

**News from
County Hall**



**Flintshire
Sir Y Fflint**

**COUNTY COUNCIL TO
OPPOSE BOUNDARY
COMMISSION PROPOSALS.**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales has recently issued yet another set of proposals for new electoral boundaries in Flintshire but these proposals have met with widespread dissatisfaction. The Commission is supposed to

work within strict legal guidelines and under directions from the Welsh Assembly Minister but the new proposals simply do not comply with the rules.

One of the main aims of any changes was to provide greater equality of representation for electors across Flintshire but the Commission's plans merely make the situation far worse than it already is.

After strong representations the updated proposals for Holywell are slightly better than the Commission's first attempt, with the Town retaining all four County representatives. Unfortunately this involves the merging of four existing single Councillor wards into two wards each represented by two Councillors.

Such mergers are only allowed if there is strong public support for such a change. There is not a shred of evidence that such support exists.

Similar concerns apply across Flintshire and the County Councillors have unanimously voted to formally object to the plan.



**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY PLANS
FOR TIDAL FLOODING ON DEE
ESTUARY**

Draft Plans have been drawn up by the Environment Agency to improve flood defences on the River Dee. These proposals seek to deal with anticipated flooding over periods of 20 years, 50 years and 100 years and are out for public consultation.

A copy of the proposals is available on-line at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/dee. Hard copies can be obtained from Flint Library or by post from Dee Flood Consultation, Environment Agency Wales, Llwyn Brain, Parc Menai, Bangor, LL57 4DE. Initial Plans for the estuary near Holywell/Greenfield involve the raising and improving of existing defences.

In 20 years time there may be a need to set back the existing line of defence and "allow natural processes". This setting back would not appear to have any impact upon residential properties.

The proposals are in 'draft' form at this time and public views are being sought before the plan is finalised.



green pennant  award

FRIENDS OF PEN Y MAES WOODS GAIN A SECOND 'GREEN PENNANT'.

Following last year's award of the prestigious National 'Green Pennant' to Pen y Maes Woods, the Friends Group have, once more, gained a similar award in 2010. Only 16 awards have been issued in Wales this year (only one in Flintshire) and the Friends Group are justifiably proud of their achievement.

With the support of the County Council Ranger Service, work continues to maintain the woodland. Future projects include the provision of a handrail on the steep approach to the bridge and seating in more areas. Fundraising is proving difficult with local events being poorly supported, although it must be said that the weather has not always been kind to either the organisers or potential visitors.

Difficulties are also being faced in keeping up standards in the woodland as thieves have recently been stealing fencing and wooden step supports. These thefts pose a danger to users of the woods and North Wales Police are investigating. If you have any information please contact the Police on the non-emergency telephone number ☎ **101**



THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please let me know your views on anything concerning Holywell East Ward
Or if you think I might be able to help with any problems.

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