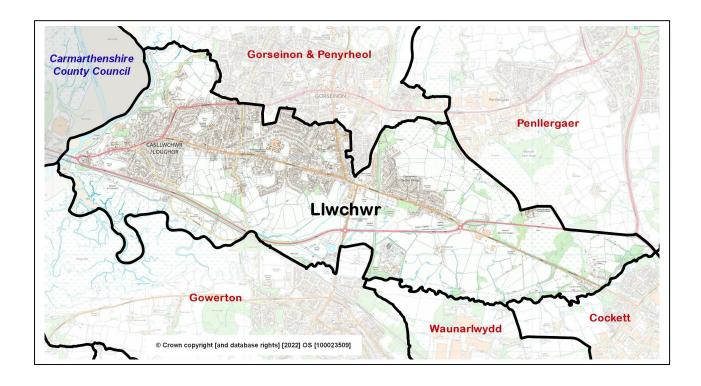


# **LLWCHWR WARD PROFILE**: July 2023

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**Councillors** (Electoral vote, May 2022): Kelly Roberts (Labour – 1,884); Robert Smith (Labour – 1,790); Adam Davis (Labour – 1,741). *Turnout = 40%. Electorate: 7,686.* 



- Location: Approximately 7 kilometres north-west of the city centre, consisting mainly of the Loughor, Kingsbridge and Garden Village localities.
- Adjacent Wards: Gorseinon & Penyrheol, Penllergaer, Cockett, Waunarlwydd, Gowerton.
- ➤ Electoral Ward Review 2022: Changed the new electoral ward consists of the former electoral wards of Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor and Upper Loughor.
- **Constituency Area** (Welsh Government / UK Parliament): Gower.
- **Population** (Office for National Statistics rounded estimate, 2021 Census): 9,300.
- Area: 7.4 sq. km. Population Density: 1,251 people per sq. km (ONS, 2021)
- Employment (former wards combined, ONS workplace estimate, 2021): 1,500. Major employers: Gower College Swansea (Gorseinon campus), Ty Garngoch, CEM Day, Swansea Council (schools).

## Ward features, facilities and localities:



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#### ABOUT THE WARD

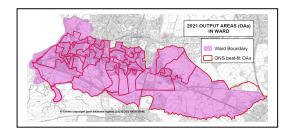
The settlement of Loughor can be traced back to Swansea's early coal mining industry, with mines and a nearby iron foundry dating back to the early 18th century and the St. David's tinplate works in the late 19th century. The construction of the permanent bridge across the estuary in 1923 made Loughor a focal point, linking Swansea to Llanelli. This encouraged further expansion of the settlement. Some of the original worker houses remain in the area close to the estuary, but more modern development has taken place up from the river, including a substantial area of post-War local authority housing, blocks of sheltered accommodation, a 1970s housing estate and more recently built developments.

The settlement of Kingsbridge grew up around the area's numerous collieries and tinplate works, but remained largely undeveloped until the turn of the 20th Century. By 1914, the construction of Garden Village had commenced, comprising mainly of three bedroom semi-detached houses, and by the late 1930s was largely complete. In more recent times, Kingsbridge has seen further housing expansion, most recently on the site of the former Cae Duke Colliery, which was redeveloped to provide modern mixed housing in the late 1990s.

### POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD STATISTICS

### Population estimates (2021 Census)

Population	Llwchwr		Swansea
Population	Total	%	%
<b>Aged</b> : 0-4	477	5.2	4.8
5-15	1,180	12.8	12.2
16-24	790	8.5	13.0
25-44	2,240	24.2	24.2
45-64	2,409	26.0	25.3
65-74	1,174	12.7	10.8
75+	979	10.6	9.7
Total	9,249	100	100
Female	4,768	51.6	50.7
Male	4,481	48.4	49.3



Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table RM121).

Note: Ward statistics relate to the best-fit Census Output Areas (OAs) shown on the map above.

## **Summary**

- 9th largest ward population in Swansea, and 15th highest population density (2021).
- Lower proportion of people aged 16-24 years.
- Slightly higher proportion of people aged 65+.
- Above average proportions of people born in the UK, and able to speak Welsh.
- Larger percentage of older and married or civil partnership couple households
- Higher proportions of detached, semi-detached and owned housing.
- Slightly higher percentages of adults economically active, employees and retired.

# Population characteristics

People:	Llwchwr	%	Swansea %
born in the UK	9,018	97.5	90.6
born outside UK	235	2.5	9.4
in non-white ethnic group	180	1.9	8.6
able to speak Welsh (aged 3+)	1,441	16.0	11.2
in good health	7,463	80.7	78.7
disabled under the Equality Act	1,874	20.3	22.4
with Level 4+ qualifications (aged 16+)	2,494	32.8	32.8
with no qualifications (aged 16+)	1,177	15.5	18.9

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Tables TS004, TS021, TS033, TS037, TS038, TS067).

# Household composition

	Llwchwr	%	Swansea %
Total households / (Average Household Size)	4,051	(2.28)	(2.22)
Composition: One person: Age 66+	643	15.9	14.5
Other	568	14.0	19.9
Single family household: All aged 66+	486	12.0	9.5
Married or civil partnership couple	1,317	32.5	26.8
Cohabiting couple family	449	11.1	10.4
Lone parent family	435	10.7	12.6
Other single family household	12	0.3	0.7
Other household types	141	3.5	5.6

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS003).

## **HOUSING: Type and Tenure**

Household accommodation type	Llwchwr	%	Swansea %
Detached	1,222	30.2	24.0
Semi-detached	1,944	48.0	34.5
Terraced (incl. end terrace)	545	13.5	25.4
Flat, maisonette or apartment	338	8.3	15.9
Caravan or other mobile/temporary	0	0.0	0.2

Tenure	Llwchwr	%	Swansea %
Households: Owned: Outright	1,743	43.0	35.4
Owned with a mortgage or loan	1,449	35.8	26.9
Households: Rented: Social rented; from Council	307	7.6	11.7
Social rented; Other (incl. Housing Association)	109	2.7	7.4
Private rented	423	10.4	18.0
Other (incl. Shared ownership, Living rent free)	20	0.5	0.6

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Tables TS044, TS054).

### **ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**

People aged 16 and over:	Llwchwr	%	Swansea %
Economically Active	4,456	58.7	54.3
Employees: Part-time and Full-time	3,691	48.6	42.2
Self-employed	457	6.0	6.4
Unemployed	139	1.8	2.5
Economically active student	169	2.2	3.3
Economically Inactive	3,139	41.3	45.7
Retired	2,159	28.4	23.9
Student	279	3.7	8.4
Looking after home or family	223	2.9	4.2
Long-term sick or disabled	345	4.5	6.3
Other	133	1.8	2.9

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS066).

### **WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)**

WIMD 2019 based on Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) geography – in this profile, the area consists of six LSOAs.

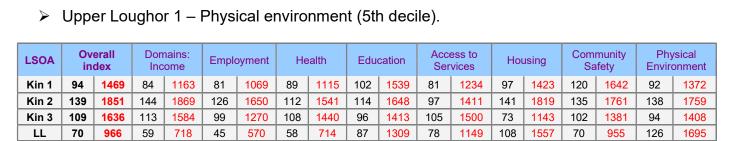
Highest index and domain rankings (Wales):

Lower Loughor – Employment (3rd decile), Income, Health (4<sup>th</sup> decile).

UL 1

UL 2

Upper Loughor 2 – Education, Housing (5th decile).



Source: WIMD 2019 (published November 2019), Welsh Government. Note: LSOAs ranked 1-148 (Swansea), 1-1909 (Wales).

Note: The content in this profile will be developed as further ward data becomes available.

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