



Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition for Action **NEWS LETTER**

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Covid infection rate out of control

Three new Covid deaths and 367 more cases were reported in the Hywel Dda area on Sunday, October 31

The latest data from Public Health Wales shows there were 209 new cases in Carmarthenshire, 111 in Pembrokeshire and 47 in Ceredigion since the last report.

The total number of cases across the three counties now stands at 40,640 - 23,630 in Carmarthenshire, 11,505 in Pembrokeshire and 5,458 in Ceredigion. There are three new Covid-related deaths recorded in the Hywel Dda area since the last report, with the total standing at 567 throughout the pandemic.

In total 3,016 new cases of coronavirus and nine new Covid-related deaths have been reported across Wales bringing the national total to 437,972 cases and 6,150 deaths.

There have been **643** new coronavirus cases recorded in the Hywel Dda Health Board area in the 48 hour period up to and including Monday, November 1st.

Ed. These figures demonstrate that the Covid infection is out of control in the Hywel Dda Health Board area bringing extreme pressure on our already burdened NHS facilities and a danger to the vulnerable. At the end of the day, this is a value judgement. Which should come first, People or Money (the economy)

CCC Electric vehicle charging bays are too

small for disabled users.



This photograph was sent to me by a disabled driver charging a Peugeot E Traveller in the charging bays in St Peters car park in Carmarthen. I am informed that this model is very popular even though it has only recently come on the market. Dolen Teifi has nine Nissan env-200 models and I am informed that they regularly visit Carmarthen. The charging bays in the John's Street car park have the same problem.

As you can see the bays are neither long enough nor wide enough to accommodate the vehicle. Even if the vehicle was a car rather than a van the bays are still too narrow having no side space for a wheelchair. This is an issue that CDCfA will raise with the CCC Highway Department.

Link to the latest Senedd publication on [Building a confident future for electric car users](#)

♿ WE NEED YOUR HELP ♿

Please send us photographs of the new EV charging bays in your local CCC Car park. Please tell us the name of the Car Park and where it is located. CDCfA needs to gather a photographic record of the provision of EV Charging bays in Carmarthenshire so that we can campaign the Senedd to make it a legal requirement for local authorities to provide Disabled Friendly EV charging bays.

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Ed. Carmarthenshire County Council Highways Department has a poor track record when it comes to consulting. CDCfA was not consulted prior to the introduction of these charging bays. CCC was recently awarded a £350,000 grant to develop a rapid charging facility on the A48 in Cross Hands. The multi-point charging facility will serve as one of the main charging points for tourist routes through Wales. The facility comprises five fast chargers from 50kW to 150kW under a solar canopy with capacity for further expansion and is expected to be operational later this year." We only found out about this from an article in the local newspapers and CCC have not seen fit to consult with us.

A Plea for Volunteers

CDCfA is currently being run by one person, that is me Clive Poulton, chairman. Email often arrives faster than I can reply to or sanction any action that may be required resulting in the organisation being unable to function to its full potential. It is not possible for one person to cover all the issues that are brought to the attention of the Coalition and therefore disabled people are not receiving the benefits that the organisation should be delivering like improving services and facilities, providing access to the latest

news, information and reviews of new products, research and treatments.

We need people who can work from home to fill a variety of roles. Can you write letters? Can you post to a FaceBook page? Do you use Instagram? Are you able to give some of your time or do you know someone who can? Would you like to be part of a team tackling disability issues in Carmarthenshire for the benefit of the disabled community. We can offer you one to one tuition on how to use Zoom and other apps.

The Coalition needs a Press Officer(s). This can be a team of people working on one or more individual issues. Having an active profile in the printed media is an essential role that will raise the profile of the Coalition and lay the foundation for the implementation of a membership campaign.

So we will need a Membership Secretary to manage our membership data. We can teach you how to enter data onto a database.

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Tips and tricks on losing weight in a wheelchair

Gym Possible - Online Fitness

The Ability North Project is a fitness campaign to help people with various disabilities stay fit during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond. The project is run by Disability North with the online portion being provided by Gym Possible and funded by Sport England.

We'll be hosting three LIVE workouts each week on our Facebook page - [HERE](#).

The other workouts will be pre-recorded videos hosted on our YouTube channel - [HERE](#).

Ed. If there is a Welsh equivalent please let me know; office@cdcfa.org.uk or text 07585 626905.

Is your home suitable for your needs?

CDCfA gets a lot of enquiries about Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG), which can fund adaptations to the home, enabling the occupant to live there safely and independently.

We recently heard that Foundations have been working on a self-assessment portal where you can find out whether some adaptation work might be beneficial for you; whether or not you are eligible; and how much you might receive.

[You can try it out now](#), ahead of the official launch which is scheduled for December.

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