

LEESWOOD UNDER FIVES PLAYGROUP



It was one of my recent pleasures to visit Leeswood Under Fives Playgroup and provide them with some OSM funding.

Leeswood, if you don't know, is a small village in North Wales just on the outskirts of Mold, and was the oil capital of North Wales in the 1850s, attracting workers from across the North of England. A fascinating history can be found - <https://www.mythslegendsodditiesnorth-east-wales.co.uk/leeswood>

Nowadays, Leeswood is a quiet village with a residency of around 2,000.

The local Primary and Junior School, Ysgol Derwenfa, hosts the Under Fives Playgroup, who occupy a small area within the school and in the play area. The focus of the Playgroup is to provide a morning playgroup and Wrap Around care in the afternoons. The group also encourages the use and development of the Welsh language amongst the staff and children.

The Playgroup was nominated for support by Brother Daniel Johnson, a recent recruit to Maen Achwyfan Conclave No. 514, meeting at Mostyn.

Daniel nominated the charity as his family have supported the Playgroup and school through several generations.

Although only a recent member, Daniel has strong Masonic connections in North Wales, with his grandfather being Very Worshipful Brother Peter Watkin, a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of North Wales.

The Playgroup will use the funding to develop their outside play area, by constructing a secure shed alongside an open covered area (pictured) to allow the children more time outside even when the weather is not totally suited. It is North Wales, after all!

Pictured:

Clare Coleman, Group Leader & School Governor; Trevor Simcock, Grand Standard Bearer & Secretary of Maen Achwyfan Conclave; Tony Stringer Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Cheshire & North Wales; Jane Looby, Assistant.

