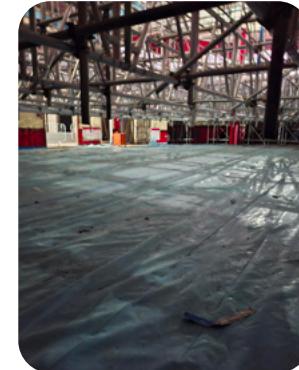


Progress is being made at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl with the project team of Bridgend County Borough Council and Andrew Scott Ltd working collaboratively together on this challenging project.

Piling process is proceeding well on both east and west elevations with foundations commenced on the lower ground floor of the building to the east. The front façade scaffolding is being removed in readiness for the façade retention system to be installed early this year with further preparations being made for the demolition sequence to divorce the front façade from the rear buildings.

Pedestrian Management plans have been installed which include foot path closures around the site to provide a safe area of working and clearance for pedestrians on the perimeter of the site. The bus stop on Mary Street has been relocated north along the street to avoid the works. Internally the works are progressing with a scaffold access system being erected to access the dome roof internally. The project team are working alongside the conservation officer to ensure the heritage of the Grand Pavilion is maintained.



An Update from Bridgend County Borough Council

Our ambitious Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl's redevelopment project is making significant progress, with critical restoration work well underway at the historic landmark building.

The council's regeneration team, in partnership with contractors, Andrew Scott Ltd, are meticulously preserving the building's historical integrity while preparing for some transformative improvements. Some key project milestones include:

- Completion of bitumen roof removal
- Significant piling operations on east and west elevations
- Preparation for comprehensive groundworks

The project has already demonstrated strong community involvement, with engagement events involving local schools. A further visit to the site for pupils from Porthcawl Comprehensive School is planned this month, reinforcing the project's commitment to local participation.

A site visit for project funders is scheduled for February with a stakeholder engagement event planned in March to share latest developments with the wider community.

The Grand Pavilion redevelopment represents a significant investment in Porthcawl's cultural and architectural heritage, promising to revitalise this cherished community landmark for many years to come.

Andrew Scott Ltd Social Value Update

We have proactively engaged with the local community through STEM-focused outreach linked to the project. To date, two engagement sessions have been delivered at West Park Primary School, where students were introduced to the project and provided with health and safety information in preparation for site visits.

In addition, we have supported the local community by engaging with Bridgend Foodbank in Porthcawl, making a donation towards their Christmas collection to assist families in need during the festive period.



While the construction work is underway, Awen is busy planning another programme of Pop-Up Pavilion events at Awel y Môr community centre and around Porthcawl for spring 2026 and beyond. If you would like to keep up-to-date with these events, follow the Grand Pavilion on Facebook or Instagram or sign up to their newsletter at www.grandpavilion.co.uk.

If you are missing your annual Bridgend Youth Theatre show at the Grand Pavilion, why not join them for Grease: The Musical at Maesteg Town Hall on Friday, 20 and Saturday, 21 February 2026. Support a talented cast of young Porthcawl performers in this timeless classic and buy your tickets from: www.maestegtownhall.com

Did you know, Awen is a registered charity? Every grant received, every donation made and every partnership formed helps them to continue providing opportunities for people and communities to experience, enjoy and be inspired by culture. If you would like to support Awen's work, please visit their website: www.awen-wales.com/support