

A collection of news stories affecting our community during 2014. As of New Year, 2020 we note our community will be liable to a higher tax burned for HS2 than it would cost to build a much-needed railway station at the centre of our community and the Pontcysyllte WHS. Therefore, we object to HS2, or as we call it the “Welsh Bypass”. Furthermore, our railway line (Marchers) offers a viable alternative to the main West Coast Line as the former Wrexham & Shropshire Service proved before closure in 2010. We ask, why not use this to alleviate congestion on the main West Coastline, which would literally save billions of pounds.

Wiltshire Times 21st December 2014

CZ waste of cash – HS2

http://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/yoursay/letters/11676641.CZ_waste_of_cash/

Daily Post 19th December 2014

Plas Madoc's Splash Magic Leisure Centre needs to triple its membership to help it survive

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/plas-madocs-splash-magic-leisure-8318267>

News North Wales 22nd December 2014

Fight goes on for return of school buses Acrefair to Garth

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/142221/fight-goes-on-for-return-of-school-buses.aspx>

UK Yahoo News 9th December 2014

HS2 campaigners await court ruling.....

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/hs2-campaigners-await-court-ruling-032242537.html#JT0NHhu>

BBC News 6th December 2014

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre reopens as Splash Magic

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-30346949>

News North Wales 5th December 2014

Residents' delight at new village museum

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/141646/residents-delight-at-new-village-museum.aspx>

Daily Post 2nd December 2014

Back in September, Wrexham councillors agreed to grant a lease to a community trust to take over the running of the 40-year-old facility in Acrefair ...

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/look-revamped-plas-madoc-leisure-8214174>

The Independent 3rd December 21014

From London to Birmingham, what do local people really think of the proposed HS2 project?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/features/from-london-to-birmingham-what-do-local-people-really-think-of-the-proposed-hs2-project-9901711.html>

Hemel Today 2nd December 2014

Photographers document face of railways in the Chilterns ahead of HS2

<http://www.hemeltoday.co.uk/news/photographers-document-face-of-railways-in-the-chilterns-ahead-of-hs2-1-6450719>

The Daily Post 1st December 2014

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct sees new community art project opened

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/whats-on/arts-culture-news/pontcysyllte-aqueduct-sees-new-community-8206777>

Watford Observer 1st December 2014

HS2 'cannot fail to have a disastrous impact on traffic' in Maple Cross and West Hyde, says council leader

http://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/news/11637584.HS2_cannot_fail_to_have_a_disastrous_impact_on_traffic_in_Maple_Cross_and_West_Hyde_says_council_leader/

Derby Telegraph 1st December 2014

OPINION: Passenger figures show HS2 is definitely not 'desperately needed'

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/OPINION-Passenger-figures-HS2-definitely/story-24954716-detail/story.html>

The Free Press 28th November 2014

Visitors double at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct since earning heritage honour to almost half a million according to WCBC...

<http://www.denbighshirefreepress.co.uk/news/141344/visitors-double-at-pontcysyllte-aqueduct-since-earning-heritage-honour.aspx>

Bucks Herald 28th November 2014

HS2 campaigner 'greatly encouraged' by committee's response

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/hs2-campaigner-greatly-encouraged-by-committee-s-response-1-6445561>

Transport Extra 28th November 2014

HS2 Ltd struggles to make Euston station rebuild stack-up

http://www.transportxtra.com/magazines/local_transport_today/news/?id=39825

Border Counties Advertiser 27th November 2014

A SECOND organisation has expressed concern over plans to build a leisure development and marina in Ellesmere.

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertiser.co.uk/news/141300/further-objection-to-marina-development-plans.aspx>

The Guardian 27th November 2014

The Liverpool locals who took control of their long-neglected streets

<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2014/nov/27/liverpool-locals-took-control-long-neglected-streets>

Belfast Telegraph 27th November 2014

HS2 campaigners in new court bid

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/hs2-campaigners-in-new-court-bid-30771832.html>

Daventry Express 27th November 2014

HS2 faces legal bid over planning

<http://www.daventryexpress.co.uk/news/regional/hs2-faces-legal-bid-over-planning-1-6437096>

Shropshire Star 26th November 2014

Before we get too carried away with the arrival of Virgin Trains in Shrewsbury, it is worth considering the fate of the late lamented Wrexham & Shropshire (WS) rail service.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/11/26/letter-virgin-did-its-best-to-disrupt-countys-service-to-the-capital/>

BBC News 26th November 2014

Llangollen chain bridge could reopen by March

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-30205556>

Plymouth Herald 26th November 2014

AT THE same time as HS2 Ltd admitted that consultants had cost their draft high speed rail project some £87m more than the already allocated £101m, we witnessed contrasting scenes last week at Dawlish on the Exeter to Plymouth railway line. Waves were engulfing trains, risking passenger's lives and causing delays.

<http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/City-needs-paper-shuffling/story-24712343-detail/story.html>

Get West London 25th November 2014

HS2 campaigners back in court to appeal High Court dismissal of legal challenge against Government

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/hs2-campaigners-back-court-appeal-8172359>

BBC News 25th November 2014

HS2: Residents' fear and anger in Ickenham

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-30197547>

Daily Post 25th November 2014

Flintshire cement plant doubles staff numbers after ending 'six years of misery' and considering rail investment

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/flintshire-cement-plant-doubles-staff-8172017>

Yahoo News 25th November 2014

Campaigners waging a legal battle against the Government's high-speed rail project HS2 are back in court today.

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/hs2-campaigners-court-bid-030953835.html#NMHHm1y>

Planning Resource 24th November 2014

Reports that the High Speed Two (HS2) rail project has been dealt a 'potentially fatal blow' feature in today's newspaper round-up.

<http://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1323276/hs2-project-dealt-potentially-fatal-blow>

Southwest Business 24th November 2014

Dave Wood, Rail Maritime and Transport Union Bristol: 260mph trains too much for our network

<http://www.southwestbusiness.co.uk/opinion/24112014094640-dave-wood--rail-maritime-and-transport-union-bristol--260mph-trains-too-much-for-our-network/>

Lincolnshire Echo 24th November 2014

POLITICS: High speed rail projects far too expensive and will not solve transport problems

<http://www.lincolnshireecho.co.uk/POLITICS-High-speed-rail-projects-far-expensive/story-24569526-detail/story.html>

The Telegraph 22nd November 2014

Design work on HS2 at Euston station "stopped" due to scheme's "costs and benefits" being "unaffordable", according to minutes seen by The Sunday Telegraph

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/11248208/HS2-slowly-dying-as-Euston-terminus-plan-grinds-to-halt.html>

Kenilworth Weekly News 22nd November 2014

HS2 hits Burton Green as villagers sell up

<http://www.kenilworthweeklynews.co.uk/news/local-news/hs2-hits-burton-green-as-villagers-sell-up-1-6429666>

Derby Telegraph 21st November 2014

Change in priorities for HS2 project

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/Change-priorities-HS2-project/story-24584407-detail/story.html>

Farming UK 21st November 2014

Farmers face significant tax charges over HS2, NFU warns

http://www.farminguk.com/News/Farmers-face-significant-tax-charges-over-HS2-NFU-warns_31349.html

Derby Telegraph 19th November 2014

Reopen Great Central route and forget HS2

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/Reopen-Great-Central-route-forget-HS2/story-24558970-detail/story.html>

Uttoxeter Advertiser 18th November 2014

Country association fight rail plan

<http://www.uttoxeter-news.co.uk/Country-association-fight-rail-plan/story-24553196-detail/story.html>

Carmarthen Journal 19th November 2014

'Government should pay to open rail line'

<http://www.carmarthenjournal.co.uk/Government-pay-open-rail-line/story-24558694-detail/story.html>

Wales on Line 13th November 2014

Imagine what these could do for your business, Hitachi unveils 125mph train to be used on electrified routes in Wales

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/business/business-news/imagine-what-could-your-business-8102954>

Daily Post 13th November 2014

Chirk Aqueduct spruced up for winter as part of £80,000 clean-up project

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/look-chirk-aqueduct-spruced-up-8105174>

News North Wales 11th November 2014

Former Plas Madoc leisure centre gets a clean up

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/140582/former-plas-madoc-leisure-centre-gets-a-clean-up.aspx>

BBC News 12th November 2014

'We need an underwater train to Ireland,' says think tank

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-30014563>

The Derby Telegraph 8th November 2014

OPINION: HS2 project is based on smoke and mirrors, need still unproven

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/OPINION-HS2-project-based-smoke-mirrors-need/story-24474055-detail/story.html>

Derby Telegraph 7th November 2014

OPINION: Scandalous to propose putting HS2 on Derby and Sandiacre Canal line after a £2M investment into restoration by local canal volunteer group

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/OPINION-Scandalous-propose-putting-HS2-Derby/story-24399801-detail/story.html>

Wrexham.com 6th November 2014

LDP Timeline, Deployable CCTV, Webcast Review & Dragon Awakes?

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/ldp-timeline-deployable-cctv-webcast-review-dragon-awakes-49548.html>

Derby Telegraph 5th November 2014

OPINION: HS2 is a doomsday white elephant and will bring little benefit

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/OPINION-HS2-doomsday-white-elephant-bring-little/story-24169241-detail/story.html>

Walesonline.co.uk 4th November 2014

Wrexham £250m super prison plan given final go-ahead and should open by 2017

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/wrexham-250m-super-prison-plan-8046647>

Lichfield Mercury 4th November 2014

Lichfield canal restoration still happening despite HS2

<http://www.lichfieldmercury.co.uk/Canal-restoration-happening/story-23768138-detail/story.html>

Wrexham.com 3rd November 2013

New Rhosrobin Housing Development Set To Be Granted

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/new-rhosrobin-housing-development-set-to-be-granted-49429.html>

The Telegraph and Argus 3rd November 2014

Audit Office claim on HS2

http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/opinion/tafeaturesletters/11575742.Audit_Office_claim/

Derby Telegraph 3rd November 2014

Old Great Central Route would be on the right lines for HS2

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/Old-route-right-lines-HS2/story-24011760-detail/story.html>

The Woodlands Trust 31st October 2014

Hopwas Wood saved (for now)

<http://dub126.mail.live.com/?tid=cmCxS6pyZh5BGf0AAeC8tzyA2&fid=flinbox>

Buck Herald 31st October 2014

Villagers' train station wish could be granted

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/villagers-train-station-wish-could-be-granted-1-6391513>

The Star 29th October 2014

Political parties have totally lost touch with the public

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/letters-opinion/political-parties-have-totally-lost-touch-with-the-public-1-6921997>

This Is Money 29th October 2014

HS2 rail project not 'sense checked' by Whitehall, claims damning report by spending watchdog

<http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/news/article-2811335/Major-rail-projects-including-HS2-using-lack-common-sense-unrealistic-analysis-damning-report-says.html>

Ipswich Star 28th October 2014

Eastern Regional Railways could deliver far more per pound than HS2

http://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/mps_told_norwich_to_london_investment_three_or_four_times_bigger_than_hs2_1_3822757

Shropshire Star 27th October 2014

Plans for a giant leisure development, boating marina and 250 homes have come under fire over fears it would ruin the charm of a north Shropshire town.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/10/27/leisure-development-risk-to-charm-of-north-shropshire-town/>

BBC News North East Wales 24th October 2014

Wrexham solar farm plans between Acrefair and Penycae

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-29752321>

Supply Chain Digital.com 24th October 2014

UK Gov to question HS2 Managing Director on rail project viability

<http://www.supplychaindigital.com/supplychainmanagement/3682/BREAKING-NEWS:-UK-Govt-to-question-HS2-Managing-Director-on-rail-project-viability>

The Scotsman 24th October 2014

The national debt has now reached 80 per cent of national income – £1.45 trillion – a record high. It is surely time to look again at the cost of the HS2 high speed railway project.

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/letters/hs2-debt-burden-1-3582267>

Wrexham.com 22nd October 2014

First Annual Wrexham Tourism Ambassador Awards Takes Place

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/2014-wrexham-tourism-ambassador-awards-49018.html>

Derby Telegraph 22nd October 2014

OPINION: Electrified alternative to HS2 would be of far more use

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/OPINION-Electrified-alternative-HS2-far-use/story-23333234-detail/story.html>

Shropshire Star 22nd October 2014

English Heritage raises concern over Ellemere marina plan

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/10/20/english-heritage-raises-concern-over-ellemere-marina-plan/>

Wrexham.com 19th October 2014

Anti-Fracking Camp Set Up In Wrexham

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/anti-fracking-camp-set-wrexham-48947.html>

Wrexham.com 14th October 2014

Wrexham Councillor Calls For 'Fracking' Ban

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/wrexham-councillor-calls-for-fracking-ban-48788.html>

Messenger News Papers 11th October 2014

A MAJORITY of small businesses suggest there will no business benefit from the proposed HS2 rail link between Manchester and London.

http://www.messengernewspapers.co.uk/news/11528938.Small_business_unconvinced_about_the_merits_of_high_speed_rail/

Lichfield Mercury News 10th October 2014

Higgins report could spell change for second phase of HS2 - but not in Lichfield

<http://www.lichfieldmercury.co.uk/Higgins-report-spell-change-second-phase-HS2/story-23090011-detail/story.html>

Bdaily Business News 10th October 2014

Majority of SMEs fail to see the benefits of HS2, warns FSB

<https://bdaily.co.uk/environment/10-10-2014/majority-of-smes-fail-to-see-the-benefits-of-hs2-warns-fsb/>

Lichfield Live 3rd October 2014

Lichfield canal volunteers call on HS2 to keep restoration promises...

<http://lichfieldlive.co.uk/2014/10/03/lichfield-canal-volunteers-call-on-hs2-to-keep-restoration-promises/>

Get West London 1st October 2014

Gardening result for best blooming pub in Harefield, and the impressive view from the pub is under threat from the proposed 3km viaduct over the Colne Valley for the HS2 rail line, which would cut right ...

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/gardening-result-best-blooming-pub-7862792>

Wales On line 30th September 2014

Welsh History Month: Making the Welsh interior accessible was an essential for economic development

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/lifestyle/nostalgia/welsh-history-month-making-welsh-7852156>

UKIP.Org 28th September 2014

JILL SEYMOUR: "OUR SIX-POINT PLAN TO PUT BRITISH ROAD AND RAIL TRAVEL BACK IN THE FAST LANE" as for HS2 - UKIP will scrap all plans for the High Speed 2 rail network as it has no business case.

http://www.ukip.org/jill_seymour_our_six_point_plan_to_put_british_road_and_rail_travel_back_in_the_fast_lane

Northwich Guardian 26th September 2014

VILLAGERS left a HS2 representative presenting the case for the high speed rail line at a public meeting in no doubt as to their opposition to the proposed scheme

http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/11496690.Residents_opposed_to_plans_for_rail_line/

Buckingham Today 26th September 2014

HS2 will hit homes with '£11 million loss'.....

<http://www.buckinghamtoday.co.uk/news/more-news/hs2-will-hit-homes-with-11-million-loss-1-6323129>

Herald Scotland 26th September 2014

Farage: Ukip would scrap HS2 to cut tax

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/farage-ukip-would-scrap-hs2-to-cut-tax.1411723524>

Global Construction Review 25th September 2014

How England's weak and disconnected North could rise

<http://www.globalconreview.com/perspectives/how-englands-weak-and-disconnected37392625291north/>

Northwich Guardian 25th September 2014

I REFER to your correspondent Wake up to HS2 Bell and his complaint about the lack of debate on this scandalous project which will cost so much money and cause so much distress to so many people.

http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/yoursay/letters/11496505.No_to_HS2/

Boating Business 22nd September 2014

HS2 Committee MPs visit canal sites

<http://www.boatingbusiness.com/news101/industry-news/hs2-committee-mps-visit-canal-sites>

Staffordshire News Letter 18th September 2014

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust campaigners against HS2 put their case to Parliamentary decision-makers

<http://www.staffordshirenewsletter.co.uk/Staffordshire-Wildlife-Trust-campaigners-HS2-case/story-22946155-detail/story.html>

Daily Post 17th September 2014

Fast growing Wrexham phone answering firm unveils plan for 1,000 jobs

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/fast-growing-wrexham-phone-answering-7781420>

Knutsford Guardian 17th September 2014

HS2 should be ringing bells, cost of £2,500.00 per house hold per year should set anyone's alarm bells off throughout the nation

http://www.knutsfordguardian.co.uk/yoursay/letters/11479512.HS2_should_be_ringing_bells/?ref=var_0

Lichfield Mercury 17th September 2014

Decision on final HS2 route will now not be made 'until after 2015 general election'

<http://www.lichfieldmercury.co.uk/Decision-final-HS2-route-2015-general-election/story-22933020-detail/story.html>

Railway Gazette 14th September 2014

Wrexham & Shropshire Open access - the one that got away

<http://www.railwaygazette.com/news/single-view/view/wrexham-shropshire-open-access-the-one-that-got-away.html>

Cable.co.uk 11th September 2014

Superfast broadband will see a bigger return on investment than HS2, says economist

<https://www.cable.co.uk/news/superfast-broadband-will-see-a-bigger-return-on-investment-than-hs2-says-economist--700000102/>

Camden New Journal 11th September 2014

HS2 will turn children's playground into plant for pumping out station dirt, MP claims

<http://www.camdennewjournal.com/news/2014/sep/hs2-will-turn-childrens-playground-plant-pumping-out-station-dirt-mp-claims>

Travel daily News 9th September 2014

'Visit Wales' says President Barack Obama...including Pontcysyllte

<http://www.traveldailynews.com/news/article/62200/visit-wales-says-president-barack>

Get Bucks 9th September 2014

Get Bucks leads way in House of Commons HS2 debate

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/getbucks-leads-way-house-commons-7743720>

The Shropshire Star 8th September 2014

Campaigners have launched a petition in a bid to save an early morning train service from Wrexham, which calls at Shrewsbury and Telford.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2014/09/08/petition-launched-to-save-early-train-from-wrexham-to-shropshire/>

The Journal 5th September 2014

If Northumberland is to prosper then it needs proper rail links - not HS2

<http://www.thejournal.co.uk/opinion/peter-lovering-northumberland-prosper-needs-7728979>

Get Bucks 5th September 2014

Damning report shows that HS2 will cost the Chilterns more than £174 million

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/incoming/damning-report-shows-hs2-cost-7727488>

Tech Radar 22nd August 2014

Will technology outpace the High Speed Two (HS2) rail project?

<http://www.techradar.com/news/world-of-tech/will-technology-outpace-the-high-speed-two-hs2-rail-project--1261564>

The Times 19th August 2014

Labour must scrap HS2 to avoid a rail disaster

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4180142.ece>

News north Wales 4th August 2014

Tributes to Wrexham minister 'who always put faith first'

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/136416/tributes-to-wrexham-minister-who-always-put-faith-first-.aspx>

Express & Star 4th August 2014

Public urged to step up fight against HS2, A conservation charity is urging the public to contact their MPs as it bids to save ancient woodland from being lost when controversial HS2 is built.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2014/08/04/public-urged-to-step-up-fight-against-hs2/>

Burnley Express 31st July 2014

HS2 won't deliver Northern economic boom.... and ridiculous wages for fat cats riding the gravy train!!!!

<http://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/letters/hs2-won-t-deliver-northern-economic-boom-1-6753809>

News North Wales 31st July 2014

Plas Madoc U-turn 'is a step in the right direction'

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/136287/plas-madoc-u-turn-is-a-step-in-the-right-direction-.aspx>

News North Wales 30th July 2014

£100,000 cash hope to save Plas Madoc Leisure Centre

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/136199/-100-000-cash-hope-to-save-plas-madoc-leisure-centre.aspx>

BBC North East Wales 28th July 2014

Pontcysyllte aqueduct art plan for Flexys path

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-28525178>

Daventry Express 26th July 2014

Campaigners against the controversial HS2 rail line project have claimed a victory.

<http://www.daventryexpress.co.uk/news/local/victory-for-hs2-campaigners-1-6201709>

The Wirral Globe 25th July 2014

HS2 is a high-speed gravy train

http://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/yoursay/wirralletters/11367520.HS2_is_a_high_speed_gravy_train/

News Wales 23rd July 2014

Police water warning and the Llangollen Canal

<http://www.newswales.co.uk/index.cfm?section=Community&F=1&id=27570>

Planning Resource 22nd July 2014

Anti-HS2 campaigners to take case to UN committee in Geneva

<http://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1304823/anti-hs2-campaigners-case-un-committee-geneva>

Daily Post 21st July 2014

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct closed after two men go swimming in canal

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/pontcysyllte-aqueduct-closed-after-two-7471545>

Bucks Free Press 17th July 2014

HS2 referendum proposed by MP.....people should be given the right not to have to pay for this if they don't want it and it will do nothing for them.....

http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/11344803.HS2_referendum_proposed_by_MP/

The Birmingham Post 14th July 2014

The Lords' Economic Affairs Committee has invited written submissions for its inquiry at a time when the HS2 Hybrid Bill has reached the committee stage in the House of Commons

<http://www.birminghampost.co.uk/news/regional-affairs/hs2-debate-heads-house-lords-7416566>

The Bucks Herald 14th July 2014

Demand for national referendum on HS2 could be debated in parliament

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/demand-for-national-referendum-on-hs2-could-be-debated-in-parliament-1-6176769>

Shropshire Star 13th July 2013

Family fun under the arches of Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Families were treated to a spectacular lights and fireworks show at the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct as a concert took place underneath its impressive arches.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/entertainment/2014/07/13/family-fun-under-the-arches-of-pontcysyllte-aqueduct/>

The Western Telegraph 10th July 2014

Better cross country links are needed...not HS2

http://www.westerntelegraph.co.uk/letters/11332175.Better_links_are_needed/

South Wales Evening Post 10th July 2014

Swansea MP calls for rail links to boost investment

<http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/MP-s-plea-extra-rail-links/story-21443908-detail/story.html>

Camden New Journal 9th July 2014

Former Lib Dem councillor blocked from giving evidence at HS2 inquiry

<http://www.camdennewjournal.com/news/2014/jul/former-lib-dem-councillor-blocked-giving-evidence-hs2-inquiry>

Get West London 9th July 2014

HS2 Action Alliance and Stop HS2 - the country's two biggest anti-HS2 groups - say the government is trying to gag them

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/hs2-campaign-groups-fight-heard-7394929>

The Express & Star 9th July 2014

'Obscene' salaries for officials working on the controversial HS2 rail scheme have been condemned by a West Midlands MEP.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/transport-news/2014/07/09/hs2-salaries-obscene-says-mep/>

News North Wales 7th July 2014

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre campaigners ready for crunch meet

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People's front against HS2 to unite for an increase in hostilities against HS2, one of the more concerted backbench campaigners against HS2.....

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Winsford MP wants further research into HS2 alternatives

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HS2 plans 'will strip £34m from the region'

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HS2 plans could destroy what people value in our canals

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Most Britons oppose HS2, according to survey

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Cefn Mawr community councillors shared their concerns about the knock-on effect of the impending closure of the leisure centre with PCSO Tom ...

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HS2 'is out of control' say opponents of HS2

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Forget HS2, Mr McLoughlin, just reopen Matlock to Buxton line

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Community forums set up by bosses of the HS2 rail project - which will link London with Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds - have been "nothing short of a cynical charade", MPs have been told.

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Protesters in Derbyshire have criticised calls for the construction of the Government's controversial high-speed rail plan to be brought forward.

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Campaigners: HS2 costs an 'attempt to con the public'

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Plan to move sleeper trains for HS2 sparks anger

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Comedian John Bishop lends voice to hilarious anti-HS2 video

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PLAS Madoc could reopen under new management in June, if a newly-formed working group planning to take it over gets its way.

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Plas Madoc leisure centre campaign gathers pace

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-26556831>

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Enough is enough - protect Britain's ancient woods! In principle ancient woodland enjoys strong protection, but that's not how it works out on the ground, reports Sian Atkinson. HS2 alone threatens 82 ...

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Comedian John Bishop stars in anti-HS2 video 'The Great Train Robbery'

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/watch-comedian-john-bishop-stars-6810728>

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Supporters left fearing the worst for Wrexham leisure centre

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/131778/supporters-left-fearing-the-worst-for-wrexham-leisure-centre.aspx>

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One of the world's leading economists has questioned the value of HS2 - suggesting the cash could be better spent on a new network connecting regional cities.

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/business/property/jim-oneill-questions-value-hs2-6799945>

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Public meeting taking place in fight to save Plas Madoc Leisure Centre, 50 Billion for HS2 and nothing for what we need???

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L&G boss voices frustration over funding of infrastructure projects and cautions on 'structural flaws' in UK economy, such as HS2.....

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<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/public-meeting-will-debate-controversial-hs2-masterplan-1-6466403>

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http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/11034427.27million_bill_for_HS2_electricity_diversion_work/

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Crowded, out of date and far too expensive.....so why spend money on HS2???

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Campaign group claims Melton could lose out under government's HS2 rail link plans

<http://www.meltontimes.co.uk/news/business/business-news/campaign-group-claims-melton-could-lose-out-under-government-s-hs2-rail-link-plans-1-5885744>

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HS2: 50 ancient woods 'under threat'

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Plas Madoc: Hundreds attend public meeting to save leisure centre from closure

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/plas-madoc-hundreds-attend-public-6731703>

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HS2: Campaigners say Berwick rail service will be worse

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HS2 is 'biggest state rip-off since plunder of monasteries', says John Read, 8.3 billion pounds of cuts in other rail services will do this.....

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/HS2-biggest-state-rip-Henry-VIII-plundered/story-20674259-detail/story.html>

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Train services under threat, warn campaigners

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How much is it costing to scare British taxpayers into paying for HS2?

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/feb/21/how-much-cost-scare-british-taxpayers-pay-hs2>

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Plas Madoc: 'Plan B' to save leisure centre from closure

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/plas-madoc-plan-b-save-6724981>

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Plans for new high-speed railway scrapped

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"Steam trains offered a better service to Nottingham than HS2."

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/HS2-slash-London-service-say-campaigners/story-20656230-detail/story.html>

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Steam trains offered better service to Coventry than HS2 will, protest group says

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/steam-trains-offered-better-service-6717749>

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Campaigners resolute in fight to save Plasmadoc Leisure Centre

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Legal bill for HS2 hits £3.3m

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/article4005153.ece?CMP=OTH-gnws-standard-2014_02_13

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Secrecy laws stop publication of HS2 report

http://www.knutsfordguardian.co.uk/news/10979270.Secrecy_laws_stop_publication_of_HS_2_report/

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Walk Llangollen Canal from Pontcysyllte Aqueduct to help children at hospices

<http://www.denbighshirefreepress.co.uk/news/130440/walk-canal-to-help-children-at-hospices.aspx>

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Canal supporters are urging people to join them in objecting to plans for HS2 to Sheffield as this will destroy the Restoration of the Chesterfield Canal.

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/campaigns/campaigners-fight-rail-plans-1-6378193>

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Tributes to Wrexham biker who lived life to the full

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We need improved rail here in the West, this story / letter in the Western Morning News concerning HS2 also holds true for our line in CefnMawr, once a main route from Birkenhead to London, and could once again be reinstated as such for the whole of North Wales and Irish traffic at mere fraction of the cost of HS2.

<http://www.westernmorningnews.co.uk/WMN-Letters-need-improved-rail-West/story-20453499-detail/story.html>

The Express & Star 14th January 2014

More than £300 million has already been spent on the controversial HS2 rail link in less than three years, new figures have revealed. Jonathan Isaby, the chief executive of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "It's clear that bureaucrats in charge of delivering HS2 have embarked on a wasteful spending binge at taxpayers' expense."

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/transport-news/2014/01/13/hs2-rail-link-has-cost-300m-already-before-single-track-is-laid/>

The Burton Mail 13th January 2014

1,500 jobs could be lost to make way for HS2 and the loss of a Canal Side Development that would help the local community of Mesham.....

<http://www.burtonmail.co.uk/News/1500-jobs-could-be-lost-to-make-way-for-HS2-20140113135523.htm>

City AM 13th January 2014

HS2 firm spent £300m on rail link since 2011, while the Chinese offer to build links to connect HS2 (The Welsh Bypass) with Birmingham International Airport, the last time I checked the Chester, Wrexham and Shrewsbury line to London already does, at a cost of, nothing, and no need, for the Chinese!

<http://www.cityam.com/article/1389586230/hs2-firm-spent-300m-rail-link-2011>

ITV 12th January 2014

£300m spent already on HS2, considerably more, like 250 more that is required to upgrade the entire Chester, Wrexham and Shrewsbury to London Paddinton or Marlybone line that could be used for all the Shropshire, Mid Wales, North Wales and Irish Traffic from Holyhead. This really would reduce congestion on the West Coast Main Line at a fraction of the cost of HS2.

<http://www.itv.com/news/calendar/update/2014-01-12/300m-spent-already-on-hs2/>

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Work starts on Grindley Brook canal refurbishment, Part of the Llangollen Canal.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-25704553>

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Villagers form action plan against HS2 route through Strelley

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/Villagers-form-action-plan-HS2-route-Strelley/story-20432736-detail/story.html>

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More shocks, more horror, after a Christmas spent reading HS2 documents

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/more-shocks-more-horror-after-6481064>

Leicester Mercury 8th January 2014

HS2 – just like the Beeching Report – will benefit the few and ignore the rest

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/HS2-ndash-just-like-Beeching-Report-ndash-benefit/story-20413154-detail/story.html>

The Chad 7th January 2014

HS2 line will wipe out hamlet of Langton if plans approved

<http://www.chad.co.uk/news/local/hs2-line-will-wipe-out-hamlet-of-langton-if-plans-approved-1-6357102>

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More time to have say on Wrexham leisure centre future before closure

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/129696/more-time-to-have-say-on-wrexham-leisure-centre-future.aspx>

The Leader 6th January 2014

Wrexham FC manager joins fight to save venue, PlasMadoc& Wrexham Water World

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/129653/wrexham-fc-manager-joins-fight-to-save-venue.aspx>

The Telegraph 6th January 2014

HS2: Government ministers sat on critical report by Department for Transport....“This is an example of how the project is being bulldozed through as opposed to being discussed in the open on the basis of its merits. But you cannot take the general public for being fools. Particularly given the difficulties of the rail network in the last few days, people do not understand why the money is being spent on a shiny new toy and not on the services they actually use.”

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/10551060/HS2-Government-ministers-sat-on-critical-report-by-Department-for-Transport.html>

The Buck Herald 6th January 2014

1969: HS2 sparks memories of failed airport plans

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/nostalgia/1969-hs2-sparks-memories-of-failed-airport-plans-1-5775111>

The Leader 3rd January 2014

Welsh names in the frame in Wrexham and Flintshire& the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/129611/welsh-names-in-the-frame-in-wrexham-and-flintshire.aspx>

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PlasMadocLeisure centres projected savings brought into question

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Heritage bid to save Wakefield nature reserve from HS2

<http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/latest-news/top-stories/heritage-bid-to-save-wakefield-nature-reserve-from-hs2-1-6342152>

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Will all this be lost thanks to HS2? Images of some of the iconic countryside along the HS2 route that could be destroyed if the project goes ahead.

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Whittington golf club calendar to help save St Giles Hospice & Pathway from HS2

<http://www.tamworthherald.co.uk/Charity-calendars-day-mark-life-HS2/story-20389807-detail/story.html>

Please note the Cefn & Cefn Mawr covers all the villages at the central section of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site consisting of Cefn Mawr (leading commercial centre), Cefn Bychan, Rhosymedre, Plas Madoc, Acrefair, Garth, Trevor, Cysyllte, Froncysyllte, Pentre, and Newbridge. The total population is approximately 10,000 and is the largest community in the WHS corridor.