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# BID TO CREATE COMMUNITY HUB RECEIVES BIG BOOST

£200k of Welsh Government funding to purchase and renovate the former village shop and Post Office building



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# Pupils building up a strong knowledge of recycling need

SCHOOL pupils have enjoyed a constructive experience.

Youngsters from Ysgol Frongoch in Denbigh visited the construction site where Denbighshire's new depot is currently being built, helping to support changes to the household waste collection service coming in 2024.

Pupils from various year groups were given a tour of the site and were taught about the construction process and the important role the depot will play in protecting and improving the environment when it's completed, allowing for further improvements in Denbighshire's recycling performance.

They also had opportunities to ask the team their own questions about working in construction, the ongoing building works and how the site will work to support Denbighshire's recycling when it's up and running.

Cllr Barry Mellor, lead member for environment and transport, said: "It was great to spend time touring the site with some of

the pupils from Ysgol Frongoch, and it was refreshing to see the children enthusiastically engaging with the team and asking some great questions about recycling.

"It's important to educate children about the importance of recycling from an early age to help promote positive attitudes towards helping the environment."

Dylan Thomas, head at Ysgol Frongoch, said: "The school's trip to the construction site for the new recycling depot provided a great opportunity for our pupils to see what goes on at a real-life construction site and learn more about what happens to our recycling after it leaves our homes.

"The new curriculum for Wales promotes learning through real-life experiences and we were thrilled to be able to give the children the opportunity to visit a site which will become a vital resource for their local community; an experience that they all thoroughly enjoyed."



■ Ysgol Frongoch's visit to the new recycling depot. Photo: Denbighshire County Council

# Community hub funding triumph

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RESIDENTS in Llandyrnog are overjoyed after securing enough funds to purchase a village shop, a post office and to create a new community hub.

There has been a shop in the village since 1841. It served the community [in its current location] from 1982 until its 2020. After the loss of two pub/restaurants, a shop, butcher and the Arla cheese factory, determined residents decided to pull together to try and save the shop and introduce new services for the community.

After tireless efforts, residents have now received the much-wanted news that the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme has granted the project £200,000 to support the purchase and renovation of the building.

This award is matched by £200,000 from the UK Community Ownership Fund which was granted last year.

A further £51,000 has been raised through a 'Community Share Offer' scheme.

Emyr Morris, Llandyrnog resident who has been leading the project along with directors Viv Rosser, Jackie Le Fevre and Gina Johnston, and chair



■ Llandyrnog Shop

Ivan Butler, said: "What this latest news means is that we can finally go ahead and buy the building to secure post office services, a village shop and create a community hub for the people of Llandyrnog for the long term. This is a fitting recognition of the remarkable support for the project shown by over 300 individual investors who raised more than £51,000 in the Community Share Offer back in the Spring.


"In these difficult days when banks branches are closing, costs of travel to access shops and sense of community can be difficult to find it is great to be able to bring some good news for local people.


"Myself and my fellow directors are looking forward to being able to thank many of those who have supported the project so far at the meeting next week."

Llandyrnog Community Shop and Post Office Project is a Community Benefit Society run by a voluntary board of directors. Residents and shareholders are invited to an open public meeting in Llandyrnog Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday, October 11 to hear the next steps for the project and ask questions of directors.


As the project goes forward, more volunteers will be required. Anyone interested in getting involved should contact [llandyrnogcommunityshop@btinternet.com](mailto:llandyrnogcommunityshop@btinternet.com)

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