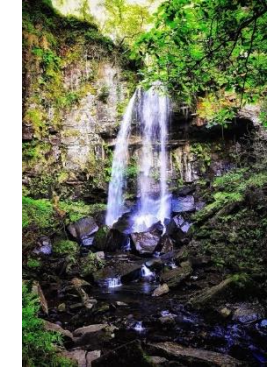


## Community Profile – Resolven, Clyne and Melincourt



The village is situated in the Vale of Neath, 8 miles (13 km) north east of the town of Neath, next to the A465 *Heads of Valleys* Road, and is the main settlement in the community of Resolven. The electoral ward of Resolven comprises Resolven, Ynysarwed, Abergarwed, Clyne and Melincourt. Melincourt Falls (Sgwd Rhyd Yr Hesg in Welsh) is a key visitor attraction in the area of South Wales promoted to tourists as the Waterfall Country. It is a wildlife reserve owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales. The waterfall is 80ft (24m) high. The area is outstanding natural beauty and has been an inspiration to poets and artists.



Resolven Skate Park

Even though it is one ward, residents in Clyne and Melincourt don't always see themselves as being part of Resolven. Since the closure of Clyne Primary School in 2015 the children from the village now attend a range of different schools including Resolven, Glynneath, and Tonna.

Melincourt Waterfalls

The village is home to one of the two larger industrial parks in the Neath Valley, The Vale of Neath Industrial Park, which suffered a blow with the closure in 2011 of the TRW automotive plant and the subsequent loss of 255 jobs but retains a reputation as a site for specialist precision engineering.

The village is in the upper middle quartile on the index of Multiple Deprivation.

Youth facilities include football and rugby teams, Scouts, a dance company and performing arts group, and Skate Park, play area, and a youth group at the local Miners Institute.

There a limited number of shops and services, meaning locals have to travel further afield to access many services. The First Cymru X7 bus runs hourly from Neath to service the Valley villages, and DANSA and Stagecoach also run some services.

Some land surrounding the villages is managed by Natural Resources Wales. NRW have offices at Resolven (near Rheola). There had been recent deforestation due to a Larch disease.

## PyC Awards

<b>1</b>	<b>Population</b>	3,135 (source Census 2011 via Stats Wales)								
<b>2</b>	<b>Demographics</b>	0-17 years      603 18-64 years    1937 65+ years      595 (source Census 2011 via Stats Wales)								
<b>3</b>	<b>Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)</b>	WIMD 2014 (where 1 is most deprived and 1909 is least)								
		<b>WIMD</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Access to Services</b>	<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>Physical Environment</b>	<b>Housing</b>
		634	759	575	465	799	224	1,370	1,280	1,073
		975	1,075	854	695	986	449	1,421	959	1,717
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales</li> <li>• 1% of households have no central heating which is less than the Welsh average of 2%</li> <li>• Overall crime rate is lower than the Welsh average</li> <li>• 27% of people have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales</li> <li>• 33% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales</li> <li>• 25% of households have no car which is the same as the Welsh average</li> <li>• 81% of people live in a flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales</li> <li>• 98% of people are White British compared with the Welsh average of 93% and 88.4% were born in Wales compared with 72.7% across Wales</li> <li>• 78.7% of the population cannot speak welsh which is lower than the Welsh average of 73%</li> <li>• Of people out of work, 8.9% are receiving incapacity benefits</li> <li>• 20.7% of children are in “out of work” households which is above the Welsh average of 17.8% and 25% are living in poverty which is higher than the Welsh average of 20.8%</li> <li>• 34.3% of pensioners have no vehicle</li> <li>• 15% of the population are providing unpaid care, which higher than the Welsh average of 12.1%</li> <li>• Personal debt per head is slightly higher than the Welsh average but residential mortgage debt per head is lower than the Welsh average</li> <li>• The air quality score is 32</li> </ul>								

4	<b>Employment &amp; Local Economy</b> <b>(where do people work)</b>	<p>There is an industrial park in Resolven that houses specialist engineering firms are a feature of the Park; businesses include Recycle Direct, who install and repair industrial balers, JTEKT automotive, Celtic Motorcycles, who's staff of 4 repair and restore motorcycles, Magor, a specialist engineering firm employing 55 people. Penspan, a large supplier of materials for the oil and gas industries have a factory on the park. Paragon Engineered Timber Ltd, making roof beams set up there in October 2018 and employs eight people and hopes to expand to 10 this year.</p> <p>These aren't large employers most people travel out of the area for employment to Neath, Port Talbot, Swansea, Merthyr and Cardiff. It is a rural area with a number of farms which do employ a small number of people. According to 2011 figures, there are 1,422 economically active people in Resolven, 71.1% of the population, making it slightly higher than the county average of 70.6%, but lower than the Welsh average of 79.5%.</p> <p>33.7% are in full-time employment (1,449) compared with 35% across Wales/13.9% are in part-time employment (324) and 6.7% of people are self-employed (155). 37.7% 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"> <li>· Health and Social Work (16% of working people)</li> <li>· Retail (14% of working people)</li> <li>· Manufacturing (14% of working population)</li> </ul>
5	<b>Active Community Groups</b>	<p>Resolven has 4 Community Wards – Clyne &amp; Melincourt, Abergarwed, Resolven North and Resolven South. The Clyne and Melincourt Community Ward form Clyne and Melincourt Community Council. The Community Wards of Abergarwed, Resolven North and Resolven South form Resolven Community Council.</p> <p>Clyne and Melincourt Community Council <a href="http://www.clyneandmelincourtcommunitycouncil.org/">http://www.clyneandmelincourtcommunitycouncil.org/</a></p> <p>The main council building is Clyne Community Hall, Ynys-yr-Afon, Clyne, SA11 4BP. The council is responsible for two play areas, one at Clyne and the other at Melincourt.</p>

Resolven Community Council <http://www.resolvencc.cymru/> is responsible for the Community Hall, children's parks and play areas, sports field, bowling green and pavilion (in conjunction with the bowling club). They provide Christmas lights and also contribute to the library

#### **Resolven**

- Resolven Community Events Group
- Resolven Miners Welfare
- Resolven Community Council
- CISWO Ladies Group – a ladies group meet weekly (Welfare)
- Historical Society
- Ynys Fach WI
- Photography group (Welfare)
- Several darts teams (Welfare/Farmers Arm/Rugby Club)
- Weekly bingo group (Welfare)
- Weekly quiz (Welfare)
- Weekly coffee morning (Welfare)
- Cwmni Iach drop-in Social Group (Tuesday mornings)
- Resolven Bowls Club
- Resolven Football Club
- Resolven RFC
- Resolven Cricket Club
- Resolven Cyber and Resource Centre
- Friends of Ynysfach Primary School
- Coffee Morning
- Building Blocks Family Centre

#### **Clyne and Melincourt**

- Community centre
- Melincourt OAP Hall

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><b>In area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ynys Fach Primary School - (in Resolven, 2.6 miles from Clyne) ages 3-11, Estyn Rating (2015) Good 130 pupils.</li> </ul> <p>Clyne Primary School closed in 2015.</p> <p><b>Closest Welsh Language Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera (Welsh Medium aged 11-18) – (16.3 miles) - Estyn Rating (2013) – Good. 1,001 pupils</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest English Language Secondary School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Llangatwg Community School (English medium age 11-16) – (5.7 miles from Resolven) – 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</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Special educational school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ysgol Hendrefelin Neath (aged 5 – 16) – 8.5 miles from area</li> <li>• Ysgol Maes Y Coed Neath (aged 2-19) – 8.5 miles from area</li> </ul> <p><b>Closest Childcare providers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Blocks Family Centre is a purpose-built childcare setting, offering full daycare for 0-4-year olds, wrap around care and holiday clubs. Toddler groups are run each weekday at the centre.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Leisure facilities and activities for Children &amp; Young People</b></p>	<p><b>Resolven</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skate park</li> <li>• Play area</li> <li>• Resolven Young Performers</li> <li>• X-Clusives dance company</li> <li>• Rugby and football</li> <li>• Scouts</li> <li>• The Resolven Miners Welfare holds a weekly youth evening</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Blocks Family Centre</li> </ul> <p><b>Clyne and Melincourt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park area</li> </ul>
8	<b>Transport Connections</b>	<p>340 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><b>Travel Times to Key Services</b></p> <p>Post Office – 23.9 mins  Library – 24.5 mins  GP – 24.1 mins  Pharmacy – 25.5 mins  Primary School – 13.5 mins  Secondary School – 63.2 mins  Food Shop –20.8 mins  Leisure Centre –70.5 mins</p> <p><b>Roads</b></p> <p>Resolven straddles the A465, with the main village located at one side of this trunk road, off the B4434. The villages of Clyne and Melincourt are both located on / nearby the B4434.</p> <p><b>Rail</b></p> <p>There is no rail line in the upper Neath Valley, the closest train station is Neath (7.94 miles) or Aberdare (13.94) miles / There is a train line that runs through the village and is used very infrequently for nostalgic/industrial purposes</p> <p><b>Buses</b></p> <p>Hourly First buses (from 9:29-19:00) X7 route to Swansea  DANSA Community bus,  Stage Coach from Merthyr to Swansea</p>

9	<b>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</b>	<p><b>In area</b> Vale of Neath Practice, is based in Resolven but will soon be moving to its new location near Cwmgwrach</p> <p><b>Closest hospitals</b> Hospitals are Neath Port Talbot, Singleton, Morriston</p> <p><b>Dentists and opticians</b> None in either location. Dentists and Opticians can both be found in Neath and Glynneath</p> <p><b>Pharmacy</b></p> <p>The average life expectancy is about 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	<b>External services brought into the area</b>	<p>Cwmni Iach provide a drop every Tuesday morning</p> <p>Age Connects provide an outreach group in Resolven.</p>
11	<b>Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include pharmacies, libraries and petrol stations Main buildings Sports facilities &amp; Clubs Playgrounds Playing fields Heritage sites allotments</b>	<p><b>Resolven, Ynysarwed and Abergarwed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolven Miners Welfare – SA11 4AH</li> <li>• Volunteer led library – SA11 4AA</li> <li>• Scout hall SA11 4NB</li> <li>• Large playing field in the centre of the village</li> <li>• Play area</li> <li>• Skate park</li> <li>• Bowling green</li> <li>• Community centre</li> <li>• Church Hall</li> <li>• Building Blocks Family Centre</li> </ul> <p>Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football (AFC)</li> <li>• Rugby (RFC)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table tennis in Resolven (AFC/Cam Gears)</li> <li>• Resolven Cricket Club</li> <li>• Resolven Bowls Club</li> <li>• Abergarwed Allotments</li> <li>• Rheola Walled Garden – Glynneath Training Centre provide courses and volunteering opportunities at the site</li> </ul>
11a	<b>Greenspaces Parks &amp; green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable) Footpaths and Active Travel networks</b>	
12	<b>Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)</b>	<p>33.7% identify as having no religion which is in line with the Welsh average. 58.7% of remaining people (1,840) identify as Christian.</p> <p><b>Sardis Baptist Church</b> 12 Wellfield, Melincourt, Neath, SA11 4AU <a href="http://www.sardisresolven.church/">http://www.sardisresolven.church/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday - Morning Service 10.30am Evening Service 6pm (meet for prayer at 5.40pm)</li> <li>• Monday - Parent and Toddler Group 9.30am – 11am Sisterhood 2.30pm</li> <li>• Tuesday - Kids Club 4.30pm – 6pm Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7pm</li> <li>• Wednesday - Christian Endeavour 7pm</li> <li>• Thursday - Coffee afternoon 2pm – 4pm</li> <li>• Friday - Youth Club 6pm – 8pm</li> </ul> <p><b>St David’s Church</b>, Neath Rd, SA11 4AN <a href="https://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/l351/churches-en/st-davids_-en/">https://parish.churchinwales.org.uk/l351/churches-en/st-davids_-en/</a></p> <p>A weekly service takes place on Sunday and every Wednesday there is a Communion Service at 10am in the Church Hall, Neath Rd, followed by tea and/or coffee. Also taking place in the hall are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight Watchers</li> <li>• Slimming World</li> </ul>



		<p><b>The Apostolic Church</b>, Rugby Road, Resolven, Neath, SA11 4HH <a href="http://www.affinity.org.uk/find-a-church/church-information/resolven-apostolic-church">http://www.affinity.org.uk/find-a-church/church-information/resolven-apostolic-church</a></p> <p><b>Clyne Free Mission Evangelical Church</b>, SA11 4BW <a href="http://www.clynefreemission.org.uk/">http://www.clynefreemission.org.uk/</a> Two Sunday Services each week; weekly bible study and prayer meeting each Tuesday</p> <p><b>Hermon Chapel</b>, 2 Tonclwyda, Clyne, Neath, SA11 4BS. Sunday service</p>
13	Local businesses & shops	<p><b>Resolven, Ynysarwed and Abergarwed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 convenience stores</li> <li>• Post office</li> <li>• 1 Indian restaurant</li> <li>• Chip shop</li> <li>• Chinese takeaway</li> <li>• Kebab shop</li> <li>• Take away café offering breakfast and sandwiches in the day</li> <li>• Rheola Market (Saturdays only)</li> <li>• Hairdressers x 3</li> <li>• Trinity Nursing</li> <li>• SA Flyers</li> <li>• Resolven garage services</li> <li>• DG Davies Gardening Services</li> <li>• The Log Depot</li> <li>• Paul's UPVC Services</li> <li>• Vale Memorials</li> <li>• Funeral Director</li> <li>• Celtic Motorcycles</li> <li>• R H Place &amp; Sons Funeral Director</li> <li>• Staysafe Inspection and Testing Ltd</li> <li>• Various Farms</li> </ul> <p><b>Clyne and Melincourt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. Jervis Painting and Decorating</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various Farms</li> </ul>
14	<b>Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)</b>	<p>World famous Melincourt Falls attract visitors to the area.</p> <p><a href="http://resolvendistrictnews.co.uk/?page_id=332">http://resolvendistrictnews.co.uk/?page_id=332</a></p>
15	<b>Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc</b>	<p><b>Resolven, Ynysarwed and Abergarwed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolven Miners Welfare</li> <li>• Farmers Arms</li> <li>• Vaughan’s (Pub)</li> <li>• Resolven RFC</li> <li>• Resolven AFC (Cam Gears)</li> <li>• Rock and Fountain Pub</li> <li>• Canal View Breakfast Bar and Grill</li> <li>• Cam Gears Club</li> </ul> <p><b>Clyne and Melincourt</b> None</p>
16	<b>Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people’s view of the community?</b>	<p>Resolven Miners Welfare Hall – is an unsightly building and does affect people’s view of the community. The Trustees are working to improve the building but this is a significant task.</p> <p>The health centre is now empty following the opening of the new health centre.</p> <p>Clyne Primary School – derelict since the school closed 2015 – there has been outline planning for a housing development.</p> <p>There are 91 vacant dwellings – 6.3% compared with Welsh average of 6%.</p>
17	<b>Housing – current and planned? Who</b>	<p>Make up of Properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detached – 246 (17%) Welsh average = 27.7%</li> <li>• Semi-detached – 503 (34.7%) Welsh average = 31.0%</li> <li>• Terraced – 621 (42.8%) Welsh Average =27.8%</li> <li>• Purpose built flat – 68 (4.7%) Welsh average = 9.6%</li> <li>• Flats in converted house – 8 (0.6%) Welsh average = 2.4%</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owner occupied – 1,008 (74.1%) Welsh average = 67.8%</li> <li>• Social rented – 200 (14.7%) Welsh Average =16.5%</li> <li>• Private rented – 109 (8.0%) Welsh average = 12.7%</li> </ul> <p>Average house price is £103,055 – 55.1% of properties were built between 1900-1939 with 40 properties being built since 2000</p> <p><b>Resolven</b> Originally a small hamlet of a few scattered farm houses, following the opening of a coal level a row of terraced houses were built. Industrial development in the 19th century resulted in the extensive building of terraced workmen’s houses, several chapels, a church (1851) and taverns. The early twentieth century saw the building of more extensive detached and semi-detached dwellings along Neath road. Following the second world war large scale council housing was built, considerably adding to the size and population of the settlement.</p> <p><b>Clyne and Melincourt</b> Predominantly large semi-detached and detached houses with surrounding land</p> <p>Tai Tarian are responsible for a number of social housing properties in the area.</p> <p>Resolven, with an overall average price of £97,149 was more expensive than nearby Abergarwed (£91,400) but was cheaper than Clyne (£128,571) and Crynant (£130,190). Overall sold prices in Resolven over the last year were 3% up on the previous year and 18% down on the 2009 level of £118,786.</p> <p>Melincourt, with an overall average price of £166,350 was more expensive than nearby Neath (£138,869), Resolven (£97,149) and Crynant (£130,190). Overall sold prices in Melincourt over the last year were 135% up on the previous year and 45% up on the 2009 level of £115,000. There were only 4 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.</p>
18	<b>Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?</b>	There are limited opportunities for young people and Transport is limited. Whilst it is one electoral ward the villages within it have their own identity and are not always happy to be associated with the larger ward.
19	<b>What’s likely to come up? What might change?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to health services</li> <li>• Windfarm in planning stages</li> <li>• Resolven Miners Welfare Building</li> <li>• Rheola Estate – there have been plans for log cabins and tourism developments on the site. The site is currently in private ownership however they are the subject of criminal investigations so it is something to be aware of.</li> </ul>

20	<b>Community Benefit Funds</b>	Ffynnon Oer – up to £5,000
21	<b>Politics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr – Dean Lewis - Independent</li> <li>• AM – Jeremy Miles – Welsh Labour</li> <li>• MP – Christina Rees – Labour</li> <li>• Council – NPT CBC – Labour</li>   <li>• Town / Community Council</li> </ul> <p>Resolven Community Council - <a href="http://www.resolvencc.cymru/">http://www.resolvencc.cymru/</a>  Clyne and Melincourt Community Council - <a href="http://www.clyneandmelincourtcommunitycouncil.org/">http://www.clyneandmelincourtcommunitycouncil.org/</a></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.





