

**Police**

We have asked for the availability of our PCSOs so we can hold a PACT meeting in Rhigos.

**Streetcare**

Black bag collection for Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos will be **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January** this month, then **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

A purple nappy sack was reported on the main road (Rhigos Road) near the junction to Heol-y-Graig.

There was a meeting of the Climate Change, Frontline Services and Prosperity Committee. We shared a post asking residents' views of the changes and over 150 comments were made! We will share these comments with the responsible Officer. At the meeting, Councillor Adam Owain Rogers questioned the Officer and shared some of the concerns. Key points shared:

- There was significant opposition to the changes from wheelie bin collection to black bag collection before implementation.
- The appearance of some streets has gone bad with black bags put out early or collected late in day.
- The changes have made it more difficult for residents in the lead up to collection. Assisted collections have increased and those who used to have their bags collected from back lanes are now told it will not continue.
- Asked what the response has been from collection teams. It is a concern for us as bags can be heavy with pet waste. But the Officer shared that there were no complaints of bags being too heavy by teams.
- It is difficult at communal collection points to identify who puts out their bags days before collection or how many they put out. Asked if there has been further consideration of giving social housing residents bags with their numbers on when before wheelie bins had numbers on. Piles are being put out, again not looking good.
- The recycling bags have not been the best quality recently and the availability has been low. The Officer responded that all recycling bags to collect are now of a better quality and they will continue to deliver food bags and recycling bags to their 126 distribution points. Food waste bags have been made stronger but large food waste bags will no longer be available.

Reported street lighting which is on 24/7:

*Near the Plough*

*Heol-y-Graig*

*Near the Parish Road junction*

**Highways**

A Resilient Roads work scheme has started on the A4061 Rhigos Road, near the old Tower Colliery site entrance. Work includes installing improved vehicle access alongside two culvert inlets which were upgraded in previous years. The improved access will allow for more efficient maintenance of the culvert inlets especially during storm events to clear any blockages and improve the flow of the watercourse.

The Council has appointed Peter Simmons as the contractor to deliver the works, which start on Monday, January 5 (2026). They are expected to last up to four weeks. This main scheme will follow minor site investigations in the form of trial holes, which were completed in the week commencing December 15, 2025.

Following the works on Heol-y-Graig, we asked RCT to collect the stray cones that had been left- RCT collected soon after

Reported potholes outside HP Price business on Rhigos Road.

Reported chippings on the pavement and road from a property on Heol Esgyn. Residents should be responsible for keeping items from their property off public spaces.

Following concerns of ice on Rhigos Mountain Road last week, we contacted RCT to make them aware and to respond in making the road safer.

### **Flytipping**

Reported flytipping on Parish Road



### **Flooding**

Reported another case of flooding on Mount Road, near Penywaun Farm.

The drain opposite 44 Heol Esgyn, Rhigos was blocked and the highway flooded. We asked RCT to inspect.

**Rhigos Primary**

We have again contacted RCT over the Christmas period, making them aware of the school's alarm going off. We are aware that other unused Council buildings are having alarms set off.