

IT'S YOUR AREA. WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

PENLLYN 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.**

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 PENLLYN AREA,
WHICH INCLUDES
BALA, LLANUWCHLLYN
AND LLANDDERFEL.
DO YOU RECOGNISE
THIS PICTURE OF YOUR
AREA?



WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF PENLLYN?

4,445 people live in the Penllyn area. This is around 4% of the population of Gwynedd.

Compared with the population pattern across Gwynedd and Wales, Penllyn has a much lower proportion of those aged 15-25 but a higher proportion of people aged 50-59.

The number of people living in this area has increased (5% between 1981 and 2011) although the growth has been at a lower rate than for the whole of Gwynedd (15%) and Wales (11%) over the same period.

This growth has not been the same for every age group. The number of people aged over **80** has grown by more than **80% in 30 years** and there has also been an increase in the population aged between 40 and 80 years. However, there are 20% fewer children under 16 in the Penllyn area than there were 30 years ago.

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

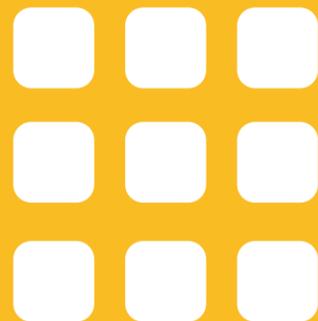
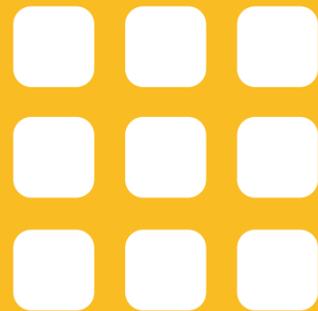
LANGUAGE

According to the 2011 Census, **76%** of people in the Penllyn area speak Welsh. This percentage has fallen over past decades compared to 85% in 1981. The fall of **9%** in Penllyn is similar to the pattern across Gwynedd which saw a decline from 76% to 65% over the same period.

According to a recent survey, **78%** of pupils aged 7-11 in this area speak Welsh on the school yard often or all the time. This compares with 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 Penllyn 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 **84%** of households in the area own at least one car or van compared with 79% for Gwynedd and 77% for Wales as a whole. Carbon emissions per head of population for Gwynedd as a whole are **7.0kt CO₂** which is slightly higher than for Wales in general at **6.6kt CO₂**.

Approximately **600** properties in the Penllyn area face a threat of inland flooding from rivers.



CLEAN STREETS?

The cleanliness of our streets is surveyed every year by Keep Wales Tidy. Their findings show that of the streets inspected **13%** had no rubbish or waste on them (Grade A), **62%** had no more than three small items of rubbish (Grade B+) and **25%** were found to be generally clear of rubbish except for a few small items (Grade B).



GRADE A STREETS
13%

THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake) is the largest natural body of water in Wales. The lake measures up to 150 feet deep (45.7 metres) and 4 miles long. The River Dee runs through Llyn Tegid.

As a nature reserve of international importance, the lake is home to fish such as the Perch, Pike, Roach, Trout and Eels as well as the rare Gwyniad, unique to Llyn Tegid. Over 120 species of birds are recorded in the area including the Bewick Swan, Black-throated Diver and Common Greenshank.

Part of the upland area known as **Migneint** near Llyn Celyn is also of special scientific interest. It is an important nesting site for a number of rare birds such as the Hen Harrier, Merlin and Golden Plover.

Cors y Sarnau nature reserve, a lowland valley bog, also in this area – it is one of only a very few habitats of this kind in Britain. It is an important area for peat which thrives here and the wetland means that mosses, ferns and various fungi flourish here.



SOCIAL

GOOD HEALTH?

In this area around **1,500** patients are registered per GP. This is slightly higher than the figure for Gwynedd as a whole at **1,400** but slightly lower than **1,600** for Wales.

If you live in Penllyn, you can expect to wait about **6:40 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 Penllyn 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.

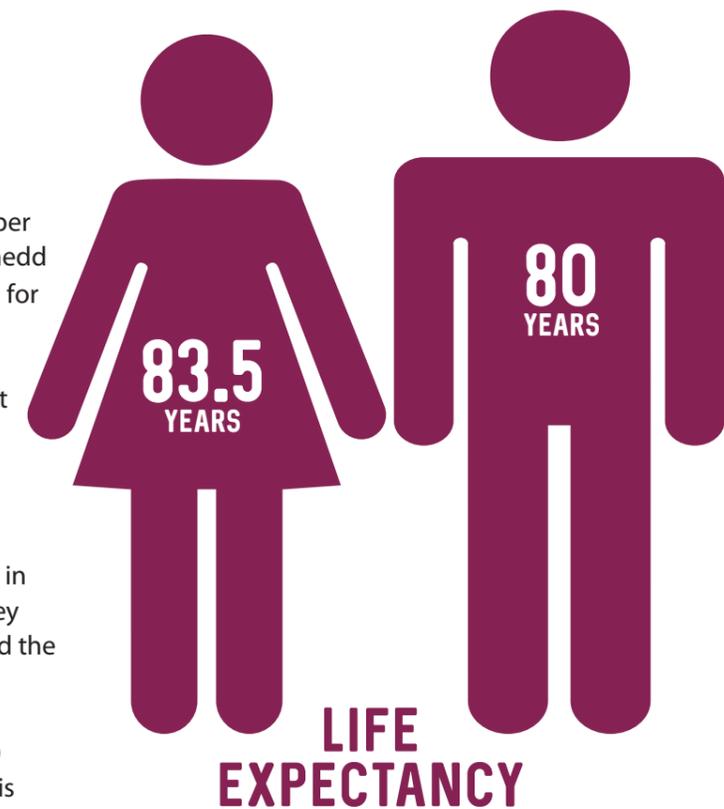
52% of all adults in Gwynedd are overweight or obese – which is lower than the all-Wales figure of 58%.

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.



22%
OF PEOPLE
OVER THE AGE
OF 16 SMOKE



STAYING SAFE



The crime rate in the Penllyn area per 1,000 head of population has fallen from **99.3** to **74.3** between 2011 and 2015. This follows the same pattern across Gwynedd which has also seen the number of crimes fall from **119** to **92.1** over the same period.

Anti-social behaviour is down but still accounts for **35%** of all crimes committed in the Penllyn 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 this area there are, on average, **16** fire incidents every year. **13%** of these are started intentionally. The percentage of fires caused deliberately within the different areas in Gwynedd varies between **9% - 33%** on average.

16
FIRES

13%
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 **16%** homes in the Penllyn area have no car or van. This compares with **21%** for Gwynedd as a whole.

According to national data, Llandderfel and Llanuwchllyn are among the **10%** of areas in Wales where residents have to travel the furthest to access basic services such as chemists, food shops and GP surgeries.

Loneliness is a condition which can affect all ages but older people are more vulnerable to isolation. In general the risk of loneliness is lower in the Penllyn area than in other areas of Gwynedd. Although in Wales, Gwynedd is among the counties facing the highest risk of loneliness.

HELPING EACH OTHER

10% of the population in the Penllyn 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.

35% of people who are in work in the Penllyn area, but who have no qualifications, work in the skilled trades. In Gwynedd as a whole, more people who have no qualifications work in the elementary occupations, e.g. in a factory, cleaning, waste collection, working on a farm, than in any other occupations, but in Penllyn this is not the case.

The percentage of people who are economically inactive in this area – that is, people who don't work and are not looking for work for various reasons, is among the lowest in Gwynedd at **19%** compared with 27% for the rest of the county.

30% of those with a degree or equivalent work in professional occupations, and although this is the lowest percentage in Gwynedd the pattern is similar to that across the county and Wales.

The **skilled trades** employ the majority of workers (**28%**) in Penllyn – the **highest in Gwynedd** and higher than the all-Wales figure.

In contrast to other areas the number of people aged 16-64 and claiming Jobseekers Allowance in the Penllyn area falls in winter. According to 2015 figures the percentage stayed consistently lower than for Gwynedd as a whole. At its highest last year **1.68%** of those aged 16-64 in the area claimed the allowance, and **1.12%** at its lowest. The figure for Gwynedd as a whole never drops below **1.78%** and at least **2.15%** of those aged 16-64 in Wales as a whole claim the allowance at any one time.



£293

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



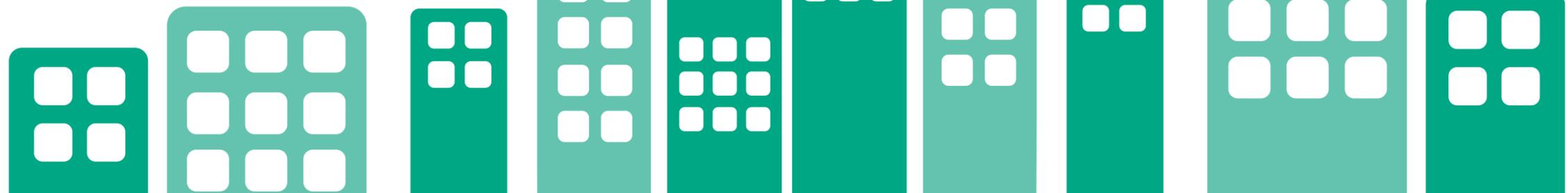
The rate of new start-up businesses in Gwynedd is lower than for Anglesey and Wales as a whole. 62% of companies in Gwynedd stay in business for three years or more. This is slightly higher than for Wales as a whole at 60%. The rate of business failures is also lower in Gwynedd compared with Wales as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

Agriculture is the largest sector in the Penllyn area – accounting for **44% of employers, the highest in Gwynedd**. The second largest are construction and hospitality/ food services both on 9%.

24% of the working population aged 16+ work from home, this is the highest in Gwynedd and possibly reflects the number of people working or employed in the agricultural sector. Of those who work in the Penllyn area **36%** travel more than six miles to work – people in this area travel the furthest to work in Gwynedd.

The median weekly wage in the Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency (of which Penllyn 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.



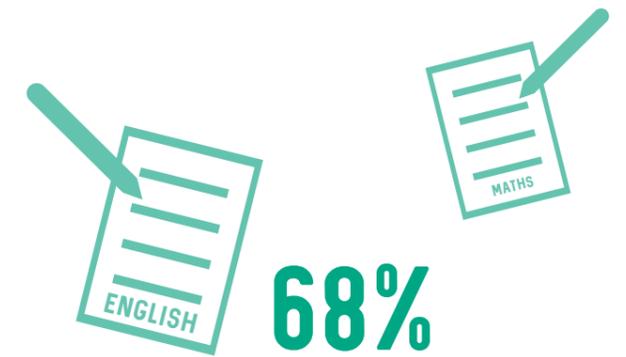
SKILLS FOR LIFE

68% of pupils in the Penllyn area achieve 5 **A*** to **C** grades in their GCSEs in subjects including Welsh or English and Mathematics – this is higher than the performance across Gwynedd of **63%** and 10% higher than for Wales as a whole.

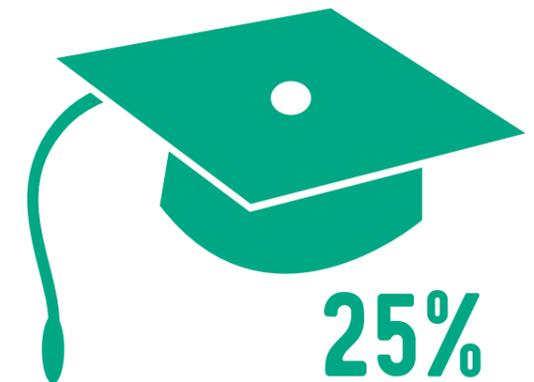
Of those achieving 5 A* to C grades in these subjects, there is an attainment gap of **19%** between pupils claiming free school meals and those who don't – the smallest gap in the county. This compares with a gap of **36%** for Gwynedd and **33%** for Wales as a whole.

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%**.

25% of people in the Penllyn area have a degree or equivalent qualification, this is similar to Gwynedd and Wales.



68% GRADES A*-C



25% 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 the Penllyn area, **11%** of primary school children claim free school meals which is among the lowest in Gwynedd. By the time the pupils reach secondary school this figure falls to **6.4%** which is the lowest in Gwynedd.

18% of households in the Penllyn area are in fuel poverty. The figure for Gwynedd as a whole is 21% - the Penllyn area has the lowest percentage of all the areas in the county. Around 9% of households in Penllyn have no central heating – which is substantially higher than the all-Wales level of 2%.

The median property price in Penllyn is **£149,500** which is higher than the median property price across Gwynedd of £144,000. In this area, household income is around **£23,000** but £24,000 is needed to afford to buy a property at market entry level price. This means that **67%** of households in Penllyn are priced out of the market, which is higher than the figure of 60% for Gwynedd, and 59% for Wales.



67%

LOCAL PEOPLE PRICED OUT OF THE MARKET

MEDIAN HOUSE PRICE
£149K

MEDIAN INCOME
£23K

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 **5 books** are borrowed per head of population in the Penllyn area, which is higher than the Gwynedd average of 4. Of the children's books borrowed, **49% are Welsh**, which is **higher** than the percentage for Gwynedd of 39%. The same is true of books borrowed by adults, with 11% being in Welsh compared to 6% 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 population visited historical places which is similar to the Anglesey and all-Wales figures.

FOR MORE
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