

# Case Study



## Horizon helps launch Anglesey's first community-owned hub

**Horizon supports the launch of Siop Mechell – the island's first community-owned hub in Llanfechell.**

Llanfechell Post Office closed in 2014 and the building was put on the market, taking with it a vital community amenity and the last village shop.

In response, the community came together to prepare a plan for purchasing and refurbishing the property and opening it up for business once again.

Thanks to donations and loans within the community, and grant funding, the community group, [Menter Mechell](#), raised enough money to make a communal purchase of the building. As is nearly always the case with old buildings, the refurbishment work turned out to be more costly and extensive than anticipated. Thanks to funding and support from businesses like Horizon Nuclear Power the group was able to complete refurbishment of the much-loved former post office building.

Opened in April 2016, the space has been transformed into a community shop, café and garden, which hosts postal and other services for residents. There is also an upstairs flat which offers the potential for further income.

Member Mechell committee member Robin Grove-White comments on the success of the community project: *“Llanfechell has always been a highly collaborative village and we're determined to make sure life here continues to thrive and develop.*

*“Horizon Nuclear Power shares our commitment and ambition for village life on the island and we're very grateful for the support offered to renovate and launch our new community hub.*

*“Siop Mechell, with its café and other facilities, is now a hub for local services and social activities, and demonstrates the enthusiasm both Anglesey people and businesses like Horizon have for local enterprise and making sure rural communities are supported.”*



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