



PENNARD LIFE

Autumn/Winter 2025

Pennard Community Council

Welcome to Pennard life

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of Pennard Life - the newsletter produced by Pennard Community Council. The aim of this newsletter is to inform the community about what the council are doing and our future plans.

We hope you find it interesting and informative.

Inside this edition

You can find out about...



- How to join your Community Council
- Tyfu Pennard community garden
- What Tenders we have coming up
- The Community Bus
- What we have planned for Christmas
- News from the Golf club
- Who are Pennard Charity
- What would you like us to include in the budget
- And much more....



Pennard Community Hall

We have just completed another step in the decarbonisation of the Community hall as planned in our Climate and Ecological Emergency Plan thanks to a Grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund South West Wales and the help of the Rural Anchor Team

Last month saw the installation of 26 solar panels onto the roof of the hall, as well as a 22 Kw Electric Vehicle charger. The introduction of the Charger which will benefit the hall funds is hoped to also bring people to the village supporting local businesses as well as providing a useful facility to visitors booking into the many holiday lets in the villages.

Watch this space for further updates on lighting and insulation upgrades, all of which will support the reduction of costs and our carbon footprint.



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Community Budget Consultation

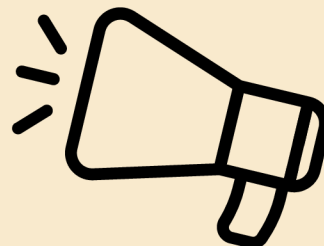
Every year the Community Council sets a budget that will fund the work of the Council for the coming financial year. We want to hear where you think we should prioritise our funding for this year and planning for future years. This budget gives us the amount of money the Community Council needs to deliver for the Community; this is called the "Precept" and is one of the lines on your council tax bill. This financial year, for a Band D property the precept is £63.27 for the whole year or £5.27 a month. Households who receive Council Tax support also receive that for the Precept. As well as the basic running costs of the Community Hall, Park, Playing Fields, Burial Ground and Community Garden, the Council employs staff, organises Christmas and Summer Events including support to the annual Carnival and provides to support to households in the Community through the PEFTA Scheme (Pennard Energy Food and Technology Assistance)

We would like to understand your priorities for the coming year and beyond so we can consider these as part of our Budget setting process, the closing date for responses is 31 Dec 2025.

Give us your priorities by contacting the Clerk by phone/text 07825 225567 or email her at clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales or simply tear out this page fill in the details and pop it into Pennard Stores for collection. You can even use this link <https://forms.office.com/r/eb0XMuYxEj> to complete it on line or scan the QR code below

Please rate the following in order of importance to you.....

- Activities for older people
- Youth Activities
- Biodiversity/Environmental activities
- Community Transport
- Other (please specify)



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Budget Consultation



YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Who are your Community Councillors?

Cllr Rachel Carter	Southgate
Cllr Ralph Cook	Southgate
Cllr Lynda James (Vice Chair)	Kittle
Cllr Cari Jones	Southgate
Cllr Susan Rodaway (Chair)	Southgate
Cllr Will Smith	Southgate
Cllr Richard Beynon	Southgate
Cllr Rebecca Donnachie	Southgate
Cllr Jon Dickson	Southgate
Cllr Jason Thomas	Southgate
Cllr Steven Rodaway	Southgate
Cllr Adam O'Brien	Southgate
Cllr Keith Roberts	Kittle
Cllr Jasmine Roberts	Kittle



Your Councillors are here to represent you and our community.

Please do contact your Councillors with any questions, issues or concerns.



Find Cllr's contact details on our website:

pennardcc.gov.wales

Contact the Clerk:

pennardcommunitycouncil@gmail.com



Phone us:

07825 225567

Join your Community Council – Community members wanted

As well as our Councillors we also welcome members of the Community to join our Committees and Working Groups. This enhances the teams with much needed diversity of knowledge and experience. The following Committees are looking for members of the community to join:

- Planning
- Environment
- Land Management
- Hall

Joining a working group is another great way to get involved. Here are some examples of our working groups:

- Community Hub
- Hall Decarbonisation
- Accessibility in Pennard
- Climate Emergency steering group.
- Youth provision

If you are interested in joining any of these teams and would like to know more, get in touch with the Clerk for more details.



LANTERN WORKSHOPS


 SAT 22ND NOV 1-4PM
 

I will be running a couple of lantern workshops, so you can make your traditional wicker lantern in time for the lantern parade to the "carols on the cliffs" event on the 3rd Dec. All materials will be provided, just let me know which session you want to attend so I can have it all set up.



The sessions are -
 1pm till 2.30pm
 2.30pm till 4.00pm
 Contact the Clerk to book 07825 2225567



Pennard Wellness Walks

The Wellness walks will be returning in the Spring, if you are interested in joining in contact Cllr Cari Jones. You don't have to be super fit if is a gentle stroll starting at the Community Garden and walking to Pennard Stores for a chat and a cuppa.



carijones@pennardcc.gov.wales



Why not book the Hall for your event!

The Hall is home to lots of different groups and there's something on every day, but we do still have the odd spot available, especially during the holidays

Do you or a group of friends want to do some roller skating, hold some craft sessions, or just need more space for a get together?


Why not get in touch and I am sure we will be able to accommodate you.



GROUND MAINTENANCE TENDER

We are inviting all interested parties to submit tenders for our three year ground maintenance contract which is up for renewal from 1 April 2026

If you would like a pack please contact the Clerk

 07825 225567


 clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales




Cleaning Tender

We are inviting interested parties to tender for our three year cleaning contract which is up for renewal on the 1 April 2026.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk for a pack

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year as well as collecting gifts at the Christmas Market Pennard Community Council are collecting donations of food or cash in order to put together Christmas hampers for those on their own or less fortunate in the Community.

We would also like you to nominate anyone you think could use a little support this Christmas

Nominations or Donations need to be made by 12th Dec



**For more information
Contact the Clerk at
Clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales
07825 225567**



YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! COME AND VOLUNTEER

There are many ways in which you can help your community and make it a better place to live for all the residents. Many local people responded to our appeal for volunteers when the pandemic began. They helped to deliver medicines or do shopping for older and more vulnerable members of the community. They also simply rang people living alone for a chat. This work was greatly valued and has continued to this day.

We still need volunteers for all sorts of areas, such as:

- Phone buddies - ringing an isolated person for a chat
- Posting letters or parcels in the P.O.
- Collecting medication from the pharmacy
- Local shopping
- Helping in the community garden
- Delivering leaflets



If you can spare the odd hour here or there, please contact the Clerk:



Clerk@pennardcc.gov.wales



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News From The Links (in the sky)

Pennard Golf Club have asked us to share the following with the Community:

At PGC we are very proud of the achievements of our golfers, and particularly the Juniors. Thomas Maclean won the overall Under 16 Welsh Championship and Rebecca Del-Sol Gonzalez was third in the overall and winner of the Welsh Girls under 16 Championship. These 2 also represented Wales in Under 18 International Matches during 2025 and together with Matthew Lewis are again in the Welsh Squad for 2026. 8 Juniors played in County Teams during the year.

Head PGA Sean Pearson's Golf Academy has become increasingly popular over recent years. Junior Academy levels at Bronze, Silver and Gold cater for all ages and levels of ability and help youngsters to progress to full Membership of the Golf Club. Any youngster interested in joining the Academy should contact Sean or call at the Pro shop, where they will receive a warm welcome. Beginner classes at Pennard incorporate off course and on course sessions to help young golfers reach the standard required to join the Golf Club. Currently 12 beginners regularly attend these sessions. There is also a "new to golf" programme for Ladies as well as one to one teaching lessons with one of the 3 PGA qualified professionals available to all.

There is also an indoor teaching and practice studio for players to continue to hone their game during the winter months.

Did you know the Golf Club.....

- Has 195 members from the Pennard Community
- Brings £3.2million into the local economy annually
- Employs over 30 staff, mostly from the Pennard Community
- Raises considerable funds for Charity (£12000+ in 2025 so far)
- Provides 20+ County, National and International players of all ages to the Welsh representative teams
- Manages 550+ acres of environmentally sensitive land in co-operation with a number of environmental stakeholders
- The Clubhouse welcomes non Members to enjoy the facilities and the wonderful views over Three Cliffs Bay



**Rebecca Del Sol Gonzalez and Thomas Maclean, Girls Welsh under 16
Champion and Boys Welsh under 16 Champion respectively**

Pennard Community Charity

The Pennard Community Charity was set up on 11th December 1987, to manage the land that was bequeathed to the Community of Pennard Parish. The land was sold subsequently, and the proceeds invested.

The Charity uses the income generated from the invested funds to support worthy causes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Community of Pennard, in one or more, of the following categories:

1. Support the aged, less abled and those in need.
2. Help with the relief of sickness and distress.
3. Provision and support of facilities for social welfare such as recreation and other leisure-time activities of the inhabitants, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.
4. Provision and support of educational facilities.

Individuals or Organisations within the Community of Pennard Parish may apply for donations towards the charitable purposes outlined above.



Since its inception, the Charity has helped many worthy causes such as:

The purchase and maintenance of defibrillators

Providing funds for sports clubs to purchase equipment

Supporting the PEFTA scheme

Contributions towards educational and personal development events for young persons

Contributions towards home education, such as Computers and Kitchen Aids

Support of Pennard Primary School, for items not the responsibility of the Local Council, such as, school yard games markings.

Community Flower Beds

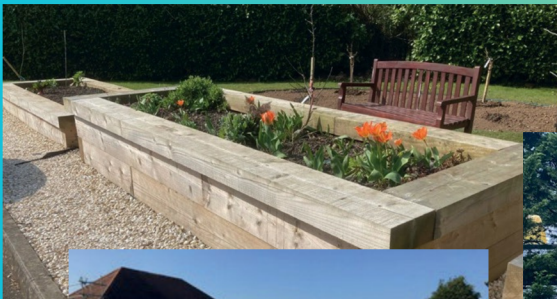
Pennard Community Bus

Community celebrations of Nationwide Events

Care for the Disabled and Disadvantaged

Support of Apprentices

Support of Pennard WI, Pennard Archery Club and Pennard First Responders



If you would like to know more about applying for an award from the Charity, please contact: David Wintle | david.wintle99@gmail.com | 07771 681037



Tyfu Pennard



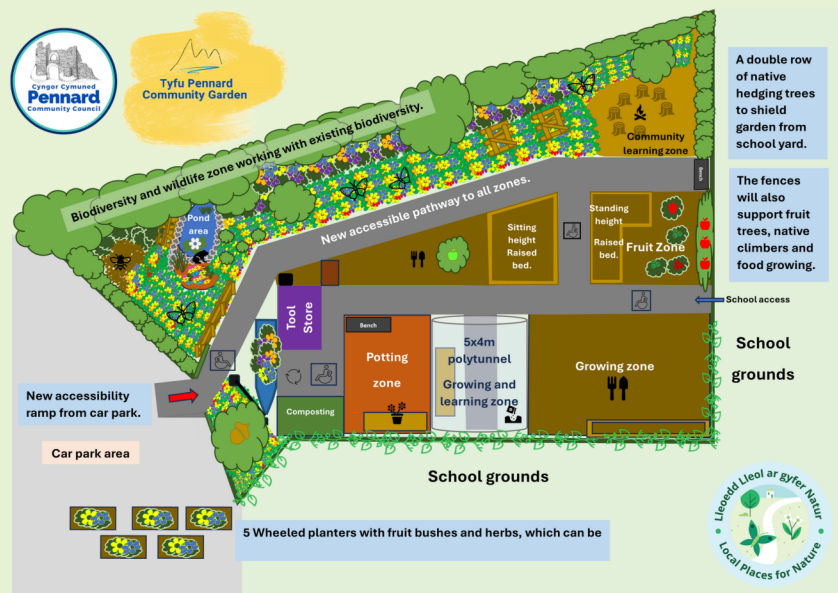
Pennard community council have a project in Pennard, Swansea creating 'Nature on the doorstep' by providing community food growing opportunities whilst enhancing and creating biodiversity.

The aim of the Project:

We want to provide an outdoor space that is inclusive and welcoming to all. A place where groups and individuals can come to learn and share skills, make new friends, enjoy nature and share in the produce grown.

What can the project offer:

- Volunteering opportunities
- An outdoor venue for groups, classes and meetings
- An accessible social space
- A place to learn new skills
- An Inclusive environment for disadvantaged groups
- Learn to grow food
- Learn how to create biodiverse spaces and provide wildlife habitats.



Site facilities:

- Free car parking
- Access ramp and pathways
- A safe secure location
- A variety of outdoor spaces
- Access to toilet



Tyfu Pennard is a 'Local Places for Nature' project funded by Welsh Government



To find out more about the project:

Visit our Facebook page @Pennard community garden

Email us: tyfupennard@outlook.com

Find us behind Pennard Community Hall, Southgate SA3 2AD

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/S2F2jxHLwF2dLbFM9>



Ariennir gan
Lywodraeth Cymru
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Come and join in the fun at Tyfu Pennard community garden

It has been fantastic to have so many members of our community visit the garden in the last year. Many come to have a look around, some return to volunteer and most never go away empty handed! The garden has produced some delicious vegetables and herbs which have been shared with anyone who comes to say hello!



As we move into a different growing season we are keen to have new volunteers join the team to help keep up with the planting and tackle lots of jobs. It is going to be interesting to see how the garden develops.

Everyone is welcome to the garden, you do not need to know anything about gardening or ecology, just be keen to get involved. If you don't feel like being active then there are quiet tranquil places to sit, enjoy a cuppa and watch the birds and bees.



Why not bring the children along and watch out for fun activities like, painting, wildlife spotting or making fat balls for the birds, there is lots to see even in the colder months.

There are under cover areas, so whatever the weather you can spend time outdoors. We have a range of nature ID guides and books, art materials and more available for you to use.

There are open volunteering sessions every
Saturday 11am - 2pm



Scan the QR code above to register as a volunteer and join the WhatsApp group to keep up to date with what's going on at the garden.

tyfupennard@outlook.com

SOUTH GOWER COMMUNITY BUS

As you maybe aware, a group of local residents started the South Gower Community Bus last year. This was done with the assistance of the 4th Region, an organisation established by the Welsh Government to promote sustainable transport, and the bus service was set up as a project through the Pennard Area Community Partnership.



Over the last year, the bus committee have been working hard towards formalising its organisation in becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with its own constitution and bank account.

The service has not been without it’s hiccups, as there was a short break when the original bus provider closed down. It is now being provided by DANSA, a not for profit organisation that specialises in Community Bus Services. DANSA have now purchased a new bus for the service and stops have been added to the Linkside Estate.

SO LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW PURPLE BUS.

We are very grateful for all the support by various local groups, such as The Gower Society, Pennard Community Charity, Pennard Community Council, Ilston Community Council and Penmaen Community Hall

Buses run on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

From Nicholaston to Mumbles	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	From Mumbles to Nicholaston	Return 1	Return 2	Return 3
Nicholaston Cross	0900	1100	1330	Mumbles (Bracelet Bay)	1000	1230	1430
Penmaen House	0901	1101	1331	Oystermouth (Bus Stop)	1007	1237	1437
Penmaen Church	0902	1102	1332	Northway, Bishopston	1019	1249	1449
Parkmill (Shepherds)	0904	1104	1334	Kittle (Shops)	1022	1252	1452
Sandy Lane / Gower Inn	0905	1105	1335	Pennard (St Mary's Church)	1024	1254	1454
Cannisland Park (turnaround)	0910	1110	1340	Pennard Primary School	1027	1257	1457
Pennard Church	0912	1112	1342	Linkside Estate	1028	1258	1458
Pennard Primary School	0914	1114	1344	Southgate (Three Cliffs Café - turning point)	1032	1302	1502
Southgate (Three Cliffs Café - turning point)	0919	1119	1349	Pennard Primary School	1035	1305	1505
Linkside Estate	0920	1120	1350	Pennard (St Mary's Church)	1038	1308	1508
Pennard Primary School	0922	1122	1352	Cannisland Park (turnaround)	1042	1312	1512
Pennard Church	0924	1124	1354	Sandy Lane / Gower Inn (A4118)	1045	1315	1515
Kittle	0926	1126	1356	Parkmill (Shepherds)	1046	1316	1516
Northway, Bishopston	0929	1129	1359	Penmaen	1048	1318	1518
OYSTERMOUTH (Bus Stop)	0941	1141	1411	Penmaen House	1049	1319	1519
Mumbles (Bracelet Bay)	0943	1143	1413	Nicholaston Cross	1050	1320	1520

The service relies heavily on grants at present with some monies from tickets sold and the refunds from the Welsh Government for those using the various bus passes. So the service needs more people to use it in order to make it a viable service in the long term - Remember: USE IT OR LOSE IT.

TICKETS Adults single fare £3, return £5.50 - Children 5 - 16 £2 return £3.00

Information can be found on Facebook and WhatsApp under: South Gower Community Bus.



AND FINALLY DATES TO NOTE

Sat 22nd Nov Lantern / Wicker Star Workshop at the Community Hall - 1pm - 4pm

Mon 1st Dec Light switch on in Pennard - 4.30pm

Wed 3rd Dec Lantern Walk to Carols on the Cliffs Starting at the Top of Anderson Lane and walking to Pennard Stores, bring your Lantern or a torch - 6pm

Saturday 6th Dec Extended Christmas Market with entertainment and craft workshops 10am - 4pm. Santa's Grotto 5pm-6.30pm come and say hello Remember to drop off your gift for our collection if you can.

Sunday 7th Dec Light switch on in Kittle,

Sunday 7th Dec Santa's tour of the villages starting at 4.30pm from Pennard School



Nadolig Llawen

Merry Christmas

Cyngor Cymuned
Pennard
Community Council

