

Community Profile – Pentre

Quotes from the community

Overview

Pentre is a village and community, near Treorchy in the Rhondda valley. Pentre is 0.7 miles from Treorchy.

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 St Peter’s 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.



Llewelyn Street and St Peter’s Church



The team at Canolfan Pentre



MUGA at Pentre Park

Section 1 - Community Groups, Activity + Key Buildings

Pentre			
Community Building	Activities they run	Other groups based there	Other Groups with no physical base
Salvation Army	Pilates / Coffee Morning / Community Café / Parenting Groups / own Choir / Band / Theatre Group/ Food Coop	Food Share Scheme is now provided from here	Pentre Rhondda Archive Pentre Village/By the Community/ For the Community Coronavirus - Pentre and Ton Pentre Community Network Pentre Past and Present Pentre and Treorchy Ward Food Share
Canolfan Pentre	<p>A Hub for the community of Pentre and wider area. Canolfan Pentre has been a critical link for people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - self-isolating during the Pandemic, - affected by the flooding in Pentre - and families that dealing with digital poverty during lockdown when the schools were closed/people working from home. <p>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 look after MUGA which they built after securing funding to convert disused pool.</p>	Mental health groups / Tai Chi Group / Hafal / Autism Support Group: RCT Branch National Autistic Society / Cope in the Community Bereavement Group / Personal Counselling service provided by Owen Griffiths (Carmel Chapel Blaenllechau).	
Oasis Church	Kids Club Youth Club Good social support networks.		
Community Charity Shop	Very important to the local community both from a place to purchase affordable clothing/ household items/ bric -a -brac but also the shop makes donations to people in need in the community.		
Griffin Park Allotments	12 community allotment plots.		
Ystradyfodwg Bowls Club	New members welcome, and regular players meetings, encouraged at local Inns.		

	Wednesday morning practice sessions will resume when safe to do so.		
The old Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upper Rhondda Brass Band - Cory Band (have 2 Offices here) - Julie the stitch - Play it Again Sports have a base here. https://www.playitagainsport.wales/ - People and Work Office base - Rhondda Web – Digital inclusion Project (From People and Work) 		
St Peter's Church Hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brownies - Older People Group - Faith Hope and Harmony Group based in St Peters Church. 	
SW.CMR South Wales Community Mountain Rangers	Working Together Throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf To Prevent Mountain And Grass Fires Providing support for local families during the Pandemic as well.		

Deprivation Ranking - WIMD 2014 (where 1 is most deprived and 1909 is least)

WIMD	Income	Employment	Health	Education	Access to Services	Community Safety	Physical Environment	Housing
523	478	399	242	780	1566	855	894	923
204	300	56	230	450	1590	169	514	1522

	UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census	Estimated 2020	2021
Population	5232 (across ward of Pentre and Ton Pentre, Pentre is around 3000 and has remained steady since around 2001) 0-17 years 672 18-64 years 1876 65+ years 653	2076 https://www.citypopulation.de/php/uk-wales.php?cityid=W38000056	

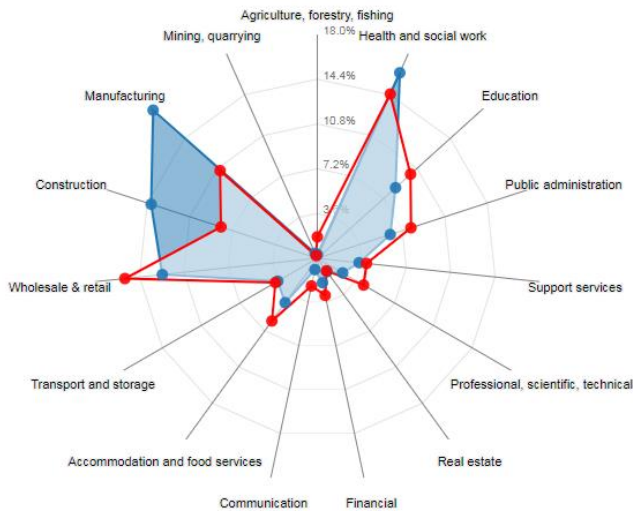
	Welsh Average	2019	2021
Children in poverty	20% of children live in poverty	23%	
Central heating	2% of households have no central heating	1.6%	
Crime Rates	Overall crime rate is lower than Welsh average. There were 295 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 99.4 per 1000 population.		
Illness	23% of people have a life limiting illness	32%	
Qualifications	26% of people across Wales have no qualifications	41%	
Car ownership	23% of people across Wales have no car	28.6% of people have no car	
Ethnicity	93% of people in Wales are White British	97.9%	
Born in Wales	72.7% of people were born in Wales	90.2%	
Welsh language	77% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 12.1% able to speak and write Welsh		
Benefits	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.		

Deprivation Rate	2250 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 75% of the population	
Out of work households	17.8% of children live in out of work households	34.5%
Living in poverty	20% of people are classed as living in poverty	35.7%
Average household income		£22,600
Unpaid care		664 people providing unpaid care (22%)
Air Quality and Green Spaces	41% of population live in flood risk area	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 43% of population live in flood risk area
Mental Health	7.8% of population are receiving mental health benefits this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits / 21% of population have GP recognised mental health condition	
Debt	Personal debt and residential mortgage debt per head are significantly lower than Welsh average	

5	Employment & Local Economy	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). 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. 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.	6	Health Provision	In area In area None Nearest GP is Treorchy or Ton Pentre, both are around 1 mile away from centre of Pentre Closest hospitals Royal Glamorgan 10.4 miles (with A&E) Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda – 2.7 miles (with Minor Injuries Unit) Dentists and opticians
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UK Office of National Statistics, (Census, 2011)
 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

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The nearest dentists and opticians are in Treorchy around 1.5 miles away
 There is a pharmacy in Pentre.

- 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.
- 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.

7 Transport Connections

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.

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.

Travel Times to Key Services

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

		<p>Leisure Centre – 31.4 mins</p> <p>Roads The A4058 which is main trunk road through Rhondda Fawr passes through Pentre. It leads from top of the Valley down to Pontypridd 9around 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>Rail 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>Buses 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. 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>
8	<p>Schools – primary, secondary, Welsh, special needs, nurseries (including Cylchoedd Meithrin), childcare providers – number of pupils in each, current Estyn ratings</p>	<p>0 schools in area (primary) 0 secondary schools in area Average travel time to secondary school = 21 minutes Average travel time to primary school = 3 minutes</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>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>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closest Welsh Primary School - Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Bodringallt – (1.3 miles) • The closest Welsh Secondary School - Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhondda – (6.6 miles) <p>Closest English Language Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closest English Secondary School - Treorchy Comprehensive School – (1.5 miles) <p>Closest Special educational school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ysgol Hen Felin, Ystrad (aged 3-18) – 1.67 miles from Pentre <p>Closest Childcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Parent and Toddler and Afterschool Club at Canolfan Pentre • Summer Play Scheme at Canolfan Pentre • Parent and Toddler at The Salvation Army <p>There is no Flying Start provision in this area.</p>		
9	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • AM – Leanne Wood – Plaid Cymru • MP – Chris Bryant – Welsh Labour • Council – RCT CBC – Labour <p>Town / Community Council – None</p>	10	<p>Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people’s view of the community?</p> <p>There are some large buildings along the main road Llewelyn Street that have been converted into blocks of flats and have attracted anti-social behaviour over the last 20 years. There has been higher than average crime rates.</p>
11	Housing	<p>Make up of properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached – 8.1%, Welsh average = 27.7% 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi Detached – 7.3%, Welsh average = 31% • Terraced – 75.2%, Welsh average = 27.8% • Purpose Built Flats – 6.1%, Welsh average = 9.6% • Flats in converted houses or buildings – 3.3%, Welsh average = 2.4% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 75.2%, Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 9%, Welsh average = 16.5% • Private rented – 14.8%, Welsh average = 15.8% <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"> • Trivallis and Rhondda Housing Association are the social landlords serving the area. <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 23.9% compared to 22.9% Welsh average • One person – 18.2% compared to 17.1% Welsh average • Lone Parent with dependent children – 30.7% compared to 26.8% Welsh average • Married – 31.8% compared to 32.8% Welsh average • Cohabiting – 9.8% compared to 9.7% Welsh average <p>Llys Nazareth (Wales and West Housing) – Over 50’s Accommodation: There is a Group based here that knot and make cards to sell to raise money for local people in need. Bag sales and Bingo! Also provided. The Group have small social events such as ‘Fish and Chip Fridays in their Common room.</p> <p>AEWYD Housing for over 50’s https://www.aelwyd.co.uk/</p>		
12	Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)	<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"> • St Peters Church- Church of England- OAP group • Oasis Methodist - After school on Wed and Friday 	13	Tourism <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>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Salvation Army • Mosque (underneath Indian Takeaway) <p>For more information on activities based in all these buildings, see Section 1</p>			
14	Local businesses & shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hairdressers • Barbers • 2 ironing shops • Finishing Touches – homeware and gifts • 2 pubs- Queens & Pentre Legion • Nisa & Premier • Fast food- Indian, Babylon (pizza), Village Kebabs, Chinese • E cigarette shop • Chemist • Suite Options Furniture • Hand Car Wash • Solicitors • The Bank night club • Petrol station <p>The old town hall is now being rented out as private units to a variety of businesses</p>			
15	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queens Pub • Pentre Legion Comrades Club • The Bank Night club <p>For more information on activities based in all these buildings, see Section 1</p>			
16	External services brought into the area	<p>Girl Guiding (St Peters Church)</p> <p>All at Canolfan Pentre: Hafal / MIND / 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>			
17	What's likely to come up?	<p>Flooding awareness: The impact of de-forestation on the mountain side above the Pentre community</p> <p>Increased awareness of local poverty highlighted by the Pandemic</p>			

	What might change?	Increased awareness of loneliness and isolation of older community members highlighted by the pandemic
18	Greenspaces Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable) Footpaths and Active Travel networks Sports facilities & Clubs Playgrounds Playing fields Heritage sites Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large play park with 3G Council Run Facility / MUGA / Play park / Bowls green and green space • Walk behind church (Pentre woods) currently overgrown • Small allotment site
19	Other Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include: Pharmacies Libraries Petrol stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Petrol station (CF41 7PN) ➤ Chemist (CF41 7PE) ➤ Open play park ➤ Bowls Green ➤ 3G pitch by appointment only through council (CF41 7AE) used by Cardiff City development teams from under 7's to under 14's. ➤ Walk behind church (Pentre woods) currently overgrown ➤ Griffin Park, Pentre allotment run by the Rhondda Society

<p>20 Leisure facilities and activities specifically for Children & Young People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school club in Oasis, Canolfan and Salvation Army • Mother and toddlers in Salvation Army and Canolfan Pentre • Park (including disused pool that will soon become a MUGA) • 3G pitches (run by council, used by appointment only) • Nursery and holiday club (childcare) • Ton Pentre Brownies use St Peters Church hall in Pentre • Young people choir in Salvation Army.
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Analysing what are the main gaps in provision?



Tracking changes in the area

Section	What	What has changed	Date



