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Notices to the community Nº 17

27th July 2020



I thought that I should try and clarify the situation regarding the Green Bin collections and how the County will compensate those residents who use this service.

DCC are asking residents to renew their subscriptions as normal this year on their current renewal date.

The Council will then extend the date the subscription covers by an additional two months for the coming year and so if you pay your subscription on the 20th July 2020 your next renewal date will be 20th September 2021, fourteen months later. The 20th September will then become your new annual renewal date.

Because the majority of residents who use this service pay by direct debit this will give the council time to amend all the payment dates.

Did you know that over 17,500 residents use this service in Denbighshire which equates to 40% of all households in the County?

I have received a number of e-mails and telephone calls about an advert on Rightmove for a New development called Erw Goed Gardens on the Llandegla Road in Llanarmon.

To date the builders have only applied for outline planning permission which has been granted but they have yet to apply for full planning permission which would include details of the number and style of properties to be built. I can confirm that there has been no such planning application to date.

Advertising houses that you do not have formal planning permission for is highly unusual and a little risky.

The adverts have now been withdrawn.

Can I remind everyone that you do need planning permission for most things involving changes to your land or property and especially within the AONB. For example, new entrances on to A & B roads require planning permission because there may be road safety issues, stables and ménages in open countryside and extensions to existing properties (*unless they are within permitted development rights*) also require planning permission.

If in doubt you can seek guidance on the DCC planning portal or give planning or myself a call to check. Building without planning permission can be an expensive mistake and the County takes a dim view of retrospective planning applications. It is therefore better to check and be safe rather than sorry.

You should also always consult your neighbours before applying for planning permission because it is part of the planning process and it is better to get their support even if it means making some minor amendments to your plans before you submit them.

As part of the County's drive to increase recycling, DCC have gone into partnership with a charitable company called Co-options. Co-options will sort the clothes etc and good quality items will then be sold in their shop "Kit Out the Kids and Family" in Rhyl.

All other items will be recycled through a textile merchant.

The County is also restarting a limited Bulk waste collection service as from 20th July. Please check the Counties web site for further details.

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At this week's weekly meeting with DCC Group Leaders the Chief Exec announced that reported cases of Covid 19 were down again in Denbighshire.

The virus has still not gone away and people should continue to take all the necessary hygiene precautions especially washing your hands on a regular basis. Although wearing face masks in public places (*shops etc.*) is still not compulsory in Wales it may still be best practice.

It is still policy in Wales to work from home if you can and it is now compulsory to wear face masks on public transport and in taxis in Wales as from the 27th July.

Over the last twelve months we have seen a general increase in the number of people visiting our Country Parks across the County especially at Moel Famau and Loggerheads.

This has increased even further over the last few weeks after lock down was eased and because more people are staying at home for their holidays.

Moel Famau has become gridlocked most weekends when the weather is good with people parking all along Forestry Road and by doing so, they are creating a single lane highway.

The County are looking at long-term and short-term solutions and hopefully some of these will be announced very soon.

In the meantime, can I suggest that if you are a DCC resident there are some excellent walks throughout the County especially on our public footpath network.

Did you know that our ward has the highest number of public footpaths in the County but when using them please respect the Country Code, shut gates after you and keep your dogs on a lead when crossing farmland.

Many of you will be aware that an illegal Traveller site was established on the A525 near the County boundary during the lockdown.

I am pleased to confirm that the County will be taking enforcement action and that I have attended a number of meetings (*video conferences*) over the last few weeks with all the public bodies involved. I will report more on this case when I can.

The Welsh Government has announced that more properties have been added to their Broadband roll out plans for this year.

This brings the new total to 1862 additional properties that will get fibre optic Broadband in Denbighshire. If you are struggling to get Superfast Broadband please let me have your post code and we can check to see if you are on the new list.

As you can see this is my seventeenth Coronavirus Update since March. I hope that you have found these useful and as we move back towards some form of normality, *I will continue to send these out but less frequently.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think that I can help in any way.

Keep well.

Regards,

Martyn