

**PEOPLE are being encouraged to take a walk on the wild side and explore their countryside.**

Rhyl Town Council and Denbighshire Countryside Service are joining forces to run *Wild Rhyl*, which will showcase one of the town's green spaces.

The free, one-day event follows on from the success of last year's Wild Weekend and will include hands-on activities such as countryside crafts, fishing, bike riding, and guided walks.

To be held on September 16 at Rhyl's Brickfield Pond, the event will give people the chance to explore a different side to the town.

Rhyl Mayor, Cllr Alan James, said: "Rhyl is a very special place in that it offers something for everyone. Over the course of a year, the town council holds events in all parts of Rhyl and this September we'll be shining the spotlight on our countryside.

"We have some unrivalled views and great countryside areas to explore on the outskirts of the town and we're delighted to be teaming up with Denbighshire Countryside Service for a second year. *Wild Rhyl* is the chance to explore the Brickfield with the very people who work here day in, day out and who know all its hidden treasures. There's the opportunity, too, for people to have a go at countryside crafts and try their hand at what might turn out to be a new hobby."

Activities on the day include hedge laying, willow weaving, bird box and badge making, pond dipping, short guided walks for all ages, drumming workshops, face painting, and storytelling.

Denbighshire Countryside Service is also encouraging people to come along on the day and share their memories of the Brickfield Pond over the years. A former clay pit, the pond once played a key role in the area's brick making industry. The council is looking to capture local memories with a view to potentially creating a permanent history feature at the pond.

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Denbighshire County and Rhyl Town councillor Tony Thomas, Denbighshire's Lead Member for Housing, Regulation and Environment said: "The Brickfield Pond is one of Rhyl's best-known spots for a walk, a spot of fishing or some wildlife spotting. But it has a rich history as a clay pit serving the town's brick works.

"The *Wild Rhyl* event will give people the chance to explore this great space but also provide the opportunity for them to shape its future. We'd like anyone with any historical information – pictures, paperwork, artefacts – to bring them along with them on the day so we can record and copy these as part of our consultation which, we hope, may lead to a permanent history feature at the pond."

*Wild Rhyl* will run from 11am-4pm on Saturday September 16.

Ends

