
CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

Cardiff Dogs Home

Cardiff Dogs Home has secured a £10,000 grant from the Kennel Club towards the funding of new kennels for the dogs. In addition to this, the Dogs Home and The Rescue Hotel have become Battersea Partners and will be working on a variety of projects in partnership with Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in London, which is perhaps the most famous dog welfare charity in the UK. Staff will also have access to many training modules free of charge. Battersea has also allocated £30,000 for Cardiff's new kennel project.

The Dogs Home has safely restarted dog walking volunteer inductions and corporate volunteering days, which are both proving really popular after having been suspended for over a year. The Dogs Home website is now also one of the most popular Council websites, with 2.3 million views per year.

The new onsite vet practice is up and running with affordable neutering for dogs available every Monday. The vet is currently on site two days per week, but it is planned to build up to a five day service in the future. This will allow the Dogs Home to offer affordable basic veterinary treatment to lower income families, enabling them to have a dog and benefit from all the benefits that dog ownership brings, as well as ensuring that the pet is properly looked after. In addition to this, discussions are ongoing regarding the provision of veterinary services to Newport Dogs Home as their vet fees have increased considerably over the last year.

The Rescue Hotel continues to be a huge asset to the service and has generated over £20,000 in charitable donations during June 2021. It also has a strong following of over 26,000 people on social media.

The Adopt to Foster scheme continues to be very successful as the Dogs Home is now managing an increase in numbers of dogs coming in as lockdown restrictions are eased. For example, 64 dogs came in during the last month alone.

Registration Services

Whilst death registrations due to the Covid-19 pandemic have thankfully eased, the registration of marriages and civil partnerships has significantly increased. As Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, couples are taking the opportunity to finally go ahead with ceremonies they have been unable to hold for the last 15 months. The service is being inundated with phone calls and requests, and staff are extremely busy every day of the week providing ceremonies.

Bereavement Services

The Dear Mum Memorial Garden was formally opened on 14 July 2021 at Western Cemetery by the Lord Mayor. The garden is a key feature at the centre of Western Cemetery and provides a unique area that is designed to help families and children understand more about loss and bereavement. The garden is actively supported by SANDS and Ty Hafan charities, with work continuing to promote the garden to schools and other relevant support groups. In addition to providing a peaceful and tranquil setting and telling the Dear Mum story as you walk around the garden, activity sheets for children have also been produced that encourage them to look for hidden bees and other items in the garden. Bereavement Services staff would be happy to talk to Members or residents about the garden and its design. Dear Mum story books are also available from Bereavement Services at a cost of £2.

This month, Bereavement Services have donated a total of £10,000 to Ty Hafan through its recycling of metals scheme. This is the second donation of £10,000 awarded to the charity over the last year and it has been very gratefully received, especially given the difficulties that have been experienced by the charity in the last year due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Cardiff Coastal Defence Scheme

The Cardiff Coastal Defence Scheme has achieved the programme milestone of the submission of the draft full business case to Welsh Government. A scheme review will now take place by Welsh Government on the scheme prior to the full business case being submitted later this year.

The pre-application consultation on the Cardiff Coastal Defence Scheme proposals is now open. On behalf of Cardiff Council, JBA Consulting has given notice of the intention to apply for planning permission for the construction of a series of fluvial and coastal flood defences. This includes rock armour revetments, concrete erosion protection mats, earth bunds, flood gate (at the Rhymney River Motor Boat Sail & Angling Club) and sheet piling in order to reduce the risk of failing coastal flood defences and the release of contaminated landfill material into the Severn Estuary from Lamby Way Tip and the Rover Way Frag Tip, in the immediate future and over the next 100 years. The scheme will also reduce and manage the flood risk to approximately 2,326 residential properties and approximately 204 commercial properties for over the same period.

This notice provides the opportunity for interested parties to comment directly on the proposed development prior to submission of a planning application to the Local Planning Authority. Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposal in writing must send them by email to: cardiffcoastaldefences@cardiff.gov.uk or send them by post to: Anne-Marie Moon, JBA Consulting, Kings Chambers, 7-8 High Street, Newport, NP20 1FQ, by 12 August 2021.

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