

This is where we will be bringing you the latest news from Menter Môn, our projects and work across Ynys Môn, Gwynedd and beyond. Looking for more information about us or any of our projects? Our work falls within three main themes:



Community



Economy



Energy

Gŵyl Cefni shines with community spirit

In a year which saw Gŵyl Cefni celebrate its 24th anniversary – the star of the show once again was Llangefni. The sun shone as 5,000 festival goers enjoyed the best of the Welsh music scene, as well as well as tucking in to locally brewed beer and street food.

There was a charge for tickets for the first time in many years – but at only £5, this didn't deter festival goers. And thanks to the event an additional 6,000 visits to Llangefni were recorded during the festival's four days. Even though there are nearly 12 months until the next Gŵyl Cefni – work has already started to secure funding for next year's event.

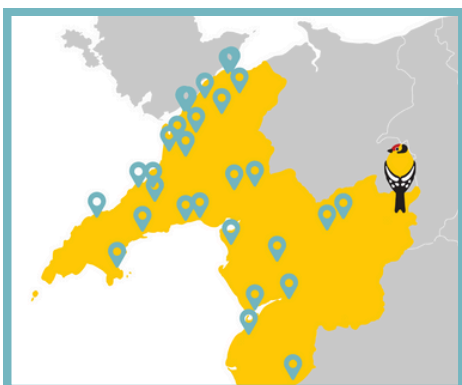
Although Menter Môn is responsible for the event, it is largely organised by a small team of volunteers, and we are always keen to welcome new members to the group. As always, the team is keen to thank everyone for attending and the town's businesses for the warm welcome.

Want to get a glimpse of the fun? [Visit Gŵyl Cefni's Instagram.](#)



Grymuso Gwynedd having positive impact across the county

This month, twelve new projects have been announced to benefit from the Grymuso Gwynedd fund. Over 30 communities are now getting support with schemes which aim to deliver local improvements – from Pennal to Bangor; and from Penrhyn Llŷn to Penllyn.



The programme helps communities tackle challenges by providing financial and practical support to develop local projects. Some recent projects to get the go-ahead include developing the facilities at Pwllheli Football Club, an environmental festival in Caernarfon and the co-production of a local memories book at Llwyngwril to promote intergenerational and inter-cultural relations.

Grymuso Gwynedd's projects [here.](#)



First SMART towns conference comes to Wrexham



We held our first ever Trefi SMART Towns Cymru conference recently in partnership with Wrexham County Borough Council and BT.

Held at the fantastic Tŷ Pawb cultural centre, the event was an important milestone in Wales's journey towards embracing technology and data-driven solutions to help revitalise town centres and communities. Menter Môn has been delivering the SMART towns project since it was launched in 2021.

Funded by the Welsh Government, the aim is to promote the use of data to bring new life to high streets across the country by monitoring visitors, footfall and traffic.

Learn more about the [scheme here](#).

Cymro Vintage Brings Retro Flair to Caernarfon

Entrepreneur Dylan Jones opens a new shop with help from Menter Môn's Enterprise Hub. [Cymro Vintage](#), as the name suggests, sells vintage clothing with a focus on sports brands.

Dylan started out in his room at University, test trading by selling on-line and at pop-up events in and around Bangor. Such was the interest in his venture that he started to think big and was keen to develop his idea into a business. This is where Menter Môn's Enterprise Hub came into the picture.



With a base in [M-SParc](#), Gaerwen and Hwb Arloesi, Porthmadog, the service works with entrepreneurs to turn ideas into commercially viable ventures. Through the Hub, Dylan received guidance and support to move Cymro Vintage to the next level. He also won the Hwb's High Street Miwtini competition and took part in Llwyddo'n Lleol's Mentro programme.

From behind the counter of this new shop, Dylan proudly talks about his journey and how the help he received from the Enterprise Hub gave him the confidence and knowledge he needed to officially launch the business.

Listen to Dylan's [story here](#).



Morlais tidal energy celebrated at Constructing Excellence Wales awards



Morlais was recognised at the recent Constructing Excellence Wales (CEW) Awards held at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport. We came home with two awards, one in the Climate Action category and the other for Infrastructure Project of the Year.

The CEW Awards celebrate achievements in the Welsh construction industry. This year, judges agreed Morlais stood out for the innovative approach we have adopted to making the most of tidal energy to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels as well as our partnership with contractor Jones Bros Civil Engineers UK.

Read the full story [here](#).



Catching the tide: Tidal technology developers to meet potential suppliers

Business owners from North Wales recently attended a special event at the Morlais Substation near Holyhead. This first of its kind, the event provided an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their services to developers of tidal energy devices.

Business support partners and representatives from four companies that have secured berths at Morlais also came to share insights and advice on how local companies can capitalise on future opportunities. The developers reaffirmed their commitment to using local suppliers as they build and deploy tidal energy devices off the coast of Ynys Môn to generate electricity.

A series of engagement activities across north Wales followed, giving businesses a further opportunity to meet with our team and learn more about how to make the most of Morlais.

If you are a business owner and are interested in learning about how to work with us and tidal energy developers, sign up to get the latest news and updates on the [Morlais website](#).

