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November Newsletter



Shining Bright at the Credit Unions of Wales Celebration!

We were so proud to attend the recent Credit Unions of Wales Celebration, joining inspiring organisations dedicated to championing financial wellbeing across Wales. It was truly inspiring to see the collective impact we're all making as a movement.

The real highlight of the evening for us was celebrating one of our own! A massive congratulations to Charlotte, who received a well-deserved Award of Recognition for her incredible commitment to volunteering. Her dedication and amazing community spirit truly embody what Gateway Credit Union stands for.

Charlotte, you're a star and a fantastic role model for all of us! Your passion is what makes our work so meaningful.

Well done, Charlotte, from everyone at Gateway Credit Union!



Join Our Team: Member Services Officer in Pontypool!

Are you looking for a career where people truly come first?

Gateway Credit Union is hiring a dedicated Member Services Officer at our Pontypool Head Office. Be the heart of our mission-driven, community-focused co-operative.

You will provide outstanding service across phone, email, and in-person channels, handling enquiries, and processing transactions.

Why Join Us? We're a not-for-profit, offering the Real Living Wage (£12.60/hr), a supportive environment, and the chance to make a difference by providing ethical financial services.

If you are self-motivated and detail-oriented, apply now on Indeed!

[View Full Details & Apply Here](#)



GCU - Pontypool Head office opening hours for Member Services over the phone and in person

Mondays

Wednesdays

Fridays

10am-12pm & 1-3pm

The Money Minute

Challenge Yourself to Save More

These simple challenges can help you build your savings over time!

1p Savings Challenge: Scale Over a Year

Start small and watch your savings grow! Save 1p on Day 1, 2p on Day 2, and so on. By the end of 365 days, you could have saved over £650! It's all about consistency and scale.

The "Save Before You Splurge" Rule

Next time you're about to buy a non-essential treat, like a new £30 dress, make yourself save that amount first. Cut back on a few small purchases—skip that daily £3 coffee, cook a few extra meals at home, etc.—until you've reached £30. Then, move that saved £30 from your current account to your savings. This habit not only boosts your savings but also gives you time to decide if you truly want the item.

Manage Your Money Easily: Save and Borrow From Your Pay Packet!

Are you looking for a stress-free way to reach your financial goals? Gateway Credit Union has partnered with organisations across South East Wales to offer a brilliant benefit: managing your money right from your wage packet!

If you work for one of our payroll partners—including Torfaen and Monmouthshire Councils, Welsh Ambulance Trust, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Halo Leisure, Pobl Group, and others—you can save or borrow directly from your salary. This makes achieving your goals simple, confidential, and automatic, whether you're building a rainy-day fund or needing an affordable loan.

Is your employer not on the list? We need your help to bring this benefit to your workplace! Please mention this scheme to your HR, Payroll, or management team. Partnering is free of charge for any employer and is a fantastic, no-cost way to enhance their employee benefits and support staff wellbeing.

Contact us today to learn how you can start saving and borrowing with Gateway Credit Union!

About Gateway Credit Union

At **GCU**, we are committed to supporting our local communities in **Torfaen** and **Monmouthshire** in building financial resilience through secure savings and affordable loans. By starting your savings journey with GCU, you can secure a stable financial future for yourself and your loved ones. Our savings options are designed for individuals of all ages.

Empowering the communities of South East Wales



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