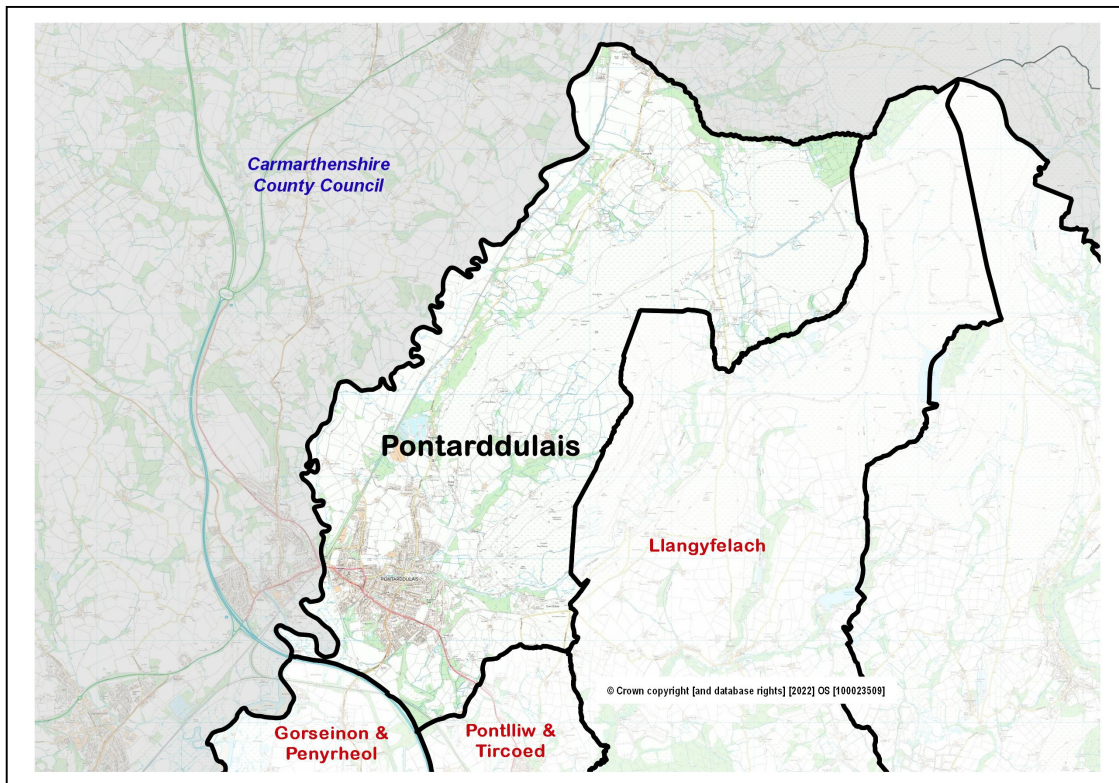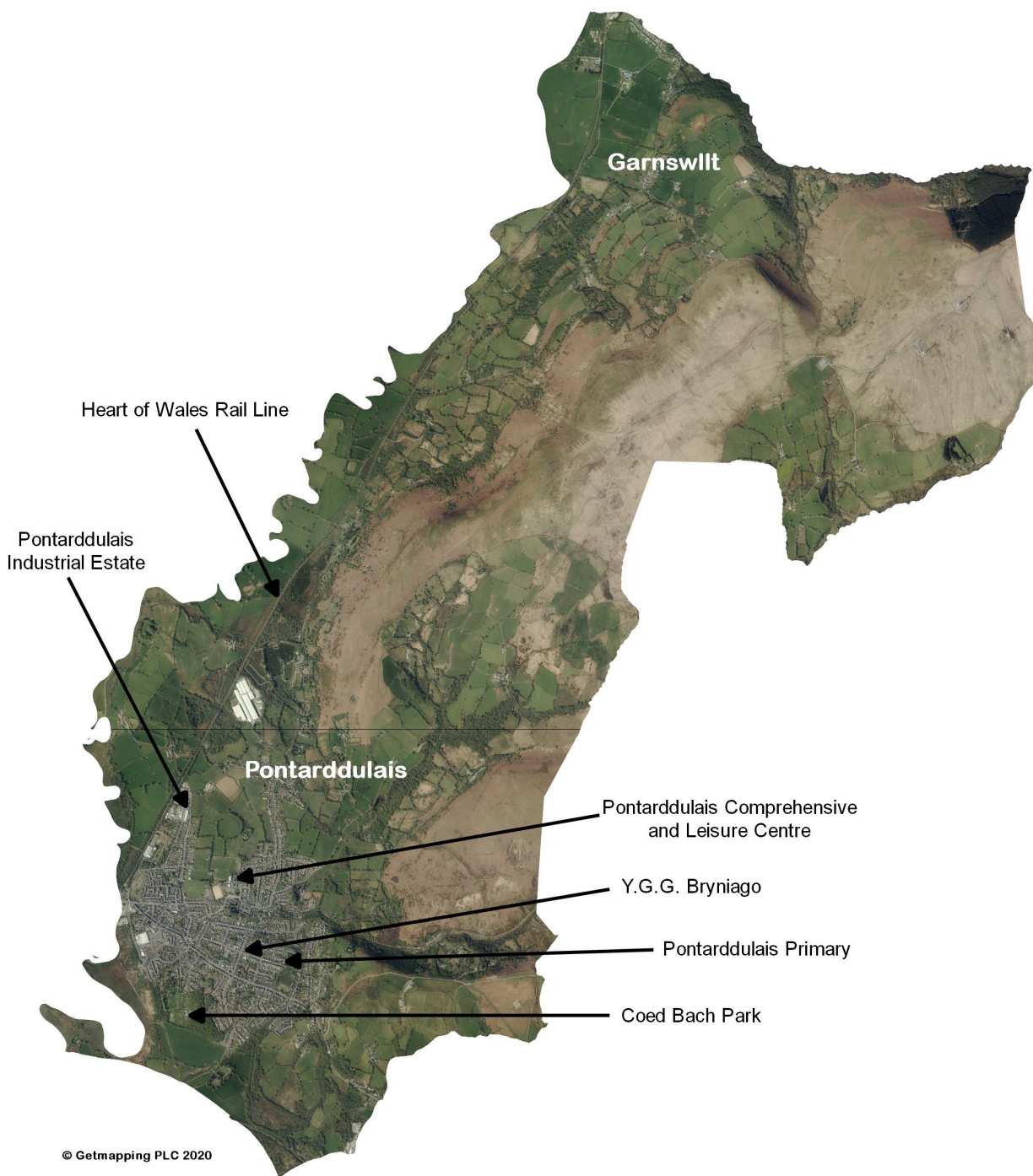Cyngor **Abertawe**
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> **Councillors** (Electoral vote, May 2022): Kevin Griffiths (Independent – 1,217); Philip Downing (Labour – 886). *Turnout = 41%. Electorate: 5,291.*

- ➢ **Location**: Approximately 12 kilometres north west of the city centre.
- ➢ **Adjacent Wards (Swansea)**: Llangyfelach, Pontlliw and Tircoed, Gorseinon and Penyrheol.
- ➢ **Electoral Ward Review 2022**: Changed – the new electoral ward consists of the former Pontarddulais electoral ward plus part of the former Mawr electoral ward.
- ➢ **Constituency Area** (Welsh Government / UK Parliament): Gower.
- ➢ **Population** (Office for National Statistics rounded estimate, 2021 Census): 6,800.
- ➢ **Area**: 24.9 sq. km. **Population Density**: 275 people per sq. km (ONS, 2021)
- ➢ **Employment** (former ward, ONS workplace estimate, 2021): 1,500. Major employers: Tesco, district shopping centre, Pontarddulais Industrial Estate occupiers, Macmillan Distribution, Swansea Council (schools).

Ward features, facilities and localities:

Garnswllt

Heart of Wales Rail Line

Pontarddulais
Industrial Estate

Pontarddulais

Pontarddulais Comprehensive
and Leisure Centre

Y.G.G. Bryniago

Pontarddulais Primary

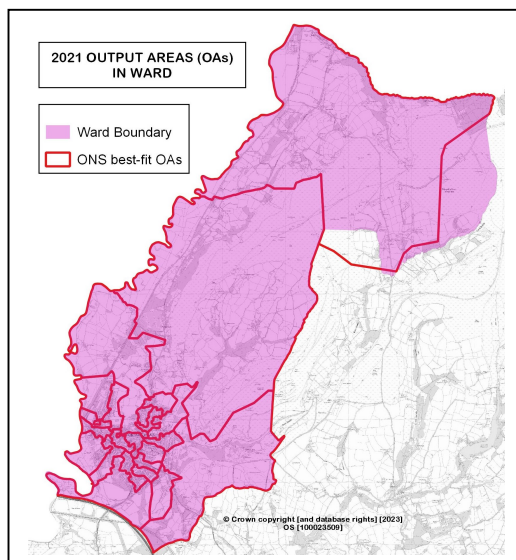Coed Bach Park

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ABOUT THE WARD

For centuries, Pontarddulais (or 'The Bont' as it is locally known) was a small hamlet built around a crossing point of the River Loughor. The first railway arrived in 1839 to transport anthracite from the Amman Valley to Llanelli, followed in 1866 by another line from Swansea and the Graig Merthyr coal mine in 1867. Heavy industry transformed Pontarddulais into a thriving industrial town, with six tinplate works opening between 1872 and 1910, together with several mines.

Substantial population and housing growth followed in the early 20th century, although of course the general 'de-industrialisation' of the area in the post war years is also well documented. Pontarddulais' housing market is closely linked with that of adjoining Hendy (Carmarthenshire), with both benefiting from proximity to the M4 motorway. The central and northern areas of the ward are essentially rural, including the extensive uplands and common land of Graig Fawr.

POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD STATISTICS

Population estimates (2021 Census)

Population	Pontarddulais		Swansea
	Total	%	%
Aged: 0-4	328	4.8	4.8
5-15	998	14.6	12.2
16-24	673	9.8	13.0
25-44	1,718	25.1	24.2
45-64	1,799	26.3	25.3
65-74	692	10.1	10.8
75+	640	9.3	9.7
Total	**6,848**	**100**	**100**
Female	3,523	51.4	50.7
Male	3,325	48.6	49.3

2021 OUTPUT AREAS (OAs) IN WARD

Ward Boundary
ONS best-fit OAs

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Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table RM121).

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

Summary

➢ 14th smallest ward population in Swansea, and 7th lowest population density (2021).

➢ Age profile relatively close to Swansea, but higher proportion of children (aged 5-15).

➢ Lower proportions of young people aged 16-24 years.

➢ Higher proportions of people able to speak Welsh and born in the UK.

➢ Slightly larger percentage of couple households.

➢ Above average proportions of detached and semi-detached housing and households owned with a mortgage or loan.

➢ Higher percentage of economically active adults and employees.

Population characteristics

People:	Pontarddulais	%	Swansea %
born in the UK	6,658	97.2	90.6
born outside UK	191	2.8	9.4
in non-white ethnic group	159	2.3	8.6
able to speak Welsh (aged 3+)	1,730	25.9	11.2
in good health	5,413	79.0	78.7
disabled under the Equality Act	1,527	22.3	22.4
with Level 4+ qualifications (aged 16+)	1,745	31.6	32.8
with no qualifications (aged 16+)	956	17.3	18.9

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

Household composition

	Pontarddulais	%	Swansea %
Total households / (Average Household Size)	**2,975**	(2.28)	(2.22)
Composition: *One person:* Age 66+	438	14.7	14.5
Other	554	18.6	19.9
Single family household: All aged 66+	246	8.3	9.5
Married or civil partnership couple	881	29.6	26.8
Cohabiting couple family	344	11.6	10.4
Lone parent family	402	13.5	12.6
Other single family household	8	0.3	0.7
Other household types	102	3.4	5.6

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS003).

HOUSING: *Type and Tenure*

Household accommodation type	Pontarddulais	%	Swansea %
Detached	891	30.0	24.0
Semi-detached	1,208	40.6	34.5
Terraced (incl. end terrace)	537	18.1	25.4
Flat, maisonette or apartment	333	11.2	15.9
Caravan or other mobile/temporary	3	0.1	0.2

Tenure	Pontarddulais	%	Swansea %
Households: Owned: Outright	1,070	36.0	35.4
Owned with a mortgage or loan	986	33.1	26.9
Households: Rented: Social rented; from Council	272	9.1	11.7
Social rented; Other (incl. Housing Association)	174	5.8	7.4
Private rented	466	15.7	18.0
Other (incl. Shared ownership, Living rent free)	7	0.2	0.6

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

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

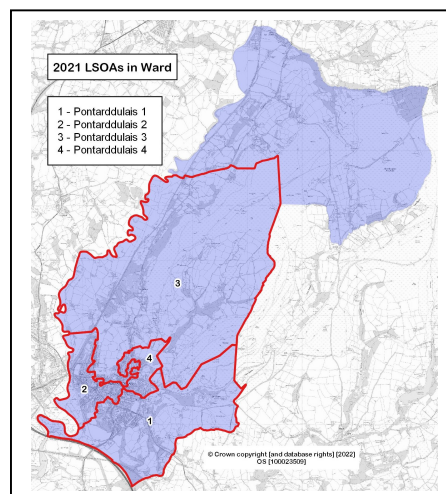| People aged 16 and over:	Pontarddulais	%	Swansea %
Economically Active	**3,294**	**59.6**	**54.3**
Employees: Part-time and Full-time	2,667	48.3	42.2
Self-employed	341	6.2	6.4
Unemployed	160	2.9	2.5
Economically active student	126	2.3	3.3
Economically Inactive	**2,229**	**40.4**	**45.7**
Retired	1,301	23.6	23.9
Student	262	4.7	8.4
Looking after home or family	174	3.2	4.2
Long-term sick or disabled	342	6.2	6.3
Other	150	2.7	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 four LSOAs.

Highest index and domain rankings (Wales):

➢ Pontarddulais 4 – Overall index, Income, Health (2nd decile), Employment, Education (3rd decile).

➢ Pontarddulais 2 – Physical environment (1st decile).

➢ Pontarddulais 3 – Physical environment (1st decile).

2021 LSOAs in Ward

1 - Pontarddulais 1
2 - Pontarddulais 2
3 - Pontarddulais 3
4 - Pontarddulais 4

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LSOA	Overall index		Domains: Income		Employment		Health		Education		Access to Services		Housing		Community Safety		Physical Environment	
Pon 1	110	**1653**	102	1514	104	1379	96	1288	107	1583	119	1620	83	1234	103	1387	71	1223
Pon 2	63	**820**	63	739	54	675	65	782	70	966	137	1806	62	988	67	911	1	83
Pon 3	69	**964**	76	965	70	896	80	976	79	1122	39	703	57	927	77	1064	2	174
Pon 4	34	**374**	26	237	37	427	31	304	30	391	63	979	44	708	88	1208	26	609

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.