

## Community Profile – Pentre

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Llewelyn Street and St Peter's Church

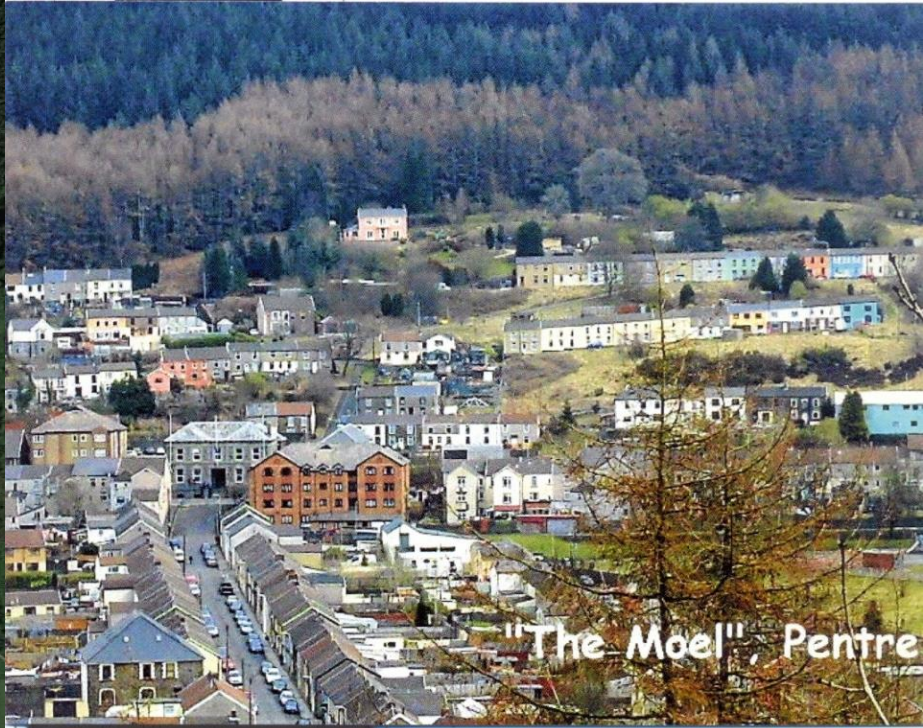
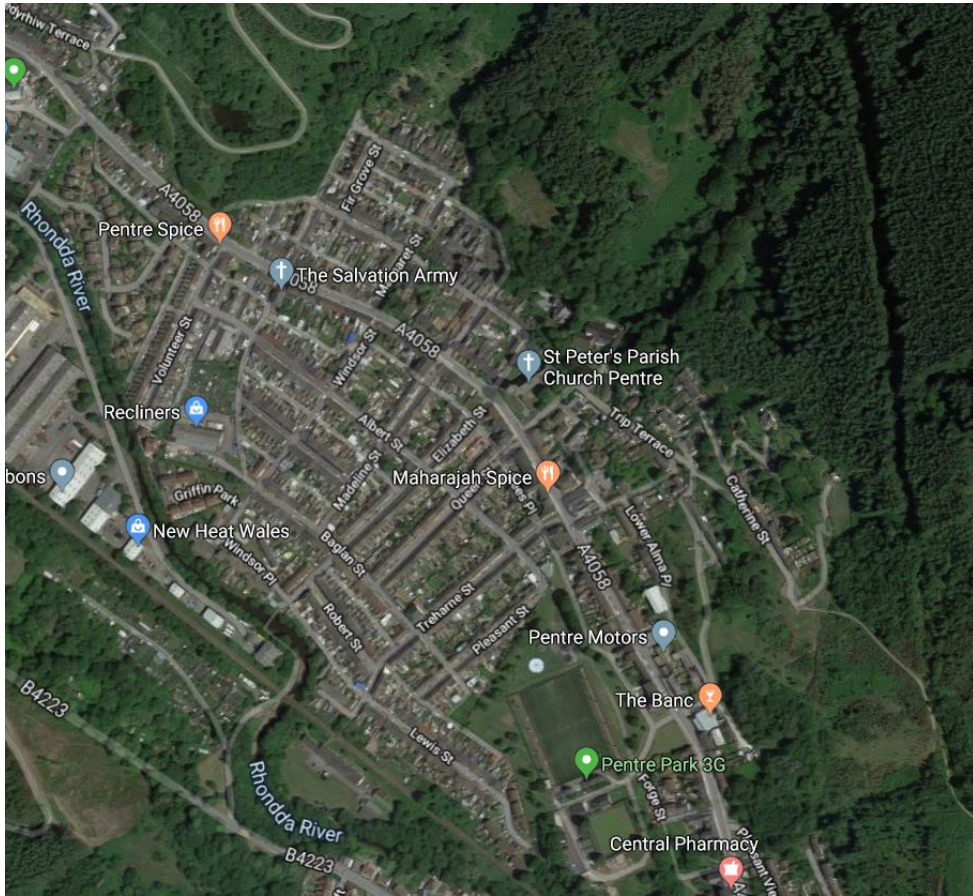
Pentre is a village and community, near Treorchy in the Rhondda valley. Pentre is 0.7 miles from Treorchy. Ton Pentre, a former industrial coal mining village, is a district of the community of Pentre. The population is 5,210 across the ward but it is important to note that Pentre is the cut off village in the Pen y Cymoedd Community Fund, which does not include Ton Pentre. 17% of the population are under 14; 39% between 35-50 and 8% over 80. 37% of the population are in full time employment. However, 31% of people have no qualifications in Pentre compared with 26% across Wales.



Canolfan Pentre

There are a variety of community facilities and amenities within close proximity of each other. These include Canolfan Pentre, Salvation Army, the Bowls Club and Oasis Church. £81,435 from the Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund has been awarded to Canolfan Pentre to support the installation of a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) just behind this popular community venue. These centres provide lots of activities for community members. Pentre also has a few shops, petrol station, a pub and a night club. With a children's park and 3G football pitch at the centre of the village. The 3G pitch can only be used by appointment through the council and Cardiff City children's development teams are using the pitch weekly.

According to Census, (2011) 28% of people have a limiting long-term illness in Pentre compared with 23% across Wales; the nearest GP Surgery is in Ton Pentre (0.6 miles). According to Census (2011) car ownership is lower than the Welsh average. Pentre is a lower super output area (LSOA) in the local authority (LA) of Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) and is ranked 204 out of 1,909 in Wales in the latest index of multiple deprivation (IMD). Barriers into employment are recognised as being a highly contributing factor to the deprivation statistics. There are not many community groups or services in Pentre, many external services are provided through community settings.



## PyC Awards

1	<b>Population</b>	5,232 (across ward of Pentre and Ton Pentre, Pentre is around 3200 and has remained steady since at least 2001) UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018)																																																				
2	<b>Demographics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-17 years 672</li> <li>• 18-64 years 1876</li> <li>• 65+ years 653</li> </ul>																																																				
3	<b>Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)</b>  <i>Note: Pentre ward included Ton Pentre and Pentre as indicated with 4 scores – only Pentre is within the fund's AoB</i>	<table border="1"> <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>1,424</td> <td>1,189</td> <td>991</td> <td>980</td> <td>1,438</td> <td>1,649</td> <td>975</td> <td>1,362</td> <td>1,839</td> </tr> <tr> <td>804</td> <td>648</td> <td>592</td> <td>1,073</td> <td>845</td> <td>1,749</td> <td>545</td> <td>596</td> <td>629</td> </tr> <tr> <td>523</td> <td>478</td> <td>399</td> <td>242</td> <td>780</td> <td>1,566</td> <td>855</td> <td>894</td> <td>923</td> </tr> <tr> <td>204</td> <td>300</td> <td>56</td> <td>230</td> <td>450</td> <td>1,590</td> <td>169</td> <td>514</td> <td>1,522</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22% of children are living in out of work households and 23% are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales</li> <li>• 1.6% of households have no central heating which is lower than 2.3% Welsh average</li> <li>• Overall crime rate is lower than Welsh average. There were 295 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 99.4 per 1000 population, the majority of crimes are violent crimes followed closely by anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• 28.6% have no car compared with 23% across Wales</li> <li>• 97.9% of people are White British compared with 93% Welsh average and 90.2% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales</li> <li>• 12.1% of population can speak Welsh compared to 19% Welsh average</li> <li>• Of people out of work, 13.8% are receiving workless benefits and 3.8% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 105 people claiming Universal Credit.</li> <li>• 800 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 17.5% of the population</li> <li>• 5.6% of population are receiving mental health benefits, higher than 3.8% Welsh average, this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits.</li> <li>• There are 644 people providing unpaid care (12.3%)</li> <li>• Personal debt is higher than the Welsh average but residential mortgage debt per head is significantly lower than Welsh average</li> </ul>								WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing	1,424	1,189	991	980	1,438	1,649	975	1,362	1,839	804	648	592	1,073	845	1,749	545	596	629	523	478	399	242	780	1,566	855	894	923	204	300	56	230	450	1,590	169	514	1,522
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4	<b>Employment &amp; Local Economy (where do people work)</b>	<p>62.9% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 36.9% employed full time, 13.1% employed part time and 6% self-employed (around 127 people).</p> <p>The largest employment sector is health and social care 17% of the people in employment), then manufacturing 14% of the people in employment and retail 13% of the people in employment.</p> <p>Roughly 1/3 of working population work in the Rhondda Valleys with 2/3 travelling to Cardiff, Pontypridd and over the Rhigos to Neath, Swansea and Cynon valleys.</p> <p>UK Office of National Statistics, (Census, 2011)</p> <p>In the area, there are on average 6 claimants per job, slightly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority, professional, health and retail</p>
5	<b>Active Community Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Salvation Army (CF41 7LQ)</b> – own building Pilates / Coffee Morning / Community Café / Parenting Groups / own Choir / Band / Theatre Group</li> <li>Oasis Church (CF41 7BQ) – own building</li> <li><b>Canolfan Pentre (CF41 7BS)</b> – own building Community café / parent and toddler group / Bingo and lunch Club / NAS RCT Youth Club / Computer use / After School Club / Craft Club/ Digital Club. They also have ownership of old pool converted to MUGA. <b>Also using building are</b> mental health groups / Tai Chi Group / Hafal</li> <li>Community charity shop (CF41 7BS) – own building</li> <li>Griffin Park Allotments (CF41 7JJ) around 12 plots</li> <li>Ystradyfodwg Bowls Club (CF41 7AE)</li> <li>The Hearth (St Peter’s Church Hall)</li> <li><b>Upper Rhondda Brass Band</b></li> </ul> <p>The old Army Barracks which was home to Cadets until building was sold to private landlord now has a variety of uses including a community group South Wales Community Mountain Rangers using part of property.</p>

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>Around 30% of working age people have no qualifications compared with Welsh average of 25.9% and 71% of 18-19-year olds are not in Higher Education (slightly higher than 66.1% Welsh average). Pupil attendance for children in this area is higher than across Wales.</p> <p><b>In area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p>The closest English Primary School - Treorchy Primary – (1.3 miles) or Ton Pentre Infant and Primary School (0.46 miles). There was a public campaign to save Pentre school but unfortunately the community were not successful, and it closed in 2014.</p> <p><b>Closest Welsh Language Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The closest Welsh Primary School - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt – (1.3 miles)</li> <li>• The closest Welsh Secondary School - Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda – (6.6 miles)</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest English Language Secondary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The closest English Secondary School - Treorchy Comprehensive School – (1.5 miles)</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Special educational school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ysgol Hen Felin, Ystrad (aged 3-18) – 1.67 miles from Pentre</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Childcare providers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Beginnings Child Care Centre – provides childcare places for 49 children aged from 15 weeks to 15 years, open 5 days a week and throughout the school holidays providing breakfast club, day nursery and after school club and holiday club. Open 7am – 6pm.</li> <li>• Parent and Toddler and Afterschool Club at Canolfan Pentre</li> <li>• Summer Play Scheme at Canolfan Pentre</li> <li>• Parent and Toddler at The Salvation Army</li> <li>• There is no Flying Start provision in this area.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Leisure facilities and activities for Children &amp; Young People</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After school club in Oasis, Canolfan and Salvation Army</li> <li>• Mother and toddlers in Salvation Army and Canolfan Pentre</li> <li>• Park (including disused pool that will soon become a MUGA)</li> <li>• 3G pitches (run by council, used by appointment only)</li> <li>• Nursery and holiday club (childcare)</li> <li>• Ton Pentre Brownies use St Peters Church hall in Pentre</li> </ul>


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people choir in Salvation Army.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Transport Connections</b>	<p>28.6% of households have no car compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 35.8% of pensioner households have no vehicle (same as Welsh average), however there are excellent bus and train links.</p> <p>However, 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><b>Travel Times to Key Services</b></p> <p>Post Office – 11.4 mins  Library – 26.6 mins  GP – 7.8 mins  Pharmacy – 8.8 mins  Primary School – 28.5 mins  Secondary School – 34.6 mins  Food Shop – 4.1 mins  Leisure Centre – 31.4 mins</p> <p><b>Roads</b></p> <p>The A4058 which is main trunk road through Rhondda Fawr passes through Pentre. It leads from top of the Valley down to Pontypridd (around a 35 min drive). The Bwlch Mountain road offering access to Afan, Bridgend Valleys is 5 minutes away and the Rhigos mountain road is at the top of the Valley (10 min drive from Pentre) offering access to Cynon, Merthyr, Neath and Swansea Valleys.</p> <p><b>Rail</b></p> <p>The closest train stations are Ton Pentre and Treorchy, both are 1 mile away from centre of Pentre (trains commence at 6am and last train is at 11.10am – trainline runs directly to Cardiff or you can swap at Pontypridd for Aberdare or Merthyr. Trains run every 30 minutes, 6 days per week and every hour on a Sunday.</p>

		<p><b>Buses</b></p> <p>The MR1 service provides a street services throughout the village of Pentre, starting at the Pentre Inn at 10am arriving at Treorchy Cardiff Arms at 10.18am. The service departs at 2.00pm and travels through the village streets arriving back at the Pentre Inn at 2.18pm.</p> <p>Stagecoach 130/120 every 10 mins 5.30am-10.30pm. These buses do not cover both valleys</p> <p>There are 6 taxi services covering this area.</p>
9	<b>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</b>	<p><b>In area</b></p> <p>None</p> <p>Nearest GP is Treorchy or Ton Pentre, both are around 1 mile away from centre of Pentre</p> <p><b>Closest hospitals</b></p> <p>Royal Glamorgan 10.4 miles (with A&amp;E)</p> <p>Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda – 2.7 miles (with Minor Injuries Unit)</p> <p><b>Dentists and opticians</b></p> <p>The nearest dentists and opticians are in Treorchy around 1.5 miles away</p> <p>There is a pharmacy in Pentre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27.7% of people have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011). The average life expectancy is 75 compared to 77 across RCT and 78 across Wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 63 compared with 68 Welsh average.</li> <li>• 59.5% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average and 32% of population have limiting long-term illness compared to 22.7% Welsh average.</li> </ul>
10	<b>External services brought into the area</b>	<p>Girl Guiding (St Peters Church)</p> <p>All at Canolfan Pentre: Hafal / MIND / Drink Wise Age Well / National Autistic Society / Cope in the Community Bereavement Group</p> <p>Cardiff City Football Foundation use the LA run 3G pitches.</p> <p>Slimming World at Oasis Chapel</p>

11	<p><b>Community Facilities (with postcodes)</b>  <b>Include</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pharmacies</li> <li>• libraries</li> <li>• petrol stations</li> <li>• main buildings</li> <li>• sports facilities &amp; clubs</li> <li>• playgrounds</li> <li>• playing fields</li> <li>• heritage sites</li> <li>• allotments</li> </ul>	<p>There are 4 buildings available for use by the community and this is where all activity takes place</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Canolfan Pentre</b> (CF41 7BS) asset transfer to community group from RCT after closure of Day Centre)  Community Café, food bank, Mental Health services, Hafal, MIND, Health &amp; wellbeing, Drink wise age well, Bereavement group, Bingo, mother and toddler, after school club. Open every day except Friday 9.00am – 6.30pm / Craft Club / Care to Chat / Tai Chi  Newly built MUGA in play park and 3G Pitches / Bowling Green</li> <li>2. <b>Salvation Army</b> (CF41 7LQ)  Pilates, mother and toddler, young people’s choir, coffee mornings Thurs &amp; Fri</li> <li>3. <b>St Peters Church</b> (CF41 7AX)  OAP group / Brownies / The Hearth Group</li> <li>4. <b>Oasis Chapel</b>  After school club / breakfast clubs</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petrol station (CF41 7PN)</li> <li>• Chemist (CF41 7PE)</li> <li>• Open play park</li> <li>• Bowls Green</li> <li>• 3G pitch by appointment only through council (CF41 7AE) used by Cardiff City development teams from under 7’s to under 14’s.</li> <li>• Walk behind church (Pentre woods) currently overgrown</li> <li>• Griffin Park, Pentre allotment run by the Rhondda Society</li> </ul>
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11a	<b>Greenspaces</b>  <b>Parks &amp; green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable)</b>  <b>Footpaths and Active Travel networks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large play park with 3G Council Run Facility / MUGA / Play park / Bowls green and green space</li> <li>• Walk behind church (Pentre woods) currently overgrown</li> <li>• Small allotment site</li> </ul>
12	<b>Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)</b>	<p>41.7% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 49.7% of remaining people identify as Christian with 1.2% Muslim / Buddhist or Sikh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Peters Church- Church of England- OAP group</li> <li>• Oasis Methodist - After school on Wed and Friday</li> <li>• The Salvation Army</li> <li>• Mosque (underneath Indian Takeaway)</li> </ul>
13	<b>Local businesses &amp; shops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 hairdressers</li> <li>• Barbers</li> <li>• 2 ironing shops</li> <li>• Finishing Touches – homeware and gifts</li> <li>• 2 pubs- Queens &amp; Pentre Legion</li> <li>• Nisa &amp; Premier</li> <li>• Fast food- Indian, Babylon (pizza), Village Kebabs, Chinese</li> <li>• E cigarette shop</li> <li>• Chemist</li> <li>• Suite Options Furniture</li> <li>• Hand Car Wash</li> <li>• Solicitors</li> <li>• The Bank night club</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petrol station</li> <li>• The old town hall is now being rented out as private units to a variety of businesses including Julie the Stitch</li> </ul>
14	<b>Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)</b>	<p>There is an old parish link over mountain to Maerdy and Ferndale.</p> <p>St Peter's Church is known as the Cathedral of the Rhondda</p> <p>There is a Catholic Pilgrimage route – the Cisterian way</p>
15	<b>Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queens Pub</li> <li>• Pentre Legion</li> <li>• The Gelli Hotel</li> <li>• The Bank Night club</li> </ul>
16	<b>Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's view of the community?</b>	<p>There are many large derelict buildings along the main road Llewelyn Street that have been converted into blocks of flats and have attracted a lot of anti-social behaviour over the last 20 years. There has been higher than average crime rates due to drug use along the main road in these premises and many residents of Pentre would state that they would like properties on main road tidied and repaired and put to us.</p> <p>Kit Kat Club / The Queens</p> 
17	<b>Housing – current and planned? Who</b>	<p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detached – 8.1%, Welsh average = 27.7%</li> <li>• Semi Detached – 7.3%, Welsh average = 31%</li> <li>• Terraced – 75.2%, Welsh average = 27.8%</li> <li>• Purpose Built Flats – 6.1%, Welsh average = 9.6%</li> <li>• Flats in converted houses or buildings – 3.3%, Welsh average = 2.4%</li> </ul> <p>There are several large converted buildings along main road that are flats and anti-social behaviour is higher in these areas.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner occupied – 75.2%, Welsh average = 67.8%</li> <li>• Social rented – 9%, Welsh average = 16.5%</li> <li>• Private rented – 14.8%, Welsh average = 15.8%)</li> </ul> <p>Average house price is £80,787 – 63.85 of properties were built before 1900 but 40 properties have been built since 2000 which is slightly higher than Welsh average.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trivallis and Rhondda Housing Association are the social landlords serving the area.</li> </ul> <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioner – 23.9% compared to 22.9% Welsh average</li> <li>• One person – 18.2% compared to 17.1% Welsh average</li> <li>• Lone Parent with dependent children – 30.7% compared to 26.8% Welsh average</li> <li>• Married – 31.8% compared to 32.8% Welsh average</li> <li>• Cohabiting – 9.8% compared to 9.7% Welsh average</li> </ul>
18	<b>Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?</b>	<p>Canolfan Pentre has grown significantly in 2 years they have been open, through incredible commitment of volunteers but most community services in Pentre are based there and so not much spread across rest of the community.</p> <p>There is a general feeling that there are no activities for older children and teenagers / not enough activities for men</p>
19	<b>What’s likely to come up? What might change?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to MUGA, Canolfan Pentre would like to develop a skate park and start serving Sunday lunches.</li> </ul>
20	<b>Politics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Shelley Rees-Owen – Plaid Cymru / Cllr Maureen Weaver – Plaid Cymru (both live in Ton Pentre and represent both but only Pentre in fund’s AOB)</li> <li>• AM – Leanne Wood – Plaid Cymru</li> <li>• MP – Chris Bryant – Welsh Labour</li> <li>• Council – RCT CBC – Labour</li> </ul> <p>Town / Community Council – None</p>

## **Appendix 1**– Stories collected as part of *Our Community Matters* and *Measuring the Mountain*

### **Friendly**

Rhondda is a beautiful place, and everyone knows everyone. There's not much to do around here, but if you like walks and scenery then this is the place to live. The people I know go walking, but a lot of people take the scenery for granted

### **My experience**

It's a very friendly community we encourage people to join in here and make friends and the only downfall is there's no school now, banks shops all gone, that's the only downfall. You have to travel out of this village to the next to get places. It's a good thing I've got my bus pass, for shopping, as for encouraging people that's what I would say, it's a very friendly place to live.

### **2Rhondda walks**

In RCT we are very lucky to have such beautiful mountains that are a fab day out for the family. From walking to the top to having picnics and even the dogs can come along.

### **Living in our area**

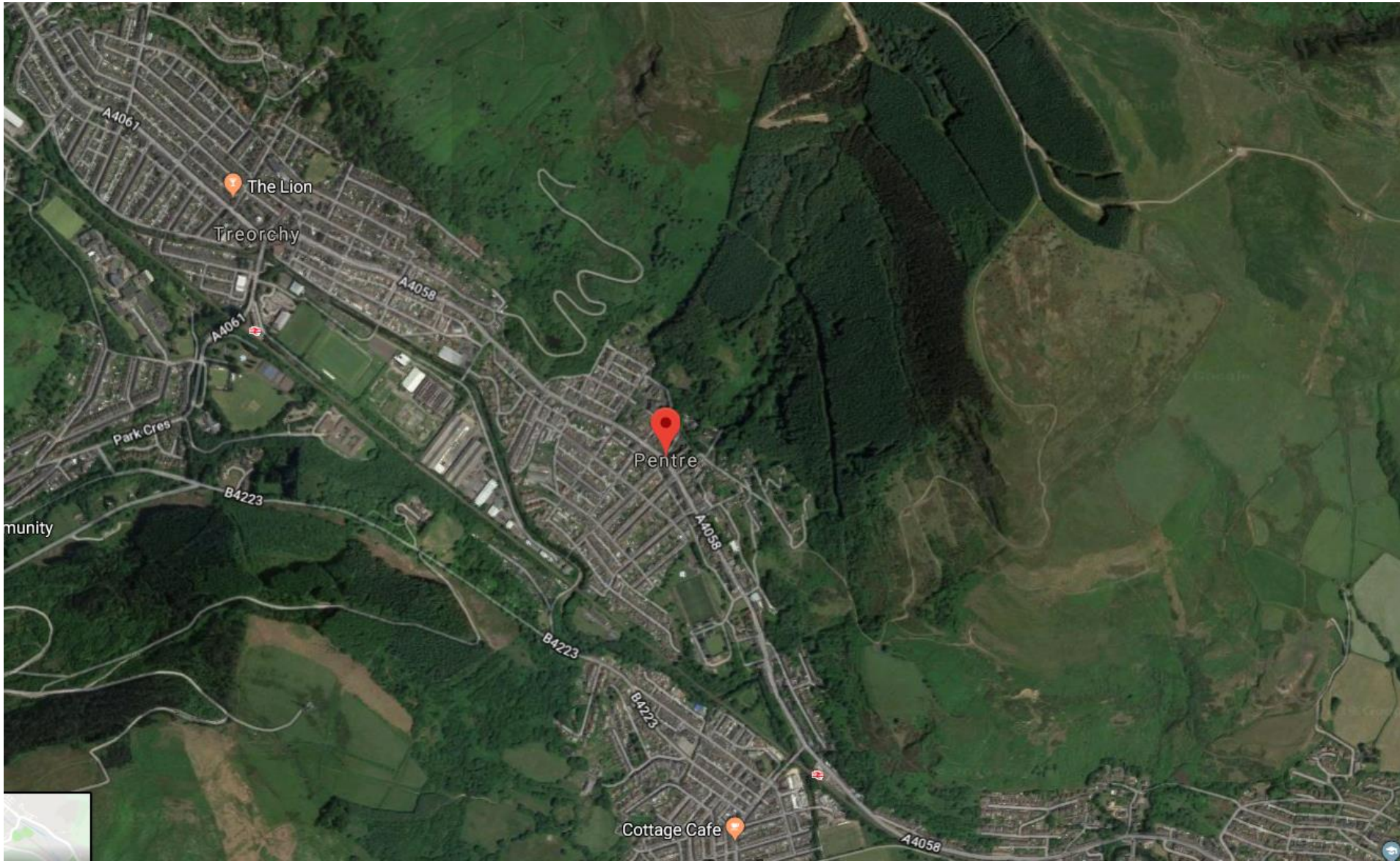
We got a community centre that they can join into just down the road. They'd be more than welcome to join in with whatever is going on. Hello and come and meet everyone, your new community.

### **The Rhondda life**

It's good, the people are nice and helpful. The community centre is cool because you can meet with people and make new friends

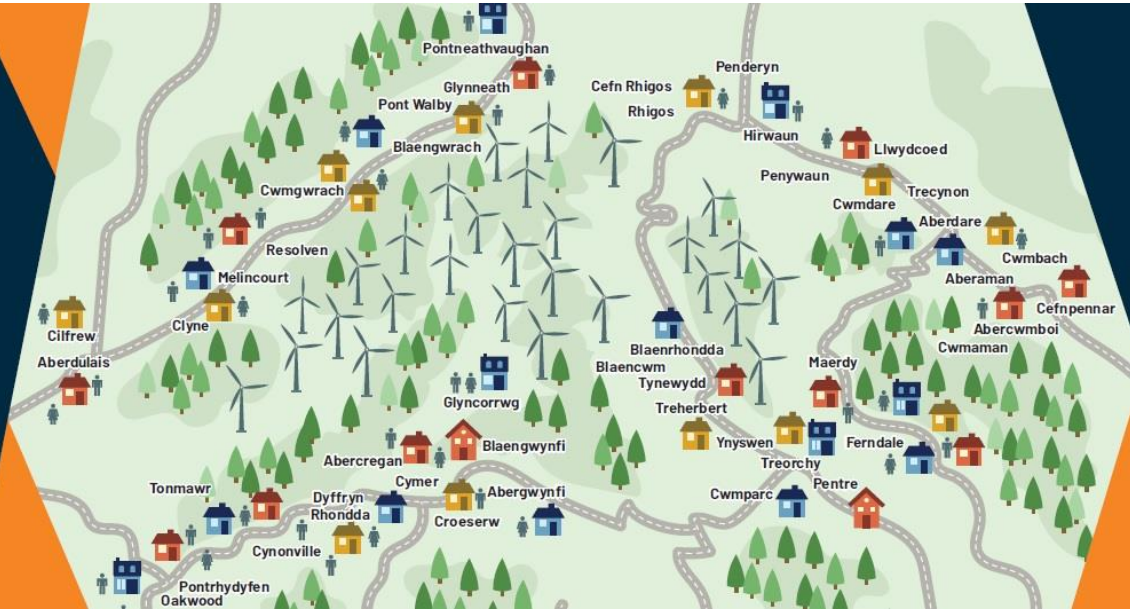
### **All for one**

We have lots of community projects going, I'd let them know what's going on. The 4g pitches is really good at bringing people together.



## 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.