

# WELSHPOOL TOWN COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

## STREET SCENE TO CHANGE IN WELSHPOOL



As from Tuesday 1st November the Town Council in Welshpool has taken over the street scene from Powys County Council. This involves street cleaning, litter bins, graffiti, fly tipping, verges and open spaces.

As part of the agreement Powys County Council are providing funding to assist the Town Council to carry out the street cleansing service'.

The Town Council is providing space within the ground floor of the Town Hall (bottom market) to house the service equipment including a lorry (with cage on the back), road sweeper, litter vacuum machine, dog poo vacuum etc.

You will see Paul, Philip, Richard and Helen around working on the Town Hall, Toilets, Town Services and the Street Scene.

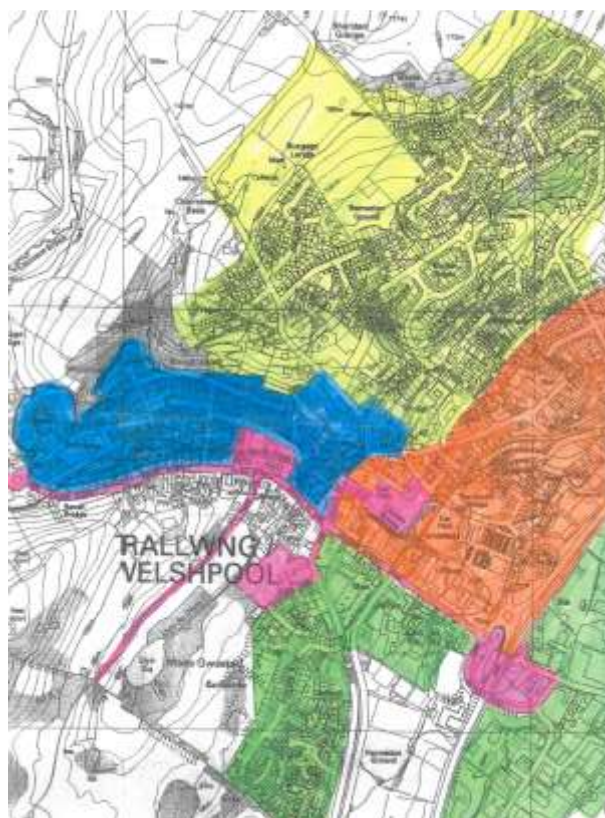
On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm outside the Town Hall a short ceremonial handover will be held where the new equipment will be on show. A ceremonial broom will be handed by the Mayor to the Chair of Council Services. There will be tea and coffee afterwards for all.

The Town Street Service will see the Team in each are of the Town monthly. The activities will include bins, repairs, grass cutting, painting, removing rubbish and any graffiti. In this way over the coming months each area will improve.

In addition to the normal monthly visits to each part of the Town you will be able to call 01938 553142 (9am to 2.30pm weekdays) when you can report an area that needs attention and then the Town Council Staff will action such requests.

You can also email on [wtcouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:wtcouncil@btinternet.com).

So that people know how it all works a plan has been prepared in colour so you can see when we are to visit where you live – see below.



Each area on the plan will be visited as per the schedule below:

Area Colour	Actions	Period
Red	Bins, checking and cleaning pavements, rubbish removal etc.	Daily
Blue	Ensuring the area is tidy, bins emptied, verges cut and rubbish removed.	1 <sup>st</sup> week of every month
Orange	Ensuring the area is tidy, bins emptied, verges cut and rubbish removed.	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of every month
Yellow	Ensuring the area is tidy, bins emptied, verges cut and rubbish removed.	3 <sup>rd</sup> week of every month
Green	Ensuring the area is tidy, bins emptied, verges cut and rubbish removed.	4 <sup>th</sup> week of every month
Outlying areas	Ensuring the area is tidy, bins emptied, verges cut and rubbish removed.	5 <sup>th</sup> Week 4 times a year

The Mayor Cllr Stephen Kaye said 'Yet again Welshpool has stepped up to help Powys County Council save money whilst at the same time taking on services which can be delivered better locally. There is little point in moaning, you need to get stuck in to ensure that our local services are protected. Please be patient as we get it all under way and do the best we can to provide a 'cleaner Welshpool'.'

During November the worst areas of the Town will be tackled such as the little road up to St Marys Church from Union Street. Powys County Council has helped the Town by clearing some of the areas prior to the Town Council taking the services over.

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