

# BANGOR REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT UPDATES

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## BANGOR 1500 CELEBRATIONS TO LIGHT UP THE CITY

Bangor is celebrating its 1500th anniversary with a city-wide programme coordinated by Bangor City Council. A key focus has been on greening the city, with the launch of the "Flowers 1500" floral displays and regeneration projects at sites including the Bible Gardens, Garth Gardens, Farrar Road, and Sackville Road. Educational projects have also been introduced in local schools, including time capsules, local history projects on Saints David and Deiniol. A series of public events will continue throughout the year, including festivals, parades, cultural celebrations and family activities across the city. Some of these events have been supported by the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns initiative [More information about Bangor 1500 can be found on the Bangor City Council website.](#)



## WELSH GOVERNMENT FUNDING SECURES OPTION AGREEMENT FOR CITY CENTRE HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE

Funding from the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns programme has been secured to progress an option agreement on a key vacant unit in Bangor's Menai Centre. This marks a vital step toward the next phase of developing a new integrated Health and Wellbeing Hub, led by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Cyngor Gwynedd. The proposed facility which is planned to be located in the old Debenhams unit will improve access to healthcare, provide new training opportunities, and boost footfall in the city centre. The project board are still awaiting results for the Health and Social Care Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund to progress to the next stage, being the Outline Business Case.



## NEW BANGOR BUSINESS SCHOOL BACKED BY MAJOR DONATION

Bangor University has secured a £10.5 million donation from the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation to establish a new Business School. The project will refurbish the historic Grade II listed Old Friars building and add a modern extension with energy-efficient facilities. Construction is expected to start in 2026 and be completed by 2027, creating a high-quality environment for learning and working. More information about the project will become available as the project progresses.

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## EMPTY PROPERTY PILOT TACKLES HIGH STREET VACANCY

A pilot project headed by Cyngor Gwynedd has recently been launched, which aims at targeting owners of vacant units on Bangor's high street. Many of the empty buildings are in poor condition, and the project aims to re-engage landlords, promote reuse, and offer targeted support depending on the needs of the property. The pilot includes three phases which are data collection, direct outreach, and phased interventions. To date, over 10 owners have responded, with various requests including planning advice, business support, or guidance on change of use. For more information or any queries please contact [adfywio@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:adfywio@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)

## COLLEGE PARK CLOSE TO COMPLETION

Physical works are now underway to transform Bangor University's College Park into a safer, greener and more accessible space, better connecting the university and the City Centre. The project faced earlier delays due to several factors including increased construction costs and the presence of Japanese knotweed, however the project is now in well underway following planning approval. Once complete, the park will feature a new accessible pathway linked to Pontio, safer access from Deiniol Road, outdoor learning and relaxation spaces and improved lighting. The improvements will offer both environmental and social benefits to the community as well as the students at the university. The project was funded by both the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns program, and is aimed to be completed by Summer 2025.



## NEW CRIME-REDUCTION PROJECT ROLLED OUT IN BANGOR

North Wales Police have introduced the "Clear, Hold, Build" strategy to reduce serious and organised crime in Bangor. Following a successful pilot project in Rhyl, five temporary officers are now operating across Bangor to disrupt criminal activity, maintain a consistent presence, and rebuild community resilience with the help of local partners. Findings from this work will inform the formation of cross-organisational subgroups tasked with addressing and preventing the specific issues identified through the project.