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Higher Kinnerton
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



1st Kinnerton Scout Group Bedding Plants 2026

Delivered Sunday 17th May

Look forward to the warmer weather and order your plants from the Scout Group, delivered to your door on **17th May**. We are delighted to be again working with The Dale Nursery of Kinnerton Road to supply you with superb quality plants. Our prices are always very competitive.

We have plants for your garden, for tubs and troughs, and for hanging baskets. These include both **Upright non-stop** and **Pendula Begonias**, (trailing plants of mixed colours), as well as the Trio of **Basket Plants**. Add some **Surfinia** and/or **Lobelia** for a magnificent display. Why not try our new plant for this year – **Calibrachia**, also called **Million Bells**, a beautiful plant for your baskets and tubs We also have traditional bedding plants such as **Geranium**, **Impatiens (Bizzy Lizzie)** and **Pansies**, and many more. Do you want your baskets ready planted? We have 12inch **Wicker Hanging Baskets** filled with lovely varieties.

If you have not purchased from us before, please give us a try this year. Just complete the order form found inside this Newsletter. Return it to your collector when she/he calls, or phone, or return to the address stated by **May 9th**. Payment, with order please, can be made by Bank Transfer (preferred) or by cash or cheque.

Alternatively. Use the **QR code** below to order from our webpage. If you are unable to accept delivery on **Sunday 17th May**, please tell your collector, so that alternative arrangements can be made. As always, thank you. for your support.

Any queries, or for new order form ring 01244 660579.

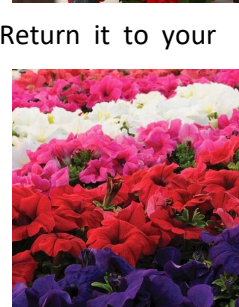
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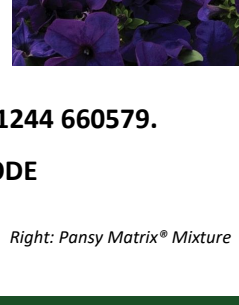
Above: New Day® Gazania
Left: Quick Begonia



Above: Beacon Impatiens
Left: Nonstop Begonia



Above: Horizon Geranium
Left: Pacta Parade Petunia



Right: Pansy Matrix® Mixture

Congratulations to Ysgol Derwen on Estyn Report

On the 2nd February this year, an Estyn inspection was carried out at Ysgol Derwen, the results of which have recently been published and are available to view on the Estyn website along with a brief summary for parents and carers (<https://estyn.gov.wales/>).

The summary is below:

Ysgol Derwen is a welcoming and vibrant school, where leaders implement a clear vision for the learning and well-being of all pupils. They have established an inclusive community ethos, where staff, pupils and their families feel valued and respected. Leaders focus well on securing effective teaching and learning, which results in nearly all pupils making strong progress.

Staff nurture caring relationships with pupils and encourage them to be responsible and kind. Leaders implement robust systems to identify pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) and work well with other agencies and parents, to ensure they receive any specialist provision they require. Throughout the school pupils' behaviour is exemplary.

Across the school, teaching is effective. From an early age, staff encourage all pupils to develop their independence successfully. They organise environments thoughtfully to enable pupils to access helpful resources without support and share useful strategies for them to use if they find something difficult. Consequently, most pupils show high levels of independence in their learning.

Leaders and staff have developed a highly engaging curriculum. They plan purposeful opportunities for pupils to influence what and how they learn which motivates them successfully and makes learning meaningful. This work is particularly effective in numeracy, where pupils regularly plan and explore their own investigations.

The school places a firm focus on enhancing the development of pupils' literacy skills. Staff model language well and support pupils' speaking and listening skills successfully. This ensures pupils build particularly strong oracy skills. Staff teach reading effectively and give pupils access to a wide range of stimulating reading material to inspire



them to read regularly. This contributes significantly to many pupils becoming keen book lovers who read with confidence and understanding.

Teachers plan regular Welsh language sessions across the school. However, in general, they do not place a strong enough emphasis on promoting the Welsh language or teaching pupils about the history and culture of Wales.

Senior leaders work successfully with staff and governors to evaluate the school's work. This contributes to their secure understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement. A few teachers are starting to improve their leadership skills although, overall, distributed leadership is at an early stage of development.

We have made two recommendations to help the school continue to improve:

- R1 Establish effective distributed leadership across the school
- R2 Ensure staff promote the Welsh language and teach pupils about the history and culture of Wales effectively

The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations from the inspection.

Eco Schools Clothes For Cash Initiative

The Eco Council took part in the Donate Clothes 4 Sammy project which they organised for the whole school. Donate Clothes 4 Sammy is a UK-based clothing recycling initiative operated by the charity Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK (LMRUK).



The project focuses on environmental protection through textile recycling, funding blood cancer research, and supporting schools. Ysgol Derwen received 45p for every kilo of clothing received. The school community really got behind the initiative and donated many filled bags to the school. This initiative raised approx. £124 for the Eco School Council to invest in future whole school eco initiatives.



Ysgol Derwen achieve their Eco Schools Silver Award

The Eco Council pupils at Ysgol Derwen have been very busy over the past few terms looking at ways of improving the school grounds to help further encourage nature and wildlife on the school site. We are delighted to inform you that Ysgol Derwen's Eco Committee has now successfully gained the Eco-Schools Silver Award. The school Eco Committee led by Mr Coppack will now be working toward the Eco Green Flag Award.



Other recycling info...

- We collect your **food waste** and **dry recycling** every week
- We collect your **non-recyclable waste** every three weeks

Wednesday

Week 1

Your collection dates

	Food Waste 	Dry recycling 	Non-recyclable waste 
May 2026	Every Wednesday	Every Wednesday	13th

To check your collection dates for any extra services for which you might be registered - such as **garden waste collections** - scan the QR code or call us on 01352 701234.



Higher Kinnerton Walking Group News

April was the fifteenth anniversary of the Walking Group and to celebrate we headed on the Bus to Urbano 32 for Pizza and Beer having first popped into The Boot - great afternoon.

In May we are in the North Wirral Coastal Park to walk a circular route from Leasowe railway station. The walk will pass the UKs oldest brick built lighthouse erected in 1763 which guided ships into Liverpool before being decommissioned in 1908.

Lunch will be at the Green Hut on the shore at Moreton, famous for its fish and chips. Then a stroll along the beach back to the station with maybe an ice cream. If you would like to join us, then get in touch. Ring Brian 07983 494235.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS – May 2026



- **Sunday, 3rd May at 9.30am – All Age Service**
With Lego challenge and refreshments
- **Sunday, 10th May at 9.30am – Holy Communion**
- **Sunday, 17th May at 9.30am – Holy communion**
- **Wednesday 20th May 10.30am – Coffee Morning**
The 100 club draw will take place as usual. Everyone is very welcome!
- **Thursday, 21st May at 11.45 am – Seniors Lunch**
Invitations will be sent out
- **Sunday, 24th May at 9.30am – Holy Communion**
- **Sunday, 31st May at 9.30am – Holy Communion**

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME!

**ALL SAINTS
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Join us for All Age Worship, where we delve into the Bible through the fun of Lego play!

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

9.30AM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HIGHER KINNERTON

Refreshments and homemade cakes after the service

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News from Higher Kinnerton WI

- ⇒ **May** – Lyndsay Atkinson is going to talk about her glass art . You have seen some of Lyndsay pieces in the Glass workshop in Chester. She makes a range of glass art pieces, combining the processes of fusing glass in the kiln with the traditional techniques of engraving and stained glass.
- ⇒ **June** – John Roberts is back again to tell us more interesting things about Wales . His last talk was very interesting and enlightening.
- ⇒ **July** – Mal Ingram talking about creatures of a wild life and beyond. Mal has recently done a piece on badgers on the spring watch programme.
- ⇒ **August** – St John’s Ambulance talking about the work that they do.
- ⇒ **September** – Melanie Latham demonstrating how to make chutney. There will be also some available to buy just in time for Christmas.
- ⇒ **October** – sees **Kinnerton WI celebrating 74 years.** We are being entertained by belly dancing with Fatima. Hopefully some of our ladies will get up and give it a go.
- ⇒ **November** – is our AGM
- ⇒ **December** – End of year entertainment not been decided.



Lyndsey Atkinson Glass Art

As well as all of the above we are planning a **village walk** on the **16th May**. Members can either walk or just come for tea/coffee and cake. Our summer trip is to the **Ironworks**. We are also planning two trips to **Theatre Clwyd**. **October** we plan to see **The Haunting of Hill House** and **January** we are off to the Panto **Pinocchio** hopefully with a meal.

Higher Kinnerton Community Council

Your Community Councillors are:

- Martin King - Chair
- Vice chair - vacancy
- Ian Jones - Clerk
- Mike Allport
- Josh Swash
- Carroll Nugent
- Joe Cooper
- Fallon Turrisi
- Peter Cottam
- Klaus Armstrong-Braun

If you would like to contact the Community Council, please email contact@higherkinnerton.org.uk

OPEN JAM SESSION EVERY MONDAY

(Bank Holidays excluded)

THE ROYAL OAK, Higher Kinnerton between 7pm & 10pm

If you love singing, playing an instrument or just enjoy listening, The **Jammers** will be there to welcome you. Not necessarily the same people each week

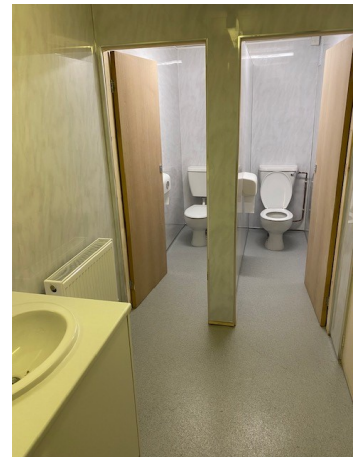
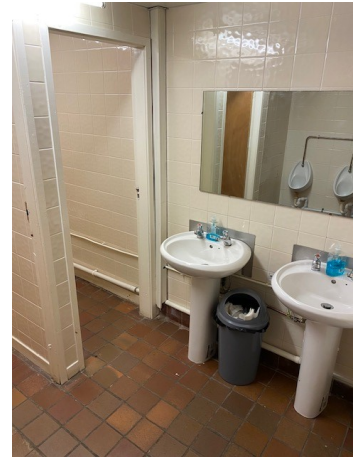


News from the Village Hall

Any frequent users of the HK village hall, will know that there has been a significant project being carried out during January - March 2026, that being a full refurbishment of the toilet facilities, including unisex Blue room toilet. Total cost in the region of £28,000 funded by the Trustees, and a grant from the Welsh Assembly.

This is what we have achieved:

- * All new porcelain.
- * Push taps (to save water).
- * All pipes hidden (giving us nice clean lines).
- * New waterless urinals (saving even more water).
- * Hand driers (powered from solar panels and removing the need for paper towels).
- * New easy clean walls & floors.
- * New ceilings (to be completed).
- * New sensor lights (to be completed).
- * Lockable double toilet roll holders (to prevent thefts).
- * We now have a "Sanitary service " in place which includes nappy waste facility.
- * We are proud (no pun intended) to be a "community hub" in conjunction with Flintshire County Council's "Period proud" scheme. More details can be found at www.flintshire.gov.uk and period proud. (from end of April 2026)



So quite a few more ticks for our green credentials.

Many thanks to our hirers for their patience and understanding while the work progressed, we all know now why "Rome wasn't built in a day ".



Congratulations to the Village Hall Quiz winners!

Thanks to everyone who attended and raised the sum of £553. The money raised by the Spring quiz will go towards the refurbishment of the toilets in the Village Hall.

Next Quiz will be in the autumn and will be a charity fund-raiser...

Higher Kinnerton Cinema May Screening

Our monthly film screening this month will be 'Roofman' [15] and will be shown on **Wednesday 27th May 2026** in the Village Hall.

Based on an unbelievable true story, Roofman follows Jeffrey Manchester, a former Army Ranger and struggling father who turns to robbing McDonald's restaurants by cutting holes in their roofs, earning him the nickname: Roofman. After escaping prison, he secretly lives inside a Toys "R" Us for six months, surviving undetected while planning his next move. But when he falls for Leigh (Kirsten Dunst), a divorced mom drawn to his undeniable charm, his double life begins to unravel, setting off a compelling and suspenseful game of cat and mouse as his past closes in.

Doors open at 6.30 p.m. with the film starting at 7.00 p.m.

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