetings other than that of the full council
- whether there should be a duty imposed upon Fire and Rescue Authorities FRAs and/or National Park Authorities NPAs to broadcast their meetings
- whether there should be a retention period for recordings of broadcast meeting

The 2021 Act provides principal councils (meaning county councils and county borough councils), FRAs and NPAs with new ways to support and serve their communities with a strong emphasis on the principles of democracy, transparency, and accountability to the citizens of Wales. The 2021 Act contains a number of provisions which create greater transparency and openness between principal councils, FRAs, NPAs and communities. Welsh Ministers are keen to maximum the potential of digital technology to achieve greater transparency, collaboration, and accountability between principal councils and the citizens of Wales. However, Welsh Ministers also recognise that it is important not to disenfranchise individuals who do not have access to, or are unable to engage with, digital technology

A link to the consultation can be found at: <https://www.gov.wales/extending-duty-local-authorities-broadcast-meetings>

The closing date for responses is 28 November 2025. One Voice Wales will be preparing a response to this consultation. In order to inform this response, I would appreciate your Council's response or draft response by Friday 14 November. My email is cjones@onevoicewales.wales

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JOBS

Vacancies within Community and Town Council Sector:

Vacancies:

As part of annual membership, One Voice Wales offers member Community and Town Councils the opportunity to advertise sector-related vacancies, such as Clerks, Responsible Financial Officers, and other staff roles.

Further Information on vacancies

Welsh Government Jobs

Public Appointments

The Welsh Government is committed to improving the diversity of public appointments in Wales.

The [Welsh Government Anti-racist Wales Action Plan and Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for Public Appointments](#) sets out a vision and actions aimed at supporting delivery of this key Ministerial priority for Wales.

We are keen to work with our external partners to build a pipeline of individuals who are interested in applying for a board position.

To view the latest advertisements for public appointments in Wales, please visit:

[Appointment of a Chair - Athrofa Dysgu Cymraeg Genedlaethol/National Institute for Learning Welsh](#)

Closing date for the above appointments is 12/09/2025 at 16:00.

[Appointment of Chair to Digital Health and Care Wales - Welsh Government](#)

Closing date for the above appointment is 15/09/2025 at 16:00.

[APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR - THE DISUSED TIPS
AUTHORITY FOR WALES - Welsh Government](#)

**Closing date for the above appointments is
17/09/2025 at 23:55.**

Further Information

National Library for Wales

This is a unique opportunity to lead a transformative programme that mobilises the culture sector in Wales to respond to the climate emergency.

You will drive cross-sector collaboration, shape policy implementation, and empower archives and cultural organisations to contribute meaningfully to national decarbonisation and adaptation strategies.

[Jobs - National Library of Wales](#)

Save the Date

One Voice Wales Annual National Conference

Wednesday 1 October - Builth Wells -Showground

Join us for a round up of the year's achievements at One Voice Wales. Councils and Area Committees have already submitted motions for debate.

[Click here for further information](#)

One Voice Wales Funded Projects Updates:

Cost of living crisis team

[.Click here to see
registration details](#)

Register now for our next online events **No One Left
Out: Low-Cost Christmas Ideas for Families**

Wednesday 15 October 2pm - 4pm For many families, the festive season brings stress instead of joy—rising costs, tight budgets, and social isolation make it tough. Councils can help families enjoy Christmas, even on a small budget. Join our webinar to explore simple, low-cost ways your council can make this Christmas brighter for everyone.

For both webinars you'll come away with an essential checklist, packed with quick budget-friendly ideas you can start putting into practice straight away.

GRANTS & FUNDING POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

[Click here for further information](#)

Local Places for Nature News:

Local Places for Nature team have a new member of staff - Lets welcome Sam Langdon who has started as our North Wales officer. Read all about Sam in his biog attached

[Sam's Biog](#)

External Newsletters

CCW Newsletter

[Full Document](#)

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External News



National Conference

**16 October 2025 (9:00am - 4:30pm)
Hilton hotel, Cardiff city centre**

Early bird rate for supporters in Wales ends Monday 1 September.

Book your place today to get the best price:

- Supporters in Wales until 1 September: £55
- Supporters in Wales 2 September onwards: £75
- Delegates outside of Wales: £100

The *Playing and being well* literature review published by Play Wales emphasises that unstructured play opportunities give children a chance to support their immediate wellbeing whilst naturally building life skills which contribute to long-term development outcomes. Alongside this compelling evidence, what can we learn from what children tell us about how they play?

Over recent years, the play and playwork sectors have delivered significant progress in creating a play-friendly environment for children, supported by ground-breaking policy and research. This progress and momentum need to be nurtured and maintained.

Join us at the Play Wales national conference to discuss how we continue this momentum and explore ways to build on our combined work, and work together to provide, promote and protect children's right to play.

[Download the conference programme](#)

[Book your place](#)

Explore Wales' breath-taking coastal path with TfW's 'Rail to Trail' campaign

Transport for Wales (TfW) has been running its 'Rail to Trail' campaign since 2022 originally to promote the

10th anniversary of the Wales Coastal Path. The campaign highlights how different parts of the Coastal path can be easily accessed from various railway stations on the Wales and Borders Network, ranging from Flint in the North to Tenby in the West.

The Wales Coast Path has become known worldwide, offering walkers the unique opportunity to walk the whole perimeter of Wales, taking in Wales' unique and stunning landscape.

As well as providing information on the 1,000 miles of walking routes across Wales, and accessible railway stations located close-by, the 'Rail to Trail' website allows you to plan your rail journey and walking programme to suit your individual needs.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, Ken Skates said,

People aren't always aware that many of our railway stations act as convenient gateways to famous national trails and walking routes in Wales. This is a brilliant campaign that promotes our rail network as a means of accessing our incredible coastal path. So, why not leave your car at home, jump on a train, get your walking boots and ruck sack on and go out and explore.

For more information, please visit the following link:

[Rail to trail | Transport for Wales](#).

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