

**FLINTSHIRE BUSINESS WEEK 2011  
11 - 19 OCTOBER**

**Flintshire Business Week  
2011 will be a week of firsts!**

**For the first time we have a headline sponsor for the Business Awards**

AGS Security Systems from Mold, who have been keen supporters of Flintshire Business Week for a number of years, are the headline sponsor for this year's Flintshire Business Awards.



**Cllr Matt Wright, Executive Member for Regeneration and Tourism, and Jonathan Turner, Managing Director of AGS Security Systems**

For details about the 11 award categories visit [www.flintshirebusinessawards.co.uk](http://www.flintshirebusinessawards.co.uk) or contact [kate.catherall@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:kate.catherall@flintshire.gov.uk).

The Flintshire Business Awards will be presented at a gala ceremony and dinner at Soughton Hall on Friday 14 October.

**For the first time we are holding a two day business exhibition**

Sponsored by Convatec, the exhibition will take place at their premises on the Deeside Industrial Park on 12 and 13 October.

There will be keynote speakers, seminars, workshops on procurement, and factory tours.

**For the first time we have a headline sponsor for the Flintshire Business Magazine FBW11**

Parkway Telecom have long been supporters and sponsors of the week. This year, as well as sponsoring the FBW11 magazine, they will once again be sponsoring the Women into Business Award.

There's lots more happening at FBW11. Full details of the week can be found at [www.flintshirebusinessweek.co.uk](http://www.flintshirebusinessweek.co.uk), or visit [www.flintshire.gov.uk/business](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk/business). You can also email [businessweek@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:businessweek@flintshire.gov.uk)

**Fundraising for friends in Japan**

**The recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan has affected Miyagi Prefecture, an area where Flintshire students have been visiting for over 20 years with the Flintshire Optec Japanese Youth Exchange.**

Exchange students have been fundraising to help the victims of this triple disaster. So far, over £1,000 has been raised, with more activities planned for the future, including a sponsored walk up Moel Famau, a sponsored parachute jump and a raffle.

**For more information please contact Beth Ditson in the Arts, Culture and Events section of the Council on 01352 702472 or email: [beth.ditson@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:beth.ditson@flintshire.gov.uk)**

**Making Housing Affordable**

**If you're looking in the estate agent's window and can't find a home which you can afford, either to buy or rent, then registering on the Council's affordable home ownership register can cut the costs of renting or buying your home, even in rural areas**

Catherine Kirkham is the county's Rural Housing Enabler. She works in partnership with village residents, community councils, local landowners, planning, housing officers and housing associations, helping to develop small scale affordable housing projects for local people.

Catherine says: "Hopefully I can help show that affordable housing is needed in a local area by encouraging people to register for affordable housing. I

can then work with the community council to develop an affordable housing scheme for local people."

Councillor Helen Brown, Executive Member for Housing, is also keen for people to register:

"An affordable housing scheme can make a huge contribution to the local community. It not only meets the housing needs of local people, but it can also help maintain the viability of services and amenities in the community.

"It's really important that people are aware of the Affordable Home ownership Register, and that we encourage people to register."

Apply for Flintshire's Affordable Home Ownership Register, by contacting the Affordable Home Ownership Team at Cymdeithas Tai Clwyd on 0345 230 3140 or email [affordablehomes@taiclwyd.com](mailto:affordablehomes@taiclwyd.com) or by downloading the application form, from Tai Clwyd's website <http://www.taiclwyd.com/>

**Find out more information about affordable housing in rural areas by contacting Catherine Kirkham on 01244 819882 or email [Catherine.Kirkham@pennaf.co.uk](mailto:Catherine.Kirkham@pennaf.co.uk)**

**Flintshire Flying Start - helping children to communicate and learn**

Flintshire's Flying Start team are passionate about creating the best possible opportunities for young children to develop communication and language skills.

The team have been taking part in a pilot project promoting 'Communication Friendly Spaces TM'. A CFS is a den-like area created in a childcare setting (and the home), where children can concentrate free from unnecessary distractions, so that they are given the best possible opportunity to learn.

Lena Heaps is a registered childminder in Flintshire taking part in the pilot:

"In the couple of weeks since my Communication Friendly Space has been up it has been used mainly for imaginative play; it has been a caravan, a tent, a fairy castle that has hosted a prince and princess wedding and a home for the cuddly animals.

"The children love the space and all the activities in it are child led and I have to be invited to join them."



The Flying Start team offer support to families with young children in the areas of Flint, Connah's Quay, Higher Shotton and Greenfield.

**For more information please contact your local team:**

**Greenfield 01352 703087 • Aston / Connah's Quay 01244 823234 • Flint 01352 792702**

**For more about Communication Friendly Spaces please visit [elizabethjarmanltd.co.uk](http://elizabethjarmanltd.co.uk)**

**Investment in Borderlands Line Railway Stations**

The Council has successfully secured £340k of grant funding with TAITH (the consortium of North Wales transport authorities) to install new display equipment at railway stations from Hawarden Bridge to Wrexham Central station. The customer information screens will update Borderlands Line passengers with the latest essential train travel information.



**For more information contact the Community Rail Officer on 01352 704537**

**Bag it and bin it or be prepared to pay a fine**

Flintshire County Council and North Wales Police are working together to tackle dog fouling and help to make our communities cleaner, greener and safer.

Patrols by officers are now underway across the county. Anyone who chooses to not clean up after their dog can be issued with a £75 Fixed Penalty Notice.

Offenders could also face prosecution and a fine of up to £1000.

Owners who bag the mess but instead of putting in a bin throw it into a hedge, or hang it on a tree or gate will also be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

You can help by reporting dog fouling offences to the Council's Dog Warden team.

When reporting an offence, the

following information will be useful:

- ▶ Do the offenders usually walk their dog at a certain time during the day / night?
- ▶ Where are the offences taking place?
- ▶ What does the dog look like?
- ▶ What does the owner look like?
- ▶ If the dog owner is using a car, what is the number on the registration plate?

Report incidences of dog fouling to our dedicated dog warden service on: 01352 703366 or via email: [dogfouling@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:dogfouling@flintshire.gov.uk)