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AMMANFORD TOWN COUNCIL

WINTER NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents,

It has been an honour to serve Ammanford Community as your Mayor. I have genuinely enjoyed seeing the positive changes happening across our town, especially in the places my family and I regularly visit, and seeing our community come together to enjoy the new events we have introduced. My chosen charities, **Action for Children** and **Calan DVS**, are causes very close to my heart, and I am delighted that we've raised funds to support their vital work.

As both Mayor and Councillor, I remain committed to making Ammanford an even better place to live, work, play, and visit, and I look forward to continuing to support our community.

On behalf of **Ammanford Town Council**, I would like to wish each and every one of you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Heulwen Howells

Mayor Cllr. Heulwen Howells



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VACANCIES

There are 2 vacancies on the Town Council, in wards Wernddu and Myddynfych. Briefings and support are provided for new councillors.

To find out more about how you could support your community as a Councillor, please contact the clerk.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Ammanford Town Council in collaboration with County Council SPF funding has proudly supported and delivered a range of community events this year.

These events brought together families, local groups, and visitors — helping strengthen community spirit and support local businesses.

- **Superhero Day**
- **Food Festival**
- **Ammanford Pride**
- **Farmer's Markets**
- **Summer Extravaganza and Vintage Car Show**
- **Halloween Spooktacular**
- **Christmas Light Switch-On**
- **Gingerbread Trail**



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CHRISTMAS IN AMMANFORD

Ammanford came alive on 28th November 2025 with a memorable Christmas Light Switch-On that drew families into the town centre for an evening of festive excitement. This day also marked the beginning of the Gingerbread Trial which has encouraged so many families to explore the local shops to find all the escaped Gingerbreads!

The event featured music from Jemma Kryza, the Ammanford Town Silver Band, and The Thrillionaires, among other magical performances, and the compere was Gareth P Morris. Crazy Clayton provided children's entertainment, and stalls provided delicious food! Some shops extended their opening hours to support the event too.



Beloved characters from Frozen enchanted younger visitors while the mischievous Grinch prowled around throughout the night. Santa himself made a grand appearance; he led the crowd through town with his helpers from Ammanford Lions Club. Funfair rides offered something for both younger and older children. One of the standout features of the evening was the big walk-in snow globe. Visitors stepped inside to experience a magical flurry of 'snow', creating photo opportunities and lasting memories. The globe was one of the most popular attractions, with families queuing to capture a moment with the wintry backdrop.

The laser light show lit up the sky above Ammanford. With vibrant lights dancing in sync to pop hits, the finale offered a dazzling spectacle.

This year's festivities were brought together by Ammanford Town Council officers and volunteers with backing from The Means, FWD Wales, and Carmarthenshire County Council.



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PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

- ✓ Five new benches have been added between the play area and splash pad.
- ✓ Benches around the cricket ground have been refurbished.
- ✓ Fencing at the Recreation Ground has been replaced due to safety concerns.
- ✓ Ball stop fencing at the Recreation Ground has been replaced.
- ✓ Fitness equipment that had become unsafe has been removed.
- ✓ The spinning bowl in Ammanford park has been repaired.
- ✓ Drainage problems in the recreation ground car park have been resolved.
- ✓ Repainting of the Park Gates, Railings, and Memorial Gate.
- ✓ A biodiversity project with Year 5 & 6 Bro Banw pupils introduced pollinator-friendly planting near the Tennis Courts.
- ✓ Plans are underway to refurbish both the Margaret Street and Ammanford Park toilet blocks.
- ✓ Pantyffynon Park now has new wood equipment, along with the zipline and swings fixed.
- ✓ Recreation Ground skate park ramps are resurfaced and MUGA timber replaced.
- ✓ Norman Road Park's inclusive roundabout is repaired.
- ✓ Planned works include replacing play area flooring at Norman Road and Pantyffynon Parks. Also, a full redevelopment is scheduled for Riverway Park.

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LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT



DEFIBRILLATORS

We're pleased to share that Ammanford Town Council officers are guardians of four defibrillators. A new unit has been installed on the Ammanford Cricket Club, is covered by CCTV, and has been added to The Circuit, the UK's defibrillator network used by emergency services to guide callers to the nearest defib.

We are looking at more locations, and we conduct checks to ensure the defibs are functional.

DEFIB LOCATIONS

MARGARET STREET CAR PARK

Outside car park toilet block.
Just off Margaret Street, SA18 2NS

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PENSIONERS HALL

Near entrance. Quay Street, SA18 3EN

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COMMUNAL HALL NANTLAIS

On the front of the building. Llandybie Road, SA18 2EJ

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CRICKET CLUB

On the front of building with cricket pitch behind you.
Ammanford Park, Tir-y-dail Lane, SA18 3AN



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Apply for a community grant of up to £1,000 until the 5th of February 2026. Visit our website for information:

www.ammanford-tc.gov.uk/Grants_and_Donations_45112.aspx

We'd like to hear from groups that benefit the people of Ammanford who are set up as one of the following:

- **Not-for-profit**
- **Charity**
- **Incorporated and legally constituted body**
- **Community organisation**
- **Agency that provides support**



The Mayor presenting Calan DVS with a **£527.46 donation** raised during her inauguration.



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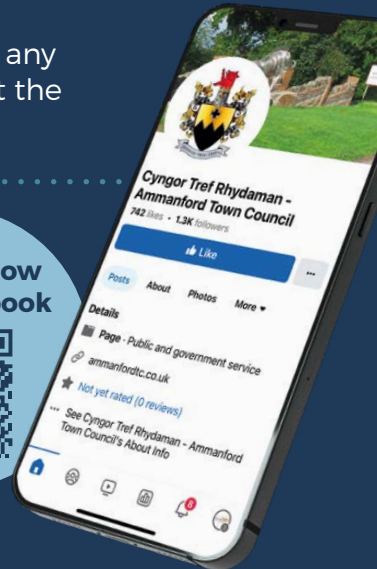
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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Council meetings are usually held on the last Monday of each month at 6pm.

The next meeting will be on 26th January at 6pm, via Microsoft Teams. View our website for the agenda, past minutes and information on how to join the online meeting (published three days beforehand). Visit: www.ammanford-tc.gov.uk/Full_Council

VOLUNTEERING

If you're interested in getting involved and supporting your community, please get in touch. Volunteers must be 18 and over. Volunteer support at events often includes stewarding, welcoming people, taking tickets, gathering feedback, litter picking, and various other tasks on the day.



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