

## YNNI A'R AMGYLCHEDD • ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### UWCH DDEUNYDDIAU A GWEITHGYNHYRCHU •

#### **1) Wylfa B: Horizon Nuclear Power advertise for first 30 staff (29/1/14)**

Up to 18,000 construction jobs are expected to be created in Wales over the next five years - a large chunk on the Wylfa Newydd project

A clutch of new jobs are being advertised in a move that the company behind plans for a new nuclear plant have hailed as “an important step forward”.

Horizon Nuclear Power say they are looking at employing up to 30 members of staff this spring, as the work of preparing the planning application for the facility ramps up.

Not all 30 jobs will directly work on the Wylfa project, with some working on a separate plan at Oldbury.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wylfa-b-horizon-nuclear-power-6643872>

#### **2) Wylfa Newydd reactor assessment moves to next phase (6/1/14)**

THE Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and the Environment Agency announced today that they are progressing to the next phase of their assessment of a new nuclear reactor design for the UK.

The UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (UK ABWR) is proposed to be used in new nuclear power stations at Wylfa Newydd in Anglesey and Oldbury in South Gloucestershire

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/wylfa-newydd-reactor-assessment-moves-6472452>

#### **3) CT Offshore to Connect Gwynt y Môr Wind Farm (21/1/14)**

CT Offshore and Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited have signed an agreement, covering free-laying, installation and burial of 63 cables of the in total 161 inter-array cables at one of Europe’s largest offshore wind farms.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <https://www.offshorewind.biz/2014/01/21/ct-offshore-to-connect-gwynt-y-mor-wind-farm/#.Uuuwdz1 tyw>

#### **4) Safety Technology to Open New Centre at Port of Mostyn (16/1/14)**

South Wales based safety training provider Safety Technology Ltd, announced their plans to open a state-of-the art Wind Energy safety training centre in the Mostyn region this week.

With support from the Welsh Assembly Government, the RenewableUK and Global Wind Organisation (GWO) accredited training provider will be developing a new safety training facility on-site at the Port of Mostyn in North Wales.

**Darllen mw/Read more** [http://www.offshorewind.biz/2014/01/16/safety-technology-to-open-new-centre-at-port-of-mostyn/#.UuuxMj1\\_tyw](http://www.offshorewind.biz/2014/01/16/safety-technology-to-open-new-centre-at-port-of-mostyn/#.UuuxMj1_tyw)

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#### **5) Minister extends recycling programme with £11.5m investment (16/1/14)**

Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Alun Davies, has announced extra investment and an extension to a programme that supports Welsh councils to increase recycling rates.

**Darllen mw/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/environmentandcountryside/2014/140116recycling/?lang=en>

#### **6) Gwynt y Môr Took Large Steps Forward in 2013 (6/1/14)**

Major offshore construction has taken place throughout 2013 at Gwynt y Môr, one of the world's largest offshore wind farms, located eight miles off the North Wales coast in Liverpool Bay.

**Darllen mw/Read more** [http://www.offshorewind.biz/2014/01/06/gwynt-y-mor-took-large-steps-forward-in-2013/#.UuuxjD1\\_tyw](http://www.offshorewind.biz/2014/01/06/gwynt-y-mor-took-large-steps-forward-in-2013/#.UuuxjD1_tyw)

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#### **7) Skills development vital to proposed new Wylfa site (30/1/14)**

Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology Ken Skates has visited the Wylfa Nuclear Power Plant site on Anglesey to discuss future skills needs for the proposed new build.

The visit comes on the same day that the Deputy Minister launched the Welsh Government's new Policy Statement on Skills which sets out the responsible action needed by all stakeholders to develop a resilient, responsive and sustainable post-19 skills system.

Whilst at Wylfa, the Deputy Minister also had an opportunity to tour existing facilities at the site as well as seeing plans for the proposed new build.



Focusing on maximising the benefits of Wylfa Newydd and the Anglesey Energy Island Programme have been identified in Welsh Government's vision for energy.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/educationandskills/2014/8422269/?lang=en>

### **8) Anglesey becoming "energy island", says business club chairman (9/1/14)**

Anglesey is on the way to its ambition of becoming an "energy island" thanks to developments such as the next-generation Wylfa nuclear power station, the **North Wales** Business Club (NWBC)'s chairman has told *Insider*.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/105828-anglesey-becoming-energy-island-nwbc>

## **UWCH DDEUNYDDIAU A GWEITHGYNHYRCHU •** **ADVANCE MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING**

### **1) Developer Watkin Jones to create 100 jobs in 2014 (29/1/14)**

Developer Watkin Jones says its booming student halls business alongside recovering housing and commercial sectors will see it create 100 jobs in 2014 – with the potential of a 1,000 extra sub-contractor roles.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/developer-watkin-jones-create-100-6642001>

### **2) Multi-million pound supermarket, hotel and 300 home application in Ruabon is submitted (22/1/14)**

Scheme is tipped to create 1,100 jobs

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/multi-million-pound-supermarket-hotel-300-6552831>

### **3) 200 homes plan for former quarry site in Old Colwyn (22/1/14)**

Company wants to transform brownfield site into housing development



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/200-homes-plan-former-quarry-6537109>

#### **4) Airbus sets new records in orders, deliveries and backlog (13/1/14)**

AIRBUS has set new records in orders and deliveries with the current backlog now standing at eight years.

Airbus exceeded commercial targets in 2013, achieving a new record of 626 aircraft deliveries (493 A320 Family aircraft, 108 A330, 25 A380) to 93 customers and a new industry record of 1619 gross orders beating the previous record in 2011 by 11 aircraft.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/airbus-sets-new-records-orders-6501233>

#### **5) Developers say Help to Buy to boost flagging construction sector in North Wales (9/1/14)**

Impact of long awaited scheme already being seen with an increase in sales

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/developers-say-help-buy-boost-6484073>

#### **6) Landmark Llandudno hotel sold in deal to create 'five star' destination for disabled visitors (8/1/14)**

A landmark hotel whose guests have included royalty and a prime minister has been sold in a £2m investment by a care firm to create a five star destination for disabled people.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/landmark-llandudno-hotel-sold-deal-6477784>

#### **7) Prudential backs £300m project to create 1,000 homes (30/1/14)**

Prudential is backing a near-£300m project to build about 1,000 new houses across Wales.

The financial services giant will provide £156m to around 17 Welsh housing associations through its long-term insurance funds, via a new funding management designed by asset management arm M&G. This will unlock an additional £120m of publicly funded construction grants.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/107353-prudential-backs-300m-project-create-1000-homes>

### **8) Banking issues caused drop in profits, says Watkin Jones (30/1/14)**

The head of Watkin Jones has said the construction company's profits dropped sharply because Lloyds exerted "undue pressure" on the group to repay its borrowings. The Bangor-headquartered group has since switched to HSBC. Mark Watkin Jones, managing director at Watkin Jones Group, made his comments as the business reported its results for the year to 30 September 2013. The group posted profits before goodwill amortisation and tax of £5.4m for the year, down by 43 per cent on a year earlier. Sales dropped by 5 per cent to £138m.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/107345-watkin-jones-singles-out-lloyds-after-profit-drop>

### **9) Mainetti acquires former Tetra Pak site in Wrexham (28/1/14)**

Clothes hanger maker Mainetti has acquired the former Tetra Pak packaging plant site in Wrexham in a move that appears to have secured the Italian company's long-term future in North Wales.

Mainetti, which claims to be the world's largest producer of clothes hangers, intends to relocate its Welsh operations to Wrexham in the first half of 2014.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/107172-mainetti-acquires-former-tetra-pak-site-wrexham>

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### **10) £100m Vibrant and Viable Places funding announced (31/1/14)**

The Minister for Housing and Regeneration, Carl Sargeant has announced the allocation of funding for the Welsh Government's regeneration grant, Vibrant and Viable Places.

The total funding has been extended to £100 million over three years and so each of the eleven local authorities invited to submit detailed bids will receive funding of up to £15 million.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/housing-and-regeneration/2014/140131vibrant/?lang=en>



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**11) Welsh Government funded housing schemes making a difference in Holyhead (30/1/14)**

Housing & Regeneration Minister, Carl Sargeant has seen first-hand how Welsh Government funding is making a difference in Holyhead by bringing empty properties in disrepair back into residential use and supporting first time buyers.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/housing-and-regeneration/2014/8423977/?lang=en>

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**12) Construction industry in Wales outperforming UK (21/1/14)**

The Economy Minister, Edwina Hart has welcomed today's figures which show the construction industry in Wales is outperforming the UK as a whole.

The longer term trend for the Index of Construction for Wales shows a 8.7 per cent increase when comparing the latest four quarters to the previous four quarters. Over the same time UK output fell by 1.3 per cent. The short term quarterly movements in the construction industry also show output increased in Wales by 2.8 per cent.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2014/8392038/?lang=en>

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**13) New Welsh Government Fund launched for SMEs in Construction sector (9/1/14)**

A new £250,000 fund to support small and medium sized businesses working in the construction sector across Wales was announced by Economy Minister Edwina Hart today.

The Construction Sector Development Fund is now open for expressions of interest and will provide grants up to a maximum of £50,000 or 50% of the eligible costs of projects. The minimum grant payable is £5,000.

**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/businessandconomy/2014/8350160/?lang=en>



## **GWASANAETHAU ARIANNOL A PHROFFESIYNOL ●**

### **FINANCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

#### **1) Wrexham firm Moneypenny had 1,000 applications for 30 new jobs (29/1/14)**

Huge demand as phone answering firm looks to expand into America

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/wrexham-firm-moneypenny-1000-applications-6641691>

#### **2) Wrexham training company celebrates record breaking year (8/1/14)**

Smartcare has helped nearly 170 learners across North Wales achieve new qualifications

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/wrexham-training-company-celebrates-record-6480569>

#### **3) Plaid Cymru urge radical changes to business support in Wales (2/1/14)**

Average of 580 "active business enterprises" across the UK for every 10,000 people and 770 in London but just 514 in North Wales, according to the latest figures

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/plaid-cymru-urge-radical-changes-6460210>

#### **4) Development Bank for Wales explored by Welsh Government (30/1/14)**

The Welsh Government is to explore the possibility of creating a development bank to support businesses.

Economy minister Edwina Hart revealed in a written statement on Wednesday, 29 January 2014 that she would be "exploring further the proposal for a development bank for Wales".

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/107391-development-bank-wales-explored-welsh-government>

#### **5) Jobs Growth Wales backs 200 business start-ups (24/1/14)**

A total of 200 business start-ups have been helped by Jobs Growth Wales since its launch.

The youth employment programme, which is part-funded by the European Social Fund, had a target to create 200 start-ups through the young entrepreneur bursary by the end of March 2014. But Jobs Growth Wales figures indicate that it has now hit this goal early.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/106992-jobs-growth-wales-backs-200-business-start-ups>

### **6) Wales business rate rises capped at 2 per cent (16/1/14)**

Business rate rises in Wales are to be capped at 2 per cent, it has been announced. The National Assembly for Wales approved an order allowing the Welsh Government to set the non-domestic rates multiplier at 0.473.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/106351-wales-business-rate-rises-capped-2-cent>

### **7) £1.2m funding announced for 19 projects (16/1/14)**

Funding of more than £1.2m will be shared across 19 projects to promote membership of credit unions, it has been announced.

Jeff Cuthbert, Welsh Government minister for communities and tackling poverty, formally unveiled details of the awards.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/106331-12m-funding-announced-19-projects>

### **8) Daulby Read targets Abergele following acquisition (7/1/14)**

Daulby Read is opening an office in Abergele after buying J Carr & Co's general insurance business.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/105600-daulby-read-targets-abergele-following-acquisition>

## **DIWYDIANNAU CREADIGOL • CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

### **1) Bethesda project benefits the high street (30/1/14)**

A new high street development in Bethesda, Gwynedd, will help regenerate the town and bring more people to the High Street, Housing and Regeneration Minister Carl Sargeant said today.

Partneriaeth Ogwen Cyf is a social enterprise which has been established by the three community councils in the Ogwen Valley and one of their projects is to upgrade an empty property on the high street to develop a local services shop.



Darllen mwy/Read more <http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/housing-and-regeneration/2014/8421803/?lang=en>

## **TECHNOLEG GWYBODAETH A CHYFATHREBU (TGCH) • INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)**

### **1) Superfast broadband has now reached 100,000 Welsh homes (9/1/14)**

Blaenau Ffestiniog, Criccieth and Llanberis among the communities to benefit from fast web access

MORE than 100,000 Welsh homes and businesses can now get access to superfast speeds as a result of the UK Government's roll-out of superfast broadband.

The UK Government has invested £57 million pounds in the Superfast Cymru project which is on track to deliver superfast broadband to 96% of homes and businesses in Wales by the end of 2015.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/superfast-broadband-now-reached-100000-6481811>

### **2) Welsh Technology Report predicts strong 2014 (14/1/14)**

Welsh technology companies are **bullish** about their future sales, **job growth** and **investment plans**, according to the findings of a major new study. The Welsh Technology Report, published by ESTnet in collaboration with Deloitte, revealed that nine out of ten respondents expect revenues to grow in the coming year.

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/106192-welsh-technology-report-predicts-strong-2014>

## **GWYDDORAU BYWYD • LIFE SCIENCES**

### **1) Wales' fastest growing company celebrates 80 years with brand revamp (28/1/14)**

Village Bakery, Wrexham has updated its packaging as its marks anniversary

Darllen mwy/Read more <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/wales-fastest-growing-company-celebrates-6639862>



## **2) PHP in £2.25m Wrexham medical centre deal (16/1/14)**

Primary Health Properties (PHP) has bought a new medical centre planned for Wrexham in a deal worth more than £2m.

A subsidiary of the healthcare facilities specialist contracted to fund the development of, and acquire, a purpose-built centre to be built in Wrexham by the end of 2014.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/106389-php-225m-wrexham-medical-centre-deal>

## **3) Speakers unveiled for BioWales life sciences event (9/1/14)**

A line-up of high-profile speakers has been confirmed for this year's BioWales international life sciences event.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/105814-speakers-revealed-biowales-life-sciences-event>

## **GWEITHGAREDDAU AWYR AGORED CYNALIADWY, TWRISTIAETH AC**

## **AMAETHYDDIAETH • SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TOURISM &**

## **AGRICULTURE**

### **1) Stena Line asks ferry workers to accept pay freeze to avoid bringing in 'foreign' crews (20/1/14)**

Company writes to staff to warn of cuts needed to head off 'large scale redundancies'

Ferry giant Stena Line is asking workers to accept pay freezes and longer hours of working to avoid "large scale redundancies" and replacement with foreign crews.

The company has written to its UK seafarers with a stark message about the trading performance of the firm, that employs around 400 staff in Holyhead.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/stena-line-asks-ferry-workers-6531254>



## **2) Heritage railways keep North Wales economy on track (15/1/14)**

Employing more than 300 workers in the peak season and pumping around £50m into the local economy – heritage railways are a key part of the tourism industry in North Wales.

A recent study revealed that 45 years after the end of steam on British Rail, heritage railways are worth £250m to the UK economy – helping bring vital money into communities.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/heritage-railways-keep-north-wales-6508767>

## **3) Halen Môn, Anglesey Sea Salt name wins protected status (15/1/14)**

Firm joins ranks of Champagne and Parma Ham with Europe-wide legal protection

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/halen-mn-anglesey-sea-salt-6508625>

## **4) Six authorities to share £1.6m tourism flood fund (31/1/14)**

A new £1.6m fund is to be divided between six local authorities, including Monmouthshire County Council, to repair tourism infrastructure affected by flooding.

Economy minister Edwina Hart announced details of the fund during a visit to Aberystwyth, where she was inspecting the recent damage to the town alongside finance minister Jane Hutt.

The £1.6m cash pot will be allocated to projects in Monmouthshire (£80,000), Ceredigion (£560,000), Pembrokeshire (£400,000), Gwynedd (£400,000), Swansea (£80,000) and the Isle of Anglesey (£80,000).

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/107460-six-authorities-share-16m-tourism-flood-fund>

## **5) US style smokehouse restaurant will create 60 jobs in Rhos-on-Sea(8/1/14)**

A US style smokehouse restaurant will create up to 60 jobs and breathe life into a former pub when it opens in North Wales in March.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/style-smokehouse-restaurant-create-60-6477832>



## **6) North Wales timber firm cashing in on the popularity of wood burning stoves (1/1/14)**

Clifford Jones Timber, the country's biggest manufacturer of fence posts, is diversifying to take advantage of the 30% hike in the sales

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/north-wales-timber-firm-cashing-6458644>

## **7) Purple Moose brewery has two big reasons to celebrate (28/1/14)**

Not only did they sell out of their famed Christmas ale, but they are now cracking the market in the Far East

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/purple-moose-brewery-two-big-6449991>

## **8) Henllan Bread bakes up US orders (30/1/14)**

A family-run bakery in Denbigh has secured its first export orders in the US. Henllan Bread is in talks with a major US supermarket to supply its bara brith after securing initial export orders in the country.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/107299-henllan-bread-bakes-us-orders>

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## **9) Over £1 million to help communities protect the environment (22/1/14)**

Alun Davies, Minister for Natural Resources, has announced £1,025,000 for Environment Wales to support community-led environment projects across the country.

**Darllen mwyl/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/environmentandcountryside/2014/140122env/?lang=en>

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## **10) New plans for Glastir will help build resilience within Welsh farming (23/1/14)**

Minister for Natural Resources and Food, Alun Davies, has published new plans aimed at ensuring the most sustainable management of Wales' farms and forests. The Minister said that his new proposals for the agri-environment scheme, Glastir would better support green growth and biodiversity, would help build resilience within Welsh agriculture and would be easier and quicker for farmers to access.



**Darllen mwy/Read more**

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/environmentandcountryside/2014/140123glastir/?lang=en>

## **DIDDORDEB CYFFREDINOL • GENERAL INTEREST**

### **1) No economic crisis in Wrexham despite 900 job cuts (30/1/14)**

Town can bounce back from losses at Sharp and Kellogg's

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/no-economic-crisis-wrexham-despite-6649349>

### **2) Unemployment in Wales at lowest level since 2008 (22/1/14)**

UNEMPLOYMENT has dropped to its lowest level in Wales since the economy crashed in 2008 with 2,100 fewer people in North Wales claiming job seeker benefits than a year ago.

The Office of National Statistics released the latest job figures for the three months to November.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/unemployment-wales-lowest-level-2008-6538697>

### **3) Welsh house sales surge by nearly 50% (16/1/14)**

Surveyors group RICS also report rising prices in Wales

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/welsh-house-sales-surge--6513284>

### **4) Merge councils urgently, says commission (21/1/14)**

The 22 local councils in Wales must be merged “urgently” into between ten and 12 new authorities, according to a commission appointed by first minister Carwyn Jones.

The Williams Commission called for the Welsh Government, councils and “key stakeholders” to agree a programme for mergers by Easter 2014. And it said the programme of mergers should be completed by 2018.



The commission, chaired by Sir Paul Williams, also said the Welsh Government should consider running the Snowdonia, Pembrokeshire Coast and Brecon Beacons national parks through a single organisation.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.insidermedia.com/insider/wales/106673-merge-councils-says-commission>

### **5) Welsh Government sets out strategy for future skills (30/1/14)**

The Welsh Government will encourage employers to invest more in training in an effort to make sure Wales has the skills necessary for its future competitiveness.

The Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology Ken Skates said that a “step-change” is needed in the way skills are approached in Wales and that action has to be taken “now” to bring this about.

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business/business-news/welsh-government-sets-out-strategy-6650245>

### **6) Welsh Government's inward investment strategy 'opaque' and 'crowded and confusing', business body claims (31/1/14)**

Federation of Small Businesses claimed Wales was over-reliant on a small number of large exporters in evidence to an Assembly inquiry

**Darllen mwy/Read more** <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/welsh-governments-inward-investment-strategy-6650447>

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