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**SENEDD REPORT – January 2024**



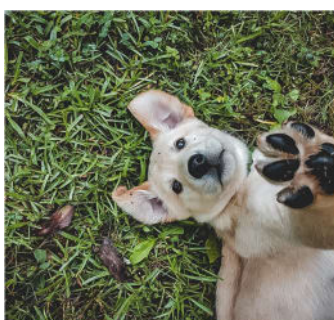
## Christmas Card Competition

Each year I invite local schools to design my Christmas Card which then gets sent out to over 500 local people.

This year the pupils of Danygraig Primary School in Port Tennant were involved and the winner was Scarlett from Year 4/5 and the runners up were Phoebe and Connie Rae, both from Year 5/6.

I would like to thank all the pupils who took part this year, their enthusiasm and commitment is truly inspiring!

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON STRENGTHENING ANIMAL



A consultation where people in Wales can help to shape proposals to modernise and improve animal welfare is now open.

The consultation is the first step in a process to create a national model for Wales, which would regulate standards

and strengthen animal welfare. The consultation explores how animal activities- such as pet day care, pet groomers and dog play parks- are currently regulated and licensed in Wales, and how these processes could be made better.

Following high public interest, greyhound racing is one of the 12 topics people will be asked their views on.

The consultation which can be found here

<https://www.gov.wales/licensing-animal-welfare-establishments-activities-and-exhibits> is open until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## THE WELSH GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN TACKLING ILLEGAL VAPE MARKET



Last month, the Welsh Government announced that it would fund Trading Standards Wales to help tackle illegal vaping. This will involve Trading Standards undertaking test purchasing, intelligence gathering and organising checks at ports to ensure the removal of illegal and dangerous products.

The sale of illegal vapes is currently a large scale problem, which includes the products being supplied to children. The Welsh Government are committed to working with partners to put a stop to this issue.



# SOCIAL PRESCRIBING GROWS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Social prescribing helps to connect individuals to groups and services within their communities, which can boost and improve all aspects of life and wellbeing.

Social Prescribing is tailored to individuals- someone may benefit from a gardening or exercise club, while someone else may benefit from help to manage their debts.

Last month, the Welsh Government launched a new

National Framework for Social Prescribing, to better empower individuals to meet their needs and access services.

Last year, there was an increase in referrals of social prescribing across Wales. The Welsh Government are committed to developing this approach, which tackles isolation and gives people more choice and control over their lives.

You can find out more about the framework here <https://www.gov.wales/national-framework-social-prescribing>

## ACTIVITY DURING

### DECEMBER 2023

#### Senedd questions

Steel

Swansea Buses

Energy

Sened Members Pension fund

#### Speeches

Welsh Government Budget

Less Survivable Cancers

River Pollution

Regulation of Debt Collectors

Child Poverty & Education

#### Meet

Race Equality First

Less Survivable Cancers

Ynystawe School

Glyncollen School

Plasmarl School

Danygraig School

Morrison Primary School

Bishop Vaughan School

Bonymaen Foodbank

Bonymaen 10 O'clock Club

Community Centre Jersey Park

#### Sport

Penlan Rugby home

Penlan Football home

Clase v St Josephs

Treboeth Football

Ynystawe Football home

#### Surgery

Brynhyfryd Library

Llansamlet Library

#### Articles

Nation Cymru- Why Jeremy Miles?

Politically speaking Evening

Post- South West Wales

Economy

Swansea Bay Economy – Nation

Cymru

## WORKPLACE RECYCLING LAW ADDS TO WALES' IMPRESSIVE GREEN RECORD

A new law passed in the Senedd last month will add to Wales' proactive approach to tackling the climate crisis.

In the same way that many households across Wales are already doing, The Workplace Recycling Regulations will ask all business, public and third sector workplaces to separate key recyclable materials.

This move will increase recycling, reduce the amount of landfill waste and improve the quality of recyclable materials collected from workplaces.

## Get in touch

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## ADVICE SURGERIES

5 January Brynhyfryd Library 3-4 pm

12 January Morrison Library 3-4pm

19 January – Penlan Library 2-3pm

25 January – St Thomas Library 3-3.30pm

26 January – Llansamlet Library 3-4pm