

PENYFFORDD & PENYMYNYDD – SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Penyffordd / Penymynydd is a growing settlement which is located at the confluence of the A550 and the A5104 and has its own railway station on the Wrexham – Bidston line, one km from the village centre . The settlement has excellent communications to nearby towns and employment centres as well as further afield, given the presence of the railway station. The settlement has been by-passed (in 1986) along its western edge by the new line of the A550 and estate type residential development has taken place on either side of Wrexham Road and Hawarden Road. The settlement has two schools St Hohn the Baptist School and Ysgol Penyffordd (which is split between infants at Abbots lane and juniors at Ffordd Penyffordd), and a range of local shops and facilities and is considered to represent a sustainable settlement. There is significant development taking place at the village at the present time which will benefit existing services and facilities. As part of new developments for example new sport and recreation facilities are being provided.

| | Settlement No. of Dwellings |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2000 UDP Baseline Figure | 1,340 |
| 2014 Housing Land Study | 1,527 |

| | Settlement Population |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 2001 Census | 3,444 |
| 2011 Census | 3,554 |

Summary of Recorded Service Provision

The survey work was undertaken in November 2014 and has since been updated to take account of new information or feedback from Members / Town and Community Councils.

| Education Facilities | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|---|--|
| Pre-School / Nursery Provision | Ysgol Penyffordd (infants at Abbots Lane and juniors at Ffordd Penyffordd / St Johns the Baptist Primary (Pentrobina Aided) | Primary school | "Yes, Abbots Lane Infants / Penyffordd CP / St Johns the Baptist Primary (Pentrobina Aided) | |
| | | Secondary school | No | |

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|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| College | No | Library | No, but mobile library may offer service | Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint | Yes, at the Spar |
| Other Education Facility | Yes, Hawarden Road Youth and Community Centre | Hospital | No | Public house / club / restaurant | Yes, Millstone and Red Lion |
| Leisure & Recreation Facilities | | Doctors surgery | No – former health clinic (Melwood Close) now up for sale | Post office | Yes, Chester Road |
| Indoor leisure centre / sports facility | No | Dentist surgery | Yes, Chester Road | Post box | Yes |
| Swimming pool | No | Pharmacy | Yes, Hawarden Road | Petrol Filling Station | No |
| Formal outdoor sports facility | Yes, Tennis Courts / 1x Bowling Greens | Place of worship | Yes, three churches | Employment | |
| Formal outdoor play facility /area | Yes, Millstone / Melwood Close /Plas yn Rhos /West View | Retail & Commercial Related | | Employment | No, but close to key employment centres |
| Community & Health | | Supermarket | No | Transport | |
| Community centre / hall | Yes, War Memorial Institute Community Centre / Hawarden Road Youth Centre | Non-food retail units | No | Rail station | Yes, Penyffordd at Wrexham – Bidston Railway Line |
| Civic offices / facility | No | Convenience shop | Yes, Spar on Hawarden Road / Butchers on Silver Birch Way | Bus station / stop | Yes |
| | | Other shops | No | Bus service frequency | Yes, regular service |
| | | Café / Take away | Yes, Fast Wok Hot food takeaway on Chester Road | Cycle route | No dedicated off-road routes. |
| | | Bank/Building Society | No | Access to main highway network | Yes, A550 & A55 |

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Penyffordd & Penymynydd post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 1.4- >30 megabytes per second with most postcodes at 3 mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Penyffordd & Penymynydd is very poor and highly constrained indeed many areas are likely to struggle to access broadband speeds in this locality. This will have a negative effect on businesses in their day to

day activities and on local residents seeking to access online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

Other Comments

Two large residential developments are currently being implemented within the village at Heritage Park and at Wood Farm. The Wood Farm development is expected to deliver new outdoor sports and play facilities.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Previous surveys of Penyffordd & Penymynydd have identified a range of services and facilities within the village. Comparison with the 2015 survey has identified that there has been a loss of service provision over the last 15 years with the loss of the Melwood Close medical centre and Meadowslea Hospital.

| Year of Survey | Public House | General Shop | PFS and Shop | Post Office | Cashpoint | Health / Medical Facility | Community Centre & or other Building | Educational Facility |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2000 (UDP Survey) | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| 2006 (Student Survey) | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | na | 2 | - | - |
| 2010 (Pub is the Hub Survey) | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Mapping Service Provision

Penyffordd & Penymynydd is a large village with good service provision, service provision is illustrated on the map overleaf.

