

### Facebook

**15,000**

**FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS**

**1,550**

**INTERACTIONS**

**2,130**

**POSTS**



**1.73**

**MILLION REACH ON FACEBOOK**

**ALERT LEVEL 0 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**

FREEDOMS	SAFEGUARDS
<p>Face coverings will no longer be a legal requirement in education and hospitality settings such as restaurants, bars and pubs.</p> <p>There will be no legal limits on the number of people who can meet in homes, private establishments or public places.</p> <p>If you are double vaccinated and become a close contact of someone who has tested positive you will no longer have to isolate.</p> <p>Indoor nightclubs reopen.</p>	<p>Still carry a mask!</p> <p>You need it on public transport and health and in social care settings, pharmacies, and shops.</p> <p>Risk assessments and reasonable safety measures will continue as a legal requirement for all businesses, employers and event organisers.</p> <p>If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or if you test positive, you will need to self-isolate whether you have been fully vaccinated or not.</p> <p>Please continue to work from home wherever possible.</p>

GHG NHS  
Gwent Test, Trace, Protect Service  
Southampton  
Pnef Gwent, Clifton, Gwentwith Amddiffyn  
David Collins



### Twitter

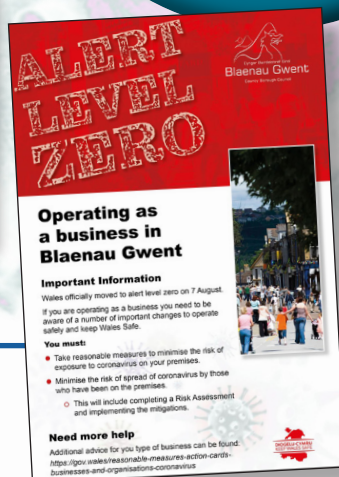
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**TWITTER FOLLOWERS**



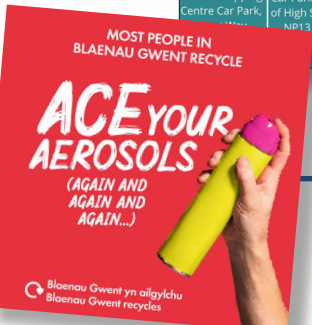
**Blaenau Gwent Temporary COVID-19 Test Facilities**

14 July	15 - 16 July	17 - 18 July	19 - 20 July
Tredegar Gwent Shopping Centre Car Park, NP22 3EJ	Blaina Car Park, Rear of High Street, NP13 3AF	Abertillery Sports Centre, Alma Street, NP13 1QD	Tredegar Gwent Shopping Centre Car Park, Gwent Way, NP22 3EJ



**11.31**

**MILLION REACH ON TWITTER**



## Website

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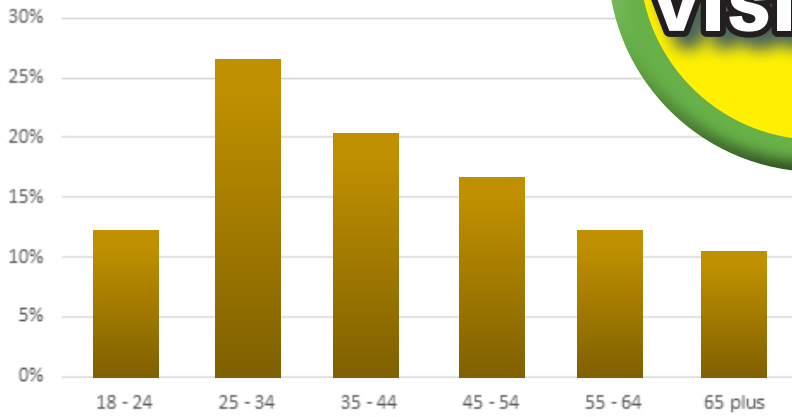
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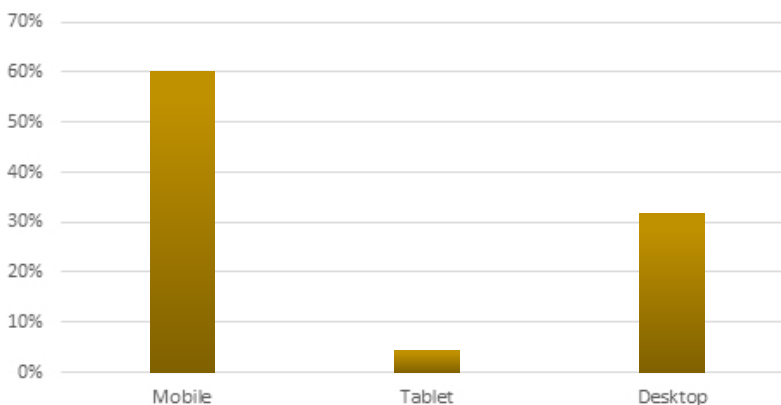
**2.25** **PAGES**  
**PER**  
**VISIT**

**70%**  
**RETURNING**  
**VISITORS**

Age



Access Site

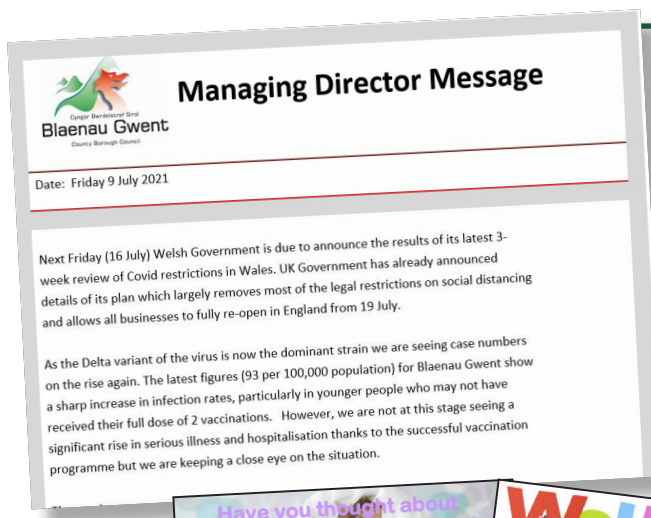


## Top 7 most popular pages

- 1 HOME PAGE**
- 2 WASTE & RECYCLING**
- 3 MY SERVICES**
- 4 COVID-19 INFO FOR BUSINESSES**
- 5 SEARCH RESULTS**
- 6 JOBS**
- 7 PLANNING**

# Appendix 2 Internal Communications

## MD Message



**Managing Director Message**  
Date: Friday 9 July 2021

Next Friday (16 July) Welsh Government is due to announce the results of its latest 3-week review of Covid restrictions in Wales. UK Government has already announced details of its plan which largely removes most of the legal restrictions on social distancing and allows all businesses to fully re-open in England from 19 July.

As the Delta variant of the virus is now the dominant strain we are seeing case numbers on the rise again. The latest figures (93 per 100,000 population) for Blaenau Gwent show a sharp increase in infection rates, particularly in younger people who may not have received their full dose of 2 vaccinations. However, we are not at this stage seeing a significant rise in serious illness and hospitalisation thanks to the successful vaccination programme but we are keeping a close eye on the situation.

## Weekly staff Guidance



**Have you thought about getting the flu jab this year?**

**Wellbeing Wednesday**  
16 September 2021

This resource is intended to support you, whether you are working on the front line, at home in the office or working in a school. Your wellbeing is of critical importance and this bulletin is intended to give you a snapshot of the resources available to you.

Managers help to promote Wellbeing Wednesday! especially where staff do not have access to resources. Include wellbeing on your team meeting agendas to ensure all staff are aware of how they can access resources.

This resource is circulated every Wednesday.

**Happiness**  
16 September 2021

Check out the Happiness for September in Happiness. Click on each of the suggestions below which can help you to feel more positive, content and generally happier.

- **Be really grateful.** This is good for your body and mind.
- **Be really grateful.** Being grateful for what you have will allow you to become more content.
- **Be really grateful.** Having purpose will help you to feel motivated.
- **Be really grateful.** To work and be the negative influences in your life.

## Regular Members team briefings



**Member Brief Elyon update**  
16 FEBRUARY 2021

**Dear Member,**

Last year, Welsh Government asked Elyon to review the work of local authorities in Wales in relation to how they have supported Schools and Education during the COVID-19 pandemic. The period reviewed was from March 2020 to October 2020, and placed an emphasis on how we worked to re-open schools and how we supported our most vulnerable pupils here in Blaenau Gwent.

We have worked positively with our schools and education settings on the challenge of supporting children and young people to continue learning through the Coronavirus Pandemic, and will be pleased to share with you the positive about the work that has taken place with schools and education settings across the region.

Our recent review focused on how we supported our most vulnerable pupils here in Blaenau Gwent. We have worked with our schools and education settings to ensure that we have supported our most vulnerable pupils here in Blaenau Gwent.

- **Beneficial support across the Local Authority Psychology service;**
- **Effective sharing of ICT resources;**
- **The work of the local authority youth service; and,**

...and that the joint working between corporate colleagues from across several departments is supporting children and young people, their families and the community.

## Staff Newsletter



**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**  
**STAFF NEWSLETTER**  
AUGUST 2021

Things are moving quickly as we transition to our new operating model from 1 September and I want to give you a further progress update and to confirm some more of the detail of the working arrangements. The current Welsh Government guidance remains in place and staff should continue to work from home where possible.

**Agile working from 1 September**

Following the completion of the 1st 121 meetings we have now established the final members of our agile working teams. These agile working teams will be working in a more agile way than the traditional model. The agile working teams will be working in a more agile way than the traditional model. The agile working teams will be working in a more agile way than the traditional model.

**Furniture and IT Kit**

Details of the process for the issue of equipment for personal home and office use are set to be issued next week. The plan is to have a complete list of equipment and resources available to all staff by the end of the month.

**Desk booking system**

The new desk booking system has been in place for a few weeks now and we are happy to hear that it is working well for many of our staff. We will continue to monitor the system and make any necessary adjustments.

**Agile and part time workers**

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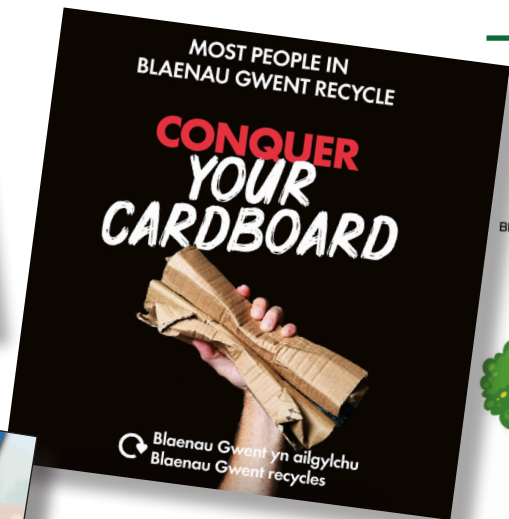
**COVID-19 UPDATE**

ALERT LEVEL: RED  
REOPENING YOU FEEL TO OPEN

PROHIBITED	ALLOWED
• Large gatherings	• Small gatherings
• Large indoor events	• Small indoor events
• Large outdoor events	• Small outdoor events
• Large indoor events	• Small indoor events

# Appendix 2

## Campaigns



Sweetie Pies is another new business that has benefitted from BG Effect funding to open up a retail premises in Ebbw Vale town centre. The comforting smell of fresh wales cakes greets you upon arrival and the business sells a delicious range of traditional homemade cakes, sandwiches and baguettes which are made and prepared on the premises. The coffee crèmes, cheesecakes and wales cakes are popular treats and the business is planning to operate a wider delivery food service in the near future.

The business which has been trading since April 2021, is located in the Bethcar St area of Ebbw Vale town centre and is run by Linda Lewis who operates the business. Linda confirmed that lunchtime business is increasing with the ease of lockdown restrictions and trading hours are currently Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am - 4pm.

The business applied for BG Effect funding to assist in the purchase of essential kitchen equipment and has supported a new business that is benefitting from increased footfall from local residents and those working in the town centre.

To discuss your business start-up idea, please contact  
The Business Innovation Team Tel: 01495 355700 Email: [business@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:business@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)