

## Community Profile – Aberdare and Abernant



Dare Valley Country Park

Aberdare is a town in the Cynon valley area of Rhondda Cynon Taf. Aberdare is 4 miles south-west of Merthyr Tydfil, 20 miles north west of Cardiff and 22 miles east north east of Swansea. During the 19th century it became a thriving industrial settlement, which was also notable for the vitality of its cultural life and as an important publishing centre. From the 1870s onwards, the economy of the town was dominated by the coal mining industry, with only a small tinplate works. There were also several brickworks and breweries. During the latter half of the 19th century, considerable

improvements were made to the town, which became a pleasant place to live, despite the nearby collieries.



Aberdare Constitutional Club in  
Aberdare Town

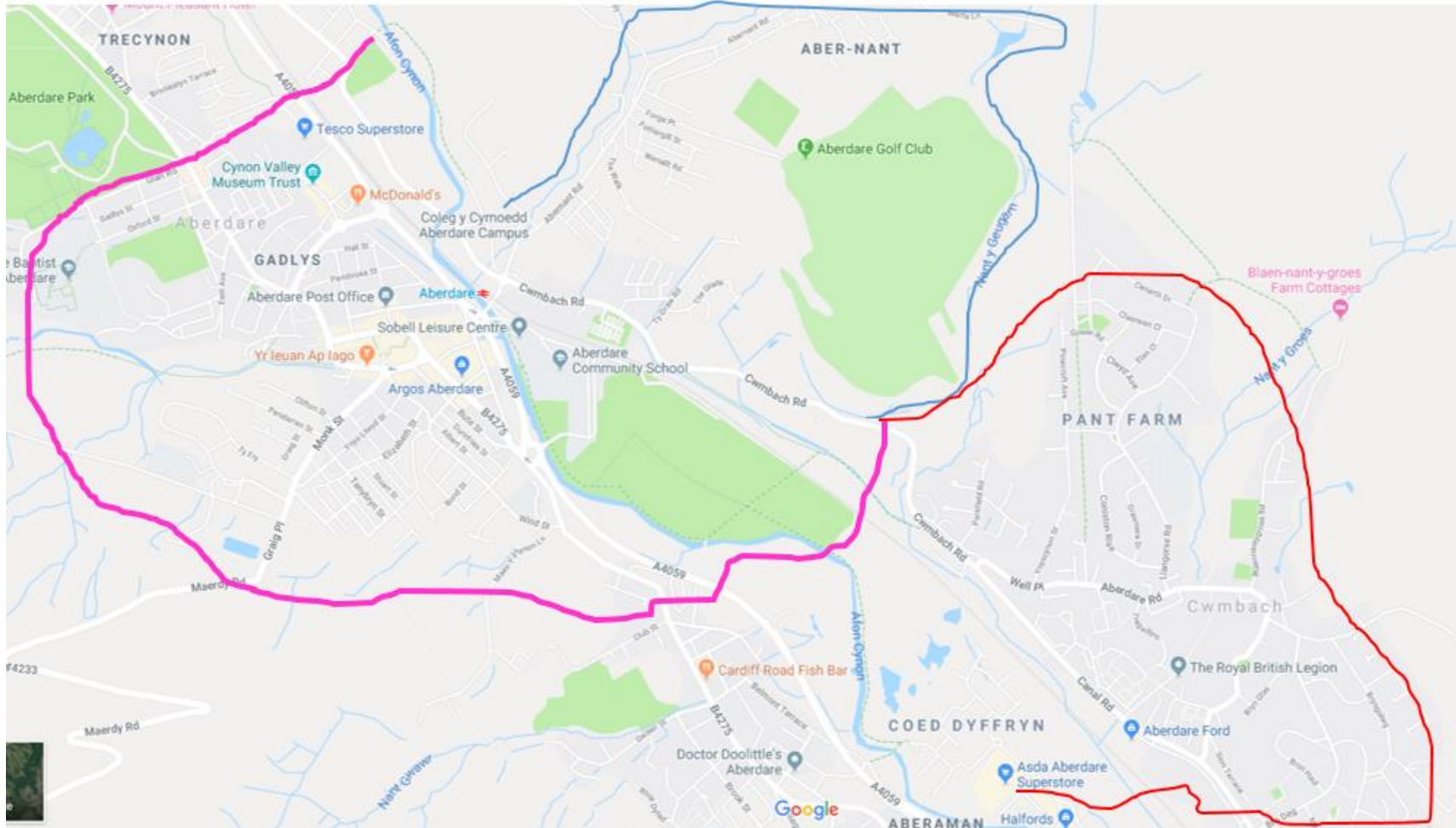
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St Elvan's Church is in the centre of Aberdare, the Church's community heritage project has recently been awarded a Vision Fund grant of £491,869 by the Community Fund – along with £786,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £47,000 from Cadw, £40,000 from the National Churches Trust and £12,000 from the James Pantyfedwen Foundation. Aberdare is a vibrant town full of shops cafes and businesses.

Dare Valley Country Park runs behind Aberdare to Cwmdare and has 500 acres of countryside, walks, trails and family fun with interactive visitor centre, network of countryside walks and trails, camping and caravan site, refurbished hotel, Country Park Café, 'y Cwtch',

Aberdare has a first-class athletics facility in the Sobell Development. The Council has delivered the state-of-the-art Aberdare Community School, the new Sobell Leisure Centre, an all-weather 3G sports pitch and a skate park as part of the huge investment at the Ynys site, with a new 263-seat spectator stand and changing rooms.

Aberdare itself starts from far end of Aberdare park and borders Trecynon there and meets with Aberaman the other side of the Town Centre. Abernant is a small village on the opposite side of the A4059 to Aberdare itself



## PyC Awards

1	<b>Population</b>	6665  UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018)						
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3	<b>Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales</li> <li>• 1% of households have no central heating</li> <li>• Overall crime rate is <b>higher</b> than Welsh average. There were 1225 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 185.6 per 1000 population – the majority of these were ‘violent crimes’</li> <li>• 28% of people have a life limiting illness compared with 23% across Wales</li> <li>• 28% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales</li> <li>• 32% have no car compared with 23% across Wales</li> <li>• 95% of people are White British compared with 93% Welsh average and 89.4% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales</li> <li>• 79% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 8.4% able to speak and write Welsh</li> <li>• Of people out of work, 13.9% are receiving workless benefits and 3.5% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 95 people claiming Universal Credit.</li> <li>• 1654 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 25.3% of the population</li> <li>• 19% of children (220) are in ‘out of work households, higher than 17.8% Welsh average and 23.7% are living in poverty compared with 20% Welsh average</li> <li>• 6.3% of population are receiving mental health benefits (260 people) this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits.</li> <li>• There are 881 people providing unpaid care (13.4%)</li> <li>• Personal debt is equivalent to the Welsh average and residential mortgage debt per head is lower than Welsh average</li> </ul>						

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4	<b>Employment &amp; Local Economy (where do people work)</b>	<p>64% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 35.7% employed full time, 14.2% employed part time and 7.1% self-employed (around 336 people).</p> <p>The largest employment sector is Retail (15% of the 2785 people in employment), then Health and Social Work (15% of the 2785 people in employment) and Education (11% of the 2785 people in employment).</p> <p>In the area, there are on average 9.36 claimants per job, slightly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority, retail, health and catering.</p>																																																																																	
5	<b>Active Community Groups</b>	<p><b>Abernant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aberdare Golf Club</li> <li>OAP Ladies and Gents Group (at Rhoswenallt Inn)</li> <li>Board game group</li> </ul>																																																																																	

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- Aberdare Business and Tourism Association
- Aberdare Children's Contact Centre
- Aberdare Cricket Club – now have café and community space that hosts lots of activities (Dare Valley Dads / Mams and Prams / Women's Aid / they also host Aberdare Rugby to use as changing rooms)
- Cwm Draig Water Polo Club
- Aberdare Hard of Hearing Group
- Storm Kickboxing Academy Aberdare
- Aberdare Fibromyalgia Support Group
- Aberdare Judo Club
- Aberdare Scribblers
- Cynon Valley Combined Services Memorial Garden
- Aberdare Valley Football League
- Aberdare Fibromyalgia Support Group
- Canny Quilters
- Clwb Gymdeithasol Cymraeg Cwm Cynon
- Cynon Valley Talking News
- Communities in Partnership
- Cruse Bereavement Care Merthyr Tydfil/RCT
- Cwm Cynon Womens Aid
- Cylch Meithrin Aberdare
- Cynon 50+ forum
- Cynon Culture
- Project Unity
- Cynon Valley Museum (museum / café / gallery / room hire – also based here: Project Unity / Versus Arthritis / Arts and Crafts / Events / Yoga)
- Cynon valley PALS
- Cynon Valley Vision
- Slow Food South East Wales

- Glan Road Neighbourhood Watch
- Greenhill Allotments
- Greenmeadow Riding for the Disabled Group
- Growing
- Friends of WCKA RCT
- Hafal RCT
- Merthyr Cynon Foodbank
- Age Connects Morgannwg – Cynon LINC
- Miskin Art
- New Horizons Mental Health (Welsh Classes / Arts and Craft / Peer Support / Music / Recovery College / Summer School / CRUSE bereavement support / Spectacle youth project)
- Hot Jam
- Parish of Aberdare
- Parc Craft Club
- Aberdare Fire Station Group (living well group for retired firefighters)
- Glan Road Neighbourhood watch Scheme
- Parc Lane Allotment Society
- Cynon Valley Stitchers
- Pen Y Cymoedd Wind Farm Fund
- Phoenix Initiative
- Rathbone Cymru
- Salvation Army Teens project
- TEDS
- The Vibes Foundry Brass Band
- Cynon Valley Ramblers
- Dapper FM Community Radio
- Reading group – Aberdare Library
- Aberdare Rotary Club

6	<p><b>Schools – primary, secondary, Welsh, special needs, nurseries (including Cylchoedd Meithrin), childcare providers – number of pupils in each, current Estyn ratings</b></p>	<p><b>In area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdare Park Primary school - Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate - 350 pupils</li> <li>• Aberdare Town Church Primary school – Estyn rating (2018) – Good - 300 pupils</li> <li>• Blaengwawr County Primary School – Estyn rating (2017) - Good - 193 pupils</li> <li>• Abernant Primary School – Estyn rating (2011) - Adequate - 137 pupils</li> <li>• St Margrets R C Primary School – Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate – 133 pupils</li> <li>• Oaklands County Primary School – Estyn rating (2017) – Good – 222 pupils</li> <li>• Caradog Primary School – Estyn rating (2014) – Good – 204 pupils</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St John Baptist High School – Estyn rating (2014) – Excellent – 1014 pupils.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdare Community School (main comprehensive serving all of the upper Cynon Valley)– Estyn rating (2018) – Adequate needs improvement – 1133 pupils.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coleg y Cymoedd – Aberdare Campus (this new campus and main base is now in Aberdare)</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Welsh Language Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun – (1.2 miles away) Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate / 961 pupils, 171 of which attend sixth form.</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest English Language Secondary School</b></p> <p>In area</p> <p><b>Closest Special educational school</b></p> <p>Closest Special educational school is Ysgol Maesgwyn which is 1.2 miles from Aberdare.</p> <p><b>Closest Childcare providers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aman Flying Start Childcare, Aman Early Years Centre, Godreaman Street, Aberdare, CF44 6DF</li> <li>• Four Seasons Nursery</li> <li>• Little Acorn’s Nursery</li> </ul>
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7	<b>Leisure facilities and activities for Children &amp; Young People</b>	<p><b>Sobell Leisure Centre Aberdare</b></p> <p>Learn to dive classes, aged 6 years – 16 years, Free to Junior Leisure for Life members. Direct Debit for 1 lesson per week available for £17.20 per month. Cash for 10 sessions upfront £45.00.</p> <p>Baby and toddler swimming lessons – 4 month – 3 years, Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.00pm, Thursday 3.30pm – 4.00pm. A monthly direct debit can be set up or cash payment upfront for 10 sessions. Children under 5 free must be accompanied with an adult £3.55.</p> <p>Junior swimming lessons – Monday – 4.00pm – 6.00pm, Tuesday – 4.00pm – 7.00pm, Thursday 4.00pm – 7.0pm, Saturday 8.00am – 11.00am. A monthly direct debit can be set up or cash payment upfront for 10 sessions.</p> <p>Phoenix Gymnastics and Dance Club, Monday - 4.00pm – 7.30pm, Tuesday – 4.00pm – 8.00pm, Wednesday – 4.00pm – 6.00pm</p> <p>Junior Netball club, Monday 5.00pm – 7.00pm.</p> <p>Korean Kick Boxing (Juniors Age 5+), Monday 6.00pm – 7.00pm, Friday 5.00pm – 6.00pm.</p> <p>Ballet (Age 3+), Tuesday 4.30pm – 7.30pm, Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm.</p> <p>Shotokan Karate (Age 5+) Tuesday 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Thursday 7.00pm – 9.00pm.</p> <p><b>Welsh Contact Karate Association</b> (WCKA) Little Dragons, Wednesday (Age 4 - 7) 5.00pm – 6.00pm , (age 7+) 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday (Age 6-14 years) 6.00pm – 7.00pm, (Age 14+) 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Friday (Age 4-7 Years) 5.00pm – 6.30pm</p> <p>Weston Gymnastics Club, Thursday 4.00pm – 5.30pm, Friday 4.00pm – 8.00pm.</p> <p>Canoe and Kayaking club (juniors), Thursday 7.00pm – 8.00pm</p>



Free running club (Age7+), Friday 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Rugby Tots (Age 2+), Saturday 09.00am – 1.00pm

Balanceability Bikes, Saturday 2.00pm – 4.00pm

- **Aberdare town football** - Boys football, under 9's, under 11's, under 12's, under 13's, under 14's, Girls football, under 7's, under 8's, under 10's, under 11's, under 12's, under 14's.
- **Aberdare RUFC** - Juniors – under 7's, under 8's, under 9's, under 10's, under 11's, under 12's, under 13's, under 14's, under 15's, under 16's. Youth team 1 and youth team 2. Girls – under 15's, under 18's.
- **Aberdare golf club** - Annual Membership, flexible payment options available, Junior 8-10 years, £57.50, junior 11-15 years, £82.50, junior 16-18 years, £107.50.
- **Aberdare cricket club** - under 19's team
- **St John's Youth** Aberdare & Foundry Town – Tuesday 6.00pm – 7.30pm, Thursday 6.00pm – 9.30pm.
- New Horizons youth project – (18 – 25 years, suffering from mental health issues) new horizons resource centre Thursdays 4.00pm – 9.00pm.
- **254 Aberdare Squadron ATC** – Monday and Thursday 6.30pm – 9.30pm (12+years).
- Aberdare and District Angling Association – Annual membership – Junior (15 years or under) £35.00 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Aberdare Valley Amateur Athletic Club** – Tuesday 6.00pm (8+ years) track and field training, Thursday 7.00pm (8+ years).
- Cynon Valley Young Archaeologist's club – Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> (2019) – Cynon Valley Museum.
- **Cynon Valley Pals** – play and rest bite for Children with disabilities 3 – 11 years, organised activities and day trips.
- Story time and toy Library – Aberdare library, Wednesday 10.30am – 11.30am.
- Salvation Army Community Church – parent and toddler group / energise kids club / Youth zone / Just Brass free music tuition
- Game Central – Aberdare
- Aberdare Con Club – Korean Karate
- Aberdare Park Run

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8	<b>Transport Connections</b>	<p>31.9% of households (945) have no car which is higher than average 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 42.3% of pensioner households (499) have no vehicle.</p> <p>The travel time to key services (walking or public transport) are significantly lower than Welsh average across most categories and so population has good access to key services.</p> <p><b>Travel Times to Key Services</b></p> <p>Post Office – 14.1 mins  Library – 16.7 mins  GP – 14.9 mins  Pharmacy – 13.5 mins  Primary School – 10.6 mins  Secondary School – 14.9 mins  Food Shop – 9.5 mins  Leisure Centre – 11.5 mins</p> <p><b>Roads</b></p> <p>Aberdare town can be reached in a car from Cardiff City in 38 minutes via the A470.</p> <p><b>Rail</b></p> <p>The town is served by Aberdare railway station and Aberdare bus station, opposite each other in the town centre. It takes about 4 minutes to walk from Aberdare train station to the Aberdare bus station. The train service runs between Monday to Saturday, daytimes, the service from Aberdare is a half-hourly service to Barry Island, via Cardiff Queen Street. In the evenings this drops to hourly and certain late-night trains run to Penarth rather than Barry Island. On Sundays there is a general 2-hourly service to Barry Island with an hourly service in the morning and in the late afternoon. There are regular buses to the local villages of Penywaun, Cwmbach and Penderyn, there are buses to Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd and Cardiff 7 days a week.</p>

		<p><b>Buses</b></p> <p>The Aberdare bus station is a 4-minute walk from the Aberdare train station.</p> <p>There is a community transport service for the residents of Aberdare which provide a door to door bus service called RangeRider which offer transport to Prince Charles Hospital for Clinics and visiting.</p>
9	<p><b>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</b></p>	<p><b>In area</b></p> <p>Park Surgery, Windsor St, Aberdare CF44 8LN          Johns Medical Practice, Mid Glamorgan, High St, Aberdare CF44 7DD          The Foundry Town Clinic, 74 Monk St, Aberdare CF44 7PA          Aberaman Surgery, Glamorgan St, Aberdare CF44 6SR          Dr AG Wardrop, 74 Monk St, Aberdare CF44 7PA          Pant Surgery, 57 Aberdare Rd, Aberdare CF44 0HL          Dr D Slyne, 2 Windsor St, Aberdare CF44 8LL          Dr M Foster, Windsor St, Aberdare CF44 8LL</p> <p><b>Chiropodist</b></p> <p>Aberdare Feet, 22 Dean St, Aberdare CF44 7BN</p> <p><b>Dentist</b></p> <p>Maendy Dental Practice, 3 Maendy Place, Aberdare CF44 7AY</p> <p><b>Physiotherapy</b></p> <p>Back2Front Physiotherapy Clinic, 15, Cwmbach Road Aberdare, CF44 0NE          (Also provide Mindfulness courses).</p> <p><b>Closest hospitals</b></p> <p>Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr (8.7 miles away) - Major acute / Major A&amp;E / Open 24 hours</p>

		<p>Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Mountain Ash (7.12 miles away) – New Community and minor injuries hospital</p> <p><b>Dentists and opticians</b> There are dentists and opticians in the town centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 21st May 2019 in St Mair’s Day Centre, Aberdare between 10am and 1pm there will be a drop in and wellness event. This will include trained Cruse workers as well as other organisations and activities.</li> <li>The Priory Hospital Aberdare provides care, treatment and Rehabilitation for service users.</li> </ul> <p>27.9% of people (1830) have a limiting long-term illness in Hirwaun compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011). The average life expectancy is 77 compared with 77 across RCT and 78 across Wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 64 compared with 68 Welsh average.</p> <p>25.3% of the population (1654) are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average</p>
10	<b>External services brought into the area</b>	<p>Slimming World</p> <p>Versus Arthritis</p> <p>Alzheimer’s Society Singing for the Brain</p> <p>Adref Streetsmart Surgeries</p>
11	<p><b>Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include pharmacies, libraries and petrol stations</b></p> <p><b>Main buildings</b></p> <p><b>Sports facilities &amp; Clubs</b></p> <p><b>Playgrounds</b></p> <p><b>Playing fields</b></p> <p><b>Heritage sites</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheppards Pharmacy CF44 7AU</li> <li>Sheppards Pharmacy CF44 8NA</li> <li>Shepards Pharmacy CF44 6RG</li> <li>Sheppards Pharmacy CF44 7AW</li> <li>Boots Pharmacy CF44 7RW</li> <li>Cynon Stores pharmacy CF44 0HS</li> <li>Aberdare Library CF44 7AW</li> <li>Community Library Service CF44 7AG</li> </ul>

	<b>allotments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tesco Petrol station CF44 8DW</li> <li>• ASDA Petrol station CF44 0AH</li> <li>• Aberdare Service Station CF44 0PN</li> <li>• Total petrol station CF44 0PB</li> <li>• Gulf Mid Glamorgan Service Station CF44 0AG</li> <li>• Cynon Linc CF44 7BD (sequence dance / ACM / nail cutting / café / GP surgery / Hard of Hearing Group / Craft Collective / Gadlys OAP group / U3A Welsh Class / Cynon Valley Vision Group / 50+ Forum / ladies Guild Bingo / Aberdare OAP Group / Digital Inclusion Wednesday)</li> <li>• Aberdare golf club CF44 0RY</li> <li>• Sobell Leisure Centre CF44 7RP</li> <li>• Cue Snooker Club CF44 6RD</li> <li>• Harlequins Bowls club CF44 8EL</li> <li>• Aberdare Rugby Football Club CF44 7BL</li> <li>• Aberdare Tennis Club CF44 8BH</li> <li>• Aberdare town FC CF44 6HA</li> <li>• Dare Valley Park CF44 7RG</li> <li>• Aberdare Park CF44 8HN</li> <li>• Man Chwarae Playground CF44 7PW</li> <li>• Aberdare walking trail</li> <li>• Dare valley Park – Bwllfa Trail</li> <li>• Dare valley country park – Cae Mawr Trail</li> <li>• Maelgwyn Terrace allotment Aberdare</li> <li>• Ynys allotment Aberdare</li> <li>• Lambert Terrace, Gadlys allotment, Aberdare</li> </ul>
<b>11a</b>	<b>Parks &amp; green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable) Footpaths and Active Travel networks</b>	<p>Dare Valley Country Park – large country park managed by LA with café and accommodation / Combat Zone / Park Areas / lakes / walks / Learn Welsh group / Clwb Cwtsh / Litter Picks / Christmas Santa Run and lots of family events throughout the year</p> <p>Using the park are: Dare Running Group / Infinity Running Group / Greenmeadow Riding School for the Disabled / Dragons Running Club / Canix Dog Running Events / Caravan Club</p>

12	<b>Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)</b>	<p>32.9% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 59.5% of remaining people (3900) identify as Christian with 75 people identified as Sikh, Hindu or Muslim.</p> <p><b>Abernant</b> None</p> <p><b>Aberdare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saint Elvan’s Church – at present the website is not responding, social media does not show service times or dates. Activities cannot be found online and there are no news updates on social media. However, the church is known to have good relationships with the community and has offered the building as a meeting point for community groups. Project unity an LGBT group meet twice a week and have a community garden in development at the back of the church. The church has had meetings to discuss further projects with community groups in the town of Aberdare. The church was nicknamed the Cathedral of the valleys for its impressive height and sixteen colourful stained-glass windows. St Elvans Church is in the centre of Aberdare, the Church’s community heritage project has recently been awarded a Vision Fund grant of £491,869 by the Community Fund – along with £786,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £47,000 from Cadw, £40,000 from the National Churches Trust and £12,000 from the James Pantyfedwen Foundation. The plans for the church can be seen at the entrance of the building</li> <li>• Salvation Army Community Church – Tuesday, 10.30am Community coffee and lunch - lunch at £3 per person for a main course and desert. 2pm to 3pm Food bank. Wednesday, 1pm - 2pm Fresh produce - fresh produce given to help those who need a little extra. Getting to know your bible, Soup at 1pm. At 2.00pm explore the Bible. Thursday 9.00am – 11.00am parent and toddler group, £1.50 per family, includes juice and a snack for the child and tea/coffee and biscuits for the adult. 12pm – 1.00pm food bank. 4pm – 5.30pm energise kids club (5-11 years old) 6pm – 7.30pm Youthzone (11-18 years old). Sunday 10.30am breakfast Baps, 11.00am family worship. 2.30pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, messy church (fun, crafts and singing)</li> <li>• Aberdare Community Parish Hall – a space for the community to hire, received funding to refurbish toilets and hall.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unitarian Church – services are varied but are displayed and updated on the online calendar: <a href="http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/aberdare/services.htm">http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/aberdare/services.htm</a> Every Monday at 10am – 12pm coffee morning, toast is served to the community attending. 2pm – 4pm mediation group. Wednesday women’s League meet at 2pm.</li> <li>• Green street Methodist church, Service Times - Sunday 10:30am (including Junior church), Sunday 6pm, Bible Study house group -Mondays 7.30 pm, Sisterhood - Tuesdays 6.30 pm, Coffee Morning - Fridays 10.30 am.</li> <li>• Siloa Chapel Aberdare – Sunday services / Merched y Wawr / Friends R Us / Cytgord Ladies Welsh Language Choir)</li> <li>• St Joseph’s Catholic church – Sunday service 11am</li> <li>• The Trinity English Calvinistic Methodist Church</li> <li>• The Point South Wales (based at the Sobell Leisure Centre)</li> <li>• Bethel Baptist Chapel</li> <li>• Jehovah’s Witness Aberdare</li> <li>• St Mary Magdalene’s Church</li> <li>• Matthew Church Parish of Aberdare (tin Chapel next to Abernnt Primary School)</li> </ul>
13	<b>Local businesses &amp; shops</b>	<p>Abernant has a couple of small general stores</p> <p>Aberdare has a very busy town centre with an active chamber of trade (ABTA). 49% of the businesses are independently owned with 51% being part of wider chains such as New Look / Argos / Wilko etc.</p> <p>Other notable businesses include: Dragons Den Aberdare – children’s indoor play area / many chain food stores (Greggs, Papa Johns, McDonalds etc) / lots of solicitors and accountants / vets and banks</p>

		<p>Shops include (there are many more almost 120 in total): Aberdare Home store / The Works / several Charity shops / Carpet Fit Wales LTD / ASDA Aberdare / Peacocks Aberdare / several restaurants / nightclubs / many hair and beauty salons</p> <p>Aberdare also has an indoor market that hosts many businesses and is a very busy and popular shopping area.</p> <div data-bbox="611 376 1872 839" data-label="Image"> </div>
14	<b>Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)</b>	<p><a href="https://www.standbrook-guides.com/aberdare/">https://www.standbrook-guides.com/aberdare/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Tourism/Thingstodo/TownsandVillages/Aberdare.aspx">https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Tourism/Thingstodo/TownsandVillages/Aberdare.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g670206-Activities-Aberdare_Rhondda_Cynon_Taf_South_Wales_Wales.html">https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g670206-Activities-Aberdare_Rhondda_Cynon_Taf_South_Wales_Wales.html</a></p> <p>Loops and Links – Cylchoedd a Dolenni Walking Trail</p>
15	<b>Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc</b>	<p><b>Abernant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rhosenwallt Inn</li> <li>• Aberdare Golf Club</li> </ul>



		<p><b>Aberdare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdare Constitutional Club</li> <li>• Judges and Jury's</li> <li>• The Mackworth Arms</li> <li>• The Price of Wales</li> <li>• The Cynon Valley club</li> <li>• The Bush Inn</li> <li>• Brewers Fayre Tirfounder Fields</li> <li>• The Bute Arms</li> <li>• Y R Ieuan Ap Iago (Weatherspoons)</li> <li>• Whitcombe Inn</li> <li>• Conway Inn</li> <li>• The Gloster Arms</li> <li>• Jac's</li> <li>• Plough Inn</li> <li>• Temple Inn</li> <li>• BAR 21</li> <li>• The Shepard's Arms</li> <li>• David's</li> <li>• Aberdare RFC</li> <li>• New Cocktail Bar</li> </ul>
16	<p><b>Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's view of the community?</b></p>	<p>There is nothing that is apparent at the moment.</p>

17	<b>Housing – current and planned?</b> <b>Who</b>	<p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detached – 391 (11.9%) Welsh average = 27.7%</li> <li>• Semi Detached – 396 (12%) Welsh average = 31%</li> <li>• Terraced – 2095 (63.6%) Welsh average = 27.8%</li> <li>• Purpose Built Flats – 285 (8.7%) Welsh average = 9.6%</li> <li>• Flats in converted houses or buildings – 125 (3.8%) Welsh average = 2.4%</li> <li>• Second homes - 13</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner occupied – 2079 (70.3%) Welsh average = 67.8%</li> <li>• Social rented – 270 (9.1%) Welsh average = 16.5%</li> <li>• Private rented – 609 (20.6%) Welsh average = 15.8%</li> </ul> <p>Average house price is £91,424 (however average price for a detached house is £215,545)</p> <p>75.7% of properties were built between before 1939  180 properties have been built since 2000.</p> <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioner – 690 (23.3% compared to 22.9% Welsh average)</li> <li>• One person – 575 (19.4% compared to 17.1% Welsh average)</li> <li>• Lone Parent with dependent children – 260 (32% compared to 26.8% Welsh average)</li> <li>• Married – 910 (30.8% compared to 32.8% Welsh average)</li> <li>• Cohabiting – 270 (9.1% compared to 9.7% Welsh average)</li> </ul> <p>According to the Census (2011) Aberdare town has a mixture of housing types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryndar Community Home – Aberdare, provides long term care for 5 young people.</li> <li>• Meadow Lands Care Home – Abernant</li> </ul>
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18	<b>Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?</b>	
19	<b>What’s likely to come up? What might change?</b>	Trivallis are converting old building in Aberdare town centre into one bed houses.
20	<b>Politics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aberdare: Cllr Stephen Bradwick – Labour / Cllr Michael Forey – Labour</li> <li>Cwmbach: Cllr Jeffrey Elliott - Labour</li> <li>AM – Vikki Howells – Welsh Labour</li> <li>MP – Beth Winter - Labour</li> <li>Council – RCT CBC – Labour</li> </ul> <p>Town / Community Council - none</p>

## FUND AREA OF BENEFIT

The Fund's area of benefit covers the upper reaches of the Neath, Afan, Rhondda and Cynon Valleys – the main communities are shown on the map.



Applicants can be based outside this area – they need to explain clearly how their proposals will benefit people living in the Fund communities.

