Quotes from the community

Trecynon remains a busy village made up of traditional terraced and modern housing estates serviced by several groceries, food and hairdressing shops along with a pharmacy, GP Practice, public houses, funeral director, a fine church and chapels. And of course, it is blessed with Aberdare Park which recently benefitted from the installation of a splash pad, a water-play for children which has added another feature to the many enjoyed by people of all ages over its 150 years existence. Trecynon has history in the arts and education, Griffith Rhys Jones better known as 'Caradog' the conductor of the famous Cor Mawr. was born in 1843 in the now lost Rose and Crown in Trecynon.

The Hall remains a charity and thanks to funding bodies such as, Welsh Church Act Fund, the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Pen y Cymoedd Wind Farm Community Fund, the local Freemasons and the Big Lottery Fund, the Trustees have been able to ensure the Hall remains in good condition and continue to serve the community.

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Community Profile – Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare

Overview

Llwydcoed is a village in the North of the Cwm Cynon, near the town of Aberdare in the county borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf, Wales. The Aberdare ironworks were established at Llwydcoed in the early 19th century.

Stage and screen actor Ioan Gruffudd was born in Llwydcoed. Best known for playing Reed Richards in The Fantastic Four and for his role as Horatio Hornblower. Roy Noble, radio presenter on BBC Radio Wales and BBC Radio Cymru, lives in Llwydcoed. Llwydcoed means 'Grey Trees' [because of the many silver birch trees in the area. Authors Jean and Russell John wrote books about the village with many historical photographs 'Llwydcoed in Old Photographs' and 'Grey Trees Childhood Memories of Llwydcoed'.







Trecynon (inc Robertstown) and Cwmdare are small villages and communities in the North of the Cwm Cynon, near the town of Aberdare in the county borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf, Wales. The Aberdare ironworks were established at Llwydcoed in the early 19th century. Trecynon developed in the early 19th century because of ironworks in Llwydcoed. The village of Cwmdare has become a commuter village for the surrounding towns such as Aberdare, Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd as well as the cities of Cardiff and Swansea. Trecynon is home to the Aberdare Park, which is on a 50-acre site, borders cross into many of the neighbouring villages - Aberdare park is a Victorian park, the park hosts many different events and activities, from motorbike racing to park runs. The park has bowling facilities, tennis facilities, a lake, café and toilets. The Park is a historical site which still hosts a Victorian bandstand and fountain. There are many active community groups supporting different aspects of the community of Aberdare.

Trecynon Hall is dynamic with evening events and shows. St Fagan's church situated in Trecynon offer a vast range of services to the community incorporating all age groups and has an easily accessible website.

Cwmdare is a community that flows down the Dare mountain down to the town of Aberdare. There are almost no jobs in Cwmdare, and most residents commute out of the village for employment. There is a local shop, post office and pub in Cwmdare. Cwmdare has several chapels, which are well used by the community. The communities are more affluent compared to other areas in the Cynon valley, with a large proportion of the residents retiring during working age.





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Llwydcoed			
Community Building	Activities they run	Other groups based there	Other Groups with no physical base
Llwydcoed Community Centre https://www.facebook.com/Llwydcoed centre	Dance classes / Sewing classes / Music events / Yoga and gong bath sessions / available for hire by the community.	Llwydcoed Community Action Group <u>www.facebook.com/groups/17805</u> <u>45608885524</u> Musicals Bears parent & baby toddler group every Thursday Morning Patricia Underwood Gong Therapy and Meditation.	Llwydcoed Brass Band: https://www.facebook.com/llwydcoedbrassband Llwydcoed Neighbourhood: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Llwydcoed/1 04094996294790/
Llwydcoed Primary PTA Hub Llwydcoed AFC Clubhouse https://afcllwydcoed.co.uk/about/	Family friendly Events Photography Competitions Wild Trail activity and Events coming soon. Welsh Football League Division 1 (highest rank team in AoB). They had a 250-seater stadium built in 2019 funded by PyC. Senior team and 198 junior and youth	AFC Llwydcoed	
	players across age groups including girls' team for first time in 19/20 season.		

Jehovah Witness	Aberdare Congregation of Jehovah Witness Charity number 254477		
Trecynon			
Community Building	Activities they run	Other groups based there	Other Groups with no physical base
Trecynon Free Library and Institute Charity number: 525465	Live Shows / DJ Nights / Community Cabaret / Room and Event Hire	Tai Chi Llwydcoed Brass Band Col Starts Theatre Group 2 private businesses Bryn Siriol Chapel use the Hall for its Sunday Services and it is very well attended. Chapel members also carry out litter picks and carol singing	Trecynon Community: <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/Trecy</u> <u>non/109496025734723/</u> • Cor Merched Cwm Cynon
Oasis Church and Community Project Charity number:1159713 <u>www.oasisaberdare.org</u>	Established in 2014 to promote and extend community engagement / support activities to the Cynon Valley communities. Ladies Coffee Morning Oasis Tots Parents and Toddlers Oasis Junior's Children's Club Oasis Youth Club	None	
Hen Dŷ Cwrdd			
St Fagans Church Hall	Uniform Exchange Scheme PE Kit exchange	Merthyr Cynon Food Bank Aberdare Camera Club Scouts Beavers Clubs and Explorers	

Aberdare Park	Aberdare Splash Pad	Aberdare Bowls Club	
	Friends of Aberdare Park	Harlequins Bowls Club (Trecynon)	
		Friends of Aberdare Park	
		Charity number 1169132	
		Cynon Artsy Lens & Nature Unleash	
		Aberdare Park Road Races	
Welsh Heart Inn	Welsh Heart Inn darts and Pools Teams		
Mount Pleasant Pub	Mount Pleasant Pub Darts and Pools Teams		
Cwmdare			
Community Building	Activities they run	Other groups based there	Other Groups with no physical base
Cwmdare Welfare Hall and Recreation	Room Hire and catering for	 Dare to Sing Ladies Choir 	- Cwmdare Allotments
centre	Weddings, Birthdays and Funerals,	- Cwmdare OAP	
Charity number 524152	Meetings and Events.		Facebook Cwmdare4cwmdare
Cwmdare Mission Hall	Church services		www.facebook.com/groups/394192913982933
www.facebook.com/CwmdareMission/	Messy Church		
<pre>community/?ref=page_internal</pre>	Community Events		
St Luke's Church Hall		Weightwatchers	
		BLAST: St Luke's Hall, Queen St,	
		Cwmdare, 10.45-11.45am every	
		Sunday - Includes arts, Crafts,	

		colouring and stories for 4-11 years old.	
Dare Community Sports Hall	Room/ Hall hire	Welsh Blood Service collection centre	
Cwmdare Primary School	Cwmdare Primary School Homes School Association Charity number 1060065	Parkour from Aim Academy	
Maesgwyn Special School	Friends of Maesgwyn Special School – support pupils, parents and surrounding community to develop recycling and gardening projects with opportunities to volunteer.		
Ton Glwyd Fawr Public House		Cwmdare Voices – Male voice choir, with 40 members	

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
1,310	1,346	1,031	540	1,346	965	1,332	1,835	1,856
706	1,051	689	170	1,129	462	1,263	1,183	1,271
520	378	321	504	512	1,651	810	1,567	1,613
430	485	237	404	686	529	653	1,828	1,175
757	565	428	1,097	773	1,791	990	811	1,042
1,791	1,845	1,423	1,818	1,618	815	1,906	1,852	1,888

Pen y Cymoedd Community Profile – Llwydcoed/V7 /06.10.2021

	UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census	Estimated 2020	2021
Population	9385 0-17 years 1590 18-64 years 5770 65+ years 2025		

	Welsh Average	2019	2021		
Population		Now estimated to be 5514 -			
		https://www.citypopulation.de/php/uk-			
		wales.php?cityid=W38000056			
Children in poverty	20% of children live in poverty	16%			
Central heating	2% of households have no central	1%			
	heating				
Crime Rates	Overall crime rate is slightly lower than V	Velsh average. There were 692 reported			
	crimes between 2018 and 2019, 76.5 per	1000 population – the majority of these			
	were 'violent crimes.				
Illness	23% of people have a life limiting illness	26%			
Qualifications	26% of people across Wales have no	29%			
	qualifications				
Car ownership	23% of households across Wales have	22%			
	no access to a car				
Ethnicity	93% of people in Wales are White	97.4%			
	British				
Born in Wales	72.7% of people were born in Wales	89.2%			
Welsh language	76.9% of population cannot speak Welsh	76.9% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 9% able to speak and write			
	Welsh				
Benefits	Of people out of work, 12.3% are receiving	ng workless benefits and 2.2% people are			
		e are around 95 people claiming Universal			
	Credit.				

Deprivation Rate	0 people are living in the most deprived 2 actually living in least deprived 20% of ar					
Out of work households	17.8% of children live in out of work households	14.5%				
Living in poverty	20% of people are classed as living in poverty	17.8%				
Average household income		£				
Unpaid care		1338 people providing unpaid care (14.5%)				
Air Quality and Green Spaces	41% of population live in flood risk area	The air quality score is slightly better than Welsh average and have access to green space and public parks and gardens more readily than Welsh average. 29.6% of population live in flood risk area				
Mental Health	diagnosed mental health conditions who	1.2% of population are receiving mental health benefits - this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits / 15% of population have GP recognised mental health condition.				
Debt	Personal debt and residential mortgage of Welsh average	Personal debt and residential mortgage debt per head are slightly lower than Welsh average				

2	Employment	The communities of Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare	3	Health Provision	In area
	& Local	displayed a higher concentration of retired residents than that			Park Surgery – Trecynon (CF44 8LL) open Mon – Fri
	Economy	of the Welsh Average. A quarter of the working age population			- 8.00am – 6.30pm.
		in the area were retired according to Census (2011).			
		Davies and Musson (2007) analysed the increase in the			Closest hospitals
		commuting population. Since the loss of coal mines and iron			Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr (7.7 miles away) -
		industry, the total employment within the valley has increased,			Major acute / Major A&E / Open 24 hours
		although not at the same rate as the population. The volume of			Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Mountain Ash (11.18 miles
		commuting has increased substantially in the area, and the			away) – New Community and minor injuries
					hospital

	employed part time and 6.4 people). The largest employment sector	omically active compared with .2% employed full time, 13.7% % self-employed (around 435 is Health and Social care (16% of t), then Retail (13% of the 3940 ication (13% of the 3940 people e 4.78 claimants per job, very lsh average and the jobs		Dentists and opticians The closest are in Aberdare town centre 2.2 miles away26% of people (2400) have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011). The average life expectancy is 76 compared to 77 across RCT and 78 across Wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 66 compared with 68 Welsh average and higher than RCT average.0% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average
4	Transport Connections	households (467) have no vehic The travel time to key services (categories and so population ha Travel Times to Key Services Post Office – 13.5 mins Library – 26 mins GP – 17 mins Pharmacy – 16.7 mins Primary School – 10.5 mins Secondary School – 15.1 mins Food Shop – 10.2 mins Leisure Centre – 35.2 mins Roads	le. wall as go	alking or public transport) are just lower than Welsh average across most good access to key services. re can now be reached from the City of Cardiff by car in 45minutes via the A470

		 Rail Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare can also be reached via a train to Aberdare train station from Cardiff city centre. There are 28 trains a day that travel the line from Cardiff to Aberdare and back to Cardiff. The first train from Aberdare to Cardiff is at 6.21am and the last train to arrive at Aberdare is at 10.43pm. Buses From Aberdare the number 9 bus will then go to the village of Llwydcoed, Trecynon and Cwmdare. The Stagecoach number 6 bus leaves Aberdare bus station every 30 minutes from 7.08am, with the last bus leaving the station at 6.25pm. The number 6 bus travels across to Merthyr Tydfil town daily. No. 6 bus runs from Aberdare Town through Gadlys, Trecynon, up the hill to Llwydcoed village and straight onto Merthyr Keir Hardy, and Town Centre.
5	Schools – primary, secondary, Welsh, special needs, nurseries (including Cylchoedd Meithrin), childcare providers – number of pupils in each, current Estyn ratings.	 In area Cwmdar County Primary School – Estyn rating (2016) – Good / 297 pupils. Aberdare Park Primary School -Trecynon Llwydcoed Primary School – Estyn rating (2014) – Adequate / 126 pupils. Closest Welsh Language Schools Primary - YGG Aberdar (in Cwmdare) Secondary - Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun – (1.2 miles away) Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate / 961 pupils, 171 of which attend sixth form.
		 Closest English Language Secondary School The nearest English Language Comprehensive School is Aberdare community school – 2.3 miles with school buses for transport or St John the Baptist High School is in Gadlys. Closet Special educational school Ysgol Maesgwyn Cwmdare (11-18) who also have a satellite base in Aberdare on Coleg y Cymoedd Campus for post 16) Also, in area is: Park Lane Special School – Trecynon (3-19)

		Pupil Referral Unit – Cwmdare				
		There is no Flying Start provision in this area. 25.5% of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales, (Census, 2011) and 59.6% of 18-19-year olds are not in Higher education compared with 66.1% Welsh average.				
6	Politics	 Cllr Ann Crimmings (Cwmdare) – Labour / Cllr Gareth Jones (Trecynon) – Labour / Cllr Sharon Rees (Llwydcoed) – Labour AM – Vikki Howells – Welsh Labour MP – Beth Winter - Labour Council – RCT CBC – Labour Town / Community Council - none 				
8	Housing					

		 Households are made up as follows: Pensioner - 900 (23% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) One person - 610 (15.6% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) Lone Parent with dependent children - 315 (27.7% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) Married - 1445 (36.9% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) Cohabiting - 340 (8.6% compared to 9.7% Welsh average) 			
		According to Census (2011) the village of Llwydcoed homes are predominately detached and owned outright with the majority being occupied by only two residents.			
		The majority of sales in Llwydcoed during the last year were semi-detached properties, selling for an average price of £137,909. Detached properties sold for an average of £247,600, with terraced properties fetching £114,000. Llwydcoed, with an overall average price of £157,425 was more expensive than nearby Aberdare (£117,887) and Cwmdare (£109,662) but was cheaper than Abernant (£204,400). Housing in the communities of Trecynon and Cwmdare are varied with old properties and large new build estates.			
		Cynon Taf community housing are social landlords covering the areas in the Cynon.			
		Nantgwyn is a short break home in Cwmdare. It provides short breaks to children and young people aged between 6 and 18 years who a have a learning or physical disability. Nantgwyn supports children and families to have a break and go for a fun sleep over, and they can help children and young people to access the community and local facilities, promote hobbies and encourage children to try new things.			
		Tegfan Resource Centre – CF44 8HU Trecynon – Care home for the elderly			
		Oak Wood Nursing Home – CF44 8DB – LA run nursing home			
		Gadlys Resource Centre – CF44 8AS Cwmdare – For people with learning disabilities			
9	Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings	in,	Dare Valley Country Park has an entrance at the very top of Cwmdare Aberdare Park Walking routes and maps for Llwydcoed: //getoutside.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/local/llwydcoed-		
	used)		da-cynon-taf		
		Trecynon			

		• St Fagan's – Trecynon (CF44 8LL) – Caffi Cino, for over			
		50's lunch club every Thursday at 1pm until 3pm,			
	bingo, quizzes. Tea and Toast, free breakfast every				
	Monday 9am – 11.30am. Community library, mon –				
		fri, 10am – 12pm. Mothers Union, first Monday every			
	month, (Men are also welcome). Large Hall available				
	for hire / Uniform Exchange				
	Cwmdare				
		 St Luke's – Cwmdare – Tea and Toast, free breakfast 			
		every Thursday 9am – 11am. Large hall available of			
		hire.			
		Nebo Welsh Baptist Chapel – Cwmdare			
		Cwmdare Mission – mother and toddler group and girl			
		guides.			
		Oasis Community Church			
		All three churches, St Fagan's, St Luke's and St James, come			
		under the Parish and between them hold daily services for the			
		three communities. Faith Factory and Blast are held on			
	Sundays for children between 4-11 years.				
		For more information on activities based in all these buildings,			
		see Section 1			
11	Local				
	businesses &	Coed Stores – Convenience store Llwydcoed			
	shops	Family Shopper – Convenience store Llwydcoed			
		• Fish Bar			
		Mojos Hair			
		Autocare/ Auto Spares			
	Kings Motor Company				
Sophie Hill Estate Agents					
Car Wash and Valet					
Prizeman Cables					
Global Signs (Based at Fedw Hir, off Merthyr Road).					
		Cwtchio Aesthetics			

- Alibaba Kabab Shop
- Coed Box Fish and Chip Shop
- RCTCBC Recycling Plant and Tip

There are also several businesses based in area including Mucky Pups / Tip Top Toilets / SW Artificial Lawns that do not have store front.

There are two large working farms and a factory employing 60 people in Llwydcoed (Prysmian Cables and Systems).

Ysguborwen Care Home offers space for 78 residents and employs 45 people.

Although not many shops, its proximity to Trecynon and Aberdare as well as main road through Llwydcoed leading directly to Merthyr in 10 minutes means there are plenty of shopping options.

Trecynon

- Lifestyle
- Park Motors
- Paul and Tobin Heating and Plumbing
- Cwtch Bakery
- Pukka Tukka
- Fai's Fish Bar
- Happy Fish and Chips
- Fusion Hairdresser
- Tracey's Unisex Hair Salon
- Sasha and Co hairdresser
- Appliance world direct
- In 2 Sports
- General store and post office
- Maes Newydd Garden Centre

Cwmdare

- Spar Cwmdare
- Cwmdare Store and Post office

There is also an industrial estate the opposite side of the A4059 with large employers such as Prysmian Cables / Travis Perkins and Ashwood Designs (these sustain almost 400 jobs in total)

12	Leisure	Llwydcoed			
	premises,	Red Cow			
	pubs, clubs				
	etc	Trecynon			
The Gadlys Arms (Robertstown)					
		The Welsh Harp Inn			
		White Lion			
		The Llwyncelyn Inn			
		Beehive Inn			
		Cwmdare			
		Cwmdare Social Club			
		Cwmdare Club			
		Ton Glwyd Fawr			
		Mount Pleasant Hotel			
		For more information on activities based in all these buildings, see Section 1			
13	External				
	services				
	brought into				
	the area.				
14	What's likely	New houses being built at Tan y Bryn and Maes y Fynnon areas			
	to come up?				
	What might				
	change?				

15	Greenspaces	Trecynon
	Parks & green	Aberdare Park built during Victoria Era:
	spaces (and Green	Splash Pad /Bowling Green and Clubhouse/ Aberdare Lawn Tennis /Boating Lake / Lower Park Lodge Play area/ Gardens /Bandstand /Café
	Flag Awards where applicable)	/Woodland areas/ Statues and walks/ Parkrun Aberdare Road Races (annually) /Aberdare Park Festival (annually)
		Small play area at bottom of Mill Street Trecynon
	Footpaths and	
	Active Travel networks	Trefelin St Bullring – multi-purpose sports area
		Green Spaces opportunity
	Sports facilities &	Aberdare Park
	Clubs	Aberdare Circular Walk passes through Trecynon and skirts around Robertstown
		Lewis Phillips Images is based in Trecynon offering Photography courses in the Beacons area
	Playgrounds	
		Allotment sites
	Playing fields	Comin School, Trecynon
		Park Lane, Trecynon
	Heritage sites	
		Young people spaces
	Allotments	Aberdare Park
		Tennis Club in Aberdare Park
		Wings of Wales Falconry Centre
		Llwydcoed Parks and Playgrounds
		Llwydcoed Play area CF44 0YF
		 The Plantation is next to Llwydcoed Park and is full of old trees: this is where local children love to play.
		Park Coffa CF44 0YA
		Tre –Ivor Sports Facility
		• Llyn Carreg Play area/ recreational ground (opposite Tan y Bryn), a community field but now children's play facilities. People walk their dogs here.
		Llwydcoed Walking spaces
		Llwydcoed Warking spaces

	To the left of Ysguborwo Llwydcoed Woodland a Woodland Trails throug Old railway line (Access Llwydcoed Young Peop		gh land adjacent to disused railway line cycle path. s at Black Road in Llwydcoed Kings Way Place) to Abernant and Cwmbach. ple outdoor spaces
		AFC Llwydcoed Football Field Cwmdare Children areas Play area off Cwmdare road (near Primary School). Sports Facility: Farm Park Cwmdare Green space trails opportunity Dare Valley Country Park has an entrance at the very top of Cwmdare Coad Marganeurg Way wortures acres Mountains above the Village	
		Coed Morgannwg Way ventures across Mountains above the Village. Aberdare Circular Walk bi- passes Cwmdare Allotments Cwmdare Allotments Young People opportunity Provides direct access in to Dare Valley Country Park and all its activities	
16	16 Other Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include: Pharmacies Include: Pharmacies Petrol stations		 Llwydcoed Llwydcoed Community Centre – dance classes, sewing classes, music events, yoga and gong bath sessions, activities for the whole community, can hire venue AFC Llwydcoed (CF44 0YE) St James Church – The Red Church Trecynon Trecynon Hall (CF44 8LY) – Evening events and shows St Fagan's Church is a grade 2 listed building in Trecynon (CF44 8LL)

	> > > Cwmda > >	Comin School Allotment, Trecynon (CF44 8LU) Trecynon Coliseum Theatre - 600 seat auditorium and Cinema one of only two theatres managed by RCT CBC Aberdare Park (splash pad / open green space / small lake with pedalos / play area / tennis courts / bowls green / Parkrun) Small play area at bottom of Mill Street Trecynon Trefelin St Bullring – multi-purpose sports area re Cwmdare Club (CF44 8UA) – Events, shows, slimming world Man, Chwarae Playground (CF44 7PW) Dare Valley Country Park (entrance via top of Cwmdare or from Aberdare Town Centre St Luke's Church
	There a	re no pharmaciae. Libraries or fuel stations in Llundsood. Tracunan or Cumdara
17 Leisure facilities a specifically fo People	Ilwydco Dr Children & Young Trecyno Cwmda	Llwydcoed Play area CF44 0YF (Has fence for children and families). Park Coffa CF44 0YA Tre–Ivor Sports Facility n Faith Factory: St Fagan's Hall, Windsor St, Trecynon, 9.25-10.30am, every Sunday includes Arts, Crafts and stories for children aged 4-11years. NAB Youth Club meets every Friday, 6.00 – 8:30pm at St Fagan's Hall in Trecynon. Youth Services - Services take place at 6pm in St Fagan's Community Hall on the third Sunday of each month. Oasis Tots - playgroup / junior children's club and youth club every Friday. Bryn Sion Baptist Church run toddler group once a week / children's club once a week, term time / youth club once a week, term time / messy play sessions and holiday fun sessions Tennis Club in Aberdare Park Scouts / Beavers / Clubs and Explorers – St Fagan's Church

Analysing what are the main gaps in provision?

- Trecynon has good access to health provision, and activities within the community.
- The community of Cwmdare mainly commute for employment.
- The Parish of St Fagan's are very proactive throughout the three villages, transport is often and links to near towns can be made with public transport.
- Difficult to access Merthyr and closest hospital after 6pm Metro Link would resolve this.



Llwydcoed





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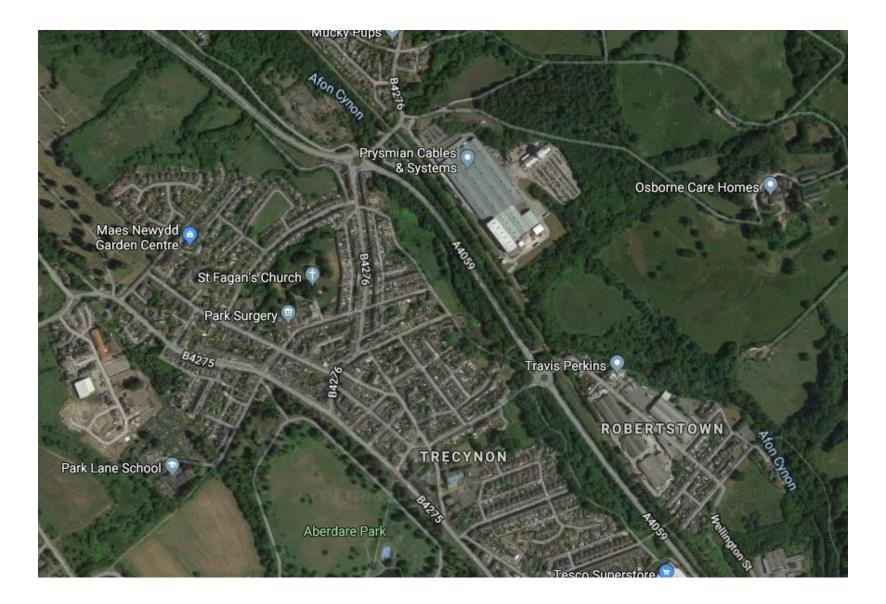
Trecynon (+ Robertstown)





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Highlighted yellow are organisations or businesses that have had PyC funding.



Cwmdare



