



Stay Eat Do/Clwydian Range Tourism Group Online Forums

Julie from Stay Eat Do has held two very successful events during December – it was good to meet some of you at the Face-to-Face Networking event at Ruthin Castle on the 2/12/20, the feedback we received was very positive and provided useful contacts.



The Air BnB Experiences forum last Thursday 10/12/20 was also enlightening, and I wish you luck with planning new events and experiences which can be promoted online via Air BnB.

Julie's next SED project will be **The Curious neighbour**. Have you ever wondered about your neighbouring business - but not had the courage to knock on the door and ask for a look? Wanted to talk to someone about their booking system or their online payment system?? Or, about their Covid processes?

Do you know who to pass visitors on to when you are busy?

We are looking for up to 8 small businesses who would like to be supported to develop their own video tour around their accommodation and then share with others on a Zoom Business to Business Channel....there are many of you out there who have fabulous accommodation....and unfortunately we haven't had chance to see it or help promote it.... please email me and let's get the ball rolling! THERE ARE STILL ONE OR TWO PLACES AVAILABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE VIDEO TRAINING, please contact Julie on Julie.stayeatdo@gmail.com

Clwydian Range Tourism Group Leap into 2021!

The CRTG online Forums will Commence in January 2021, and invitations to attend will be going out shortly, please make a note of the following dates in your diaries.

Tuesday 12/1/2021	Sustainability, Plastics free and Green Key Scheme	10.30-11.30
Tuesday 19/1/2021	Coleg Cambria Training	10.30-11.30
Tuesday 26/1/2021	Local Council updates and tourism plan for 2021	10.30-11.30
Tuesday 02/2/2021	Update from Clwydian Range Tourism Group/ Stay Eat Do AONB/Offa's Dyke footpath 50 th Anniversary	10.30-12.00

We have chosen speakers to help give us new skills, new ideas and tools to leap forward into a successful 2021.

News from the AONB



Loggerheads Visitor Centre is selling Christmas Hampers. Find out more information here:

<https://www.facebook.com/LoggerheadsCountryPark/photos/a.380050448737703/3555690604506989/>

A quick reminder to keep dogs on leads around livestock. We had a dog attack a sheep at Loggerheads who has sadly died.

<https://www.facebook.com/LoggerheadsCountryPark/photos/pcb.3553715794704470/3553713678038015/>

A plea for friends of the AONB to be vigilant against illegal Off Road recreation particularly along the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail. Please report to the authorities.

Denbighshire County Council

(For businesses in Flintshire and Wrexham check your local council websites.)

Council preparing for financial packages implementation

Denbighshire County Council is informing tourism, hospitality and leisure businesses in the county of the latest tranche of funding to support businesses affected by covid-19 and how to apply for funding.

The First Minister announced earlier this month that additional grant schemes to support local businesses would be implemented. The two headline schemes are known as the Restrictions Business Rates Fund and the Restrictions Fund Discretionary payments.

The **Restrictions Business Rates Fund** will be available for businesses within the Tourism, Hospitality and leisure sectors with a rateable value of £12,000 or less and which are materially impacted as a result of the restrictions will receive a payment of £3,000. The maximum number of awards for the £3,000 grant is two, which is in line with the Small Business Rates Scheme.

Tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses and their supply chains with a rateable value of between £12,001 and £150,000 and materially impacted by the restrictions will receive a payment of £5,000, subject to meeting eligibility criteria. There is no maximum number of awards under the retail, hospitality and leisure scheme.

Direct payments totalling £1.42 million will be made to 415 businesses in the tourism, hospitality and leisure sectors that applied for the firebreak grant funding and who meet the criteria. There will be no need to apply as the Council will be making these payments directly, on behalf of Welsh Government by the end of this week.

Those businesses that did not previously apply for the firebreak funding, or who believe they may now meet the eligibility criteria can apply online, at: www.denbighshire.gov.uk/coronavirus from Wednesday, 16 December at 3pm onwards.

The **Restrictions Discretionary Fund** scheme will be put in place to support businesses that do not have a Business Rates liability. Discretionary grants of up to £2,000 will be available for those not on the non-domestic rating list. This scheme will be opened on Tuesday, 15th December at 10.00 am at www.denbighshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

Applications will be dealt with on a **first come first served** basis. This **may** lead to applications not being appraised after they have been submitted if the fund is fully committed.

UK exit from the EU

Just a reminder of where you can find advice and help, if your business is affected by the UK exit from the EU.



<https://www.gov.uk/transition>

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALES/bulletins/2ab343f>

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/eu-transition-portal/>

<https://gov.wales/subscribe-food-and-drink-wales-newsletter>

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