

Community Profile – Treherbert, Blaencwm, Blaenrhondda, Tynewydd and Penyreglyn



Dunraven Hotel

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Treherbert is a village and community situated at the head of the Rhondda Fawr valley in the county borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf, Wales. Treherbert is a former industrial coal mining village which was at its economic peak between 1850 and 1920. Treherbert is the upper most community of the Rhondda Fawr and encompasses the districts of Blaencwm, Blaenrhondda, Tynewydd and Pen-yr-englyn.

Blaen-y-Cwm and Blaenrhondda are at the head the Rhondda Fawr valley.

With Treherbert, Tynewydd, Blaencwm, Blaenrhondda and Pen-yr-englyn it is part of a community of Treherbert.

Rhondda Fawr is the larger of the Rhondda Valleys.



Treherbert mural on the corner of Station street as you approach the railway station.

The entire upper Rhondda has beautiful outdoor green spaces and although each village is its own community as they mostly run straight into each other communities are well linked. There are very few shops in Tynewydd, Blaencwm and Blaenrhondda but Treherbert has an active busy high street. Whilst there is a lack of variety of activities for young people the very close proximity of towns and village in the Rhondda Fawr mean that people from Treherbert to Blaencwm drive through / visit Treorchy which is the main hub of the Upper Rhondda on almost a daily basis.

The Welcome to our Woods, Create Your Space Programme is a long-term Lottery funded placed based approach to supporting the community improve health and wellbeing and the local economy through better use of the natural assets in the Upper Rhondda working to connect villages - the activities taking place in the area, especially the Welcome to Our Woods activities are connecting people living in the local villages. It is a collaborative programme involving key partners Welcome to Our Woods Ltd; Spectacle Theatre; Rhondda Housing; Interlink; Active Nutrition and Keep Wales Tidy. The programme supports the wider community to come together to plan how to improve the local area. This includes local enterprise, green prescribing linked to exercise and outdoor activities the local GP surgery, growing and allotments; the purchase of the Old Library in Treherbert, volunteering and training; tourism and a 'pay as you feel' café in Blaencwm Chapel.

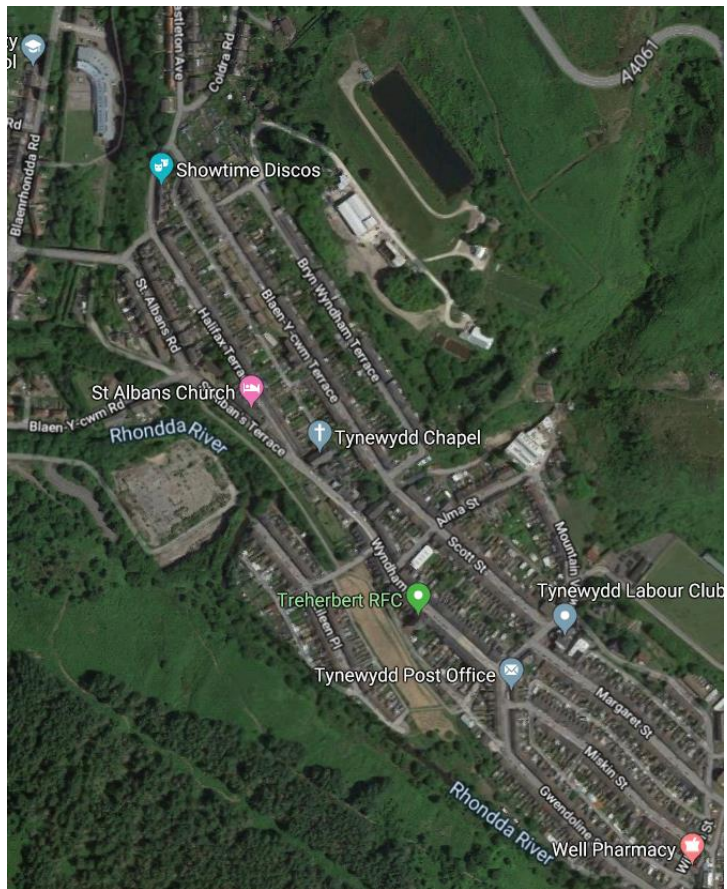
Blaencwm



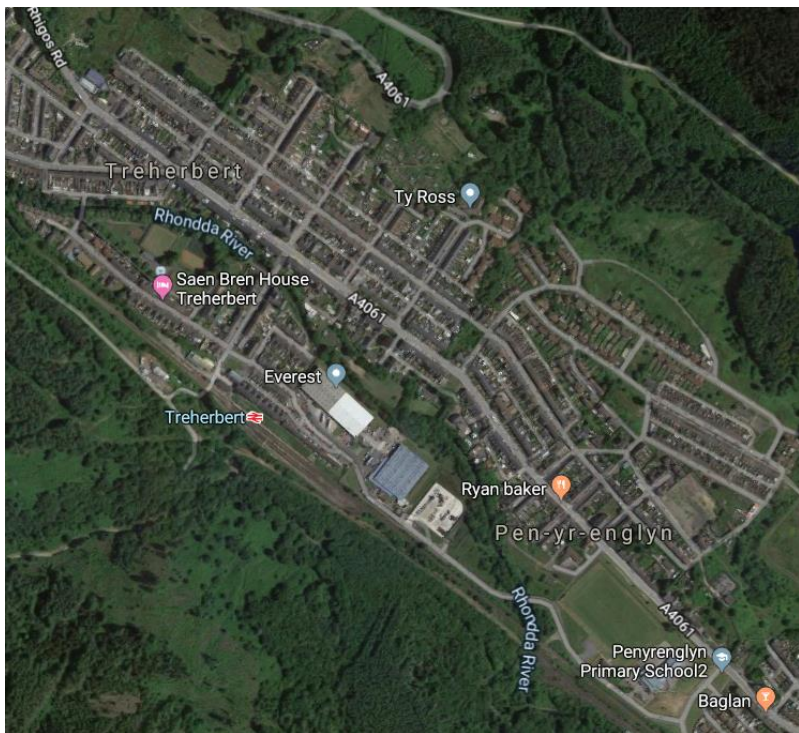
Blaenrhondda



Tynewydd



Treherbert



1	Population	5,730 (this has remained steady since at least 2001) - UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018) (Now estimated to be 5514 - https://www.citypopulation.de/php/uk-wales.php?cityid=W38000056)																																													
2	Demographics	0-17 years 1,142 18-64 years 3,246 65+ years 1,126 UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census (2018)																																													
3	Deprivation Ranking (WIMD)	<p>WIMD 2014 (where 1 is most deprived and 1909 is least)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="633 651 2121 922"> <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>499</td> <td>535</td> <td>354</td> <td>186</td> <td>937</td> <td>1,089</td> <td>964</td> <td>1,444</td> <td>712</td> </tr> <tr> <td>164</td> <td>141</td> <td>30</td> <td>356</td> <td>401</td> <td>754</td> <td>674</td> <td>1,421</td> <td>1,260</td> </tr> <tr> <td>153</td> <td>164</td> <td>73</td> <td>287</td> <td>393</td> <td>259</td> <td>661</td> <td>964</td> <td>419</td> </tr> <tr> <td>414</td> <td>356</td> <td>299</td> <td>585</td> <td>518</td> <td>1,225</td> <td>526</td> <td>589</td> <td>487</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul data-bbox="678 1050 2089 1319" style="list-style-type: none"> • 34% of children are living in poverty compared with 20% across Wales • 2% of households have no central heating which is same as Welsh average • Overall crime rate is lower than Welsh average. There were 523 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 94.5 per 1000 population. • 32% of people have a life limiting illness compared with 23% across Wales • 41% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales • 37% have no car compared with 23% across Wales 	WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing	499	535	354	186	937	1,089	964	1,444	712	164	141	30	356	401	754	674	1,421	1,260	153	164	73	287	393	259	661	964	419	414	356	299	585	518	1,225	526	589	487
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 75% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 12.5% able to speak and write Welsh • Of people out of work, 18.9% are receiving workless benefits and 5.1% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 270 people claiming Universal Credit. • 2765 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 48.5% of the population • 34.5% of children are in 'out of work households, significantly higher than 17.8% Welsh average and 35.7% are living in poverty compared with 20% Welsh average • 7.8% of population are receiving mental health benefits (275 people) this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits. • There are 813 people providing unpaid care (14.2%) • Personal debt and residential mortgage debt per head are significantly lower than Welsh average • The air quality score is 25% better than Welsh average and have access to green space and public parks and gardens more readily than Welsh average but 81% live in flood risk area compared with 41% across Wales
4	Employment & Local Economy (where do people work)	<p>42.5% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 30.6% employed full time, 12.2% employed part time and 5.9% self-employed (around 240 people).</p> <p>The largest employment sector is manufacturing 18% of the 2040 people in employment), then health & social care 16% of the 2040 people in employment and construction 14% of the 2040 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 33.78 claimants per job, significantly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority, manufacturing, education and health.</p>
5	<p>Active Community Groups</p>	<p>Blaencwm</p> <p>There is a small community centre in Blaencwm which is opened only once every 6 weeks by small group to play Bingo and the building is opened for polling. There are not any active community groups.</p> <p>Blaenrhondda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blaenrhondda Bowls Club (B) • Blaenrhondda FC (South Wales Alliance League Premier Division) – Senior Men’s only • Blaenrhondda Top Club (B) – Bingo Night / Pub / Shows / Indoor Bowls: also hosts: Blaenrhondda Branch OAP Group / CISWO Social Group <p>Tynewydd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treherbert RFC (B) (own Club House and neighbouring steward’s home on main road and full and training pitches further down the village on border with Treherbert and Rhigos mountain) / Senior and Junior teams • Blaen-y-cwm Chapel (B) (including Arts Surgery (B)) – pay as you feel café / coffee mornings / peer led arts and crafts with emphasis on pottery / craft and chat / food bank / community garden / cooking project / community allotment / dementia /café / separate charity shop on main road) • St Albans Allotments (Treherbert and District Gardening Society) – 20 plots [WTOW also have a plot here] • Upper Rhondda Angling Association (run Dan-y-Bont Fish Farm, with large shed for members and members area / also responsible for stocking Llyn Reservoir) <p>Treherbert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownies (based in Treherbert Methodist Church) • Cylch Meithrin (B) (based in old Treherbert Youth Club – rest of building is empty) • Welcome to our Woods (B) (WTOW - based at Boys and Girls Club and now own the old Treherbert Library on main road) • Active Woods

- **Treherbert Bowls Club (B)** (Bowls club for junior and seniors /coffee morning / quiz days / social activities in own building)
- **Treherbert Boys and Girls Club (B)** (running usual activities three times per week but have also just opened 'open membership gym' for anyone in the community / circuit training and Get Healthy in the Woods Green Gym with WTOW)
- **Treherbert OAP Group (B)** (own their building where they hold weekly meetings / Bingo / Trips / Fetes) – also hosts: Slimming World / Polling Station / Armchair Aerobics
- **Railway Canteen (B)** (social club and entertainment nights on weekends)
- **Walking Group** (based from old Cwmni Office)
- **Treherbert and District Silver Band (B)** – training room for senior and junior band.
Also hosts: Medium / Spiritualist
- Friends of **Ty Ross Nursing Home (B)** – privately owned care home with 30 residents
- **Glenrhondda Court Residents Group (B)** – 16 residents, Rhondda Housing complex with shared community room and garden - coffee mornings / garden and charity events
- **Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes** (based in Ninian Stuart Conservative Club)
- **Coffee Morning Group** (at Dunraven Hotel)
- **Treherbert Volunteer Gardening Group** – look after 2 small community spaces with plants and flowers
- **Churchfield Allotment Society** (Church St)
- **British Legion Group** (meet once a month in Dunraven Pub)
- **WI Treherbert and District** (meet once a month in Dunraven Pub)

Penyreglyn

- **Valleys Kids, Penyreglyn Project** [Penyreglyn Community and Family Hub] **(B)** – based on Mount Libanus Estate nicknamed The Ranch – offers youth activities for youngsters living in the Rhondda.
Mental Health Support Group / After School Group / Middle Group / Youth Group / Pre-school Group, mums and toddlers / Drama Group / Wednesday ladies' group
Also hosts: **Treherbert Quilting Club** / **Photoshop Digital Group**
- **Carmel Chapel (B)**: coffee morning / choir and band concerts

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>Blaencwm: None</p> <p>Blaenrhondda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pen Pych Community Primary School – Estyn rating ‘Good’ (2018) - 201 pupils, 33 of which attend full time nursery. <p>Tynewydd: None</p> <p>Treherbert: None</p> <p>Penynglyn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penynglyn Primary School – Estyn rating (2015) – Adequate / 264 pupils, 24 of which attend full time nursery. <p>Nearest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Gyfun Ynyswen (infant and junior) – Estyn rating (2013) – Adequate (1 mile out of Treherbert district) 273 pupils, 44 of which attend full time nursery. • Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda (secondary) – based in Cymer, Porth - a max distance of 10.2 miles with school buses. <p>Nearest English Language Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treorchy Comprehensive – a max distance of 4 miles with school buses and trains for transport. <p>Nearest Special educational school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Hen Felin, Ystrad which is 4.2 miles from Treherbert. <p>Nearest Childcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cylch Meithrin (based in old Treherbert Youth Club – rest of building is empty)
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		<p>Heavenly Day Nursery - Treorchy is the closet childcare provision, 2.1 miles away from Treherbert – places for 34 children, open from 07.30 – 18.00 Mon-Fri.</p> <p>Can find childminders through care.com website, there are 3 childminding services located in Treherbert, details of childminder are given once an account has been set up. https://www.care.com/en-gb/join-now?verticalId=childCare</p> <p>There is no Flying Start provision in this area.</p> <p>41% of people have no qualifications in Treherbert compared with 26% across Wales, (Census, 2011) and 78.6% 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>Blaencwm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park and small skate ramp and a small play area for infants further up the village <p>Blaenrhondda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football green / Bowls Green and play park all on one site <p>Tynwydd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treherbert RFC Mini Devils • Blaen-y-cwm Chapel (including Arts Factory) – café / coffee mornings / arts and crafts - JAM, Sunday school for children 10.45 at Blaenycwm chapel. <p>Treherbert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownies (based in Treherbert Methodist Church) • Welcome to our Woods (based at Boys and Girls Club and now own the old Treherbert Library on main road) • Active Woods • Treherbert Bowls Club (Bowls club and coffee morning / quiz days / social activities) • Treherbert Boys and Girls Club (running usual activities three times per week but have also just opened open membership gym for anyone in the community) • Treherbert and District band • Play park including MUGA for football and basketball

		<p>Penyreglyn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valleys Kids – Penyreglyn project run pre-school / after school and youth activities but majority of users are from the old ‘Ranch’ estate and the facility is now more widely used by youngsters of rest of Treherbert district. <p>34% of children are living in poverty in Treherbert compared with 20% across Wales (Census, 2011).</p>
8	Transport Connections	<p>37% of households (960) have no car compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 43.4% of pensioner households have no vehicle, 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>Travel Times to Key Services</p> <p>Post Office – 8 mins Library – 37 mins GP – 14 mins Pharmacy – 12 mins Primary School – 11.7 mins Secondary School – 43.7 mins Food Shop – 8 mins Leisure Centre – 75.5 mins</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>The main road in the northerly direction out of Treherbert is the A4061 Rhigos Mountain Road towards Hirwaun and the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road. It was built as a relief project for unemployed miners and opened in November 1929. It now serves as main access road for those working in Cynon, Neath and Swansea valleys.</p>

		<p>Rail</p> <p>Treherbert railway station is the last stop on the Transport for Wales Treherbert line, which runs from the capital city, Cardiff. Prior to the Dr Beeching cuts in the 1960s the railway line continued from Treherbert through Tynwydd to Blaencwm. From here it turned left at Pen Pych into Blaencwm. In Blaencwm, the line descended into a single-track tunnel under Mynydd Blaengwynfi, emerging in the village of Blaengwynfi in the nearby Afan valley. The journey took approximately 8 minutes. There are trains every 30 minutes, 7 days a week.</p> <p>Buses</p> <p>A bus service runs every 15 minutes through Treherbert and travels all the way to the top of Blaencwm and Blaenrhondda. Service runs from 06.00 – 23.00.</p> <p>You can leave Cardiff at 10.30 and still get home via train and / or bus easily, all villages at the top of the Rhondda are served well by public transport.</p>
9	<p>Health Provision (GP practices, hospitals, clinics, other services)</p>	<p>In area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP Surgery in Tynwydd and 3 chemists <p>Most of population use GP surgery in Ynyswen – Forest View Surgery (1 mile outside Treherbert District)</p> <p>Closest hospitals</p> <p>Closest A&E Royal Glam in Llantrisant (15 miles away) Llwynypia minor injuries appointment only (6 miles away)</p> <p>Dentists and opticians</p> <p>The closest dentist is in Treorchy (max distance of 3.37 miles) with great bus and train links There is an optician in area in Treherbert and several more 2 miles down the valley in Treorchy.</p> <p>There is a nursing home in Treherbert (Ty Ross). In Treorchy (1.5 miles away) there is another 2 nursing homes and Ysbyty George Thomas (offering Dementia and Mental Health services and support)</p>

		<p>32% of people have a limiting long-term illness in Treherbert 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 61 compared with 68 Welsh average.</p> <p>75% 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.</p>
10	External services brought into the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Library visits Treherbert weekly • Meat Van visits weekly • Slimming World (in Treherbert OAP Hall)
11	Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pharmacies b) Libraries c) Petrol stations d) Main buildings e) Sports facilities & Clubs f) Playgrounds g) Playing fields h) Heritage sites i) Allotments 	<p>Blaencwm (entirely housing apart from Pub/ small unused community centre and 2 play areas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pharmacies none b) Libraries none c) Petrol stations none d) Main buildings Hendrewen Pub Small community centre opened 2 hours per week, otherwise unused e) Sports facilities & Clubs none f) Playgrounds one small infant one larger with play equipment, grassed play area and skate ramp g) Playing fields none h) Heritage sites none i) Allotments informal plots privately owned around village

Blaenrhondda (entirely housing apart from Top Club / Blaenrhondda Park where play area, bowls and FC are based)

a) Pharmacies

none

b) Libraries

none

c) Petrol stations

none

d) Main buildings

Blaenrhondda Social Club known as the Top Club (CF42 5SE)

e) Sports facilities & Clubs

Blaenrhondda Bowls Club based in Blaenrhondda Park (CF42 5SF)

Blaenrhondda FC, senior team only no building but field based in Blaenrhondda Park (CF42 5SF)

f) Playgrounds

one play park based within Blaenrhondda Park (also includes Football Pitch and Bowls Club)

g) Playing fields

Football Pitch

h) Heritage sites

none

i) Allotments

none

Tynewydd (no play areas, a couple of community use buildings and several pubs and shops)

a) Pharmacies

none

b) Libraries

none

c) Petrol stations

none

d) Main buildings

Blaen-y-cwm Chapel
Arts Surgery
Treherbert RFC Clubhouse
Pub and Social Club

e) **Sports facilities & Clubs**

Treherbert RFC. The team is a member of the Welsh Rugby Union and was founded by local colliers in 1879. They own clubhouse open 4 days per week and pitch at bottom of Rhigos mountain. They have active senior team and youth and mini teams. Teams – under 8s, under 10s, under 13s, under 17s, Seniors – 1st and 2nd teams. (CF42 5BS)

f) **Playgrounds**

None

g) **Playing fields**

Treherbert RFC Pitch (bridges Tynewydd and Treherbert)

h) **Heritage sites**

none

i) **Allotments**

St Albans Road Tynewydd Allotments

Treherbert (lots of shops and pubs and a variety of community buildings and large park)

a) **Pharmacies**

none

b) **Libraries**

mobile library visits weekly


c) **Petrol stations**


none

d) **Main buildings**

Treherbert OAP Hall
Treherbert Boys and Girls Club
The Old Library (WTOW)
Pubs and Shops

		<p>e) Sports facilities & Clubs Treherbert Boys and Girls Club</p> <p>f) Playgrounds One play equipment park in Treherbert Park</p> <p>g) Playing fields MUGA in park</p> <p>h) Heritage sites none</p> <p>i) Allotments Churchfield Allotment Society (20 plots)</p> <p>Penyrenghlyn (not many people refer to Penyrenghlyn as separate place, but it is really small area between Ynyswen and Treherbert and is mostly housing, some shops and pubs and large playing fields)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valleys Kids - Penyrenghlyn Community and Family Hub (including Women’s Group, Men’s Group, quilting group, supporting people’s mental health, Digital Group: Photoshop (self-run group that meet every week) and lots of after school and youth activities (CF42 5BG) • Community Recycling Centre in Tynewydd and a newly opened ‘The Shed at Treherbert’ – mission “to reduce the amount of reusable items being thrown away and make them available for people to buy whilst creating a safe environment for volunteers to reduce social isolation and provide a pathway back into work.” The Shed gives residents the opportunity to purchase items left at recycling centre that volunteers and employees work to clean and restore. • Large football pitch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are no libraries, the closest is Treorchy (2 miles away) though a Mobile Library visits once per week ➤ There are no petrol stations, the closest is in Pentre 4 miles away ➤ There are two mechanic garages for servicing and MOTs ➤ There are no Council run community buildings or centres remaining open
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		<p>➤ PACT meetings are held at the two primary schools.</p>
<p>11a</p>	<p>Greenspaces</p> <p>Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable)</p> <p>Footpaths and Active Travel networks</p>	<p>Blaencwm</p> <p>Penpych Woodland Area NRW Car Park and Paths (CF42 5EB) – Penpych mountain has tabletop formation and is a popular walking / visitor destination. Penpych mountain also boasts 2 large waterfalls and nearby an Iron Age stone hut circle. Blaencwm is a popular walking attraction for local people and visitors and most weekends tourists are seen around the village and mountains walking the trails.</p>  <p>Blaenrhondda</p> <p>Blaenrhondda Park is a large green space with play area and bowls and football provision (CF42 5SF). There is an attractive community green on the Brynhellan Estate. People use the Fernhill site for walking, running and cycling though this area is now under private ownership.</p>

		<p>Tynewydd Mainly residential with no play areas or parks but there is a large green space and footpath used for dog walking behind the main road.</p> <p>Blaen-y-cwm Chapel has a small community garden</p> <p>Treherbert Treherbert Park – MUGA / play park / tennis court / bowls club and abandoned swimming pool</p> <p>WTOW have community space in woods used for outdoor cooking / exercise / bush craft etc</p> 
12	<p>Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)</p>	<p>47.6% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 43.4% of remaining people (3,090) identify as Christian with 10% Muslim or Sikh.</p> <p>Blaencwm None</p> <p>Blaenrhondda None</p>

		<p>Tynewydd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blaen-y-Cwm Chapel (Welsh Baptist) - Pay as you feel café Tues & Thurs / mother & toddler group / Coffee morning / Food Bank / Community Garden behind the Chapel / Spectacle Theatre offer youth performance projects here. <p>Treherbert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treherbert Methodist Church based in Tynewydd/Treherbert border. Provide: WI Meetings 3rd Monday of every month, Craft Class 1st,2nd,3rd week of every month / Bible Class Mondays / Brownies / Flower Festival / Pilates with WTOW. • Trinity Gospel Hall – Sunday service only <p>Penynglyn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carmel Chapel (Welsh Independent)- Coffee mornings / Regular weddings and funerals / charity fundraising events / concerts / Choir
13	Local businesses & shops	<p>Blaencwm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old School Engineering • The Hendrewen Hotel (open 3 days per week) <p>Blaenrhondda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Office <p>Tynewydd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General store (including post office counter) • Bits and Bobs (including fruit and veg) • Butchers • Sweet Shop • Hairdresser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity Shop • Takeaway • Builders Yard

- Bakery
- Funeral directors

Treherbert

- Post Office
- General Store
- 5 x Take Away
- Florist
- Funeral Directors
- 2 x Gift Shops
- Charity Shop
- 6 x Spar / General Stores
- Greengrocer – Paul’s bakery, butchers and café
- The Old Library Social Forestry Hub (WTOW)
- 7 x Hairdresser
- Bits and Bobs
- Tattoo Shop
- Croeso Café

Penynglyn

- General store

The closest supermarkets are Lidl and Co-Op in Treorchy / Asda in Tonypandy / Tesco in Aberdare
WTOW are working with local shopkeepers to create a Chamber of Trade

A fishmonger and veg van visit all villages once a week. There is a weekly meat van in Treherbert.

14	Tourism facilities (including tourism websites)	<p>Treherbert: Welcome to Our Woods are carrying out practical work and community engagement to develop woodland area behind Treherbert train station with community hydro and Pixie bridge. Their building The Old Library Social Forestry Hub on main road will give out information on area to visitors and locals.</p> <p>At the very top of Blaenrhondda (land adjoining Rhigos mountain / NRW managed land and Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm), there is a very large area of land now owned by private owner who allows Welcome to our Woods to use the space. This was once 'Cowboy Town' and there is often talk of developing camping, activities, camping pods etc here.</p> <p>Penpych mountain is a tourist attraction with many people visiting to climb to the top, this is between Blaenrhondda and Blaencwm and Penpych Woodland Park is managed by NRW.</p> <p>At the very top of Blaencwm is disused Rhondda Tunnel joining Blaencwm and Blaengwynfi in the Afan Valley. There is an active campaign group The Rhondda Tunnel Society working to re-open this. If re-opened it would be second longest cycling tunnel in the world and be a major tourist attraction.</p> <p>There are 5 Air BNB properties in Blaencwm and Blaenrhondda and a sought-after luxury B&B in Tynewydd.</p>
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<p>Blaencwm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hendrewen Hotel (open three days per week with Ladies Darts night on Thursday) <p>Blaenrhondda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top Club (has been in a difficult position but engaging with the community who have just started making repairs and improvements to building and they have just launched a Bingo night) <p>Tynewydd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tynewydd Labour (The Bricks) (host regular entertainment nights) • The Wyndham • Treherbert RFC (host regular entertainment nights)

		<p>Treherbert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bute • Ninian Stuart Conservative and Unionist Club also known as The Ninian (snooker club based there and quiz nights) • The Dunraven Hotel <p>Penyrenglyn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baglan Hotel (have own Sunday league football team based there) • New Inn
16	Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's view of the community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been several groups linked to disused paddling pool which community would like to see re-opened. • The old Con Club (Con Club moved to new location as major issues with building – a Church is now in situ but not open to the public and building is in state of disrepair) • Toilets in Treherbert Park
17	Housing – current and planned? Who	<p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 111 (3.9%) Welsh average = 27.7% • Semi Detached – 366 (12.9%) Welsh average = 31% • Terraced – 2098 (74%) Welsh average = 27.8% • Purpose Built Flats – 195 (6.9%) Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted houses or buildings – 37 (1.3%) Welsh average = 2.4% <p>Blaencwm/Blaenrhondda / Tynewydd and Treherbert are almost entirely terraced housing built in the late 19th century with a small number of new build / detached properties. Penyrenglyn is a mixture of terraced housing and purpose-built social housing (that used to be known as The Ranch).</p> <p>There are small blocks of flats dotted around Treherbert and Penyrenglyn (no more than 3 stories with 10 flats in each. There are a few purpose-built retirement blocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 1738 (67.5%) Welsh average = 67.8%

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social rented – 368 (14.3%) Welsh average = 16.5% • Private rented – 380 (14.8) Welsh average = 15.8%) <p>Average house price is £66,490 – 61.2% of properties were built before 1900 but 60 properties have been built since 2000 which is slightly higher than Welsh average.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trivallis and Rhondda Housing Association are the social landlords serving the area. • Ty Ross is the only nursing home in Treherbert. • Treherbert Children’s home. <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 685 (26.6% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) • One person – 470 (18.2% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) • Lone Parent with dependent children – 235 (33.4% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) • Married – 715 (27.8% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) • Cohabiting – 235 (9.1% compared to 9.7% Welsh average)
18	<p>Analysing all that – what are the main gaps in provision?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of activities for young people (some young people would like to see Boxing Gym) • Community members suggested they would like to see a Bowling Alley in the community – a large scale one to bring people to the area (like the one in Nantgarw). • Range of activities are limited • There are no shops in Blaencwm or Blaenrhondda and residents feel something is needed further up the valley. • People feel you have to use the internet to find out what is happening and WTOW need to communicate in other ways. • There are currently issues of littering and damage in Treherbert park and MUGA areas and the community are working with WTOW to investigate ways of dealing with this. • There are no banks or visiting banks in Treherbert • People often visit Aberdare as closest large town and would like to see a bus connection.

19	What's likely to come up? What might change?	See above – development of tourism in area with Tunnel, Zip World, Blaenrhondda land and increase in B&B's / Air BnB
20	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Geraint Davies – Plaid Cymru / Cllr Will Jones - Independent • AM – Leanne Wood – Plaid Cymru • MP – Chris Bryant – Welsh Labour • Council – RCT CBC – Labour Town / Community Council – None

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

(Interlink RCT).

Nature Reclaims the Rhondda: The Rhondda Is No More Raped of Coal because we are shaded by the sun. We don't have the work industry.

And breathe: Happy surrounded and proud; It's beautiful and the people are determined and friendly.

Magical Mountains- Stunning - Magical – Musical. You have to appreciate what is here, the nature, running streams, birds singing, on our doorstep.

Could do better: I think that there is a lot more to do, for my children's future more needs to be made of the opportunities that surround us.

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.

