

19 June 2026

Dear

ATISN 27007 - Welsh National Armed Forces Day Event

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 May 2026

You asked for:

- The location of the Welsh national event from 2020 to 2026, and who the main organisers were/are.
- How much financial support has been provided by the Welsh government to the organisers of the event for 2026, and for events in 2024 and 2025?
- What other support has been provided by the Welsh government for the events in those years?
- How is the Welsh national event designated?
- Is the Welsh government involved in the bidding or organisation of the event?
- Has the Welsh government supported other Armed Forces Day events in Wales since 2020 and will it do so this year?

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed:

- The location of the Welsh national event from 2020 to 2026, and who the main organisers were/are?

2020 – Covid / VE day 75 - no physical event

2021 – Covid – no physical event

2022 – Wrexham

2023 – Newport

2024 – Swansea

2025 – Monmouthshire

2026 – Carmarthenshire

Organisers for each event were the host local authority, supported by Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA).

- How much financial support has been provided by the Welsh government to the organisers of the event for 2026, and for events in 2024 and 2025?

A £20,000 grant made available for each event in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

- What other support has been provided by the Welsh government for the events in those years?

Welsh Government Ministers have attended along with Welsh Government staff

- How is the Welsh national event designated?

All Welsh local authorities were given the opportunity to bid to host the event, with the process facilitated via the WLGA Armed Forces champions' network. The Welsh Government and WLGA wrote to all local authority leaders seeking expressions of interest to host the event over a 5-year period. Following receipt of expressions of interest, the WLGA, Welsh Government and local authorities developed an agreed timetable for each local authority to host.

- Is the Welsh government involved in the bidding or organisation of the event?

The Welsh Government works with the WLGA and the 22 Welsh local authorities to develop a timetable for hosting the event, agreed by all local authorities.

- Has the Welsh government supported other Armed Forces Day events in Wales since 2020, and will it do so this year?

The Welsh Government supports the national Wales Armed Forces Day event and has done so since 2020.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely