

Graig y Rhacca News

RECYCLING OUR LIFESTYLE

- Did you know
- In less than 1 hour the U.K Produces enough waste to Fill the Albert Hall.
- It takes just 25 2 litre plastic pop bottles to make 1 adult fleece jacket.
- We now use 20 times more Plastic than we did 50 years ago

Just think we throw away our own body weight in rubbish every 7 weeks. That's an awful lot of rubbish and up until now we have been putting all this into big holes in the ground. Its not just Milk and fizzy drinks that come in Plastic bottles, lots of other things do too-and recycling them all is important.

Have a hunt around the house and you'll see there's a range of things from shampoo and conditioner bottles to washing – up liquid, hand soap and even car screen wash are all waiting to be saved. A little action like recycling just one plastic bottle can power a 60 watt light bulb for 6 hours or a computer for 25minutes.

At the moment the Caerphilly County borough Council are operating a fortunately curb side collection service in the village and they will collect Glass, Tins, Aluminum cans, newspapers/ magazines and Plastic bottles.

The green waste Collection:

This is all your grass cuttings and small hedge clippings.

Next collection date: 8,15,22 August and fortnightly there after

Hope this helps you with your recycling!



**The planet in our hands
Save it for your children**

The average yearly dustbin contains enough energy for 3500 showers or 5000 hours of TV

Your questions answered about recycling

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Why do I have to wash out jars and tins for recycling.

TO STOP IT CONTAMINATING THE RECYCLING PROCESS AND KEEP YOUR BIN CLEAN.

Do I need to remove the labels from the plastic/ glass bottles and cans.

NO THEY WILL BE REMOVED DURING THE RECYCLING PROCESS.

Do I need to remove the tops of plastic bottles.

YES THE TOPS ARE SOMETIMES MADE FROM A DIFFERENT MATERIAL TO THE BOTTLES AND SO CANNOT BE RECYCLED THE SAME PROCESS. IT CAN ALSO MAKE IT DUFFERCULT TO FLATTEN THE BOTLE AS IT IS FULL OF TRAPPED AIR.

How can I tell if a metal container is Aluminium .

ALUMINIUM CANS ARE OFTEN MARKED A.L.U. TYPICALLY SOFT-DRINKS, BEER OR CYDER COME IN ALUMINIUM CANS. STEEL CANS ARE EASILY DISTINGUISHED, BECAUSE THEY ARE MAGNETIC . MOST FOOD TINS ARE MADE FROM STEEL

RATS

There is little appealing about this pest in the home. Rats are mammals distinguished by their large incisor teeth. The greatest worry to humans and animals comes from the fact that rats are capable of transmitting disease- everything from Salmonella poisoning to Dysentery and Gastroenteritis. If conditions are right Rats can quickly reach plague proportions very quickly.

A female Rat are capable of re-producing at just 3 months of age.

We have rats in the village

We need to be taking the following steps now!

- **Put all kitchen waste in the bin.**
- **Put your bin out regularly**
- **Don't leave old furniture/Beds or Black Bags of rubbish around**
- **Make sure your garden is clean and tidy.**

If you think that you have

rats around where you live please get in touch with the council or us and we will report the problem for you.

Don't just think they will go away or someone else will report it ,because before you know it you will have Mam, Dad and all the little Ratties there as well.

NOT A PLEASANT THOUGHT!

PEST CONTROL

01495 235036

GYR ENVICON

029 20881071



WHY NOT TRY REAL NAPPIES

Real nappies are the in thing just now and can save you a lot of money.

Would you like to try a new scheme that we are looking at in the resource centre.

Your could buy real nappies at a good price and we are going to launder them for you at a very reasonable price.

The nappies come in two sizes o-

9 months and 9 months to potty and in a range of colours and designs.



Please tell us what you think:

Are you already using real nappies.

Would you like to take part in a trial

Give us a ring if you are interested 029 20881071 or come in and have a chat



REAL NAPPIES
DONT COST THE EARTH



ANYTHING ELSE
IS JUST RUBBISH!

MULTI USE GAMES AREA/SKATEBOARD PARK

When the Graig- y-Rhacca

Environment and Conservation Group first asked you what you all wanted in the village, your children asked us for a Skate board park and a Multi use Games area. As you all know this area is being used regularly by our children and the Sports club. This area was built for our children to play in safety , **so please .**

Don't use the area to congregate during the early hours as this behavior is causing distress to the residents living in the area



A huge amount of money has been spent on the Football pitch to remedy the drainage problem.

I am receiving complaints from residents that the area is being used by children and older youths to ride mini motors across the pitch. If the pitch becomes damaged the football league could decide to take Graig y Rhacca FC **OUT OF THE LEAGUE.**

After all the hard work to build the teams and the really hard work in fund-raising it would be a real blow to our kids not to be able to compete. So please if you are a parent who's child has a mini motorbike keep them off the football pitch



GYR Environment and Conservation Group

Garden Scheme

You might be interested to know that we are now well under way with the last 13 gardens in this scheme.

All the gardens have been measured and the plans drawn up from the ideas we discussed with the residents.

Copies of the plans are now with the contractors and we have invited them to tender for the job.

Planting for the Planet

The planet is not our to own, we are merely the custodians for future generations.

We all need to work together to combat global warming and that's why we have put this scheme together.

We have chosen to plant Welsh Oak, Mountain Ash, Alder, Hornbeam and Willow. We are going to contact

- Graig y Rhacca Primary School
- Bedwas High School
- Welsh Primary School Caerphilly

So that the children who live in Graig y Rhacca and attend these schools can take part in the scheme.

If you have children who attend a local school that is not included here please contact us and we

Would be glad to include them in the scheme.

You can contact us at the

Graig y Rhacca Environment and Conservation Group on 029 20881071

We will be back in the office on the 10th September 2007

Would you be interested in taking your children on a Christmas trip on a steam train.?

We need to know soon for us to make arrangements

Call us on 029 20881071

Police and Communities together

Our part in developing the partnership

As you are all aware P.C Dean Williams is no longer our ward officer. He has moved on to pastures new.

Our new ward officer is P.C. Stuart Lewis.

Some of you will already know Stuart but we thought that we would run this story for those of you who are not familiar with him.

Stuart has a number of initiatives that he wants to get underway:

- Neighbourhood Watch

- Weekly Surgeries
- PACT meetings

The next PACT meeting will be on the 30th August 2007 at Bedwas High School 7pm.

If you would like to be part of the neighbourhood Watch scheme or you would like to speak to Stuart you can contact him on


Tel 029 20867293 or 02920857380

He's there to help



Useful number

Caerphilly County Borough Council	01443815588	Citizens Advice	029 20888440
GYR Community Centre Bookings	029 20881279	GYR Housing office	029 20853050
GYR Envicon (residents group)	029 20881071	Resource Centre	029 20883039
Bedwas Police	029 20852999	Police Station GYR	029 20867293
Ty Bryn Surgery	029 20868011	Doctors out of hours	08456001231
GYR Primary School	029 20852516	Bedwas High School	029 20859800



News from the Graig y Rhacca neighbourhood housing office

I am grateful to the Environmental and Conservation Group for asking me to contribute to their latest newsletter.

It gives me the opportunity to update you on some recent staff changes at the neighbourhood Housing Office and to draw your attention to some other current issues.

Firstly many of you may have already met Leigh Lloyd the new maintenance officer, he joins the Graig y Rhacca staff, having transferred from the Gifach Neighbourhood Housing office where he had worked for the past 2 1/2 years. He has previously covered staff absence here in Graig y Rhacca and worked in Lansbury Park, so he may be familiar to some.

The recent Housing re-structure has created closer links between Caerphilly Area Housing Office; Lansbury Park and Graig y Rhacca NHO and Frances Hughes, clerical officer, who many of you do know and who has worked at Graig y Rhacca since 2001, will now be working both here and Lansbury Park. Spending 2 1/2 days in each office.

Tracy Heron has joined the staff and will take over Frances role on reception and as repairs contact. Again like Leigh she has worked in several other offices including Gifach and Lansbury NHO, and will be happy to help and assist with any queries.

The post of Community Environmental Warden has been made permanent and Neil Box has been in post for some time. I would advise that his role is not simply to remove unwanted items for residents but to provide advise on appropriate council services and in liaison with the Housing Office to assist as necessary.

This leads me to more serious issues regarding the potential for breach of tenancy where gardens are not maintained to a reasonable standard and where rubbish is allowed to accumulate. It is my intention that Norma Millington, Housing Officer, is to continue with a programme of garden inspections; speaking and writing to tenants where it is felt action is required to bring gardens up to a required standard. Tenants will be given timescales in which to make an improvement, and advise and assistance will be available as appropriate. The housing office will lend strimmers to tenants free of charge on production of a rent card to assist with garden maintenance.

Even through the recent bad weather the NHO is getting complaints about loud music that is causing a nuisance to others and I would remind tenants that this is also a potential breach of tenancy. I would ask people to be mindful that everyone has different tastes and music that can be heard outside of your property and may be a nuisance to someone, so please keep the volume down.

On a lighter note I was pleased to support the Communities First Consultation programme, attending the Open day at the Resource Centre and Fun Day in the Community Centre, both of which were well attended and the results of the consultation will inform the Local Action Plan.

Ros Payne Neighbourhood housing Manager