



## Community Profile – Glyncorrwg

**Version 5 – will be updated and reviewed next on 29.05.20**



Aerial View of the village of Glyncorrwg

The Village of Glyncorrwg, which makes up the eponymous council ward, lies at the top of the Afan Valley. The landscape is hilly covered with forestry plantations, many of which have been recently felled, with some farmland. Wind turbines are a common sight on the surrounding hills. It is approximately 11 miles each to the local towns of Neath and Port Talbot.

The population, according to the ONS's 2014 figures is 1025. Over 65's make up 21.5%, under 15's 16.4%, the rest of the population been of working age – 45.0% of these been economically inactive. This is higher than the NPT average (29.4%) and the Welsh average (23.0%)

The percentage of people with level 4 qualifications is 8.5%, compared to NPT (20.8%) and Wales (29.7%).

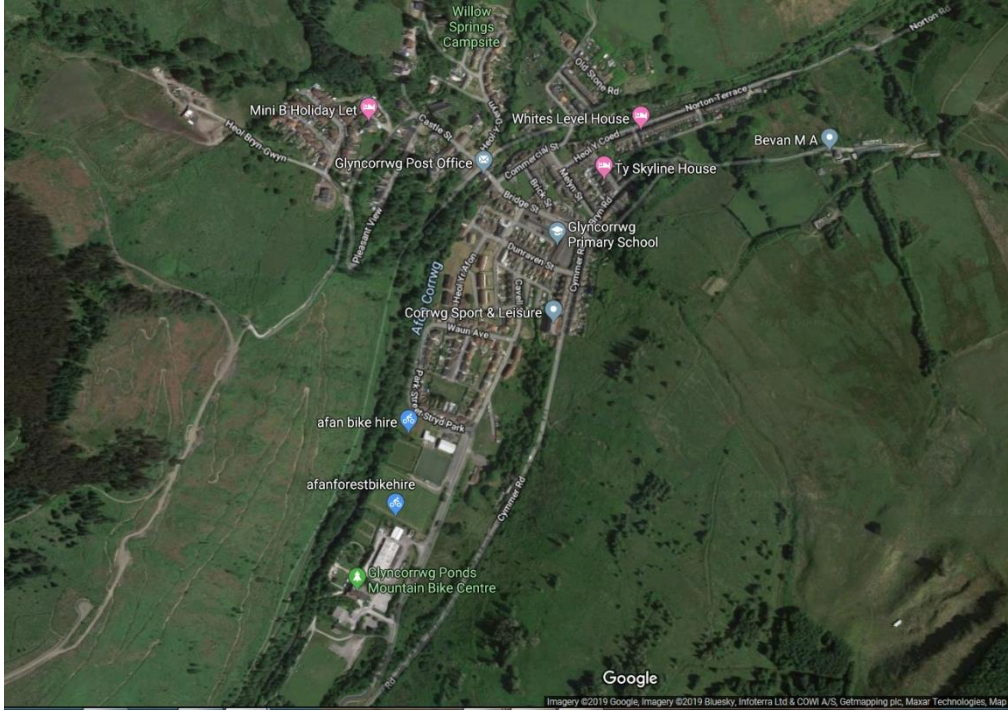


Aerial view of Glyncorrwg ponds and down the valley

The Afan Valley is a popular designation for mountain bikers, and the village is home to several holiday lets, B & B's and specialist shops to service this, along with Glyncorrwg Ponds, which provides a visitor centre facilities, café and angling ponds. There is a single village shop/post office, Primary School, (The Secondary School in the village of Cymmer 2.5 miles away, will close shortly, with most children having to then travel to Port Talbot.) Pub/Social Club, Rugby Club and a Community run Community Centre.

There is very limited light industry, with most people in employment working further afield in the nearby towns. The facilities are limited, especially for children and young people. The public transport is very limited, so access to all services is difficult without private transport.

Natural Resources Wales manages the forestry that surrounds the village, it houses extensive walking and cycling trails.



## PyC Awards

<b>1</b>	<b>Population</b>	1025 (Source Census 2011 via Stata Wales)								
<b>2</b>	<b>Demographics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-17 years 170</li> <li>• 18-64 years 635</li> <li>• 65+ years 22</li> </ul> (Source Census 2011 via Stats Wales)								
<b>3</b>	<b>Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)</b>	WIMD 2014 (where 1 is most deprived and 1909 is least)								
		<b>WIMD</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Access to Services</b>	<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>Physical Environment</b>	<b>Housing</b>
		284	370	201	681	237	187	1,104	557	768
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales</li> <li>• 2% of households have no central heating which is less than the Welsh average of 2%</li> <li>• Overall crime rate is lower than the Welsh average</li> <li>• 32% of people have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales</li> <li>• 48% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales</li> <li>• 34% of households have no car which is the same as the Welsh average</li> <li>• 97% of people live in a flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales</li> <li>• 99.2% of people are White British compared with the Welsh average of 93%</li> <li>• 87.3% of the population cannot speak welsh which is higher than the Welsh average of 73%</li> <li>• Of people out of work, 16.5% are receiving incapacity benefits</li> <li>• 29.4% are living in poverty which is slightly higher than the Welsh average of 20.8%</li> <li>• 72.2% of pensioners have no vehicle</li> <li>• 13.3% of the population are providing unpaid care, which higher than the Welsh average of 12.1%</li> <li>• The air quality score is 18</li> </ul>								

4	<b>Employment &amp; Local Economy (where do people work)</b>	<p>27% of people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment compared to 36% across Wales. Manufacturing is the largest employment sector followed by construction and retail. People travel to work in Neath, Port Talbot, Bridgend, Cardiff, Treorchy.</p> <p>27% are in full-time employment (217) compared with 35% across Wales/15% are in part-time employment (121) and 3.5% of people are self-employed (28). 45% of population are economically inactive which is about the Welsh average.</p> <p>Most people commute to employment in Neath, Port Talbot, Swansea and Cardiff.</p> <p>In order of the most popular jobs according to UK census (2011):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Manufacturing (17% of working people)</li> <li>· Construction (14% of working people)</li> <li>· Retail (14% of working population)</li> </ul>
5	<b>Active Community Groups</b>	<p><b>Based in Noddfa:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glyncorrwg Women's Institute</li> <li>• Glynca Youth Club</li> <li>• Coffee morning</li> <li>• New Age Group</li> <li>• Chapel</li> </ul> <p><b>Based in Rugby Club:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glyncorrwg Rugby Club</li> <li>• Glyncorrwg Juniors</li> </ul> <p><b>Based at Glyncorrwg ponds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glyncorrwg Ponds</li> </ul> <p><b>Based at The Hall (Glyncorrwg Village Hall privately owned):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Community Disco</li> <li>• Village Hall for All</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Village People</li> <li>• The Village Kids</li> <li>• Men's Shed</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Croeserw and Glynorrwg Little Wings Playgroups (Flying Start)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glynorrwg Primary School PTA</li> </ul>
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>• Glynorrwg Primary School, Part of a Federation of Primary schools in the Valley (aged 3-11). Estyn Rating (2013) – Good 96 pupils, including a Nursery class.</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Welsh Language Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ysgol Cynwyd Sant, Maesteg (Welsh medium aged 3-11) – 2.2 miles from area. Estyn rating (2016) – Good 306 pupils</li> <li>• Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd (Welsh medium aged 11-18) – 4.5 miles from area. Estyn rating (2015) – Good- 607 pupils with 110 in sixth form.</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest English Language Secondary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maesteg Comprehensive (5.8 miles from area) (English medium aged 11-18). Estyn rating (2019) – Standards – Adequate and needs improvement; Wellbeing and attitude to learning – Adequate and needs improvement; teaching and learning experiences – Adequate and needs improvement; Care, Support and guidance – Good; Leadership and management – Adequate and needs improvement. 1,036 pupils.</li> <li>• Ysgol Cwm Brombil, Margam (14.1 miles from area) opened in November 2018, (English medium aged 3-16) no Estyn report available.</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Special educational school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ysgol Hendrefelin Neath (aged 5 – 16) – 6.8 miles from area</li> <li>• Ysgol Maes Y Coed Neath (aged 2-19) – 5.2 miles from area</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Childcare providers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Croeserw and Glynorrwg Little Wings Playgroups is a flying start playgroup for twelve children aged over 2.</li> </ul>

7	<b>Leisure facilities and activities for Children &amp; Young People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Youth Club at the community run Community Centre Noddfa.</li> <li>• Weekly Children’s Disco at The Hall.</li> <li>• Junior Rugby</li> <li>• Play areas in village.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Transport Connections</b>	<p>160 households have no cars and there is no train line in the valley. Travel time to key services is significantly higher than the Welsh average.</p> <p><b>Travel Times to Key Services</b></p> <p>Post Office – 12 mins  Library – 116 mins  GP – 12 mins  Pharmacy – 58 mins  Primary School – 7 mins  Secondary School – 65 mins  Food Shop –10 mins  Leisure Centre – 114 mins</p> <p><b>Roads</b></p> <p>The road system is heavily influenced by the Valley’s topography. Junctions in some locations are difficult, while bridges able to carry heavy vehicles dictate bus and lorry routes. Glyncorrwg is situated one mile off the A4107 the main route from Port Talbot to Treorchy.</p> <p><b>Rail</b></p> <p>There is no rail line in the Valley, the closes train station is Neath or Maesteg</p> <p><b>Buses</b></p> <p>Public Transport provision is poor. There is a weekday bus to Neath College in the morning, and back in the evening.</p>

		<p>There is a 2 hourly service Monday to Saturday, 6 into and 5 out of the village a day. Travel to Neath requires changing buses at the lower Afan Valley village of Pontrhydyfen.</p> <p>Both buses are provided by First Cymru.</p>
9	<p><b>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</b></p>	<p><b>In area</b> There is a GP practice based at the Village Health Centre which is part of the Afan Valley Practice.</p> <p><b>Closest hospitals</b> Hospitals are Neath Port Talbot, Singleton, Morriston and Princess of Wales Bridgend.</p> <p><b>Dentists and opticians</b> Cymmer Dental Clinic in Cymmer Health Centre. Opticians are in Maesteg, Port Talbot or Neath.</p> <p>The average life expectancy is lower than the Welsh average at 76, but Healthy life expectancy is 61 years of age compared with 65 across NPT and 68 across Wales.</p>
10	<p><b>External services brought into the area</b></p>	<p>Communities for Work</p> <p>Communities for Work + - offer support with job search</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> <p><b>allotments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary School</li> <li>• Noddfa Community Centre (Local Run)</li> <li>• Many Foot and Cycle Paths, and green space.</li> <li>• Glyncorrwg Rugby Club and playing fields.</li> <li>• Car MOT Centre</li> <li>• Glyncorrwg Ponds</li> <li>• The Hall</li> <li>• Shop</li> <li>• Café in Glyncorrwg ponds</li> <li>• Allotments</li> <li>• Disused Bowling green</li> <li>• Post Office</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Petrol Station – nearest is Maesteg (11.5 miles) or Port Talbot (11 miles)</li> <li>• No Pharmacy or Library – however the nearest are in Cymmer (2.5 miles)</li> </ul>
11a	<b>Greenspaces</b>  <b>Parks &amp; green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable)</b> <b>Footpaths and Active Travel networks</b>	<p>Glyncorrgwg is world famous for its mountain bike trails centred around Glyncorrgwg Ponds Visitor Centre.</p> <p>The Ponds themselves provide a large recreational green space for walking, cycling and fishing.</p> <p>The village has green fields for rugby and football.</p> <p>As a dead-end village there are many forestry walks managed by NRW.</p>
12	<b>Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)</b>	<p>42% identify as having no religion which is above the Welsh average. 50.1% of remaining people (550) identify as Christian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CoE Church</li> <li>• Independent Chapel</li> <li>• Methodist Chapel (based in Noddfa) – Sunday service is held in Noddfa Community Centre</li> </ul>
13	<b>Local businesses &amp; shops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Store &amp; Post Office.</li> <li>• <b>Corrgwg Cwtch</b></li> <li>• Afan a Blast bike Shop</li> </ul>
14	<b>Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Glyncorrgwg Ponds (angling, mountain biking, Café, outdoor gym)</b></li> <li>• Accommodation and shops for Mountain Bikers.</li> <li>• Extensive Bike Trails</li> </ul>
15	<b>Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glyncorrgwg Hall (Social Club)</li> <li>• <b>Corrgwg Cwtch</b></li> <li>• Glyncorrgwg Rugby Club</li> </ul>
16	<b>Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's view of the community?</b>	<p>The empty flats owned by Tai Tarian Housing Association are regarded as an eyesore, and their future is unknown.</p> <p>The con club – has been bought by a private vendor but there is still a lot of work to be done.</p> <p>There are 39 vacant dwellings – 7.8% compared with Welsh average of 6%.</p>
17	<b>Housing – current and planned? Who</b>	<p>Make up of Properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detached – 38 (7.6%) Welsh average = 27.7%</li> <li>• Semi-detached – 182 (36.3%) Welsh average = 31.0%</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terraced – 218 (43.40%) Welsh Average =27.8%</li> <li>• Purpose built flat – 59 (11.8%) Welsh average = 9.6%</li> <li>• Flats in converted house – 4 (0.8%) Welsh average = 2.4%</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner occupied – 306 (66.1%) Welsh average = 67.8%</li> <li>• Social rented – 114 (24.6%) Welsh Average =16.5%</li> <li>• Private rented – 24 (5.2%) Welsh average = 12.7%</li> </ul> <p>Average house price is £63,778.</p> <p>The majority of housing is semi-detached and terraced. Some empty flats are to be demolished and replaced by six bungalows.</p> <p>The social landlords in the area are Tai Tarian and Linc.</p>
18	<b>Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?</b>	The area has very limited services and facilities. Public Transport is poor, and it is difficult for locals to access employment, services, secondary and further education, shopping and amenities outside the village without personal transport.
19	<b>What’s likely to come up? What might change?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport – may be cut further in the future.</li> <li>• The villages in the valley are currently looking at ways they can have community Christmas trees.</li> <li>• Play area– there are some discussions about developing a play area.</li> <li>• The impact of the School closure on the children and wider community.</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Afan Valley Adventure resort – what impact this might have on the local community.</li> </ul>
20	<b>Community Funds</b>	Ffynnon Oer – up to £5,000 Peoples Health Trust Local Conversation – up to £2,500
21	<b>Politics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Nicola-Jayne Elsie Davies – Independent</li> <li>• AM – David Rees – Welsh Labour</li> <li>• MP – Stephen Kinnock – Labour</li> <li>• Council – NPT 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.