



## Cletwr Shop

"The finest little shop in all of Tre'r Ddôl" – "Y siop fach orau yn Nhref Ddôl"

**Y**ou may have noticed some changes at the old garage in Tre'r Ddôl on the A487.

When the village shop closed, a valuable resource was lost, not just for convenience but as a place to meet people, chat to your neighbours and as a focal point for the community. Local people came together and Cletwr was reopened, firstly as a shop and then as a cafe serving homemade cake and coffees.

Cletwr is now owned and run by the community, with a board of entirely voluntary directors, 8 part time staff and approximately 50 volunteers. It's a shining example of grassroots action tackling a very real problem for many rural areas. Cletwr is a non-profit organisation, so any surplus made goes back into the local community. It's a smart solution to the problems that many small communities are facing - lack of facilities, lack of employment and training opportunities, rural isolation and loneliness.

Over time, Cletwr has grown and developed and is now housed in a fabulous new building which opened in September 2017. There's a popular menu of locally sourced, homemade food and the shop is stocked with a wide range of local produce and vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free products. Cletwr also offers great deals on the everyday essentials that

you would expect in a rural village shop, including fresh bread, Welsh milk and cheeses and crisp seasonal fruit and vegetables, so that you can find everything you need at Cletwr.

Christmas is a special time at Cletwr. We have lots of homemade goodies and a fabulous range of Welsh products for you to gift (and treat yourself to!). Cletwr Christmas Fair will be on Friday December 8th, 5-8pm. As well as tasty samples of Christmas goodies, you'll be able to browse local craft stalls and pre-order your Christmas meats from local butchers, as well as your fruit and vegetable boxes for collection on Christmas Eve. Our famous Welsh hampers will be available again this year and there will be mulled wine and festive cheer to warm you on this December evening.

Why not call in for a free tea or coffee with our EGO Token this month?!