

Blaenau Gwent launch Community TV

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Blaenau Gwent's Community TV system was launched today, in front of 200 guests at the new sports centre at Abertillery. 10 plasma screens have been installed in a variety of venues around the area, enabling Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and the Safer Blaenau Gwent Partnership to deliver community safety information directly into the heart of the community.



Edwina Hart, Minister for Social Justice & Regeneration and Member of the National Assembly for Wales, spoke at the launch:

"As an Assembly government we are very committed to building safer communities and improving the quality of life for people in Wales. I am sure this network will play a major part in promoting community safety throughout Blaenau Gwent."



(L-R) Edwina Hart AM – Minister for Social Justice; Deputy Leader – Cllr Nigel Daniels; Leader of the Council – Cllr John Hopkins

Community Communication Network Ltd (CCN) deliver the television network which broadcasts local information, community safety messages, national news, weather & sport, emergency messages and crime reduction initiatives to help combat crime and reduce the fear of crime within the area. CCN already provide similar networks throughout the UK, including Glasgow, Trafford, Hastings, East Durham, Sandwell, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Sunderland and Doncaster.

Screens are located at the launch venue, Bryn Bach Park, Asda at Brynmawr and post offices, libraries and sports centres throughout Blaenau Gwent. Michael Tonge, Chief Constable of Gwent Police, said at the launch:

"I think today has been a fantastic launch. This is a real opportunity to get information to the public, and information can reassure people, can prevent crime, and can find missing people - it's a tremendous opportunity for the future for Blaenau Gwent. Most people look at a screen for their information today, and if people can look at a screen and get local community information that is relevant to them, then it will help to reassure them and make them feel more a part of their local community."



Gwent Police Chief Constable, Michael Tonge



CCN supplies partnerships with dedicated, managed television networks throughout their districts. These networks showcase the partnerships' achievements, results and the positive changes taking place within their communities. By broadcasting updateable, informative video and emergency messages, the system enables the partnerships to communicate, engage, consult and provide reassurance to both the general public and the business sector.

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