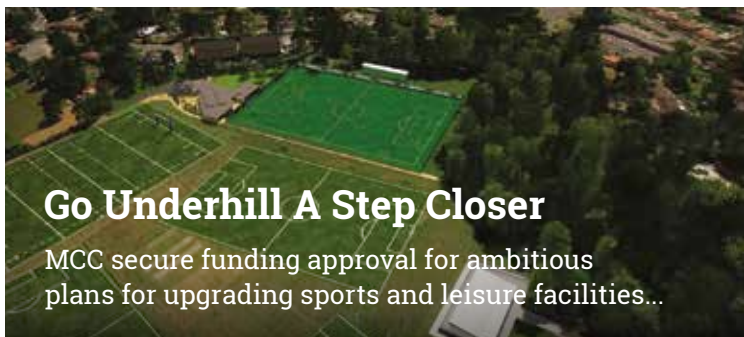




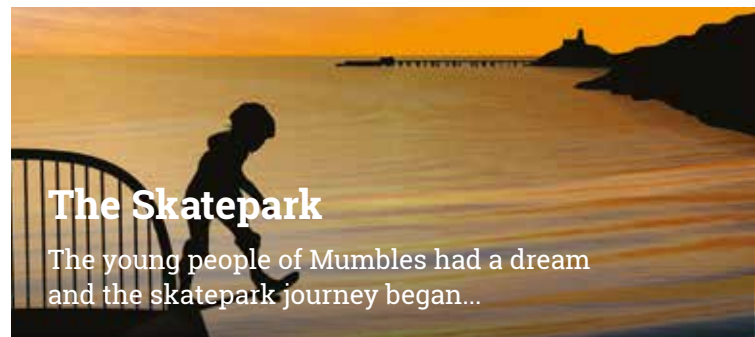
## **Festoon Lights For Mumbles**

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MCC secure funding approval for ambitious plans for upgrading sports and leisure facilities...



## **The Skatepark**

The young people of Mumbles had a dream and the skatepark journey began...

## Letter from the Chair of Mumbles Community Council



Dear All,

As we enter Spring of 2021, there are signs us emerging from lockdown on the horizon with the implementation of a comprehensive vaccination programme. As a Community Council our operations team continues to provide help and support to those members of our community who need it at this difficult time.

We have ambitious plans for developments in the locality and in spite of the COVID pandemic, we have managed to make some significant progress on these fronts. For example, MCC have signed a 125 year lease on the Ostreme Centre. In taking over this lease we are keen to explore how the Ostreme Centre can play a more central role in the social and cultural life of our community, so if you have any ideas as to what you would like to see provided, please get in touch.

We have secured an agreement from the City and County of Swansea Council to transfer the lease for Underhill Park to MCC, again on a 125 year basis. This lease transfer was necessary in order to underpin our application for permission to apply for a £840,000 loan so that we can support Mumbles Community Association's plans for the park which include public toilets, a community café and vastly improved sporting facilities. We are delighted to have recently had a positive outcome to this loan application, which represents another step towards achieving the successful completion of this project.

In relation to our plans for the Skateboard Park, planned for the sea front at Llwynderw, we have also had some good news, which I am sure some of you will have seen covered in the media. This again relates to the agreement of the City and County of Swansea to sign over the lease of the land to the Community Council for us to be able to take the next step in making the Skatepark a reality.

As a community council we have an ongoing programme for protecting and improving the local environment and we have recently been successful in securing funding from the National Lottery for the establishment of a nature reserve at the bottom of Castle Woods.

Having already renovated 2 of Langland's tennis courts this year, we are also currently exploring how we might be able to refurbish the remaining courts at Langland and also preserve and develop the tennis courts, bowling green and pavilion at Oystermouth.

However, we are under no false impressions that there is still a lot more to be done but, we will continue to do all we can to make progress in these areas.

Stay safe and please wear a mask,

Martin



CGI images courtesy of iCreate and MCA

# The Skatepark

## How it began...

It all started when local councillors visited local primary schools and asked the children what facilities they would like to see in the Mumbles area that don't already exist.

The overwhelming response was a skatepark. The children were then asked to make a sketch of their ultimate skatepark and some fantastic drawings were submitted - this started the next stage of the journey.

A consultation was held with the community to gauge local support for such a project. As it turned out, the level of interest was so great that the location for the meeting had to be moved to the Ostreme Centre (which still wasn't really big enough).

MCC began the session by asking questions about the preferred design and make-up of the skatepark. Suddenly the conversation seemed to change to a foreign language (to MCC anyway!) - hubbas, euro gaps, ledges, channels, bowls, coping blocks, to name a few.

It was at this point that councillors realised that they were entirely out of their depth and needed help. Thankfully, local skaters Tomsk, Jono and Will Mux were drafted in to interpret "skater speak" into "local councillor speak".

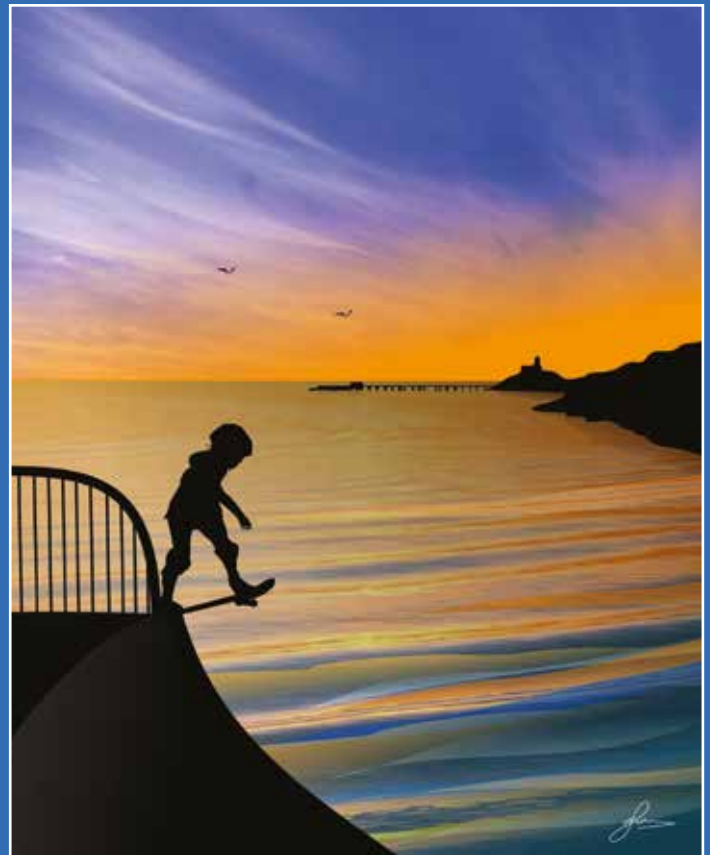
The next stage became more challenging still as MCC consulted UK-based skatepark manufacturers, gathering their opinions on the best skatepark that could be constructed for the likely available budget.

Conversations progressed beyond hubbas and euro gaps to preferred gradients of the waterfall, how much vert was required and so on.

Councillors would open these manufacturer meetings by explaining aspects such as location and budget, but as the conversation moved onto the technical aspects of a skatepark, their eyes would

roll and our local skaters would have to step in with another quick translation into "councillor speak"!

Nearly three years on from those initial discussions and the skatepark is very close to becoming reality. The councillors admit their knowledge of skater talk is still far from perfect, but with the help of our local skater community they are certainly improving - and can at least explain what an ollie is!







## Go Underhill just inches short of the line

With support from Mumbles Community Council, the Go Underhill project, led by Mumbles Community Association, is very close to moving from the planning phase into being delivered.



### What is in the scheme?

For those not already aware of this exciting project, the plans for the first phase of the developments in Underhill Park include: refurbishing the existing Pavilion and replacing the public toilets; knocking down the worn out changing rooms used by the two resident clubs, Mumbles Rangers Football Club and Mumbles Rugby Club, and replacing them with new changing facilities open to all; connecting these by building a new community hub & café which will provide a place for the community to meet and interact through formal and informal activities and events; building a new all-weather pitch with floodlights, to extend playing and training opportunities, and which will also have a positive impact on the drainage in the Park.

### The full building scheme includes:

- 1 community hub and café, with outdoor seating area
- 1 meeting room
- 3 public fully accessible toilets, with baby changing facilities
- 7 team changing rooms, each with their own showers and toilets
- 1 individual accessible changing room with shower and toilet
- 1 referees' changing room with showers and toilet
- 1 physio/treatment room
- 1 manager's office and first aid room
- 2 store rooms
- 1 plant room, with new services
- 1 enclosed outdoor storage yard
- 1 floodlit all-weather pitch

# Get Involved

## Calling all 11-18 year olds

It is important that everyone living in the locality has a stake and feels welcome in Underhill Park. To help ensure young people have a say and are involved in shaping what is delivered, Mumbles Community Association Trustee, Alex Deeks, is leading the set-up of a new youth arm for 11 – 18 year olds.

*If you are interested, or know anyone who would like to be involved, please get in touch. Email: [info@go-underhill.com](mailto:info@go-underhill.com) or contact MCA on Facebook Messenger (@GoUnderhill).*

## What is already in place?

- Planning permission for all of the phase 1 plans.
- Agreement for construction and lease with Swansea City Council.
- Legal agreement between MCC and MCA finalised.
- Landowner's permission for MCA to retain any income to spend on Underhill Park.
- Grant of almost £490k from The National Lottery Communities Fund for the Community Hub & Café, plus a community co-ordinator for 3 years.
- Commitment from Mumbles Community Council (MCC) to grant fund up to £875k for main build, plus £325k towards the all-weather pitch.
- Letters of support, in kind support, and donations from local businesses, schools, community groups and individuals.

## What are we waiting for?

- Outcome of a grant bid to the Welsh Government Communities Facilities Programme.
- Approval for a non-material amendment to the planning application.
- Approval for SuDS (Sustainable Drainage System).
- Building regulations approval.

## Timeline

Approximate dates, assuming all funding and agreements are in place by the end of March 2021.

### May 2021:

Tenders invited for the building contract.

### Summer 2021:

Building work starts on site.

### Autumn 2022:

Core development completed and open for community use.

Timings for developing the new all-weather pitch are dependent on grants and fundraising to match MCC's commitment of £325k.



## Help get Go Underhill over the line

MCA are preparing for a fundraising drive, with the business community, both in Swansea and amongst Mumbles 'ex-pats', and also with our local community of Park users as well as the new users who will be able to enjoy Underhill once the developments are complete.

*Keep an eye out for details of the fundraising plans and do what you can to support Go Underhill. And if you have ideas on how you can help, get in touch: [info@go-underhill.com](mailto:info@go-underhill.com)*

## Festoon Lights for Mumbles

In November, Mumbles Community Council installed festoon lights from The White Rose to Verdi's. These lights will remain a permanent feature in Mumbles and more festoon lights will be installed on Newton Road later this year.

MCC are also applying for planning permission to light up the cliff face above Knab Rock and Mumbles Yacht Club – as it was many years ago. We hope this will be another unique addition to Mumbles as a tourism destination.

The Cultural & Tourism Well-being Committee, who developed the idea, are delighted to see the festoon lights stretching down to Southend. We are sure you will agree that they look amazing and really brighten up the village.





## Twining Association



From Mumbles' newest twin town in Maryland, USA, the Havre de Grace Twining Association organised a Virtual Visit to their city during the week of 4th October 2020, bringing our two distant communities together during the global pandemic.

Throughout the week, using community-made videos, they threw open their homes, theatres, churches and green projects. In the opening public Zoom meeting, Mayor Bill Martin provided a welcome from Havre de Grace City Hall, while in the closing Zoom at the end of the week, members of the twinning associations of Mumbles and Havre de Grace, representatives of the local councils (Havre de Grace City Council and Mumbles Community Council), invited guests such as the vicars of the two twinned churches, and even a guest from Hennebont (Mumbles' other twin town) all joined in a lively and productive discussion on topics ranging from Covid experiences to creative ideas for growing the relationship between the two communities.

The videos were posted daily between 5th and 9th October on the Facebook page of the Havre de Grace Twining Association ([facebook.com/hdgtwinning](https://www.facebook.com/hdgtwinning)) and are still available there for all to enjoy.

## Recognition for service to community during Coronavirus pandemic



Mumbles Community Council (MCC) is delighted to have received a certificate of appreciation from Rotary Club of Mumbles in recognition of its services to the community since the Coronavirus pandemic began. MCC was nominated by a number of local residents as one of a number of organisations that has received a certificate of appreciation from the Rotary Club.

Chair of MCC's Covid-19 Operations Team received the certificate from Mumbles Rotary on behalf of the Community Council at a socially distanced private ceremony. Unfortunately, not everyone could attend the presentation who played a part in the support Mumbles Community Council offered for the community. It was very much a team effort and this certificate represents everyone who has been involved including volunteers, councillors and MCC staff.

Mumbles Community Council has also shown its appreciation for our volunteers and for key workers across the area. Banners and bunting have been up in various locations, saying a big "thank you" to all volunteers and key workers.

# Gowerbunga!

## DIY SOS: The Big Build came to Caswell Bay

Last September, DIY SOS: The Big Build came to Caswell Bay to transform Surfability UK's headquarters. The BBC Children in Need special saw hundreds of local volunteers answer the call for help, with kind-hearted tradespeople and suppliers signing up at the Ostreme Centre to support the rebuild project.

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Christmas came early to the team at Surfability UK - they have a beautiful, new eco-friendly and spacious building.  
”



Mumbles Community Council were delighted to facilitate the volunteer registration day, providing refreshments and ensuring social distancing rules were adhered to. Our thanks goes out to the Ostreme Association for allowing us to host the event.



Set up in 2013, Surfability UK is the UK's first fully inclusive surf school now helps over 500 people a year enjoy adaptive surfing. Before DIY SOS came to the rescue, the Surfability team were functioning from a leaking, dilapidated bus stop shelter with very little space. Thanks to the generosity and expertise of those volunteers, the Surfability HQ is now a state of the art, surfboard shaped, eco building with changing rooms, equipment storage and a warm, inviting reception area where surfers can enjoy a well-deserved hot chocolate.

Ben Clifford, the founder and head coach of Surfability UK CIC said, “The new Canthed Centre made a huge impact to our surfers right away. We were able to run sessions in the period between the firebreak and second lockdown for lots of people who would have previously got too cold at that time of year. Our surfers could change in the warm and always have dry wetsuits to put on. It has been amazing having a warm drink between sessions too!



After so many years of being freezing cold it makes such a difference. The changing rooms are going to be so great once we are able to resume lessons. Having adjustable changing beds and hoists along with three seated surfboards means multiple wheelchair users can surf together. It's going to be so much fun!!

Making the programme and seeing the support we have from our local community was truly humbling and we are so grateful for all the effort and kindness from everyone involved. I can't wait to get back on the beach and share the stoke with even more people!"



“  
We have been inundated with messages of gratitude; we have received thanks from all over the world. There seems to be a global awakening of community spirit.”  
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“  
DIY SOS were so very grateful for the amazing local support during the build at Caswell Bay. It's because of the kindness of your local community that the build succeeded, so thank you very much. The DIY SOS Team.  
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You can see the smiles when visitors come through the door.  
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## Could Dining at Southend Gardens be here to stay?

Eight months on from the opening of the Independent Food & Drink Gardens at Southend, we reflect on the positive impact that this project has had on our local business community and how the initiative helped to transform this part of Mumbles.

In July 2020, Southend Gardens opened for the use of traders on Mumbles Road as a way of allowing hospitality businesses, which didn't have the space to operate within the Coronavirus regulations, to start trading in this public area. It was an immediate hit which helped businesses thrive and created a fantastic atmosphere with people dining in this beautiful location.

Mumbles Community Council contributed to the project by providing picnic tables for the traders and also helped to fund security for the opening months to ensure that it ran smoothly.

The initiative was brought to the Covid-19 Operational Team and was developed by MCC working in partnership with Swansea Council and local businesses. It was a real success and traders and users have seen the potential for Southend Gardens going forward and the positive impact this initiative has already had, both for local traders

and for the community. There was a real buzz about the Gardens through the summer and it has been suggested that the initiative could be something which extends beyond the pandemic.

Matt Heaven, co-owner of Mor and Elwyn added, "The use of Southend Gardens has been a lifeline through this awful time. Without access to outdoor space the small independent bars and restaurants of Southend would have really struggled - this initiative, for which we are hugely grateful to MCC and Swansea Council, has kept us afloat and saved countless jobs and businesses. It has also been a great use of the lovely outdoor space we are lucky to have in Mumbles. Thanks very much."

## Langland Tennis Courts

After a long process of negotiation and many meetings Mumbles Community Council (MCC) are proud to announce that two tennis courts at Langland have been successfully refurbished and have secured a 25 year lease.



To complete phase 1, the courts will be painted in the spring and a new limestone wall placed in front of the existing wall. Phase 2 of this project will be to look at Court 3 and it is hoped Court 4 although there is some doubt over the future of court 4 as Swansea Council have included this in their development site that also includes the double court.

We hope that Swansea Council will allow MCC to take on all 4 of the single courts so that tennis and other sports can be at Langland to the standard it deserves.

MCC Has also put an Expression of Interest forward to take over the proposed site.

## Mumbles Tennis Courts

Watch out for our upcoming consultation on the future of Mumbles Tennis Courts and Bowls Green and Pavilion. The area next to Oyster Wharf has been seen as a potential development site for some time, with one court already sold by Swansea Council for development.

MCC's firm belief is that the tennis courts should be retained as an amenity for the local community and not used as a storage depot during work on the sea defences. A meeting is to be arranged between cabinet members and senior officers from Swansea City Council and MCC representatives to discuss this matter and the future of the area around the courts.

MCC have been actively seeking a formal Community Asset Transfer for the tennis courts, bowls green and associated buildings for several years, so it is very much hoped that progress can soon be made to safeguard these important and valued leisure facilities.



## The Ostreme Hall

The Ostreme Hall has been safeguarded for the long term future as MCC have now taken a 125 year lease on the building. There was a serious risk that it would be acquired by Developers and the loss to the Community would have been considerable. Investing in the Ostreme Hall is a Key Feature in the ambitions of Mumbles Community Council.

This will be a long term project and the Ostreme Community Association and the local community will be involved in deciding what is needed and the role it can play in maximising its full potential.



# Environmental Mumbles



As well as focusing on environmental education, reconnecting with the natural world and building our relationship with doorstep nature, these next years are crucial for us to prioritise biodiversity restoration and ecological connectivity in order to provide the foundations for a better and more resilient future.

Lockdown has brought many challenges for us all, but we have been able to continue working towards enhancing biodiversity and implementing system-change climate and sustainability actions and solutions for Mumbles and the wider community. Taking action on a smaller, community level plays a very important role in that process, and the solutions and outputs of community conservation actions can have long-term, positive impacts.

At the end of last year, MCC secured a large grant from the National Lottery Heritage Local Places for Nature Fund to restore and enhance a local neglected green space near Castle Woods. As the first of many sites across Mumbles, the Sustainable Mumbles Urban Green Spaces (SMUGS) project aims to connect up, encourage movement of wildlife and give a helping hand to neglected green spaces across Mumbles.



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In Partnership with  
**Welsh Government**

## SMUGS - a new Local Nature Reserve (LNR) for Mumbles!

The site will undergo specific work to manage and enhance, including re-planting native wild flower species, removing any invasive species, managing and planting shrub and creating favourable habitats using natural existing resources and others like bird/bat boxes.

To completely transform the area, we will be creating a natural wetland area to provide useful resources for birds, invertebrates, amphibians and small mammals. We will also be creating a community allotment for local residents and community groups to use.

*"This project is extremely exciting not only for our local wildlife, but for the Mumbles community too. It's imperative that we act now and focus our efforts on restoring and enhancing nature's resilience, and taking action on a small scale, with the support of the community, plays a very important role in that process."*



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## 'Plastic Free Mumbles to join Hubbub #InTheLoop campaign'



Plastic Free Mumbles are leading the communications campaign for Mumbles #InTheLoop

Mumbles  
**#InTheLoop**

**The problem:** According to Hubbub, in the UK, around 5.5 billion plastic bottles, 2.3 billion cans and 1.4 billion glass bottles go to waste every year and 1/3 of us are unsure of what we can and can't recycle. Wales is a leader for household recycling, but surveys suggest our on-the-go recycling behaviours are quite poor!

**Our goal:** Collaborate, encourage and change the system. By joining the #InTheLoop campaign and working in partnership with Hubbub and City and County of Swansea, we will be installing a total of 34 bright and colourful recycling bins in Mumbles and the surrounding areas over the next three years. We'll be installing new bins from Newton Road to Southend Gardens in our first phase.



In addition to encouraging us all to #reduce and #reuse first, we are in a unique position to influence the way Mumbles thinks and disposes of waste, to ultimately help us all reduce our waste in the long-term.

HUBBUB



*Designed by Plastic Free Mumbles volunteer Ffion Evans*



## #PICKUPYOURCUP and Plastic Free Business Champions!

At the end of last year, Plastic Free Mumbles launched a campaign to encourage the reuse and refill culture in Mumbles. We asked you to #PICKUPYOURCUP with us and reduce single-use takeaway plastics. The campaign was a huge success and four local traders joined to help distribute our reusable coffee cups and spread the #Refill message. We're not finished yet, so follow us on Facebook and Instagram and #PICKUPYOURCUP with us!

In addition, Plastic Free Mumbles have worked with seven local traders to reduce single-use plastics in their workplace and six of those have become Plastic Free Business Champions. We are thrilled to be working hands-on with the Mumbles traders to reduce waste, so if you're a local business in Mumbles and you'd like to reduce single-use plastic in your workplace, then get in touch with us today at [plasticfree@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:plasticfree@mumbles.gov.uk)



## Mumbles Community Orchard

As part of our orchard restoration project, we have partnered with The Orchard Project to undertake volunteer training and practical conservation management at the orchard.



So far, we've enhanced the sites accessibility and planted new trees (including the Swansea variety Channel Beauty!). In this next year, we have additional structural renovations and biodiversity enhancement actions planned. So, why not take a stroll to the orchard and help yourself this year!



## WILD Roadside Verges

We are delighted that our recently proposed two year pilot project aimed at enhancing and diversifying our roadside verges within Mumbles wards has been accepted!

Diverse roadside verges can act as an important refuge, a food source and a corridor for pollinator movement, so it's important that we take every opportunity to diversify them and encourage wildlife to use them.

By increasing native flowers and creating a network of diverse verges, we can look after our pollinators that desperately need our help! We have partnered with the British charity Plantlife and City and County of Swansea to implement this project and campaign and we look forward to seeing how it progresses.



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## Castle Woods

The paths through Castle Woods provide a means for residents of Norton and West Cross to access Mumbles village without the need for a car.

They also enable visitors to park in the car parks on Mumbles Road and walk through to the castle and the village shops without the need for driving through the village. In recent years the paths have become worn and in some parts dangerous to use due to the damage caused by the recent storms. We have a 3 year programme in place to repair and upgrade the main paths and steps through the woods making them safe to use and more accessible for people with mobility limitations. Work will start from April and we will keep you updated.

Please look at our Facebook page – Mumbles Community Council Environmental and website [mumbles.gov.uk/environmental](http://mumbles.gov.uk/environmental) for more information on these and other projects that the Environmental Well-being Committee are working on.

## Join the Green Team

We're looking for more volunteers to join our Green Team! Are you interested in biodiversity restoration, sustainability and community engagement? If so, you can join our Environmental Engagement Officer and learn conservation skills first-hand!

To join our team, email:  
[madison.bowden-parry@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:madison.bowden-parry@mumbles.gov.uk)

For anything plastics get in touch at  
[plasticfree@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:plasticfree@mumbles.gov.uk)

## Jubilee Gardens

Last year, we were successful in securing a Wildlife Garden package from Keep Wales Tidy for Jubilee Gardens. The community garden now features a raised wildflower bed with UK natives, a bug hotel, bird feeders and climbing plants.

This month, we are installing another three raised beds that will include a variety of shaded UK native wildflowers for everyone to enjoy. Get in touch with our Environmental Engagement Officer if you'd like to join our Green Team and help out at Jubilee Gardens!





**NHS**  
**SOCIAL CARE**  
**& FRONTLINE**  
**WORKERS'**  
**DAY**  
**5TH JULY 2021**

A day of celebration and commemoration of those that worked tirelessly 24/7 putting the safety of others before themselves.

We hope everyone in our community will get involved.

For event ideas and more info visit

**mumbles.gov.uk/nhs**

## Mumbles Public Toilets Consultation

Mumbles Community Council would like to hear the views of residents and visitors about some of the Public Toilets currently available in the Mumbles area so that MCC can consider if they should be involved in looking after them.

The ones we are looking at are Southend Gardens, Oystermouth Castle, Knab Rock, Bracelet Bay, Clyne Gardens and Blackpill. We are also interested in the current provision at Oystermouth Square. You can find the Survey on our website [mumbles.gov.uk](http://mumbles.gov.uk) and social media channels - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

**Have your say...**

If you don't have access to our website or social media and would like a paper copy to fill in and return, please ring the MCC office on 01792 363598, giving your name and address and we will send you one.





# Local Grants

## Mumbles Rangers

Mumbles Rangers are extremely grateful for the support of Mumbles Community Council who have kindly granted the club £6,000 towards the cost of four mini goals and two senior team shelters.

Mumbles Rangers aim to raise the standard of football in the community, to give opportunities and enjoyment for children and youths to participate in sport, whatever their ability and to build team spirit, increase skill levels and fitness.

Mumbles Rangers are one of 12 clubs from the West Wales Football Association Area Neath/Swansea/Carmarthenshire/Pembrokeshire counties that form the new FAW West Wales Premier League. The new league sits at tier 4 of the Welsh pyramid system and in theory with good results and ground criteria requirements we could progress through the Welsh League.

The ground criteria required at tier 4 is a mandatory pitch size, spectator barriers and dugouts amongst other items. Mumbles Rangers have invested almost £25,000 over the past 6 months, which includes a £17,500 loan from the clubs' vice presidents. This has been invested in major pitch repair and the erection of a removeable spectator barrier (removed for cricket). The club have



currently taken over the ongoing maintenance of the pitch and bear all the cost involved.

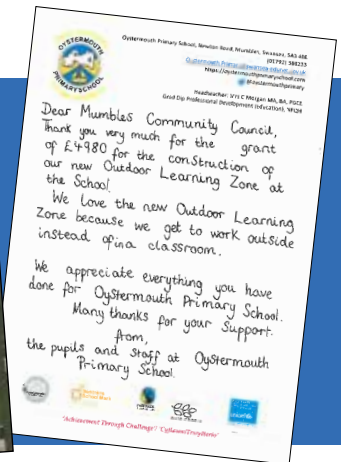
Small Sided Football is recognised by the FAW as the only form of football in Wales for children Under 11 years of age (and for Under 12 from season 2021/2022 and for Under 13 from season 2022/2023). The club need purchase four 16' x 7' goals to accommodate the new mandatory requirement. Small Sided Football is a modified version of the 11-a-side game, giving players more touches and involvement in each game.

Mike Podbielski - Secretary

## Oystermouth School

The children, staff, parents and Governors would like to thank Mumbles Community Council for the grant of £4,980 for the construction of an Outdoor Learning Zone at the school.

The Outdoor Learning Zone will benefit all the children who attend Oystermouth Primary School, the After School Club and the Holiday Clubs. We can't thank you enough.





## Sculpture by the Sea

Dear Mumbles Community Council,  
We have now successfully completed the second part of our project thanks to the funding by MCC in 2020, which involved 7 outdoor environmental art workshops for Mumbles Schools during the Autumn term. The total number of pupils involved in these workshops was 189. The total number of festival participants at Bracelet Bay and Blackpill Beach was 120 which brings the overall total of participants for our project this year to 309. All the children of various ages enjoyed these creative workshops so thank you very much for your sponsorship again.

Kind Regards,  
Sara Holden - Sculpture by the Sea



[artandeducationbythesea.co.uk](http://artandeducationbythesea.co.uk)

## Lower Norton Allotment Group Grant 2020-2021

Our allotment group is developing into a pro-active community. We now have a WhatsApp Group and designated roles for allotment maintenance/upkeep. We seek to continuously improve the allotment and we have developed an 'informal' work programme to improve it.

Thanks to our successful grant application to MCC in the 2020-2021 round we have been able to support tenants to clear plots used by previous tenants as storage. Items we placed in the skip include engine parts and various broken metal items etc. We hired 2 skips and removed most of the non-domestic waste from the allotment site.

Tenants have joined in and supported this initiative in clearing rubbish from their own plots and helping to clear the accumulated rubbish on other tenants' plots. We have also cleared pathways, put in placed concrete blocks/bricks to establish safe steps on sloping areas and improved access to the plots. We will continue to carry out remedial work on the allotment to continue to actively contribute to the community of Mumbles by:

- providing a growing space for food
- supporting improved nutrition/wellbeing
- contributing to healthier lifestyles
- encouraging physical activity/well-being
- allowing access to fresh, nutritious fruit/vegetables
- maintaining biodiversity of the local area.



## Twinning Grants

MCC made two grants to the Twinning Association of Mumbles (TAM) for special projects completed during 2020.

The first grant was £240 towards the cost of publishing 130 copies of a 44-page booklet. It was designed to accompany the commemorative plaque presented by Mumbles in 2019 to its twin town Hennebont to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the signing of the charter of twinning in 2004. The Hennebont twinning association also funded the booklet.



Designed and produced by TAM in Mumbles, the booklet, Yves Pezron of Hennebont: A Commemoration, is in four languages: French, English, Breton and Welsh. The original text was written by Bishopston-based historian Professor Prys Morgan, who is the Honorary President of TAM. Copies were sent to national and regional libraries in the UK and France and to university departments of Welsh and Celtic Studies in Wales, Brittany and further afield.



## Upper Norton Field Allotments new water supply

In the spring of 2020 we were delighted to obtain a grant from Mumbles Community Council to restore and extend our ageing water supply. The housing for our two existing taps were rotten and the taps themselves in need of replacement. In addition, the existing supply only served part of the allotment site and an extra tap was needed.

In preparation for the plumbing and carpentry work a group of us set about digging a 40m long and 45cm deep trench in which to lay the new pipe work. The new taps and stands were installed in early August. Our plot holders, especially those at the Norton end of the site where the water supply was lacking, are very grateful indeed to the MCC for their support.



## Twinning Grants - Lighthouse Theatre

The second grant was £100 towards the cost of commissioning Lighthouse Theatre to add visual images to Adrian Metcalfe's audio reading of Dylan Thomas's A Child's Christmas in Wales. TAM contributed additional funds so that the video could be published online in time for Christmas on the Facebook pages of both TAM and the Havre de Grace Twinning Association, in Mumbles' newest twin town in Maryland, USA.

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"I have lived in the West Cross area of Mumbles for some twenty-two years. I am married with two grown children who were previously pupils at Whitestone, Bishopston and Bishop Gore Schools. I currently work at Cardiff University where I am a lecturer at the School of Medicine having spent my early career in the NHS. I have a particular interest in older people in our community as I believe it is vitally important that as we all age we develop services and facilities that help our older residents enjoy a fulfilling, healthy and happy life."



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"I have lived in Overland Road, Oystermouth for nearly 30 years and have one daughter, two step daughters and two grandsons. I have considerable experience and success in large-scale fund-raising and in devising strategic plans from National to local level for better Sports, Leisure and Green Transport provision. I would like to encourage my fellow councillors to approve policies for the maximum benefit of future generations in our area rather than being based on short term party political or personal interest considerations."



**Cllr  
Pam  
Erasmus**

West Cross Ward

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Swansea SA3 5EX

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"I am fortunate to be one of the 4 re-elected councillors working with the new councillors who bring in fresh ideas and impetus. I am a school governor at Whitestone School."



**Cllr  
Rebecca  
Fogarty**

West Cross Ward

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Swansea SA3 5LF

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"I live in West Cross with my husband Eugene after moving to the Mumbles area to work for Swansea City of Sanctuary. I work for Public Health Wales, working with diverse communities to protect and promote health and well-being.

I chair the MCC Covid-19 Response Team. I am Chair of the Community and Social Well-Being Committee and am committed to improved local facilities for all."



**Cllr  
Gareth  
Ford**

West Cross Ward

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Swansea SA3 5HD

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"I'm married to Jackie and have two grown up children. I have lived in West Cross since the age of five so have grown up in the area and am passionate about it.

I am self-employed running my own carpentry business. I would like to see West Cross become a more vibrant family orientated area."



**Cllr  
Adam  
Gilbert**

Oystermouth Ward

18 Chapel Street, Mumbles,  
Swansea SA34NH

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"I'm Adam, I'm originally from Mumbles, I'm a keen hiker and a volunteer on Mumbles Lifeboat. As a local business owner, I know the challenges we all face. Get in touch if there's anything I can do to help."



**Cllr  
Richard  
Jarvis**

West Cross Ward

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"Originally from Aberdare, I am married with 3 grown-up children. I joined the army at 17, serving in N.Ireland and the Falklands. I then joined the Met Police and Hampshire Police. I retired in 2009 and returned to Wales - choosing to live in Mumbles where I had holidays when young. I stood for election because I believe that if I live in an area I should contribute to get things done."



**Cllr  
Carrie  
Townsend  
Jones**

Oystermouth Ward

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Swansea SA3 4DD

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Lived in Mumbles since 1998 and retired from my post as International Manager at Gower College in 2014. My two daughters attended Oystermouth and Bishopston schools. Now work freelance as an International Education Consultant and am an enthusiastic allotment holder. I was Chair of MCC from 2018 to 2020 and represent the Council on the One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee. I am Treasurer of TAM and an Oystermouth School Governor.





**Cllr  
Sara  
Keeton**

West Cross Ward

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"I used to run the video shop in West Cross, now probably best known as the lollypop lady outside Llwynderw school so I'm easy to find! I also volunteer there as a gardener. I'm governor for both Llwynderw and Grange primary schools. I'm also Chair of West Cross Community Centre. I want to see better facilities for young people and am happy to be the Community Council post box for any comments, suggestions, questions."



**Cllr  
Myles  
Langstone**

Oystermouth Ward

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Langland, Swansea SA3 4QS  
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"Hi, I'm Myles and I represent Oystermouth ward on MCC, as well as serving as the County Councillor for Oystermouth. I am also a School Governor at Oystermouth Primary School and Chairman of the Friends of Mumbles Parks community group. Coming from the Mumbles area, I am determined to see Mumbles reach its huge potential and become an even better place to live, work and visit."



**Cllr  
Rob  
Marshall**

Newton Ward

Minor Hall, Ostreme Centre  
Mumbles, Swansea, SA3 4BA  
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"Lived in Newton all my life and am a professional pianist performing recitals, chamber music and concertos throughout the UK and Europe. I'm also a music producer and promoter and perform on S4C with singers on 'Heno'. I represent Newton, am C&CS Labour Group spokesperson for Newton and Social Secretary for the Gower Constituency Labour Group. I am delighted to serve on the board of governors for Newton Primary School - where I went as a boy."



**Cllr  
Philip  
Reason**

Newton Ward

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"I am married to Kath and have two sons who both went to Bishopston School. Having lived in the Newton area all my life it's great to get the opportunity to represent the area on Mumbles Community Council. Career wise, I am a business owner and have worked for both local and national companies."



**Cllr  
Ian  
Scott**

Newton Ward

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"Worked for 30 years in the Fire Service. First in an operational role throughout West Glamorgan then transferred to the Fire Prevention Department for 9 years specialising in licensed premises involving court work and public protection committee meetings at Port Talbot, Neath Llŷw Valley and Swansea Councils. Elected Chair of MCC in May 2017"



**Cllr  
Rebecca  
Singh**

Mayals Ward

Minor Hall, Ostreme Centre  
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"I've lived in Swansea all my life and really love this part of the world. I'm a civil servant and believe we have a duty to protect our precious public services from privatisation, corruption and abuse while acknowledging we all bear responsibility for our own welfare and that of our institutions and services. I enjoy being part of the community of Mumbles via MCC and being a part of the work to make our lives richer together."



**Vice-Chair  
Cllr  
William  
Thomas**

Newton Ward

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Swansea SA3 4PQ  
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"Hi, I'm Will as well as being the County Councillor for Newton I like to take a very active role in MCC. I am excited by what we hope to achieve over the next few years at MCC and it is a great honour to be part of it."



**Cllr  
Linda  
Tyler-Lloyd**

Mayals Ward

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"I am a past Chair of Mumbles Community Council. I represent Mayals Ward on both MCC and Swansea City Council. On MCC I am on the Social Well-being Committee. I am on the Mayals School Governing Body where I am the "Looked After Children" (LAC) representative and also the Well Being Committee. I see my challenge as to fight for the preservation of the heritage of this beautiful area while providing safe venues for family days out. I am also an elected member of the Governing Body of the Church in Wales."

# Budget 2021/22

Items	Amount £
<b>Office Costs</b>	
Rent	9,600
Broadband and Telephone	1,100
Stationery	500
Postage	100
Photocopying	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,900</b>

<b>Ostremer Centre</b>	
Rent	15,000
Electricity	1,800
Gas	1,400
Water	600
Insurance	1,100
Minor Maintenance	1,000
Annual Gas Safety Check	200
Annual Fire Alarm Check (2)	300
Annual Fire Extinguisher Check	100
Burglar Alarm Contract	150
Rent - Ostremer Community Association	-7,000
Loan Repayment	-5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,650</b>

<b>Payroll</b>	
Salary	66,200
Pension - Employers Contributions	16,000
National Insurance - Employers Contributions	4,100
Chair's Remuneration	2,000
Committee Chair's Remuneration	2,500
Councillor's Remuneration	2,700
Accountants Fees (Payroll)	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,100</b>

Items	Amount £
<b>General Fund</b>	
Insurance	1,900
Subscriptions	300
Scribe Accounting Package	650
Survey Monkey	400
Audit Fee	1,200
One Voice Wales	3,000
Elections	10,000
Rental for Parish Online Maps	250
Miscellaneous	2,000
Councillors Individual Fund	18,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,700</b>

<b>Community and Social Well-Being Committee</b>	
Small and Medium Grants	40,000
Large Capital Grants (Underhill Changing Rooms and Toilets)	823,000
Skatepark	64,000
Langland Tennis Courts	39,800
Skatepark Annual Running Costs	6,600
Underhill Loan Repayment	89,000
Half Size Basketball Court	22,500
West Cross Green - Play Equipment	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,104,900</b>

Items	Amount £
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<b>Cultural and Tourism Well-Being Committee</b>	
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Christmas Motifs	6,000
Christmas Trees (Inc. Picket Mead Living Trees)	7,600
Inspection of Southend Tree	500
New Christmas Motifs (2)	1,200
New Lights - Oystermouth Christmas Tree	1,000
Mumbles Fest	21,850
Community Parties	2,000
Schools Competition	1,000
Food Festival	10,000
Mumbles Guided Walks	1,500
Mumbles Fashion Shows	1,500
Digital Archive	8,000
Tourism Plan - Improved Signage	2,000
Event Income	-7,500

<b>Total</b>	<b><u>56,650</u></b>
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<b>Environmental Well-Being Committee</b>	
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Civic Amenities - Street Furniture	10,000
Floral Decorations	9,350
Wildflowers	500
Jubilee Garden	650
Flora in Schools	1,750
Cleansing - General/Dog Poo - 4 hours per day	14,100
Mumbles in Bloom - Contestant	100
Mumbles in Bloom - Competition	100
Environmental Engagement Officer - Resources	5,000
Community Orchard	1,000
Grass Verge Scheme	2,100
Wildlife Signage Scheme	2,100
Climate Emergency - Support Actions	10,000
Castle Woods - Paths	2,500

<b>Total</b>	<b><u>59,250</u></b>
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Items	Amount £
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<b>Economic Well-Being Committee</b>	
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Planning Applications	2,500
Road Safety	11,400
Cleansing - Bus Shelters	1,000
Small Business Grant Scheme	20,000
Festoon Lighting - Newton Road	16,100

<b>Total</b>	<b><u>51,000</u></b>
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<b>Joint Enabling Committee</b>	
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Multimedia Consultant	12,000
Website and Email Hosting and Domain Name	1,700
Adobe Creative	500
Zoom	150
Marketing/Publicity Leaflets and Posters	3,000
Newsletter Printing	4,000
Newsletter Distribution	1,200
Newsletter Translation	2,000
Training Courses and Associated Costs	2,000
Evaluation Services	5,000
Twinning	1,500
Hybrid Meeting Equipment and Licences	5,000

<b>Total</b>	<b><u>38,050</u></b>
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<b>Premises Committee</b>	
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Ostreme Centre - Development Costs	30,000
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<b>Total</b>	<b><u>30,000</u></b>
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<b>Budget Sub Total</b>	
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Add Contingency	54,550
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<b>Budget Total</b>	
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Less Funded from Earmarked Reserves	947,650
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<b>Budget Requirement 2021/22</b>	<b><u>600,100</u></b>
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Annual Band D Precept	<u>£57.99</u>
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## Community Council

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If you have any questions or comments you wish to make about any of the work of MCC or would like more information about any of the items in the newsletter, please contact us:

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You can also contact any of your ward councillors directly. Contact information on pages 20-21 of this newsletter and on our website: [mumbles.gov.uk](http://mumbles.gov.uk)

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### Council & Committee Meetings

We now record all our council and committee meetings and they are available to view via our website by visiting [mumbles.gov.uk/meetings.php](http://mumbles.gov.uk/meetings.php)

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