

# Rosemarket Community News & Information

Rosemarket Community Council

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## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As COVID rules and regulations continue to impact our everyday lives, Rosemarket Community Council would like to assure you of our continued concern for all in our community. We'd like to remind you that if you or someone you know in Rosemarket needs help, please do get in touch and we will do our best to arrange for someone to provide you with the information or support you need.

## ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY COUNCIL - UPDATE

Below is a list of your community councillors, all of whom live in the village. We want to hear your ideas and concerns and will always do our best to provide help and support. We are often out & about around the village, usually with our dogs.

David Hancock – Chairman (lives in Middle Street): 01646 600 508

Jill Gibson – Deputy Chairman (lives on The Beacon): 01646 600 853

Steve Davies (lives in Front Street): 01646 601 564

Caroline Haley (lives in The Glades): 0784 344 7298

John O'Boyle (lives on The Beacon): 07725 317 790

Peter Horton, Clerk: 01437 731 713 Email: [rosemarketcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarketcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

We are very happy to welcome Tamsin Moore as a new member of Rosemarket Community Council, following the decision to co-opt her onto the community council in July's meeting.

**Rhys Jones** retired from the Community Council at the end of 2020, having served Rosemarket for over 20 years. We were also very sad at the death of **Barbara Summons MBE** earlier this year. Barbara was a very well-known member of the community with many decades of service to the village. With the blessing of Barbara's family, we are planning a memorial bench and tree at The Beacon in her memory.

Minutes of Rosemarket Community Council meetings are published online, together with a number of other documents:

[www.pembstcc.co.uk/rosemarket-community-council](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk/rosemarket-community-council)

Copies of the Minutes are also posted on the noticeboards around the village.

## VILLAGE MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS

The **Bus shelters and benches** around the village are in need of cleaning and painting. We are sourcing tradesmen to undertake this work and hope to have it completed before the end of the Summer.

The **recycling area** at the bottom of the village is also looking a bit 'tired'. Pembrokeshire County Council have agreed to cover the cost of materials for re-painting the fence if we undertake the work ourselves. We hope to have this completed in the coming months.

We have recently undertaken routine maintenance and defibrillator pad replacement of the two **defibrillator** units in the village. These are located outside the village hall and on the bus shelter at the bottom of Middle Street.

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The **noticeboards** around the village have had a bit of a clean and tidy-up. We have also replaced the perspex cover of the noticeboard outside the village hall, following some vandalism earlier this year.

As local events and activities begin to re-start, we will once again display relevant information for residents. If you are aware of any events, activities or organisations that may be of interest to residents, please get in touch to arrange for them to be displayed in the noticeboards. If you are a local tradesman or provide a service that residents may be interested in and would like to display your contact details in our noticeboards, please get in touch.

## **ROAD SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE**

We are in communication with Pembrokeshire County Council regarding **pot holes** on the access roads to the village. Recent works have been undertaken to repair the most urgent of these – namely those on the stretch of road toward Milford Haven, just down from The Huntsman.

The wonky road sign on the corner of West Street and the road towards Johnston has been repaired and is no longer wonky.

In June, members of Rosemarket Community Council met with a Traffic & Road Safety Engineer from Pembrokeshire County Council to assess **road and highway safety** in the village and consider some of the issues raised in last year's Community Questionnaire. We have submitted a grant funding request for the purchase and installation of driver feedback signage, similar to that used in Neyland.

Pembrokeshire County Council will be undertaking a speed survey in the village over the coming months.

## **PLAYGROUND ON THE BEACON**

**New swings** were installed last Autumn to replace the previous swings, which were worn and beyond repair.

We are currently seeking to replace the **multi-play slide equipment** which is aged and in need of updating.

Following a ruling by the Welsh Government earlier this year, smoking is now illegal within children's playgrounds and suitable '**No Smoking**' signage must be displayed. We will be installing this signage soon.

A **new gate** has been installed at the pathway leading onto the Beacon from the top of Front Street. This followed concerns from residents about children and dogs running onto the road.

## **FOOTPATH UP TO THE CYCLE TRACK ALONGSIDE OLD RAILWAY BRIDGE**

Following requests from some residents, an application is being made to Pembrokeshire County Council to register a footpath up the side of the old railway bridge onto the cycle track. This includes the submission of 'Evidence Forms' demonstrating use by members of the public during the last 20 years. We are grateful to have had responses from a number of residents whose recollections of using the access path many years ago have been both interesting and helpful.

A successful application would enable measures to be taken to enable safer use by walkers and dog walkers alike.

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## **DOG FOULING**

Whilst feedback from residents indicates an improvement, there still seems to be some dog walkers who don't clean up after their dogs. Please continue to be vigilant and report any offenders to Pembrokeshire County Council who take this problem seriously and can issue fines.

## **TREE PLANTING / VILLAGE LANDSCAPING**

Feedback from our Community Questionnaire last year was wholly in favour of a tree planting initiative in Rosemarket.

The COVID pandemic has so far prevented us from progressing this too much further, although we have met with and taken advice from Pembrokeshire County Council, as well as exploring grant funding that is available. We hope to be able to move this initiative forward during the coming months. We'd be interested to hear from residents who would like to get involved with all aspects of tree planting and village landscaping.

## ***IN OTHER NEWS.....***

### **LITTER PICKING**

We would like to thank residents for their efforts in litter-picking around the village in recent months. Members of Rosemarket Community Council have also been out litter-picking around the village and continue to do so when possible.

The Community Council has a supply of litter-picking equipment available for use on a short-term loan basis.

If you would like to undertake your own litter pick using this equipment, please contact David Hancock

[david133hancock@gmail.com](mailto:david133hancock@gmail.com) / 01646 600 508.

### **ROSEMARKET LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Following interest from a number of residents since last year's Community Questionnaire, consideration is being given to the re-forming a local history group for Rosemarket. This could involve meetings with speakers, capturing & exhibiting local stories and old photographs, as well as research projects.

Anyone interested is asked to please contact Caroline Haley [c.haley379@btinternet.com](mailto:c.haley379@btinternet.com) / 0784 344 7298.

### **WAR MEMORIAL FOR ROSEMARKET**

To commemorate the men lost in WW1 and WW2, Rosemarket has a small oak panel on the wall inside the church and a memorial plaque on the wall in the village hall. Several residents have raised the possibility of having a more traditional, free-standing memorial – possibly in the grounds of St Ismael's church. Rosemarket Community Council is exploring this on their behalf.

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## **PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WASTE & RECYCLING CENTRES: HAVE YOUR SAY**

The Pembrokeshire public is being asked for its views on the future operation of Waste and Recycling Centres (WRCs) in the County.

A public consultation has launched and puts forward potential options for residents to provide feedback. It follows examination of data that showed at some sites less than 30% of available slots at WRCS are being booked. And, against a backdrop of ongoing changes to recycling legislation from the Welsh Government and increasing financial pressures, it has been decided to undertake a review of the WRCs.

Pembrokeshire County Council currently operates six WRCs across the County.

The consultation provides two options to balance the needs of the public as far as practically possible with the statutory level of service and budgetary constraints. They are:

Option 1: Reduce the number of WRC sites operated by Pembrokeshire County Council.

Option 2: Rationalise the opening hours of all WRCs based on data. This could include changes to opening days / hours at WRCs.

Views are also sought on:

- The retention of the WRCs booking system
- The range of materials collected at WRCs across Pembrokeshire – i.e. do all sites need to accept all materials or should some just focus on recycling and reuse options?
- The range of non-domestic materials which incur charges

The consultation is now live at <https://haveyoursay.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/> and closes on Monday, 9th August 2021.

If you cannot access the consultation online there are hard copies available from Pembrokeshire County Council on 01437 764551.

## **ROSEMARKET COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION – FUTURE EDITIONS**

We would like to hear from anyone with ideas for a name or logo for future editions of this newsletter, together with any suggestions of topics for inclusion. Please contact Peter Horton [rosemarketcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarketcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

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