

Community Profile – Aberaman, Godreaman, Cwmaman and Abercwmboi



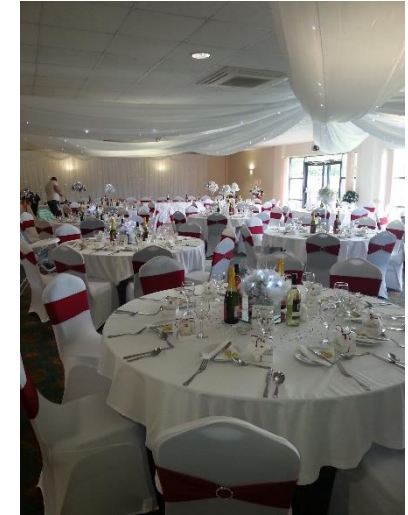
Cwmaman sandstone for climbing sports

Aberaman is a village near Aberdare in the county borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf. It was heavily dependent on the coal industry and the population, as a result, grew rapidly in the late nineteenth century. Most of the industry has now disappeared and a substantial proportion of the working population travel to work in Cardiff.

Within the area of Aberaman lies three smaller villages Godreaman, Cwmaman and Abercwmboi. The border of Aberaman runs down the Cynon River.

Cwmaman is a former coal mining village near Aberdare. The name is Welsh for Aman Valley and the River Aman flows through the village. It lies in the valley of several mountains. Within the village, there are two children's playgrounds and playing fields. At the top of the village there are several reservoirs accessible from several footpaths along the river. Cwmaman Working Men's club was the first venue the band the Stereophonics played from, the band were all from the area. Cwmaman is the venue for an annual music festival which has been held every year since 2008 on the last weekend of September.

Abercwmboi has retained its identity and not been developed as have many other Cynon Valley villages. As a result, is a very close and friendly community. Many families continue to remain within the community and have a great sense of belonging. Abercwmboi RFC offer a venue for community functions and have teams supporting junior rugby, senior rugby and women's rugby.



Abercwmboi RFC a community venue for functions.

Cwmaman



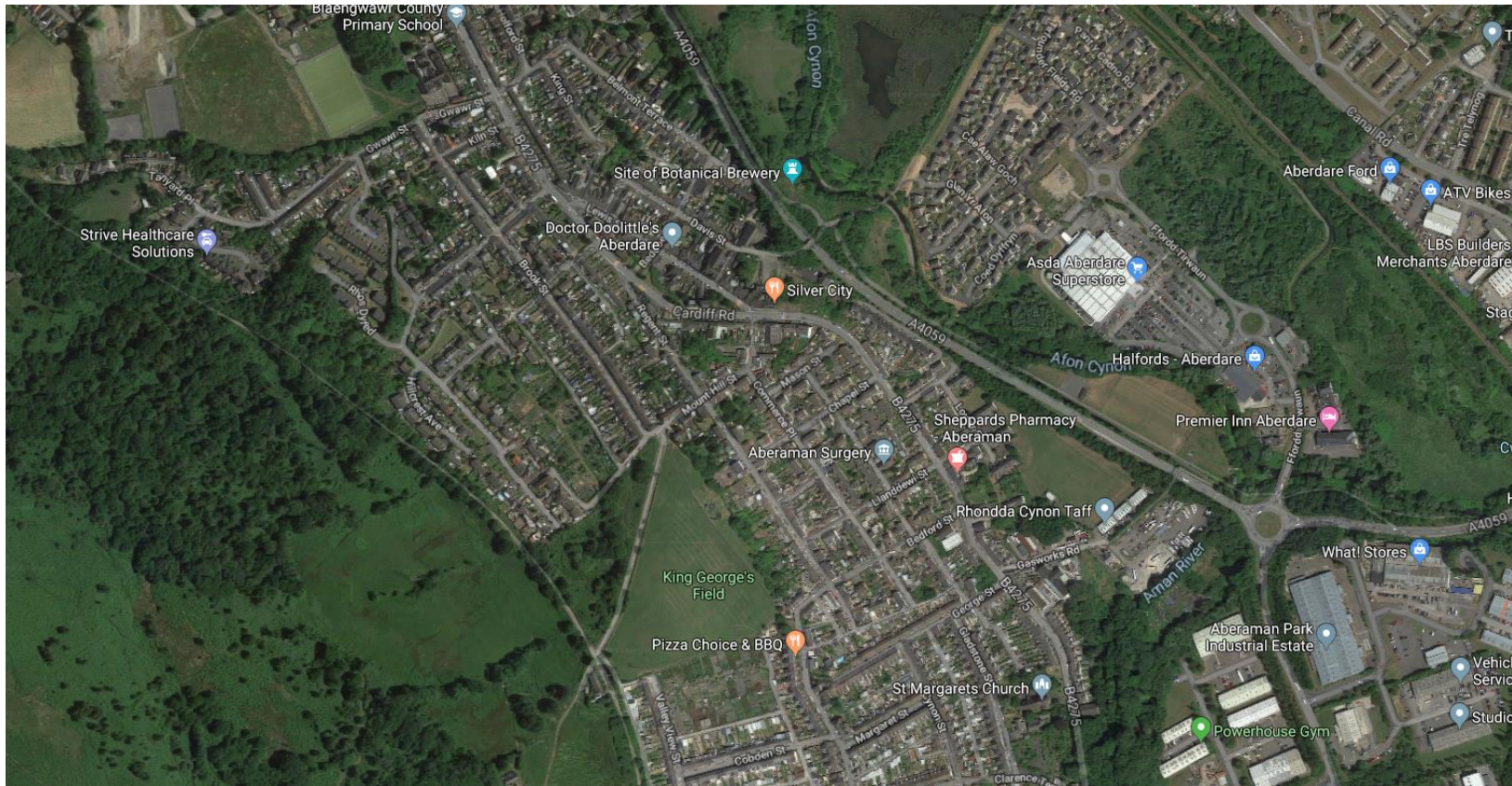
Abercwmboi



Godreaman



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1	Population	<p>Cwmaman and Abercwmboi</p> <p>4800</p> <p>Godreaman and Aberaman</p> <p>5165</p> <p>UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018)</p>	
2	Demographics	<p>Cwmaman and Abercwmboi</p> <p>0-17 years 875 18-64 years 2980 65+ years 945</p> <p>Godreaman and Aberaman</p> <p>0-17 years 1030 18-64 years 3185 65+ years 950</p> <p>UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018)</p>	
3	Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)	<p>Cwmaman and Abercwmboi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales • 2% of households have no central heating • Overall crime rate is slightly lower than Welsh average. There were 475 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 106 per 1000 population – the majority of these ‘violent crimes’ • 29% of people have a life limiting illness compared with 23% across Wales 	<p>Godreaman and Aberaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales • 2% of households have no central heating • Overall crime rate is slightly lower than Welsh average. There were 550 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 111.6 per 1000 population – the majority of these were ‘anti-social behaviour incidents’ and ‘violent crimes’

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales • 35% have no car compared with 23% across Wales • 97.4% of people are White British compared with 93% Welsh average and 89.4% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales • 83.1% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 6.7% able to speak and write Welsh • Of people out of work, 17.1% are receiving workless benefits and 4.2% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 80 people claiming Universal Credit. • 3280 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 70.3% of the population • 33.2% of children (290) are in 'out of work households, higher than 17.8% Welsh average and 35% are living in poverty compared with 20% Welsh average • 7.6% of population are receiving mental health benefits (225 people) this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits. • There are 571 people providing unpaid care (12.3%) • Personal debt is slightly higher Welsh average but residential mortgage debt per head is lower than Welsh average • The air quality score is slightly better than Welsh average and have access to green space and public parks and gardens more readily than Welsh average 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27% of people have a life limiting illness compared with 23% across Wales • 33% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales • 32% have no car compared with 23% across Wales • 96.8% of people are White British compared with 93% Welsh average and 89.1% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales • 82.9% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 6.8% able to speak and write Welsh • Of people out of work, 15.2% are receiving workless benefits and 3.1% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 65 people claiming Universal Credit. • 1409 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 26.6% of the population • 26.2% of children (270) are in 'out of work households, higher than 17.8% Welsh average and 28% are living in poverty compared with 20% Welsh average • 6.9% of population are receiving mental health benefits (220 people) this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits. • There are 668 people providing unpaid care (12.8%) • Personal debt is slightly higher Welsh average but residential mortgage debt per head is lower than Welsh average • The air quality score is slightly better than Welsh average and have access to green space and public
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but 72.6% live in flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales

parks and gardens more readily than Welsh average and 33% live in flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales

Aberaman North / Godreaman and Aberaman

WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing
472	473	388	282	446	1,388	711	980	1,233
322	290	187	234	592	1,152	572	1,053	963
683	911	793	176	531	1,055	873	1,511	1,422

Aberaman South / Cwmaman and Abercwmboi

WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing
398	373	361	195	624	507	902	1,615	1,098
253	331	255	196	215	790	834	604	342
208	236	135	207	392	841	282	1,516	315

4 Employment & Local Economy (where do people work)

Cwmaman and Abercwmboi

58% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 29.8% employed full time, 13.7% employed part time and 5.5% self-employed (around 185 people).

The largest employment sector is Retail (16% of the 1660 people in employment), then Health and Social Work (15% of the 1660 people in employment) and Construction (14% of the 1660 people in employment).

Godreaman and Aberaman

62.1% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 34.1% employed full time, 14.9% employed part time and 5.5% self-employed (around 212 people).

The largest employment sector is Health and Social care (16% of the 2145 people in employment), then Retail (15% of the 2145 people in employment) and Manufacturing (12% of the 2145 people in employment).

		<p>In the area, there are on average 26.88 claimants per job, significantly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority, manufacturing, retail and health.</p>	<p>In the area, there are on average 86 claimants per job, higher than the 3.86 Welsh average (and by far the highest across AoB) and the jobs available in area are in the majority, education, construction and health.</p>
		<p>BBC news (2012) Suggests that the Phurnacite plant in Abercwmboi was one of the largest employers until its closure in 1990. A high court in 2012 awarded Ex-employees from the plant compensation due to the plant not providing protection to the employees from carcinogenic harmful dust and fumes. The workers had put forward claims for lung, skin and bladder cancers and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. In 2014 WalesOnline stated that there would be major developments to the site which was now owned by Welsh Government. 500 new housing properties a new primary school and recreational land is said to be developed by 2021 on the site.</p>	
5	<p>Active Community Groups</p>	<p>Aberaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberaman Canny Quilters • Aberaman Scouts group • Aberaman Band Club • Silver Dollar Country and Western Group • Uke Box (Ukulele Band) • Toogoodtowaste Recycling Store • Gateway Community Church and Café / Kids Club, Youth Club and Coffee mornings • Royal British Legion, Legion house • Community Zumba (in Aberaman Band Club) • Big Hearts Shop – Craft and Chill, Cuppa and Cake / Big Hearts Square Group (Knit Crochet and Sew) • Aberaman Amateur Boxing Club • Aberaman Newydd Tenants Association • Greenhill Allotments • Ynyslwyd Allotment Society • Hafal RCT • Pheonix Initiative 	

- Saron Chapel

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- Cwmaman OAP Association
- Art and Craft Group (in Moriah Aman Chapel)
- Messy Play Group (in St Joseph's Church)
- Morning and afternoon Coffee group (in St Joseph's Church)
- Cwmaman OAP Association (in Glynhaford Workingman's Club)
- Ladies Natter Social Group (in Jubilee cafe Godreaman)
- Cwmaman Woodland Group (Rainbows/recycled Teenagers)
- Cwmaman Walking Group (meet at the Institute)
- FC Cwmaman Youth and Seniors
- Glanhyd Street Youth Centre (at The Canolfan Community Youth Centre aka The Band Hut)
- Cynon Valley Sub Aqua Club (in Godreaman but use pool in Aberdare)
- Recycled Teenagers Group (OAP group based in Cwrt Alun)
- Cwrt Alun Allotment Group
- Cwmaman Canolfan Centre Knitting Group
- Cwmaman Canolfan Centre Craft Club
- Cwmaman Canolfan Centre Superstars Music Group
- Aberdare Fibromyalgia Support Group –Cwmaman
- Cwmaman Health Group
- Cwmaman Institute Junior Band
- Cwmaman Local History Group
- Cwmaman Arts Centre – Cwmaman Theatre Company
- Cwmaman Music Festival

Abercwmboi

- Ynys Allotment Society Abercwmboi
- Young ones Parents and toddler group Abercwmboi
- Abercwmboi RFC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dragon’s Running Club • Capcoch Inn Bingo Club • Abercwmboi Men’s Shed • Aberdare Town FC
6	<p>Schools – primary, secondary, Welsh, special needs, nurseries (including Cylchoedd Meithrin), childcare providers – number of pupils in each, current Estyn ratings</p>	<p>In area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmaman Primary School, Cwmaman (brand new campus opened 2018) – Estyn Rating 2015, Good – 135 Pupils • Capcoch Primary and Nursery school, Abercwmboi – Estyn rating (2013) – Outstanding - 168 pupils • Blaengwawr Primary School, Aberaman <p>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary – Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdar – Cwmdare – (4.83 miles away) • Secondary - Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun – (6.62 miles away) Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate / 961 pupils, 171 of which attend sixth form. <p>Closest English Language Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nearest English Language Comprehensive School is Aberdare community school – a distance of 4.2 miles with school buses for transport. <p>Closest Special educational school</p> <p>Closest Special educational school is Ysgol Maesgwyn which is 2.4 miles from Hirwaun.</p> <p>Closest Childcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis community nursery Aberaman • Flying Start Glenboi • The Aman Early Year’s Centre (Godreaman St) – baby massage / talk and play / parenting groups / rooms for rental <p>Cwmaman and Abercwmboi</p> <p>37.6% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales, (Census, 2011) and 82.5% of 18-19-year olds are not in Higher education compared with 66.1% Welsh average.</p>

		Godreaman and Aberaman	
		33% of people have no qualifications in Hirwaun compared with 26% across Wales, (Census, 2011) and 75.5% of 18-19-year olds are not in Higher education compared with 66.1% Welsh average.	
7	Leisure facilities and activities for Children & Young People	<p>Aberaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberaman Amateur BC – boxing – Mon, 5.30pm – 6.45pm, Wed, 5.30pm – 6.45pm • Gateway Church Kids and Youth Club • Valley Sports FC • Valley Sports Indoor 3G <p>Godreaman and Cwmaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmaman Club – sports activities and family entertainment weekly • MUGA based in new school grounds • FC Cwmaman Youth and Seniors • Glanrhyd St Youth Centre – The Canolfan Community Youth Centre (aka The Band Hut) • Cwmaman Art Centre Theatre Group • The Aman early Years Centre • Hope Church – Kidz club, Cwmaman, age (5-11 years) Thurs 6.00pm - 7.15pm <p>Abercwmboi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abercwmboi RFC – Cynon Valley girls under 18s, Juniors – Under 7s, under 8s, under 9s, under 10’s, under 11’s, under 12’s, under 13’s, under 14’s, under 15’s, under 16’s, under 17’s. • Life in The Nation Church Youth Club 	
8	Transport Connections	Cwmaman and Abercwmboi	Godreaman and Aberaman

		<p>35% of households (705) which is higher than 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 23.3% of pensioner households (470) have no vehicle.</p> <p>The travel time to key services (walking or public transport) are just lower than Welsh average across most categories and so population has good access to key services.</p> <p>Travel Times to Key Services Post Office – 9.7 mins Library – 36.6mins GP – 14.3 mins Pharmacy – 12.8 mins Primary School – 8.6 mins Secondary School – 33.3 mins Food Shop – 12 mins Leisure Centre – 44 mins</p>	<p>31.8% of households (735) which is higher than average 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 41.4% of pensioner households (344) 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>Travel Times to Key Services Post Office – 8.5 mins Library – 28.8 mins GP – 20.9 mins Pharmacy – 10.2 mins Primary School – 7.6 mins Secondary School – 21.3 mins Food Shop – 5.9 mins Leisure Centre – 28.5 mins</p>
		<p>Roads Aberaman can be reached by car via the A470 from the city of Cardiff</p> <p>Rail The closest train stations are Aberdare to the North of Aberaman and Fernhill to the South of Abercwmboi. The train takes approximately 54mins from Cardiff to Fernhill and runs every 40 minutes Monday –Saturday with the cost of an adult ticket being £6.10. The first train departing Fernhill to Cardiff central is 6.58am and last train departs Cardiff at 10.41pm to Fernhill. The train service runs and hourly service on a Sunday with the first train departing Fernhill at 8.41am the last train arriving back at Fernhill at 8.31pm on a Sunday.</p> <p>Buses</p>	

		<p>Fernhill to Cefnpennar is 2.1miles away, Stagecoach south Wales bus service (number 25 bus) runs through the village Monday – Saturday with no bus service on a Sunday.</p> <p>Fernhill to Abercwmboi is 1mile away, to Cwmaman is 2.6 miles away and to Aberaman is 4.5miles away the Stagecoach bus 60A service run through the village every half an hour Monday – Saturday with no Sunday bus service.</p> <p>Buses to Cwmaman every 10 minutes then every hour in the evening</p>
9	<p>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</p>	<p>In area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberaman Surgery Foundry Town Clinic – open 8.00am -6.30pm Monday – Friday. • Cwmaman Surgery - open 8.00am – 6.30pm Monday – Friday. • Abercwmboi Medical practice – open 8.00am – 6.30pm Monday – Friday. <p>Closest hospitals Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr (9.77 miles away) - Major acute / Major A&E / Open 24 hours Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Mountain Ash (6.58 miles away) – New Community and minor injuries hospital</p> <p>Dentists and opticians There is no dentist and no opticians (closest Aberdare town centre)</p> <p>Cwmaman and Abercwmboi</p> <p>29.5% of people (1370) have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011). The average life expectancy is 76 compared to 77 across RCT and 78 across Wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 62 compared with 68 Welsh average.</p> <p>100% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average</p> <p>Godreaman and Aberaman</p>

		<p>27.5% of people (1435) have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011). The average life expectancy is 76 compared to 77 across RCT and 78 across Wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 63 compared with 68 Welsh average.</p> <p>100% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average</p>
10	External services brought into the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAPI project may soon be using The Aman Tavern (Cwmaman) as base for mental health group • Slimming World (Abercwmboi RFC) • Alzheimer’s Society Forget Me Not Café (Abercwmboi RFC)
11	Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include pharmacies, libraries and petrol stations Main buildings Sports facilities & Clubs Playgrounds Playing fields Heritage sites allotments	<p>Aberaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberaman Amateur BC • Bailey S R Pharmacy CF44 6HY • AFC Aberaman • Gasworks allotments • Sunnybank allotments • Ynysllwyd Allotments • Aberdare Town FC – ground is just at edge of Abercwmboi <p>Godreaman and Cwmaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 play parks (the old park / the Globe / Prospect Place / Cwmaman Road) • Cwmaman Woodland Sculpture trail • MUGA in grounds of new school • MW Phillips Pharmacy • The Cwmaman Arts Centre <p>Abercwmboi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shepards Pharmacy Abercwmboi CF44 6BL • Abercwmboi RFC CF44 6AX • Mostyn Street Allotments

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abercwmbai RFC (regularly booked by Parkinson’s UK, NHS School for their Proms and local community groups – the club offer buffet service and in-house catering and is popular wedding and party venue / Boxing Club ‘Hope and Glory’s events are here) / part of Valley’ sports Network with Cemback)
11a	Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable) Footpaths and Active Travel networks	
12	Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)	<p>39.9% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 52.5% of remaining people identify as Christian with</p> <p>Aberaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saron Chapel St Margaret’s Church Gateway Church Cymru (newly refurbished) – Toddlers Wednesday 10am - 12pm, Gateway Kids Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Gateway Youth Fridays 7.15pm – 8.45pm, Connect groups first three weeks of the month Tuesdays 7.00pm. <p>Godreaman and Cwmaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Joseph’s Environmental and Heritage Church – Services every Sunday 9am, Tuesday 9.30am / Messy Play Group / Morning and Afternoon Coffee / regular choral concerts and a venue for Cwmaman Music Festival / Woodland Group Hope Church – church services / food bank <p>Abercwmbai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bethesda (Welsh Language) Life in the Nations Church
13	Local businesses & shops	<p>Aberaman</p> <p>Has a small high street with a variety of shops</p>




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There are a few general stores and takeaway shops and one small post office
The Falcon Inn Café and Hotel

Abercwmboi

One general store and takeaway / Crafted Gardens / Car Repair garage

Between Aberaman and Abercwmboi is an industrial estate including Home Bargains, What! Too Good to Waste and a variety of industrial units and Royal Mail sorting office

		 <p>Very close by is Asda store / Greggs / Dominos / Iceland etc</p>
14	Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)	Cwmaman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmaman Sculpture Trail • Cwmaman Music Festival (annual event that attracts visitor from near and far – set across many community venues – Cwmaman is the home of The Stereophonics) • Cwmaman Arts Centre
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	Aberaman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberaman Workmen’s Hall and Institute • Blaengwawr Inn • The Legion Public House (Legion House)

		<p>Downstairs is the Community Hall and Dance Studio Aberaman recently refurbished at the heart of the community – it can be rented hourly and is ideal for group exercise classes / parties / discos / playgroups, with parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen y Lan Inn • Cue Snooker Hall • Rock Inn • The Silver Dollar Aberaman Plough Inn (Country and Western Music) • Aberaman Band Institute Club • Abercwmboi RFC (actually in Aberaman) very modern building with lots of flexible space for Slimming World groups / weddings / engagements / parties / funeral and hosts Abercwmboi RFC – great parking available and all disability friendly. <p>Godreaman and Cwmaman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmaman Workmen’s and Social Club (known as The Top Club) – Crib Group based here • The Shepard’s Arms – Darts team / Pool team / Crib team / Quiz Nights / Events • The Aman Tavern – Cynon Valley Pool League / HAPI project mental health group / Darts team • The Falcon Inn • The Globe • The Royal Cwmaman Hall <p>Abercwmboi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cap Coch Inn
16	<p>Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic of affect people’s view of the community?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC news (2012) Suggests that the Phurnacite plant in Abercwmboi was one of the largest employers until its closure in 1990. A high court in 2012 awarded Ex-employees from the plant compensation due to the plant not providing protection to the employees from carcinogenic harmful dust and fumes. The workers had put forward claims for lung, skin and bladder cancers and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. In 2014 WalesOnline stated that there would be major developments to the site which was now owned by Welsh Government. 500 new housing properties a new primary school and recreational land is said to be developed by 2021 on the site. • Aberaman Hotel is derelict • Disused railway line (the Dare Aman line)

17	Housing – current and planned? Who	<p>Cwmaman and Abercwmboi</p> <p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 147 (6.7%) Welsh average = 27.7% • Semi Detached – 239 (11%) Welsh average = 31% • Terraced – 1645 (75.5%) Welsh average = 27.8% • Purpose Built Flats – 128 (5.9%) Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted houses or buildings – 19 (0.8%) Welsh average = 2.4% • Second homes - 33 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 1316 (65.2%) Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 324 (17.3%) Welsh average = 16.1% • Private rented – 323 (16%) Welsh average = 15.8% <p>Average house price is £106,378 (average price for terraced house £63,039)</p> <p>82.8% of properties were built before 1939 with only 140 properties that have been built since 2000</p> <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 470 (23.3% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) • One person – 385 (19.1% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) • Lone Parent with dependent children – 215 (34.5% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) • Married – 570 (28.2% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) 	<p>Godreaman and Aberaman</p> <p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 164 (6.6%) Welsh average = 27.7% • Semi Detached – 282 (11.4%) Welsh average = 31% • Terraced – 1755 (71%) Welsh average = 27.8% • Purpose Built Flats – 237 (9.6%) Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted houses or buildings – 32 (1.2%) Welsh average = 2.4% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 1588 (68.7%) Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 323 (14%) Welsh average = 16.5% • Private rented – 568 (24.6%) Welsh average = 15.8% <p>Average house price is £90,590</p> <p>73.6% of properties were built before 1939 but importantly, only 90 properties have been built since 2000</p> <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 495 (21.4% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) • One person – 450 (19.4% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) • Lone Parent with dependent children – 225 (31.5% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) • Married – 705 (30.5% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) • Cohabiting – 230 (9.9% compared to 9.7% Welsh average)
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		<p>All four communities consist of predominantly terraced housing. All communities have a high amount of the residents either owning their homes or owned with a mortgage. Aberaman and Abercwmboi has 18.2% of social housing, whereas Cwmaman has a higher than national average of social housing at 37% in Cwmaman.</p> <p>Almost half of the housing in Cwmaman is occupied with one tenant. Aberaman housing displays over 75% of housing being occupied by two or more tenants.</p>	
19	Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?	There is no public transport in the 4 communities on a Sunday.	
20	What’s likely to come up? What might change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal Cwmaman Hall - HME Property Management from Cardiff, which bought the sprawling red brick venue in Rhondda Cynon Taff at auction in February 2018, has announced its plans to turn the property - now renamed The Royal Cwmaman Hall - into a series of function halls, offices and a gym. <p>In addition, the building's in-house theatre is to be given back to the community for free, to be run by a newly set-up not-for-profit company and a staff of volunteers, with new amateur dramatic productions due to start again in 2019. It will be re-dubbed Cwmaman Arts Centre and constitute one of the six units which will make up the one-time state-of-the-art, four storey complexes, which closed its doors in late 2015 due to rising costs and falling funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phurnacite Plant Abercwmboi – Ann Clwyd MP and Leader of RCT CBC leading campaign for site to be re-developed. 	
21	Politics	<p>Aberaman Cllr Linda De Vet – Labour / Cllr Sheryl Evans – Labour</p> <p>Aberaman South Cllr Anita Calvert – Labour / Cllr Tina Williams - Labour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM – Vikki Howells – Welsh Labour • MP – Beth Winter - Labour • Council – RCT CBC – Labour 	

Town / Community Council - none

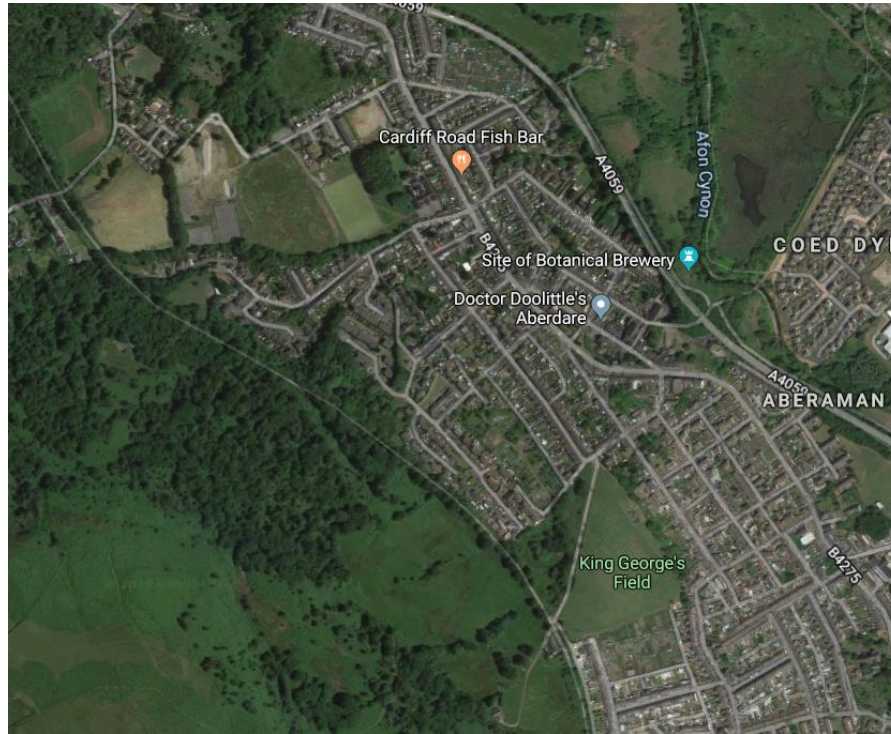
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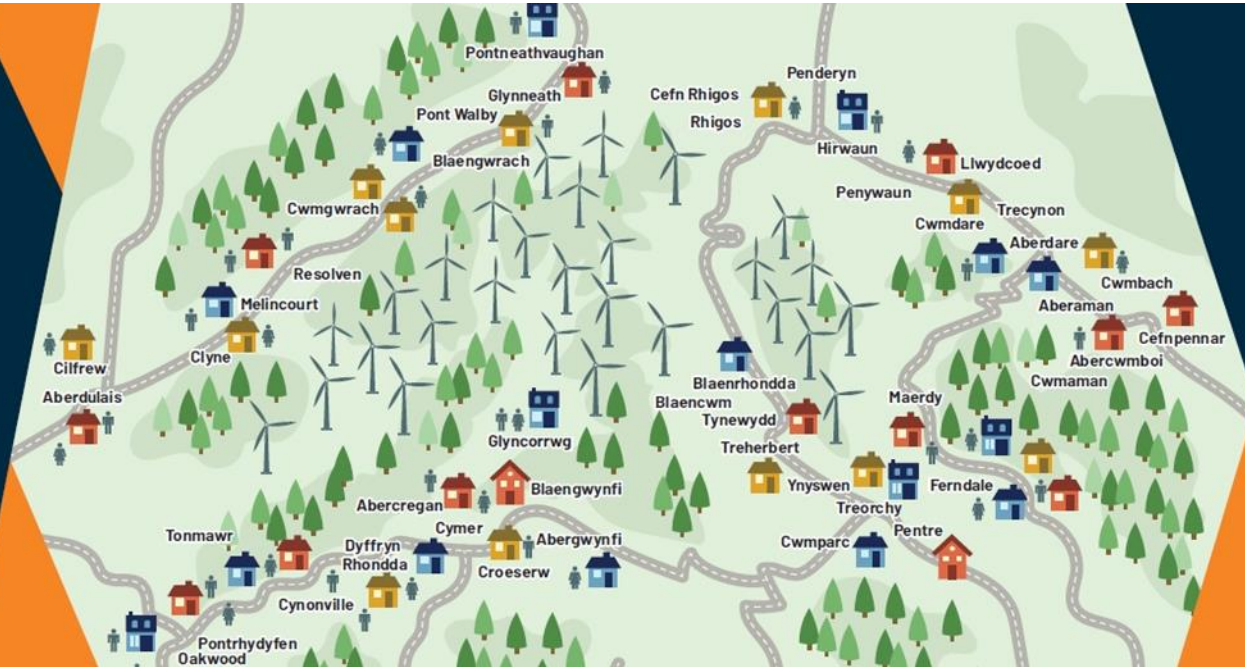


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FUND AREA OF BENEFIT

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.