



# MOLD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2024 to April 2025



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## Introduction

### Mayor's Report 2024-25

Welcome to this Annual Report, which offers an overview of Mold Town Council's activities and achievements over the past year.

Serving as Mayor has been both a tremendous honour and genuine privilege. Over the course of this Civic Year, my consort, Mrs Jean Lloyd and I have had the opportunity to meet so many of the people and organisations that make Mold such a remarkable place to live and work. Whether attending community events, school visits or civic ceremonies, we have been constantly reminded of the generosity, pride and spirit that define our town.

The Town Council continues to deliver an extraordinary amount of work on behalf of the community, thanks to the commitment of its Councillors and staff. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to my fellow Town Councillors, who give their time freely to represent residents and to make well-informed, responsible decisions for the benefit of Mold.

This year we welcomed two new members of staff to the Council team, Leila Jones and Emma Lyth, both of whom have quickly become key parts of the Council. Their energy, professionalism and willingness to get involved have been greatly appreciated and they have fitted seamlessly into the rhythm of Council life.

My chosen Mayoral Charities for 2024-2025 were Mold Community Gardens and Clubhouse, Daniel Owen Community Association, Mold Friends of Hope House and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mold Brownies. Each of these groups represents a different aspect of what makes Mold special, care for others, creativity, community action and support for young people. Thanks to the generosity of residents, local businesses and those who attended fundraising events, we have raised a meaningful sum to help these organisations continue their important work.

Throughout the year, the town has once again shown its true character through its community events, from festivals and markets to the Community Awards Evening. The efforts of our staff, volunteers and Councillors have also been recognised nationally. At the One Voice Wales National Awards 2024-25, Mold Town Council achieved commendations and accolades for projects across multiple areas: our work in environmental management at Mold Cemetery, heritage and culture initiatives at Bailey Hill, youth engagement through the Youth Council and tackling the cost-of-living crisis via the Uniform Stall. These awards highlight the breadth of Council activity and the tangible impact it has on the community.

I would like to offer particular thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paul Beacher, for his unwavering support and commitment throughout this year. His practical assistance and steady presence at civic events have been greatly appreciated.

My heartfelt thanks also go to my wife and Consort, Jean, whose encouragement, warmth and enthusiasm have been a constant source of strength. Jean's contribution to civic life this year has been deeply appreciated by all who have met her and I am grateful for her dedication and support throughout this term.

Mold continues to thrive because of its people, forward-thinking, community-minded and proud of their town. I remain confident that, together, we will continue to build on this momentum and ensure Mold remains welcoming, vibrant and progressive for future generations.

I thank everyone who has contributed to the success of this civic year, it has been a privilege to serve and I commend this report to you.

Councillor Brian Lloyd

Mayor of Mold Town Council

2024/25



## From the Town Clerk

On behalf of the Offices of the Council, I welcome you to the 2024/25 Annual Report of Mold Town Council.

The preparation of this Annual Report is in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. It sets out the Council's aims, objectives and aspirations, as well as highlighting key achievements and positive contributions made by the Council to the town, its residents and visitors. This report also details the Council's ongoing commitment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board – One Wellbeing Plan 2023-2028.

As Town Clerk and Finance Officer, my role includes:

- Advising and supporting the Council, ensuring its decisions are lawful, independent and objective, which recognising that the Council as a whole is accountable for its actions.
- Leading and supporting the officer team in the delivery of the Council's functions and the implementation of its decisions.

It is a privilege to undertake these responsibilities and I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Mold Town Council officers for their dedication, professionalism and commitment, often going about and beyond what is expected in day-to-day roles.

This year has seen significant development, most notably the relocation of the Council offices to the Daniel Owen Precinct. The move has provided a more accessible, prominent and cost-effective home for the Council's operations, improving both public engagement and the efficiency of staff activities. The new premises support the Council's ongoing focus on effective service delivery and prudent management of public resources.

The Council's work continues to rely on the combined efforts of Councillors, staff and the many volunteers who support our events, projects and initiatives. Collaboration across these groups allows us to achieve outcomes that benefit the whole community.

It is a pleasure to work alongside such a committed and capable team of staff, Councillors and volunteers. I am proud to be part of an organisation that consistently demonstrates passion, professionalism and a genuine commitment to the town of Mold.

I hope you find this Annual Report both informative and reflective of the positive impact Mold Town Council continues to make in our community.



Jo Lane, Town Clerk and Finance Officer



## About this Report

### Introduction to Mold Town Council Annual Report 2024/25

This Annual Report provides an overview of the activities, services and achievements of Mold Town Council during the Civic Year May 2024 to April 2025. It is intended to inform residents, businesses and visitors about how the Council operates, the services it delivers and the ways in which it contributes to the well-being of the community.

The report highlights the Council's compliance with key statutory duties and legislative frameworks, including the following:

### The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out a framework for improving social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being in Wales, both now and for future generations. It encourages public bodies to adopt long-term, preventative and collaborative approaches in decision making and deliver sustainable improvements for communities.

To support the aims of the Act, the Flintshire and Wrexham Public Service Board jointly published a new Well-being plan 2023-2028, establishing two overarching objectives:

- Build flourishing communities by reducing inequalities in areas such as education, employment, income, housing and the local environment.
- Improve community well-being by enabling people of all ages to live healthy, independent and fulfilling lives.

The full Wellbeing Plan for Flintshire and Wrexham can be found: [Flintshire and Wrexham Public Services Board - Well-being Plan 2023-2028](#)

### The Environment (Wales) Act 2016

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 underpins Wales' transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy. Section 6 places a duty on public authorities, including town and community councils, to maintain and enhance biodiversity wherever possible and to promote ecosystem resilience. Councils are required to consider the impacts of their decisions both locally and more widely and to publish an action plan detailing how they intend to protect and enhance biodiversity.

Further information regarding this act, can be found: [Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016](#)

### The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 establishes a modernised framework for local government democracy, governance and performance. For community and town councils, the Act introduces new duties including:

- Enabling meetings to be accessed from multiple locations;
- Providing opportunities for public participation in council meetings;
- Preparing and publishing an Annual Report;
- Developing and publishing a training plan for Councillors and staff; and
- Additional provisions that strengthen transparency, governance and accountability.

Guidance can be found: [Consultation Template](#)

## Council Overview and Civic Year

This report covers the Civic Year of May 2024 to April 2025, including the Mayor's year in office, highlighting the work undertaken by the Council to support the town and its residents.

The report illustrates the variety of services delivered by the Council across all age groups and sectors of the community. It demonstrates how Mold Town Council contributes to the wellbeing of the town, supports local initiatives and works collaboratively with residents, businesses, volunteers and partner organisations to enhance the quality of life in Mold.



## About Mold Town Council

Mold Town Council was established in 1974 following the re-organisation of local government and the dissolution of Mold Urban District Council. It is one of 34 Town and Community Councils in Flintshire, serving as a vital voice for the town and its residents.

Mold is the county town of Flintshire, with Flintshire County Council operating as the unitary authority following the 1996 local government reorganisation in Wales. The town has an estimated population of around 10,209 and for local government purposes, is divided into four electoral wards: Mold Broncoed, Mold East, Mold South and Mold West. Each wards is represented by four Town Councillors, ensuring local representation across the community.

Further information about the Town Council, including details of elected members, meeting notices, agendas, reports, minutes, guidance documents and other Council information, can be found at: [Home - Mold Town Council](#)

### **Mold Town Council's Purpose:**

The Council exists to present and serve the community, ensuring that Mold remains a vibrant, inclusive and thriving town. Its key aims are to:

- Represent and promote the community's views and aspirations at local, county, regional, and national levels.
- Serve those who live, work, and visit Mold.
- Promote Mold as a place to live, work, shop, invest in, and visit.
- Deliver efficient, high-quality services that provide value for money and continuously improve.
- Enhance the quality of life for all residents of Mold.



## Council Objectives:

To achieve these aims, Mold Town Council has adopted the following objectives:

- **Community engagement:** Consult with residents to understand their aspirations and priorities.
- **Economic and social vitality:** Promote the vitality and viability of Mold as a town.
- **Partnership working:** Collaborate with public, private, and voluntary sector partners to deliver high-quality services for the community.
- **Environmental sustainability:** Support policies and initiatives that improve the local environment for current and future generations.
- **Social inclusion:** Foster a socially inclusive, caring community that supports residents' well-being, knowledge, and mutual cooperation.
- **Safe and pleasant environment:** Strive to maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming town.
- **Value for money:** Deliver quality services that provide value for money and regularly review their effectiveness.
- **Support for local groups:** Assist local voluntary organisations in enhancing the lives of residents and visitors.

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## Mold Town Council's Contribution to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, known as “the Act” defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales by acting in accordance with the sustainable development principle. The aim is to ensure that the needs to the present are met without compromising the ability for future generations to meet their own.

Mold Town Council fully recognises the important role it plays in contributing to these national objectives. The Council is committed to promoting sustainable development through its policies, decisions and day-to-day activities. This commitment influences how the Council plans for the future, delivers services and works in partnership with residents, local businesses and community organisation.

The Act establishes seven national well-being goals which together define the well-being of Wales. Mold Town Council embraces these goals and places them at the centre of its forward planning, governance, and decision-making, with the aim of continuously improving the quality of life for those who live and work in Mold.

The seven wellbeing goals are:



Through its projects, partnerships and decision-making, Mold Town Council continues to embed these principles into every aspect of its work, ensuring that Mold remains a resilient, inclusive and forward thinking community for generations to come.

## A Prosperous Wales

*“An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing fair work.”*

During 2024-25, Mold Town Council continued to strengthen the local economy and support a vibrant, resilient town centre through a comprehensive programme of events, business engagement and community volunteering.

### Supporting the Local Economy through Events

The Council's events calendar was designed to increase footfall, attract visitors and support local traders. Events held throughout the year included:

**Sunday Gathering Artisan Market** – Launched in September 2024 in partnership with a Community Interest Company, this non-profit market runs monthly from March to October, hosting up to 50 stalls across the Daniel Owen Square and the Daniel Owen Centre. The market provides an invaluable platform for local small businesses, independent makers and start-up enterprises to showcase and sell their products to audiences, helping them grow and establish a presence in the town centre. Each event features additional attractions such as vintage vehicle displays, live music and historic walking tours. All surplus funds are reinvested in town centre improvements with spending decisions agreed by Mold Town Council.





**Live on the Square** – Now in its eighth year, this much-loved music event takes place every May on the Daniel Owen Square and features a range of talented local bands and performers. It also provides a fantastic opportunity for local artists and musicians to showcase their talent to a wider audience, strengthening Mold's reputation as a town rich in creativity and community spirit. The event also uses local vendors for catering and services, supporting small businesses in and around Mold. There is a small ticket charge, with proceeds helping to fund several free family events throughout the year. Organised by a dedicated volunteer committee over a nine-month period, the 2024 event saw 35 volunteers contribute more than 347 hours to ensure everything ran smoothly.



**Easter Family Day** – A popular, free family event held on Easter Saturday, featuring entertainment, crafts, character visits and a free Easter egg for every child, donated by local businesses and residents. Despite heavy rain, the event successfully relocated from Bailey Hill to the Daniel Owen Square at short notice, supported by 17 volunteers who contributed 85 hours.



**Mold Carnival** – The largest annual Town Council event, held every July, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. The free event featured Britain's Got Talent Titan the Robot, a thrilling BMX stunt show, over 500 community performers and the grand final of the Time2Shine talent competition. Forty-five volunteers contributed more than 400 hours and the event was funded by the Town Council with support from local business sponsorship.





**Pancake Races** – A light hearted community favourite held on Shrove Tuesday. Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the event brings together local schools and businesses in friendly relay races using pancakes supplied by Spavens Sweet Shop. Fifteen volunteers provided 24 hours to make the event a success.



**Mold Novemberfest** – A two day festival of Real Ale and Real Entertainment, Novemberfest has become one of Mold's best loved events and proceeds not only sustain the festival but also enable Mold Town Council to offer a range of free community and family events throughout the year. Surplus funds also support two nominated charities: Vale of Clwyd CAMRA and North East Wales Search and Rescue. Organised by volunteers over six months, 42 volunteers provided more than 518 hours across the weekend and setup days.



**Remembrance Sunday Parade** – Organised annually by Mold Town Council with support from members of the uniformed services, the parade brings the community together to pay its respects to those who have served and sacrificed.





**Christmas Lights Switch-On and Festive Market –** A much anticipated highlight of the festive season. The switch-on features performances from local choirs, schools and a visit from Father Christmas, drawing large crowds each year. Twenty nine volunteers contributed 138 hours. The Festive Market, coordinated by Flintshire County Council's Markets Team, includes entertainment and volunteer support from Mold Town Council.



**Volunteers** - Across all events mentioned above and in other areas of this report, volunteers collectively provided over 2,400 hours of their time in. 2024-25, which is a powerful testament to Mold's strong sense of community and civic pride.





## Promoting Local Business and Fair Work

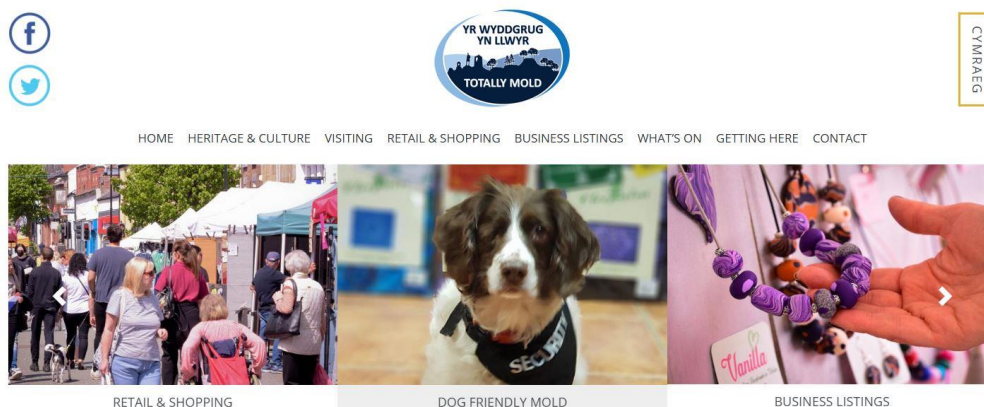
Mold Town Council continues to work closely with local businesses and networks, supporting them through:

- Promotion via Council and event social media channels;
- Opportunities to trade and sponsor local events;
- A growing business mailing list sharing training, funding and community news;
- Civic visits celebrating Mold's independent business community.

The Council's bilingual TotallyMold website supports local enterprise by promoting Mold as a shopping and visitor destination. The site includes listings for shops, cafes, parking, dog-friendly businesses, water refill points and local accommodation.

Where possible, the Council also contracts local suppliers for key public services, including maintenance of hanging baskets, works at Mold Cemetery and installation and maintenance of Christmas Lighting, keeping investment and employment within the local economy.

Together, these initiatives contributes directly to a prosperous, sustainable and inclusive local economy in line with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.



## Welcome to Mold

Welcome to Mold, with its acclaimed street market, wide range of independent shops, wonderful venues to both eat and drink, rich cultural history and our many great events. A lovely place to visit, work and live – take the time to explore what our great town has to offer.

Mold is also home to Theatr Clwyd, renowned for its great plays, music, cinema, and community activities. Here you can experience many performances that have featured on the West End of London and major cities, as well as performances that have a more Welsh cultural appeal.

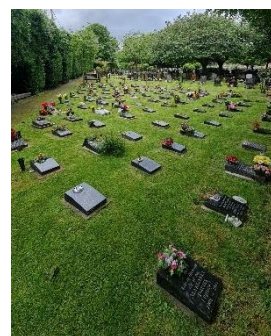
## A Resilient Wales

*“A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).*

Mold Town Council actively promotes biodiversity, ecological resilience and sustainable practices across its services and activities. Key areas of focus during 2024-25 includes cemetery management, heritage sites, community engagement and sustainable event organisation.

### Cemetery Management and Habitat Enhancement

The Council manages Mold Cemetery, the town’s only active burial site, with approximately 60 burials taking place each year. The Cemetery Superintendent and staff oversee its day-to-day operations supported by the Cemetery Committee, while ongoing improvements focus on greener and more sustainable practices.



- Planting a variety of trees, including beeches, limes and oaks to create shaded areas and support wildlife.
- Developing wildflower areas in sections unsuitable for burials, recycling visitor donated plants and felled trees to provide natural habitats.
- Introducing shrubs and hedges to increase biodiversity and provide shelter for local fauna.
- Tree art initiative – following the loss of a tree stump, creating a unique habitat feature and enhancing the visual appeal of the cemetery.
- Implementing a Tree Policy aligned with Flintshire County Council guidance, ensuring healthy tree management for ecological resilience.

### Heritage Sites and Community Spaces

Mold Town Council is an active partner in the Bailey Hill Project, preserving this historic Scheduled Ancient Monument and public park. Maintenance also includes care of the Bailey Hill centre ‘living roof’ supporting plant and insect biodiversity.

The Council’s community initiatives further embed environmental responsibility:

- Mold Spring Clean - coordinated with Keep Wales Tidy, Flintshire County Council Streetscene and the Mold Plastic Reduction Group, this annual event encourages residents, businesses and community groups to volunteer for litter-picking and recycling activities.
- Year-round volunteer opportunities for schools, organisations and businesses providing litter-picking equipment to support ongoing clean-up initiatives.



### Embedding Biodiversity and Sustainability in Decision Making

Mold Town Council ensures that biodiversity is considered across its operations:

**Planning Applications** – The Council evaluates the ecological impact of proposed development in all planning consultations.

**Climate Awareness** – Climate changes has been included in Youth Council discussions to promote awareness among younger residents.

### Supporting Species, Habitats and Green infrastructure

Mold Town Council implements targeted actions to safeguard species and habitats:

- Promoting species recording through local initiatives such as Bird Watch using Bailey Hill social media pages.
- Selecting pollinator-friendly plants for summer hanging baskets and planters in Gateway signage.
- Maintaining wildflower areas and leaving felled trees in place at Mold Cemetery to create natural habitats.

### Town Appearance and Green Projects

Mold Town Council continues to invest in visual and ecological improvements:

- Funding 100 hanging baskets across the town and planting at the six “Welcome to Mold” Gateway signs.
- Prioritising pollinator-friendly plants.

Through these initiatives, Mold Town Council ensures that biodiversity, sustainability and ecological resilience are embedded across its services and community engagement, contributing directly to Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.



## **A Healthier Wales**

*“A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.”*

Mold Town Council is committed to supporting the physical and mental well-being of its residents through targeted initiatives, funding and partnerships with community groups.

### Community Wellbeing Initiatives

The Council continues to support the Men’s Shed project on Bailey Hill, a space designed to bring together like-minded individuals. The project encourages skill



sharing social interaction, fun, helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness while providing a safe environment for men to discuss mental health concerns and maintain independence.

Additionally, the Council provides annual financial support to enhance community infrastructure and wellbeing:

**Play Area Improvements** - £10,000 provided to improve and maintain play areas, promoting active lifestyles and safe outdoor recreation.

**Daniel Owen Community Association** - £5,000 provided to support the upkeep of public toilet facilities in Mold Town Centre, ensure accessibility and hygiene for residents and visitors.

**Summer Playschemes** – Financial assistance supports two summer playschemes, one on the Bryn Gwalia Estate and one on Gas Lane, providing safe, supervised activities for children during school holidays.

**Parkfields Community Association** – A one-off £7,000 grant in 2024-25 to help fund the Kid's Club (for primary aged children) and Youth Club (for 11-13 years old). These clubs are open to all children and young people in Mold. Every session includes physical activities, creative projects and a hot meal.

#### Community Grants for health and Well-being

Through our Community Grant scheme, the Council also funds local projects that improve health, reduce isolation and strengthen community resilience. In 2024-25, supported initiatives included:

1. Nightingale House – Purchase an electrocardiogram (ECG) machine, allowing staff to provide essential diagnostic services for patients.
2. Deeside Defenders – Creating of a welcoming environment for gaming, promoting social connection, mental stimulation and well-being.
3. 50+ Action Group Flintshire – Hosting a free event offering older residents practical advice on household safety, energy bills, carer support and helping to combat isolation.
4. Alun School – Vaping Project – Raising awareness of the dangers of vaping among students, parents and the wider community.
5. Bryn Gwalia – Hope Hut – Expanding access to nutritious, high-quality food for local families,. Alongside recipes and educational materials promoting health eating.

Through these combined efforts, Mold Town Council continues to promote healthier lifestyles, reduce social isolation and support both physical and mental wellbeing across all generations of the community.

## A More Equal Wales

*“A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio-economic background and circumstances).”*

Mold Town Council is committed to ensuring that all residents, regardless of background, age or ability has the opportunity to participate fully in community life. Through free events, inclusive volunteering opportunities, targeted financial support and practical initiatives, the Council works to reduce inequality, strengthen community connections and empower residents to thrive.

### Inclusive Community Events

Throughout 2024-25, the Council delivered a wide range of free and accessible events that celebrated local talent and encouraged family participation:

**Easter Fun Day** – A free celebration featuring children’s entertainment, crafts, character visits and appearances from the Easter Bunny who distributed chocolate eggs to all children attending.

**Mold Carnival** – A flagship event with over 500 local performers, featuring Titan the Robot and a host of free entertainment.

**Christmas Light Switch-On** – Funded by the Town Council, the annual event features school choirs, local performers, the town band and a visit from Father Christmas who greets children in his festive grotto.

These events are made possible through the dedication of volunteers, providing opportunities for people of all ages to build skills, confidence and connections within the community.

### Financial Assistance and Local Support

The Council recognises the vital contribution of local groups in promoting equality, wellbeing and opportunity. During 2024-25, Community Grants were provided to organisations including:

- Mold and Buckley Roundtable
- Friends of Bailey Hill
- Positive Futures Mold
- Nightingale House Hospice
- Mold and District Choral Society
- Deeside Defenders Gaming Club
- 50+ Action Group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mold Brownies
- Dawnsyr Delyn
- Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam
- Alun School
- Ysgol Bryn Gwalia

Annual Financial Support was also provided to key organisations and events such as:

- Flintshire Foodbank
- Daniel Owen Community Association
- Fire service Bonfire Event
- Gŵyl Daniel Owen Festival
- Mold Food and Drink Festival
- Gŵyl Gerdd Dant Festival

These grants and ongoing commitments help ensure all residents have access to social, cultural and educational opportunities.

### Mayors Fundraising Appeal

During Councillor Brian Lloyd's Mayoral term, funds raised through the Mayoral Appeal were donated to:

- Mold Community Gardens and Clubhouse
- Daniel Owen Community Association.
- Mold Friends of Hope House
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mold Brownies



### Uniform Recycling Initiative

Councillor Teresa Carberry continues to run the School Uniform Recycling Stall at the Daniel Owen centre. Residents donate school uniforms, which are offered free of charge to those who need them. This initiative:

- Promotes reuse and prevents waste going to landfill
- Provides free and low-cost solution for families
- Relies on volunteer support with approximately 200 volunteer hours recorded during the year.



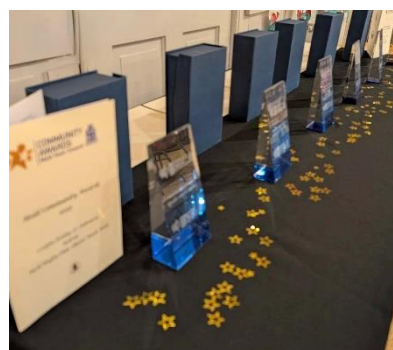


## Mold Community Awards

The Mold Community Awards, held in May 2024 and February 2025 at Mold Rugby Club, recognise outstanding contributions from individuals, groups and organisations. Categories include:



1. Young Volunteer Award (under 25)
  2. Adult Volunteer Award (25+)
  3. Business of the Year – recognises businesses demonstrating community commitment or exceptional service.
  4. Sporting Achievement Award – for outstanding performance, encouragement or support within sport.
  5. Community Project/ Event of the Year – for projects with a long-lasting community impact.
- Mayors Choice Award – personally selected by the Mayor to honour an extraordinary contribution to the Mold community.



## Training and Capacity Building

In March 2025, through ACL funding, Mold Town Council worked with Groundwork North Wales to provide a free First Aid Course for staff and volunteers. Successful participants received an FAA Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work. The course helped build confidence, enhance safety and strengthen collaboration between staff and volunteers.



The Council actively promotes opportunities for skills development and personal growth among staff, volunteers and the wider community to ensure continued engagement and empowerment.

## A Wales of Cohesive Communities

*“Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.”*

Mold Town Council continues to take a proactive role in ensuring that residents and visitors feel safe, connected, and supported within our town. Safety measures include 12 operational CCTV cameras strategically placed around the town, funded through a Service Level Agreement with Flintshire County Council. These cameras, along with the Town Council’s close partnership with North Wales Police, help monitor areas of concern, support the Shop Watch scheme, and provide reassurance to businesses and the wider community.



Mold Town Council also maintains 6 community defibrillators across the town, located at key points including the Town Council office, Mold Cemetery, Daniel Owen Precinct, Age Cymru, Poundland, and Bargain Booze, helping improve emergency response and community wellbeing.



The Council actively supports local enterprise, with officers providing guidance, promotion, and opportunities for new and existing businesses to thrive. This proactive approach contributes to Mold’s vibrant economy while strengthening its role as a welcoming and prosperous town.

Community wellbeing initiatives remain central to the Council’s work. The Parkfields Community Fridge, provides free food and essential personal hygiene items to those in need. Mold Town Councillors Haydn Jones, Tina Claydon, and Megan Lloyd Hughes serve as Trustees of Parkfields Community Centre, supporting this project which reduces food waste while ensuring no resident goes hungry.

Mold Town Council also empowers young people through the Mold Town Youth Council, comprising two separate groups: one for primary schools, with representatives from all Mold primary schools, and one for the secondary school, with representatives from the local secondary school. Each group meets quarterly to discuss issues affecting children and young people, from education and mental wellbeing to recreation and social inclusion. By providing a platform for both younger children and teenagers, the Council ensures youth perspectives directly inform local decisions, helping to foster civic engagement and a strong, inclusive community.

Through these measures, from safety initiatives and business support to volunteer-driven services and youth engagement, Mold Town Council works to create a cohesive, resilient town where residents of all ages feel connected, valued and empowered to contribute to the life of the community.

## A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

*“A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.”*

Mold Town Council actively celebrates and promotes the Welsh language at all Council events, including ensuring that promotional materials and performers are bilingual wherever possible. Our Events and Community Officer continues to work closely with the local Welsh language organisations to support events such as Menter Iaith, Gwyl Daniel Owen Festival and Cor Y Pentan, helping to ensure the Welsh language remains a visible and vibrant part of community life.

### Bailey Hill Project

Mold Town Council remains a committed partner in the Bailey Hill Project, a historic site, Scheduled Ancient Monument and public park situated at the top of Mold High Street. The park is jointly supported by Flintshire County Council (FCC), Mold Town Council and the charity Ffrindiau Bryn y Beili (Friends of Bailey Hill).

The Council actively promotes local Welsh history through Bailey Hill, hosting activities, events, guided tours and managing the Visitor Centre.

- Bailey Hill Visitor Centre – Open one day per week, the Centre welcomed nearly 200 visitors during 2024-25. Volunteers provide guided tours, share the park’s fascinating history and support children’s craft activities during school holidays, blending creativity with historical learning.
- Volunteer Contribution – The Centre thrives thanks to local volunteers, which dedication to events, tours and public engagement is central to the project’s success.
- Bookings and Guided Tours – The Centre is available for private bookings for small events, meetings and activities. Guided tours are offered to community groups and schools, conducted in Welsh or bilingually when requested.
- Green Flag Status – Bailey Hill Park retained its Green Flag status, recognising the combined efforts of the partnership in preserving and enhancing the site’s historic, environmental and cultural significance.

### Tourism Information Panels

Mold Town Council owns and maintains the tourism information panels around the town. These panels highlight Mold’s history, heritage sites and points of interest, supporting visitors and residents in exploring the town while promoting its historical and cultural significance.



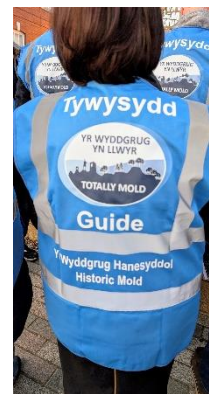


### Historic Guided Tours

In September 2024, Mold Town Council launched a series of free historical guided walks around the town, run in conjunction with the Sunday Gathering Artisan Market. Fourteen volunteers guides conducted 8 theme tours, held monthly from March to October, covering:

**History of Wrexham Street and New Street** – Discover working-class history, listed buildings, early schools and notable residents.

- Tour One – discover Wrexham's Streets history as you walk down from The Cross to the former Morris Garage.
- Tour Two – starting from the former Morris Garage, our guides will take you through the history of the Glanrafon areas, up to New Street.



**General History of Mold Town Centre** – Explore Mold's development from Norman times through industrial unrest to WWII military significance.

- Tour One – starting on Earl Road you will discover the history of the area as you stroll up to the former Cottage Hospital and then back down onto the main High Street.
- Tour Two – starting on the High Street rich in history, walk down to the old Courthouse across the former Hallfields and onto Kings Street.

**Pubs and Breweries of Mold** – Learn about Mold's historical pubs, notable figures and social life.

- Tour One – from the High Street to the old Railway, you'll discover the history of many of the towns former pubs and history.
- Tour Two – hear about the history of the pubs that were located on new Street and Wrexham Street, some of which are still there.

**Churches and Chapels of Mold** – Examine the towns religious heritage, including St. Mary the Virgin and the impact of nonconformity.

**Life and Times of Daniel Owen** – Explore the story of Mold born Daniel Owen (1836), the Father of the Welsh Novel, his community work and associated sites.

These tours provide residents and visitors with an engaging, educational experience, highlighting Mold's rich heritage, culture and Welsh language.



### Supporting Welsh Culture

This year, Mold Town Council again provided a financial donation towards Gŵyl Cedd Dant, a Welsh music and poetry festival which took place in November 2024, further supporting Welsh cultural activities and participation in the arts.

Mold Town Council also supports Menter Iaith Fflint a Wrecsam with promotion and judging of the annual St David's window competition and offers advice and support for Menter Iaith other events taking place in Mold



## A Globally Responsible Wales

*"A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being."*

Mold Town Council actively strives to ensure that all services, events and activities contribute positively to the economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Mold, Wales and the wider global community.

Mold Town Council actively promotes global responsibility through its membership of Cittaslow and Mayors for Peace.

As part of Cittaslow Mold, the Council supports the principles of diversity, local culture, sustainable environments, healthy living and community engagement. Membership helps Mold attract national and international interest, sharing best practice in sustainable town management.

Through Mayors for Peace, Mold Town Council demonstrates its commitment to global peace and international solidarity, advocating for a world free from nuclear weapons and promoting a culture of safety and responsibility.



## Aspirations for 2025-2026

At its Annual Meeting held on 7th May 2025, Councillor Paul Beacher was elected Mayor of Mold for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

For 2025–2026, Mold Town Council aims to:

- Promote Mold as a vibrant, welcoming community to live, work, and visit.
- Continue providing high-quality, low-cost activities and events for residents and visitors.
- Maintain Mold Cemetery to the highest standards, offering excellent service.
- Support local community groups and organisations through the Community Grant Scheme.
- Work with partners to safeguard Bailey Hill Park and promote its historical importance.
- Fund local play schemes and activities that benefit children and young people.
- Support CCTV as a tool to prevent and address crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Strengthen the Cittaslow Mold initiative and establish a new working group to advance its goals.
- Provide diverse volunteering opportunities and support existing volunteers in developing new skills.
- Support local businesses and continue to build strong links with business owners.
- Ensure a safe town for residents and visitors, including maintaining seven community defibrillators.
- Explore ways to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and energy costs.
- Serve the community with sound governance, integrity, transparency, and compliance with legislation.

The Council remains conscious of the need to balance Mold's vibrancy and vitality with its responsibility to residents, who make up approximately 15% of the people using the town.



## **The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

### 2024-25 Financial Summary

During 2024-25, Mold Town Council continued to manage its finances carefully, ensuring the town's resources are used effectively for the benefit of the community.

The Council began the year with balances of £430,687 and received £434,586 income, primarily from local taxation and other contributions. Total spending for the year was £421,096, covering staff costs and operational needs. This careful management has resulted in closing balances of £444,177 reflecting a healthy financial position.

At the year end, the Council held cash and investments of £467,624, with debtors of £11,614 and creditors of £35,061. The Council owns fixed assets valued at £297,795 and remains entirely debt-free, meaning all resources are available to support local services and community projects.

It is considered best practice for a council to hold between three and twelve months operating costs as general reserves. Mold Town Council's balances are comfortably within this range, ensuring stability and the ability to respond to unforeseen costs while continuing to support the community.

Overall, the Council's finances remain stable and secure, allowing us to provide services to residents, support local initiatives and plan for the future with confidence.

The Town Council has adopted the Model Member's Code of Conduct and a register of interests is kept. Each Councillor must declare any interest they have in items to be discussed at each meeting and all interests are noted in the minutes.

Each year an Internal and External Audit is undertaken. The Internal Audit was completed by JDH Business Services Ltd and the External Audit is undertaken by Audit Wales.

All of Mold Town Council's minutes, accounts and contact details can be viewed on the council's website or by emailing the Town Clerk at [townclerk@moldtowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:townclerk@moldtowncouncil.org.uk)

### **Annual Governance Statement**

This statement sets out how Mold Town Council has discharged its governance responsibilities for the year ending 31 March 2025, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) regulations 2014 and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

The Council is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for and that it is used economically, efficiently and effectively.

#### **1. Scope and Responsibility**

Mold Town Council is responsible for:



- Ensuring its affairs are managed in accordance with the law and proper standards;
- Safeguarding public funds and assets;
- Ensuring value for money while promoting social partnership
- Supporting the delivery of services and local democracy in line with community needs;
- Maintaining a governance framework to support delivery and accountability.

## **2. Governance Framework**

The Council's governance framework includes:

- Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct.
- Scheme of Delegation and Terms of Reference for Committees.
- Risk Management Policy.
- Internal Controls and Internal Audit arrangements.
- Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy.
- Whistleblowing Policy.
- Regular monitoring of budgets and reserves.
- Transparency through published minutes
- Compliance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

## **3. Review of Effectiveness**

The effectiveness of the Council's governance framework has been reviewed by:

- The Finance Committee
- The internal auditor appointed in accordance with statutory requirements.
- Regular oversight by the Town Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).
- Councillors' engagement in policy-making, scrutiny and financial monitoring.

Key reviews undertaken:

- Annual internal audit with recommendations actioned where applicable.
- Regular financial reports and bank reconciliations reviewed by Council.
- Year-end review meeting with financial software provider (Rialtas).
- Budget-setting process supported by detailed EMR (Ear marked Reserve) review.

## **4. Governance**

There were no significant governance failures identified in 2024-25. Minor process improvements were implemented based on internal audit recommendations.

Please note: The Annual Return and associated governance statements are currently awaiting external audit and review by Audit Wales. Any further governance issues identified through this external review will be considered and addressed by the Council in due course.

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In January 2025, three long-serving Councillors – Councillor Bryan Grew, Tim Maunders and Haydn Bateman, stepped down from the Town Council. We extend our sincere thanks to them for their years of dedication, commitment and service to the community. Their contributions have left a lasting impact and their guidance and experience will be greatly missed.

Following a by-election, we were delighted to welcome Councillor Richard Clarke, Suzanne Thomas and Nanette Davies to the Council. We look forward to their fresh perspectives, enthusiasm and commitment to representing the community as we continue to work together to support local initiatives and services.



## Schedule of Meetings 2025/26

The following dates are recommended for meetings of Mold Town Council during the next year (maybe subject to change):

Suggested start time: 6.00pm

28<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
29<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Annual Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Date of meetings, agendas and minutes of all the meeting of the Council and Committees are available on the Council's Website:  
<http://www.moldtowncouncil.org.uk/Mold-TC/Default.aspx>

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mold Town Council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly welcomes members of the public to attend this meeting. Mold Town Council Standing Orders allow for 15 minutes to be allocated under the 'Public Participation' item on the agenda with up to 5 minutes allocated per subject.

Those wishing to address the meeting under Public Participation must:

- Have notified the Town Clerk of their interest to speak by 4.30pm the day before the Town Council Meeting.
- Direct all comments/ questions to the chairman of the meeting.

Members of the public should note that the council will only discuss and is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicised on the agenda. In the event of no issues being raised, the Town Council meeting to commence at 6pm.





## Schedule of Committee Meetings

The following dates are suggested for meetings of Mold Town Council Committees during the next year:

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| <b>Cemetery Committee (Hybrid)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Community, Development &amp; Regeneration Committee (Online only)</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 6pm<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025<br>4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 6pm<br>29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025<br>21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026                                                                                  |
| <b>Planning Committee (Online only)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Personnel Committee (Hybrid)</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 - 6pm<br>30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025<br>28 <sup>th</sup> July 2025<br>26 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 (Tues)<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025<br>20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025<br>17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025<br>15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025<br>12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026<br>9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026<br>9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026<br>7 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Tues)<br>5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Tues)<br>13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025, 6pm<br>29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 6pm<br>21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025, 6pm<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026, 6pm | To be organised as and when required                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Policy and Audit Committee (Hybrid)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Finance Committee (Hybrid)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, 6pm<br>14 <sup>th</sup> October 2025, 6pm<br>20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026, 6pm<br>10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026, 6pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025, 6pm<br>16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025, 6pm<br>9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, 6pm<br>6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026, 6pm (provisional)<br>17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026, 6pm             |



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