



North Pembrokehire Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

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Transport for Wales Campaign – The Real Social Network

This multimodal transport campaign includes tool kits that provide the background, strategy, and context behind the campaign, as well as providing ready-made assets that can be used to support it. In its invitation to participate in the campaign Transport for Wales (TfW) adds 'We'd like you to collaborate with us, to get people thinking differently about public transport'.

Other introductory remarks

- 'The pandemic has made us all think differently about what's important to us and the way we live our lives. We know that people are keen to get back to visiting their family and friends and getting out and about. We also know that public transport has an important part to play in facilitating these connections. We need to convince people to choose public transport and to travel more sustainably when reconnecting with people, rediscovering places, and returning to work'.

The Real Social Network

- 'Our network is vital to getting people back to social normality after the anti-social effects of the pandemic'.

Collaborate with Us

- 'Getting people to think differently about public transport and to change their behaviour is a big job, that won't happen overnight'.
- 'We'd like you to collaborate with us, helping us get the message to as many people as possible. That's why we've created assets that can be used on your own channels to support the campaign'.
- 'We have developed a toolkit which provides you with everything you need to know about our first integrated multi-modal campaign'.

For details about the campaign *Visit* <https://tfw.wales/real-social-network>. For any further information contact: Mathew.Breese@tfw.wales or Neil.James@tfw.wales.

Cruise Ships Return to Fishguard Harbour

From the beginning of April to the end of September 27 cruise ships will bring visitors to the Fishguard area. The first arrival (carrying 528 passengers) was the 'Hurdigruten MS Maud', travelling from Dover as far as the Hebrides and returning by a different route.

'Day 3 Fishguard Wales: Quaint Villages and Prehistoric Forts'

- Our first port of call on our exploration of the British Isles, between the Preseli Hills and the Pembrokeshire coast, is the charming fishing village of Fishguard. Split in two by a steep, winding hill, Lower Town is home to the original hamlet and harbour, while the 'new' town sits on a clifftop, commanding spectacular views. Fishguard has the accolade of being the infamous site of the 'Last Invasion of Britain', by the French in 1797. The local library houses a 100-foot-long commemorative 'Bayeux' style tapestry depicting the invasion.

- From Lower Town, you can explore the ancient woodlands of the Gwaun Valley that stretch towards the Preseli Hills. Follow a walking trail that takes in the River Gwaun, medieval Llanychllwydog pillar stones, St Brynach's Church and the Dyffryn Arms pub, run by local legend Bessie. If you appreciate beautiful, landscaped gardens, then head towards the gardens at Dyffryn Fernant.
- On the outskirts of Fishguard, you can walk up the hill to Castle Point to the ruins of Fishguard Fort, for incredible views overlooking the harbour. From here, you can also enjoy a walk along a stretch of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path.
- Further west of Fishguard, you can take a walk along a stretch of the coastal path on the Pencaer Peninsula, looking out to Strumble Head lighthouse. It's also a great place for spotting seabirds, seals and porpoises.
- The area is also home to a number of Iron Age hill forts, settlements and Neolithic burial mounds. About 30 minutes from Fishguard, you'll find the reconstructed roundhouses of Castell Henllys, where costumed guides share the history of the local Demetae tribe.
- Included: A shuttle to St David's.

Transport Fare Reductions in Ireland

(Reported by an Irish member of the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum)

Fares on public service obligation routes (many bus & all rail) in Ireland have been reduced by around 20%. Visitors intending to travel on bus services in County Wexford and further afield will benefit from the cheapest fares by acquiring a LeapCard in advance of their trip (can be purchased and topped-up at leapcard.ie). Sample reduced fares (adult single "one-way" fares):

- Rosslare - Dublin rail (online) from €7.49
- Rosslare - Wexford rail (online) €3.65
- Rosslare - Waterford Bus Éireann route 370 bus (LeapCard) €9.10
- Rosslare - New Ross route 370 bus (LeapCard) €8.40
- Waterford - Clonmel rail (online) €2.85

Note that discounted fares are not available on Expressway coach route 40 ex Rosslare as this is a commercial route.

Train Services to be Restored in May Timetable

A Transport for Wales announcement on 21st April included the following:

- From Sunday 15 May, a new rail timetable will be in place across the Wales and Borders rail network.
- This will include the return of a number of services across North, Mid and West Wales that were removed from the timetable as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- While the times of many services will be unaffected, customers should still ensure they double-check their departure, arrival and connection times.

The Forum's work is supported by:

Individual Members (£5 p.a.), Family Members (£8 p.a.) & Corporate Members (£12 p.a.)
(Corporate members include town and community councils, transport operators, and groups, organisations and associations with a transport interest)

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