

CYLCHLYTHYR SAIN TATHAN NEWSLETTER



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This community newsletter is for residents of St Athan Ward, providing information and news about St Athan Community Council services, new community projects and local events.

In the last newsletter I mentioned the Government lead initiative to build more homes in our area and that this will undoubtedly lead to an increase in population, to around 5500 residents. If you have a question or ideas to put forward, now is the ideal time. Together we can make a difference and improve the quality of life for people living in our area.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions all council meetings, events and use of the Council facilities have been cancelled until further notice. We hope to reschedule the planned Village Fete and Party in the Park events in 2021

Please check the Community Council website and notice board next to the post office for further information



VE Day 75 Years On

Friday 8th May
2020 marked 75 years since the formal acceptance by Britain and its

allies of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender.

As in war time, COVID 19 continues to restrict people's movement. However, this was not going to stop St Athan Council and local church representatives holding a short memorial service just before 11am to mark VE Day and remember those who served in WW11.

"We will remember them"



A great big THANK YOU to all NHS staff, key workers, and local residents; you're all doing an amazing job! Together, we will beat COVID 19

St Athan Community Council COVID 19 Helpline

Your community Council is here for residents in need of assistance with things like shopping, prescription collection or just a chat, telephone call **07826 799604** and we will do our best to help.

If you have a little time on your hands and are willing to volunteer to help those in need, please get in touch, call **07826 799604**.

At the time of going to print, Government restriction and advice continues to be focused on keeping to the two-meter social distance rule. It is in all our interest, to stick with it, even more so, when entering/leaving local shops.



OUR ENVIRONMENT

Fly Tipping of mattresses, furniture, electrical items, or a bin bag full of rubbish causes a local nuisance and makes our area look ugly and run down. Such illegal waste disposal can be hazardous to the public, especially if it contains toxic material or asbestos. There could be a risk of damage to watercourses and soil quality from the dumped waste.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are those who do not clean up after their pets. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100.

Litter Bins

It is with much regret that the litter bin located on Cowbridge Road, at the junction of Tathan Crescent and St Johns has been removed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. This is because household waste, such as tins, glass bottle and food have been wrongly placed in them. Bins further along Cowbridge road and those by the bus stop are also being wrongly used and will be removed if such misuse continues.

Your Community Council has campaigned tirelessly to have these bins installed and for them to be emptied on a weekly basis. Please help to retain the remaining bins by using them responsibly for litter and dog bags and not household waste. If you see bins being misused, please contact Visible Services Customer Care telephone: **02920 673000**.

Bulky Household Waste (e.g. fridges, sofas etc.) – your council is not obliged to remove this. However, the Vale of Glamorgan council operate bulky waste collection service. For more information or to book a collection, telephone: **01446 70011** or visit <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/>

If you are asking a third party (e.g. builder) to remove your waste as part of a job, you should ensure that they are a registered waste carrier. Ask to see their certificate, or alternatively check with the Environment Agency.

WHAT IS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR?

Anti-social behaviour is an action likely to cause harassment, alarm, or distress. It may involve unruly and drunken behaviour, threatening and abusive language in a public place graffiti or criminal damage. In a sense it is any behaviour, which prevents others enjoying an acceptable quality of life.

Who to report to?

Vale of Glamorgan Council

- Abandoned Cars
- Discarding needles/drug paraphernalia
- Fly tipping
- Inconvenient/illegal parking
- Litter/rubbish
- Noise from pubs/clubs
- Noisy neighbours
- Uncontrolled animals
- Breach of a Public Space Protection Order or a Bylaw

Tel: 01446 700111

contactonevale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

South Wales Police

- Criminal Damage/vandalism
- Drug misuse & dealing
- Graffiti
- Intimidation/ harassment/ Verbal abuse
- Rowdy behavior (including street drinking)
- Vehicle-related nuisance & inappropriate vehicle use
- Youth Annoyance

Tel: 101

publicservicecentre@south-wales.pnn.police.uk

ATTACKS ON LIVESTOCK

Known as livestock worrying, dog attacks on local farm animals can and has resulted in horrific and often fatal injuries. Even if a dog does not make contact, the distress of a chase can cause sheep to miscarry their lambs and sometimes die.

Advice for dog owners:

- Always keep dogs on the lead when walking them in rural areas where livestock are kept
- Be aware that even small lap dogs can attack and kill farm animals
- Report attacks by dogs and sightings of dogs roaming the countryside to local farmers or the police
- Familiarise puppies with farm livestock from a young age to reduce the risk of them attacking sheep or cattle as adult dogs
- Do not let dogs loose in gardens adjoining livestock fields – many attacks are caused by dogs which escape and attack sheep grazing nearby

VILLAGE LIBRARY

The library is currently closed due to lockdown restrictions. The Vale Council are starting to look at a phased opening with some of the larger libraries possibly opening in some form in June or July. St Athan library will follow advice from the Vale Council as to when and under what conditions the library can reopen. It will obviously depend on our volunteers being willing and able to work in the library. Details of opening arrangements will be posted on the St Athan community hub, Library and community hubs.

The Community Council is currently funding part of the costs of the library. That funding is dependent on the use that is made of the library by the community. Once the library is fully open the extent of need in the community will be established at another public meeting, seeking support for the library. Additional volunteers and trustees are required to ensure the library remains open.

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**We are all
here to serve
the community**