



Mountain Ash Golf Club in Cefnpennar

Community Profile – Cefnpennar

Cefnpennar also known as Cefn Pennar is a small rural village north of the coal mining town of Mountain Ash, Rhondda Cynon Taff, in Wales. The village has been in existence since at least 1870. It is approximately 1 mile from Mountain Ash town centre. The village of Cefnpennar lies by the side of the Cynon River. The village

is the most southerly in the Cynon valley to qualify for the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund.



Cefnpennar Uchaf Farm

Buses run daily every 30 minutes through the village of Cefnpennar Monday – Saturday with no Sunday service according to DirectTransport.co.uk (2017). The nearest train station is in Fernhill a close village that can be reached by walking in 29 minutes, 1.4 miles away, however by car is 2.1 miles away. Cefnpennar has no convenience store, village shop, pub, chapel or parish church.

There is a golf course named, Mountain Ash Golf Club. Mountain Ash Golf club provide free outdoor coaching sessions for children under 17 years every Saturday afternoon. There is also a children's playground and opposite there are a pair of bottle recycling banks.

Much of the housing in the area are two to three bedroomed properties, According to Census (2011) Cefnpennar have a higher than national average of social housing, 36% of housing spaces are occupied by social housing residents in Cefnpennar.

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1	Population	565
2	Demographics	0-17 years - 95 18-64 years - 345 65+ years - 130
3	Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales • 2% of households have no central heating which is same as Welsh average • Overall crime rate is lower than Welsh average. There were 81 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 0.00 per 1000 population. • 28% of people have a life limiting illness compared with 23% across Wales • 34% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales • 24% have no car compared with 23% across Wales • 98.5% of people are White British compared with 93% Welsh average and 89% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales • 82.3% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 8.2% able to speak and write Welsh • Of people out of work, 18.9% are receiving workless benefits and 5.1% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 15 people claiming Universal Credit. • 0 people in Cefnpennar are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales • Only 19.4% of children are in 'out of work households, the same as the 17.8% Welsh average and only 22% are living in poverty again similar to 20% Welsh average • Only 35 people are receiving mental health benefits, though this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits. • There are 25 people providing unpaid care • Personal debt and residential mortgage debt per head are significantly lower than Welsh average • The air quality score is 25% better than Welsh average and have access to green space and public parks and gardens more readily than Welsh average and only 12.7% live in flood risk areas compared with 41% across Wales

		WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing
		559	674	352	280	916	881	652	1,268	1,145
4	Employment & Local Economy (where do people work)	<p>62.3% of population are economically active, close to the 65.8% Welsh average, with 35.8% employed full time, 13.3% em part time and 20 people self-employed</p> <p>The largest employment sector is construction 15% of the 240 people in employment, then health & social care 14% of the 240 people in employment and retail 14% of the 240 people in employment.</p> <p>UK Office of National Statistics, (Census, 2011)</p> <p>In the area, there are on average 6.33 claimants per job, significantly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority health and education.</p>								
5	Active Community Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain Ash Golf Club Cefnpennar and District Welfare Association (one person and no recent activity) 								
6	Schools – primary, secondary, Welsh, special needs, nurseries (including Cylchoedd Meithrin), childcare providers – number of pupils in each, current Estyn ratings	<p>In area</p> <p>None</p> <p>The closest Primary school is Caegarw Primary School, CF45 4BH (1.3 miles away) Mountain Ash</p> <p>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary – YGG Abercynon – (2.72 miles away) Secondary - Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun – (in Penywaun 7.7 miles away) Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate / 961 pupils, 171 of which attend sixth form. <p>Closest English Language Secondary School</p> <p>The nearest English Language Comprehensive School is Mountain Ash Comprehensive School – a distance of 1.2 miles with school buses for transport. Mountain Ash Comprehensive 1 mile away – Estyn Rating (2018) – Adequate needs improvement – 938 pupils.</p>								

		<p>Closet Special educational school</p> <p>Closet Special educational school is Ysgol Maesgwyn which is 5.9 miles from Hirwaun.</p>
7	Leisure facilities and activities for Children & Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Ash Golf Club - Free outdoor coaching sessions for children 17 and under, Saturdays 3.00pm – 4.00pm. • There is a new children’s play area.
8	Transport Connections	<p>23% of households (60) have no car which is the same as 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and only 27 pensioner households have no vehicle. 44.7% have one car, 23% have two cars, 6.2% have three cars and 2.3% have four+ cars.</p> <p>However, 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>Travel Times to Key Services</p> <p>Post Office – 2.9 mins Library – 3.5 mins GP – 2.5 mins Pharmacy – 2.7 mins Primary School – 1.9 mins Secondary School – 4 mins Food Shop – 8 mins Leisure Centre – 11.2 mins</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>Rail</p> <p>Transport for Wales run a train from Cardiff to Aberdare train station (4.2 miles away) which takes on average 1hr and 5 mins and has 13 stops. There are on average 28 trains that run the Aberdare line during Monday to Friday which are every 20 minutes. Evenings and weekends the trains run every hour service to Cardiff and Barry Island.</p>

		<p>Buses</p> <p>Fernhill to Cefnpennar is 2.1 miles away, Stagecoach South Wales bus service (number 25 bus) runs through the village Monday – Saturday with no bus service on a Sunday.</p>
9	<p>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</p>	<p>In area</p> <p>None - The closest Dr Surgery is Rhos House Surgery in Mountain Ash 1.8 miles away from Cefnpennar</p> <p>Closest hospitals</p> <p>Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr (11.28 miles away) - Major acute / Major A&E / Open 24 hours Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Mountain Ash (2.5 miles away) – New Community and minor injuries hospital</p> <p>Dentists and opticians</p> <p>The closest are in Mountain Ash</p> <p>The average life expectancy is 75 compared to 77 across RCT and 78 across wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 63 compared with 68 Welsh average. 100% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average and 27.7% of population have limiting long-term illness compared to 22.7% Welsh average.</p>
10	<p>External services brought into the area</p>	
11	<p>Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include pharmacies, libraries and petrol stations</p> <p>Main buildings</p> <p>Sports facilities & Clubs</p> <p>Playgrounds</p> <p>Playing fields</p> <p>Heritage sites</p> <p>allotments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Ash Golf Club (CF45 4DT) • Cefnpennar Sports and Recreation • There is a new children’s play area



11a Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable)
Footpaths and Active Travel networks

- Cefnpennar Field community area – previously overseen by Communities First and Trivallis – nobody is currently caring for this area



12	Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)	<p>There is no church in Cefnpennar</p> <p>33.2% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 58.8% of remaining people identify as Christian with no other religions identified at all.</p>
13	Local businesses & shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KR Upholstery • Welsh Roots Gardening Services • Cefnpennar Uchaf Farm – Camping, educational “farm days”, tree planting days, the farm also boasts over 300 species of amphibians, birds, insects, various worms and molluscs, flowering plants, bryophytes and fungi.
14	Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)	
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefn Pennar Inn

16	Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's view of the community?	
17	Housing – current and planned? Who	<p>Much of the housing in the area are two to three bedroomed terraced and semi-detached properties.</p> <p>According to Census (2011) Cefnpennar have a higher than national average of social housing, 28.4% of housing spaces are occupied by social housing residents in Cefnpennar. Trivallis are one of the social housing landlords in Cefnpennar.</p> <p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 53 (19.2%) Welsh average = 27.7% • Semi Detached – 69 (25%) Welsh average = 31% • Terraced – 137 (49.6%) Welsh average = 27.8% • Purpose Built Flats – 17 (6.2%) Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted houses or buildings – 0 /Welsh average = 2.4% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 159 (61.9%) Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 73 (28.4%) Welsh average = 16.5% • Private rented – 21 (8.2%) Welsh average = 15.8%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average house price is £133,250 – 54.3% of properties were built before 1900 and only 14 properties have been built since 2000. • Trivallis and Cynon Taf Housing are the social landlords serving the area. <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 55 (21.6% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) • One person – 50 (19.1% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) • Lone Parent with dependent children – 35 (45.8% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) • Married – 85 (33.5% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) • Cohabiting – 15 (6.2% compared to 9.7% Welsh average)

18	Derelict spaces and buildings that affect people's view of the community	
18	Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefnpennar has no convenience store, village shop, chapel or church
19	What's likely to come up? What might change?	
20	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pauline Jarman – Plaid Cymru • AM – Vikki Howells – Welsh Labour • MP – Beth Winter - Labour • Council – RCT CBC – Labour <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.

