



# Community Update



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# Abertillery Foundry Gateway

Key themes: Prosperous Communities & Learning Communities

A landmark part of the £13million regeneration programme for Abertillery will be the Foundry Bridge Gateway. Inspired by local collieries and interpreted by local schoolchildren, the Foundry Gateway Project consists of a series of six spires with burning embers, which will represent the industrial past and provide a gateway to the commercial centre of the town.



Pupils from Abertillery Comprehensive School, Abertillery Primary School, Bryngwyn Primary School, Rose Heyworth Millennium School and St Illtyd's Primary School all took part in a competition for the Foundry Gateway Project in collaboration with Communities First.

The pupils were invited to design pictures and poems which capture their views of local industrial heritage. The 16 winning pieces will be engraved onto A3 stainless steel plaques and displayed on the wall adjacent to the spires.

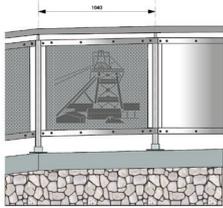
To inspire their designs, pupils were taken on trips to Big Pit National Mining Museum and took part in an art workshop facilitated by artist Becky Adams. Some pupils also visited the Guardian memorial and the former sites of their local collieries - Cwmtillery Colliery, Penybont and Grey Collieries, Rose Heyworth Colliery, Six Bells Colliery and Vivian Colliery.

The project has allowed children to make connections with their parents and grandparents memories of the past, which will promote a sense of local ownership of the Foundry Gateway Project between younger and older generations.



Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council is working towards installation of an impressive new gateway feature at the junction of Alma Street & Foundry Bridge in Abertillery Town Centre by March 2013 as part of Abertillery's Regeneration Programme.

For more information about the project, please contact Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Regeneration Department on 01495 355542.

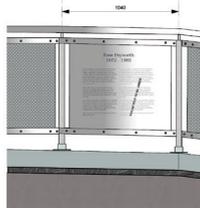


example of perforated steel sheets



**NOTE:**  
The following s/s perforated panels are to have historical photographs / images on the surface

- Panel Nos.  
2.20 Foundry Bridge  
4.5 Rose Heyworth  
7. Cwmillery  
8. Vivian  
10. Gray  
12.14 Pen-y-Bont  
15.17 Six Bells  
19. Llanelith



panel elevation - street side 1:20  
example of engraved sheet panels.  
text and layout to be confirmed

rev a 14.12.11 dsk general amendments and incorporation of six panels together with perforated s/s spires

**NOTE:**

The following s/s panels are to have historical text engraved on the road-side surface.

Panel Nos.

- 1 Foundry Bridge
3. Rose Heyworth
6. Cwmillery
9. Vivian
11. Gray
12. Pen-y-Bont
16. Six Bells
18. Llanelith

Each panel will have template zone which will have the brief history of each colliery engraved on to the surface in both english and welsh.

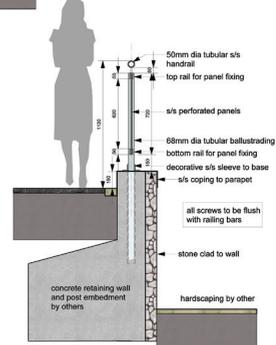
panel elevation - plateau side 1:20  
example of perforated sheet panels.  
Holes in sheet to be arranged to show pictures.



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Each s/s perforated panel is to be patterned to match the chosen historical photos of the chosen collieries and Foundry Bridge  
Each s/s panel is to be engraved in english and welsh of the narrative of each collieries history



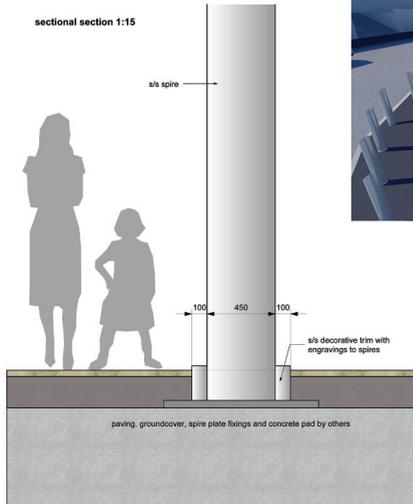
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scale 1:20/150 @A3  
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rev a 15.11.11 dsk. s/s engraving template amended to suit comments from steel fabricator  
rev b 17.11.11 dsk. s/s engraving template amended with historical text centred  
rev c 20.11.11 dsk. s/s engraving template centred and bottom trim to be engraved with the spire's name, date of opening and date of closing  
rev d 14.12.11 dsk. 3d visual updated

sectional section 1:15



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refer to drawing to0241-pa-21 for engraving template arrangements and layouts



**NOTE:**

The following spires are to be included in the proposal to represent the collieries:

1. Rose Heyworth (half circle)
2. Cwmillery (half circle)
3. Vivian (half circle)
4. Gray & Pen-y-Bont (full circle)
5. Six Bells (half circle)
6. Llanelith (half circle)

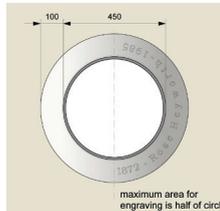
Each spire will have engraved bottom trim containing the name of the colliery, date it opened and the date it closed.

BGCBC to provide design templates for each spire.

Material of the bottom trim is to match the main spire.

The text for the engravings are:

Main title: Bookman Old Style 120pts



plan 1:10  
material to be brushed stainless steel or aluminium. text to be engraved into bottom trim



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# Abertillery Work Club

Key themes: Prosperous Communities & Learning Communities



**Abertillery Work Club is a collaborative approach between a number of organisations, including Communities First, Careers Wales, BG Adult Education and Want 2 Work.**

It exists to provide a one-to-one service, offering a wider scale of support to improve people's employability, confidence and to move them closer to the job market.

The service is a voluntary one for jobseekers, offered informally at Abertillery Library on a Wednesday morning from 9.30-12.30am. People can drop-in for a cup of tea and coffee and get the help they need. This can involve careers guidance interviews,

help with writing or updating a CV, setting-up an e-mail address and help with internet job search, basic IT training information about volunteering and how to access local training and education opportunities. For clients who are interested in setting-up their own business, we have helped to support them through the BG Effect project, giving them the help and support to develop their ideas.

Established with a small set-up grant from Job Centre Plus, Abertillery Work Club has helped over 130 people over the last 12 months. If you are unemployed or looking for a change of direction please drop in!

# ASDAN Youth Achievement Awards

Key themes: Prosperous Communities, Healthier Communities & Learning Communities



Eleven pupils from Abertillery Comprehensive School used the community gardens to help with their ASDAN Youth Achievement Award. The awards take an activity-based approach to peer education, and encourage young people to take more responsibility in selecting planning and leading activities. They also help young people to enhance self-esteem, develop communication skills and resolve differences by negotiation, work well with others, develop values and plan ahead.

The Bronze Youth Achievement Award is a 60 hour programme. The young people had to focus on a number of modules, including building an eco-friendly greenhouse from pop bottles, preparing soil and planting seasonal fruit and vegetables which they had researched and submitting a portfolio of work for external assessment.

Abertillery Comprehensive School pupils, Connor Long, Connor Price, Darian Dobbs, Ieuan Williams, Liam Andrews, Josh Williams and Robert Meek are the first seven young people in Blaenau Gwent to achieve Youth Achievement Award. Congratulations to them!



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New to business?  
Looking to **grow**?

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- Help with building your team

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**Effect** Blaenau Gwent gives free and confidential business support to local people, start-up ventures, existing businesses and social enterprises.

Do you have **a big idea? Energy? Passion?** Maybe it's about taking that first step – talking to someone. **Effect** Blaenau Gwent can help.

## We provide:

- business support to the grass-roots
- a helpful Enterprise Facilitator
- free and confidential business coaching
- support – but with no restrictions
- practical help from a volunteer panel

**Effect** Blaenau Gwent is a grass-roots project – the first in Wales. **We are different.** We are here for local people – to help them be successful in business and enterprise.

That in turn helps the local economy and brings job opportunities. The whole project is managed by volunteers.

**Effect** Blaenau Gwent is successfully putting into practice the principles of Enterprise Facilitation pioneered by Dr Ernesto Sirolli.

**Moe Forouzan** is your Enterprise Facilitator - your point of contact.

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# Information & Support Services

**Key themes:** Prosperous Communities, Healthier Communities & Learning Communities

The Communities First Information Centre in Commercial Street Arcade, Abertillery, hosts a number of services, helping to make them more accessible to community members. These include...

**Shelter Cymru** provide advice and support for homelessness, evictions and housing related issues. Drop-in service is available from 10am-12noon every Monday. Help is also available over the national telephone helpline on 08450 755005.

**Citizen's Advice Bureau** service helps people with their legal, money and other problems by providing free confidential advice. Drop-in service is available from 9.15 – 11.30am every Tuesday. An appointments only service is also available on a Thursday morning. The local Citizens Advice Bureau can be contacted in Blaina on 01495 292659. Help is also available on the national telephone helpline on 08444 772020.

**CRI** is a health and social care charity which provide help to people and communities affected by drugs, alcohol, crime, homelessness, domestic abuse and antisocial behaviour. Our Alcohol Counselling Service is provided on a Wednesday on an appointments only basis. If you require help, please telephone 08452 412538.

**Smart Money Credit Union** provides a financial service to people in Blaenau Gwent. People can save money or arrange loans at affordable prices. This can help people avoid loan sharks, pay-day and doorstep lenders. Drop-in service is available from 10-11am every Thursday. For telephone enquiries please contact 02920 883751.





# Gift Making Evening

**Abertillery Youth  
Centre**

**5th December**

**4.30-7.30pm**

**Age 10-16years**

Why not come along and make Christmas gifts for all your family including handbag charms, sweet jars, filled stocking, dream catchers and much more !!!!!!!

**Free cake and hot drinks  
served all evening**

Also included on evening, Pool,  
Play station, X-box etc



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# Engineering Our Future

Key themes: **Prosperous Communities** & **Learning Communities**

**Pupils from Abertillery Comprehensive School, Abertillery Primary School and Queen Street Primary School were involved in an engineering project, which saw them build a scale model of the second Severn crossing.**



Construction Ambassadors helped the pupils with the tasks of assembling the bridge. They volunteered with the project and work in a variety of engineering roles.

The project, arranged by Abertillery Communities First involved The Institute of Civil Engineering and the companies Capita Symonds, Carillion and Construction Skills.

It helped to:

- encourage young people to explore civil engineering as a potential career;
- motivate young people, aiming to increase their results at Key Stage 2/3/4;
- help cut school absences in primary and comprehensive school.

Tracey Williams, from Abertillery Comprehensive School commented "the project has helped to explain to young people the different careers available in engineering, and to give them a taster of this. It has also been a wonderful transitional project for Abertillery Primary and Queen Street Primary, who worked with year 9 pupils, who used the experience to contribute towards their Welsh Baccalaureate".

The project was filmed and is can be viewed on [www.facebook.com/abertillerycwmillerycommunitiesfirst](http://www.facebook.com/abertillerycwmillerycommunitiesfirst) or on [www.redslatefilms.com](http://www.redslatefilms.com)

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# Internet Advertising for Businesses

Key themes: Prosperous Communities

Abertillery Communities First has been working with 3VTV or Three Valleys Television, helping to promote a range of local businesses on the internet. During these tough economic times, advertising and having a digital presence is increasing important.

3VTV is Blaenau Gwent's own online TV channel, available to watch on demand at [3vttv.co.uk](http://3vttv.co.uk). As well as adverts for local businesses it has heritage documentaries, a sports series and other films all about the county borough.

Some of the local businesses we have been working with include 1st for Locks, Alison's Laundrette and Ironing Centre, Amphlett's Butchers, Chilli's Indian Restaurant, Church Street Fish Bar, Comfort Zone, Kutz 'n' Kurlz, MWW Maintenance, Needles 'n' Threads, Petro's Barbers, Something Special, Super Suites, The Coffee Bean, The Tatt Shack, Tribal Zone, Valleys Estates and Williams and Parry Opticians. For many of these smaller businesses, this is their first presence of the internet, and the 3VTV channel is helping to publicise them across neighbouring valleys.



3VTV is a University of Wales, Newport project part-funded by the Welsh Government and aims to help Blaenau Gwent's small and medium sized businesses get a taste of online advertising.

Are you interested in raising the profile of your local business? Please contact Alice Ridding on 01495 722973, 07970 507270 or e-mail: [alice.ridding@newport.ac.uk](mailto:alice.ridding@newport.ac.uk)



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# Bright Future

# Christmas Market

# and Fun Fair

# Tuesday 4th December

# 5pm to 8pm Church Street

# Merry Christmas Diamond Jubilee Square

# Ice Rink & Bouncy Castle Museum Car Park from 4pm

# Torchlight procession, 5:15pm Queens St School

# Winterfest 2012

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## Celebrations

# 26th Nov to 8th December

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