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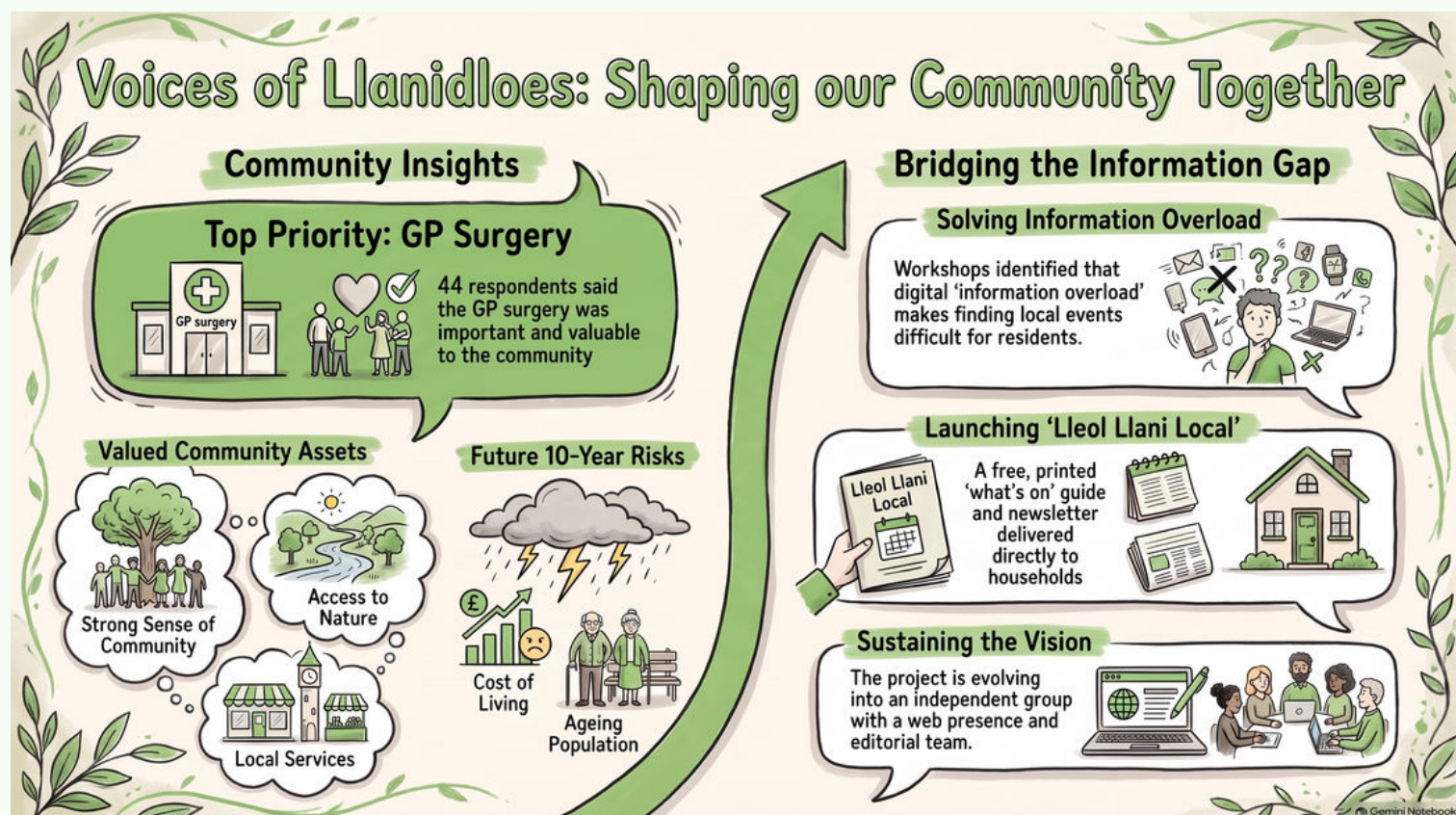
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**Community
Conversations**

LLANIDLOES AREA



What matters most to people in Llanidloes?

Llanidloes and the surrounding areas are places with a strong sense of community, valued green spaces and a wide range of local activities. People value the people, places and opportunities that make Llanidloes a good place to live. They also recognise the importance of local volunteers and community organisations. However, people also raised concerns about transport, access to health and care services, the future of local amenities and the rising cost of living.

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

51 people from across the Llanidloes 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, including health and care
- The future of local shops and amenities

Looking ahead, people were particularly concerned about:

- The rising cost of living
- Affordable housing and employment
- Climate change
- An ageing population
- Council services and engagement

Focus groups were held at:

Minerva Arts Centre | 6 November 2025 | 25 attendees

Hanging Gardens and Youth Centre | 9 December 2025 & 15 January 2026 | 23 participants

Three priorities for the future

1 Better information and communication

Llanidloes has a lot happening, but people do not always know about it. Local groups, activities and events are not always easy to find, with information spread across social media, noticeboards and other channels.

People also felt that communication should not rely on social media alone

Community opportunities

- share information between local groups and organisations
- make it easier for people to find events, activities and support
- use a mix of printed, online and face-to-face communication
- create more opportunities for local organisations to meet and work together
- support people to develop skills in promotion and communication
- encourage more local discussion about issues before decisions are made

2 Sustainable community transport

Transport is essential for accessing services, activities and community life. People highlighted the need for more sustainable, accessible and safer transport options.

People spoke about:

- The need for a community minibus
- Support for existing community transport
- Better information about transport options
- Safer walking and cycling routes
- Parking, including disabled parking
- The impact of road changes on local businesses

The future of Llanidloes Dial-a-Ride was highlighted as an important issue following the coordinator's retirement

Community opportunities

Communities could:

- Identify local transport gaps
- Promote existing community transport
- Explore shared and community-run transport
- Link transport with local activities and services
- Support safe walking and cycling
- Work with partners on sustainable transport solutions

3 Supporting and coordinating volunteers

People also highlighted the need for action on the cost of living and wellbeing

Volunteers are a major strength of Llanidloes and the surrounding area, supporting many local activities and services. People want to build on this strength while making volunteering easier to sustain.

Community opportunities

Communities could:

- Promote volunteering through local networks and organisations
- Create a shared approach to recruiting and coordinating volunteers
- Match people's skills and interests with local opportunities
- Share volunteers, skills and resources between organisations
- Use community spaces for practical support and social connection
- Create accessible ways for new residents to get involved

What happened next?

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

Llanidloes Town Council took the lead on **Lleol Llani Local**, a printed local newsletter and 'What's on' guide. The newsletter is free and distributed to households in Llanidloes and the surrounding villages.

Looking ahead

The Community Conversations showed that Llanidloes and the surrounding areas have many strengths. There is a strong sense of community, a wide range of local activities and people who are willing to give their time and energy to make a difference. The challenge is to build on these strengths.

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, Llanidloes Wells 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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