

New Year, New Citizens



Citizenship Ceremonies take place on the first Saturday of each month at the Town Hall, Llandudno.

Phil Rafferty, Conwy's Head of Regulatory Services said, "Our Citizenship Ceremonies in Conwy try to give added significance to becoming a British Citizen. The ceremony is an opportunity to welcome new Citizens and to encourage them to play an active part in the community."

Each new Citizen in Conwy is presented with a Certificate of Naturalisation and a

souvenir medal in celebration of the occasion.

In partnership with the Home Office, Conwy County Borough Council is now also offering a Nationality Checking Service allowing people applying for British Citizenship to make their applications in person at the Town Hall Register Office, Llandudno.

For further information about Citizenship contact Conwy's Licensing and Registration Service on (01492) 576626.

Conwy Biodiversity Week

If you and your family like getting outdoors and being wildlife detectives, don't miss Conwy's Biodiversity Week this year from Friday 5th June to Sunday 14th June.

Try your hand at spotting seabirds by boat, beach-combing, detecting bats, badger-watching and more. Great fun for all ages.

Keep an eye on the website for more details as they're confirmed and book early!
www.conwy.gov.uk/biodiversityweek

Alternatively, contact Anne Butler on (01492) 575123 or email anne.butler@conwy.gov.uk



Local Development Plan

The Council has been working on a Local Development Plan (LDP) that will provide guidelines about what can be built and where it can be built in the County of Conwy up until 2022, so that we can meet the needs of the community for the future and safeguard our unique environment.

It will set out the places suitable for developments for housing, employment, retail, tourism, leisure and transport. It will also include policies and criteria to assist planning officers when looking at planning applications in the future.

A whole range of information was taken into account to produce an LDP Preferred Strategy in October 2006 and when we asked people to give us their opinion on the document, we received over 700 responses.

We've taken these into account and created the next version of the document - the LDP Deposit Plan. Now it's your opportunity to get involved again.

The Welsh Assembly Government provides ten 'tests of soundness' that the Plan must meet and we're encouraging you to take a look at it and tell us if you think that it does.

We're holding a series of roadshows where you'll be able to look at all the information, meet planning officers and give your opinion about whether the Plan meets the 'tests of soundness':

- **Abergele Library** - 30 April, 9.30am to 5.00pm
- **Llansannan Community Centre** - 7 May, 9.30am to 5.00pm
- **Llanfairfechan Community Centre** - 14 May, 9.30am to 5.00pm
- **Llanrwst, Glasdir** - 19 May, 9.30am to 5.00pm
- **Colwyn Bay Library** - 21 May, 9.30am to 5.00pm
- **Llandudno Town Hall** - 28 May, 9.30am to 4:30pm

You can also take a look at the website www.conwy.gov.uk/ldp where you'll be able to give your feedback.

When we've had your comments, the Planning Inspectorate will also look at the LDP before the Council adopts it at the end of 2010.