

A ROUNDHOUSE is to open as part of a town's countryside celebrations.

The Marsh Road roundhouse in Rhyl will be officially opened on September 17.

A 'topping off' ceremony will be held as part of Rhyl's Wild Weekend event, which is being run by Rhyl Town Council, Denbighshire County Council's Countryside Service and North Denbighshire Communities First.

The Wild Weekend will start at Brickfield Pond and run across Rhyl Cut, Rhyl Adventure Play Area, Marsh Tracks, Glan Morfa and the town's harbour.

A whole host of free activities will be held along the route including cycling, fishing, countryside crafts, hedge laying, a drumming workshop and guided walks.

Rhyl Mayor Cllr Sarah Roberts will join Ann Jones AM for the opening of the roundhouse – a project between North Wales Wildlife Trust, Denbighshire Countryside Service and North Denbighshire Communities First.

Cllr Roberts said: "Like all good projects, Rhyl's amazing roundhouse is the result of a partnership approach and shows just what can be achieved when people work together. The Wild Weekend is an opportunity to show off both the roundhouse and our great countryside and we hope that people will discover new places to visit and activities to enjoy."

The roundhouse will be used to encourage people, particularly youngsters, to enjoy the outdoors.

Garry Davies, Countryside Officer (North) with Denbighshire Countryside Service, said: "It has been a long term aim of Denbighshire Countryside Service and its partners to change the perception of Glan Morfa from that of a former tip to a safe clean and green open space. Delivery of the Roundhouse Project and the many interactions with young people certainly helps."

Young people and their parents were encouraged to put forward ideas for the roundhouse project.

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Glen-Maree Charles, Health Lead Officer for North Denbighshire Communities First, said:
“The ideas, designs and work done on the site have come from a combination of community drop in sessions, local schools and key partners resulting in a very special place that will grow and expand the wildlife diversity and use of the site by one and all. “

The Wild Weekend event runs from 11am until 4pm with the roundhouse ceremony at 12.30. All of the activities are free on the day.

Ends

12 September 2016

