



Blaenavon Newsletter October 2022

Forgeside RFC have set up a community garden right next to the rugby pitch. As the Welsh winners of this year's Royal Horticultural society garden, they have featured on the BBC One show and in the RHS magazine, putting Forgeside on the map!

The garden was designed by Victoria Wade and features raised beds, a large greenhouse and a pizza oven. Though the garden has been set up by the club it is for the whole community to enjoy. The produce grown is offered to the community.

They have been visited by local groups such as the brownies who made banana desserts in the pizza oven.

To volunteer at the garden, you can find Forgeside RFC Community Garden on Connect Torfaen and contact the team, find them on Facebook and Instagram or pop along to the garden and have a chat, they are extremely friendly!



Cost of Living support

Fare share takes place at Bethlehem Church every Thursday morning from 10 until 11.30

This is not a food bank and is not means tested, anyone can use it. It helps stop surplus food going to waste. There are different items each week but often pasta, rice and tins of soup and tomatoes are available as well as bread, fruit, and vegetables.

Foodbank

The foodbank in Blaenavon is part of Eastern Valley and is run by Victory Church in the "Green room" on Broad Street every Wednesday at 1.30.

Greggs.

Every Wednesday evening the Hwb youth charity on Broad Street (opposite the Lion pub) gives out surplus food from Greggs, such as sausage rolls and baguettes. Again, this is not means tested and a way to stop food waste.

Free exercise

Family club Fridays at 5 in the Blaenavon Active Living Centre

Over 60s Wednesday 11.45 in the Workmen's Hall.

Take a stroll walks every Tuesday at 12 and 2 from Blaenavon Heritage Centre.

Walk with CELT at Forgeside every Tuesday at 1.00 from the old power station near C row.

Gym with Kay every Tuesday Morning at 10 (Contact Building resilient communities)

Free places to visit

Visit Big Pit

Take a walk at Garn Lakes or Keeper's Pond.

Blaenavon Heritage Centre.

Blaenavon Library, which is in the Heritage Centre.

Keep learning



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