



North Pembroke Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

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Accessibility

Pembrokeshire County Council

New Access Officer. Extracts from the Council's November news report.

Jessica Hatchett took up the role earlier this month and has always been passionate about disability equality in Pembrokeshire. Jessica, from Neyland, has cerebral palsy and epilepsy and uses a wheelchair or a walking frame to get around. She believes that her experiences as a disabled person will give her a different perspective on the role which aims to build on the Council's commitment to making Pembrokeshire an accessible county to all.

A founder member of the Young Voices for Choices youth forum, Jessica has previously featured on the cover of two access guides, as well as the cover of a Bus Buddies project leaflet.

Jessica said: 'Inclusive, accessible designs don't just benefit disabled people – they make life easier for parents with buggies, people with broken legs or anyone who might not be steady on their feet. Simple design changes make a world of difference to someone with additional needs.'

The Access Officer role involves responding to requests, comments and concerns on accessibility issues; liaising with community access groups; ensuring the Authority's duties and responsibilities with regard to the Equalities Act (2010) are met; supporting the work of Pembrokeshire Access Group and giving advice on all access design issues such as ramps, disabled parking bays, welfare facilities and much more.

Visit www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/jessica-ready-to-help-in-access-officer-role for the full report. To get in touch with Jessica: Email jessica.hatchett@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or Call 01437 775148.

Senedd Economy Infrastructure & Skills (EIS) Committee

Forward Work Programme for Spring 2021. Some of the matters to be examined:

- Remote working: Implications for Wales. 27th January.
- Bus operations: COVID-19 impact, funding and remote working proposals. General Ministerial Scrutiny with the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales. 3rd February.
- Remote working: Implications for Wales. 24th February.
- General Ministerial Scrutiny. 10th March.

Visit <https://business.senedd.wales/documents/s109878/FWP%20Spring%20term.pdf> for further information.

South West Wales Connected Community Rail Partnership

Introduction. South West Wales Connected is a new Community Rail Partnership established by Transport for Wales and hosted by 4theRegion. The overall purpose of Community Rail Partnerships is to encourage greater use of rail services through increased participation of local communities in their rail line and by a range of activities at and

surrounding their station to provide economic, social and environmental benefits to the region's residents and visitors.

Membership. Membership of the South West Wales Connected Community Rail Partnership is open to any local or regional organisation with an interest in furthering the aims and objectives of the partnership such as local schools and colleges; environmental groups; chambers of commerce and trade; BIDs; tourism organisations; county, district and parish authorities; third sector organisations; rail user groups and relevant train operating companies.

The community rail partnership is a non-campaigning, non-party political organisation and therefore political parties are not eligible for membership.

For more information *visit:* www.southwestwales.co/about/#governance.

Covid-19.

This Community Rail Partnership was formed in March 2020, just as the UK entered lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we are not promoting rail travel or encouraging visitors to this region. Instead, we have formed a temporary steering group to enable the CRP to build relationships and establish itself in readiness for full operations as lockdown ends.

Love This Place – Community Bunting Challenge

'To commemorate and celebrate all the wonderful positive things we have felt grateful and thankful for throughout lockdown and that we missed or longed for, a spin off project has been created.'

'We invite you, wherever you are in the world, to create and send us a piece of textile bunting in celebration of your favourite South West Wales places, people and products. All our wonderful unique local things that you are passionate about! And then our volunteers will stitch and join them all up in a series of bunting art works that will be proudly hung in and around our local train stations up and down the South West Wales Connected Region. Bunting pieces must be no bigger than A4 but can be any shape.'

'There's no need to buy anything as up-cycling is encouraged, however it must be textile based. The Love This Place Bunting Challenge symbolises what the Community Rail Partnership is all about. It's about all of us, who we all are and where we live. It's about individuals, families, groups, community and businesses all interwoven and connected, each playing a part in the whole. It celebrates diversity and the rich tapestry of our culture, heritage, economy, society, environment and well-being.'

'So come on! Stitch, sew, crochet, weave, felt, knit, applique, darn, sashiko, knot or macrame your piece of history!'

Send all pieces to: C/O 4theRegion CIC, Swansea Train Station, High Street, Swansea, SA1 1NU. Our volunteers will then work their sewing magic to create one beautiful textile art of love, memories and celebration to be exhibited throughout the region.

Visit www.southwestwales.co/2020/09/02/love-this-place-community-bunting-challenge/ for further information.

The Forum's work is supported by:

Individual Members (£5 p.a.), Family Members (£8 p.a.) & Corporate Members (£12 p.a.)

(Corporate members include town and community councils, transport operators, and groups, organisations and associations with a transport interest)

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