



WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL

ACCESS FOR ALL PLAN

'Action not words'



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Appendix A Welshpool Stronger Together Plan

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1. Introduction

Welshpool Town Council is aware of its responsibilities regarding equality and access for all.

1.1 Census

The main census information about Welshpool is:

Approx 30% are aged over 65 years.

Approx 24% have a long term illness.

Approx 30% do not have a car or van at their home.

1.2 The Town

The historic nature of the town brings issues with access due to the age and style of buildings. This along with the hills surrounding the town present challenges for those with mobility issues.

1.3 Plan

This plan sets out the Policy and Action Plan for Access for All.

2. Who is the plan for?

This plan has been developed to help the following groups of people within Welshpool:

Those with limited mobility

The visually impaired

Those with a medical condition that affects their inclusion

The elderly

Those with autism

Those with dementia

Those with MS

Deaf and hard of hearing

Those with mental health issues

Parents with children

Those with social and economic difficulties

Limited reading and other key skills



3. The story so far

The following actions have been taken by the Council over the last 10 years:

No	Action
1	Working with Powys County Council to ensure Towns dropped kerbs are suitable for wheelchairs when the opportunity arises.
2	Lifts installed in front entrance to the Town Hall to enhance disabled access.
3	Painting yellow stripes on street furniture for the visually impaired.
4	Ramp in markets to allow full through access for disabled people and wheelchair users.
5	Supporting the Dementia Group in Welshpool.
6	Disabled access to all Town Council buildings.
7	Disabled toilets at all public toilet locations.
8	Day Centre provision for the elderly and disabled.
9	Day Centre provision for those with Dementia.
10	Meals on Wheels Service.
11	Alterations to Council Chamber to accommodate a disabled Councillor.
12	Ramp for access to St Marys Church for Mayors Sunday and Remembrance Services and any other events at the Church.
13	Welshpool Stronger Together Plan included in this plan.
14	Colour schemes to accommodate Dementia implemented when such works take place.
15	Supporting the Cambrian Rail Partnership in making the Shrewsbury Aberystwyth Rail Line Dementia Friendly.
16	Policy of seeking main line station improvements including much better disabled access.
17	Disabled equipment is added to playgrounds when renewed. Many of the Council playgrounds already have such equipment installed.



4. Consultation

4.1 The plan was developed in consultation with Cllr F Veenstra and the Dementia Friendly Welshpool Group and then a draft of the plan presented for consultation.

4.2 The groups of people consulted were:

Powys County Council
Dementia Champion for Powys
Dementia Friendly Welshpool
MS Society
Parkinson's
Welshpool Visually Impaired Group
Ann Holloway Day Centre
Residents of Welshpool
Churches
Pont Hafren

4.3 The consultation was carried out using the following methods:

Web Site and survey monkey
Social Media
Local Press
My Welshpool
Paper copies at the Tourist Information Centre

4.4 There were very few responses to the consultation, those that were received were positive towards the plan.

5. On the street

5.1 Introduction

The main streets are managed by the Town Council with regards to the Street Scene and much of the street furniture. Any major works to the pavements would need to be with Powys Count Council.



5.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) To ensure that the pavements are clear of obstructions to the extent that allows wheelchair access, double children's buggy access and for those who are visually impaired.
- b) To encourage Powys Council to provide dropped kerbs level with the road surface when:
 - i) Renewing or repairing such facilities.
 - ii) New facilities are installed either by them or others to meet DDA regulations.
- c) Identify and report uneven or damaged pavement areas which maybe of a danger to those covered by this report.

6. Footpaths

6.1 Introduction

The footpaths are managed by Powys County Council but many are maintained (Town Centre) by the Town Council Street Scene Team. A footpath local scheme is to be part of a Town Council and Ramblers Association working relationship being set up during March 2018 with Powys County Council support.

6.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) To (where possible) keep surfaces of footpaths suitable for disabled people and in particular with regard to disabled people.
- b) To prepared and print a booklet to be available from the Tourist information Centre which identifies paths accessible for disabled. This might include brail, large print or recorded methods.



7. Council buildings

7.1 Introduction

The Council Buildings in this section are those owned or leased by the Town Council and include:

- i) Town Hall and Markets
- ii) Tourist Information Centre
- iii) Public Toilets
- iv) Ann Holloway Day Centre
- v) Town Council Offices
- vi) Armoury Recreation Complex
- vii) Recreation Grounds Buildings

7.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) To ensure all reasonable steps are taken to ensure disabled access to all Town Council Buildings is maintained.
- b) To ensure (where appropriate) colour schemes take into account those with dementia.
- c) To provide where possible space for disabled parking.
- d) To encourage property owners (other than the Town Council) to provide and maintain disabled access.

8. General Buildings

8.1 Introduction

These policies refer to times when the Council may have influence over disabled issues relating to premises not within the Town Council's control.

8.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) To promote access for all when considering Planning Applications.
- b) To encourage all retail premises (where reasonably possible) to provide disabled facilities.
- c) To encourage where possible space for disabled parking.



9. Play

7.1 Introduction

This section refers to the Playgrounds and Country Park within the Town Councils control.

7.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) To provide where possible a good range of play equipment which is suitable for both able and disabled persons.
- b) Where possible to provide good access to facilities.
- c) To consider any requests for equipment via people or organisations who have an interest in improving disabled facilities.

10. Council facilities

10.1 Introduction

This section relates to facilities provided by the Town Council.

10.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) To provide facilities which have suitable colour schemes.
- b) To ensure that Council facilities (ie meeting rooms) are accessible by all.
- c) To provide disabled facilities at all public toilets including the provision of a 'Changing Places' facility.



11. Events

11.1 Introduction

This section relates to Town Council events which are suitable for disabled persons to attend which include:

- a) Transport Festival
- b) Carnival
- c) Christmas Lights
- d) Winter Festival
- e) Easter Egg and Dragon Hunts
- f) Fireworks Display
- g) Remembrance Events
- h) Mayors Sunday
- i) Community Awards
- j) Volunteers reception

11.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) All events (where possible) should make provision taking into account Access for All.

12. General

12.1 Introduction

Any plan has general policies which do not fall under a particular heading, this section covers these:

12.2 Plan proposals

The plan policy is:

- a) Signage shall take into account those with disabilities where ever possible.



13.Action Plan

- 13.1 The Council has adopted the following Policies which are contained in the ***Welshpool Town and Community Plan 2017-2022:***

D23. Access for all

D23.1 General

The Town Council will support any reasonable provision which helps wheelchair users, those with Dementia and those with small children in prams and pushchairs.

D23.2 Catholic Church Mount Street

The Town Council will seek a solution to the parking issues at the Catholic Church area to ensure clear pavements.

D23.3 Dropped kerbs

To support the provision of dropped kerbs level with the road surface to aid wheelchair use.

D23.4 Visually impaired

The Town Council will support taking forward provision to aid the visually impaired by colour coding street furniture and ensuring wherever possible clearways for wheelchairs and prams without obstructions.

D23.5 Access for all supplemental plans

The Town Council will prepare an access for all statement and supplemental plan for Welshpool.

D23.6 Commercial and Retail Premises

These policies has been provided under the appropriate headings of this plan supporting the provision of access for all for all commercial and retail premises.

D23.7 Playground at Maes Y Dre

To provide a new climbing frame at the Maes y Dre Infant Playground including facilities for wheelchair use.

D23.8 Dementia Friendly provision

The provision of all town and station signage in suitable colours, layout and fonts to aid those with Dementia.

D23.9 Changing Places Facility

The provision of a 'changing places' facility at one of the public toilets either at Church Street or Berriew Street.



14. Monitoring and review

The Plan is to be monitored with a report on progress presented to Full Council in December of each year.

15. Approval to plan

This plan was adopted by Full Council on

Signed.....
Cllr S Kaye Mayor

Signed.....
Cllr H Evans Deputy Mayor

Signed.....
R A Robinson Town Clerk

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APPENDIX A

Welshpool Stronger together Action Plan

- i) Information booklet to be advanced with helpful information and details of the project.
- ii) Any financial advice is limited to signposting persons to the appropriate authority.
- iii) A booklet stand to be provided in the TIC with leaflets and information available.
- iv) Direct activity as follows:
 - a. Support the Churches Together regarding the Christmas Dinner
 - b. Support the provision of a pensioners Christmas Party
 - c. Coffee mornings through the year with in the Corn Exchange with information and visiting speakers.
 - d. To support through either direct action or publicising of school holiday play schemes. (for July/August)
 - e. Council Surgery dates to be published for the year on a monthly basis.
 - f. To support the School uniform shop (unwanted uniforms in late July with distribution in late August)
 - g. Provide a bespoke web site.
 - h. Target date for launch of project 30.8.2018.



APPENDIX B

2011 Census Key Statistics Welshpool Castle Lower Super Output Area

POPULATION	No.	% of A
(A)	1538	
total residents	276	17.95
age 0 to 14	100	6.50
age 15 to 19	202	13.13
age 20 to 29	273	17.75
age 30 to 44	314	20.42
age 45 to 59	84	5.46
age 60 to 64	134	8.71
age 65 to 74	155	10.08
age 75+	40	
median age		

SEX	No.	% of A
male	746	48.50
female	792	51.50

ILLNESS & CARERS	% of A
long-term health problem or disability	365 23.73
persons who provide unpaid care	145 9.43

ORIGINS	No.	% of A
ethnic group: non-white	28	1.82
born in Europe outside UK	144	9.36
born outside Europe	27	1.76
arrived in UK since 2001	136	8.84

KNOWLEDGE OF WELSH (AGE 3+)	No.	% of B
(B)	1486	
residents aged 3+	73	4.91
understand spoken Welsh only	21	1.41
only speaks Welsh	17	1.14
only speaks and reads Welsh	107	7.20
speaks, reads and writes Welsh	36	2.42
other combination of skills	1232	82.91
no knowledge of Welsh		

EMPLOYMENT STATUS (AGE 16-74)

(C)	No.	% of C
residents age 16 - 74	1080	
economically active	769	71.20
self-employed	100	9.26
full-time employees	393	36.39
part-time employees	180	16.67
unemployed	69	6.39
full time student	27	2.50
economically inactive: retired	143	13.24
economically inactive: other	168	15.56

SEC BY OCCUPATION (AGE 16-74)

(D)	No.	% of C
(of last job held)	15	1.39
large employers & higher managerial	25	2.31
higher professional	122	11.30
lower managerial & professional	79	7.31
intermediate	116	10.74
small employers & own acct. workers	95	8.80
lower supervisory & technical	302	27.96
semi-routine	213	19.72
routine	38	3.52
never worked	22	2.04
long-term unemployed	53	4.91
full-time students		

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMENT

(D)	No.	% of D
persons in employment (16-74)	692	
agriculture, forestry, fishing	28	4.05
electricity, gas & water supply	8	1.16
mining & quarrying	0	0.00
manufacturing	165	23.84
construction	46	6.65
wholesale & retail trade	152	21.97
hotels & catering	60	8.67
transport, storage & communication	32	4.62
banking & finance	14	2.02
public administration and defence	14	2.02
education	36	5.20
health and social work	80	11.56
other	57	8.24

HOUSEHOLDS (HH)

(E)	No.	% of A
households	734	
residents in households	1538	100.00
average household size	2.10	

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

(E)	No.	% of E
pensioners living alone	141	19.21
lone parent with dep. children	66	8.99
no central heating	30	4.09
workless HH with dep. children	30	4.09
households with adult non-native speaker(s) *	58	7.90

HOUSEHOLD TENURE

(E)	No.	% of E
owner/part owner occupied	221	30.11
privately rented accom.	149	20.30
Housing Assoc./reg. landlord	205	27.93
Local Authority rented	110	14.99
other rented	16	2.18
living rent free	33	4.50

CAR AVAILABILITY

(E)	No.	% of E
households with no car/van	252	34.33
households with 1 car/van	340	46.32
households with 2+ car/vans	142	19.35

SOURCE AND NOTES

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2011 Census Key Statistics			
Welshpool Gungrog 1			
Lower Super Output Area			
POPULATION	No.	% of A	
total residents	1290		
age 0 to 14	202	15.66	
age 15 to 19	85	6.59	
age 20 to 29	192	14.88	
age 30 to 44	253	19.61	
age 45 to 59	210	16.28	
age 60 to 64	71	5.50	
age 65 to 74	114	8.84	
age 75+	163	12.64	
median age	40		
SEX	No.	% of A	
male	626	48.53	
female	664	51.47	
ILLNESS & CARERS	% of A		
long-term health problem or disability	285	22.09	
persons who provide unpaid care	97	7.52	
ORIGINS	No.	% of A	
ethnic group: non-white	18	1.40	
born in Europe outside UK	144	11.16	
born outside Europe	25	1.94	
arrived in UK since 2001	138	10.70	
KNOWLEDGE OF WELSH (AGE 3+)	No.	% of B	
residents aged 3+	1241		
understand spoken Welsh only	62	5.00	
only speaks Welsh	13	1.05	
only speaks and reads Welsh	9	0.73	
speaks, reads and writes Welsh	111	8.94	
other combination of skills	21	1.69	
no knowledge of Welsh	1025	82.59	
EMPLOYMENT STATUS (AGE 16-74)	No.	% of C	
residents age 16-74	906		
economically active	619	68.32	
self-employed	47	5.19	
full-time employees	409	45.14	
part-time employees	109	12.03	
unemployed	37	4.08	
full time student	17	1.88	
economically inactive: retired	123	13.58	
economically inactive: other	164	18.10	
SEC BY OCCUPATION (AGE 16-74)	No.	% of C	
(of last job held)			
large employers & higher	13	1.43	
higher professional	18	1.99	
lower managerial & professional	130	14.35	
intermediate	76	8.39	
small employers & own acct.	68	7.51	
lower supervisory & technical	88	9.71	
semi-routine	224	24.72	
routine	178	19.65	
never worked	48	5.30	
long-term unemployed	14	1.55	
full-time students	49	5.41	
INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMENT	No.	% of D	
persons in employment (16-74)	579		
agriculture, forestry, fishing	3	0.52	
electricity, gas & water supply	9	1.55	
mining & quarrying	1	0.17	
manufacturing	163	28.15	
construction	49	8.46	
wholesale & retail trade	95	16.41	
hotels & catering	40	6.91	
transport, storage & banking & finance	29	5.01	
public administration and defence	21	3.63	
education	14	2.42	
health and social work	35	6.04	
other	64	11.05	
	56	9.67	
HOUSEHOLDS (HH)	No.	% of A	
households	555		
residents in households	1202	93.18	
average household size	2.17		
HOUSEHOLD TYPES	No.	% of E	
pensioners living alone	98	17.66	
lone parent with dep. children	44	7.93	
no central heating	14	2.52	
workless HH with dep. children	22	3.96	
households with adult non-native speaker(s) *	51	9.19	
HOUSEHOLD TENURE	No.	% of E	
owner/part owner occupied	275	49.55	
privately rented accom.	110	19.82	
Housing Assoc./reg. landlord	91	16.40	
Local Authority rented	51	9.19	
other rented	10	1.80	
living rent free	18	3.24	
CAR AVAILABILITY	No.	% of E	
households with no car/van	182	32.79	
households with 1 car/van	246	44.32	
households with 2+ car/vans	127	22.88	
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2011 Census Key Statistics Welshpool Llanerchydol Lower Super Output Area

POPULATION	No.	% of A
(A)	2300	
total residents	370	16.09
age 0 to 14	121	5.26
age 15 to 19	240	10.43
age 20 to 29	382	16.61
age 30 to 44	428	18.61
age 45 to 59	174	7.57
age 60 to 64	260	11.30
age 65 to 74	325	14.13
age 75+	46	
median age		

SEX	No.	% of A
male	1134	49.30
female	1166	50.70

ILLNESS & CARERS	% of A
long-term health problem or disability	575 25.00
persons who provide unpaid care	234 10.17

ORIGINS	No.	% of A
ethnic group: non-white	45	1.96
born in Europe outside UK	116	5.04
born outside Europe	37	1.61
arrived in UK since 2001	105	4.57

KNOWLEDGE OF WELSH (AGE 3+)	No.	% of B
(B)	2223	
residents aged 3+	126	5.67
understand spoken Welsh only	47	2.11
only speaks Welsh	37	1.66
only speaks and reads Welsh	226	10.17
speaks, reads and writes Welsh	57	2.56
other combination of skills	1730	77.82
no knowledge of Welsh		

EMPLOYMENT STATUS (AGE 16-74)

(C)	No.	% of C
residents age 16 - 74	1577	
economically active	1077	68.29
self-employed	157	9.96
full-time employees	600	38.05
part-time employees	234	14.84
unemployed	53	3.36
full time student	33	2.09
economically inactive: retired	296	18.77
economically inactive: other	204	12.94

SEC-BY OCCUPATION (AGE 16-74)

(D)	No.	% of C
(of last job held)	21	1.33
large employers & higher managerial	74	4.69
higher professional	305	19.34
lower managerial & professional	138	8.75
intermediate	198	12.56
small employers & own acct. workers	153	9.70
lower supervisory & technical	307	19.47
semi-routine	232	14.71
routine	56	3.55
never worked	19	1.20
long-term unemployed	74	4.69
full-time students		

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMENT

(D)	No.	% of D
persons in employment (16-74)	1021	
agriculture, forestry, fishing	19	1.86
electricity, gas & water supply	14	1.37
mining & quarrying	3	0.29
manufacturing	193	18.90
construction	84	8.23
wholesale & retail trade	194	19.00
hotels & catering	56	5.48
transport, storage & communication	72	7.05
banking & finance	29	2.84
public administration and defence	48	4.70
education	56	5.48
health and social work	136	13.32
other	117	11.46

HOUSEHOLDS (HH)

(E)	No.	% of A
households	1011	-
residents in households	2194	95.39
average household size	2.17	-

HOUSEHOLD TYPES

(E)	No.	% of E
pensioners living alone	202	19.98
lone parent with dep. children	50	4.95
no central heating	42	4.15
workless HH with dep. children	26	2.57
households with adult non-native speaker(s) *	44	4.35

HOUSEHOLD TENURE

(E)	No.	% of E
owner/part owner occupied	637	63.01
privately rented accom.	165	16.32
Housing Assoc./reg. landlord	65	6.43
Local Authority rented	113	11.18
other rented	8	0.79
living rent free	23	2.27

CAR AVAILABILITY

(E)	No.	% of E
households with no car/van	249	24.63
households with 1 car/van	461	45.60
households with 2+ car/vans	301	29.77

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