

Glancynon Inn making its mark in the access world.

The Glancynon Inn, Hirwaun, is making its mark in the community by addressing accessibility issues which are faced by people with disabilities.

Earlier in the year Accessible Wales was commissioned to undertake an Access Audit highlighting both positive and negative access issues on the Glancynon Inn. This audit examined access in and around the property. Acting on recommendations in the audit the landlord Mr Evans decided to make a positive change by altering physical obstacles which could make his public house easier to access. Mr Evans has re-surfaced the car park, marked out designated parking bays, installed an accessible WC, ramped access to the beer garden and a shop mobility scooter parking area inside.

The most impressive improvement was the addition of Braille menus. Making these changes would not only improve access but also help build opportunities for the venue in appealing to the wider community. Mr Evans says "I made these adjustments because through personal circumstances I noticed that access can often be over looked. Access improvements are not always costly and even a little improvement can make a big difference." This is a positive step towards breaking down barriers towards disability and if this is the starting point of things to come, hopefully other businesses will take this step and join the good access movement.

Accessible Companies in Your Area!

Below are the newest ten companies to enter our accessible companies index. This website can be found at www.accessiblewales.co.uk. Accessible Wales is not recommending the services of these companies, simply their accessibility. For a key to what the symbols mean please visit the website. We will be publishing access symbols on the website which will give you more information on their level of access.

The Glancynon Inn, Hirwaun	Party Zone, Aberdare**
Cynon Valley Museum, Aberdare	Chris Selwyn Butchers, Mountain Ash
Citizen's Advice Bureau, Mountain Ash	The Friery, Mountain Ash
Mountain Ash YMCA, Mountain Ash	Crownford Ltd, Hirwaun
Morgan's Fish Bar, Aberdare*	The Cana Centre, Penywaun

* = step at front

** = split level - step inside

Disability World Cup!

Here's five facts about the Disability World Cup we don't think you'll know:

1. First, there's no such thing as 'disability football'. It's for the same reasons that Paralympic events are divided into impairment-based classes.
2. There are six disabilities for whom you can often support a national team and follow them to their group's own international tournament. They are Amputee, Blind, Cerebral Palsy, Deaf and Hearing Impaired, Partially Sighted, Learning Disabilities
3. Wheelchair football seems to be a relatively new sport, which is currently in the process of setting up its organisation's defining its rules every year.
4. They hold World Cup Tournaments every year.
5. There is no offside law for the groups blind, amputee and cerebral palsy.



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Disabled Bay hijacking could be a thing of the past.

Scotland are taking measures against people who are wrongly parking in disabled bays, the BBC reports dated Tuesday 3rd June 2008.

Labour MSP Jackie Baillie has produced a bill that sees people who do not possess a blue badge and park in a disabled bay a fine of up to £60.

It is estimated that in Scotland there are one million disabled people, including 96,000 wheelchair users.

This bill would make the existing

Disabled parking bays under the council legally enforceable.

However only 15% of the parking bays are owned by the local councils and the 85% of the others are advisory, which means other motorists can park in disabled bays without punishment.

MSP Ms Baillie says "If passed these proposals, will virtually overnight, improve the quality of life for all blue badge holders".



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