



# The Pantllan Reporter

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## Llanymynech Community Project

The Parish Council led this exciting Heritage Lottery funded project throughout 2005 and on to April 2006. The bid was made to Your Heritage for a cash grant of £34,800 towards total project costs of £57,397, the difference being made up with match funding from other organisations, such as British Waterways, Shropshire Union Canal Society and lots of volunteer effort. The volunteer effort is used for match funding and it amounted to £17,500!

The most noticeable feature is the limestone sculpture at the entrance to the Heritage Area. The sculpture is the work of Anthony Lysyca, M.A. (R.C.A.) who worked on site for two months and involved local people in the interpretation and local school children in carving workshops. The work was unveiled by two children involved in the carving at a public event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October attended by over 150 people. The sculpture depicts the history of the area, as well as the natural environment and features a carved seat at the rear, which will be a pleasant spot to sit overlooking the canal wharf and visitor centre. The visitor centre has had a number of items funded through the project, which will enable people to learn more about the area via displays etc. Benches have been installed in the Heritage Area, usually in pleasant spots for a rest or nearby a particular feature. Heritage Information Notice board, new signs and interpretive panels, new litter bin by the canal are other features of the project.

Preserving our past and making this wonderful area accessible to all has been one of the main aims of the project and there are three major accomplishments that have achieved this. First, the website: [www.llanymynech.org.uk](http://www.llanymynech.org.uk) which is accessible to all via Llanymynech Village Hall Broadplace. The site is well worth a visit



and contains up to date information on the Parish Council, past Agendas, Minutes and the Pantllan Reporter. Also details of village organisations and pages on history, articles, photographs and so much more. Secondly the Llanymynech Heritage Brochure; this is a very collectible wallet containing sheets on all aspects of the area, as well as information for tourists on where to stay or enjoy a meal. The brochure is available in the Wharf Visitor Centre as well as all the Tourist Information Centres in surrounding towns. Finally, the social history archive, a DVD of peoples' memories from the past recorded in the village at various events and a wall hanging depicting some of their faces.

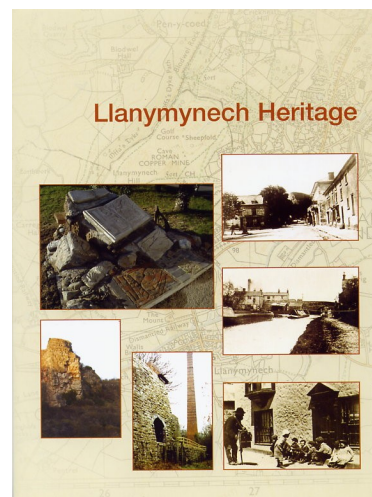
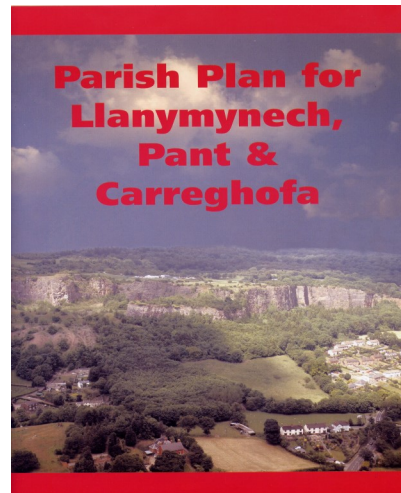


Photo at top of page is part of the limestone sculpture.

Pictured left is the cover of the heritage brochure

## PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan group produced the final Plan in January 2006 and it is a well produced document with an Action Plan for the future. The Group, Chaired by Cllr Terry Mason and co-ordinated by Cllr Mrs. Jennie Crosier have done a tremendous amount of work since their first meeting in April 2004. The Plan was funded by a grant of £3,000 from what was called The Countryside Agency and copies have been sent to all the Agencies and Oswestry Borough Council.



## VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT



Cllr Peter McConville has been leading on producing a Design Statement for the village following on from the Parish Plan. At the July Parish Council meeting Oswestry Borough Council and the Community Council of Shropshire were both on hand to advise on how this could be done. The Parish Council are keen to produce the Statement, which would become a Supplementary Planning Document to which the Planning Authority would have to refer when planning applications are submitted for the

## THE BYPASS

Prior to the election, we were waiting for the Bypass to be prioritised by the Regional Transport Board of the West Midland Regional Assembly. Once the election was over, the Regional Transport Board was set up and eventually met to decide on all transport schemes in the West Midlands. This meant that 'Our Bypass' was up against proposals for New Street Station in Birmingham or bus schemes in Coventry, so the benefit of the Bypass on the West Midlands as a whole did not rate very highly. It is still in the Road Improvement Programme, so we have to keep on trying. A new Action Group called H.E.L.P. are working on ideas and actions to keep the Bypass in the forefront of the Regional Assembly and the Welsh Assembly.



Street entertainment on the A483—not in 2006, although the building should be recognisable.

# ENVIRONMENT

The major, major problem all local authorities face is the hazard caused by thoughtless dog owners not clearing up their dog's waste and Llanymynech and Pant is no exception. We have so many lovely walks, footpaths, tow paths and lanes as well as three playing fields and a village green all of which are littered with dog excreta. There are sufficient litter bins throughout the parish and dog waste can be disposed of into the bins in a suitable plastic bag. The new Clean Neighbourhood Act gives the Parish Council the power to issue fixed penalty fines and this may be the only answer in the future.

**Further Information**

**Remember the Countryside Code:**

- Be safe – plan ahead and follow any signs even when going out locally
- Leave gates and property as you find them;
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home;
- Keep dogs under close control;
- Consider other people.

[www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)

**Walking is good for you!**  
Walking five times a week for 30 minutes helps you keep healthy.

**Other walks in Shropshire**  
Information on other walks in Shropshire can be found by visiting:

[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

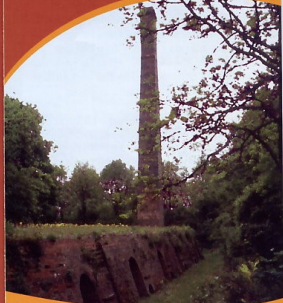
  
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A walk taking in Llanymynech's industrial heritage

## Hoffman Hike

Whatever your interests – beautiful countryside, wildlife, exercise, something to do with the kids – these walks are for you!



Enjoy our walks and improve your health!

# FUNDING AND DONATIONS



This year the Precept was £12,720 (equivalent to £22.27 per Band D property for the year). Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act the Council is able to make donations ; this year the organisations supported have been Oswestry CAB, Oswestry Community Action (Dial-a-Rde), The Severn Hospice, West Shropshire Talking Newspaper for the Blind, Oswestry Womens Aid and The Samaritans, each receiving £20. In addition £84 was given to St. Agathas PCC for the maintenance of the Church Clock, £150 to Carreghofa Community Council towards the insurance premium of the mower for the Burial Ground and £50 to the Duchess Countess Trust for the George Watson Buck canal trip boat.

# WHO ARE THE PARISH COUNCILLORS?



The Chairperson is Cllr Adam Brown. Other Councillors are Mrs. Jennie Crosier, Mrs. Dilys Gaskill (also County and Borough Councillor for the Ward) Les Griffiths, Leigh Northcott-Hammond, Bob Jones, Mark Keaveny, Peter McConville, Terry Mason, Ian Pollitt and Mrs. Janet Smith. Mrs. Vivien Byrne is the Clerk.

# PLAY EQUIPMENT



The annual inspection of the Play Equipment had found a number of faults which had been repaired and the springy rider at Llanymynech had been replaced at a total cost of £963. In September 2005 the multi play unit at Llanymynech had deteriorated considerably and required removal. It was agreed with the contractor that a small section could be retained and the rest was removed at a cost of £165. A number of residents had put their names forward during the Parish Plan to help with fund raising for new equipment on the two playing fields; the present equipment is nearly 14 years old. In January 2006 Oswestry Borough Council were offered the opportunity to bid for £200,000 from the Big Lottery towards Play in the Borough, but would have to come forward with a partnership arrangement to secure the money. The Play Partnership has been duly formed and Mrs. Sheila Dixon and Mr. Dave Searle have been attending meetings and reporting to the Parish Council. They

will be supported by Cllr Ian Pollitt, who was involved in the original Play Committee. They are hoping to form a new Play Committee for the villages (including Carreghofa), which will operate as a sub-committee of the Parish Council. When new development takes place of an estate type, such as the old concrete works, a sum of money will be reserved for the villages' play equipment and this, together with grant funding, will enable the playing fields to be re-equipped. The Playing Fields are in the process of being fitted with new fencing and gates, which will cost over £1,000 and two new benches have been installed at Llanymynech. The Council supports other organisations in their efforts with play or sport and has written in support of both Llanymynech Junior Football Club and Llanymynech Tennis Club for grant funding this year.



A rare photo from 2006 [no traffic!] Compare this with the hurdy-gurdy entertainment on page 2