

Quotes from the community

I feel very privileged to be asked to provide an introduction to the he Penywaun Profile and hope that the content of the profile piques your interest to become involved in what is a very exciting time for the communities of Penywaun, Trenant and Trewaun which make up the Penywaun Ward.

The Penywaun ward may well be recognised as one of the 'poorer' communities in Rhondda Cynon Taf but it is rich in Community Spirit. Residents will do their utmost to ensure it remains that way through volunteering, supporting and rejuvenating our Community. Well known for its roots in mining, Penywaun will always have strong links to the industry and with the development of Zip World, will now see the area prosper & thrive through these links. The dueling of the Heads of the Valleys will bring further investment through tourism. Additionally, the proposed Cynon Valley North road will relieve heavy traffic along Hirwaun Road, making it safer for local residents.

Projects both past and present have always been home-grown, for the people by the people and have and will continue to benefit all residents. This Programme of investment with projects chosen locally by the residents will set the scene for generations to come and will benefit our families, businesses and our children. I urge all residents to get involved, even if it only in a small way, this is your opportunity to get your voices heard.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this document to you and your comments would be very welcomed.

Councillor Helen Boggis

Community Profile – Penywaun

Overview

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

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

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

Penywaun is part of Invest Local Programme, which is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and managed by Building Communities Trust. Penywaun has £1 million to spend on local priorities over a 10-year period. The Programme is in its 3rd year and has spent just under £20,000 so far (April 2021)



Section 1 - Community Groups, Activity + Key Buildings

Penywaun			
Community Building	Activities they run	Other groups based there	Other Groups with no physical base
Penywaun Club and Institute		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Penywaun Old Age - Penywaun Football Club - Penywaun Club Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ted's Field Local Woodland Area - Heol Kier Hardie Tenants and Residents manage Teds Field. - Pigeon Club
Cana Centre <i>Under the management of Coalfields Regeneration Trust</i>	Training courses	Coming soon: Smart Money Credit Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ffrindiau Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun - The Mindless Chef LTD - Disability Global Marcus Gough Jones
Old Penywaun Community Centre CF44 9DE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recycled Teenagers 50+ Group - Penywaun Forward Together - Community Centre Committee - Community Invest group (CF44 9DE) - Drama Group (CF44 9DE) - Communities for Work Computer Club (CF44 9DE) - Parent and Toddlers (CF44 9DE) - Penywaun Passionate Performers - Communities for Work Tuesday 1-3pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Penywaun Enterprise Partnership (PEP): no recent income or activity Charity number: 1062754 - Penywaun Recreation or Pleasure Ground: no recent income or activity Charity number: 524108
Living Truth Church Oasis House CF44 9DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free food parcels provided for every Resident in Penywaun last Christmas - Church Services - Outreach to local community - Community Development 	-	
St Winifred's Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church Services - Café Church On the first Sunday of the month - Messy Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tang Soo Doo - Penywaun Paraders Jazz Band - The Sporting Memories Foundation - St Winifred's Youth Club 	

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
92	130	33	254	89	379	624	771	1407
9	16	12	14	7	331	559	1257	551
			UK Office of National Statistics, 2011 Census			Estimated 2020		2021
Population			3150 0-17 years 685 18-64 years 1880 65+ years 580			5514 https://www.citypopulation.de/php/uk-wales.php?cityid=W38000056		

	Welsh Average	2019	2021
Population		Estimated to be 3063	
Children in poverty	20% of children live in poverty	51%	
Central heating	2% of households have no central heating	0%	
Crime Rates	Overall crime rate is lower than Welsh average. There were 406 reported crimes between 2018 and 2019, 137.2 per 1000 population, however unlike other villages in Cynon many of the crimes are violent crimes and then anti-social behaviour.		
Illness	23% of people have a life limiting illness	32%	
Qualifications	26% of people across Wales have no qualifications	49%	
Car ownership	23% of households across Wales have no access to a car	43%	
Ethnicity	93% of people in Wales are White British	95.8%	
Born in Wales	72.7% of people were born in Wales	89.6%	
Welsh language	82.6% of population cannot speak Welsh with only 8.1% able to speak and write Welsh		

Benefits	Of people out of work, 24% are receiving workless benefits and 5% people are receiving looking for work benefits. There are around 80 people claiming Universal Credit.		
Deprivation Rate	3101 people are living in the most deprived 20% of areas in Wales, so 98.4% of the population		
Out of work households	17.8% of children live in out of work households	48.7%	
Living in poverty	20% of people are classed as living in poverty	51%	
Average household income		£22,600	
Unpaid care		431 people providing unpaid care (13.7%)	
Air Quality and Green Spaces	41% of population live in flood risk area	The air quality score is 29% better than Welsh average and have access to green space and public parks and gardens more readily than Welsh average. 41% of population live in flood risk area	
Mental Health	10.9% of population are receiving mental health benefits (343 people) this does not consider diagnosed mental health conditions who do not receive benefits / 29% of population have GP recognised mental health condition.		
Debt	Personal debt and residential mortgage debt per head are lower than Welsh average		

2	Employment & Local Economy	The rate of claiming any benefit (which includes in work benefits) is more than 25% higher in Penywaun than the national average, suggesting that many people maybe under employed or on a low salary. According to the official Labour Market Statistics only 1071 people are economically active, 592 are male and 479 are female. The community of Penywaun commute out of Penywaun for employment, there are retail jobs in the local shops, however these are very few.	3	Health Provision	In area None Closest hospitals Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr (7.7 miles away) - Major acute / Major A&E / Open 24 hours Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Mountain Ash (11.18 miles away) – New Community and minor injuries hospital
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		<p>50.5% of population are economically active compared with 65.8% Welsh average, with 24.3% employed full time, 10.7% employed part time and 4.3% self-employed (around 94 people).</p> <p>The largest employment sector is Health and Social Care (15% of the 915) people in employment), then Retail (15% of the 915 people in employment) and Construction (13% of the 915 people in employment).</p> <p>In the area, there are on average 35.40 claimants per job, significantly higher than the 3.86 Welsh average and the jobs available in area are in the majority, education, entertainment and catering.</p>		<p>Dentists and opticians None – closest are Aberdare town centre 4 miles away or Hirwaun 1.5 miles away.</p> <p>Closest GP surgeries: Park Surgery – Trecynon 1.3miles from Penywaun / Hirwaun Medical Centre – Hirwaun 1.3 miles from Penywaun / St Johns medical practice – Aberdare 2miles from Penywaun</p> <p>The health of the residents of Penywaun is generally worse than in the average person in Wales. Statistics indicate that the area has an older population paired with an area of social deprivation (Census, 2011).</p> <p>32% of people have a limiting long-term illness compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011). The average life expectancy is 73 compared to 77 across RCT and 78 across Wales. More importantly, healthy life expectancy is 58 compared with 68 Welsh average.</p> <p>100% of the population are living in health deprivation hotspots compared with 19.3% Welsh average</p>
4	<p>Transport Connections</p>	<p>43.2% of households have no car compared with 23% across Wales (Census, 2011) – and 46.4% (218) of pensioner households have no vehicle, however there are excellent bus links.</p> <p>The travel time to key services (walking or public transport) are significantly lower than Welsh average across most categories and so population has good access to key services.</p> <p>Travel Times to Key Services Post Office – 3 mins Library – 5.5 mins</p>		

		<p>GP – 3.9 mins Pharmacy – 4.1 mins Primary School – 2.2 mins Secondary School – 2.4 mins Food Shop – 2 mins Leisure Centre – 11.5 mins</p> <p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penywaun is located between the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road and Aberdare and its road provides easy access to Merthyr, Aberdare and the Neath Valley. <p>Rail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearest railway station - Aberdare 2.6 miles <p>Buses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first bus from Penywaun to Aberdare is 6.53am / the last bus back to arrives back to Penywaun at 23.00hrs (Number 91 stagecoach bus)
5	<p>Schools – primary, secondary, Welsh, special needs, nurseries (including Cylchoedd Meithrin), childcare providers – number of pupils in each, current Estyn ratings.</p>	<p>In area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penywaun Primary School (English Language primary) - Estyn rating (2017) – Adequate / 229 pupils – provide the WG funded SHEP programme Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun (Welsh Language comprehensive) – Estyn rating (2016) – Adequate / 961 pupils, 177 of which are in sixth form (a new 3G pitch and community sports hall funded by RCT Invest has opened for school and community use) <i>This is the Welsh language comprehensive serving the whole of the Cynon Valley</i> <p>Closest Welsh Language Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Aberdare (Welsh Language primary) – 2.08 miles accessible via bus Secondary school in the village <p>Closest English Language Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aberdare Community School – 4.2 miles with school buses for transport. St John the Baptist High School - Aberdare

		<p>Closest Special educational school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maesgwyn Special School – Cwmdare (2.02 miles) – Boys and girls aged 5 to 19 – 130 pupils – Estyn rating 2 (from 16+ the students attend satellite unit in new Aberdare College campus) • Park Lane Special School – Trecynon (2.04 miles) – Boys and girls aged 3 to 19 – 98 pupils – Estyn rating 3 <p>Closest Childcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Inspirations Day Nursery (based in Penywaun School grounds) and operates as a Flying Start setting. <p>48.7% (1,140) of people have no qualifications compared with 26% across Wales, (Census, 2011) however only 18.6% of 18-19-year olds are not in Higher education compared with 66.1% Welsh average.</p>
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6	Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Helen Boggis – Labour (also works in office of Vikki Howells) • MS – Vikki Howells – Welsh Labour • MP – Beth Winter - Labour • Council – RCT CBC – Labour <p>Town / Community Council - none</p>	7	Derelict buildings and areas of land that are problematic or affect people's view of the community?	
8	Housing	<p>Much of the local housing was built by the local Aberdare urban district council after the Second World War in several stages, starting with simple prefabricated houses.</p> <p>A number of shops and businesses trade within the village, including a post office, a newsagent, a traditional fish and chip shop, and two grocery-type stores. Most of the retail space is located within a designated retail precinct (called the 'Shopping Centre'), although there is a grocery store situated opposite the Colliers Arms pub.</p>			

Penywaun, with an overall average price of £82,500 was cheaper than nearby Aberdare (£115,453), Hirwaun (£121,964) and Penderyn (£139,499). Properties in Penywaun had an overall average price of £77,778 over the last year. The majority of sales in Penywaun during the last year were semi-detached properties, selling for an average price of £80,908. Terraced properties sold for an average of £59,000.

Overall, sold prices in Penywaun over the last year were 5% down on the previous year and 9% up on the 2006 peak of £71,589

There were only 2 properties sold in the last year, therefore, the average prices may only reflect the mix of properties sold, rather than changes in the local market itself with very few properties coming on the market.

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



Make up of properties:

- Detached – 106 (8%) Welsh average = 27.7%
- Semi Detached – 816 (61.3%) Welsh average = 31%
- Terraced – 268 (20.1%) Welsh average = 27.8%
- Purpose Built Flats – 102 (7.7%) Welsh average = 9.6%

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flats in converted houses or buildings – 18 (1.4%) Welsh average = 2.4% • Caravans or temporary dwellings – 21 (1.6%) Welsh average = 0% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner occupied – 587 (46.9%) Welsh average = 67.8% • Social rented – 532 (42.5%) Welsh average = 16.5% • Private rented – 92 (7.4%) Welsh average = 15.8% <p>Average house price is £102,556 – 82.1% of properties were built between 1945 and 1999 (with only 45 houses before then) and only 21 properties have been built since 2000</p> <p>Households are made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioner – 265 (21.2% compared to 22.9% Welsh average) • One person – 195 (15.4% compared to 17.1% Welsh average) • Lone Parent with dependent children – 175 (40% compared to 26.8% Welsh average) • Married – 365 (29% compared to 32.8% Welsh average) • Cohabiting – 115 (9.1% compared to 9.7% Welsh average) 			
9	Places of worship (description, denomination, how buildings used)	<p>45% identify as having no religion compared with 32% Welsh average. 47.6% of remaining people (1455) identify as Christian with 10% Muslim or Sikh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Winifred’s Church • Living Truth Church, Oasis House <p>For more information on activities based in all these buildings, see Section 1</p>	10	Tourism	<p>Coming in Spring 2021 in neighbouring Hirwaun ‘Zip World’: ‘The Tower’</p> <p>Home to Phoenix and the Tower Coaster, Zip World Tower is the 4th Zip World site to open, and is the 1st to be situated in south Wales. Nestled in the Rhigos mountain range, and boasting stunning panoramic views, this adventure hub is situated at the old Tower Colliery coal mining site, and had created a new lease of life for this historic and widely-loved base.</p> <p>Phoenix is the world’s fastest seated zip line, with 4 parallel lines in 2 separate zip zones.</p>
11	Local businesses & shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Top Spec car business on old What site - (CF44 9HW) • Post Office – (CF44 9HD) • Penywaun Fish Bar – (CF44 9HD) • Grocery shop – (CF44 9HD) • Sandwich shop/café – (CF44 9HD) <p>(All situated together)</p>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grocery store Warners (Opposite, Colliers arms) • Alan's Convenience Store – (CF44 9HD) • Man Cave (Barber Shop) • Hairdressers • Newsagents • Barnardos (social work activities) • Hungry Hippo Hut
12	Leisure premises, pubs, clubs etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penywaun Club and Institute • Pub – Colliers Arms <p>For more information on activities based in all these buildings, see Section 1</p>
13	External services brought into the area.	Coalfields Regeneration Trust Training and Resource Centre (with Smart Money Credit Union) 2021 will have an office in the Canna Centre
14	What's likely to come up? What might change?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Welsh Language Comprehensive based in village has new 3G pitch and community sports hall and this should bring more people into Penywaun and also include Penywaun residents in activities based there. • The Community Centre have plans to refurbish /rebuild. • St Winifred's Church is investing in its kitchen to be able to offer more to the community. • Oasis Church are now running locally. • The Training and Resource Centre opening soon in the Canna Centre provided by Coalfields Regeneration Trust. • Ffrindiau Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun have just been funded for a bicycle repair and recycle scheme. Students will refurbish old bikes and then sell or donate to local community in series of open day events.

15 Greenspaces

Parks & green spaces (and Green Flag Awards where applicable)

Footpaths and Active Travel networks

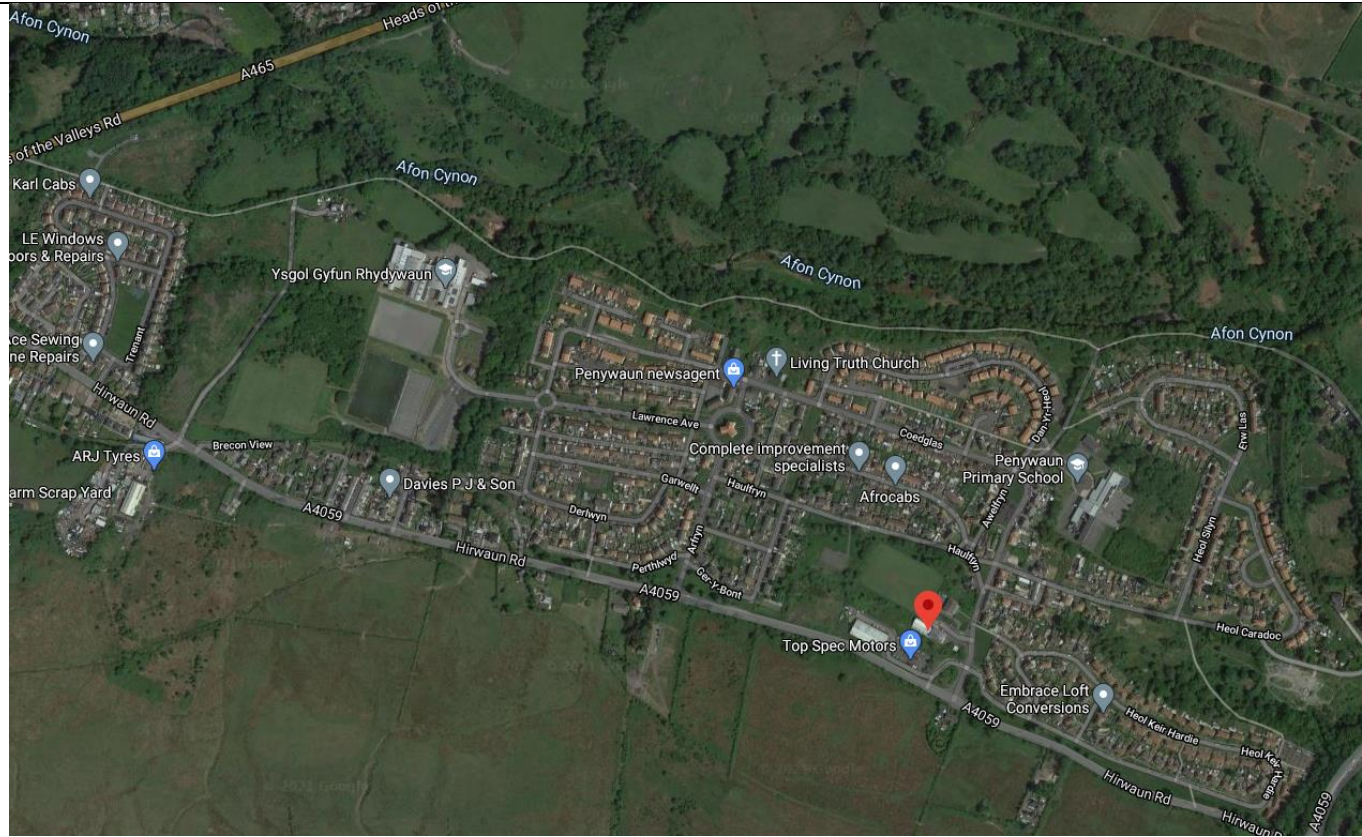
Sports facilities & Clubs

Playgrounds

Playing fields

Heritage sites

Allotments



<p>16 Other Community Facilities (including postcodes) Include:</p> <p>Pharmacies Libraries Petrol stations</p>	<p>There is no library, pharmacy or petrol station in Penywaun, the closest are in Hirwaun (1mile away)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre - (CF44 9DE) • Play area – (CF44 9AP) • Allotment Keir Hardie – (CF44 9AH) • Allotment Mangoed – (CF44 9DA) • No defibrillators
<p>17 Leisure facilities and activities specifically for Children & Young People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penywaun Football club – Aberdare Valley premier division. • Penywaun Community Centre - Tang Soo Do group, Parent and Toddlers, Drama Group, • Penywaun Enterprise Partnership – After school club • Penywaun Passionate Performers – Drama and singing group



Tracking changes in the area

Section	What	What has changed	Date