



# Thank you

## to our volunteers and key workers

How the Mumbles community  
came together during the pandemic



### Major development for Underhill

The Go-Underhill project has taken a huge step towards becoming a reality.



### The Skatepark

Planning permission has been granted - now the hard work begins...

## Letter from the Chair of Mumbles Community Council

Dear Community,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Mumbles Community Council. I have lived in the West Cross area for over twenty-two years. I am married with two grown children who were previously pupils at Whitestone, Bishopston and Bishop Gore Schools, the latter of which I am now a governor. 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 the health and wellbeing of older people 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.

I take over the chair of Mumbles Community Council at a particularly challenging time as we emerge from one of the greatest public health crises within living memory. Although there are challenges to be faced I strongly believe MCC is in a prime position to make a real difference to people's lives by being an organisation grounded in the community that can respond to local needs.

We have ambitious plans within MCC including significant improvements to facilities at Underhill Park, a new state of the art skatepark, development of the Ostreme Centre and also plans for the tennis courts at Langland Bay. In my new role as chair I will seek to prioritise moving forward on these projects and bringing together the various stakeholders to ensure their successful completion.

The residents of Mumbles are lucky to live in a fantastically beautiful and vibrant community that is also an asset to the surrounding area.

I hope that in my new role as chair I can help to contribute to enabling MCC to play a key role in ensuring that Mumbles and its communities realise their full potential.

Stay safe,  
Martin



## Llythyr gan Gadeirydd Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls

Annwyl Gymuned

Hoffwn gyflwyno fy hun fel Cadeirydd newydd Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls. Rwyf wedi byw yn ardal West Cross ers dros ddwy flynedd ar hugain. Rwyf yn briod gyda dau blentyn sydd bellach yn oedolion, cynt yn ddisgyblion yn ysgolion Whitestone, Llandeilo Ferwallt a'r Esgob Gore, ac rwy'n llywodraethwr o'r olaf. Fy ngwaith yw darlithio ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd yn yr Ysgol Meddyggaeth, wedi treulio blynyddoedd cynnar fy ngyrfa yn y GIG. Mae gennyf ddi-ddordeb arbennig mewn iechyd a lles pobl hŷn ac rwy'n credu ei fod yn hanfodol, wrth i ni gyd heneiddio, i ni ddatblygu gwasanaethau a chyfleusterau sy'n cynorthwyo ein trigolion hŷn i fwynhau bywydau llawn, iach a hapus.

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Cadwch yn ddiogel,  
Martin

## The Ostreme Centre

The Ostreme Centre on Newton Road near Oystermouth Castle has long been the social and cultural heart of Mumbles. Since 1973 the Ostreme Community Association, a locally based voluntary organisation have been actively providing classes covering such activities as dance, exercise, yoga, and history as well as provision for our younger and older residents. The Association has been able to provide this service to the people of Mumbles through leasing the Ostreme centre from the owners, the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, as the building had originally been the church hall for All Saints church Mumbles.

The church hall was in a poor state of repair so in 1978, the Ostreme Community Association obtained a 35 year lease from All Saints Church to secure the future of the Ostreme Centre as a community centre. This lease expired in 2013 and since this time the Association have been seeking to secure the long-term future of the centre for the people of Mumbles. Mumbles Community Council are keen to work with OCA to build on the historical legacy they have created as providers of the cultural and social hub of the Mumbles Community. Therefore, MCC in partnership with OCA are proposing taking over the lease on a 125 year basis. Under this arrangement MCC have already moved into the building to establish it as the civic centre of MCC and thereby raise the public profile of the Community Council.



We are keen to work with the management of OCA to ensure that existing provision can remain but also to explore how, through collaborative partnership working and along with public participation we can develop and expand current provision to ensure the Ostreme Centre continues to serve the needs of the local community well into 21st Century and beyond.

## The Skatepark

MCC was delighted when the skatepark was given planning permission for the location at Llwynderw in February. This was a huge milestone at the end of a two year process with the guidance of City and County of Swansea (CCS).



*Community Councillors and local residents at the current skatepark*

This has been a real community project, from the first local meeting to assess support. MCC has complied with the entire process from the first exploratory meeting, through pre-planning guidance, planning criteria and now post-planning directives. We have been so fortunate to have the practical experience and advice of local skaters to ensure the design is the best it can be including suggested changes to the design to enable wheelchair riders to access and enjoy the skatepark. MCC has now secured a funding stream for the skatepark.

As with other projects which had planned to use grants and matched funding, we are now in a new world where lottery funding and charities are saying, quite rightly, that Covid-19 appeals for help will go to the front of the queue. This is another major hurdle to have crossed. We still have some way to go, but MCC is working steadily towards the finishing line and looks forward to building an exciting new skatepark for skaters, BMX bikers, wheelchair motocross, and scooters of all levels of ability.

# Thank you

## to our volunteers and key workers

As the Coronavirus pandemic hit, the amazing community of Mumbles stepped up to offer vital support to neighbours self-isolating or shielding. Mumbles Community Council coordinated this volunteer effort from the end of March to offer support in four key areas:

- Shopping/groceries deliveries
- Prescription deliveries
- Dog walking
- Telephone check-in

Almost 200 people have benefited from this service, with many matched with a volunteer who has been helping out throughout the whole lockdown period.

All volunteers have been provided with disposable gloves and an MCC volunteer ID. Keeping our volunteers safe and preventing them from spreading infection has been our primary concern. Regular volunteers have been provided with hand sanitiser, thanks to a donation from Gower MP Tonia Antoniazzi.



*Volunteer Sally Webber*

MCC has also been sharing a great deal of information via our social media channels and our website. This includes information about how to stay safe from COVID-19, scams to watch out for, updates from local businesses, activities to do from home, information about local authority services and much more.



Cllr Rebecca Fogarty, Chair of the MCC COVID-19 Operations Team, said: "On behalf of MCC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and celebrate our wonderful volunteers who really exemplify everything that is great about the Mumbles community."

Our COVID-19 response would not have been possible without volunteers stepping up to take on various roles to support others in the area. Their enthusiasm has been a wonder to behold and is a real credit to our community."



Volunteer Lindsay Bater

Mumbles Community Council has been committed to providing this support to all of our residents. As some of the restrictions are now being lifted, many of our volunteers are returning to work, and we have taken the decision to wind down this service.

If you still require help with your shopping, you can contact the Co-op on 0330 041 7784. Local pharmacies should be able to help you with any prescriptions deliveries. Your local community councillors are always available to discuss any issues you're concerned about in the local area.

Should restrictions come back into effect, we will look to resume this service. We hope you all continue to stay safe.

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Thank you once again for all the help your volunteers provided, they were a godsend.

Castle Pharmacy

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HM Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan  
Arglwydd-Raglaw EM Gorllewin Morgannwg



MRS LOUISE FLEET JP

18<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Steve Heydon,  
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Dear Steve,

As HM The Queen's representative in West Glamorgan I wanted to get in touch with you to say 'thank you' for what you and your team of volunteers are doing for the people in your communities during the corona virus pandemic. The Queen has paid tribute to the selfless and dedicated work of NHS staff, scientists, emergency and public services, those delivering essential front-line services and indeed to everyone who is playing their part in supporting us all and helping to combat the effects of the pandemic.

I wanted to pay a particular tribute to what is taking place locally within our communities in West Glamorgan where the response to the call for volunteers to help vulnerable people and those in need has been incredible and overwhelming – and none more so than in your community. The pandemic has caused an "unprecedented crisis" and its impact will leave a lasting legacy for families and communities for some time to come. However, what will also be remembered is the kindness and care shown by many people who despite the risks and impact on their own lives have come forward to help others.

Councillor Will Thomas (Newton) and Councillor Linda Tyler-Lloyd (Mayals) have told me that Mumbles Community Council is coordinating the voluntary effort in the area and that there are approximately 170 people volunteering to provide practical help and support so that those in most need can stay safe and shield themselves from a potential life or death situation. What you are all doing is magnificent: thank you so much.

There is nothing stronger in a crisis for people to know that someone cares. Before the pandemic many of the people your team of volunteers are now helping may have been strangers to them and it was likely that their paths would not have crossed. To step forward to help virtual strangers with tasks such as shopping and collecting prescriptions in very difficult circumstances is truly heart-warming and moving and I hope they and all of you at the Community will take pride in what you are doing.

I would be most grateful if you would please convey my sincere admiration and gratitude to all the volunteers in your team for all they are doing for the people and families in their communities. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Fleet, JP  
Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan

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Letter from Louise Fleet, JP - Lord-Lieutenant Of West Glamorgan



Volunteer Ffion Powell



Volunteer Ned Cosgrove

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Thank you Mumbles Community Council for helping the local businesses before and during the current lock down.

Very appreciative of the support - can't wait to re-open our shop when it is safe to do so.

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## Ruth joins Environmental Well-being Committee

Another of our amazing volunteers, Ruth Cronin has been collecting crisp packets and many extra packagings that she singlehandedly keeps from ending up in landfill! She has also been selling flour, and sugar for charity during the pandemic.

We are also delighted to announce that she is one of the brilliant people we have co-opted onto our Environmental Well-being Committee.



Volunteer Ian Hughes



Volunteer Ruth Cronin (Centre)

# The Shared Plate



In March 2020, when the pandemic hit, The Shared Plate was about to open a Cafe, community space & Zero waste shop on the Mumbles Road. Quickly realising that this was not an option we got together with our partners, Red Cafe, to try and find the best way to support our local community in this challenging time and so the Emergency Kitchen was born.

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Thank you so much to Mumbles Community Council, for arranging this volunteer service, it has been incredibly helpful to us. We don't know what we would have done without you.

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Over the last 12 weeks we have served over 8,000 meals with support in the form of a financial donation from Mumbles Community Council, local volunteers, small local businesses and charities we have been turning surplus food from FareShare Cymru into hot and healthy meals which are available to the most vulnerable people in our community.

We are committed to continuing this service for as long as it's needed, alongside this we are now open for delicious takeaway meals Thursday -Sunday 12-4 & have an extra special Saturday night menu that changes weekly. Our Zero waste shop is also open to the public with a host of dried goods & household items. We are a non profit organisation, all profits go towards our community outreach work, visit: [www.thesharedplate.co.uk](http://www.thesharedplate.co.uk) to find out more.

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My volunteer was so kind and helpful. I really appreciate that he gave up his time to help me while I was unable to leave the house.

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# New to the community

## New Water Fountain

MCC are so pleased that the water fountain in Oystermouth Square carpark has been such a success. It has encouraged us to identify more sites. Unfortunately, this came to a halt with the lockdown, but, we will follow it up as soon as we can.



Fountain in Oystermouth Square

MCC councillors supported local activists who set up a pop-up stall to raise the awareness of single use plastic bottles in a community trying to be more environmentally friendly. Local schools were also involved.

If you can think of more ways for MCC to become involved with similar issues, please email our Environmental Officer, Madison Bowden Parry at [madison.bowden-parry@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:madison.bowden-parry@mumbles.gov.uk). We will welcome all new avenues to become more involved with similar campaigns.

## New Bike Rack

MCC has installed a new bike rack opposite the tennis courts, next to Oyster Wharf Piazza. This complements MCC's Active Travel policy.

We are aiming to help to reduce pollution in and around Mumbles from exhaust fumes.



New bike rack next to Oyster Wharf Piazza

We are working to encourage and enable tourists and families and all local residents to leave the car behind and bike into the village. The rack, we have been advised, is of a practical design for a windy seaside area. We hope it is also elegant enough to match the style of the Victorian style lampposts along the prom, to be aesthetically pleasing to both local residents and visitors.

## Langland Tennis Courts

Mumbles Community Council is to fund the full refurbishment of two tennis courts at Langland. Cllr Will Thomas said: "Work was due to have been completed by now on two of the tennis courts at Langland, however due to the pandemic this has obviously been delayed. We hope the contractor can give us a new date as soon as possible. This is a fantastic investment in tennis at Langland which is a huge part of the history of the bay".



## Twinning - Havre de Grace, Maryland

Twenty American visitors from Havre de Grace, Maryland, arrived in Mumbles on 5 September for a five-day visit to mark the start of a new twinning relationship between the two communities.



Charter Signing Ceremony

The idea of twinning was first suggested by Debby Stathes, who with her husband Chris has a holiday flat in Langland. Debby, who was born in Swansea, now lives in Havre de Grace but returns to Langland at least once annually. Each time she made the trip she became more aware of similarities between the two communities: seaside locations (Havre de Grace is on Chesapeake Bay), lighthouses, a history of fishing and seafood harvesting, and so on. "But it was only when I found out that Mumbles was already twinned with Hennebont that I realised there was an existing mechanism to formally link Havre de Grace with Mumbles," she said.

The centrepiece of the inaugural visit was the charter-signing ceremony on 7 September at Swansea's Guildhall presided over by Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Mark Child, who represents West Cross on Swansea Council. The charter of twinning, created by the Gorseinon calligrapher Judith Porch, was signed by Havre de Grace's City Mayor, William T Martin, Mumbles Community Council's Chair, Carrie Townsend Jones, and the chairs of the two twinning associations, Debby Stathes and David Townsend Jones. Afterwards Councillor Child led them to the Lord Mayor's Parlour to sign the Visitors' Book.

Other highlights included a guided tour of Swansea University's Bay Campus, a 'Stumbles Around Mumbles' literary guided walk led by the Lighthouse Theatre Company, the opening concert of the Mumbles Festival of Music & The Arts, a day trip to the St Fagans Food Festival, and a twmpath featuring the Tawerin Dance Company at Mumbles Pier. The visitors stayed with host families from Mumbles Community Council and the Twinning Association of Mumbles. A return visit to Havre de Grace was scheduled for October 2020 but due to the current Coronavirus crisis this has been delayed until 2021.



The charter of twinning created by Gorseinon calligrapher Judith Porch

### Our grateful thanks to:

- The Lord Mayor's team for organising the charter ceremony and reception.
- Mumbles Festival of Music & The Arts for complimentary tickets for our guests from Havre de Grace.
- All Saints' Church and the Chapel House for flying the Maryland flag.
- Dr Miles Willis for guiding and inspiring us around the Bay Campus.
- The Hemiola Ancient Instruments Ensemble for serenading us pre-twmpath.
- Keith Turner for taking the official photographs, and everyone else from Mumbles and HdG who contributed photographs of the visit.
- Cllr Rebecca Fogarty for being the glue between MCC and TAM.

# Major Boost For Go Underhill Update

The Go-Underhill project, which will deliver brand new changing rooms and an all-weather pitch, has taken a huge step towards becoming a reality. Mumbles Community Council (MCC) has decided to enter into a Community Partnership with Mumbles Community Association (MCA), the organisation driving forward the development of Underhill Park, to make sure that the much needed new facilities in the Park can get underway.



*The Go-Underhill Project*

Under the Community Partnership agreement, MCA will continue to apply for funding from grants for sports and community facilities, as well as raising money from local businesses, park users and individuals, but MCC will underwrite any deficit in the funding needed, up to a maximum of £1.2m over the next three years.

The decision by MCC recognises that the development of facilities in Underhill Park is a key part of the Council's community plan, which was developed following extensive analysis of local needs and consultation with the community. It will enable MCA to

progress with firm timescales for getting the work done, with MCC playing a full part in delivering these much needed community facilities. The new Chair of the Mumbles Community Council, Councillor Martin O'Neill said: "The Council is fully committed to making this happen as we know that the development of Underhill Park will make a big difference to our local community. MCC has a number of exciting new plans for the area including the skatepark and Langland tennis courts and in relation to taking the Underhill plan forward we will be asking for a meeting with Welsh Government Minister for Finance, Rebecca Evans MS, as well as the Football Association for Wales and the Welsh Rugby Union to see if we can consolidate funding streams."

Under the Agreement, MCA will be supported to deliver many of the core elements of its Stage 1 plans for Underhill Park, including new changing rooms, improvements to the existing pavilion to provide new accessible public toilets, landscaping and, with other grant assistance, an all-weather pitch. The agreement does not include support for the new community hub and café, which is currently subject to a National Lottery application. MCA Chair Simon Tse said:

"This is a major break-through in the plans to make Underhill Park a core resource for the community, replacing the dilapidated buildings and bringing new facilities which local people want. We are thrilled that MCC have decided to get so fully behind the scheme, which is a real game changer. "I would like to thank all those people who have freely given their time to help the charity get this far."

MCA will now progress with appointing architects and engineers to prepare detailed plans and specifications so that tenders can be invited for work to begin on site.

# Mumbles Rangers Football Club



Mumbles Rangers FC are looking to build for the future by making improvements to their main pitch in front of the club house. You might have already seen the area around the pitch cordoned off as work has already begun.

The works will involve feeding, weeding and lifting the pitch to encourage grass growth. In addition, key areas of the pitch will have levelling carried out. To meet

with the ambitions of our senior team pitchside will also see semi-permanent barriers and dugouts being installed. These will be moveable to accommodate the general park use and cricket season. As will the new roll-on, roll-off goals, which will also enable the club to protect goal areas during the season. These and other new goals, for our other pitches, have been bought with grant money provided by MCC.

This is an extremely exciting time for Mumbles Rangers as we look to build a home fortress for any visiting team. It also provides the entire club with a quality pitch to play important games during the season. More importantly this facility and our 1st team entering the new West Wales Premier League will provide the pathway for our entire junior section. I hope all of our younger members will now aspire to playing for our senior team on this new look pitch.

We also want to make this a place that the general community can come and enjoy watching good quality sport on the weekends. Teas and coffees together with snacks will be available from the club and we will also have exciting new bespoke merchandise available. Our leisurewear catalogue will launch at the start of the new season.



*Mumbles Rangers First Team 2019-20*

This is a very exciting time for the club future and this project would not have been possible without the funding provided by our vice presidents and we thank them very much. The vice president of our club contributes £20 a year into the VP fund and have done for many years.

The money we collect from this fund goes towards the general maintenance of our facilities, 'Billy Johns Clubhouse' and provides security and a future for the club. This project falls into all three categories and we are very thankful to each and every vice president that has and is still contributing. We are always looking for more vice presidents so please contact our VP's secretary Fraser Gardner on [vp@mumblesrangers.co.uk](mailto:vp@mumblesrangers.co.uk) who will be more than grateful to receive your interest. The donation is £20 per year and this goes a long way to helping the club and community.

Please do feel free to contact us with any questions about this or any other related club matters by emailing [secretary@mumblesrangers.co.uk](mailto:secretary@mumblesrangers.co.uk).

Yours sincerely  
**Mike Parkin**  
 Chairman MFC



# Mumbles Dragon Parade

St David's Day celebrations were in full swing on Sunday 1st March. The Mumbles Dragon Parade was a hit!

Led by vibrant Samba band, Barracwda, the impressive Dragon Parade proceeded along the promenade to Oystermouth Square and then up Newton Road to The Ostreme where free hotdogs were provided for everyone by Tuckers Butchers, courtesy of Mumbles Community Council. Barracwda kept the atmosphere alive inside the Ostreme where they performed more beats on the stage, along with St David's Primary School who performed a super version of Sospan Fach.



In the weeks prior to the event, workshops were held by local artist, Sara Holden at St David's Primary School and Oystermouth Primary School where the children made Welsh flags to wave during the parade. Pupils from Newton Primary School worked hard with artist Ami Marsden to create the dragon's body, Ami also refurbished the dragon's head with a grant provided by Mumbles Community Council.

## Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visit Mumbles

Back in February, hundreds of well-wishers, including local school children waited to greet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at Mumbles Pier, home of the RNLi's Mumbles Lifeboat Station. Waiting to greet the Royal Couple were MCC's very own, Cllr Adam Gilbert, and colleague, Paul Williams.



They boarded the lifeboat and chatted with crew members about their duties and difficulties they face at sea. The Duke and Duchess also watched the boat launch as part of a training exercise.

The Royals then headed to the heart of Mumbles to meet members of the public before visiting Joe's Ice Cream Parlour to talk to parents about the Duchess's UK-wide survey to help improve early childhood.

We spoke to owner, Adrian Hughes, 'As a family, we were almost taken aback by just how natural they are! They seemed to have a genuine interest in Mumbles and how our ice cream business fits within the community. They seemed to enjoy our ice cream, but especially Prince William, who loved our original vanilla, even though his usual preference is for chocolate ice cream.'





# Support our local shops

We would like to thank all the local traders who have worked so hard to support our community during the last few months.

We would also like to welcome back those of you who have been unable to trade. You are a lifeline of our community and we are trying to encourage people to shop locally - putting money back into our amazing community. We want to continue to have authentic, interesting, exciting places to shop and eat.

In order to support our local traders, MCC are introducing the inclusive Chamber of Trade. Our goal is to further the interests of local businesses and Cllr Adam Gilbert will be at the helm of this project. If you have any views or comments please get in touch with him on 077177938. We welcome any new ideas on how we can support the local business community. We have recently launched

our new Facebook page '@ShopInMumbles', which we hope will become a platform on which we can support and promote the many wonderful, local businesses in Mumbles. If you haven't already, please like and follow our page.

You might have noticed that we are shining the spotlight daily on local traders via our Shop Mumbles and Mumbles Community Council Facebook pages. We want to give every local company the chance to shine, so if you'd like us to post about your business, please email [claire.anderson@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:claire.anderson@mumbles.gov.uk).

We have also created a form on our website via which traders can upload their information to enable us to contact them more easily. This information will not be shared with any third parties. Please fill out the form here: [www.mumbles.gov.uk/register-business](http://www.mumbles.gov.uk/register-business)

Please shop locally wherever possible, support the shops and businesses of Mumbles – **they need you!**



# Environmental Engagement

My name is Madison and I'm your new Environmental Engagement Officer – or more like, your 'everything blue and green' officer!

Wildlife, local wild spaces and our marine environment are lifelong passions of mine and have fuelled all of my experiences throughout my career. I'm a behavioural ecologist, marine photographer, science communicator and I have vast expertise in combining all three of these fields.

I'm very excited to be part of the team at Mumbles Community Council and I have some exciting plans up my sleeve for this year! I hope to enhance our local biodiversity, educate you all on our local marine and terrestrial wildlife and how we can make a difference locally – and encourage everyone join me!



Here are some project ideas I'd like to see:

### Connecting with local schools

I would like to build connections with schools, encouraging wildlife engagement, marine education and sustainable thinking.

### Plastic Free Community

As part of a Surfers Against Sewage initiative, I'd like to see The Mumbles eventually with a Plastic Free Status.

### The Mumbles Hill Local Nature Reserve

This site has always been a favourite doorstep paradise of mine. It's diverse in habitats and wildlife and I'd love to see more use of the area with guided wildlife walks and talks (with me!).

### Climate Action

Collaborate, educate and listen to the community for what climate action should look like moving forward.



## Nature during lockdown

It is hard not to acknowledge the elephant in the room whilst writing this piece. And, although life has been put on hold for us, nature continues around us. A real spectacle for me, is waking up early in Spring, to listen to the Dawn Chorus. And this year, on International Dawn Chorus day, my 5:00 am venture to my local commons was not like I remember it.

Some of the most prevalent environmental hazards that humans and wildlife face are noise, air and water pollution. All of which cause long-term and detrimental effects to us and our wildlife. Of all of these threats, 'noise' is one that seems to suffer in silence. Sound is incredibly important to animals, from the largest animal on the planet, the Blue Whale, to the birds in your garden. Animals use sound to navigate, communicate and understand their environment, and during my Dawn Chorus adventure this year, of course, sound took centre stage. You'd be inclined to think that, given my introduction to the damaging effects of noise, my dawn chorus quest was drowned out by the sound of early morning commuters, jet setting travellers and first light grounds men. However, it was quite the opposite indeed.

No vehicles, no planes, no groundsmen, just me and the beatific sound of songsters. Whilst I stood there in awe of the powerful and complex male song, my undisturbed dawn adventure had me wondering. Going forward, can more of us adopt a post-lockdown mindset where nature is at the front line?

During lockdown, many of us have sought solace in nature. It's been a chance for all of us to explore the wildlife and wild spaces under our noses, with new eyes. But what has lockdown really meant for our wildlife? Although researchers are still trying to figure it out, some have noticed a drop in shipping noise, an environmental hazard known to adversely affect marine animals. Others have seen a significant reduction in air pollution.

Nature has had quite the respite during the lockdown period and I really hope that this can carry on into our future. Whether that be with a new found appreciation for the natural world, a small change

in habits or a commitment to a more conscious lifestyle. Whatever it may be, we need not 'just' spare a thought for nature. We need to educate and learn to co-exist - we need nature, and nature needs us. And well, we do have time to make changes - if we start now.



## Environmental engagement during lockdown

Lockdown is a particularly difficult time for someone who works closely with the community, as well as the environment. However, community and environmental engagement as well as science communication can be very effective on social platforms.

Here are some of the projects I've started by connecting with the community online:

- Environmental YouTube channel (see Mumbles Community Council)
- Eco-Heroes series (on YouTube)
- Wildlife ID LIVE lesson with Bishop Gore Comprehensive
- Ongoing: Marine wildlife and plastics educational materials

If you'd like to hear more about these or other outstanding projects I am leading, feel free to get in touch at [madison.bowden-parry@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:madison.bowden-parry@mumbles.gov.uk)

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"City Councillor representing Mayals since 2012. Past Chairman of MCC. Past chairman of Development Committee on MCC. Live with husband and walk dog in Clyne Gardens which is why I want to support the maintenance of these beautiful gardens."



**Cllr  
Pam  
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West Cross Ward

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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 to both Grade and Bishop Gore. Also, Chair of West Cross Community Centre, so hopefully, covering and representing all ages and interests in our ward."



**Cllr  
Rebecca  
Fogarty**

West Cross Ward

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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 am Chair of the Community & Social Well-being Committee and am committed to improved local facilities for all.



**Cllr  
Gareth  
Ford**

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"I'm married to Jackie and have two children David and Sarah. 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 joined the community council in May and am chair of planning."



**Cllr  
Adam  
Gilbert**

Oystermouth Ward

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"I'm Adam, I'm originally from Mumbles, I'm a keen hiker and sailor. In my day job, I help charities campaign on a range of issues. I want to use these skills to fight for you. 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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"Lived in Mumbles since 1998 having moved from London to work as External Funding Manager at Gorseinon College then International Manager at Gower College. My two daughters attended Oystermouth and Bishopston schools. I was a director of Mumbles Development Trust for 10 years and have been Secretary of the Twinning Association of Mumbles since 2016."





**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 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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"Hi, I'm Myles and I've been elected to represent Oystermouth Ward on MCC, as well as serving as the County Councillor. 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

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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."



**Cllr  
Philip  
Reason**

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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 Lliw Valley and Swansea Councils. Elected Chair of MCC in May 2017"



**Cllr  
Carwyn  
Thomas**

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"Brought up in Llandeilo in a Welsh speaking family. After University I joined the Army and trained at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Left the Army in 2011 and did a Masters at Oxford Brookes University. Now own the Guesthouse on Rotherslade Road with partner Sarah and our two boys."



**Cllr  
William  
Thomas**

Newton Ward

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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 exited 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  
Tim Bull**

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**Cllr  
Rebecca Singh**

Mayals Ward

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# Local Grants

## New Defibrillator for The Vivian Hall

A defibrillator has been installed outside the Vivian Hall in Blackpill with the assistance of Mumbles Community Council. It is available for the emergency treatment of anyone suffering a heart attack in the area.



The unit was donated by St John Ambulance who hold training sessions in The Vivian Hall and the stand and erection was paid for by MCC. St John's Ambulance will hold free training sessions so some people, particularly those who use the Hall, are familiar with how it works once lockdown has lifted.'



## Friends of Clyne Gardens

We are one of the voluntary Friends groups working alongside Swansea City Council to maintain the standards of the local parks now that budgets are being constrained. The intention is for local people to take an interest in, and be involved in, any green space which is a special amenity for the people of Swansea.

Clyne Gardens is definitely one of those, being a garden of both botanical and historical interest. Not only is it delightful to enjoy all year round, especially in May when the nationally renowned rhododendron and azalea collection is in bloom, but it contains rare specimens of these and other plants. We, as a group, only got together in late 2018 after a series of meetings in the Vivian Hall, Blackpill, to build up a bank of supporters and find more active members who would be willing to join the committee, apply for funding and organise activities, such as Clyne in Bloom. Unfortunately Covid 19 put a stop on our planned Clyne in Bloom activities for 2020 but it has been particularly noticeable in the current 'lockdown' times that the park has been a real asset to the community, providing the space and beauty for all living locally to enjoy responsibly.

Starting from scratch we needed to determine how we could best promote Friends of Clyne and the Gardens, keep in touch with willing supporters and communicate our event plans. A bespoke website seemed essential and this is where Mumbles Community Council has been so helpful.

Thanks to your grant of £970.00 we've had a website designed and it's almost ready to launch. The home page is currently live with links to our new social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram and when the full site is published it will be informative, educational and packed full of wonderful photographs. It will also have information on how to support this unique park with a simple sign up process for those wishing to become a Friend so please have a look by visiting [www.clynegardens.co.uk](http://www.clynegardens.co.uk)

## New Shed for Plunch Lane Allotment Society



Our grant was for a shed in which we could keep communal allotment equipment, use as a social hub, seed and plant exchange and even somewhere to shelter from the rain and have a cuppa.

Unfortunately current events have rather thrown a spanner in the works, as we initially couldn't source a shed due to the current lock down, and now we can get a shed, we would be unable to put it up as it would require 2 persons and this is unacceptable due to current social distancing restrictions.

However, looking on the bright side, we have been able to spend lots of time on our allotments which are situated off Plunch Lane in Limeslade, between Langcliff Park and Rossers Field. We hope to be able to continue with our "shed" project as soon as restrictions are eased. We are very grateful to Mumbles Community Council for the grant and are looking forward to getting the project up and running before the autumn weather arrives.

## Newton Neighbourhood Friends Christmas Lunch

Newton Neighbourhood Friends is a very small local charity managed by four trustees all living in the Newton/Mumbles area. We provide companionship to those older members of our community who find themselves missing friends and family for one reason or another.



*Cllr Rob Marshall hosting the quiz*

Our companions visit whenever it suits their friends - usually on a weekly basis. They chat, maybe over a cup of tea. Wonderful friendships have been established as a result of these visits.

We are grateful for support from Patrick's, who have paid for our telephone since our inauguration. Also, we thank Newton Village Hall, Woollacotts the butcher and Penguin Recruitment for their support.

We also, thank Mumbles Community Council for their continued support. For the last 3 years MCC have funded our Christmas lunch. Mid December we have provided a scrumptious festive lunch in Newton Village Hall (homemade by Caswell Catering). Approximately 50 friends and neighbours have joined us for lunch and entertainment, including carols sung by our little friends in Newton Primary School.

This annual event has been so very successful but would not have been possible without funding and support from MCC.

## New Taps for Lower Norton Allotment Group

The Lower Norton Allotment Group were delighted to receive a grant to the value of £500 to install water taps at the top of their allotment which is situated on the side of a hill. The original water taps were situated at the bottom of the hill which made hard work for those with allotments at the top of the hill!



Through this grant we now have two taps situated at the top of the allotment. Some of the allotment holders are in the late 60s and 70s and this improvement has made a huge difference to the accessibility of the site.

We are re-energised with this financial investment by MCC and even though under lockdown, we are using the allotment as part of our daily exercise. Members new and old appreciate the difference this grant has made and we hope to continue with the clearing up of the allotment as many plots were previously neglected and ensure it remains a valued community facility.

## New Goals for Mumbles Rangers

We are grateful for the funding from MCC for the goals which will make a huge difference to the pitches for next season. We haven't ordered yet but will shortly do so.

They are roll-on, roll-off goals on the first team pitch and will enable the club to protect goal areas during the season. The other two pitches will have new fixed goals.

## Outdoor Improvements for St David's Primary School

**We are grateful to Mumbles Community Council for our grant which we've used to improve the outdoor area of our school.**

As a school we feel 'Health and Well-being' needs to be at the forefront for all our community. The money has been used to purchase outdoor equipment which includes a story chair and balance beams. The story chair can be accessed for all our school community, it can be teacher led or children are able to lead their own stories while sitting on the chair. Reading is such a huge focus that the chair has inspired children and adults to read.

The use of play equipment and being outdoors has been proved to improve the mental health of children. The school ensures that children complete 1K a day and also have physical exercise. The grant has allowed us to expand our equipment and give children opportunities to try out different things. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using this and they look forward to going outdoors.

## Defibrillator for Mayals Primary School

**Back in the Summer holidays, our community defibrillator unit was unfortunately stolen and vandalised. In the process of raising funds, to replace the stolen unit, we made a grant application to the Mumbles Community Council. We were thrilled when we heard back from the council, informing us that they had granted us £1000, towards the costs.**

Adding these funds to what we had already raised, meant we were able to purchase a new defibrillator unit and wall bracket; so that we can now store the unit safely, within our school foyer. This is an invaluable resource to our community, that we are very glad to have back. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Mumbles Community Council for their support and kindness.

**Leon Cox** - Headteacher - Mayals Primary School



## Mumbles Christmas Lights

Mumbles Traders were grateful to receive a contribution from the public funds held by MCC to replace or maintain some of the Christmas lights on Newton Road.

Cllr Gareth Ford, Vice-Chair of MCC, joined The Wave and Alun Wyn Jones to turn on the Christmas lights in Mumbles.



## Mumbles Rugby Club – Cracker 7's 2019

Mumbles Rugby Club were delighted to receive a grant of £900 towards the cost of staging the annual Cracker 7's tournament in Underhill Park.

The event was a huge success which undoubtedly was not only due to the fantastic weather but the support we received from Mumbles Community Council. With MCC support we were able to extend the event over two days which allowed us to arrange for a charity game to take place on Saturday with the Cracker 7's tournament providing a suitable finale to the weekend.

Both Sarcoma UK and MIND were the beneficiaries of the proceeds donated by a huge crowd who attended both events. Our thanks again to MCC for their continued support for what has become such an important event in the social calendar of the Mumbles Community.

## Mumbles Food Festival

Mumbles Community Council donated £4,000 towards the Mumbles Food Festival that took place in Southend Gardens in November.

Many foodies braved the rain to enjoy stalls and food demonstrations from local restaurants and Mathew Pritchard, The Dirty Vegan. A great weekend was had by all who attended.



## Budget 2020/21

Items	Amount £	Items	Amount £
<b>Office Costs</b>		<b>General Fund</b>	
Broadband and Telephone	900	Insurance	1,700
Stationery	600	Subscriptions	300
Postage	200	Scribe Accounting Package	500
Photocopying	600	Survey Monkey	350
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,300</u></b>	Audit Fee	5,500
		One Voice Wales	2,800
<b>Ostreme Centre</b>		Storage	1,400
Rent	15,000	Elections	5,000
Electricity	1,800	Royal Mail Reply Service	100
Gas	1,400	Rental for Parish Online Maps	250
Water	600	Miscellaneous	2,000
Insurance	1,300	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>19,900</u></b>
Minor Maintenance	1,000		
Annual Gas Safety Check	200	<b>Community and Social Well-Being Committee</b>	
Annual Fire Alarm Check (2)	300	Small and Medium Grants	60,000
Annual Fire Extinguisher Check	100	Large Capital Grants	
Burglar Alarm Contract	150	(Underhill Changing Rooms and Toilets)	200,000
Rent - Ostreme Community Association	-7,000	Skatepark	330,000
Loan Repayment	-5,000	Skatepark Assumed Grant	-200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>9,850</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>390,000</u></b>
<b>Payroll</b>			
Salary	8,000		
Pension - Employers Contributions	10,900		
National Insurance - Employers Contributions	2,700		
Chair's Remuneration	1,500		
Committee Chair's Remuneration	2,500		
Councillor's Remuneration	2,700		
Accountants Fees (Payroll)	200		
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>78,500</u></b>		

Items	Amount £
<b>Cultural Well-Being Committee</b>	
Twinning	1,500
Christmas Motifs	5,800
Christmas Trees (Inc. Picket Mead Living Trees)	7,100
Inspection of Southend Tree	500
New Christmas Motifs (2)	1,200
New Lights - West Cross Christmas Tree	1,000
Mumbles Fest	20,000
Community Parties	2,000
Schools Competition	1,000
Mumbles Food Festival	7,500
Mumbles Guided Walks	1,500
Digital Archive	8,000
Event Income	-7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>49,600</u></b>

<b>Economic Well-Being Committee</b>	
Commercial and Residential Painting Grants	2,500
Ostremer Centre - Development Costs	20,000
Planning Applications	5,000
Road Safety	10,000
Cleansing - Bus Shelters	1,000
Cleansing - Winter Opening Southend Toilet	4,000
Low Speed Environments - Shared Space	10,000
Sanrtander Bike Hub - Blackpill	5,000
Solar Powered Public Lighting Schemes	5,000
Mumbles Road Refuse Collection Point	10,000
Small Business Grant Scheme	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>92,500</u></b>

Items	Amount £
<b>Environment Well-Being Committee</b>	
Civic Amenities - Street Furniture	11,000
Floral Decorations	9,150
Wildflowers	500
Landscaping Community Buildings	500
Flora in Schools	3,500
Cleansing - General/Dog Poo - 4 hours per day	14,100
Mumbles in Bloom - Contestant	100
Mumbles in Bloom - Competition	2,000
Environmental Engagement Officer - Resources	5,000
Community Orchard	600
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>46,450</u></b>

<b>Joint Enabling Committee</b>	
Multimedia Consultant	5,000
Website, Email, Media Management	700
Website and Email Hosting and Domain Name	1,500
IT Support	800
Marketing/Publicity Leaflets and Posters	5,000
Marketing Plan	1,000
Newsletter Printing	1,900
Newsletter Distribution	1,750
Training Courses and Associated Costs	3,000
Community Consultation	3,000
Evaluation Services	5,000
Honour of Mumbles	500
Tourism Plan - Improved Signage	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>31,150</u></b>

<b>Budget Sub Total</b>	<b>720,250</b>
Add Contingency	121,225
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>841,475</b>
Less Funded from Earmarked Reserves	271,580

**Budget Requirement 2020/21** **569,625**



# Mumbles

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