



## VARCITY LIVING AWARDED SPF GRANT TO REGENERATE OLD PEACOCKS STORE

Varcity Living's successful funding application signifies a crucial step in the re-development of the old Peacocks building on Bangor High Street. This project is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and will support essential works on the frontage of the building. The project's second phase will repurpose the ground floor for retail and office spaces, while the upper floors will be converted into accommodation. This transformation will make effective use of an empty building, revitalising the heart of the city and increasing economic activity. Over 640m<sup>2</sup> of flexible commercial space will also become available, ready for an incoming tenant.

## BANGOR CITY COUNCIL ON TRACK TO COMPLETE VARIOUS HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

A grant of £97,000 was recently awarded to Bangor City Council from Transforming Towns, the Welsh Government regeneration programme. This was matched with funding from Bangor City Council and support from Bangor BID, in order to facilitate a range of high street improvements. These initiatives encompass building repairs, vinyl installations in vacant shops, and the introduction of new street furniture. Moreover, the project has facilitated the installation of electric vehicles and bike charging points, promoting sustainable transportation options. The majority of the planned improvements have already been completed, significantly enhancing the aesthetic appeal and functionality of the high street.



## BANGOR SCHOOLCHILDREN CELEBRATE ST DAVID'S DAY.

St. David's Day in Bangor was marked by a triumphant celebration this year, featuring a lively parade with 300 schoolchildren from the city. The event was funded by Grymuso Gwynedd, a project which received £1.1m from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, as well as financial support from Nuclear Restoration Services on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.



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### BANGOR BID'S HAWK SOLUTION FOR SEAGULL NUISANCE

Over the past six months, Bangor BID have teamed up with a local expert to reduce seagull nuisance in Bangor. The BID has deployed a hawk to patrol the city center for two-hour periods, dissuading seagulls from nesting and minimizing disruptions to residents and visitors. This collaborative effort emphasizes a commitment to both wildlife welfare and human comfort, as the hawk won't cause any physical harm to the seagulls.

### STORIEL AWARDED GRANT TO BRING PRESTIGIOUS ARTWORK TO BANGOR

Storiell has been chosen to be part of an exciting initiative that will establish a National Contemporary Art Gallery for Wales (NCAGW). Based on a dispersed network model, it's a partnership between Amgueddfa Cymru, National Library of Wales, the Arts Council of Wales, Oriell Myrddin, Carmarthen; Aberystwyth Arts Centre; Oriell Davies, Newtown; Storiell in Bangor; Plas Glyn y Weddw, Llanbedrog, Ruthin Craft Centre; Mostyn, Llandudno; Newport Museum and Art Gallery and the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea. This project seeks to make national art collections more accessible to communities across Wales through exhibitions and outreach efforts. With an investment totalling around £300,000 allocated between 2023 and 2025, Storiell will play a crucial role in showcasing artworks that were previously inaccessible to the public. Additionally, this funding will be utilised to enhance security and environmental systems, ensuring the preservation and accessibility of culturally significant assets. For more information please visit;

<https://www.gov.wales/local-communities-set-have-greater-access-wales-national-contemporary-art-collection>



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### NEW SIGNAGE FOR THE CITY UNDERWAY

Led by Cyngor Gwynedd, the Bangor Signage Strategy is now complete, which focuses on improving navigational infrastructure and encouraging sustainable transportation. Now Cyngor Gwynedd is enacting the strategy, by installing new fingerposts around the city, offering essential information on local landmarks, both residents and visitors stand to gain. The project will be funded by both Transforming Towns, a Welsh Government scheme to support regeneration, and Levelling Up fund from the UK Government. Prioritising walking and cycling, the initiative also supports eco-friendly, active travel efforts. The expected finish date is at the end of May 2024, and is set to greatly improve Bangor's accessibility and attractiveness, creating a more inviting urban setting.

### PLANS BEGIN OF BANGOR'S 1500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

Being the oldest city in Wales, Bangor is preparing to celebrate its 1500th anniversary in grand style. Spearheaded by the Bangor City Council, ideas and plans are in discussion to mark this milestone. A dedicated working group has been formed, tasked with organising a range of festivities that capture the essence of Bangor's rich history. A public consultation will be held to gather input and ideas from the local population. This collaborative approach ensures that the anniversary celebrations reflect the interests and aspirations of the Bangor community.

