



Balmedie Country Park

Balmedie Country Park in Aberdeenshire is made up of beach, sand dunes, heath land and wooded areas and is also home to a fantastic Changing Places toilet, thanks to the Belhelvie Community Trust and Rosie Nicol. The trust has been successful in creating a community and volunteering hub named The Sand Bothy, which provides a kiosk for selling hot and cold drinks, ice cream and snacks. Moreover, the trust is responsible for securing beach wheelchairs at Balmedie beach as well as a sensory garden and creation of accessible paths. The beach wheelchairs have proved to be extremely popular, enabling disabled visitors to access the beautiful beach and all that it has to offer.

The Changing Places toilet at Balmedie Country Park is situated in the public toilet block in the carpark and is open 24 hours, 7 days a week, enabling visitors from far and wide to visit and make use of all the wonderful things that Balmedie has to offer.



Photo credit: Community Energy Wales

The Crescent, Belfast

Where can you share live music, poetry, dance classes and creative learning for a wide range of ages? The Crescent Belfast offers all these opportunities and gives a constant welcome to all members of the community.

The venue has a registered Changing Places Toilet that is accessible to all and ensures that each person attending the venue has a positive experience.

Further information on this CPT can be found on our [map](#).

Hwb y Gors

Awel Co-op wind farm is situated on Mynydd y Gwrhyd, twenty miles north of Swansea. Currently, work is progressing at a community project called Hwb y Gors, which is located there in a 110 year old former primary school. A café and vibrant community hub are being explored together with the possibility of including a Changing Places Toilet. Visitors are planning to attend the site to share their experiences over the coming weeks, and these will shape the on-going development. It's a positive move to see accessibility and inclusivity at the top of such an eco-friendly venture.

Watch the videos to learn more:

[English language video](#)

[Welsh language video](#)

Willen Lake, Milton Keynes

After a year of working remotely, it was a real delight for the MDUK Changing Places Team to all meet in person for the first time at a team event at incLOOsive venue, Willen Lake in Milton Keynes.

Never ones to pass by the chance to check on a local Changing Places Toilet, we were very happy to see that the CPT at Willen Lake was being maintained to high standards and ensured that all visitors to the venue found the CPT clean and accessible to all.

Find out more about the CPT at Willen lake on our [map](#).





Spotlight on...

Supporting Special Days

Ask most people in the UK what they think of when they hear November and we bet the answer will mostly be fireworks or bonfire night. Here at the Changing Places consortium though, things are a bit different...

Although July is our busiest month as we celebrate Changing Places Awareness Day, November also has a special place in our hearts as it marks two important days in our calendar: Purple Tuesday and World Toilet Day. Unlike CPAD neither day is directly about Changing Places toilets, but the essential matters at the heart of each are ones we're proud to support.



Purple Tuesday

Taking place every year on the first Tuesday in November, this day celebrates the Purple Tuesday movement – inspiring organisations to improve the customer experience for disabled people and their families. Each year, organisations make a commitment to at least one new activity or initiative that will improve their accessibility and provide a more inclusive experience for disabled customers. These commitments range from implementing the sunflower lanyard hidden disabilities scheme to committing to an access audit or supporting staff to learn sign language.

For more information, take a look at our [Purple Tuesday article](#) on the Changing Places website and check out the [Purple Tuesday site](#) too!

World Toilet Day

Since 2013, World Toilet Day on 19th November has been a United Nations Observance. The day celebrates toilets (so obviously we're in!) and also raises awareness of the 3.6 billion people around the world with no access to safe sanitation.

Whilst we're very lucky to live in a country with good sanitation, the lack of access to clean and safe toileting facilities is definitely something we feel strongly about!

So whilst we'll keep on fighting for inclusion and more Changing Places toilets here in the UK, we'll also share and support the excellent work of UN Water - because EVERYONE should have access to clean and safe toilets.

For more information, head over to the [World Toilet Day website](#).



Supplier Comment

Closomat

We asked Changing Places toilet supplier, Closomat to tell us more about their wash and dry toilet ...



By including a Closomat 'wash and dry' toilet in a Changing Places facility, you are enabling it to meet the needs of loads more people, making it even more inclusive.

The Changing Places Standard says the replacement of a conventional WC with a wash & dry toilet can benefit users' dignity and independence. But how?

Anyone can use a 'wash and dry' toilet, but they are of greatest benefit to people who may struggle wiping themselves with toilet tissue as they may lack the required manual, mental and physical dexterity, flexibility, and balance.

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Campaigners' Corner



This month we hear from campaigner Kerry Thompson, who earned a place on this year's Shaw Trust Disability Power 100 list...

You can't help but be swept off your wheels when you find yourself in one of the grand ballrooms at the swanky Landmark Hotel London amongst the UK's most influential.

On the 17th October, The Shaw Trust announced the Disability Power 100 list for 2022.

This celebrates the most influential disabled people in the UK. Over 200 guests were in attendance and I am incredibly honoured to be named on this year's power list.

What is the power 100 list? It's a list that shines a light on those at the top of their game and in positions of influence across all sectors of society.

Creating change is what drives everyone named on the list past, present and future. Shaw Trust produces the Disability Power 100 by showcasing the capabilities and strengths of disabled people, and it is aiming to shatter negative perceptions of disability and expose the benefits of accessibility and inclusion.

Question: Who can use the Changing Places logo?

Answer: The logo can only be used for venues that have been formally registered as a fully compliant Changing Places Toilet?

We first need to check that each venue complies to Building Regulation BS 8300 before the logo can be used at the venue. It's an accredited sign that affirms compliance and best quality standards.

**Your questions
answered**

It was brilliant finally to put faces to names and having face to face conversations with people/friends I have been connecting with for years. Whether you agree with what the Shaw Trust represents, one thing you cannot deny is the incredible work those on the list have done and continue to do.

[Find out more about the Shaw Trust Disability Power 100 list.](#)

Registration round-up

- [Faversham Library](#)
- [Morrisons Cheltenham](#)
- [Russells Hall Hospital](#)
- [King George Hospital](#)
- [Trevassack Lake Sports Leisure Centre](#)
- [Ely Railway Station](#)
- [Brentwood Town Hall](#)
- [Hartwood Pavilion](#)
- [Rushcliffe Country Park](#)
- [Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church](#)
- [Tate Britain](#)
- [Whiteley Shopping Centre](#)
- [The Reel Store](#)

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Details of all registrations can be found on the official [Changing Places toilets map](#)

