



Community Profile –Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare

Aberdare Park

Llwydcoed is a village in the North of the Cwm Cynon, near the town of Aberdare in the county borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf, Wales. The Aberdare ironworks were established at Llwydcoed in the early 19th century.

In the mid to late part of the century 8 public houses were opened in Llwydcoed. It is said that more beer was consumed when the coal mines were being worked than it is today in Llwydcoed.

AFC Llwydcoed is the highest rank football team across AoB and is having new 250-seater stand built for 19/20 season – the club has been at the heart of the community since 1931. AFC Llwydcoed often use the community centre for their presentation evenings. The Llwydcoed community centre is an active centre holding many community events and evenings.

Stage and screen actor Ioan Gruffudd was born in Llwydcoed. Best known for playing Reed Richards in The Fantastic Four and for his role as Horatio Hornblower. Roy Noble, radio presenter on BBC Radio Wales and BBC Radio Cymru, lives in Llwydcoed.

Trecynon (inc Robertstown) and Cwmdare are small villages and communities in the North of the Cwm Cynon, near the town of Aberdare in the county borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf, Wales. The Aberdare ironworks were established at Llwydcoed in the early 19th century. Trecynon developed in the early 19th century as a result of ironworks in Llwydcoed. The village of Cwmdare has become a commuter village for the surrounding towns such as Aberdare, Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd as well as the cities of Cardiff and Swansea.

Trecynon is home to the **Aberdare Park**, which is on a 50-acre site, borders cross into many of the neighbouring villages - Aberdare park is a Victorian park, the park hosts many different events and activities, from motorbike racing to park runs. The park has bowling facilities, tennis facilities, a lake, café and toilets. The Park is a historical site which still hosts a Victorian bandstand and fountain. There are many active community groups supporting different aspects of the community of Aberdare.



Elim Chapel, Cwmdare.

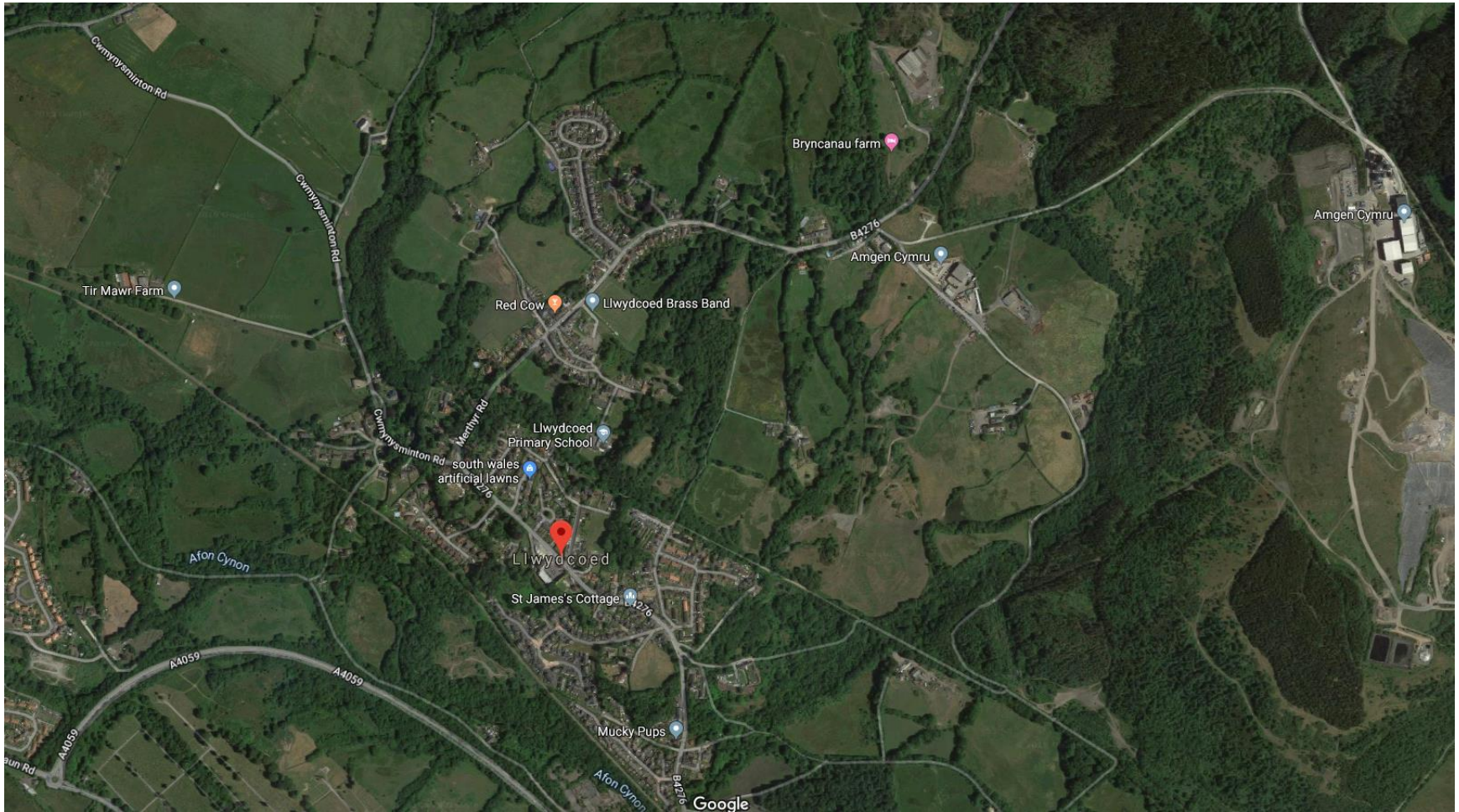
Trecynon Hall is dynamic with evening events and shows. St Fagan's church situated in Trecynon offer a vast range of services to the community incorporating all age groups and has an easily accessible website.

Cwmdare is a community that flows down the Dare mountain down to the town of Aberdare. There are almost no jobs in Cwmdare, and the majority of residents commute out of the village for employment. There is a local shop, post office and pub in Cwmdare. Cwmdare has several chapels, which are well used by the community. The communities are more affluent compared to other areas in the Cynon valley, with a large proportion of the residents retiring during working age. The housing in the communities is mixed, with an average of 10% being social housing and the rest terraced, detached and new builds privately owned. The average price of a house in the communities of Trecynon and Cwmdare is £194,878.

Robertstown is a small area the other side of the A4059 from Trecynon and consists of 4 streets and industrial units. There are no community groups, building or shops based there but there is a public house 'The Gadlys Arms' and a Mosque based in the old Church.

Llwydcoed

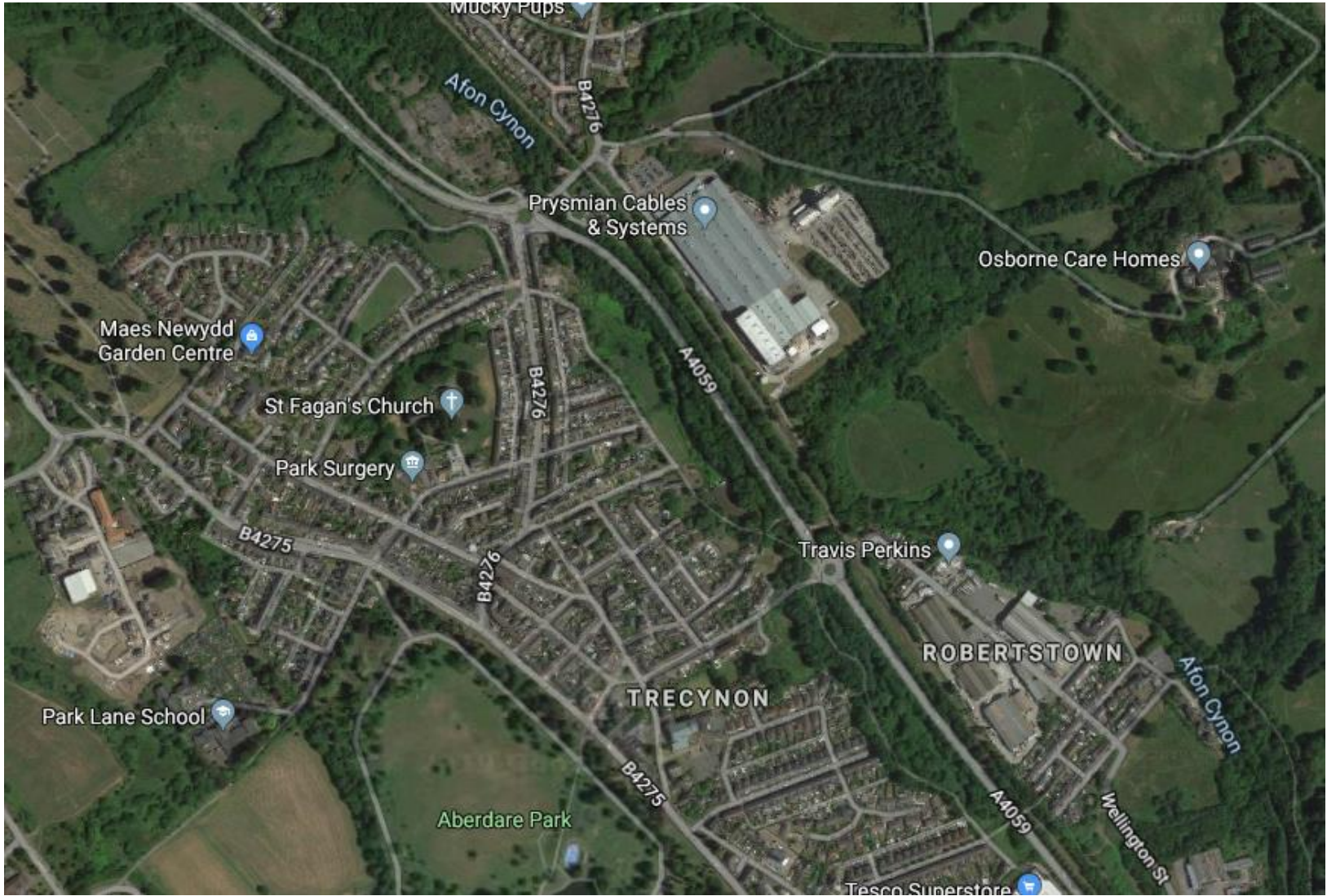




Trecynon (+ Robertstown)

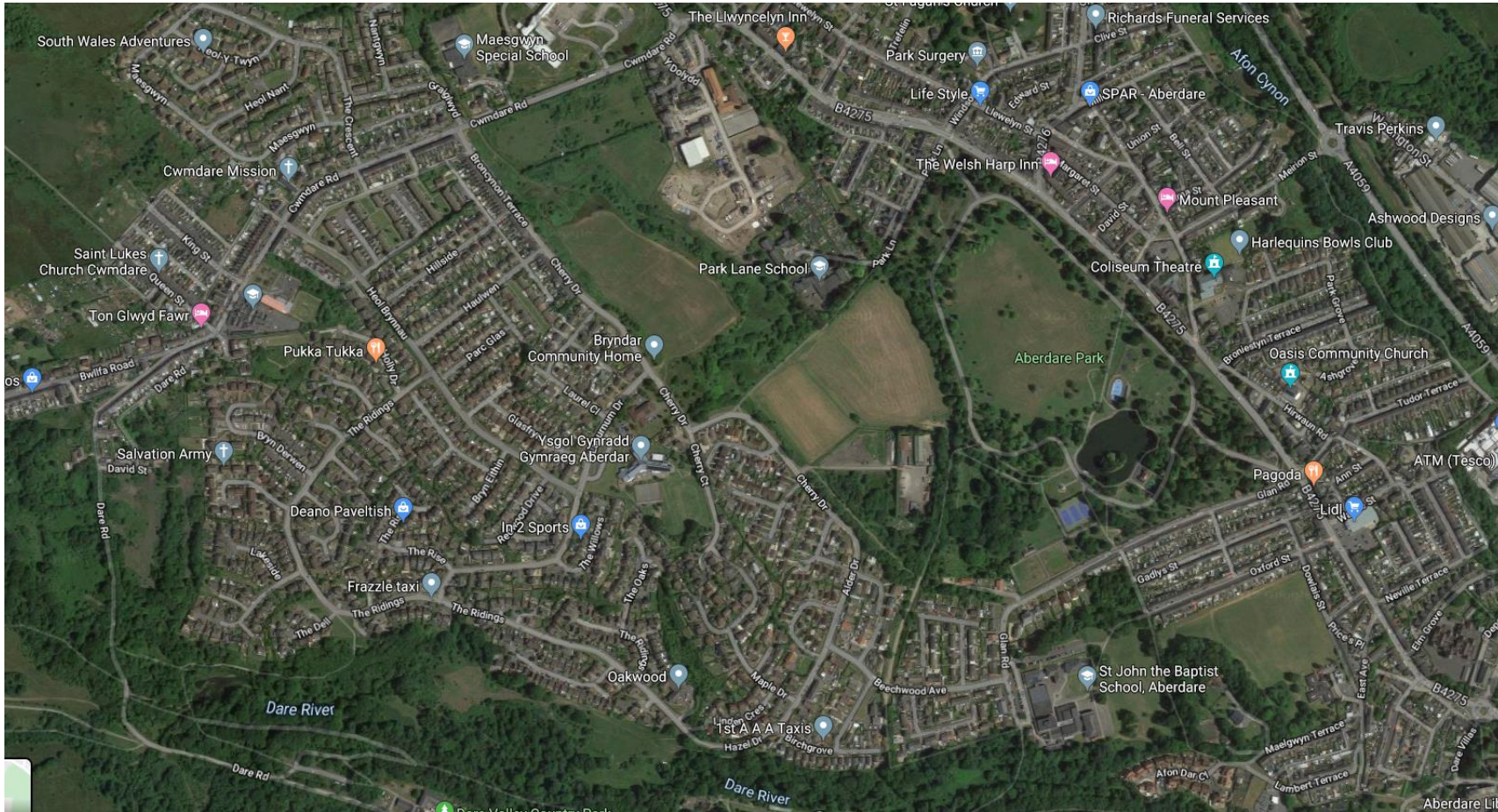






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Cwmdare





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1	Population	9385 UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018)
2	Demographics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-17 years 1590 • 18-64 years 5770 • 65+ years 2025 UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018)
3	Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales • 1% of households have no central heating • Overall crime rate is slightly lower than Welsh average. There were 692 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 76.5 per 1000 population – the majority of these were ‘violent crimes. • 26% of people have a life limiting illness compared with 23% across Wales • 29% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales • 22% have no car compared with 23% across Wales • 97.4% of people are White British compared with 93% Welsh average and 89.2% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales • 76.9% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 9% able to speak and write Welsh • Of people out of work, 12.3% are receiving workless benefits and 2.2% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 95 people claiming Universal Credit. • 0 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, and 16.1% are actually living in least deprived 20% of areas in Wales. • 14.5% of children (230) are in ‘out of work households, lower than 17.8% Welsh average and only 17.8% are living in poverty compared with 20% Welsh average • 5.4% of population are receiving mental health benefits (315 people) this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits. • There are 1338 people providing unpaid care (14.5%) • Personal debt is lower than Welsh average and 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 and only 29.6% live in flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales

WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing
1,310	1,346	1,031	540	1,346	965	1,332	1,835	1,856
706	1,051	689	170	1,129	462	1,263	1,183	1,271
520	378	321	504	512	1,651	810	1,567	1,613
430	485	237	404	686	529	653	1,828	1,175
757	565	428	1,097	773	1,791	990	811	1,042
1,791	1,845	1,423	1,818	1,618	815	1,906	1,852	1,888

4 Employment & Local Economy (where do people work)

The communities of Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare displayed a higher concentration of retired residents than that of the Welsh Average. A quarter of the working age population in the area were retired according to Census (2011).

Davies and Musson (2007) analysed the increase in the commuting population. Since the loss of coal mines and iron industry, the total employment within the valley has increased, although not at the same rate as the population. The volume of commuting has increased substantially in the area, and the majority of the working age population migrate to cities for work

63.3% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 36.2% employed full time, 13.7% employed part time and 6.4% self-employed (around 435 people).

The largest employment sector is Health and Social care (16% of the 3490 people in employment), then Retail (13% of the 3940 people in employment) and Education (13% of the 3940 people in employment).

In the area, there are on average 4.78 claimants per job, very slightly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority, education, health and manufacturing.

5 Active Community Groups

Llwydcoed

- Llwydcoed Community Centre (B)** directly next to football field
Dance classes / Sewing classes / Music events / Yoga and gong bath sessions / available for hire by the community.

- **AFC Llwydcoed** – Welsh Football League Division 1 (highest rank team in AoB). Based on The Welfare Ground using The Red Cow as clubhouse. They are having 250-seater stadium built in 2019 funded by PyC. Senior team and 198 junior and youth players across age groups including girls’ team for first time in 19/20 season.
- **Llwydcoed Brass Band** – actually practice and are based in Trecynon Hall, Trecynon.
- **Llwydcoed Community Action Group**
- **Llwydcoed Primary School PTA** – community room being added to school, funded by PyC

Trecynon

- Parish of Aberdare
- **Trecynon Hall and Institute** (has 2 private businesses operating from building)
 - Tai Chi / Live Shows / DJ Nights / Col Stars (Theatre Group)/ Community Cabaret / Room and Event Hire
 - Bryn Siriol Chapel use the Hall for it’s Sunday Services and it is very well attended. Chapel members also carry out litter picks and carol singing
 - **Llwydcoed Band** are also based here
- **Showcase Trecynon** – Performing Arts for all ages
- **The Oasis Community Project Charity** (No. 1159713) was established in 2014 to promote and extend community engagement / support activities to the Cynon Valley communities.
 - Ladies Coffee Morning
 - Oasis Tots Parents and Toddlers
 - Oasis Junior’s Children’s Club
 - Oasis Youth Club
- **Hen Dy Cwrdd** – Addoldai Cymru with friends of group
- **Friends of Aberdare Park**
- Aberdare Bowls Club (Aberdare Park)
- Harlequins Bowls Club (Trecynon)
- Friends of Maesgwyn Special School

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdare Camera Club • Cor Merched Cwm Cynon • CISWO Harlequins Group • Welsh Heart Inn darts and Pools Teams • Mount Pleasant Pub Darts and Pools Teams <p>Cwmdare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmdare for Cwmdare (C4C) • Friends of Maesgwyn Special School – support pupils, parents and surrounding community to develop recycling and gardening projects with opportunities to volunteer. • Cwmdare Welfare Hall and Recreation centre • Cwmdare Primary school home Schools association • Cwmdare Voices – Male voice choir, with 40 members • Dare to Sing Ladies Choir • Cwmdare OAP • Cwmdare Allotments • Aberdare Bowls Club
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"> • Cwmdar County Primary School – Estyn rating (2016) – Good / 297 pupils. • Aberdare Park Primary School -Trecynon • Llwydcoed Primary School – Estyn rating (2014) – Adequate / 96 pupils. <p>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary - YGG Aberdar (in Cwmdare) • Secondary - Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun – (1.2 miles away) Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate / 961 pupils, 171 of which attend sixth form.

		<p>Closest English Language Secondary School The nearest English Language Comprehensive School is Aberdare community school – a distance of 2.3 miles with school buses for transport or St John the Baptist High School is actually in gadlys.</p> <p>Closest Special educational school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Maesgwyn Cwmdare (11-18) who also have a satellite base in Aberdare on Coleg y Cymoedd Campus for post 16) <p>Also, in area is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Lane Special School – Trecynon (3-19) • Pupil Referral Unit – Cwmdare <p>There is no Flying Start provision in this area.</p> <p>25.5% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales, (Census, 2011) and 59.6% of 18-19-year olds are not in Higher education compared with 66.1% Welsh average.</p>
7	<p>Leisure facilities and activities for Children & Young People</p>	<p>Trecynon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Factory: St Fagan’s Hall, Windsor St, Trecynon, 9.25-10.30am, every Sunday (except the first of the month) includes Arts, Crafts and stories for children aged 4-11years. • NAB Youth Club meets every Friday, 6.00 – 8:30pm at St Fagan's Hall in Trecynon. We offer an open door and a safe environment for 11-16-year old. • Youth Services - Services take place at 6pm in St Fagan's Community Hall on the third Sunday of each month. • Oasis Tots - playgroup / junior children’s club and youth club every Friday. • Bryn Sion Baptist Church run toddler group once a week / children’s club once a week, term time / youth club once a week, term time / messy play sessions and holiday fun sessions • Tennis Club in Aberdare Park • Scouts / Beavers / Clubs and Explorers – St Fagan’s Church

		<p>Cwmdare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLAST: St Luke’s Hall, Queen St, Cwmdare, 10.45-11.45am every Sunday - Includes arts, Crafts, colouring and stories for 4-11 years old. • Teddy Bear Service - Every first Thursday of the month a short 15-minute service in St Luke's Church for pre- school children. • Messy Play – at the churches, times and locations updated on Facebook page. • Gadlys Rovers FC U9 / U11 / U13 (meet at the Ton in Cwmdare)
8	Transport Connections	<p>22.4% of households (875) which is lower than average 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 28.3% of pensioner households (467) 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</p> <p>Post Office – 13.5 mins Library – 26 mins GP – 17 mins Pharmacy – 16.7 mins Primary School – 10.5 mins Secondary School – 15.1 mins Food Shop – 10.2 mins Leisure Centre – 35.2 mins</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare can now be reached from the City of Cardiff by car in 45minutes via the A470 heading North, exiting onto the head of the valleys A465.</p>

		<p>Rail</p> <p>Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare can also be reached via a train to Aberdare train station from Cardiff city centre. There are 28 trains a day that travel the line from Cardiff to Aberdare and back to Cardiff. The first train from Aberdare to Cardiff is at 6.21am and the last train to arrive at Aberdare is at 10.43pm.</p> <p>Buses</p> <p>From Aberdare the number 9 bus will then go to the village of Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare. The Stagecoach number 6 bus leaves Aberdare bus station every 30 minutes from 7.08am, with the last bus leaving the station at 6.25pm. The number 6 bus travels across to Merthyr Tydfil town daily.</p>
9	<p>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</p>	<p>In area</p> <p>Park Surgery – Trecynon (CF44 8LL) open Mon – Fri - 8.00am – 6.30pm.</p> <p>Closest hospitals</p> <p>Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr (7.7 miles away) - Major acute / Major A&E / Open 24 hours Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Mountain Ash (11.18 miles away) – New Community and minor injuries hospital</p> <p>Dentists and opticians</p> <p>The closest are in Aberdare town centre 2.2 miles away</p> <p>26% of people (2400) 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 66 compared with 68 Welsh average and higher than RCT average.</p> <p>0% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average</p>
10	<p>External services brought into the area</p>	<p>Slimming world</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>	<p>Llwydcoed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llwydcoed Community Centre – dance classes, sewing classes, music events, yoga and gong bath sessions, activities for the whole community, can hire venue • AFC Llwydcoed (CF44 0YE) <p>Trecynon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trecynon Hall (CF44 8LY) – Evening events and shows • St Fagan's Church is a grade 2 listed building in Trecynon (CF44 8LL) • Comin School Allotment, Trecynon (CF44 8LU) • Trecynon Coliseum Theatre - 600 seat auditorium and Cinema one of only two theatres managed by RCT CBC • Aberdare Park (plans for splash pad / open green space / small lake with pedalos / play area / tennis courts / bowls green / Parkrun) • Small play area at bottom of Mill Street Trecynon • Trefelin St Bullring – multi-purpose sports area <p>Cwmdare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmdare Club (CF44 8UA) – Events, shows, slimming world • Man, Chwarae Playground (CF44 7PW) • Dare Valley Country Park (entrance via top of Cwmdare or from Aberdare Town Centre) <p>There are no pharmacies, Libraries or fuel stations in Llwydcoed, Trecynon or Cwmdare.</p>
11a	<p>Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable)</p> <p>Footpaths and Active Travel networks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdare Park Funds being raised for splash bad to replace abandoned paddling pool Bowling Green and Clubhouse Aberdare Lawn Tennis Boating Lake

		<p>Lower Park Lodge Play area Gardens Bandstand Café Woodland areas Statues and walks Parkrun Aberdare Road Races (annually) Aberdare Park Festival (annually)</p>
12	<p>Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)</p>	<p>30% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 62.6% of remaining people (2,480) identify as Christian</p> <p>Llwydcoed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St James – Llwydcoed <p>Trecynon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Fagan’s – Trecynon (CF44 8LL) – Caffi Cino, for over 50’s lunch club every Thursday at 1pm until 3pm, bingo, quizzes. Tea and Toast, free breakfast every Monday 9am – 11.30am. Community library, mon – fri, 10am – 12pm. Mothers Union, first Monday every month, (Men are also welcome). Large Hall available for hire / Uniform Exchange <p>Cwmdare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Luke’s – Cwmdare – Tea and Toast, free breakfast every Thursday 9am – 11am. Large hall available of hire. • Nebo Welsh Baptist Chapel – Cwmdare • Cwmdare Mission – mother and toddler group and girl guides. • Oasis Community Church <p>All three churches, St Fagan’s, St Luke’s and St James, come under the Parish and between them hold daily services for the three communities. Faith Factory and Blast are held on Sundays for children between 4-11 years.</p>

13	Local businesses & shops	<p>Llwydcoed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coed Stores – Convenience store Llwydcoed • Family Shopper – Convenience store Llwydcoed • Fish Bar • Mojos Hair • Autocare • Car Wash and Valet <p>There are also several businesses based in area including Mucky Pups / Tip Top Toilets / SW Artificial Lawns that do not have store front.</p> <p>There are two large working farms and a factory employing 60 people in Llwydcoed (Prysmian Cables and Systems). Ysguborwen Care Home offers space for 78 residents and employs 45 people.</p> <p>Although not many shops, it's close proximity to Trecynon and Aberdare as well as main road through Llwydcoed leading directly to Merthyr in 10 minutes means there are plenty of shopping options.</p> <p>Trecynon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifestyle • Park Motors • Paul and Tobin Heating and Plumbing • Cwtch Bakery • Pukka Tukka • Fai's Fish Bar • Happy Fish and Chips • Fusion – Hairdresser • Tracey's Unisex Hair Salon • Sasha and Co hairdresser • Appliance world direct
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2 Sports • General store and post office • Maes Newydd Garden Centre <p>Cwmdare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spar - Cwmdare • Cwmdare Store and Post office <p>There is also an industrial estate the opposite side of the A4059 with large employers such as Prysmian Cables / Travis Perkins and Ashwood Designs (these sustain almost 400 jobs in total)</p>
14	Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dare Valley Country Park has an entrance at the very top of Cwmdare • Aberdare Park • Walking routes and maps for Llwydcoed: <p>https://getoutside.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/local/llwydcoed-rhondda-cynon-taf</p>
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<p>Llwydcoed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Cow <p>Trecynon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gadlys Arms (Robertstown) • The Welsh Harp Inn • White Lion • The Llwyncelyn Inn • Beehive Inn

		<p>Cwmdare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmdare Social Club • Cwmdare Club • Ton Glwyd Fawr • Mount Pleasant Hotel
16	Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's views of the community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elim Church - Cwmdare
17	Housing – current and planned? Who	<p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 1001 (24.3%) Welsh average = 27.7% • Semi Detached – 1094 (26.6%) Welsh average = 31% • Terraced – 1657 (40.3%) Welsh average = 27.8% • Purpose Built Flats – 286 (7%) Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted houses or buildings – 52 (1.3%) Welsh average = 2.4% • Caravans or temporary dwellings – 25 (0.6%) Welsh average 0.4% • Second homes - 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 2965 (75.8%) Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 415 (10.6%) Welsh average = 16.5% • Private rented – 442 (11.3%) Welsh average = 15.8% <p>Average house price is £131,020 (though average price for detached house is £208,333)</p> <p>35.8% of properties (1570) were built before 1900 and 37.7% of properties (1650) were built between 1945 and 1999 but importantly, 390 properties have been built since 2000 (4% of all housing) which is higher than Welsh average. There is a significant new build development at the bottom of Cwmdare (100+ houses on site of closed College) and at the top of the village along the boundaries of Dare Valley Country Park (more than doubling population in last 10 years).</p>

		<p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 900 (23% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) • One person – 610 (15.6% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) • Lone Parent with dependent children – 315 (27.7% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) • Married – 1445 (36.9% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) • Cohabiting – 340 (8.6% compared to 9.7% Welsh average) <p>According to Census (2011) the village of Llwydcoed homes are predominately detached and owned outright with the majority being occupied by only two residents.</p> <p>The majority of sales in Llwydcoed during the last year were semi-detached properties, selling for an average price of £137,909. Detached properties sold for an average of £247,600, with terraced properties fetching £114,000. Llwydcoed, with an overall average price of £157,425 was more expensive than nearby Aberdare (£117,887) and Cwmdare (£109,662) but was cheaper than Abernant (£204,400).</p> <p>Housing in the communities of Trecynon and Cwmdare are varied with old properties and large new build estates.</p> <p>Cynon Taf community housing are social landlords covering the areas in the Cynon.</p> <p>Nantgwyn is a short break home in Cwmdare. It provides short breaks to children and young people aged between 6 and 18 years who have a learning or physical disability. Nantgwyn supports children and families to have a break and go for a fun sleep over, and they can help children and young people to access the community and local facilities, promote hobbies and encourage children to try new things.</p> <p>Tegfan Resource Centre – CF44 8HU Trecynon – Care home for the elderly</p> <p>Oak Wood Nursing Home – CF44 8DB – LA run nursing home</p> <p>Gadlys Resource Centre – CF44 8AS Cwmdare – For people with learning disabilities</p>
19	Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trecynon has good access to health provision, and activities within the community.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community of Cwmdare mainly commute for employment. • The Parish of St Fagan's are very proactive throughout the three villages, transport is often and links to near towns can be made with public transport. • Difficult to access Merthyr and closest hospital after 6pm – Metro Link would resolve this.
20	What's likely to come up? What might change?	In March 2019 an application was registered with the council to demolish the Corner House Inn, Llwydcoed and have 4 self-contained flats in its place.
21	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ann Crimmings (Cwmdare) – Labour / Cllr Gareth Jones (Trecynon) – Labour / Cllr Sharon Rees (Llwydcoed) – Labour • 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.