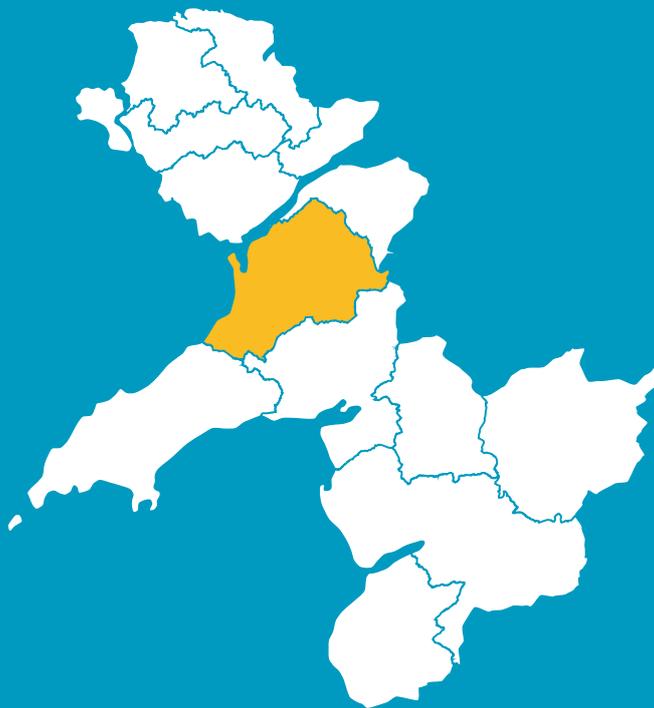


# IT'S YOUR AREA. WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

## CAERNARFON AREA



# WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT GWYNEDD AND MÔN

WANT  
TO HAVE  
YOUR  
SAY?

The new act has established Public Services Boards for each local authority area to make sure that public bodies work together to create a better future for the people of Wales.

For Gwynedd and Môn, both Boards have decided to work together, and it's a partnership which includes the local authorities, the fire and rescue service, the health service and Natural Resources Wales.

The Gwynedd and Môn Public Services Board has divided the whole area into 14 smaller areas. Research has been carried out on behalf of the Board on each of the 14 areas to learn and understand more about the well-being of those areas. As well as the data available, we also want to know what you think about your area and community – what's important to you, what's good and what needs improving. **You will have an opportunity to have your say by attending one of the local drop-in sessions or in an online questionnaire. More information and the dates of all local sessions are on [www.GwyneddandMonWell-being.org](http://www.GwyneddandMonWell-being.org).**

This consultation period ends on December 31st 2016. The hope is that the Board will then have a clearer picture of our communities, what's important to the people in this part of Wales, and how partners can work together to plan services for the future.

THE WELL-BEING OF  
FUTURE GENERATIONS  
[WALES] ACT CAME INTO  
FORCE ON 1ST APRIL  
2016. THE PURPOSE OF  
THE ACT IS TO IMPROVE  
THE **SOCIAL,  
ECONOMIC,  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND CULTURAL**  
WELL-BEING OF WALES.

THIS IS THE  
INFORMATION WE HAVE  
COLLECTED ON THE  
CAERNARFON AREA,  
WHICH INCLUDES  
DYFFRYN NANTLLE,  
LLANBERIS AND  
BETHEL. DO YOU  
RECOGNISE THIS  
PICTURE OF YOUR  
AREA?



# WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF CAERNARFON?

60% INCREASE AGE 80+

32,647 people live in the Caernarfon area. This is around 27% of the population of Gwynedd.

The population of the Caernarfon area has increased 15% between 1981 and 2011. This increase is similar to the growth in the population of Gwynedd and Wales as a whole over the same period.

The age pattern of the area's population is similar to the rest of the county but there are more children under 15 living here. However, there are now over 90% more people aged over 80 living in the Caernarfon area than there were 30 years ago, and around 40% more of those aged 40-64.

The population of Gwynedd is growing and is expected to continue to grow over the next few years. There are currently 123,100 people living in the county with predictions that this will increase to around 127,600 in ten years time and to approximately 132,000 in twenty years time.

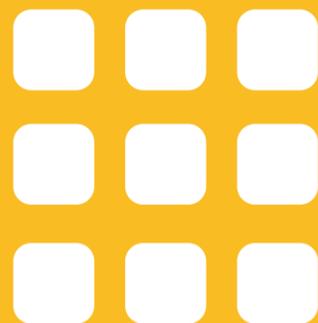
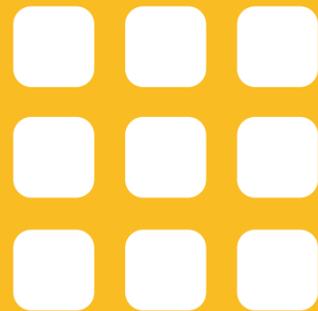
This growth is expected in some age groups more than others, as people live longer and move to the area. In twenty years it is anticipated that there will be 60% more people aged 80+ living in Gwynedd, but with only 2% in the growth of those aged 16-64.

# LANGUAGE

According to the 2011 Census 80% of people in the Caernarfon area can speak Welsh, the highest percentage of all areas across Gwynedd and Wales. This figure has fallen by 5% over the past thirty years. The fall is lower than for Gwynedd as a whole which has seen the figure fall from 76% to 65% over the same period.

According to a recent survey, 85% of pupils aged 7-11 in the Caernarfon area speak Welsh on the school yard. This is higher than the 69% across Gwynedd.

2036  
POPULATION OF  
GWYNEDD  
132,000



2016  
POPULATION OF  
GWYNEDD  
123,000



# ENVIRONMENTAL

## HOW GREEN IS THE AREA?

Recycling rates have risen in Gwynedd over the last 4 years. By now **59%** of all the waste collected from homes, businesses and recycling centres is reused or recycled. This includes bio-waste materials that are composted.

**49%** of waste from Caernarfon and its surrounding area is recycled - the lowest of all the areas in Gwynedd.

Carbon footprint – data shows that **79%** of homes in the area own at least one car or van, which is the same as the figure for Gwynedd as a whole, but 2% higher than the Welsh average. Carbon emissions per head of population for Gwynedd as a whole **7.0kt CO<sub>2</sub>** are also slightly higher than the Wales average **6.6kt CO<sub>2</sub>**.

Climate change is causing sea levels to rise which contributes to the risk of flooding. For the Caernarfon area, information shows that the highest risk of flooding is in Felinheli and Caernarfon and could affect around **100** homes. Approximately **600** properties face a threat of inland flooding from rivers in the area.

The Caernarfon area has a number of wetlands and marshes which not only contribute to regulating water levels and lowering the risk of flooding, but also store carbon and reduce carbon emissions.



## CLEAN STREETS?

The cleanliness of our streets is surveyed annually by Keep Wales Tidy. Their findings show that not one street in the Caernarfon area achieved an A grade – a street with no rubbish on it at all. **33%** of the streets had no more than three small items of rubbish on them (**Grade B+**) and **62%** were on the whole free of rubbish and waste, apart from some small items (**Grade B**). Compared with Gwynedd as a whole, the Caernarfon area was one of only two with streets classed as Grade C.



**GRADE B+ STREETS 33%**

## THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

In this area there are 21 sites of special scientific interest due to their important biological or ecological features. **Cors y Wlad** near Bwlch Derwin is of European importance and has many rare species of moss and butterfly. A number of other sites also have internationally important designations for being unique habitats and home to rare species such as the lesser horseshoe bat.

**Snowdonia** is a national nature reserve with more than 100 other wildlife sites selected for their local significant biodiversity value.

In the Caernarfon area there are two kinds of sea with different ecosystems - Caernarfon Bay and the Menai Strait. The Menai Strait is of importance due to its marine habitats and Caernarfon Bay has a living reef of mussels which attracts a variety of marine creatures.

**Morfa Dinlle** in the Caernarfon area has rush pasture – home to one of the few nesting lapwing colonies still surviving. At Dinas Dinlle there are also sand dunes for nesting skylarks which are of international importance.

The beach at **Dinas Dinlle** has been awarded the **Blue Flag** which means it is among the best sites in the world.



# SOCIAL

## GOOD HEALTH?

In the Caernarfon area there are around **1,350** patients per GP. This is lower than than the figure for Gwynedd as a whole, which is, **1,400** and Wales on **1,600**.

Bangor is the nearest large hospital. If you live within the LL55 postcode the ambulance response time to calls where there is a threat to life is **5:27 minutes**. However, there is quite a difference in waiting times and if you live within the LL54 postcode the response time is likely to be **10:43 minutes**.

There is no specific information on the health of the population in the Caernarfon area. The statistics included in this booklet are for Gwynedd as a whole – but give an idea of the county's health and the trends.

A man's life expectancy at birth in Gwynedd is **80** years whilst a woman can expect to live until she is **83.5** years old.

The gap between men and women's life expectancy at birth between those who are most and least privileged in our communities, is substantially less in Gwynedd than in Wales as a whole. For women in Gwynedd the gap is **1.4 years** compared with 7.3 years for Wales as a whole, and **3.1 years** for men compared with an all-Wales figure of 8.9 years.

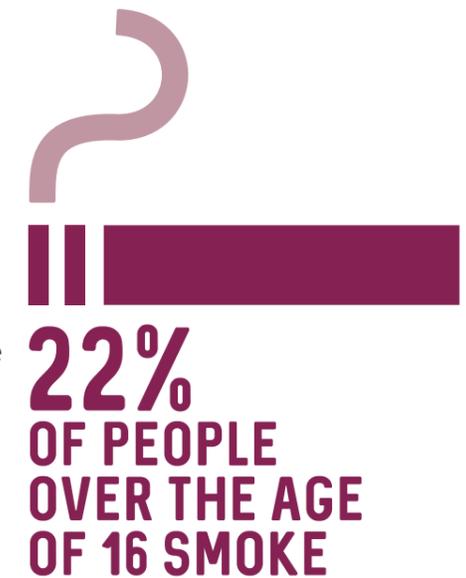
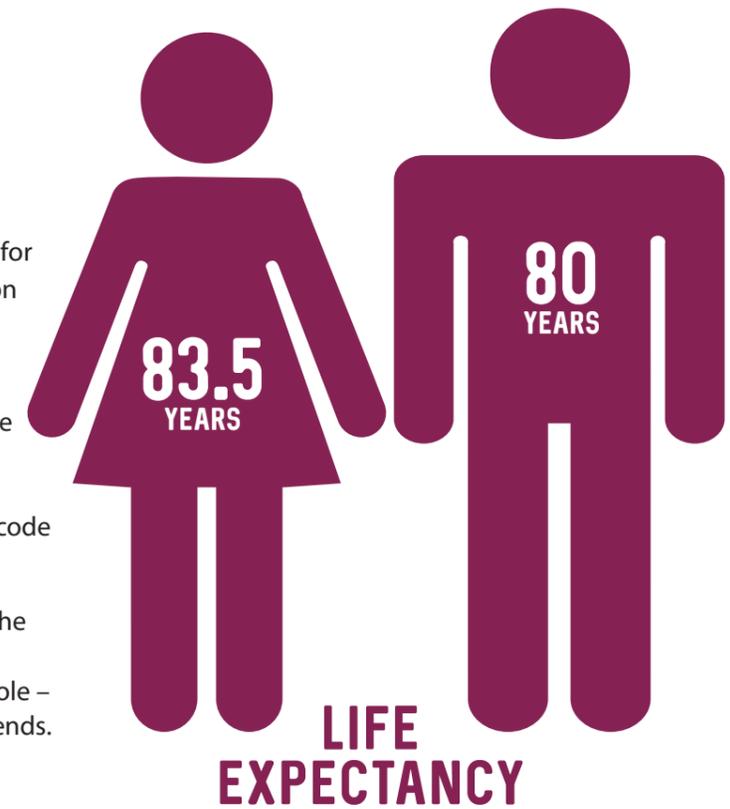
52% of all adults in Gwynedd are overweight or obese – which is lower than the all-Wales figure of 58%.

Around 30% of children aged 4-5 are overweight or obese in Gwynedd - this is higher than the Wales figure of 26%.

Other factors that affect our health are smoking and drinking alcohol. **22%** of those aged 16 or older say that they smoke and **42%** drink more than **5 small** glasses of wine, or around 3 pints of lager, during the week's heaviest drinking day. These two figures are very similar to the all-Wales figures.

The suicide rate in Gwynedd is 14.7 for every 100,000 of population per annum which is higher than the rate for Wales as a whole, 12.2.

In Gwynedd the teenage pregnancy rate for those aged under 18 is 24 per 1000 females aged 15-17. This is similar to the Wales figure.



## STAYING SAFE



The crime rate in the Caernarfon area per 1,000 head of population has fallen from **128.8** to **99.3** between 2011 and 2015. The number of crimes committed in Gwynedd is also down every year from 119 to 92.1.

Anti-social behaviour is down but still accounts for **39%** of all crimes committed in the area.

**81%** of people believe that it is safe for children to play outside in Gwynedd and Môn. The corresponding all-Wales figure is **64%**.

In the Caernarfon area there are on average **116** incidents of fire every year. **22%** of these incidents are started intentionally – the same as for Gwynedd as a whole.

**116**  
FIRES

**22%**  
DELIBERATE

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

The percentage with access to broadband increases year upon year – now only **3%** of properties in Gwynedd do not have broadband access. This is a substantial improvement from **20%** in 2011.

**21%** of homes in the Caernarfon area have no car or van which is the same as the figure for Gwynedd as a whole.

According to national data, Llanllyfni, Clynnog and Waunfawr are among the 10% of areas in Wales where residents travel furthest to access services such as chemists, food shops and GP surgeries.

Loneliness is a condition which affects all ages but older people are more vulnerable to isolation. In the Caernarfon area it appears that the risk of being lonely is higher for those aged 65+ in the Peblig and Seiont areas. The lowest risk appears to be in the Groeslon, Waunfawr, Bethel and Cwm y Glo areas.

In Wales, Gwynedd is among the counties facing the highest risk of loneliness.

## HELPING EACH OTHER

**11%** of the population in the Caernarfon area provide unpaid care for at least one hour per week. This figure is similar for other areas in Gwynedd and Môn.

**283** people in Gwynedd volunteer through the **Volunteer Centre**. The real number of those who volunteer with sports clubs and various societies is much higher but is very difficult to measure.



# JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Using the measure of how strong and productive the economy is (Gross Value Added), Gwynedd's economy is stronger than that of Wales and neighbouring areas such as Anglesey, Conwy and Denbighshire. However, the economies of all these areas, including the whole of Wales, are weak in comparison to the UK economy.

**29%** of the working population in the Caernarfon area with no qualifications work in the elementary occupations e.g. factory work, waste collection, farm work. This is very similar to the picture across Wales.

Of the people in the Caernarfon area who have no qualifications, **48%** are economically inactive – this means that they don't work at all for various reasons. This is the highest figure across Gwynedd.

**38%** of the people of Caernarfon with a degree or equivalent have professional jobs. This is similar to the rest of Gwynedd and Wales.

At its highest over the winter last year **2.68%** of those aged 16-64 in Caernarfon claimed the Jobseekers Allowance – the percentage of those claiming the allowance has not been lower than **2.43%**. The percentage of those claiming the allowance in Caernarfon is the highest in Gwynedd. At any one time, at least **2.15%** of those aged 16-64 throughout Wales claim Job Seekers Allowance.

The rate of new start-up businesses in Gwynedd is lower than for Anglesey and Wales as a whole. **62%** of companies in Gwynedd stay in business for three years or more. This is slightly higher than for Wales as a whole at **60%**. The rate of business failures is also lower in Gwynedd compared to Wales.



# £386

## IS THE MEDIAN WEEKLY WAGE IN THE AREA

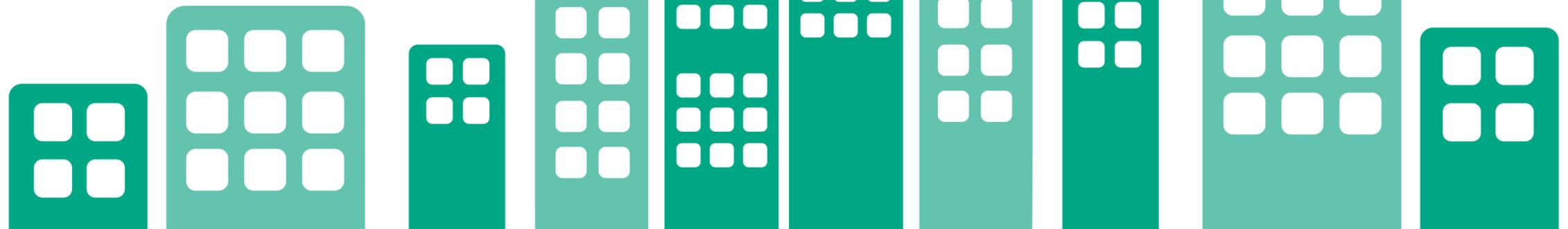
The agriculture sector is the largest in the Caernarfon area and accounts for **12%** of all employers – but is the second lowest for this sector in Gwynedd.

Of the working population aged 16 or older, **13%** work from home in the Caernarfon area. This is slightly higher than the **11%** for Wales but lower than Gwynedd on **16%**. Almost half the population aged 16 or over in the Caernarfon area travels less than six miles to work.

The weekly median wage in the Arfon constituency (of which the Caernarfon area is part) is around **£386.30 per week** which is **10%** higher than the median wage for Gwynedd as a whole (£347 per week) and similar to the rest of Wales (£387 per week).

Women's pay is **38% less** than men's pay in the constituency. This gap is wider than the gap across Gwynedd where women are paid **32% less** than men.

## 62% OF COMPANIES ARE IN BUSINESS FOR 3 YEARS+



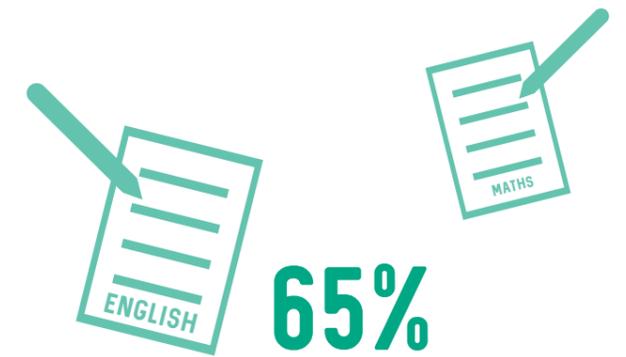
# SKILLS FOR LIFE

**65%** of pupils in the Caernarfon area achieve 5 **A\*** to **C** in their GCSE examinations in subjects including Welsh or English and Mathematics. This is higher than the performance across Gwynedd (62%) and substantially higher than throughout Wales (58%).

Of those achieving 5 A\* to C in their GCSEs (in subjects including Welsh or English and Mathematics), there is an attainment gap of **32%** between pupils who qualify for free school meals and those who do not. This compares with a gap of **36%** for Gwynedd as a whole and is very similar to the all-Wales picture.

Of the young people who leave school - **1.8%** don't continue with their education, don't take up training or don't find work. This is lower than the all-Wales figure of **2.8%**.

A quarter of the population of the Caernarfon area have a degree qualification or equivalent, and another quarter have no qualifications. This trend is similar to the Gwynedd and all-Wales picture.



**65%**  
GRADES  
**A\*-C**



**25%**  
HAVE A DEGREE

# THE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

The money available to spend by the people of Gwynedd, after paying taxes and household bills, is **£14,640** per head per annum which is £662 less than for Wales as a whole.

In this area, **16%** of primary school children claim free school meals which is amongst the highest in Gwynedd. By the time pupils reach secondary school, this figure comes down to 13%. This is lower than across Gwynedd (14% primary; 13% secondary).

Around **20%** of homes in the Caernarfon area are in fuel poverty. This is a substantially higher percentage than the all-Wales figure of **14%**.

Of all the homes in the area, **6%** have no central heating which is amongst the lowest in Gwynedd, but much higher than the Wales figure of **2%**.

The median property price in the Caernarfon area is **£130,000** which is the second lowest in Gwynedd. In this area the median household income is **£24,000** but £29,000 is needed to buy a property at market entry level price. This means that **58%** of households in Caernarfon are priced out of the market – compared with **60%** in Gwynedd and 59% throughout Wales.



# KEEPING FIT

Figures for participation in sports are only available for Gwynedd as a whole. We know that **53%** of Gwynedd pupils visit leisure centres, which is higher than the all-Wales figure of **42%**. 51.6% of children in Gwynedd also take part in sports activities three or more times a week – which compares to 48% for Wales as a whole.

**37%** of adults state they are active for at least **30 minutes** on five or more occasions per week – this is higher than the rate of **31%** for Wales. The percentage has risen steadily over the last few years.



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# SPARE TIME

On the whole the people of Caernarfon borrow more books from libraries than other areas in Gwynedd. On average **4.1 books** are borrowed per head of population in the area. Of children's books which are borrowed, **47%** are in Welsh which is higher than the figure of **39%** for Gwynedd as a whole.

**62%** of adults in Gwynedd say that they attended an arts event during the year and **35%** visited a museum. Over half the county's people visited historical places which is similar to the Anglesey and all-Wales figures.

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