

Blackwood Miners' Institute Annual Pantomime

The annual Blackwood Miners' Institute panto is back and featuring the Pantomime King himself... Owen Money! This year's panto, as written by the Brothers Grimm, is the fantastic story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Expect lots of fun and laughter from Owen Money and a whole cast of talented actors, singers and dancers in a show filled with all the traditional elements that everyone knows and loves. The show will run from Wednesday 9th December to Wednesday 30th December, times and prices vary. Tickets are now available to purchase on the BMI website or from the box office on 01495 227206. For a full list of prices and show times please visit www.blackwoodminersinstitute.com



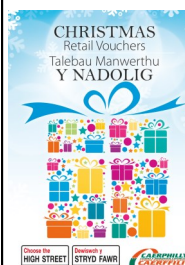
Welcome to Blackwood

We welcome two new businesses to Blackwood - *Home & Gift* and *Marmaris Barber Shop* have both opened on High Street. We wish them every success for the future.

Temporary Grit Bins

In preparation for the winter, we have had temporary yellow grit bins placed throughout the town centre. If you notice that these are becoming low on grit, please call our Highways Customer Care team on 01495 235323.

Choose the High Street - Christmas



We would like to say a big thank you to all of the retailers who took part in the Choose the High Street Christmas Voucher



Booklet. This year, we have received 105 offers - the highest number yet! The vouchers will be valid from 16th November to 31st December

across the five managed towns of Bargoed, Blackwood, Caerphilly, Risca and Ystrad Mynach; there are also some offers from businesses outside the town centres too. In Blackwood, people can collect their free voucher booklet from the Library, *Tidal's Store*, *The Maxime Cinema*, *Blackwood Miners' Institute* and in the foyer of *ASDA*. Voucher booklets will also be given away at all of the Council's Christmas events and via local schools. To promote the scheme, there will be newspaper adverts in several local publications, along with information on the Council's website and social media pages. In addition, retailers who have submitted offers will be sent a poster to display in their window, which will also help to raise awareness of the campaign.

Consumer Rights Act 2015

The main parts of the Consumer Rights Act 2015 (CRA) came into force on 1st October 2015. The CRA replaces a number of laws with regard to business-to-consumer transactions, including the Sale of Goods Act 1979 and the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982. It will be clearer and easier to understand, meaning that consumers can buy and businesses can sell to them with confidence. The changes are relevant to every business that sells directly to consumers. The new law makes it clear what should happen when goods or digital content are faulty, or when services are not provided with reasonable care and skill. To help businesses and consumers, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has developed a plain English summary of the key elements of the Act. This 'consumer rights summary' is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to consumer rights, but rather a general overview of the key rights, focusing on the most common issues. This summary can be downloaded from: www.businesscompanion.info or more information can be obtained from CCBC's Trading Standards Team by contacting 01495 235291 or e-mailing tradingstandards@caerphilly.gov.uk

Blackwood Pub Watch

Blackwood Pub Watch has been developed to improve the town's night time economy and is a partnership between Gwent Police, local Licensees of pubs and clubs in the town and Caerphilly County Borough Council. There are now 7 pubs part of Pub Watch Online in Blackwood, which all promote safe and responsible drinking. Bans can be given for abusive behaviour towards customers and staff, or criminal behaviour and vary in length from one month to life. If you run a pub in the Blackwood area and would like to join Pub Watch, please contact the Night Time Economy Officer - PC Adam Lang - via adam.lang@gwent.pnn.police.uk

Commercial Recycling Services



All businesses have a legal duty to dispose of their waste through a registered waste contractor, such as Caerphilly Council, and to separate waste for recycling. CCBC encourages businesses to recycle by offering recycling collections at half the cost of general waste. We also cater for smaller businesses that do not produce much waste by offering "Trade Recycling Sacks". These are half the cost of "Trade Refuse Sacks" at £43.27 per roll. A roll can be purchased from a Customer First centre. Refuse and recycling sacks can also be purchased if you would like to put out additional waste over the Christmas period. If your business would like to get involved with recycling, help the environment and save some money along the way, please call 01443 866533 or visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Christmas Waste Collection

The Christmas waste collection days will be as follows. Please ensure that all waste & recycling is ready by 06:00.

Monday 21st December - No Change

Tuesday 22nd December - No Change

Wednesday 23rd December - No Change

Thursday 24th December - No Change

Friday 25th December - Collecting Sunday 27th December

Monday 28th December - No Change

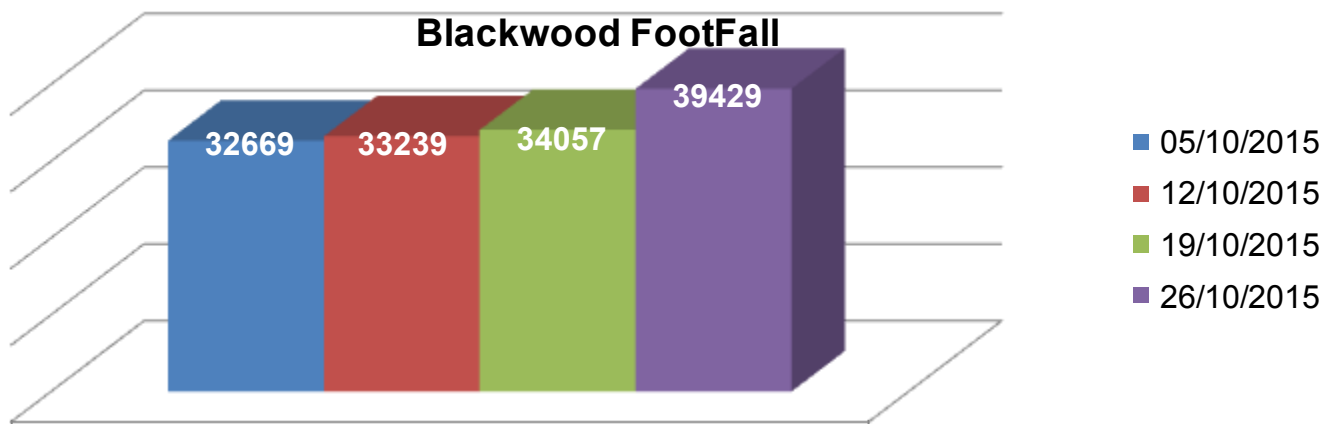
Tuesday 29th December - No Change

Wednesday 30th December - No Change

Thursday 31st December - No Change

Friday 1st January 2016 - Collecting Saturday 2nd January

Blackwood FootFall



Useful Numbers

Caerphilly County Borough Council (General Enquiries) - 01443 815588

Highways Customer Care - 01495 235323

Town Centre Management - 01443 866213/01443 866393

Trading Standards - 01495 235291

Cleansing - 01443 866533

Gwent Police - 01633 838111



**Choose the
HIGH STREET**

Town Centres - Unique Places A row of five small colored squares: red, orange, green, blue, and purple.

A greener place to live, work and visit
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