

## **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016**

### **VALE'S COUNTRYSIDE TEAM ON SEARCH FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The Vale of Glamorgan's Countryside service has been searching for people interested in maintaining the natural beauty of the Vale of Glamorgan and recently taking its search to Dunraven Park, Cosmeston Country Park and Ogmores-by-the-sea.

### **ART CENTRAL GALLERY CELEBRATES ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN NOVEMBER**

Art Central Gallery, the Vale of Glamorgan Council's prestigious Art Gallery, is celebrating its tenth anniversary in November 2016. The Gallery opened in November 2006, with its inaugural 'Open' exhibition, and is pleased to announce that they will be accepting art submissions to be exhibited during its Anniversary Open Exhibition event.

The celebratory Exhibition will be open to the public and will run between 10.00am-4.00pm on Monday, 7th November 2016, with the work remaining on show until Saturday, 14th January 2017.

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION – TWO NEW MIXED-SEX SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR BARRY**

Consultation begins on proposed £44m investment into Barry secondary schools. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has begun a public consultation on a proposal that could see £44m invested into two new mixed-sex secondary schools for Barry.

If there is support from parents and pupils then the new schools, which will replace the existing single sex Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive schools, would open in September 2018.

The proposals were developed in partnership with an Advisory Board that included the Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors of both existing schools, representatives of feeder primary schools, further and higher education, and senior members of the Council's Learning and Skills Team. Central to their work was the consideration of the views of parents, pupils and staff gathered in a previous Consultation exercise undertaken in 2015.

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