



Gwladys street Play area in Penywaun

Community Profile – Penywaun

Penywaun is located in the upper Cynon Valley and is part of Rhondda Cynon Taff local authority. It is a community and electoral ward, 2 miles from Aberdare town centre. The Penywaun area consists of the Penywaun community, the Trewaun and the Trenant community with a number of smaller areas between the two.



Penywaun football pitch

The population is 3063, 23% of the population are aged 0-

15 compared to the Welsh average of 18%. According to information retained from Census (2011), 40% of all families with children that depend on them are lone parent

families in Penywaun, compared to the Welsh average of 27%. 41% of people claim housing benefits compared to the Welsh average of 18%. 16% of 16-24-year olds receive workless benefits compared to the Welsh average of 5%. 53% of children are living in poverty in Penywaun according to DWP.

The community has amenities and facilities in close proximity to one another. These include a community centre, church, primary school, pub, post office and play area. There are a range of activities running throughout the community buildings, including family groups, football club, flying start, after school clubs. There are two allotment sites in Penywaun managed by the local council.

The majority of the housing in Penywaun was built by the Aberdare District Council after the Second World War, starting with many prefabricated houses. Today the average house price is £109,320.00. The majority of houses are owned within Penywaun (Ilivehere.co.uk, 2019). Trivallis provide social housing in Penywaun.

Building Communities Trust are currently supporting the community of Penywaun through community development they are enabling residents to build on their strengths by developing solutions to local issues. Penywaun has funding and support from the Invest Local programme, which is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and managed by Building communities Trust. Penywaun has £1 million to spend on local priorities over a 10-year period. The programme is in its 3rd year and has spent just under £20,000 so far.



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1	Population	3,150																											
2	Demographics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-17 years – 685 (21.8%) • 18-64 years – 1880 (59.7%) • 65+ years – 580 (18.5%) 																											
3	Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)	<p>Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) this area was ranked 92 out of 1,909 in Wales, where 1 was the most deprived and 1,909 the least.</p> <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>92</td> <td>130</td> <td>33</td> <td>254</td> <td>89</td> <td>379</td> <td>624</td> <td>771</td> <td>1407</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>16</td> <td>12</td> <td>14</td> <td>7</td> <td>331</td> <td>559</td> <td>1257</td> <td>551</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales • 0% of households have no central heating which is same as Welsh average • Overall crime rate is lower than Welsh average. There were 406 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 137.2 per 1000 population, however unlike other villages in Cynon the majority of crimes are violent crimes and then anti-social behaviour. There is also car crime and burglaries. • 32% of people have a life limiting illness compared with 23% across Wales • 49% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales • 43% have no car compared with 23% across Wales • 95.8% of people are White British compared with 93% Welsh average and 89.6% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales • 82.6% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 8.1% able to speak and write Welsh • Of people out of work, 24% (450) are receiving workless benefits and 5% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 80 people claiming Universal Credit. • 3101 of people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 98.4% of the population • 48.7% of children are in 'out of work households, significantly higher than 17.8% Welsh average and 51% are living in poverty compared with 20% Welsh average • 10.9% of population are receiving mental health benefits (205 people) this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits. 	WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing	92	130	33	254	89	379	624	771	1407	9	16	12	14	7	331	559	1257	551
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 431 people providing unpaid care (14%) • Personal debt and residential mortgage debt per head are significantly lower than Welsh average <p>The air quality score is 29% better than Welsh average and have access to green space and public parks and gardens more readily than Welsh average and 41% live in flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales</p>
4	Employment & Local Economy (where do people work)	<p>The rate of claiming any benefit (which includes in work benefits) is more than 25% higher in Penywaun than the national average, suggesting that many people maybe under employed or on a low salary. According to the official Labour Market Statistics only 1071 people are economically active, 592 are male and 479 are female.</p> <p>The community of Penywaun commute out of Penywaun for employment, there are retail jobs in the local shops, however these are very few.</p> <p>50.5% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 24.3% employed full time, 10.7% employed part time and 4.3% self-employed (around 94 people).</p> <p>The largest employment sector is Health and Social Care (15% of the 915) people in employment), then Retail (15% of the 915 people in employment) and Construction (13% of the 915 people in employment).</p> <p>In the area, there are on average 35.40 claimants per job, significantly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority, education, entertainment and catering</p>
5	Active Community Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penywaun Old Age (based in Penywaun Club) (CF44 9DE) • Penywaun Community Centre Old Age – active group • Penywaun Paraders Jazz Band (CF44 9DE) • Tang Soo Do (CF44 9DE) • Dapper FM Community Radio (CF44 9DE) • Canny Quilters (CF44 9DE) • Tenants and Residents Group (CF44 9DE) known as TEDS based in woodland area near Heol Caraddog • Communities for Work, Computer Club (CF44 9DE) • Penywaun Club Committee (CF44 9DE) • Parent and Toddlers (CF44 9DE) • Community Centre Committee (CF44 9DE) • Drama Group (CF44 9DE)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pigeon Club • Penywaun Football Club (CF44 9DE) • Penywaun School PTA • Community invest group (CF44 9DE) • Penywaun Passionate Performers • The Sporting Memorise Foundation
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"> • Penywaun Primary School (English Language primary) - Estyn rating (2017) – Adequate / 229 pupils – provide the WG funded SHEP programme • Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun (Welsh Language comprehensive) – Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate / 961 pupils, 177 of which are in sixth form (a new 3G pitch and community sports hall funded by RCTInvest has just opened for school and community use) <i>This is the Welsh language comprehensive serving the whole of the Cynon Valley</i> <p>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdare (Welsh Language primary) – 2.08 miles accessible via bus • Secondary school in the village <p>Closest English Language Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdare Community School – 4.2 miles with school buses for transport. • St John the Baptist High School - Aberdare <p>Closest Special educational school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maesgwyn Special School – Cwmdare (2.02 miles) – Boys and girls aged 5 to 19 – 130 pupils – Estyn rating 2 (from 16+ the students attend satellite unit in new Aberdare College campus) • Park Lane Special School – Trecynon (2.04 miles) – Boys and girls aged 3 to 19 – 98 pupils – Estyn rating 3 <p>Closest Childcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Inspirations Day Nursery (based in Penywaun School grounds) and operates as a Flying Start setting. <p>48.7% (1,140) of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales, (Census, 2011) however only 18.6% of 18-19-year olds are not in Higher education compared with 66.1% Welsh average.</p>

7	Leisure facilities and activities for Children & Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penywaun Football club – Aberdare Valley premier division. • Penywaun Community Centre - Tang Soo Do group, Parent and Toddlers, Drama Group, • Penywaun Enterprise Partnership – After school club • Penywaun Passionate Performers – Drama and singing group
8	Transport Connections	<p>43.2% of households (540) have no car compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 46.4% (218) of pensioner households have no vehicle, however there are excellent bus links.</p> <p>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>Travel Times to Key Services</p> <p>Post Office – 3 mins Library – 5.5 mins GP – 3.9 mins Pharmacy – 4.1 mins Primary School – 2.2 mins Secondary School – 2.4 mins Food Shop – 2 mins Leisure Centre – 11.5 mins</p> <p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penywaun is located between the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road and Aberdare and its road provides easy access to Merthyr, Aberdare and the Neath Valley. <p>Rail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearest railway station - Aberdare 2.6 miles <p>Buses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first bus from Penywaun to Aberdare is 6.53am / the last bus back to arrives back to Penywaun at 23.00hrs (Number 91 stagecoach bus)

9	Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)	<p>In area None</p> <p>Closest hospitals 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 None – closest are Aberdare town centre 4 miles away or Hirwaun 1.5 miles away</p> <p>Closest GP surgeries: Park Surgery – Trecynon 1.3miles from Penywaun / Hirwaun Medical Centre – Hirwaun 1.3 miles from Penywaun / St Johns medical practice – Aberdare 2miles from Penywaun</p> <p>The health of the residents of Penywaun is generally worse than in the average person in Wales. Statistics indicate that the area has an older population paired with an area of social deprivation (Census, 2011).</p> <p>32% of people have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011). The average life expectancy is 73 compared to 77 across RCT and 78 across Wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 58 compared with 68 Welsh average.</p> <p>100% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average</p>
10	External services brought into the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens Advice Bureau (CF44 9DE) • Slimming World
11	Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include pharmacies, libraries and petrol stations Main buildings Sports facilities & Clubs Playgrounds Playing fields	<p>There is no library, pharmacy or petrol station in Penywaun, the closest are in Hirwaun (1mile away)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre - (CF44 9DE) • Play area – (CF44 9AP) • Allotment Keir Hardie – (CF44 9AH) • Allotment Mangoed – (CF44 9DA) • No defibrillators

	Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable) Footpaths and Active Travel networks Heritage sites allotments	
11a	Greenspaces Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable) Footpaths and Active Travel networks	
12	Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)	<p>45% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 47.6% of remaining people (1455) identify as Christian with 10% Muslim or Sikh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Winifred's Church (Situated in the centre of the village) Sunday's 11am: Communion service, suitable for all ages. Tuesday's 1.30pm Communion a fellowship. Café Church On the first Sunday of the month we have Café Church Meeting at 11am in St Winifred's, Café Church is open to all ages. Messy Church meets in St Winifred's. Times and dates in the monthly newsletter.
13	Local businesses & shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Top Spec car business on old What site - (CF44 9HW) • Post Office – (CF44 9HD) • Penywaun Fish Bar – (CF44 9HD) • Grocery shop – (CF44 9HD) • Sandwich shop/café – (CF44 9HD) (All situated together) • Grocery store Warners (Opposite, Colliers arms) • Alan's Convenience Store – (CF44 9HD) • Man Cave (Barber Shop) • Hairdressers

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsagents • Barnardos (social work activities) • Fish and Chip van serving Penywaun only
14	Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)	
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Club – opened 1959 • Pub – Colliers Arms
16	Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic?	There is nothing apparent at the moment.
17	Housing – current and planned? Who	<p>Much of the local housing was built by the local Aberdare urban district council after the Second World War in several stages, starting with simple prefabricated houses.</p> <p>A number of shops and businesses trade within the village, including a post office, a newsagent, a traditional fish and chip shop, and two grocery-type stores. Most of the retail space is located within a designated retail precinct (called the 'Shopping Centre'), although there is a grocery store situated opposite the Colliers Arms pub.</p> <p>Penywaun, with an overall average price of £82,500 was cheaper than nearby Aberdare (£115,453), Hirwaun (£121,964) and Penderyn (£139,499).</p> <p>In the past year house prices in Penywaun were 29% up on the year before and 12% up on 2015 when they averaged at £73,550.</p> <p>There were only 2 properties sold in the last year, therefore, the average prices may only reflect the mix of properties sold, rather than changes in the local market itself with very few properties coming on the market.</p>

The properties along the main road between Hirwaun and Aberdare are mostly semi-detached / detached self-build houses and bungalows. Penywaun estate itself is where the majority of housing is and is entirely local authority built.



Make up of properties:

- Detached – 106 (8%) Welsh average = 27.7%
- Semi Detached – 816 (61.3%) Welsh average = 31%
- Terraced – 268 (20.1%) Welsh average = 27.8%
- Purpose Built Flats – 102 (7.7%) Welsh average = 9.6%
- Flats in converted houses or buildings – 18 (1.4%) Welsh average = 2.4%
- Caravans or temporary dwellings – 21 (1.6%) Welsh average = 0%

- Owner occupied – 587 (46.9%) Welsh average = 67.8%
- Social rented – 532 (42.5%) Welsh average = 16.5%
- Private rented – 92 (7.4%) Welsh average = 15.8%

Average house price is £102,556 – 82.1% of properties were built between 1945 and 1999 (with only 45 houses before then) and only 21 properties have been built since 2000

Households are made up as follows:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 265 (21.2% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) • One person – 195 (15.4% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) • Lone Parent with dependent children – 175 (40% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) • Married – 365 (29% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) • Cohabiting – 115 (9.1% compared to 9.7% Welsh average)
18	Derelict spaces and buildings that affect people's view of the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is nothing apparent at the moment.
19	Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of suitable buildings to accommodate all of the activities available to residents.
20	What's likely to come up? What might change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Welsh Language Comprehensive based in village has new 3G pitch and community sports hall and this should bring more people into Penywaun and also include Penywaun residents in activities based there.
21	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Helen Boggis – Labour (also works in office of Vikki Howells) • 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.

Penywaun websites / social media:

Penywaun Football Club: <https://www.facebook.com/penywaun/?rf=1979244202296768>

Penywaun News: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1394763684182031/>

Penywaun Primary School: <https://www.facebook.com/peny.waun.14>

Penywaun Newsagent: <https://www.facebook.com/penywaun.newsagent>

Penywaun Fish Bar: https://penywaunfishbar.com/?fbclid=IwAR3_kxUwzA8oWz39JqQQKxRHyqkZarNDYL7GrJtQJFi1s_TQp61yy4LBSIY

Penywaun's Passionate Performances: <https://www.facebook.com/Penywauns-Passionate-Performers-1831020627171674/>

