



Community Profile – Glynneath and Pontwalby



Vale of Neath Leisure Centre

Glynneath is a typical small Welsh valley town, located in Neath Port Talbot County's Vale of Neath, at the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. It lies 12 miles from Neath. The famous Pontneddfechan falls are about a mile from the town. It has a rich heritage of industrial and community values, having been home to the coal industry during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Some of the Neath Canal still survives in the area. Its location is central and sits alongside the River Neath and A465.



Trem y Glyn Sheltered Housing

The electoral ward of Glynneath is made up of the town, Glynneath, Morfa Glas, Rheola, Crugau, Pont-walby, Bryn-awel, Pentreclwydau and Aber-pergwm in the parliamentary constituency of Neath. Most of the ward consists of woodland.

Glynneath is the main service centre for the Neath Valley, and is home to a number of shops and small businesses such as hairdressers, specialist shops and health providers such as dentist, optician, and pharmacy. A new health centre has recently opened on the edge of town. There is a leisure centre with pool, as well as a private gym.

The town is in the top 50% of areas of multiple deprivation in Wales in seven of the eight categories. (The exception been the physical environment.) It ranks as 24th overall for the County.

The population is ageing, and has dropped between the last two censuses, and is forecast to drop again. 28.9% of the population –above the county average – can speak, read and write Welsh.

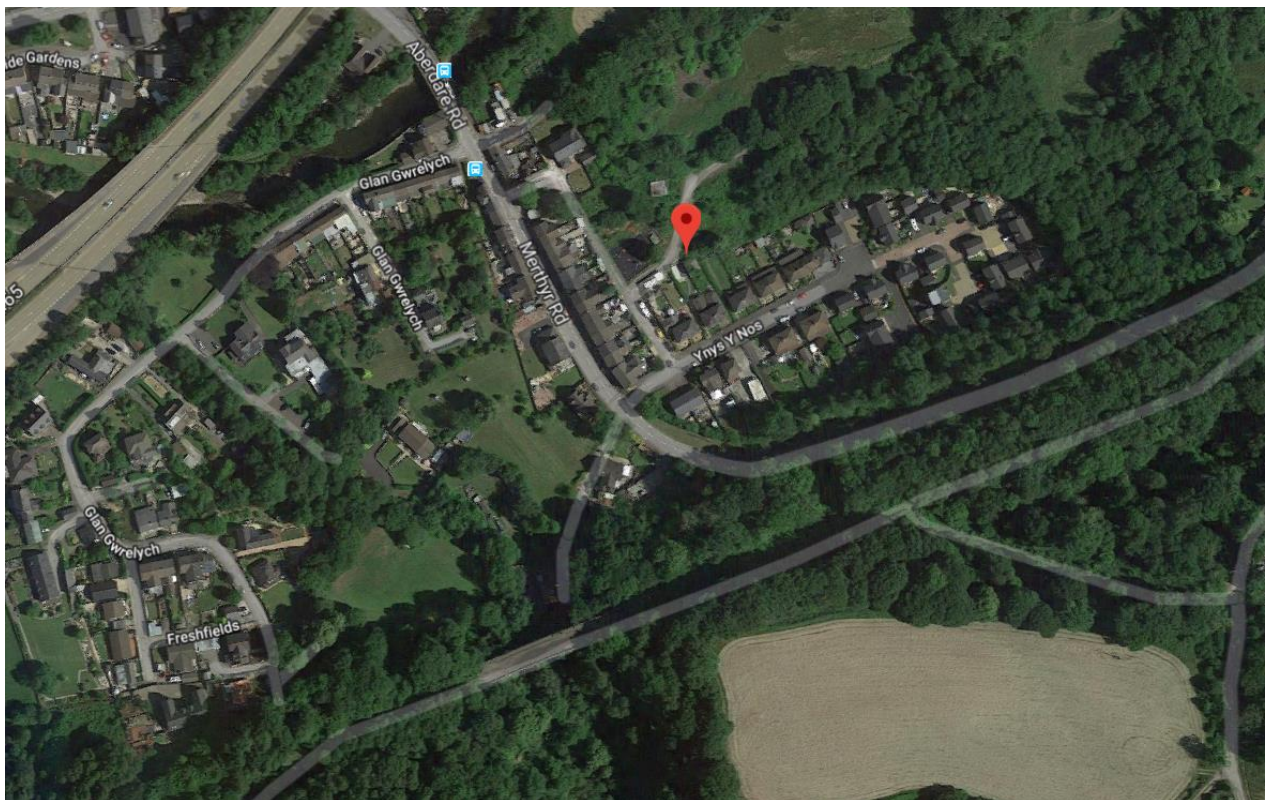
Some land surrounding the villages is managed by Natural Resources Wales. There had been recent deforestation due to a Larch disease.

Glynneath





Pontwalby



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1	Population	3,430 (source Census 2011 via Stats Wales)								
2	Demographics	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">0-17 years65918-64 years198365+ years788</div> <div>(source Census 2011 via Stats Wales)</div>								
3	Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)	WIMD 2014 (where 1 is most deprived and 1909 is least)								
		WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing
		387	438	359	407	323	639	991	315	1,001
		1,011	980	735	1,220	1,156	765	1,402	278	1,624
		<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">22% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales1% of households have no central heating which is less than the Welsh average of 2%Overall crime rate is lower than the Welsh average29% of people have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales35% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales25% of households have no car which compared with the Welsh average of 23%98% of people live in a flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales98% of people are White British compared with the Welsh average of 93% and 88.3% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales67% of the population cannot speak welsh which is lower than the Welsh average of 73%Of people out of work, 10.4% are receiving incapacity benefits26.2% of children are in “out of work” households which above the Welsh average of 17.8% and 24.3% are living in poverty which is slightly higher than the Welsh average of 20.8%30.7% of pensioners have no vehicle14.9% of the population are providing unpaid care, which higher than the Welsh average of 12.1%Personal debt and residential mortgage debt per head are lower than the Welsh averageThe air quality score is 36</div>								

4	Employment & Local Economy (where do people work)	<p>Glynneath Business Park – Home of small units. Planning permission for an opencast mine at the site of the Unity mine, which closed in 2013 with the loss of 181 jobs, has been refused in February 2019.</p> <p>33.1% are in full-time employment (81) compared with 35% across Wales/14.2% are in part-time employment (350) and 6.7% of people are self-employed (164). 38.3% of population are economically inactive which is slightly higher than the Welsh average.</p> <p>In order of the most popular jobs according to UK census (2011):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Social Work (17% of working people) • Retail (14% of working population) • Manufacturing (13% of working people)
5	Active Community Groups	<p>Glynneath Town Council http://www.glynneathtowncouncil.gov.uk/</p> <p>The main council building is Bethania Community Centre but there is also the Town hall. The council is responsible for the welfare park, play areas and cemetery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glynneath Training Centre • Neurological Rehabilitation Wales • Saving our Sanity • Glynneath Allotments • Glynneath Rugby Club • Glynneath Karate Club • The Fane Art Group • Glynneath Community Events Panel • Glynneath Community First Responders Group • Glynneath Town Football Club • Glynneath AFC Minis 6-12 • Glynneath AFC Juniors 13-17 • Glynneath RFC Juniors 7s - 11 • Glynneath RFC Juniors 12-18

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glynneath Brownies/Guides • Glynneath Bushido Ryu Judo Club • Glynneath Junior Tennis Club • Glynneath Kick Boxing Club • Glynneath Youth Club (NPTCBC Youth Service) 11-18s • Lle Ni/Our Space - new club for 5-11 yr olds • Messy Church (Peniel/Pen Moriah Churches) • Peniel Youth Club 11-17 • Peniel Kids Club 5-11 • Rompers Day Nursery • St Johns Ambulance Branch Glynneath (Juniors) • Song and Rhyme Time • Story Time and Crafts • Cancer Research (Glynneath) • Cerdded y Cwm - Walking Club • Darlington Opticians • Friends of the Hospital (Glynneath Branch) • Friends of Glynneath Library • Glynneath Clinic ABMU • Glynneath & Cwmgwrach Macmillan Cancer Support • Glynneath Dental Practice • Glynneath Pharmacy – Vale of Neath Practice • Glynneath Stroke Group • Kathleen Cleeve Reflexology • St Johns Wales (Glynneath Division) • Vale of Neath General Practice Glynneath • Vale of Neath Food Bank • Yoga, Chair Yoga and other exercise classes • Autumn Leaves Group (Maeshir) • NPT Carers Coffee Morning - Glynneath Group • Cor Meibion Glynnedd • Crochet Club • Film Club
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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmnedd English Primary School (0.9miles) over two Sites - Estyn Ratings (June 2018) – Standards: Good; Wellbeing and attitudes to learning: Good; Teaching and learning experiences: Good; Care, support and guidance: Good; Leadership and management: Good. 217 pupils • Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwmnedd Welsh Primary School (0.8 miles) - Estyn Ratings October (2016) - Good. 154 Pupils <p>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera (Welsh Medium aged 11-18) – (12.1 miles from Glynneath) - Estyn Rating (2013) – Good. 1,001 pupils <p>Closest English Language Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llangatwg Community School (English medium age 11-16) – (10.1 miles from Glynneath) – Estyn ratings (April 2018) – Standards: Good; Wellbeing and attitudes to learning: Good; Teaching and learning experiences: Adequate and needs improvement; Care, support and guidance: Good; Leadership and management: Good. 702 pupils • Some children attend school outside the county borough in Aberdare, Rhydyfro Primary School and St Johns High School Aberdare. <p>Closest Special educational school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Hendrefelin Neath (aged 5 – 16) – 12.9 miles from area

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ysgol Maes Y Coed Neath (aged 2-19) – 13 miles from area <p>Closest Childcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rompers Day Nursery – registered for 19 children aged 0-8. Cylch Meithrin – Based in Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwmnedd
7	Leisure facilities and activities for Children & Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Academy (4-7year olds) Junior and Mini Rugby Peniel Youth Club 11-17 Peniel Kids Club 5-11 Glynneath Youth Club (NPTCBC Youth Service) 11-18s Glynneath AFC Minis 6-12 Glynneath AFC Juniors 13-17 Glynneath RFC Juniors 7s - 11 Glynneath RFC Juniors 12-18 Glynneath Brownies/Guides Song and Rhyme Time Story Time and Crafts Messy Church (Peniel/Pen Moriah Churches) Glynneath Junior Tennis Club Play Club (GTC) Monday 4:30-6:00 Drama Group (Ystradfellte) MUGA (by Rugby Club)
8	Transport Connections	<p>380 households have no cars and there is no train line in the valley. Travel time to key services is about the Welsh average, apart from travel to secondary school which is double the Welsh average.</p> <p>Travel Times to Key Services</p> <p>Post Office – 15.1 mins</p> <p>Library – 18.2 mins</p> <p>GP – 18.7 mins</p> <p>Pharmacy – 18.4 mins</p> <p>Primary School – 15.6 mins</p>

		<p>Secondary School – 69.9mins Food Shop –13 mins Leisure Centre – 25.7 mins</p> <p>Roads The A465 is adjacent to the town.</p> <p>Rail There is no rail line in the Valley, the closest train station is Neath or Aberdare</p> <p>Buses Served by a several bus companies. First operate hourly (between 9:07am- 19:00pm) buses to Swansea via Neath, and a single morning bus to Neath College. The Community transport service DANSA operate several buses, including an evening service to Neath, buses linking to the villages in the adjoining Dulais Valley. First Call's Resolven to Merthyr bus calls in three times a day each way, New Adventure's bus from Neath to Local Beauty spot Pontneddfechan calls in, and Stagecoach operates a service into the Aman Valley.</p>
9	Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)	<p>In area Vale of Neath Practice, is based in Resolven but will soon be moving to its new location near Cwmgwrach</p> <p>Closest hospitals Hospitals are Neath Port Talbot, Singleton, Morriston</p> <p>Dentists and opticians There is a dentist and opticians in the town.</p> <p>The average life expectancy is slightly lower than the Welsh average at 77, but Healthy life expectancy is 66 years of age compared with 65 across NPT and 68 across Wales.</p>
10	External services brought into the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Blood (Blood Donation) • Age Connects – Weekly group session with various talks/activities • Good Neighbour Scheme

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Adult Continuing Education (DACE) • ABMU/Hwyl Community Mental Health Support • Age Connect Neath Port Talbot • Awel Aman Tawe - Community Energy Charity - Egni • Chwarae Teg Agile Nation2 (business support) • Citizens Advice Swansea Neath Port Talbot • Coastal Housing Group - Llys yr Ysgol Housing, High St Glynneath • Coastal Housing Group – Heathfield Court • Workways Neath Port Talbot - employment support • Fairshare • Pobl Housing - Trem y Glyn Residential Home • Open University in Wales • Mid & West Wales Fire Service - Glynneath • MIND Neath Port Talbot • Newydd Housing Association - Maes yr Eglwys Estate • NPT College Group • NPT College Pathways • Tai Tarian including Haven Housing Scheme Maeshir Glynneath • NPTCBC Adult & Community Learning • NPTCBC Flying Start Service - for Parents & Childcare Providers • NPTCBC Libraries - Glynneath Library • NPTCBC Countryside & Wildlife Team • Neath Port Talbot CVS • South Wales Police • Tenovus Care • Welsh Ambulance Service Glynneath • Ystradfellte YFC
11	Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include pharmacies, libraries and petrol stations Main buildings Sports facilities & Clubs Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glynneath Training Centre (SA11 5DB) • Glynneath Town Hall (SA11 5DA) • Glynneath Library (SA11 5DW) • Bethania Community Centre (SA11 5DA) • Glynneath Rugby Club (SA11 5BB)

	Playing fields Heritage sites allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glynneath Pharmacy (now based in the new Health Centre) (SA11 5AT) • Playground in Welfare Park (SA11 5DU) • Skateboard park • Tennis Courts (SA11 5DU) • Playground in Pontwalby • There are lots of footpaths and trails that link to other areas. • The Train Station Gym (SA11 5AF) • The Lamb and Flag (SA11 5EP) • Glynneath Fire Station (SA11 5EW) • Trem y Glyn (sheltered accommodation) (SA11 5DW) • Sound as a Pound (SA11 5BU) • Glynneath Bakery (SA11 5BU) • Glynneath Social Club (SA11 5AW) • Tesco Esso express Shop and Petrol Station (SA11 5EW) • Co-operative store (SA11 5AL) • The Vale of Neath Leisure Centre (SA11 5HW)
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>34.8% identify as having no religion which is in line with the Welsh average. 56.6% of remaining people (1,945) identify as Christian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addoldy Welsh Independent Chapel (SA11 5NT) • Bethel Baptist Chapel (High Street) • Capel y Glyn (Glan Road) (SA11 5NT) • Ebenezer Chapel (Pontneathvaughan Road) • Glynneath Council of Churches (SA11 5HR) • Pen Moriah (Llewellyn Street) <p>Messy Church</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peniel Temple Pentecostal Church (New St) (SA11 5AA) Teeny Tots – Wednesday 9am Kids Club – Wednesday 6pm Sunday Service Vale of Neath Foodbank • St John Kemble Roman Catholic Church (Llewellyn St) (SA11 5LR) • Vale of Neath Parish -St Cadocs & St Mary's Churches, Aberpergwm Church (SA11 5NT) (SA11 5AF) • Wesleyan Chapel (Aberdare Road) • Utopia Spiritual Unity Church (SA11 5BB)
13	Local businesses & shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Store • TSB Bank Plc (SA11 5BU) • McDonalds Fast Food Restaurant (SA11 5NZ) • Tesco Express • Meadow View (self-catering) • Mike Morgan Rallying • Nedd Products/Celtic Seren • R G Pest Control • R O Parks (Hirwaun) Ltd • John Pearce Glynneath Ltd • Nelson & Son (Glynneath) Ltd - travel centre • Nelson & Son (Glynneath) Ltd MOT Centre • Paul Green Tyres Ltd • Windsor Motors • Evans News • LA Family Fashions • Neath Valley Wools • Sound as a Pound • Chameleon Hairdresser • Chic Tea Room • The Corner Barbers • Dave's Stylist • Glynneath Financial Services • Kelsie Hale Photography

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Shaw Photography • Power Bronze • SEAS Accountants & Tax Advisers • The Trainstation Fitness Club • Vale Memorials • Waggs Dog Grooming • China Garden • Cosy Corner Fish & Chip Bar • Family Shopper & Post Office • Glynneath Bakery • Hot Flames • Golden Grill Kebab & Pizzas • Chris's Diner • Raj Balti • Kumar Premier Stores • Lee's Garden Takeaway • A D J Construction • A & L Heating and Plumbing • A & R Electrical • Andrew Davies Home Improvements • Ann's Taxis • ATOM Heating Ltd • BPS Roofing • Bramwood Timber • Burns Decorators • Cambrian Coatings • CJJ Screeders • Complete Upholsterers • D & D Hire (foundation & landscaping) • Derricks Electrical Services • Diamond M Mastics • Drew Services • D W Sealants
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14	Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)	<p>Close to “Waterfall Country” – world famous waterfalls in neighbouring villages of Resolven, Clyne and Melincourt and Pontneddfechan. Slightly further up are the ruins of the Glyn-Neath Gunpowder Works. There is a Brunel Designed Viaduct at Pont Walby, one of the adjoining villages. There is a Geo Park Trail, through the Brecon Beacons National Park.</p>

		There are a number of buildings that are in the process of consideration by the local authority as being of historic or other significance: https://www.npt.gov.uk/media/10362/spg_bli_glynneath.pdf
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doherty's Glynneath (Glynneath Town FC) (SA11 5BR) • Glynneath Town FC Club • Glynneath Golf Club and Junior Club • Glynneath Rugby Club (SA11 5BD) • Glynneath Social Club (SA11 5BW) • Glynneath Tennis Club (SA11 5AB) • Vale of Neath Biking & Boarding Club • Vale of Neath Leisure Centre (Celtic Leisure) (SA11 5HW) • Dinas Rock Hotel (SA11 5AP) • The Halfway House (SA11 5HY) • The Lamb and Flag (SA11 5EP)
16	Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's view of the community?	<p>The Woolpack</p> <p>Costcutters</p> <p>There are 94 vacant dwellings – 5.8% compared with Welsh average of 6%.</p>
17	Housing – current and planned? Who	<p>Make up of Properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 253 (15.7%) Welsh average = 27.7% • Semi-detached – 796 (49.3%) Welsh average = 31.0% • Terraced – 341 (21.1%) Welsh Average =27.8% • Purpose built flat – 191 (11.8%) Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted house – 18(1.1%) Welsh average = 2.4% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 1,047 (68.9%) Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 299 (19.7%) Welsh Average =16.5% • Private rented – 124(8.2%) Welsh average = 12.7% <p>Average house price is £102,848 – 45.4% of properties were built between 1900-1939 with 50 properties being built since 2000</p>

		<p>Glynneath is an interesting mix of traditional terrace, large new build estates and semi-detached housing. There are also many detached, large properties with surrounding land that make up parts of the village.</p> <p>Social Housing is provided by Tai Tarian, Newydd, Pobl (Gwalia) and Coastal.</p>
18	Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?	<p>Glynneath has a high street (with all the amenities) – there are lots of activities for all ages of the community. There is a mixed political landscape which has its challenges - the Town Council is currently recruiting a new clerk this is the fourth time in a year.</p> <p>There are a number of community facilities in the town – as budgets become tighter there may be a need to look at what facilities the community wants/needs.</p>
19	What’s likely to come up? What might change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPTCBC Budget consultation proposed the closure of the Library it was saved from this year’s cuts however this is something to be aware of for future years. • Trem – y – Glyn was proposed for closure by NPTCBC. This is something that has been fought by the local community – NPTCBC has approved to review the options to keep the home open past 2022. The home is now run by Pobl (Gwalia). • Impact of the re-location of the Health centre on local community and transport to get there. • Welfare park is an area of interest locally along with the tennis courts.
20	Community benefit funds	<p>Glynneath has access to a number of community benefit funds:</p> <p>Aberpergwm £500-£3,000</p> <p>Selar Glynneath £500-£15,000</p> <p>Maesgwyn £500-£15,000 (applications of over £15,000 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances).</p>
21	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Del Morgan – Plaid Cymru (currently Mayor of Glynneath)/ Cllr Simon Knoyle - Independent • AM – Jeremy Miles - Labour • MP – Christina Rees – Labour • Council – NPT CBC – Labour • Town / Community Council – Glynneath Town Council - http://glynneathtowncouncil.gov.uk/



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.