Ruthin Future 2022 - Celebrating People, Place and Potential

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Since 2011 people of Ruthin have participated in a programme of events and consultations that have listened to their views and ideas for the town, originally as part the Ruthin Market Town of the Future initiative, and now as part of Ruthin Future. It was a Beacon for Wales project and won a prestigious Action for Market Towns Award in 2012. The Initiative has since been repeated and has supported the implementation of a number of projects, including Ruthin Art Trail, and more recently the development of Yr Hen Lys into a Community, Civic and Visitor hub.

Ruthin Town Council are now embarking on another engagement period to outline how key ambitions are progressing as projects that can potentially take a major step forward through both Levelling Up fund support, and development in partnership with other stakeholders. Projects include Public Realm improvements for The Heart of The Town, enhancing Cae Ddol Park and creating 'Parc Clwyd' by improving the network of Green spaces within the town and alongside the river, as well as progress on proposals for Ruthin to be home to the North Wales outdoor Velodrome.

As part of the initiative, local people will have numerous opportunities to engage through a programme of events that will put Ruthin once again at the forefront of national debate about the sustainability of Welsh Market Towns. Ruthin Future once again has the involvement of Professionals, Educators and graduates from across Architecture, Urban and Landscape Design in partnership with Birmingham City University School of Architecture.

Ruthin Future starts on **Saturday 19th February until Thursday 17th March** with an exhibition and sequence of events that aim to bring together politicians, professionals and the wider community to discuss the future of Ruthin whilst celebrating its people, the place and it's potential.

For further information and to reserve event tickets visit www.rhuthun.com

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Programme:

Saturday 19 February
Ruthin Future 2022 Exhibition Opening

The Old Courthouse on St Peter's square will provide the home for Ruthin Future events, and will include an exhibition of projects and ideas for the town. Residents and visitors can share their views, find out more and get involved in exciting projects, community groups and activities that are aimed at enhancing the wellbeing, community cohesion and vibrancy of Ruthin and its unique Town Centre.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 11.00am
Entry: FREE

Monday 21 February
Ruthin Town Council • Full Council Meeting

Meeting of Ruthin Town Council - on Zoom & streamed on Facebook. Agenda items include Ruthin Future & the Declaration of a Climate Change Emergency

Location: Zoom & Facebook Live
Time: 7.00pm
Entry: FREE

Wednesday 23 February
Living Well, Living Smarter

The Old Courthouse and The Market Hall are joining forces to host the **Living Well Living Smarter** drop-in event. As we find our energy and food prices increasing, join us to find out how support services and other organisations in our local area can support you with your financial, physical and emotional wellbeing. Organisations attending include DVSC, Welsh Water, Cambrian Credit Union, CAB, Mind and Warm Wales.

Location: The Old Courthouse & Ruthin Market Hall
Time: 10.00am - 6.00pm
Entry: FREE

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Thursday 24 February
Heart of the Town & Green Spaces

Presentation Q&A
An open presentation to offer insight into two key ambitions that will form part of Levelling Up Bid. Proposals for Public realm improvements in The Heart of the Town and the creation of Parc Clwyd through improvements to Cae Ddol and the network of parks and green spaces in Ruthin.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Entry: FREE

Saturday 26 February
Tidy Town Team

Following a lull due to the Pandemic, Tidy Town Team will recommence on Saturday 26th of February and then take place monthly at the same time on the last Saturday of each month. This initiative is not just about picking up litter, but also highlighting the issues of littering and dog fouling and engaging with different groups of people to help eradicate this problem and enhance the town environment.

11.00am Gather at The Old Courthouse to collect equipment before undertaking some tidying around the Town Centre

1.00pm a well deserved cuppa and some cake. The Old Courthouse will be open so people can drop in and find out more details about the Tidy Town Team, share their ideas for eco-friendly projects and sign up to get involved.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Entry: FREE

Sunday 27 February
Ruthin Photo-Marathon

The Ruthin mini-Photo marathon is a photography competition with a difference - 6 themes - a maximum of 6 hours - open to all abilities, ages, locals and visitors, with prizes for the best collection of photos in under 16 and adult categories.

Starting & Finish Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Entry: BY REGISTRATION

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Monday 28 February
Ruthin Forum

Community Group Networking
An opportunity to bring together various community groups to view Ruthin Future proposals, share their views and re-establish a communication network between voluntary groups active across Ruthin, to support co-operation, collaboration and rebuilding activities post Pandemic.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Entry: RESERVATION

Wednesday 2 March
Ruthin Future Co-Lab

Ruthin will welcome students and educators from Birmingham School of Architecture. Following a tour of the town in the morning, Students will collaborate with invited community groups and representatives during a workshop to inform their ideas and responses to some key themes they will investigate.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Entry: INVITATION

Wednesday 2 March
Bro Rhuthun Business Evening

Bro Rhuthun special AGM (30min) followed by a Business Networking Forum to understand business views on the town and to share ideas and opportunities to prioritise.

GUEST SPEAKER - GWYN ROBERTS
CE Galeri Caernarfon (Formerly Cwmni Tref Caernarfon), sharing his experience establishing and running one of the UK's most innovative Community Development Trusts now operating with assets of £15m and credited with leading the ongoing renaissance of Caernarfon Town Centre.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Entry: Registration

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Thursday 3 March
Ruthin Schools Visits

Ruthin Town Council invite local schools to participate in the Ruthin Future initiative by arranging at suitable times, hosted visits to The Old Courthouse, where pupils can contribute their own ideas about the future of Ruthin.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: To suit school arrangement
Entry: By Arrangement

Saturday 5 March
Join in • Coffee Morning

Hosted by Ruthin Town Council, come and find out how you can join in, help out or become a volunteer at The Old Courthouse.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Entry: **Free**

Sunday 6 March
Heart of the Town & Green Spaces

Presentation Q&A
An open presentation to offer insight into two key ambitions that will form part of Levelling Up Bid. Proposals for Public realm improvements in The Heart of the Town and the creation of Parc Clwyd through improvements to Cae Ddol and the network of parks and green spaces in Ruthin.

Location: The Old Courthouse
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Entry: **FREE**