

Welcome to our new bulletin. Here's where we'll bring you the latest news about Menter Môn, our projects and work across Anglesey, Gwynedd and beyond. Please contact us for more information about us or any of our projects. Our work falls into three main themes:



**Community**



**Economy**



**Energy**

## ARFOR Supporting Families To Return

The Llwyddo'n Lleol project has received a lot of attention recently; from being on the front page of newspapers to appearing on Goglebocs Cymru!

In October Llwyddo'n Lleol announced that they were offering financial support of up to £5,000 to families who wanted to return to the ARFOR region, through the Ymgartrefu Initiative. The financial support will assist families with practical costs as they consider returning to Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Gwynedd or Anglesey. This support can include help to pay for transport costs, rent or mortgage costs, childcare costs, or even Welsh lessons.

The story went 'viral' with coverage in the national press and across social media, leading to over 100 inquiries from families planning to move back home. Keep an eye out over the next few months to follow their stories as they take the leap and move back home!

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## Menter Môn Community Awards Evening



With so many community groups supported through the Balchder Bro and Grymuso Gwynedd projects, what better way to celebrate their success than with an awards evening?

On Friday the 11th of October tens of people came together at Galeri Caernarfon to celebrate the successes of a variety of community groups. With a total of seven awards across both projects, there was plenty of opportunity to celebrate!

**[Discover all the winners here.](#)**



# Menter Môn Business Awards Evening

There were also a host of business awards presented in addition to the community ones during the Menter Môn Awards Evening. These awards were presented by the Hwb Menter project, a project that supports individuals across Gwynedd and Anglesey to establish and develop businesses.

The competition to reach the top in one of the four categories was fierce! Huge congratulations to the winners:

Kico's Dessert Bar - New Business Of The Year Ynys Môn

Cymro Vintage - New Business Of The Year Gwynedd

Arfon Timber Frames - Eco Warrior

Klaire Tanner - Incredible Innovator



Watch a video of the event [here](#).

## Council Leading The Way On Welsh Produce Menus

With support from the Larder Cymru Welsh Food for Schools initiative, Caerphilly was one of six counties - which also included Wrexham, Flintshire, Ynys Môn, Gwynedd, and Cardiff - to use more locally sourced ingredients in their St David's Day dinner menus.

NNow, following the success of the initiative – delivered by Menter Môn and supported by the Welsh Government's Foundational Economy Backing Local Firms Fund – the council has almost doubled the amount it spends on Welsh produce. Among the companies supplying the schools are Llaeth Y Llan, Castell Howell and Ellis Eggs.

The Caerphilly model could now be replicated by other local authorities in Wales. This work boost local economies and bolster supply chains while promoting sustainability and helping families at a challenging time economically.



Read more [here](#).

# The Next Step For Wildlife Monitoring



MA data gathering buoy linked to north Wales tidal energy scheme, Morlais, embarks on its second mission this week as it is launched off the coast near Holyhead. The vessel is part of a significant research exercise to ensure that marine mammals and birds are safeguarded as Morlais becomes operational from 2026.



The next phase of development is scheduled for 2025, when the SIMA system will be modified for use on a seabed-mounted turbine in the Morlais zone. The buoy will remain at sea for 12 months, the information gathered will be shared with Morlais turbine developers and the broader tidal energy industry to support and drive sector growth. Environmental monitoring will continue throughout the lifetime of the Morlais project.

**Read the full story [here](#).**

## Success For Morlais In The CEW Cymru Awards

North Wales tidal energy project, Morlais, has reached the final in the prestigious Constructing Excellence Awards, held in London in November. After winning both the Climate Action and Infrastructure Project of the Year in the preliminary round, Morlais is now set to represent Wales on a UK stage, competing against major construction and infrastructure projects.

Morlais is the only renewable energy project to reach the final and is one of only two projects from North Wales. Morlais already stands out as Europe's largest consented tidal stream electricity initiative with a potential generating capacity of 240MW. Once operational it will use tidal currents off the coast of Ynys Môn (Anglesey) to produce renewable electricity, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and supporting local jobs and economic growth.

John Idris Jones, Chair of the Morlais Board said: "We are thrilled to have reached the finals of the Constructing Excellence Awards 2024. This recognition underlines the impact Morlais can have as a sustainable development. We are excited to represent Ynys Môn and Wales in London, and we hope to inspire others with our commitment to a greener future and to creating economic opportunities which benefit our local communities."

**Read the full story [here](#).**

