

# Rhossili Community Hwb: Connecting a Community

The Rhossili Community Hwb will bring together the Rhossili Community Council, Village Hall and former Community of Rhossili Support Group (CoRSG) websites onto a single 'landing page' as three portals with a fourth portal for local services, news and events. There will also be a live social media feed.

#### What is the Hwb:

First of all, please think of the Hwb as your Hwb, not 'ours' (i.e. the Hwb team's) – it is being created by our community for our community. It is essentially an easy to use, one-stop shop website that offers a central source of locally relevant information and provides a platform to share ideas, interests or ask for help. We also think that having a flexible website that can support rapid exchange of information in times of crisis is very important for our rural

## community.

On the home page you can click to visit six different sections of the Hwb:

Community events; Health, wellbeing & environment; Local people at work and play; Get to know Gower; Rhossili Community Council website and Rhossili Village Hall website. In September 2022 we held two Hwb workshops, for local residents, businesses and organisations, to gather their views and ideas about the site. Our Hwb rainbow also allowed participants to indicate their preferred colour scheme for the Hwb site.



We had some great suggestions, the most popular being for a calendar of events. This and other interactive features form part of the Hwb. For example, the Community events and information pages include the events calendar, a noticeboard and an announcements section.

#### The Hwb Team:

The core project team is small, but we are supported by a much wider group of volunteers, including our community councillors, local residents and our other 'stakeholders' from businesses, organisations and charities. We are also grateful to the team at Swansea RDP for their interest and support for the project.

The Hwb project has a relatively short timescale. We started in early August and we have to report back to RDP by the end of February 2023.





Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government You can read a little more about the background in our article in the <u>Rhossili Village Christmas</u> <u>Magazine</u> (starting on p25).

We expect the Hwb to continue to develop as more content is posted, features are further refined, glitches are ironed out and you tell us what more you'd like to see.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our community website so far, through the workshops, the volunteers providing content, articles and images, through the feedback provided by our critical friend volunteers and for your enthusiasm and support for the project. We will need the ongoing involvement from volunteers to help to keep the Hwb up to date and relevant to our community.

## **Project Team:**

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