





## Welsh Manifestos 2011

<u>Party</u>	<u>Key Pledges</u>
<p>Welsh Liberal Democrats</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Extend business rate relief</b> to help more community facilities such as post offices, <b>pubs</b> and independent shops.</li> <li>• Give local councils the power to <b>protect buildings with a social or community significance, such as historic pubs</b> like the Vulcan Inn in Cardiff. We will allow the protection of buildings that are of importance for social and cultural reasons and strengthen the powers available to local councils to protect buildings that meet local criteria for listing.</li> <li>• Introduce a <b>'Community Right to Buy' which would enable community organizations to register an interest in land or buildings that were designed for public use</b> so that if the property comes up for sale they have first refusal, subject to a community ballot. Property purchased could be useful for community facilities, affordable housing or small-scale employment units, subject to planning permission.</li> <li>• Reform the planning process by focusing on the twin aims of making it quicker and to <b>increasing local voices in the process</b>.</li> <li>• Introducing <b>greater penalties for people who use retrospective planning applications as a loophole in the planning process</b>, including the right to halt and speed up removals of properties without planning permissions.</li> </ul>
<p>Plaid Cymru</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Improve awareness of the Welsh food and drink</b> on offer to tourists through better marketing and branding at home and overseas.</li> <li>• <b>Support the pub industry and micro-breweries in Wales</b> by seeking to protect the unique identity of our wine, beer and cider industries.</li> <li>• Incorporate the needs of our <b>smaller independently owned pubs</b> into our Retail Strategy.</li> <li>• Support the introduction of <b>legislation on the availability, labelling and cost of alcohol</b> in Wales.</li> <li>• Confine displays of alcohol to a single area in shops, accompanied by clear health warnings.</li> <li>• A <b>minimum price</b> of 50p a unit for alcohol should be introduced.</li> </ul>
<p>Welsh Labour</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to <b>press the case</b> for stricter controls and stronger action from the UK Government in relation to the <b>promotion of alcohol, the price of alcohol and licensing</b>.</li> </ul>

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<p>Welsh Conservative</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give <b>communities</b> the opportunity <b>to take over the running of local amenities</b> including village halls, community centres, <b>pubs</b> and post offices.</li><li>• Tailored <b>business support</b> will be available to assist those managing community assets.</li></ul>
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