

Community Profile – Pelenna (Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen)

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Viaduct in
Pontrhydyfen

Tonmawr

The villages of Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen make up the electoral ward of Pelenna. It is situated at the bottom of the Afan Valley approximately 4 miles from Neath Town Centre. The villages are covered by Pelenna Community Council who maintain a number of facilities locally. Most of the area is farmland and woodland.

The population of the area is 1,152 of this 4% is aged over 80 years of age, 17% are aged under 14 and 21% are aged 35-50. The majority of the population is working age. 19% of the population report having a long-term limiting condition this is above the Welsh average.



Tonmawr Mission

The village is a dead end with boundaries on Resolven, Tonna, Cimla and Glyncorrwg. The village was once surrounded by active coal mines and there is the historical Gyfylchi Chapel and Tunnel, Parsons Folly. There is a community centre, Post office/shop, Rugby Club, business units, Places of Worship, Bryn Bettws Lodge and Bike Park. There are two Cadw listed monuments of heritage importance. The Colliers Arms is situated in Efail Fach, which is between the two villages.

Pontrhydyfen

The village is situated adjacent to Tonmawr and has large amounts of woodland and has an aqueduct and viaduct which are of historical importance. There is a Rugby Club, Bowls Club, Community Centre, Shop, Pizza/kebab Shop, playground, Chapel, and Blue Scar Club.

There are community centres in both villages with regular bookings but there is some capacity. Since the closure of the two local primary schools the children attend a range of different primaries across the area. The both villages share an hourly bus service to Neath town centre. There are very few activities for people to take part in outside of sport.

Tonmawr



Pontrhydyfen



PyC Awards

1	Population	1,152 (839 in Pontrhydyfen / 313 in Tonmawr) (Source Census 2011 via Stats Wales)																		
2	Demographics	0-17 years - 226 18-64 years - 723 65+ years - 203 Pelenna has low levels of young people in general and a higher than average number of residents aged 30-74. (Source Census 2011 via Stats Wales)																		
3	Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)	<p>WIMD 2014 (where 1 is most deprived and 1909 is least)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 593 1984 740"> <thead> <tr> <th>WIMD</th> <th>Income</th> <th>Employment</th> <th>Health</th> <th>Education</th> <th>Access to Services</th> <th>Community Safety</th> <th>Physical Environment</th> <th>Housing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>563</td> <td>762</td> <td>517</td> <td>539</td> <td>470</td> <td>115</td> <td>1,524</td> <td>1,831</td> <td>1,700</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing	563	762	517	539	470	115	1,524	1,831	1,700
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales • 1% of households have no central heating which is less than the Welsh average of 2% • Overall crime rate is lower than the Welsh average • 31% of people have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales • 33% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales • 23% of households have no car which is the same as the Welsh average • 44% of people live in a flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales • 98% of people are White British compared with the Welsh average of 93% and 87.4% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales • 69% of the population cannot speak welsh which is lower than the Welsh average of 73% • Of people out of work, 10.6% are receiving incapacity benefits • 17.4% of children are in “out of work” households which is just below the Welsh average of 17.8% and 22.5% are living in poverty which is slightly higher than the Welsh average of 20.8% • 36.5% of pensioners have no vehicle • 16.2% of the population are providing unpaid care, which higher than the Welsh average of 12.1% • Personal debt per head is slightly higher than the Welsh average but residential mortgage debt per head is lower than the Welsh average 																		

4	Employment & Local Economy (where do people work)	<p>A small number of business units that house a range of businesses.</p> <p>37.2% are in full-time employment (314) compared with 35% across Wales/13.3% are in part-time employment (112) and 7.9% of people are self-employed (67). 35.9% 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"> · Health and Social Work (13% of working people) · Manufacturing (12% of working people) · Retail (12% of working population)
5	Active Community Groups	<p>The electoral ward of Pelenna is made up of the villages of Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen. There is a community council in the area – Pelenna Community Council, they maintain the children’s parks in Tonmawr, Macpelah Cemetery and open spaces in the community. They also support the both community centres however these are both run independently.</p> <p>There is a website for the community council however it hasn’t been updated for sometime http://www.pelennacc.co.uk/Pelenna-Community-Council/Default.aspx</p> <p>Tonmawr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan y Coed Community Association (Pelenna Valley Community Centre) • St Telio’s Church • Sunday School and Messy Church • Sewing Group • Tonmawr Mission Hall • Friendship Bingo Group • Pelenna Male Voice Choir • Tonmawr RFC • Tonmawr RFC Junior Section • Pelenna Youth Club • Tonmawr Darts Club • Tonmawr Short Mat Bowls Club • Pelenna Valley Fox Hounds

		<p>Pontrhydyfen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pontrhydyfen Community Centre • Pontrhydyfen RFC • Pontrhydyfen Miners Welfare • Pontrhydyfen Gym • Pontrhydyfen Senior Citizens • Pontrhydyfen Bowls Club • Pontrhydyfen Patchwork and Quilting Group
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> <p>The two local primary schools were closed by NPTCBC on 31st August 2015, since the closure children now attend a range of different primary schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crynallt Primary School (Cimla) – 3 miles from Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen Estyn Rating (2016) – Good 479 pupils • St Joseph’s Primary School (Cimla) – 4 miles from Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen Estyn Rating (2014) – Good 150 pupils • Cwmafan Primary School (aged 3-11) – 4 miles from Tonmawr Estyn rating (2018) - Standards: Good; Wellbeing and attitudes to learning: Good; Teaching and learning experiences: Good; Care, support and guidance: Good; Leadership and management: Good. 410 pupils <p>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Gynradd Castell Nedd - 4 miles from Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen Estyn Rating (2016)- Good 312 pupils • Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera (SA9 2JJ) (Welsh Medium aged 11-18) – (14.6 miles) - Estyn Rating (2013) – Good. 1,001 pupils <p>Closest English Language Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School (11-16) – 3 miles from area Estyn Rating (2015) – Adequate 635 pupils <p>Closest Special educational school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Hendrefelin Neath (aged 7 – 16) – 6.5 miles from area Estyn Rating (2015) – Good – 132 pupils split over two sites. • Ysgol Maes Y Coed Neath (aged 3-19) – 6.5 miles from area Estyn Rating (January 2015) – Good. 89 pupils <p>Closest Childcare providers</p>

		Little Acorns (Cimla)
7	Leisure facilities and activities for Children & Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pelenna Youth Club meets every Friday evening in Pelenna Valley Community Centre • Mini and Junior Rugby in both villages • Sunday School in St Teilos • Playgrounds in both Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen
8	Transport Connections	<p>110 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>Travel Times to Key Services</p> <p>Post Office – 25 mins Library – 74 mins GP – 74 mins Pharmacy – 70 mins Primary School – 13 mins Secondary School – 54 mins Food Shop – 25 mins Leisure Centre – 76 mins</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>The B4287 runs through Pontrhydyfen and joins the A4107 road to the Afan valley. Tonmawr is a dead end and is situated off the B4287.</p> <p>Rail</p> <p>There is no rail line in the Valley, the closest train station is Neath, Port Talbot or Maesteg</p> <p>Buses</p> <p>There is an hourly bus service to Neath from 8am-7:00pm, then another bus at 10pm. For Port Talbot or the GP's in Cwmafan there is an hourly bus service from 8am-6:00pm with one change.</p> <p>Limited service.</p>

9	Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)	<p>In area None</p> <p>Closest hospitals Hospitals are Neath Port Talbot, Morriston, Singleton and Princess of Wales in Bridgend</p> <p>Dentists and opticians The nearest Dentists and opticians are in Neath Town Centre 4 miles away.</p> <p>The area is covered by the 2 GP practices in Cwmafan which is 4 miles away and very difficult to get to by public transport.</p> <p>The average life expectancy is slightly higher than the Welsh average at 79, but Healthy life expectancy is 64 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"> • Slimming World (Tuesday evening Pelenna Valley Community Centre)
11	Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include pharmacies, libraries and petrol stations Main buildings Sports facilities & Clubs Playgrounds Playing fields Heritage sites allotments	<p>There is no pharmacy, Library or petrol station. The nearest Pharmacy is in Cwmafan (3.9 miles away from Tonmawr), there is also a library in Cwmafan (3.9 miles) and the closest petrol stations are either in Port Talbot (6 Miles) or Neath (4 Miles)</p> <p>Tonmawr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Teilos Church (SA12 9SU) • Tonmawr Mission Hall (SA12 9UP) • Tonmawr Rugby Club (SA12 9UL) • Business Units (SA12 9UU) • Pelenna Valley Community Centre (SA12 9UL) • Post Office/Shop (SA12 9UL) • Bryn Bettws lodge and bike park (SA12 9SP) • Children’s Play area (top Tonmawr) (SA12 9UR) • Rugby Fields (Tonmawr) (SA12 9UU) • Eddies Field (SA12 9UL) • Children’s park (Danycoed) (SA12 9UL)

		<p>Pontrhydyfen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colliers Arms (SA12 9TY) • Pontrhydyfen Community Centre (SA12 9TP) • Blue Scar Club (SA12 9TP) • Pontrhydyfen RFC (The Miners) (SA12 9TF) • S and V Stores (SA12 9TF) • Extra Kebab and Pizza (SA12 9TP) • Burton Lodge (Café) • Macpelah Chapel and Cemetery • Miners Welfare Site – Children’s Play area, bowling green and green space (SA12 9TP) • Rugby fields (Pontrhydyfen) • Extensive Footpaths and bike trails however there is no safe route to primary school from either village and children now catch a bus to school. • There is also no footpath between Dan-y-coed and Efail Fach (which connects the villages). <p>The mobile library visits both villages every three weeks.</p>
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>31.1% identify as having no religion which is in line with the Welsh average. 61.5% of remaining people (710) identify as Christian.</p> <p>Tonmawr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Teilos Church – used for weekly service and also other activities through the week – sewing, slimming and messy church. It is also used for weddings, christenings and funerals. (SA12 9SY) • Tonmawr Mission Hall – used for weekly service and funerals etc

		<p>Pontrhydyfen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macpelah Chapel and Cemetery - used for funerals (SA12 9TY)
13	Local businesses & shops	<p>Tonmawr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryn Bettws Lodge and Bike Park – offers accommodation and café/bar for bikers. The centre is well used and hosts a number of large-scale events – Tonmawr Hilly 5, Tough Runner events and Enduro • Business units – carpet business, two car garages businesses, ironmongery? • Welsh Row Garage • Pelenna Embroidery and shop • Roofing Businesses x 3 • Tonmawr Christmas Trees • Tonmawr RFC <p>Pontrhydyfen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abernant Nursery and Garden Centre • Fishing Lakes • The Colliers Arms • Pontrhydyfen RFC • The Blue Scar Club
14	Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryn Bettws Lodge and Bike Park – offers accommodation and café/bar for bikers. The centre is well used and host a number of large-scale events – Tonmawr Hilly 5, Tough Runner events and Enduro • Extensive mountain bike trials and walks. • The birthplace of Richard Burton and Ivor Emmanuel.
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<p>Tonmawr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonmawr RFC <p>Pontrhydyfen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Colliers Arms • Pontrhydyfen RFC • The Blue Scar Club

16	Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic and affect people's view of the community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonmawr Primary School was sold to a private vendor for a dwelling however it is now vacant. • There are 50 vacant dwellings – 9.2% compared with Welsh average of 6%.
17	Housing – current and planned? Who	<p>Make up of Properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 121 (22.3%) Welsh average = 27.7% • Semi-detached – 234 (43.2%) Welsh average = 31.0% • Terraced – 168 (31.0%) Welsh Average =27.8% • Purpose built flat – 16 (3.0%) Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted house – 1 (0.2%) Welsh average = 2.4% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 366 (74.4%) Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 91 (18.5%) Welsh Average =16.5% • Private rented – 23 (4.7%) Welsh average = 12.7% <p>Average house price is £99,059 – 40% of properties were built between 1900-1939 with 20 properties being built since 2000.</p> <p>Tai Tarian have a number of properties in both Tonmawr and Pontrhydyfen, there are also a number of privately rented properties.</p> <p>Most of the sales in Pontrhydyfen over the past year were terraced properties which on average sold for £88,833. Semi-detached properties had an average sold price of £116,250 and detached properties averaged at £180,000.</p> <p>Pontrhydyfen, with an overall average price of £99,966, was similar in terms of sold prices to nearby Cwmafan (£104,522) but was more expensive than Tonmawr (£83,400) and cheaper than Cwmavon (£108,570). In the past year house prices in Pontrhydyfen were 18% down on the year before and 28% down on 2015 when they averaged at £138,625.</p> <p>Tonmawr, with an overall average price of £83,400 was cheaper than nearby Pontrhydyfen (£99,966), Tonna (£165,467) and Cwmafan (£104,522). Overall sold prices in Tonmawr over the last year were 43% down on the previous year and 45% down on the 2013 level of £151,667.</p>

18	Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?	<p>Transport is limited however, there is currently an hourly bus service.</p> <p>Lack of safe walking routes – especially from Dan-y-coed to Efail Fach.</p>
19	What’s likely to come up? What might change?	<p>Strengthening community facilities.</p>
20	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr – Jeremy Hurley Independent • AM – Jeremy Miles - Labour • MP – Christina Rees - Labour • Council – NPT CBC – Labour • Town / Community Council – Pelenna Community Council - http://www.pelelnacc.co.uk/Pelenna-Community-Council/Default.aspx



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.



