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Trewern, Buttington & Hope.

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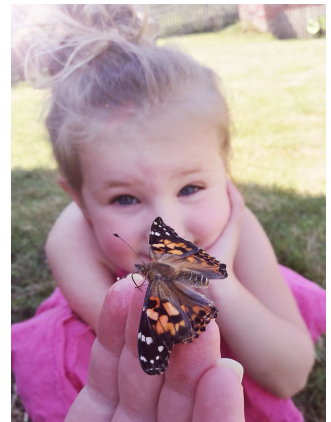
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## A note from the BG team:

The BG team hope you are all staying safe and well, these are crazy times we are living in at the moment. Please support your community in any way you can, phone a neighbour, loved one to make sure they are ok.

Some details may not be correct at the time of printing but as I don't know how long this situation will last I have left some things in this issue. I advise you contact the organiser before hand to check their situation !

Hopefully the next issue will be printed and we will be able to get a copy to households.

Kim M, Marion & Kim S.

The deadline for the next issue is **22nd July**

If you have any questions, stories or interesting items to put in the border gossip please feel free to contact me through the facebook page or email me-

**Facebook: Border Gossip or [bordergossip@hotmail.com](mailto:bordergossip@hotmail.com)**

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**Gary Gwilt SCCH 8054/PCSO 8054**

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# Buttington Trewern Community Centre

Booking Secretary – Anne Jerman 01938 570320

Facebook: buttington trewern community centre

## Weekly Events:

### Monday

Playgroup

Bowls 01938 556243

Zumba 6.15 – 7.15pm

### Tuesday

Playgroup

Knitting / Craft Group

Pilates Class

### Wednesday

Playgroup

### Thursday

Playgroup

### Friday

Playgroup

### Saturday

## Knitting / Craft Group

Meet alternate Tuesdays at  
Trewern Community Centre

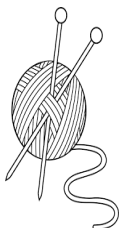
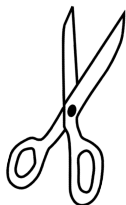
1.30 -3.30 pm  
Term Time Only

### Contacts:-

Margaret 570518

Linda 570529

Pam 570001



Join us for tea/coffee,  
Biscuits and a chat.

We charge £1.20 per session to cover cost  
of Community room  
and refreshments

## Ysgol Gynradd Buttington Trewern CP School

Head Master - Colin Jenkins 01938 570283

Please refer to website for school news.

### School PTF A

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Chairperson – Karen Williams –

07772 260 382

Secretary – Heidi Bentley - 07723133318

Treasurer – Lorraine Pryce - 07825 326 532

[www.trewern.powys.sch.uk](http://www.trewern.powys.sch.uk)

# Ti a Fi Group / Cylch Ti a Fi Welsh Mother & Toddler Group

## Facebook: Ti a Fi Buttington/Trewern

Buttington / Trewern  
Community Centre

Tuesdays 9.30 – 11am. £2.50 per family

Lots of toys, games and crafts for children to explore and play with whilst interacting with other children.

Children from new-born to pre-school welcome along with their parent, carer or child minder.

Refreshments for children and adults included.

Welsh and Non-Welsh speaking welcome.

Canolfan Gymunedol  
Buttington / Trewern

Dydd Mawrth 9.30 – 11yb £2.50 y teulu

Llawer o deganau, gemau a chrefftau I blant gael archwyllo a chwarae efo tra'n cydweithio efo plant eraill. Croesawn plant newydd-anedig hyd at oed ysgol efo'i rhieni, gofalwr neu gwarchodwr plant.

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**Doors open from 9am**

## Buttington Trewern Playgroup

Buttington Trewern School

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri - 8.30am – 11am

Optional lunch club – 11am – 12.30pm ~ £5 per session

Do you have a child aged 3 to school age?

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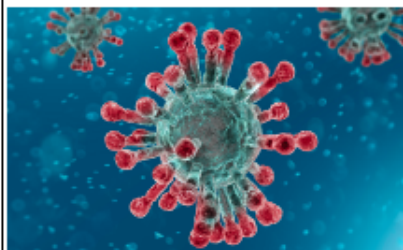
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- Excellent inspection reports from Estyn and CSSIW
- Close working links with Buttington Trewern school
- Funding for 3 year olds (children accepted the term following their 3rd birthday)
- 2 free sessions a week to families who are receiving income support

Contact Play Leader Jenny Knight at

[buttingtontrewernplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:buttingtontrewernplaygroup@gmail.com) for more information

*" Both of my children attended Buttington Trewern Playgroup and loved it. Having the chance to learn some independence and make new friends before starting school was invaluable", Mrs E Jones, Trewern.*





## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

Here is our handy guide on where to find the latest information for Wales about coronavirus:

**Welsh Government** website

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>



**Detailed information on many topics including guidance on:**

- how to protect yourself and others from coronavirus
- Self-isolating if there is a possible coronavirus infection in your household
- Legislation made to respond to the pandemic

## NHS 111 *Wales*

Use the Coronavirus COVID-19 Symptom Checker for what to do if you think you/ someone else within your household has symptoms of coronavirus or you are unsure and need further guidance, general information/self-isolation advice.

<https://111.wales.nhs.uk/SelfAssessments/symptomcheckers/COVID19.aspx>

Do not go to your GPs surgery, a pharmacy or a hospital.

People no longer need to contact NHS111 if they think they may have contracted Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Call 999 if there are any life threatening symptoms

- Severe breathing problems (eg can't talk normally, turning blue and gasping)
- Chest pain (eg like a tight band or heavy weight in or around the chest)
- Stroke (eg unable to raise arm, one sided limb weakness or drooping face)
- Severe injury/heavy bleeding that cannot be stopped
- Fitting now/unconscious (eg cannot be woken)



## Public Health Wales website



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<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

Latest information and guidance on COVID-19.

Includes guidance on how households with people with symptoms that fit the coronavirus should deal with waste:

*Personal waste (such as used tissues) and disposable cleaning cloths can be stored securely within disposable rubbish bags. These bags should be placed within another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste. The bags should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your usual external household waste (black wheelie) bin.*

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## Prayer in a Pandemic By Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between preserving their  
health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when  
their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the  
economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms  
around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our  
neighbours. Amen.

## All Saints Church, Buttington 200 Club

Contact Jean Jones, Smithy, Buttington, Welshpool SY21 8SS

### March winners:

£30 Judith Rawlinson  
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Nina Stibbe, Margaret and  
David McLeary, Winnifred  
Gittins  
£5 David Dart

# Middletown Village Hall

Chairman – Stuart Hughes 01938 570504  
Booking Secretary – Kath Onions 01938 570286  
Treasurer – Judy Evans 01938 570501  
www.middletownvillagehall.co.uk

## Weekly Events:

### Monday

Bingo

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

Border Club  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month)

### Thursday

Whist Drive  
(1<sup>st</sup> Thur of the month)

Good Companions  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Thur of the month)

### Friday

### Saturday

Whist Drive  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sat of the month)

## Garden Group Jean Dorril



01938570570

Email –  
jdorril@yahoo.com

## BINGO

Every Monday Night 8 pm  
Middletown Village Hall

Everyone Welcome (over 18)

### Bus starts from

Montgomery - 7.07 pm

Berriew - 7.15 pm

Welshpool - 7.25 pm

Trewern - 7.35 pm

Membership Fee 10p.

### Border Gossip Wordsearch

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## Household Waste & Recycling Centres Reopen



All five Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) in Powys were due to reopen, with significant restrictions, **from Tuesday 26 May**.

**HWRCs across Powys will open for essential use only.**

This **essential use** is for residents who have accumulated waste which cannot be collected through the normal kerbside collection service and which cannot be stored safely at home until the lockdown restrictions are eased.

Please think carefully before you decide to visit an HWRC. Non-essential use puts yourself, other members of the public and staff at risk from spreading the virus.

The following changes and rules apply to all five HWRCs:

- 1. If you, or anyone in your household has coronavirus symptoms, you should follow the government and NHS guidelines, self-isolate and stay at home! Do not visit the HWRC.**
- 2. You may be asked to provide proof of your address before entering the site –** please have this with you and show it to a member of staff when asked.
- 3. Only cars will be allowed into the HWRCs.** Initially, no trade permits or commercial vehicles or trailer permits will be allowed. This helps to assist with managing demand, enforcing social distancing rules and controlling traffic levels. This will be continually under review and changed when appropriate.
- 4. A limited number of cars will be allowed on site at any one time. It will be a strict one-in-one-out system– this will cause delays,** please be prepared to queue patiently in your car. If there are too many people waiting to enter, you may be asked to return at a quieter time to avoid causing disruption to the highway and local communities.
- 5. Strict social distancing rules will be in place at all times.** If these are breached, or you are abusive to staff, you will be asked to leave and the police may be called.
- 6. Where possible there should only be one person per vehicle. Only one person is allowed to leave the vehicle to unload –** this means that you can only take things that can be carried by one person. **Staff on site cannot help unload or carry items under any circumstances.**

7. There will be a strict 10 minute time limit per car when on site – please segregate waste before arriving to keep your visit short.
8. If at any time it becomes difficult for the HWRCs to operate or residents fail to co-operate, sites may be re-closed.

Note:

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Middletown, Welshpool,  
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**The Breidden Pub, Middletown, SY21 8EL**

**01938 570597**

**Monday closed, otherwise open 13.00 – 23.00**

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It is available to read online for free at:  
**[www.literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes)**

Bloomsbury intends to publish a gift book based on the project in the autumn in support of NHS Charities Together.



# Middletown Three Cheers



Coffee, Cake & Company

Helpers - Roz Evans, Beryl Powell, Tony Hill

Contact – Sue Hill 07761056156

Great Wollaston & Middletown Churches are inviting everyone to a coffee morning once a month in Middletown Village Hall, 10.30 till 12.00pm. This is an event organised by volunteers on behalf of the churches as a service to the community. The idea is to come along, have a drink, chat and make new friends. In 2019 it will run on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is a free event but people are very kind and donate towards the village hall costs. All the cakes and drinks are made by the volunteers.

**Future dates TBC**

Please continue to support the village hall and need help to eat all

- Future Dates:
- 23rd June
  - 28th April
  - 28th July
  - 25th August
  - 22nd September
  - 27th October
  - 24th November
  - 15th December

## LOCKDOWN

What does lockdown mean to me  
 To my surprise, I feel more free  
 To see and hear the things I've missed  
 The song of birds, the morning mist  
 I had no time to stand and stare  
 My day was planned, no time to spare  
 Classes, friends and household chores  
 My garden, walks and meals of course  
 But now lockdown has given me  
 A freedom that I could not see  
 Facetime calls I've grown to love  
 Family contact means so much  
 So, if extended, I shall cope  
 The lives we've saved has given hope.

J Dwight  
Middletown

### All Saints Church Middletown, 100 Club

### St John the Baptist Great Wollaston

SERVICES

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 11am - Communion

Church Warden Mr Robert  
Kynaston

### All Saints Church Middletown Services

1st Sunday – 9.30am Communion  
5th Sunday - 9.30am or 11am

Church Warden Mrs Rachel Lee 01743  
884419

Dear All,

I'm sure you are all aware that The Ford Group of Parishes are without a Vicar at the moment.

We have the go ahead to recruit and were beginning to make some progress through the process. The first thing planned to happen was a facilitated open meeting in March where we were to collate some of the things that are important to us. Of course we had to cancel and hence I'm writing to you now.

Below is a list of questions. Would you please go through them, jot down a few answers and get them back to me.

Email [home@ukhill.net](mailto:home@ukhill.net) or

Sue Hill, Lower Bulthy Cottage, Bulthy, Middletown, Nr Welshpool, Powys SY21 8ER

1. What are the three things people living in your community value most about living here?
2. What are the three main concerns / anxieties of people living in your community?

Your Local Church

3. Which aspects of your current worship and church life might attract a newcomer to join you?
4. What might put them off?
5. What would you say was the single biggest challenge facing your Church?

As a diocese, we are seeking to be guided by the following three shared priorities:

1. Spiritual and numerical growth
  2. Contributing to the common good
  3. Re-imagining ministry
6. Think about things that are already happening/ under way in your parishes which reflect each of these priorities;
  7. Share ideas about ways in which each of these priority areas can be further developed over the coming years.
- There are no right or wrong answers! I'm endeavouring to give as many people as possible the opportunity to contribute.

Look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards  
Sue Hill



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## Local Recycling

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in the car

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Village Hall raises

money for the Village

Hall.



Timetable for Celtic Travel Bus Service X75 (valid from 3 September 2018)

The X75 service leaves FOR SHREWSBURY from:



Buttington – Green Dragon	0748	0951	1151	1351	1546	1706
Trewern - Little Chef	0752	0955	1155	1355	1550	1710
Middletown – Breidden Pub	0756	0959	1159	1359	1554	1714

The X75 service leaves FOR WELSHPOOL from:

Middletown – Breidden Pub	0730 Sch	0955	1155	1355	1505	1705	1825
Trewern – Little Chef	0734 Sch	0959	1159	1359	1509	1709	1829
Buttington – Green Dragon	0738 Sch	1003	1203	1403	1513	1713	1833

# Movie quiz to test you and your family

With cinemas closed and no Flicks in the Sticks this quiz should have something for everyone. The questions span the decades. Family favourites are included and there are a few lockdown inspired questions too.

- 1 Dr Henry Walton is a university professor but as which whip cracking action hero is he better known?
- 2 Where did Harry Potter go to school?
- 3 Her diary contained dates with Mark and his caddish rival, Daniel Cleaver. Who is she?
- 4 What is the title of the next James Bond movie the release of which has been much delayed by production problems and the coronavirus outbreak?
- 5 Which British knight's silent screen persona is widely known as "The Tramp" or "The Little Tramp"?
- 6 In the movie *Frozen* which song does Elsa sing as she builds the castle?
- 7 For which movie did Steven Spielberg win his first Oscar for Best Director?
- 8 Which Alfred Hitchcock thriller is notorious for its shocking "shower scene"?
- 9 What is the name of Jack Sparrow's ship in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise?
- 10 Which musical based upon Romeo & Juliet was a 1960s Oscar winner?
- 11 Portrayed by Bruce Willis and known for his sardonic one-liners and ribbed cotton vest, Detective Lieutenant John McClane appears in which film series?
- 12 This Hollywood star is currently relishing lockdown in Ireland with his family after production of his latest film was halted by Covid-19. Who is he?
- 13 Which Broadway show about Danny & Sandy was made into a film with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John?
- 14 Born Anakin Skywalker this character in the *Star Wars* films is better known by what name?
- 15 A 2011 film featuring Kate Winslet and Jude Law has had renewed popularity during the Covid-19 pandemic. What is its title?
- 16 Marion Morrison was the real name of which actor famous for his cowboy roles?
- 17 The "Swedish Sphinx" had a career in both silent and talking films before retiring at the age of 35 because she preferred to be alone. Who was she?
- 18 What is the name of the toy Space Ranger who features in the *Toy Story* films?
- 19 Taron Egerton from Aberystwyth appears in *Rocketman*. Who does he portray?
- 20 In which film does Judy Garland sing *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*?

Answers in the next issue.

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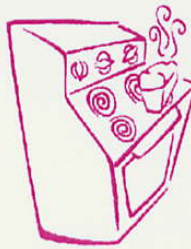
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## ***Marion Asks How Deep Are the Roots of Your Family Tree??***

Time is usually the biggest barrier to researching our family history, but now we have more of that. Anyone can do it – you will uncover fascinating stories and finding out that our families got through past hardships is somehow reassuring during the current health crisis. If you like puzzles and detective trails and you are tenacious, you'll enjoy genealogy.

For those starting from scratch during lockdown a Zoom chat with an older relative is a good place to start. They will enjoy “meeting with you” and answering your questions. If possible ask them for names, dates and locations of events. You may learn some new family myths and legends – every family has one or two. Then armed with a few names you can start your internet searching.

The two most popular online resources are probably the subscription websites Findmypast ([www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk)) and Ancestry ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)). Both sites have different subscription rates depending upon what records you wish to access and both also offer 14-day trial periods which are essentially “free” provided you cancel your subscription before the 14 days expires. Both sites have explanatory guides to get you started and help you build your family tree.

**During lockdown, if you are a member of the Powys CC Library Service you can access the Library Edition of Ancestry free of charge from home. (Normally you have to visit a Powys library and use the library computers).**

Birth, marriage and death records, which began in 1837, are the building blocks to your family history and are available on both Findmypast and Ancestry. Censuses have been taken every decade since 1841 (barring 1941 when war prevented it) and are accessible on many websites. Census records provide names, ages, addresses, places of birth and often occupations. The 1939 Register enables you to trace your family on the eve of the Second World War.

Parish records provide a detailed history of society with details of baptisms, marriages and burials which can go back to the reign of Henry VIII. Many local authorities have now digitised their records. Search at FamilySearch which is free ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)).

If you become “hooked” by what you have discovered so far it is then possible to search travel and migration records, crime and punishment records, military records, educational & work records, wills, historical newspapers etc.

I discovered an unknown 3x great-grandfather who was transported to New South Wales after being convicted at the Old Bailey in March 1828 for stealing 7 rabbits, 3 ducks and a drake. I was able to follow his journey through committal into Newgate Prison, incarceration on a prison hulk moored on the Thames at Chatham then onward to NSW aboard a convict ship. He was never to return to England (leaving a wife and 3 children behind) and served 7 years penal servitude working on a cattle ranch. As a free man he became a much loved local character, "liberal and unselfish to a fault" who opened a drover's trail across wild bush country. His life story, full of eccentricities and peculiarities warranted an article in the *Sydney Mail* almost 40 years after his death.

**Who will you find??**



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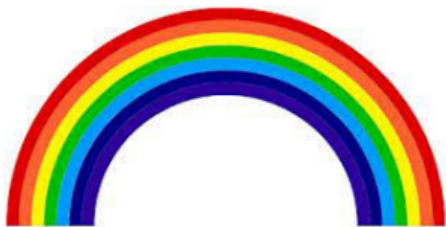
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## RAINBOWS

Since the start of the coronavirus lockdown rainbow pictures have sprung up everywhere, painted by children to “spread hope” and “show that we are all in this together.” Rainbows are magical, a fact not lost on about every culture since time began. In many cultures rainbows are signs of peace and happiness and symbols of hope. *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, whether sung by Judy Garland, Eric Clapton, Israel “IZ” Kamakawiwo’ole or Ariana Grande captures that magic and hope.



Though rainbows feature prominently in myths and legends throughout history, no one had any idea what they actually were until the 17th century. In 1637 René Descartes discovered that rainbows were caused by light from the sun being split into different colours by rain. In 1666 Isaac Newton named the seven colours - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet -that we know today.

A rainbow doesn't actually exist, it isn't an object, it's an optical phenomenon. Rainbows are formed when sunlight is scattered from raindrops into the eyes of an observer. No two people see the same rainbow. The position of the sun and the raindrops in relation to the observer need to be just right for a rainbow to be seen:

- the sun needs to be behind the viewer;
- the sun needs to be low in the sky. The lower the sun in the sky the more of an arc of a rainbow the viewer will see;
- a source of water droplets (rain, fog, fountain, waterfall etc) must be in front of the viewer.

A rainbow is actually a complete circle but because of where we are usually positioned on the ground we can only see a half-circle or arc. From an aeroplane it is possible to see a rainbow as a complete circle.

According to Guinness World Records the longest-lasting (or longest observed) rainbow appeared at Yangmingshan, Chinese Taipei on 30 November 2017 where it remained for an unprecedented 8 hours 58 minutes as monitored by professors on the Chinese Cultural University campus, north of Taipei.

Some people use the acronym Roy G. Biv to help them remember the colours of the rainbow in the correct order. Another way of remembering things is to use words in a phrase to aid memory. This is called a mnemonic. For example, the sentence



*Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain* is a mnemonic to remember the colours of the rainbow in the correct order.

R	Red	Richard
O	Orange	Of
Y	Yellow	York
G	Green	Gave
B	Blue	Battle
I	Indigo	In
V	Violet	Vain

Can you write your own phrase to help you remember the colours of the rainbow in the correct order?

#### RESPONSE FROM BUTTINGTON INCINERATOR IMPACT GROUP REGARDING BROAD ENERGY'S "VIRTUAL CONSULTATION"

Here at BiIG, we are horrified by plans by Broad Energy to launch the incinerator project during lockdown. The Developers, Broad Energy, having delayed the project by almost four years have now chosen to launch it at a time of national crisis.

This is a massive and highly controversial industrial project which local people see as a threat to their health and well-being. The lives of many people in the local community are dominated by the pressures and stress created by COVID 19 and to launch this project now is unbelievably insensitive. It is particularly disappointing because the Managing Director of Broad Energy is a member of the local family that owns the site for the new incinerator. Broad Energy have said that they will hold a virtual consultation. Many people in our community, particularly the older and more vulnerable do not connect with the virtual world of the internet and social media. It is wrong that they should be denied involvement in something of such major importance.

The consultation on this project must be as broadly based as possible because of the complexity of what is involved. It is essential that people have the opportunity to take part in public meetings so that they can ask questions, listen to other people's responses and give their own feedback. This is fundamental to our democracy and has always been a part of our planning process.

We therefore ask Broad Energy to treat the local community with the decency and respect they deserve by listening to their views and therefore hold back on the consultation until lockdown is over. They have a history of delaying this project for business reasons. Now is the time to delay it so that the community can have a proper say about something that would affect their lives so much.

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