

CRUCORNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2025-2026

The Chairperson wished to thank all Community Councillors, the Clerk, County Councillor David Jones and the Pandy Hall Management Committee for their ongoing commitment and support over the past year.

The chairperson also welcomed a new councillor who started during the year, namely Clr Arwyn Woodford ('Woody') who had replaced Clr Richard Morgan-Evans who had moved to the Lake District.

The Council has continued with face-to-face meetings in the village hall with the facility for members of the public to join the meeting on Zoom as well as being present in person at the village hall.

The Clerk had submitted the council's external audit for its Triennial Full Audit for 2024-2025 on time with all deadlines met. Audit Wales had issued a qualified report which had been amended positively with the help of One Voice Wales, although some issues remained according to Audit Wales.

Crucorney Community Council's activities and achievements this year have included :

1. Land and Stone Building Company had installed a new patio area together with improving the raised area adjoining the play park.
2. New fencing with a security gate had been installed between the play area and the former bowling green.
3. As part of the ongoing biodiversity project, an automatic watering system had been installed for the planters and further flowering shrubs had been purchased for planting in the spring of 2026-2027.
4. The Community Council had agreed financial help towards the Speed Awareness Scheme for Llanvihangel Crucorney.
5. The Community Council had agreed to help with the funding of a new Poppy Display for Remembrance Day. The scheme was in the hands of several veterans living in the area.
6. Following comments from Audit Wales, a training scheme had been put into action with 2 councillors already benefiting from 3 training courses.

7. The Community Council had continued with its membership of the Monmouthshire County Council 'Give Dog Fouling the Red Card' Scheme. The appropriate MCC legal signage had now been installed as well as further signage around the area.
8. As was to be expected from previous experience, no progress had been made with SWTRA and the Welsh Government re excessive speed on the A465.
9. Owing to the ongoing flooding and sewage problems in the area, a lot of work had been done by the Community Council , County Councillor David Jones, Senedd Member Peter Fox and local residents to make the authorities aware of what problems the area continued to experience through flooding and an inadequate sewage infrastructure, especially when further substantial 'new build residences' were being proposed by the MCC Planning Authority. This work had included attendance at a Planning Committee Meeting at County Hall where a final decision on a particular controversial planning application had been discussed and deferred with representatives of the Crucorney area speaking against such proposals.

During 2026-2027, Councillors hoped to continue with their attempts to get the authorities to improve the sewerage infrastructure throughout the area, to continue with their attempts to install some further speed restrictions on the A465, to purchase some extra children's furniture for the play area, to arrange a survey for all residents in the area to put forward any improvements for the community that they may wish to see, to continue with the biodiversity project, to arrange an investigation of the drainage system around the village hall, to liaise with the village hall management committee re further improvements, e.g., new blinds for the hall and to investigate the installation of insulation in relevant roof spaces.

The Chairperson stated that she had enjoyed her position and that it was a pleasure to work with all councillors ,the Clerk and the HMC who dedicate their time to deal with issues and improve facilities for the community.

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(Chairperson of Crucorney Community Council)