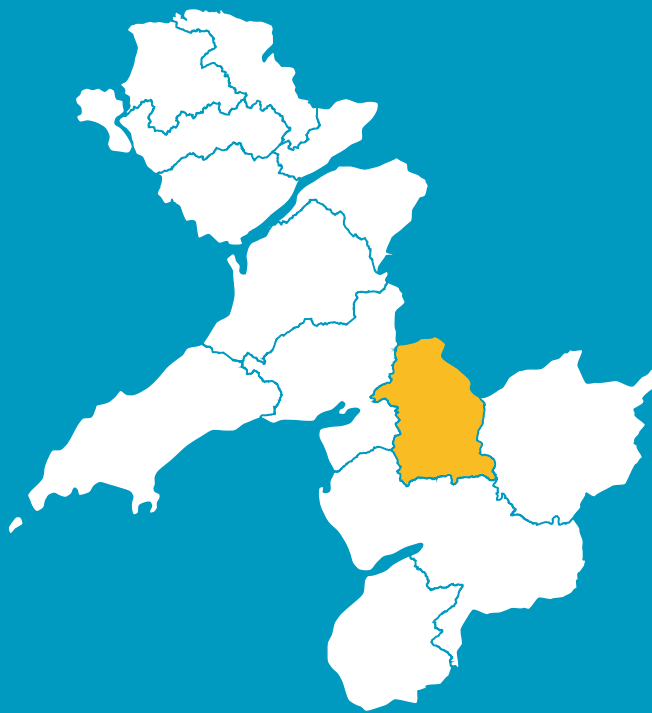


# IT'S YOUR AREA. WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

## FFESTINIOG AREA



# WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT GWYNEDD AND MÔN

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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.

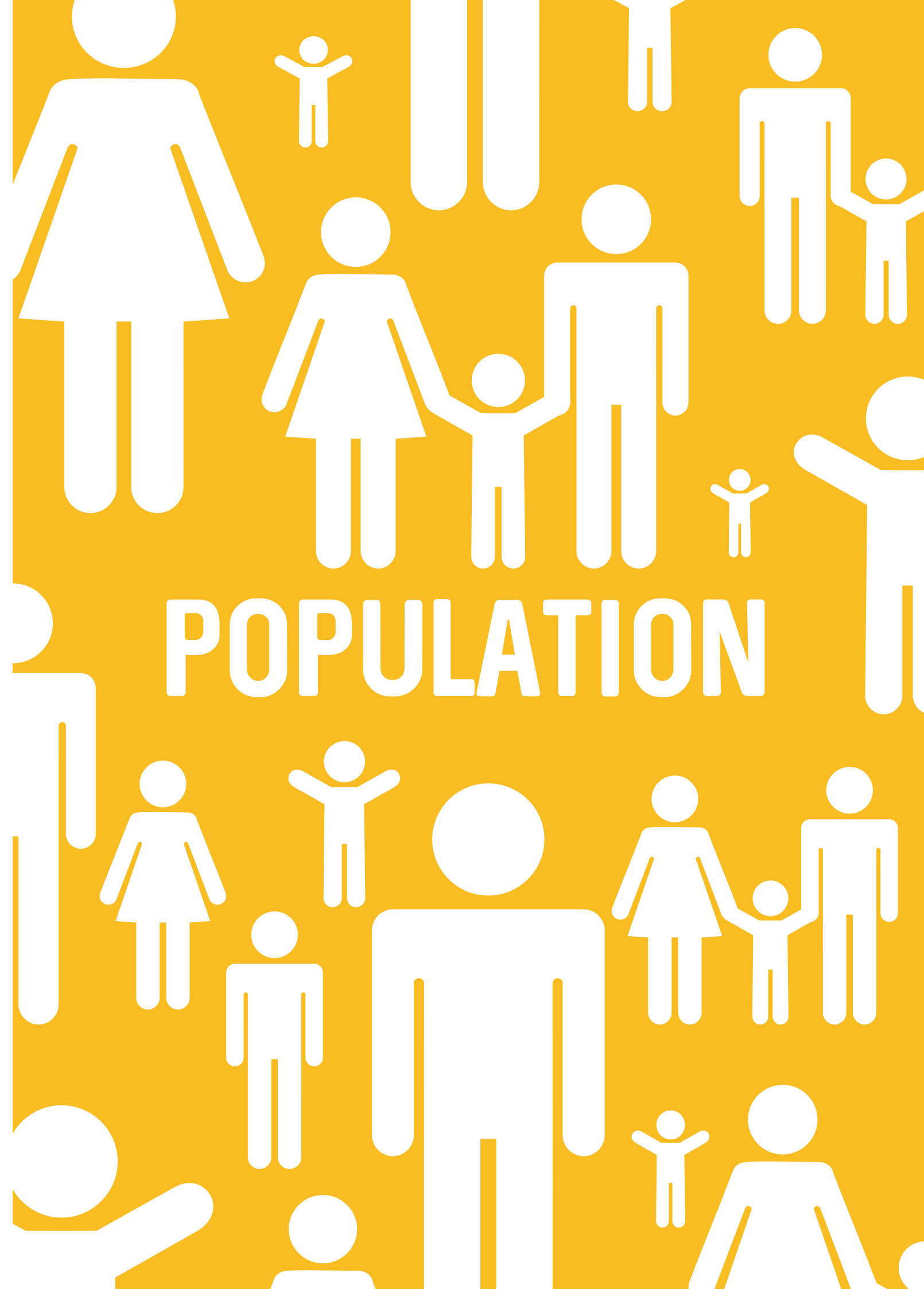
For Gwynedd and Môn, both Boards have decided to work together, and it's a partnership which includes the local authorities, the fire and rescue service, the health service and Natural Resources Wales.

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  
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2016. THE PURPOSE OF  
THE ACT IS TO IMPROVE  
THE **SOCIAL,  
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WELL-BEING OF WALES.

THIS IS THE  
INFORMATION WE  
HAVE COLLECTED ON  
THE FFESTINIOG AREA,  
WHICH INCLUDES  
TRAWSFYNYDD. DO  
YOU RECOGNISE THIS  
PICTURE OF YOUR  
AREA?



# WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF FFESTINIOG?

6,503 people live in the Ffestiniog area. This is around 5% of the population of Gwynedd.

Compared with the population pattern across Gwynedd and Wales as a whole, there is a higher proportion of children in the Ffestiniog area but fewer people aged 20-35. There are also more people aged 50-65 in this area.

Over recent decades the number of people living in Ffestiniog has fallen – 4% between 1981 and 2011. This is different to the pattern in Gwynedd and Wales as a whole over the same period, which has seen an increase (15% in Gwynedd and 11% in Wales).

The population in every age group has not decreased. The number of people aged 80+ has grown by more than 80% in 30 years and there has also been an increase in the population aged 40-80 years. **However, there are 25% fewer children under 16 than there were 30 years ago.**

The growth in some age groups is expected to continue as people live longer and move into the area. In twenty years it is anticipated that there will be 60% more people aged over 80 living in Gwynedd, but only a 2% in the growth of those aged between 16-64.

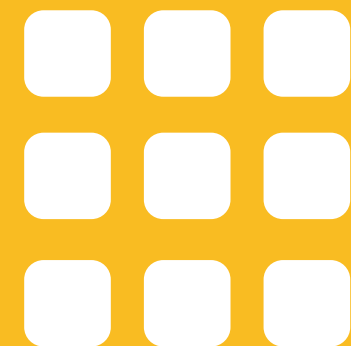
# LANGUAGE

According to the 2011 Census, 77% of people in the Ffestiniog area speak Welsh. The percentage has fallen over past decades; the figure compares to 87% in 1981. The fall of 10% in this area is similar to the pattern across Gwynedd – which has seen a decline from 76% to 65% over the same period.

According to a recent survey, 77% of pupils aged 7-11 in the Ffestiniog area speak Welsh on the school yard often or all the time. This is higher than the 69% across Gwynedd. The latest figures indicate that 60% of people in Gwynedd speak Welsh on a daily basis compared with only 11% for the whole of Wales.

60% INCREASE AGE 80+

2036 POPULATION OF GWYNEDD 132,000



2016 POPULATION OF GWYNEDD 123,000



## HOW GREEN IS THE AREA?

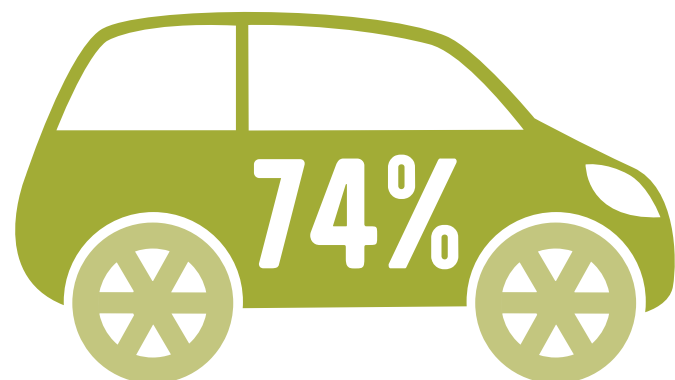
Recycling rates have risen in Gwynedd over the last 4 years. By now **59%** of all the waste collected from homes, businesses and recycling centres is reused or recycled. This includes bio-waste materials that are composted.

Recycling statistics for the Ffestiniog area are counted as part of those for Meirionnydd—where **58%** of waste is recycled. This figure has improved substantially since 2014/15 when 49% was recycled.

Fly tipping is less common in Gwynedd than the rest of Wales – with only 4.3 cases per 1000 head of population compared to 10.2.

Carbon footprint – data shows that **74%** of households in the area own at least one car or van compared with 79% for Gwynedd and 77% for Wales. Carbon emissions per head of population for Gwynedd as a whole are **7.0kt CO<sub>2</sub>** which is slightly higher than for Wales in general **6.6kt CO<sub>2</sub>**.

In the Ffestiniog area around 200 properties face a threat of inland flooding from rivers.



## CLEAN STREETS?

The cleanliness of our streets is surveyed annually by Keep Wales Tidy. **9%** of the streets in this area had no rubbish or waste on them (Grade A) and **91%** were on the whole free of rubbish and waste, apart from some small items (Grade B).



**GRADE A STREETS**  
**9%**

## THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Ffestiniog area has a natural environment ranging from rivers, woodlands, lakes and pastures.

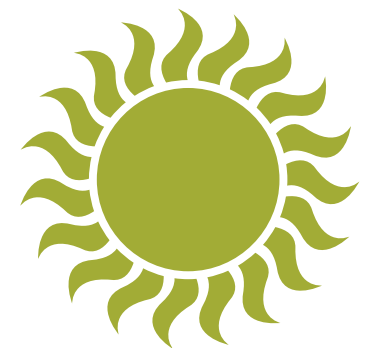
The **Llyn Mair** nature reserve has bird species such as Herons, Pied Wagtails and Ospreys as well as insects such as Damselflies and Dragonflies. During the winter the lake attracts wild waterfowl and during the summer the water lily thrives here. In spring and summer nesting bird species at Llyn Mair include the Redstart, Wood Warbler, Nuthatch, Pied Flycatcher, Ravens and Buzzards. As well as providing a home for otters, foxes and badgers, it is also an important habitat for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat.

**Afon Eden – Cors Goch Trawsfynydd** is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest – and home to the last viable colony of freshwater mussel in Wales.

Meirionnydd Oak-woods are important on a European level since they include ancient woodlands which are now managed for their restoration and protection. These oak-woods are the remains of a natural forest that originally covered most of western Europe from Scotland to Portugal. Due to the climate in the area, the woods are unique and home to very rare ferns, mosses, liverworts and fungi.

Three of the eight nature reserves in the Meirionnydd Oak-woods are in the Ffestiniog area and have been developed for visitors...

**Coed Llyn Mair**  
**Ceunant Cynfal**  
**Ceunant Llennyrch.**



# SOCIAL

## GOOD HEALTH?

In the Ffestiniog area around **5,000** patients are registered for every full time GP. This is substantially higher than the figure for Gwynedd which is **1,400** and Wales at **1,600**. The Ffestiniog area would need another **two** GPs to bring the figure down to the Wales level. Locums currently fill the gap.

Bangor is the nearest large hospital. If you live in the area, you can expect to wait about **8:09 minutes** for an ambulance to respond to a call where there is threat to life.

There is no specific information on the health of people in the Ffestiniog area. The statistics included in this booklet are for Gwynedd as a whole – but they give an idea of the state 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 male and female life expectancy at birth between those who are most and least privileged in our communities, is substantially less in Gwynedd than for the rest of 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.

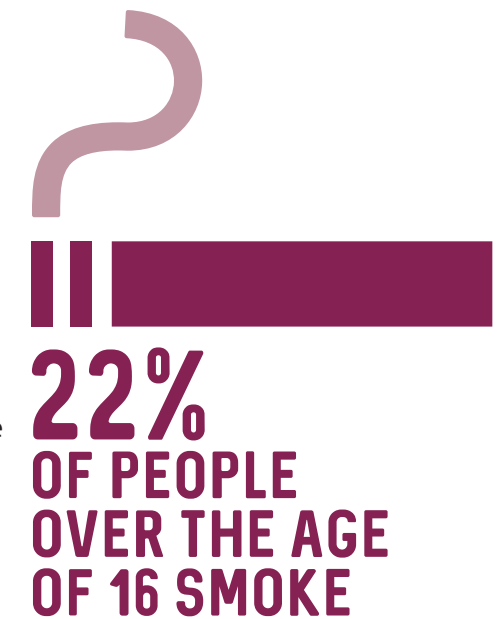
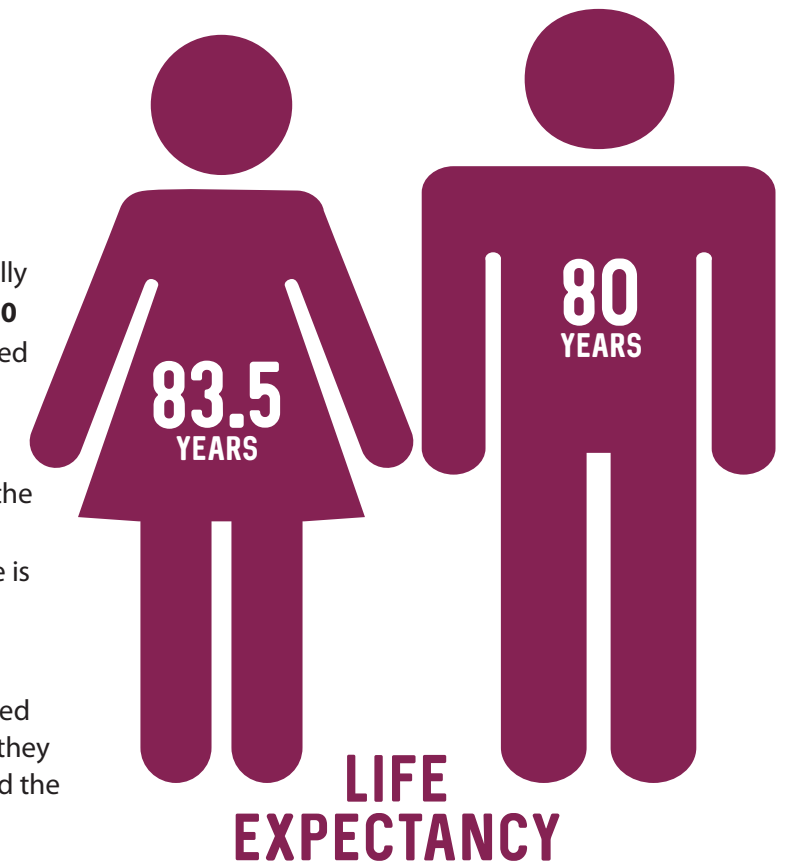
52% of all adults in Gwynedd are overweight or obese – which is lower than the all-Wales figure of 58%.

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 report 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 per 100,000 of the population per annum which is higher than the rate for Wales as a whole which is at 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 Ffestiniog area per 1,000 head of population has fallen from **105.1** to **95.9** between 2011 and 2015. This follows the same pattern across Gwynedd which has also seen the number of crimes fall every year from **119** to **92.1** over the same period.

Anti-social behaviour is down but still accounts for **33%** of all crimes committed in this 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 Ffestiniog area there are, on average, **42** fire incidents every year. **33%** of these fires are started intentionally, this is the highest in Gwynedd. The percentage of intentionally caused incidents within the different areas in Gwynedd varies between 9% and 33% on average.

**42**  
FIRES

**33%**  
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.

Around **26%** homes in the Ffestiniog area have no car or van. This compares with 21% for Gwynedd as a whole.

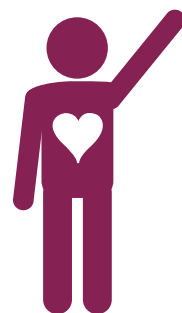
According to national data Trawsfynydd is among the 10% of areas in Wales where residents have to travel furthest to reach basic services such as a pharmacy, doctor's surgery and grocery shops.

Loneliness is a condition which can affect all ages but older people are more vulnerable to isolation. In the Ffestiniog area, taking various factors which contribute to loneliness into account, those aged 65+ living in the Bowydd and Rhiw areas have a higher risk of being lonely. In Wales, Gwynedd is among the counties facing the highest risk of loneliness.

## HELPING EACH OTHER

**11%** of the population in the Ffestiniog area provide unpaid care for at least one hour per week. This figure is very similar to other areas across Gwynedd and Anglesey.

**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.

Of the working population in the Ffestiniog area with no qualifications, **31%** work in the elementary occupations e.g. cleaning, working in a factory, waste collection, farm work. In general, a higher percentage of people without any qualifications are employed in these professions in Gwynedd as a whole.

Of those of working age in Ffestiniog and with no qualifications, **41%** are economically inactive – this means that they don't work and are not looking for work for various reasons.

**44%** of those with a degree or equivalent qualification are in professional occupations. This is similar to the Gwynedd and all-Wales picture. Of all the people in the Ffestiniog area who are in work, the skilled trades employ the most – **20%**.

The percentage of people aged 16-64 in the area who claim Jobseekers Allowance is seasonal and tends to increase during the winter. At its highest last year **2.19%** of those aged 16-64 claimed the allowance, with claiming **1.54%** at its lowest. The figure for Gwynedd as a whole does not drop below **1.78%**. At least **2.15%** of those aged 16-64 in Wales as a whole claim Jobseekers Allowance at any one time.

# £293

## IS THE MEAN WEEKLY WAGE FOR THE AREA. THIS IS THE LOWEST IN BRITAIN



The rate of new start-up businesses in Gwynedd is lower than for Ynys Môn 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 with Wales as a whole.

Agriculture and forestry is the largest sector in the Ffestiniog area and accounts for **24%** of employers. The next largest sector is construction at **12%**.

**45%** of the population aged 16 or over who work in the Ffestiniog area travel more than six miles to their place of work. This is the population which travels furthest to work in Gwynedd and is higher than the all-Wales figure.

The median weekly wage in the Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency (of which Ffestiniog is part) is around £293 a week, which is **16%** lower than Gwynedd as a whole (£347 a week) and **24%** lower than Wales (£387 a week). This is also the lowest in Britain.

Women's pay is **25%** less than men's pay in the constituency. This gap is narrower than the gap across Gwynedd where women are paid **32% less** than men.

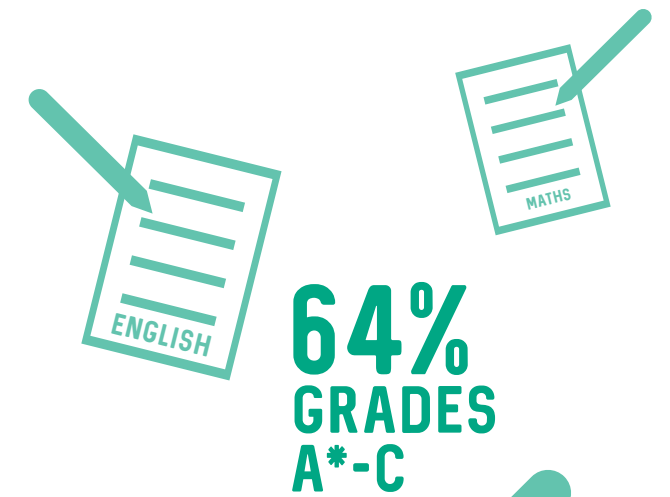
# SKILLS FOR LIFE

**64%** of pupils in the Ffestiniog area achieve at least 5 A\* to C grades in their GCSE examinations in subjects including Welsh or English and Mathematics. This is higher than the performance across Gwynedd of **63%**.

Of those who gain these grades, there is an attainment gap of **48%** between pupils who qualify for free school meals and those who do not – this is the largest gap in Gwynedd. This compares with **36%** for Gwynedd and **33%** for Wales as a whole.

Of the young people who leave school – **1.8%** do not go on to education, employment or training in Gwynedd. This is lower than the all-Wales figure of **2.8%**.

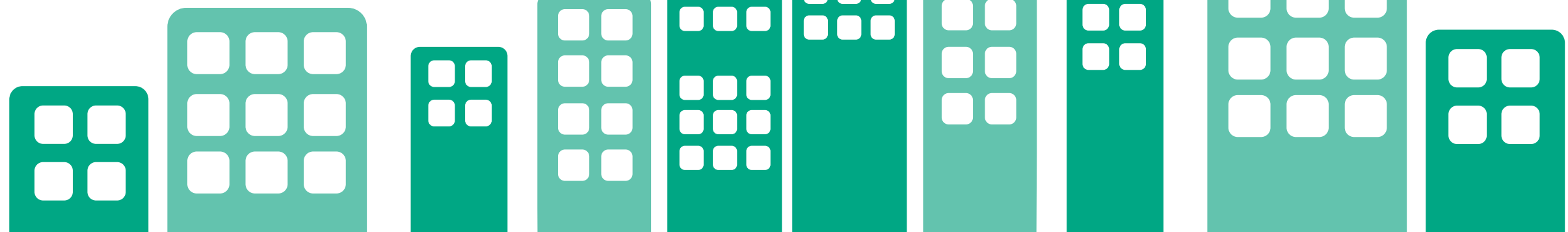
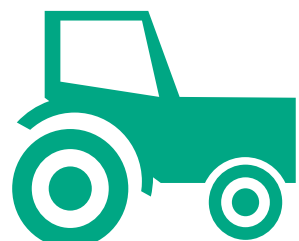
**20%** of people in this area have a degree or equivalent qualification – the lowest percentage in Gwynedd. More than a quarter of the people of Ffestiniog have no qualification – the second highest of all the areas in Gwynedd.



## 64% GRADES A\*-C



## 20% WITH 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, **21%** of primary school children claim free school meals which is the highest in Gwynedd. By the time pupils reach secondary school the figure falls to 16% which is still very high compared with other areas in the county.

**26%** of households in the Ffestiniog area are in **fuel poverty**. This is the highest percentage in Gwynedd (21%) and almost twice the Wales figure of 14%. Of all the households in the area, 11% have no central heating. This is amongst the highest in Gwynedd and substantially higher than the Wales figure of 2%.

In the Ffestiniog area over half the homes are terraced housing (56%) – the highest of all the areas in Gwynedd.

The median property price in the Ffestiniog area is **£77,000** which is much lower than the median property price for Gwynedd of £144,000. In the area the median household income is **£19,000**, the lowest in Gwynedd – dileu £16,500 is needed to afford a property at market entry level. This means that **41%** of households in Ffestiniog are priced out of the market. However, due to the comparatively low price of property in Ffestiniog, 59% can afford to buy a house in their area which is the highest in Gwynedd. 60% of families in Gwynedd are priced out of the market.

41%

LOCAL PEOPLE PRICED OUT OF THE MARKET

MEDIAN HOUSE PRICE  
£77K

MEDIAN INCOME  
£19K

# CULTURAL






# KEEPING FIT

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

**37%** of adults report that 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 average people in the Ffestiniog area borrow **4.1 books** per head a year – the highest of all areas in Gwynedd. **40%** of children's books borrowed are Welsh which is slightly 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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