

Message from Kidwelly Town Mayor, Cllr Dena Lloyd-Waterford

Little did I know back in February of this year when I was elected as Town Mayor, that my life and yours would change within a few months.

To be sworn in on computer using “zoom” was an experience in itself.

It was such a shock to us all when this awful pandemic of Covid-19 spread throughout the world. We have all been affected, some more than others. But our community pulled together to help each other where we could.

I would like to thank all who have gone above and beyond to help our community.

I have attended a small event in our community with my consort Mr Jonathan Hawkins, we both look forward to seeing you all again very soon as does my Deputy Councillor Andrew Jenkins.

It's my honour and privilege to serve as Town Mayor of this historic ancient town.

We must however acknowledge that this pandemic is still with us.

Please all keep safe and well, and as Her Majesty the Queen said “We will meet again”

Kind regards to you all.

Cllr Dena Lloyd Waterford



Mayor of Kidwelly Town Council

Community Groups £30,000 support

The coronavirus pandemic has meant that many community groups and organisations have struggled. Additional restrictions have meant many groups have not been able to continue as normal and are facing increasing financial pressures.

Kidwelly Town Council has awarded local community groups £30,600 since the beginning of the financial year in April. This includes the community hall at Princess Gwenllian Centre, Mynyddygarreg Hall, Kidwelly Parks and Sporting Association who run the playing fields and facilities at Parc Stephens, local dementia charity Ty Golau, as well as a number of smaller organisations.

The council is currently planning its budget for the next financial year, so if any constituted community organisations within Kidwelly and Mynyddygarreg require financial assistance, please put your request through to the town council office as soon as possible.

Shining a light on our Heritage

Kidwelly Town Council has invested £5,000 on new lights and weatherproof boxes for the Castle.

While the castle itself is managed by heritage body CADW, the footpaths and lighting around the outside of the Castle are managed by the Town Council. This funding will allow the castle, an important part of Kidwelly's history, to continue to be lit.

Investing in our parks

Following the transfer of a number community parks in Kidwelly and Mynyddygarreg from Carmarthenshire County Council to Kidwelly Town Council in 2018, the town council has been continuing in its investment programme to improve facilities.

Working with local community groups, accessing grant funding as well as investing council funds, a number of park have seen investment in recent years.

Mynyddygarreg Park received £98,000 of new play equipment in 2018 through grant funding, with Kidwelly town council contributing a further £13,000 for a multi-use games area on the former tennis courts.

Parc Stephens saw a £5,000 investment in new accessible play equipment thanks to a grant accessed by the Parc Stephens Accessible Play Park Community group added to a £10,000 investment by Kidwelly Town Council. The council has agreed to fund a further £48,000 this year for a second phase of play equipment.

Cofio Grav at Mynyddygarreg Park will also receive three new benches this year, to replace some existing worn and broken benches, at a cost of £1,700.

Future plans agreed by the council include earmarking £30,000 towards improving Ger y Gwendraeth Park.

Kidwelly in Bloom

Kidwelly in Bloom is an annual floral competition for Kidwelly and Mynyddgarreg, and despite the coronavirus pandemic there was plenty of entries again this year.

There were four, independently judged categories, with the judge commenting that entries for all were at a high quality with very different displays demonstrating a variety of colourful floral arrangements.



OVERALL WINNER OF KIDWELLY IN BLOOM 2020 - Mr Neville Davies



BEST OVER 25FT GARDEN

- 1st - Mr Neville Davies
- 2nd - Mr Julian Richards
- 3rd - Mr Mark Thomas

BEST UNDER 25ft GARDEN

- 1st - Mr Nick a Mrs Lynda Lewis
- 2nd - Mrs Dawn Mellis
- 3rd - Mr Peter Williams

BEST HANGING BASKETS

- 1st - Mr Julian Richards
- 2nd - Mr Nick a Mrs Lynda Lewis
- 3rd - Mr Neville Davies

BEST CONTAINERS

- 1st - Mr Peter Williams
- 2nd - Mr Nick a Mrs Lynda Lewis
- 3rd - Mr Julian Richards



All winners and runners up were all presented with certificates and vouchers. Wall plaques were also given to all first prize winners plus a Kidwelly in Bloom cup was presented to the overall winner of 2020.

Kidwelly in Bloom chairperson County Councillor Jeanette Gilasbey would like to thank everyone in the community for entering this year's Kidwelly In Bloom Competition 2020.

Jeanette would also like to thank this year's sponsors: Autumn Leaf, Funeral Directors; Burns Pet Food; IWEC; and Castle newsagents for all their kindness and support.

Jeanette would like to thank the Kidwelly Allotments Society for allowing the presentations to be held in their open day which was held on 8 August.