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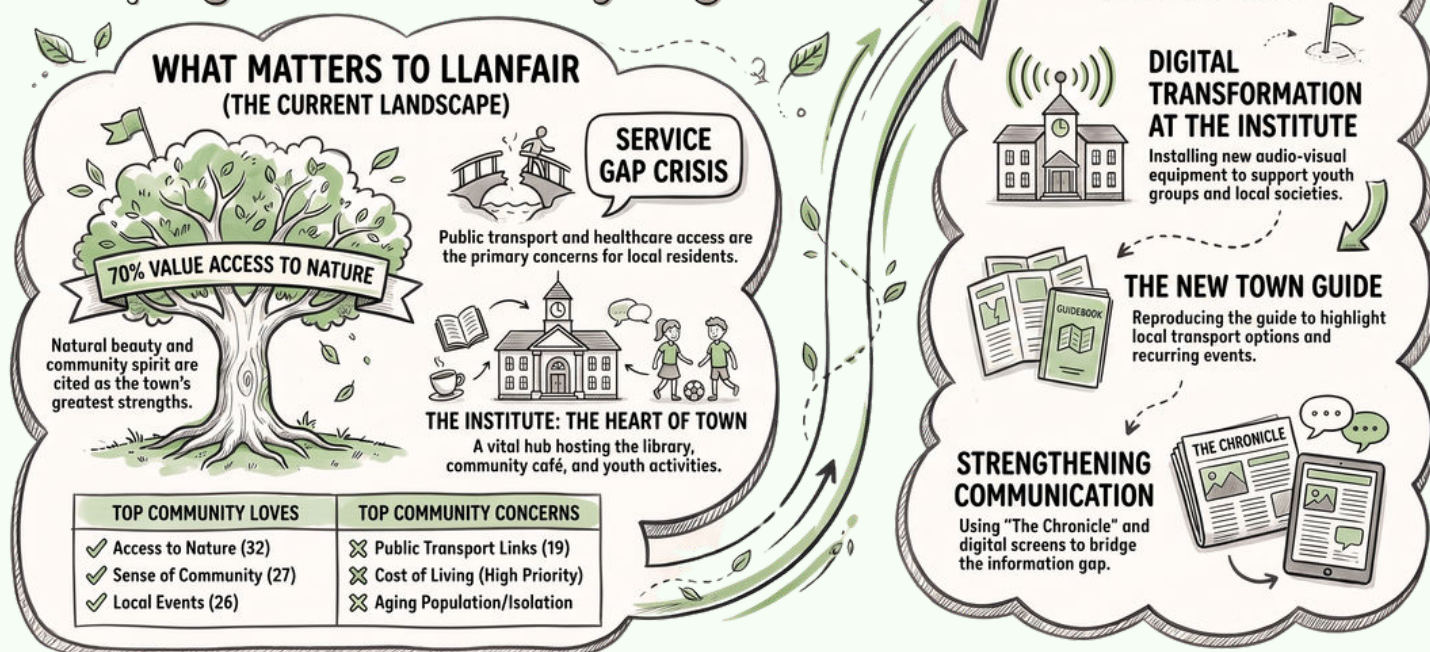
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**Community
Conversations**

LLANFAIR CAEREINION AREA

Voices of Llanfair Caereinion: Shaping our Community Together



What matters most to people in Llanfair Caereinion?

Llanfair Caereinion is a close-knit community where people value the natural environment, local activities and the places that bring people together.

The town and surrounding area have a strong sense of community. However, people are concerned about how easy it is to access services, get around without a car and maintain the local places and facilities that are important to everyday life.

This report brings together what local people told us through the Shaping the Future of Powys Communities survey, community events and follow-up focus groups. It highlights the priorities identified by local people and opportunities for communities, organisations and partners to work together.

At a glance

46 people from across the Llanfair Caereinion area shared their views in a Powys-wide survey

People told us they love:

- Access to nature
- A strong sense of community
- Local events and activities

The biggest concerns were:

- Public and community transport
- Access to local shops and services
- Health and care services
- The rising cost of living
- Isolation and loneliness

People were also concerned about the future of important local buildings, services and community spaces

Focus groups were held at:

Llanfair Community Fair | 3 December 2025 | The Institute | 11 attendees
The Institute | 23 January 2026 | 26 participants

Four priorities for the future

1 Better transport and access

Transport was the strongest issue raised by local people. The existing bus service is valued, but does not meet all the needs of the town and surrounding communities.

People highlighted:

- Limited local transport options
- Difficulties getting to hospital appointments
- the need for more community transport options
- Recruiting volunteer drivers
- Poor connections between surrounding villages and main bus services

Some people said they did not know what they would do if they were no longer able to drive

Community opportunities

Communities could:

- develop existing community transport
- identify gaps in local transport provision
- explore new ways of connecting outlying communities
- promote volunteering opportunities for community drivers
- work with transport providers and partners to improve local connections

2 Better communication

Useful services and activities already exist, but not everyone knows about them. Information is often shared by word of mouth, meaning some residents can miss out.

People also highlighted the importance of keeping information up to date, particularly when transport timetables or local services change

People wanted to make better use of existing local communication channels, including:

- The Chronicle newsletter
- Noticeboards
- The library
- The Institute
- A new Town Guide
- Digital information and display screens

Community opportunities

Communities could:

- share information more widely and regularly
- make better use of local newsletters and noticeboards
- create clear information about activities and services
- promote community transport and other local support
- make sure information reaches people both online and offline

3 Protecting community spaces

Community spaces were described as being at the heart of community life, providing a place to meet, take part in activities and access services, including the community library at the Institute. People felt that losing community spaces would have a major impact on the community.

Community spaces play an important role in reducing isolation and giving people somewhere to go

Community opportunities

Communities could:

- Find new avenues to promote existing activities and services
- Sustain the Institute for the long term
- Make better use of available space
- Attract new activities and events
- Work together to maintain and improve community buildings

4 Keeping the community connected

Llanfair Caereinion and the surrounding areas were described as cohesive communities, but people were concerned about maintaining this in the future.

Key challenges included:

Places such as the community café were seen as important for bringing people together

- Loneliness and social isolation
- An ageing population
- The future of local shops and pubs
- The local church
- Play areas and public spaces
- The cost of living
- Sustaining local projects and services

There was also recognition that maintaining a strong community depends on making sure people know what is happening and feel able to take part.

Community opportunities



Communities could:

- support regular accessible opportunities for people to meet
- promote local groups and events
- protect valued local spaces
- involve people from across the town and surrounding communities
- build on the strong sense of community that already exists

What happened next?

Following the Community Conversations, local people and organisations agreed to focus on **better communication**. A small financial resource was made available through PAVO, funded by the UK Government's Social Prosperity Fund.

Llanfair Caereinion Town Council took the lead on two projects:

- Improving the Institute's audio-visual facilities to support community groups, activities and events.
- Updating and reproducing the Llanfair Caereinion Town Guide with clearer information on local activities and services, including transport options for the area.

Looking ahead

The conversations showed that Llanfair Caerinion and the surrounding areas have strong community foundations. People value where they live and care about protecting the services, spaces and connections that make the community work.

The priorities identified through this work provide a clear starting point for community organisations, town and community councils, volunteers and public services to work together. By building on local strengths and addressing shared challenges collectively, Llanfair Caerinion can continue to develop as a connected, resilient and thriving community.

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