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Cathays Monthly Update – September 2021

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September 2021 comments:

CLOSURE of Co-Op Crwys – November 2021

Some of you have heard that Co-Op Crwys Shop will close in November, the announcement was made on 2nd September when the excellent Lindsay Robinson, our local Co-Op manager had to inform the staff.

Since taking over in 2016/2017 Lindsay has driven a lot of support behind the Cathays community and has been quietly behind a lot of the grants that have helped fund the community ventures that many of you have pioneered like the Cathays Fair, the Xmas lights, the resources for the various volunteer groups, books for schools etc.

Thank you to Lindsay, the Co-Op Crwys team and the customers for invigorating the shop in recent years. They will all be missed when the store closes down at some point in November 2021.

Does your business wish to do a presentation to raise your profile?

Cath, Alex and the team of Ffotogallery are looking for local businesses to give presentations at the 'Beer and Pizza' events on the last Thursday of each month.

Please contact ***Cath@Ffotogallery.org*** if you are interested in giving a talk on your business!

Spraying Weedkiller – yes even in September!!

Some of our families have neighbours with seriously overgrown weeds that inevitably affect their own gardens. Between the local green space volunteers we can help out with spraying entire gardens if necessary. We ask for £5-00p to cover the weed killer (which is about 10 litres used per garden – depending on how bad the overgrowth of weeds are!).

Once again – we politely encourage organic/environmentally friendly weedkiller to be sprayed by neighbours. If your back garden is really overgrown – give us a shout (via this email) and we can see if we can help out!

Potential national Insolvency in 2022/2023?

From confidential conversations with 5 of our local families – they are suffering incredibly hard conditions at present and may be declared bankrupt in the near future. One of ther biggest problems is people do not know where to go for advice! It may be in a post lockdown world – a lot of insolvencies may happen across the UK the next few years given the horrific financial constraints many people are suffering!

If you are a family facing real constraints, job loss, debt etc – PLEASE go to the Speakeasy on Richmond road and set up a meeting to discuss your financial situation!

September: Foodbank Cathays

Deposit in Foodbank Boxes at Sainsbury's, Lidl, Co-Operative etc. – Cardiff Foodbank are short of many things: ***please donate!!***

- **FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE) 1 LITRE**
- **MILK (UHT LONG LIFE 1 LITRE)**
- **SPONGE PUDDINGS**
- **SAVOURY SNACKS (CRISPS, CRACKERS ETC)**
- **CONFECTIONERY (CHOCOLATE/SWEETS)**
- **JARS OF COFFEE**
- **RICE PUDDING**
- **SHAMPOO**
- **DEODORANT**
- **KETCHUP**
- **TOOTHPASTE**

Please be aware this could change very quickly in February – so please check out the Cardiff Foodbank link: ***https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/***

Every single donation in 2021 will help a great deal in these difficult times!

Thank you to all who contribute!

Gauri – Cardiff Foodbank

Cathays Christmas Carols

A few smaller video meetings have happened between the various people involved with Cathays Compass (in last 12 months) and they look forward to setting up new community events (hopefully the 4th Cathays Fair) will happen in Summer 2022.

For the end of 2021 there will be some form of Cathays Community Christmas Carols being held – for now it is just about planning out the safety in a post lockdown time/period.

In 2022 there are a lot of micro projects being planned by many people for your community. So many of you have great ideas, experience and skills to make a lot of these community ventures in the 2020's happen!

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Repair Café Cathays @ Sherman Theatre – Saturday 4th September – from 10am!

Link: ***repaircafecathays@gmail.com***



Email: ***www.facebook.com/repaircafecathays***

REPAIR CAFE WALES

CATHAYS

Come and visit us again – we look forward to seeing you and your broken products to see if we can breathe new life into them!!

Clothing / Textiles, hardware such as hoovers, lawn mowers, clocks, broken electronics – you name it, bring it down to Sherman Theatre and our volunteer fixers will have a good at repairing your broken goods.

If you wish to enquire in advance – please do get in touch with repaircafecathays@gmail.com!

Macmillan 'Coffee Morning' @ Cathays Sports & Social – 24th-26th September

Website Link: ***http://www.cssc.ukpub.net/***



Every penny we raise means Macmillan can be right there for more people living with cancer.

Where: CATHAYS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Date: 24th - 26th SEPTEMBER 21 Time: 11 AM FRIDAY

Contact me for details: 154 - 158 CATHAYS TERRACE, 02920 220906

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Let's re-use – NOT throw away!!! What your community have achieved recently!



On a holistic level – so many of you have led by incredible example in the last 12 months. Yes the litter/waste problem has gone out of control, and you all see waste on many streets in Cathays. What you do not see amongst all the mess & chaos is the many positive acts that your neighbours have undertaken!

These families do not seek recognition, do not put pictures up on social media – they just do it because it is the right thing to do – looking after your neighbourhood!!

So many of you lead by example on multiple fronts ……. Particularly during the last incredibly difficult 12-15 months!

- Encouraging neighbours to put general waste on top of recycling waste bags will *partially* reduce the amount of bags torn up by the Seagulls!
- See clothing in the street – pick it up – take it home, wash it, dry it and put it into your charity bag for the local charity clothes shops!
- So much waste has been recovered from skips – as the families have asked the builders if they can recover the materials – which have been then used for local community projects!
- A Gwyneth Street 50 something resident weekly cleans their side of the street!
- One 40 something resident has collected in last 52 weeks between 120 and 150 pink bags of waste from doing litter picks 3 times a week at 6 – 7am in the morning (in July it was almost daily!)
- Three families who carved up all the weeds on one alley in Cathays – and composted the waste in their own back gardens encouraging a sustainable natural waste management system.
- Dozens of you stockpile the 'Red & Cream' general waste bags – and used it as part of outreach, welcoming in the new students in July when loads of them set up in new HMO's over July/August 2021, giving them a roll for their house to get them started before the annual 3 roll drop off happens in mid September. Many of you helped the new people moving in telling them to Google 'Cardiff Council Bin Days' to empower them with correct dates for putting bins out etc.
- Furthermore we fixed their Kerbside Caddies (approx. 50 of them on two streets) by screwing the lids and handles to reduce them getting broken off.
- We actively encourage our neighbours to not throw out when they leave their houses – yet put a sign up outside the house ***'Free to all'*** and on the social media of 'Connect Cathays', 'Overheard at Cardiff University' and 'Cathays Residents' pages etc. This lot put out was taken within 24 hours by grateful people!



Zero Waste Cardiff – give your free goods away to residents across Cardiff!!

Social Media: ***https://www.facebook.com/groups/1076414942822805/***

'Zero Waste', is a group in which residents of Cardiff can offer items for FREE so others may benefit. The aim is to reduce waste, especially of items that will inevitably end up in landfill ♻

This group was set up after seeing numerous posts by people asking where they could dispose of their unwanted items. With charity shops closed and clothes banks locked up (or over flowing), the public have taken to binning useful household goods like clothes, shoes, toys, even furniture, etc. I am pleased to say that many of these items have now been re-homed and Zero Waste Cardiff is doing exactly what I'd hoped for.

Please share your knowledge on how to up-cycle items, give advice on where items can be donated, discuss how to reduce our waste and adapt to a more sustainable living ❤

Nobody wants a million rules and regulations so we've kept it simple. Please familiarise yourself with the 'rules' before posting. If you wish to list an item, please give a description outlining the condition, post a pic and indicate your area for collection.

Most importantly, we are in a lockdown and whilst non essential travel is not permitted, items could be collected whilst out doing your daily shop or exercise. Please adhere to social distancing rules, leave items on the doorstop or a secure place for collection, zero human contact is absolutely necessary! Stay safe!!



Cardiff Residents/Volunteers from Zero Waste Cardiff



October 2021 – Cathays Monthly Update – please get your posters/invites in!

Once again – please do tell new any new community events, faith group events, independent businesses being set up or existing ones with offers !!

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Is anyone planning on doing a kids Halloween Party?

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Please do send any Halloween Party posters in!!!

Regards,

Paulus