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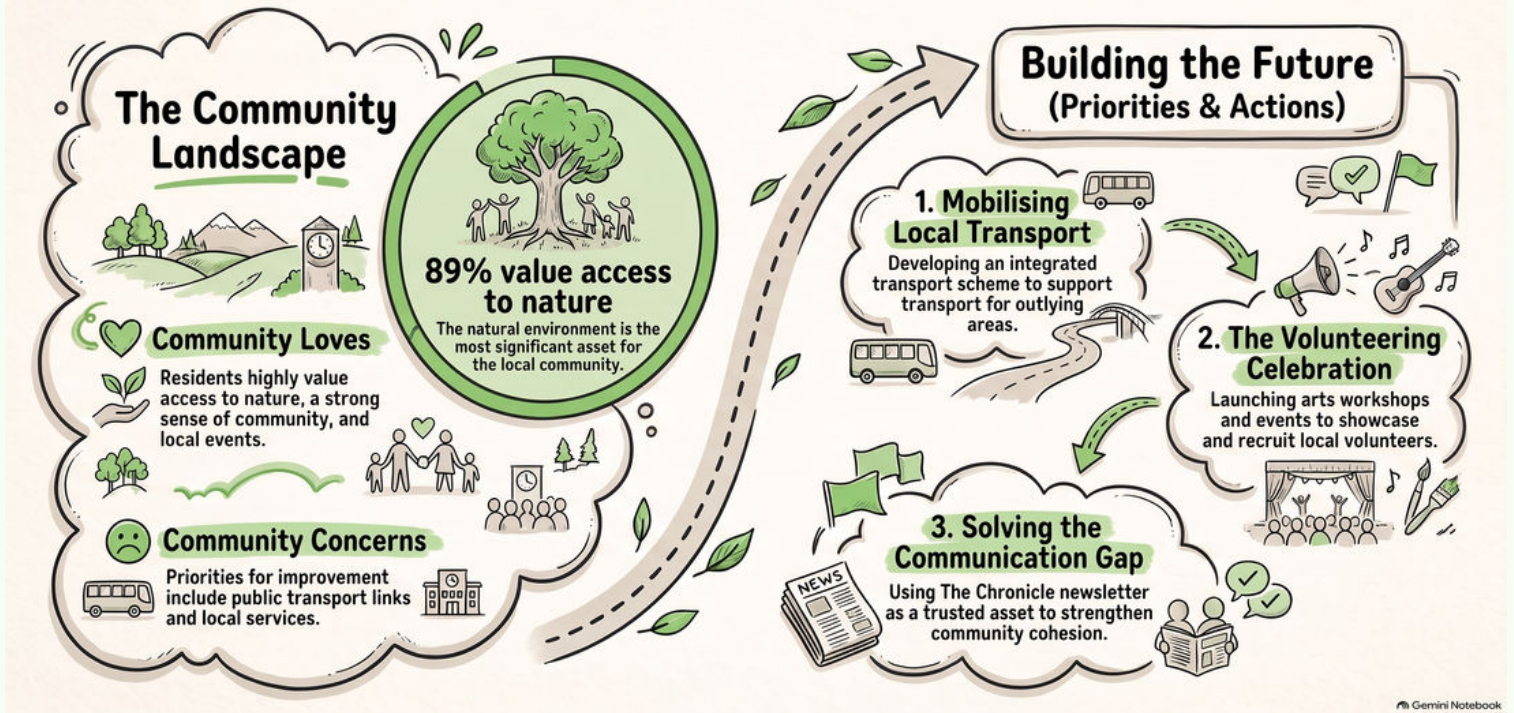
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**Community
Conversations**

LLANFYLLIN AREA

Voices of Llanfyllin: Shaping our Community Together



What matters most to people in Llanfyllin?

Llanfyllin and the surrounding areas have strong community connections, a rich Welsh culture and language, and a wide range of local groups, activities and volunteers.

But people also shared concerns about the future. Transport, access to health, education and other local services, affordable housing, opportunities for young people and the pressure on volunteers were all important issues.

Llanfyllin already has strong community foundations. The priority is to build on what works, involve more people and strengthen collaboration between local organisations and communities.

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

72 people from across the Llanfyllin 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 transport
- Access to local services
- Health and social care

Looking ahead, people were particularly concerned about:

- Affordable housing
- Climate change
- Protecting local amenities
- Sustaining and funding local services and projects
- The cost of living

Focus groups were held at:

Llanfyllin Community Fair | 11 December 2025 | Public Institute | 39 attendees
Public Institute | 20 January & 16 March 2026 | 14 participants

Four priorities for the future

1 Strengthening volunteering and community involvement

Llanfyllin has many active volunteers and community organisations.

There is a need to:

- Attract and support new volunteers
- Make volunteering opportunities easy to find
- Encourage involvement across all ages and backgrounds
- Connect community groups and share ideas
- Recognise the contribution of volunteers
- Create more opportunities to connect, collaborate and create volunteering opportunities
- Involve local people in decisions about the area's future

People recognised the important contribution volunteers make, but were concerned that the same people are often being asked to do more

Community opportunities

Communities could:

- Use existing local events to celebrate and recruit volunteers
- Promote opportunities clearly and accessibly
- Bring groups together to collaborate
- Create more opportunities to meet and get involved
- Involve local people in shaping the area's future

2 Better communication and stronger community connections

People want easier access to information about local organisations, activities, events, services and volunteering.

People suggested building on trusted channels such as the Chronicle, websites, noticeboards and community spaces

Community opportunities



Communities could:

- Create a simple, accessible local information hub
- Develop existing communication channels
- Improve and connect existing communication channels
- Combine digital and traditional communication
- Strengthen links with surrounding rural communities

3 Supporting young people and the future of the community

They also highlighted the need for affordable housing and opportunities that enable younger people and families to stay in the area and sustain local Welsh language and culture

People raised concerns about the lack of activities and opportunities for young people, including the loss of after-school provision and safe access to play and community spaces.



Community opportunities

Communities could:

- Include the voice of young people in decision-making
- Reinstate after-school and youth activities
- Explore opportunities to improve play and community spaces
- Create opportunities for young people to volunteer and contribute
- Link youth provision with housing and wider community planning
- Support Welsh language, culture and community connections

4 Better transport and access

Transport gaps make it difficult for people, particularly in surrounding rural communities, to access health services, shops, education and community life. People also spoke about a reliance on community transport.

At the same time, community transport faces a shortage of volunteer drivers

Community opportunities

Communities could:

- Identify and evidence the biggest transport gaps
- Promote existing transport services
- Support volunteer driver recruitment, training and DBS checks
- Explore car sharing and community minibuss options
- Link transport planning with health, education and local services
- Use local evidence to influence transport providers and public bodies

What happened next?

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

Arts Connection and BRACE, alongside other local partners, helped lead activities at community events during June, including a free arts workshop and an opportunity for local volunteers to meet over food.

Looking ahead

The Community Conversations showed that Llanfyllin and the surrounding area have many strengths.

People care about the future of the area. They want to protect what matters, while also making sure the community can adapt and meet new challenges.

At the same time, there are real concerns about transport, local services, affordable housing, opportunities for young people and the pressure on volunteers.

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, Llanfyllin can continue to develop as a connected, resilient and thriving community.

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Find out more about the project and read the full report: pavo.org.uk/news/community-conversations-what-you-told-us/

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