



LALESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024

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Laleston Community Council – Who are we?

Community Councils are the level of local government closest to the needs of local people. Laleston Community Council is dedicated to maintaining and improving the wellbeing of the community by providing a range of services and amenities that benefit the area. The Community Council comprises three electoral wards, Cefn Glas Ward 1, Cefn Glas Ward 2 and Laleston/Bryntirion Ward (incorporating Broadlands). There are currently 13 councillors representing the three ward areas.

Cefn Glas Ward 1

			
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Cefn Glas Ward 2

			
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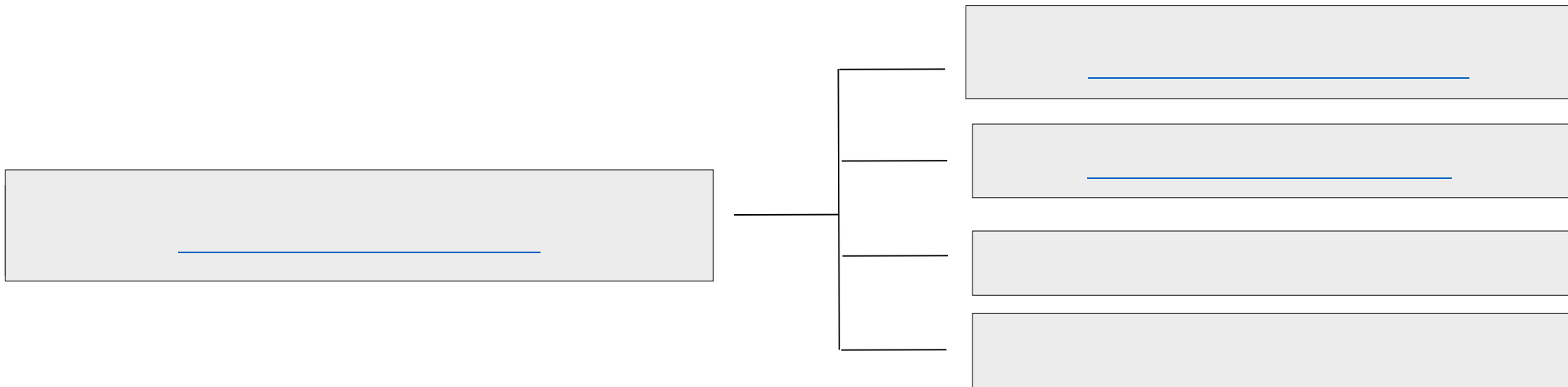
Laleston/Bryntirion Ward (incorporating Broadlands)



<p>Cllr Anthony Berrow Independent</p> <p>tony.berrow@btinternet.com</p>	<p>Cllr Colin Davies Labour</p> <p>colindavies62@icloud.com</p>	<p>Cllr Paula King Independent</p> <p>paulakinglcc@outlook.com</p>	<p>Cllr Vivienne James Independent</p> <p>vivienneannejames@hotmail.co.uk</p>	<p>Cllr Ian Spiller Independent</p> <p>Cllr.Ian.Spiller@bridgend.gov.uk</p>
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At the head of the Council is the Chair, who is elected annually from amongst its serving Councillors. The Chair for 2023-2024 was Councillor Ian Spiller and the vice chairman was Councillor Paula King.

The Community Council also employ 5 members of staff on a part-time basis.



How are we funded – and what for?

Laleston Community Council is funded by an annual precept, which is paid by Bridgend County Borough Council through the Council Tax. The funds are used to pay for administrative costs, support and development of assets, and environmental and community projects.

Currently our assets include:

Bryntirion & Laleston Community centre, Blandy Hall, Laleston Allotments, Broadlands Teenage Park, Wordsworth Teenage Park, Bryntirion Field Play Park and two multi use games areas sited in Llangwydd Junior School and Trelales Primary School.

In 2023-2024 the Community Council had an expenditure budget of £298,739.56 and the Council's precept was set at £262,000 with further money generated via income raised for the provision of a range of services including allotments, Bryntirion & Laleston Community Centre and Blandy Hall. The Council also hold money in ear marked reserves for special projects such as additions to play parks that Laleston Community Council maintain.

A summary of the main areas of income and expenditure for 2023-2024 are shown below:

Income

Administration	£6651.17
Biodiversity & Allotments	£618.50
Blandy Hall Rent	£72.50
Bryntirion Community Centre Rent	£23348.20
Community Pantry	£4969.85
Events refund	£4968.56
Parks/Play area	£5265.00
	£45893.78

Expenditure

Administration	£111,062.03
Benches and bins	£39,107.86
Biodiversity & Allotments	£7,312.18
Blandy Hall	£6,348.90
Bryntirion Community Centre	£29,004.73

Communication Budget	£2,025.30
Community Pantry	£5,147.13
Events	£38,680.20
Floral/Christmas Lighting	£12,475.40
Grants and Donations	£5,400.00
Laleston Website	£563.44
Laleston Well	£1,902.00
Members Expenses	£6,666.00
Parks/Play Areas and Outdoor Spaces	£30,592.30
Pound	£1,705.00
Warm hub	£702.83
	£298,739.56

Every Community Council in Wales is required to prepare year end accounts and have them audited by both an internal auditor and the Auditor General for Wales. Audit is important as it provides assurance on the effective management and safeguarding of public money. In 2023-2024 Laleston Community Council received an 'satisfactory' report from the internal auditor and are yet to receive a report from the external auditor.

Our aims and Objectives

A selection of our achievements during 2023-2024

During 2023-2024 LCC made a conscious effort to increase the visual impact within the community by installing:



A rainbow bench and picnic table were installed near Laleston Play Park

A Queens Platinum Jubilee seat placed at Wordsworth Avenue, Llangewydd Road and Gentle Way

A Kings' Coronation bench placed at Barnes Avenue, Gentle Way, Laleston and Shakespeare Avenue

A football bench placed in Bryntirion to recognise Pen-y-bont Football Club Europe entry



A silent soldier and a Lest we Forget commemorative bench installed in Laleston

Tiered planters placed at Gentle Way, Llangewydd Road and Near Laleston Church

Bins placed throughout the ward areas.

How to contact us

Laleston Community Council are always looking for ways to improve and welcome any comments and or suggestions from members of our community.

Our website: www.lalestoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Our email: clerk@lalestoncommunitycouncil.gov.uk

Facebook: [LalestonCC](#)