



## NPT Safe and Well

Since the start of the coronavirus outbreak, Neath Port Talbot Council has been working alongside local councillors, volunteers and key partner organisations in the community to support its most vulnerable residents.

The NPT Safe and Well service has been set up to ensure those who are shielding or self-isolating are able to access support with daily living tasks if they have nobody to call on for help. Carers who are supporting those who are shielding or self-isolating can also access the service.



**In Numbers:** How the NPT Safe and Well service is helping residents during the coronavirus outbreak

We would like to say a big **THANKYOU** to our Paws Members who signed up to volunteer with our Safe and Well Service and for giving up your time to help those in your communities during this difficult time.

# Antisocial Behaviour

Concerns have been raised regarding the amount of young people holding gatherings at places including Gnoll Country Park and Aberavon Beach. South Wales Police have received a number of calls about antisocial behaviour and potential Covid-19 legislation breaches. Empty alcohol bottles and food wrappings have also been discarded and areas have been scorched by fires or barbecues.

Section 35 Disposal Orders have now been put into place. This power allows Police Officers to order individuals causing the issues to leave the area and not return for up to 48hrs.

The vast majority of people are behaving responsibly but there is a minority of young people and adults who are not.

Safer Neath Port Talbot are working with partners to try to educate the individuals causing these issues. If you're a parent or guardian of a young person please help us in reinforcing the message that in the current health emergency they need to behave responsibly.



## How to report ?

Non emergency ASB **101**

Emergency **999**

Litter/Fly Tipping **01639 686868** or do it online via

[www.npt.gov.uk](http://www.npt.gov.uk)

## ARSON—Controlled Burning



During the COVID19 pandemic, we are requesting that you DO NOT BURN your garden/household waste. Smoke generated from these fires has a significant effect on anyone with a respiratory condition such as asthma.

Attending these fires also puts a strain on Fire Service resources and can result in a fire appliance being delayed from attending a life-threatening emergency such as a house fire or road traffic collision.

**ONCE THE COVID10 PANDEMIC IS OVER** and if burning is unavoidable, Then it is essential to follow specific advice.

Contact Fire Service Control on 01268 909 408 before carrying out a con  
Controlled burning can lead to prosecution due to smoke being classed as a nuisance to neighbours.

Please contact your Local Authority Environmental Department for advice before burning. There are more environmentally friendly ways to dispose of garden waste or rubbish such as utilising the Local Authority recycling facilities.

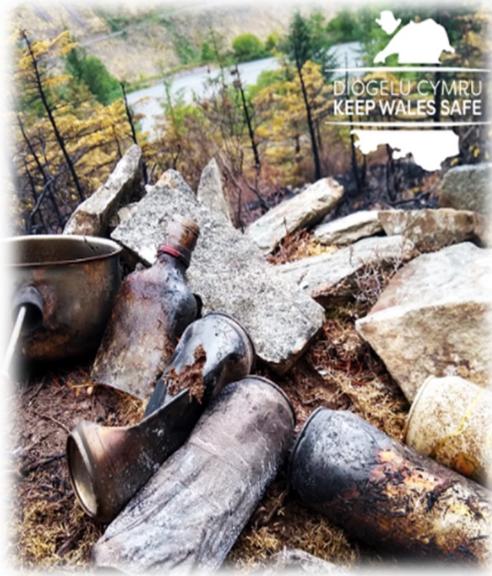
**For further Arson Prevention information or advice, please contact  
the Arson Reduction Team on 0370 60 60 699 or  
[arson.reduction@mawwfire.gov.uk](mailto:arson.reduction@mawwfire.gov.uk)**



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Mid and West Wales  
Fire and Rescue Service

# KEEP WALES SAFE OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY



With the warm, sunny and dry weather we have recently been experiencing and with the lockdown rules starting to be relaxed in Wales, which seems like a perfect opportunity to start to enjoy the wonderful countryside and beaches that we have to offer. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service have attended 98 grass fires that have either been started deliberately or were accidental.

During the summer, grass and mountains can become very dry, which means if you deliberately or accidentally start a fire outdoors it will spread very quickly, destroying everything in its path. The damage to the surrounding landscape and the effect on historic features, habitats and wildlife largely goes unrecognised.

Recognising the impact that these fires are having on our communities, MAWWFRS are working in partnership with the four Local Authorities, Dyfed Powys Police, Natural Resource Wales and Cadw in a bid to tackle this issue and to protect the historic environment, natural habitat and surrounding countryside.

Lets work together in our communities to fight the cause of deliberate fires.

Please call the Police on **101** or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** if you see anyone setting deliberate fires.

In an emergency always dial **999**.



**We are urging members of the public to take precautions and to follow the safety advice below.**

- Extinguish cigarettes and other smoking materials properly - don't throw them out of car windows.
- Only use barbeques in suitable and safe areas, never leave them unattended and always extinguish them properly.
- Don't start fires in the countryside – dry vegetation means fires will spread quickly and easily.
- Make sure your BBQ is in good working order before you use it.
- Make sure let your BBQ cool down after use, before you dispose or move it.
- Never start open fires in the countryside.

## Domestic Abuse Live Fear Free Helpline



Live Fear Free Helpline  
0808 80 10 800  
call • text • live chat • email



Home  
shouldn't  
be a place  
of fear

Help is still  
available 24/7

#LiveFearFree  
[gov.wales/livefearfree](http://gov.wales/livefearfree)



**Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's Trading Standards are warning residents about scam telephone calls from fake contact tracing teams.**

They may pretend that you have been in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid 19 and will ask you for personal information, banking details and look to charge you for goods such as a testing kit.

Contact tracers will never :

- \* Ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- \* Ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind
- \* Ask for any details about your bank account
- \* Ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- \* Ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- \* Disclose any of your personal or medical information to your contacts
- \* Provide medical advice on the treatment of any potential coronavirus symptoms
- \* Ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else
- \* Ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

**You can report any suspect telephone calls to**

**Citizen's Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506  
(welsh language 03454 040505)**

## NITROUS OXIDE (LAUGHING GAS) CYLINDERS



There are increasing amounts of Nitrous Oxide (Laughing Gas) Cylinders being dumped in parks and on our streets. They might look like just another part of the growing rubbish problem, but the sheer amount illustrates how they are becoming an increasingly popular way for people to get high.

The silver canisters might look innocent enough but there are serious health concerns linked to taking the drug. Nitrous Oxide has several legitimate uses but when inhaled it can cause unconsciousness or death due to a lack of oxygen. Mixing alcohol with nitrous oxide can be fatal.

Its legal uses include as an anaesthetic in hospitals, or in the hospitality industry to charge large canisters of whipped cream, but despite it being banned in 2016, many people continue to use it. Health problems can include memory loss, disorientation and disassociation, but one of the most serious is the degeneration of the spinal cord. Nitrous oxide can also cause dizziness and affect your judgement, creating a risk of accidents, which adds to the issue if people drive to the meeting point.

If you know of anyone that maybe using nitrous oxide please educate them and encourage them to stop immediately. Further information and help is available from your local Welsh Centre for Action on Dependency and Addiction **WCADA** on the following numbers. Neath—**01639 620222** Port Talbot—**01639 890863**.

**If you come across large quantities of these cylinders, please contact South Wales Police on 101 or your local PCSO.**



### Future dates for the diary

Due to the current circumstances unfortunately our scheduled events are currently cancelled. We will keep you updated with any changes.



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