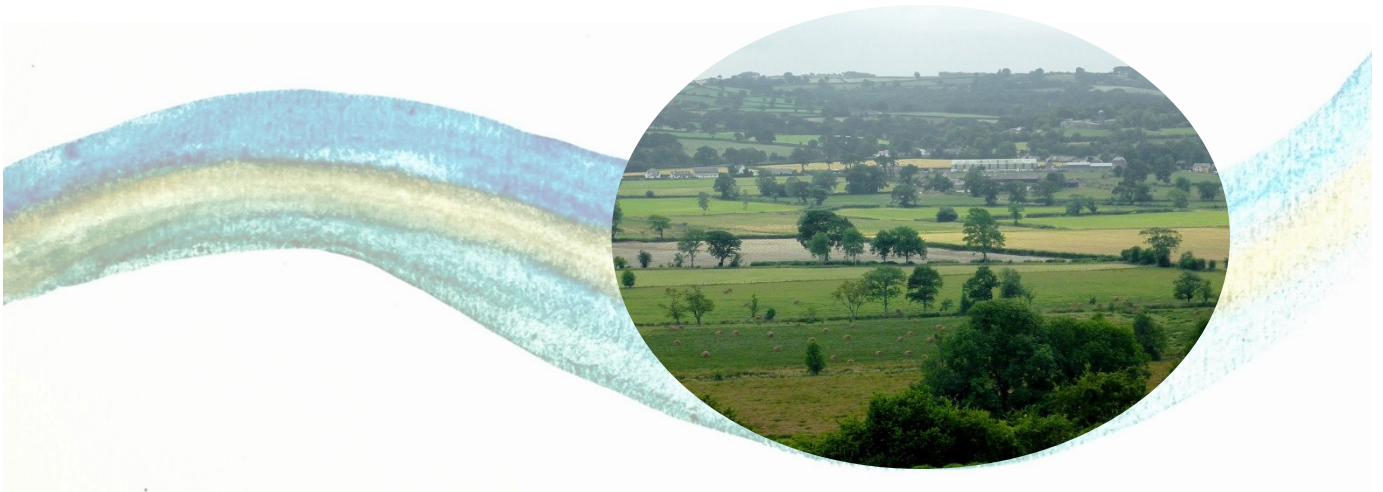


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Place Profile

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Your Place Today

Location

Felinfach and Ystrad Aeron are located in the Aeron Valley on the A482. It is located 6.5 miles from Aberaeron and 7 miles from Lampeter. Although counted as one Rural Service Centre, the centre is formed of two distinct villages that when considered jointly accounts for more than approximately 850 households. The village is also the location of a whey processing factory, now owned by Arla Foods Ingredients, which plans to make it a global production hub.

It provides access to a good range of facilities and services, including a primary school (capacity for 54 pupils), general store/post office, public house, garage, village hall, a place of worship, playing fields and children's play area.



Source: Geograph

People and Community



1,763 residents.
892 households.
0.0% Population change
(2011-2021).



0.9% are of a Black,
Asian and Minority
Ethnic.
99.0% are White.



9.8% of population are
aged 20 to 29.
22.0% are aged 45 to 59.
12.1% are aged 75 and
over.



74.8% own their
home.
14.7% privately rent.
10.1% socially rent.
65.9% are single
family households.
7.1% have no car or
van.



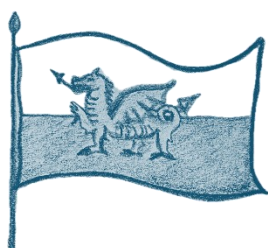
29.0% work in public
administration, education
and health.
18.5% work in distribution,
hotels and restaurants.
14.6% work in agriculture,
energy and water.



46.6% are
economically active.
1.7% are
unemployed.
46.6% are
economically
inactive.
31.0% are retired.
16.2% have no
qualifications.
16.3% have a level 2
qualification.
7.4% have an
apprenticeship.



32.0% work from home.
61.2% drive a car to work.
1.0% catch a bus to work.
2.1% walk on foot to work.



52.8% can speak Welsh.
38.2% have no skills in
Welsh.



74.7% rate their
health as good or
very good.
22.8% classified as
disabled.
13.3% provide
unpaid care.

Source: [Ceredigion LSOA data, Census 2021](#)

Movement

Felinfach and Ystrad Aeron are located on the A482. They have good access to public transport, with a regular bus service running between Aberystwyth, Aberaeron and Lampeter.

Public Transport

Bus

The T1 bus service (Carmarthen Bus Station – Lampeter – The Black Lion – Lampeter – Aberystwyth Bus Station) runs along the A482, with hourly services from 06:30am to 10:00pm in the evening. The bus stops are outside the Memorial Hall, Primary School and at the cross-roads with the B4342.

Train

The nearest train station is in Aberystwyth or Carmarthen, each some 22 miles away.

Useful links:

<https://bustimes.org/>

<https://www.traveline.cymru/>

Cycling/ Walking

Future Routes

There are planned active travel Improvements within the A482 corridor between Lampeter and Aberaeron.

Useful links:

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/active-travel/active-travel-network-map-ceredigions-existing-routes-and-future-routes/>

<https://datamap.gov.wales/maps/active-travel-network-maps/view#/:///mercy.snoozing.frizz>

Parking

There are no off-street public car parks within the community.

Theatr Felinfach has free parking for its users. There is a mix of on-street parking in and around the village associated with the village hall, primary school and other community facilities.

Local Movement

There are no immediate rights of way in and around the community.

Local Facilities



- Convenience stores
- Food outlet – cakes and a bakery
- Post office
- Hairdresser
- Chiropodist
- Agriculture store
- Public house (for sale)
- Petrol filling station
- Farm and country retail store



- Bus stops (T1)



- Memorial Hall
- Theatre
- Church
- Chapel



- Football club
- Gym (private)
- Kickabout field



- None



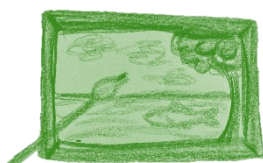
- Caravan site
- Holiday lets



- Primary School/Pre-school



- None



Listed buildings in Felinfach-Ystrad Aeron area include:

- Cob Cottage in Village Centre
- Milestone at entrance to Felin Fach Theatre
- Milestone in village centre
- Parish Church of St Michael



- Allt Pen Cnwc Wildlife Trust Reserve (WTR).
- Cors Nantcwnlle Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Dolau Hafod SSSI.
- Rhos Cilcennin SSSI, Parc Pont-Faen, Allt Crug Garn and Comin Silian SSSI.
- Green space includes:
 - Kickabout field
 - Football club
 - Churchyard
 - Various rights of way

Mix of Uses

There are a number of village shops and services that are located along the A482. At the time of writing this document, one village pub had closed, with another one under threat of closure.



Public Realm

There is no civic space or village green that feels like the centre of the place. Footways are generally to standard but don't continue beyond the village edge.

Landscape

These villages are located in a large, shallow and wooded enclosed flat pastures. Located on a flat plateau the settlements of Felinfach and Ystrad Aeron are surrounded

Subtle variations in character occur throughout, related to altitude and level of exposure. These factors influence vegetation patterns, with more sheltered areas consequently more richly endowed with hedges and deciduous trees and shrubs. Commonly, however, traditional field boundaries are degraded and either replaced or reinforced with wire fences.

To the west of Felinfach/Ystrad Aeron is the Allt Pen Cnwc Wildlife Trust Reserve (WTR). To the east there is Cors Nantcwnlle Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Dolau Hafod SSSI. To the north there is Rhos Cilcennin SSSI, Parc Pont-Faen and Allt Crug Garn

WTR. To the south is Comin Silian SSSI. Felinfach/Ystrad Aeron mainly constitutes of improved and semi improved neutral grassland, scrub and hedgerows. Within the wider Group there are also areas of semi-natural broadleaved woodland, marshy grassland, valley mire, semi-improved acid grassland and dry heath/acid grassland. There are also various water courses and ponds.

Within Felinfach there is an existing sports pitch near the Bro Henllys housing estate and a small play area although not equipped by the primary school.

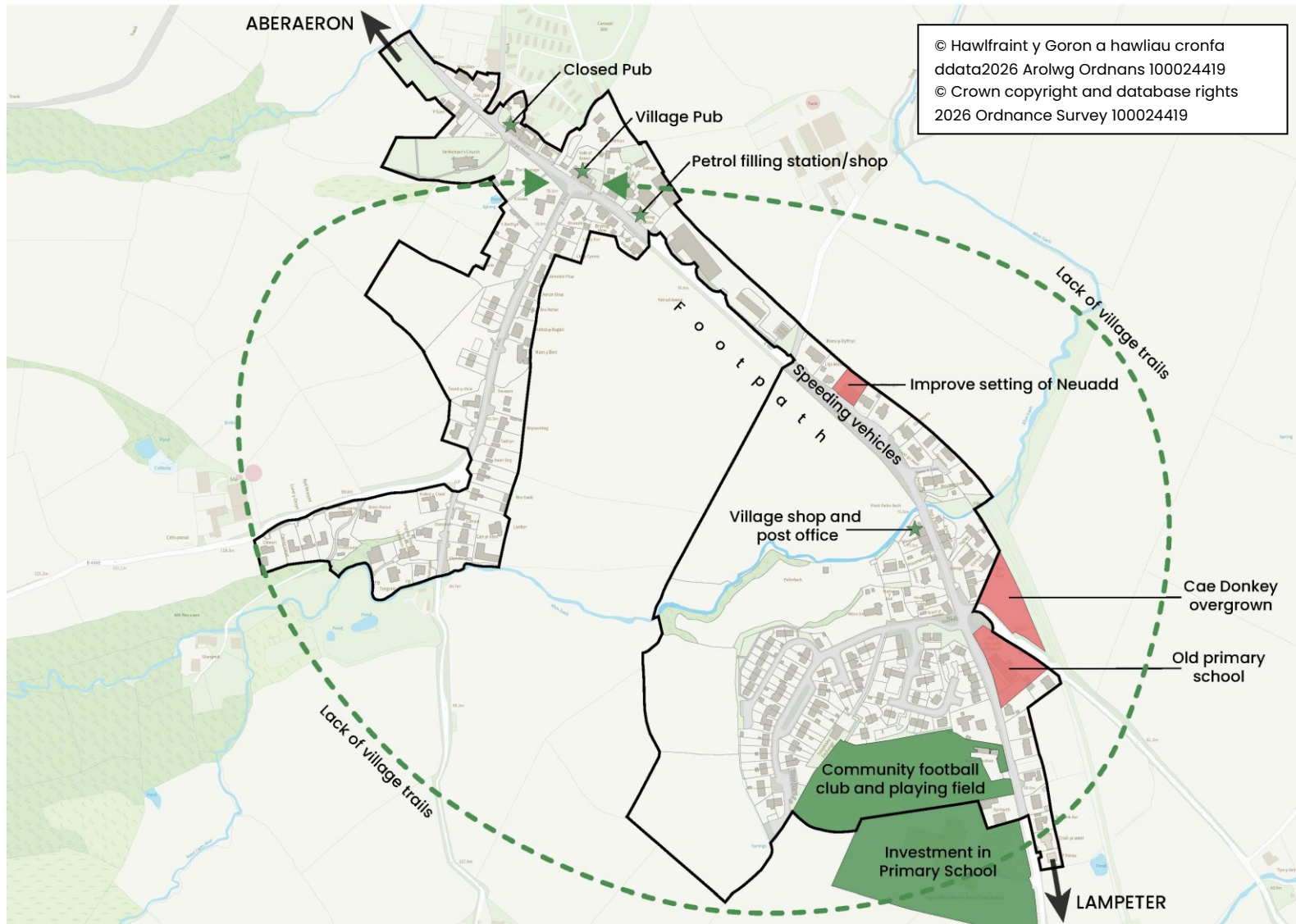
Green Infrastructure

- Kickabout field
- Football club
- Churchyard

Identity

- See separate report of consultation and artists' reflections on identity.

Place Analysis



SWOT Analysis

<i>Strengths</i>	<i>Opportunities</i>
▪ On A482 road that connects Lampeter with Aberaeron – good connectivity ▪ Population numbers haven't changed ▪ Lower than UK unemployment average ▪ Strong Welsh speaking community ▪ Rural farming identity and life ▪ Arla Foods nearby ▪ Theatr Felinfach close to community ▪ New primary school investment ▪ Village hall straddles both communities ▪ Strong football club ▪ Outlying communities look into the village ▪ On a regular bus service route	▪ Old school building ▪ Neuadd/Hall being more inter-generational
<i>Weaknesses</i>	<i>Threats</i>
▪ Drawn out nature of community ▪ Traffic coming through the village – through route ▪ Under 25% of the community class themselves as disabled ▪ No physical centre or square/space ▪ People travel out of the area for work	▪ Climate change ▪ Loss of rural services – viability ▪ Cost of living – mobility challenges