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Place Profile

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Your Place Today

Location

Talybont is located in northern Ceredigion, just to 7 miles to the north-east of Aberystwyth. The village and area is very rural in nature, standing on the Afon Leri and the Afon Ceulan in the area of Genau'r Glyn, at the foot of Ceulan Maes-mawr. Whilst Talybont looks to Aberystwyth for many of its needs it has a primary school, memorial hall and a number of local shops and services.

Source: Geograph

People and Community

1,863 residents.
798 households.
-2.5% Population change (2011-2021).

1.9% are of a Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic.
97.9% are White.

9.7% of population are aged 20 to 34.
15.2% are aged 30 to 44.
11.3% are aged 75 and over.

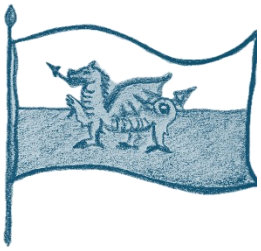
79.8% own their home.
14.4% privately rent.
5.8% socially rent.
68.2% are single family households.

8.3% have no car or van.
57.7% are economically active.
1.7% are unemployed.
39.3% are economically inactive.
25.3% are retired.

38.9% work in public administration, education and health.
16.7% work in distribution, hotels and restaurants.
10.8% work in financial, real estate, professional and administrative activities.

41.3% work from home.
48.8% drive a car to work.
1.4% catch a bus to work.
3.5% walk on foot to work.

12.2% have no qualifications.
12.7% have a level 2 qualification.
5.5% have an apprenticeship.



52.3% can speak Welsh.
35.9% have no skills in Welsh.

81.9% rate their health as good or very good.
19.7% classified as disabled.
11.6% provide unpaid care.

Source: Ceredigion LSOA data, Census 2021

Movement

The A487 trunk road runs through Talybont connecting outlying places as well as connections into Aberystwyth.

Public Transport

The following bus services run through the village, being the T2 (Bangor - Aberystwyth via Caernarfon, Criccieth, Porthmadog, Dolgellau, Machynlleth) and the T28 (Aberystwyth - Machynlleth). The services run hourly between 7am and 10pm. There are five bus stops - before Maes-y-Deri, before Talybont Primary School, after the Post Office, outside Talybont Square and on the edge of the village at Maenewydd/Fagwr.

Train

The nearest train station is in Bow Street which is 2.5 miles away.
Useful links:
https://bustimes.org/
https://www.traveline.cymru/

Cycling / Walking

There are planned future active travel Investments on the A487 that connect into Bow Street train station and onwards to Aberystwyth.
Useful links:
https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/active-travel/active-travel-network-map-ceredigions-existing-routes-and-future-routes/
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Parking

There Is no off-street parking provision that Is managed by Ceredigion County Council. Most parking Is on street from nearby residents which is creating problems on this section of the A487.

Local Movement

Footpaths within the village are sometimes narrow, non-existent and therefore not continuous. There are some links into the immediate countryside, whether this be to the coast at Borth or up into the hills and towards Nant-y-moch reservoir.

Local Facilities

- Chemist
- Village shop
- Petrol filling station/shop
- Tyre fitter
- Public-house
- Hairdresser (home business)
- Llofa printers
- Milk delivery service
- Honey farm shop
Guest houses

- Bus stops for T2 and T28

- Memorial Hall
- Chapel
- Public toilets

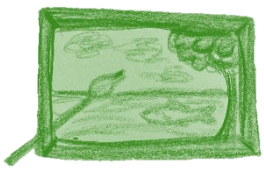
- Football pitch
- Playground
- Rural footpaths and rights of way

- None

- Guest houses
- Holiday cottages

- Primary school

- None



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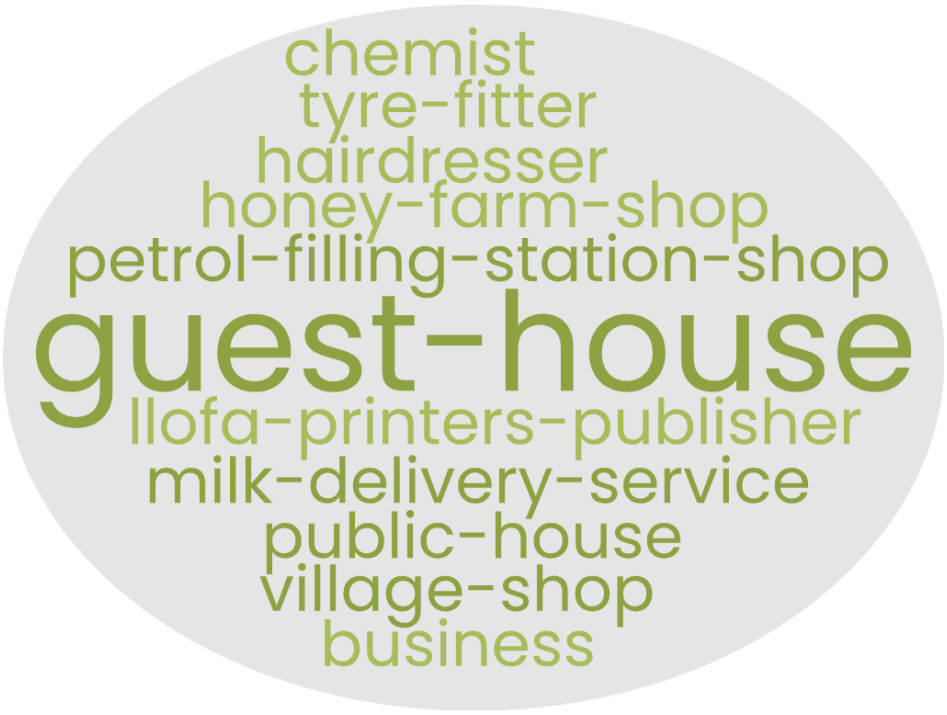
- Bethel Independent Chapel
- Church of St Peter
- Leri Mills
- Former Church School
- Mill at Y Felin
- 1 to 3 Tyrrel Place
- Plas Cefn Gwyn
- Tabernacle Baptist Chapel
- The Black Lion Hotel
- The Old Vicarage

- To the north of Talybont is the Dyfi Estuary which is a UNESCO Biosphere.
- Cwm Clettwr Wildlife Trust Reserve (WTR).
- SSSIs nearby include Cwm Clettwr, Coed Cwm Einion, Mwyngloddfa Nant-Y-Cagl and Craigypistyll SSSI,
- Green spaces includes:
  - Play area
  - Football pitch
    - Rural footpaths and rights of way

Mix of Uses

The following uses exist within the village.



Public Realm

The “Patsyn Glas” area outside the Black Lion Hotel (closed) is a key focal point and area of public realm within the village. Due to houses being situated close to the A487, there are no other civic spaces along the main road.

Landscape

The upland landscape near to Talybont is comprised of large expanses of rugged, unenclosed, unimproved grassland and moorland, with cotton grass and other bog vegetation in wet flushes and around pools. On its eastern margins are the hills of the Pumlumon Range, which is home to the highest mountain in Ceredigion and the Cambrian Mountains, Pumlumon Fawr (727m AOD).

It also contains extensive areas of upland grazing that forms a transition between the edge of the Cambrian Mountains, and lowland consisting of the coastal plateau and river valleys. The landscape forms a distinctive area of mosaic rolling lowland. The landform undulates rhythmically in a north to south direction with occasional hummocks and rock exposures. This area is visible from the busy A487 (T) road and this landscape is a gateway to the county from the north.

Talybont itself was once a centre for mining and a woollen mill was in operation until recent times. In 1897, a steam railway, The Hafen Tramway ran up the Leri and Cyneiniog Valleys.

To the north of Talybont is the Dyfi Estuary is a Special Protection Area (SPA) and a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar convention. The waters are part of the Pen Llyn ar Sarnau Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Cors Fochno is also designated as a SAC. Furthermore, the Dyfi Estuary and parts of Cors Fochno have been designated as a National Nature Reserve, the Dyfi and Cors Fochno NNR, and Site of Special Scientific interest (SSSI). The Dyfi Valley is also designated as a UNESCO Biosphere. Also to the north is the Cwm Clettwr Wildlife Trust Reserve (WTR) and Coed Cwm Clettwr SSSI. Further north west is Coed Cwm

Einion SAC and SSSI, Pencarreg-Gopa a Moel Hyrddod SSSI, Pencreigiau'r Llan SSSI and Cwm Llyfnant SSSI. To the far west of the settlement group is Mwyngloddfa Nant-Y-Cagl SSSI and Mwyngloddfa Brynyrafr SSSI. To the south of the group is Craigypistyll SSSI, Mwyngloddfa Llety Ifan Hen SSSI and Gwaun Troed-Rhiw-Seiri a Llyn Mynydd-Gorddu SSSI.

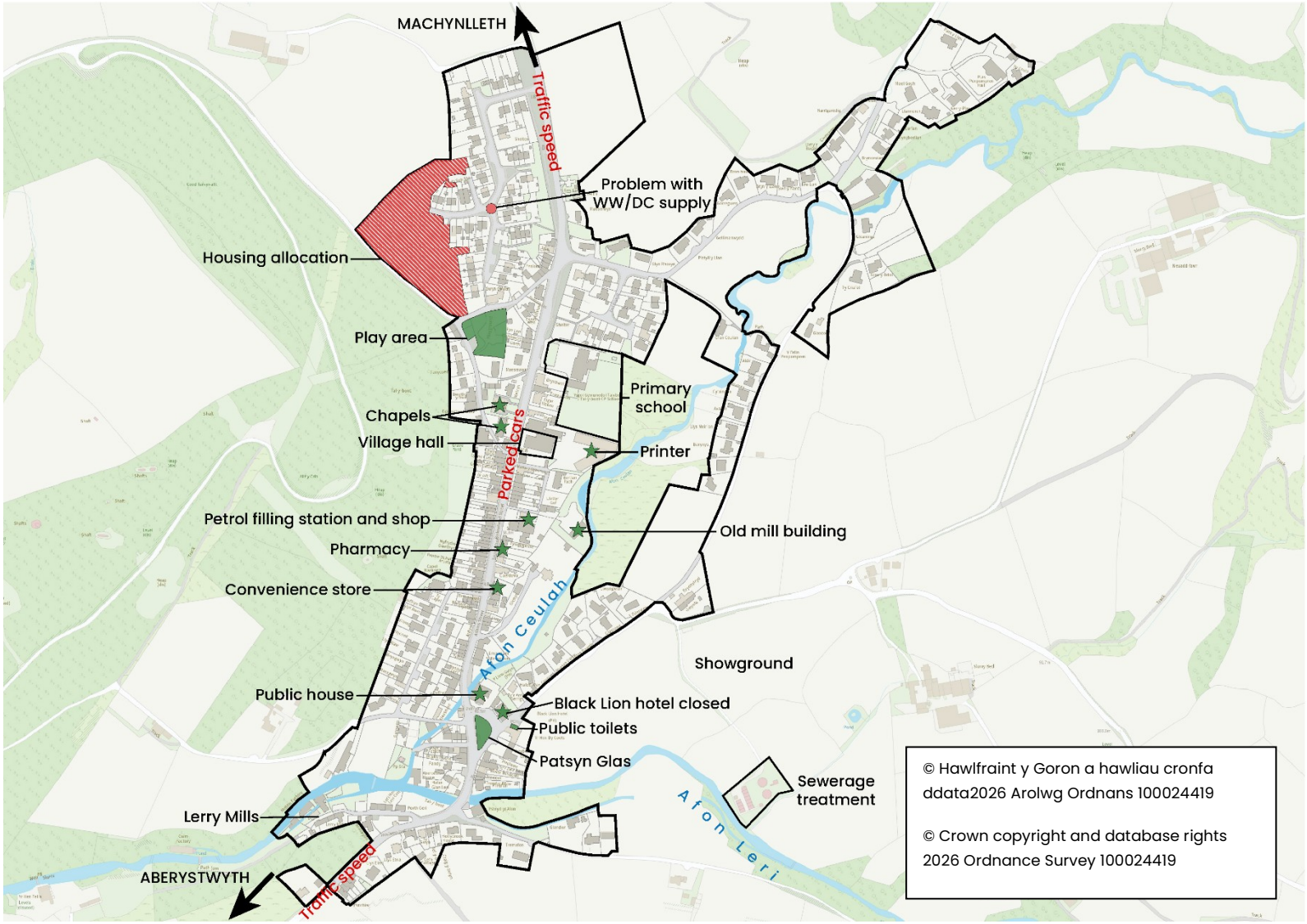
Green Infrastructure

- Play area
- Football pitch
- Rural footpaths and rights of way

Identity

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

Place Analysis



SWOT Analysis

Strengths	*Opportunities*
▪ Located between Aberystwyth and Machynlleth ▪ Strong Welsh speaking community ▪ Age balanced community ▪ Diversity of homes ▪ Aberystwyth does draw residents to work in public administration, education and health and in visitor economy based jobs ▪ The community is very economically active ▪ Regular public transport due to location on strategic road ▪ Residents mainly rate their health as very good ▪ Generally good range of shops and services for the size of community ▪ Good primary school ▪ Y Llofa printers – known across Wales ▪ Setting – townscape and wider landscape ▪ Active community groups due to high number of retirees	▪ Over 41% work from home ▪ Former heritage of mills
Weaknesses	**Threats**
▪ Population has seen a drop in numbers ▪ Significant flooding incident in 2012 ▪ A487 and resultant environmental challenges and traffic speeds ▪ Infrastructure challenges – sewerage ▪ Limited space to accommodate off-street parking ▪ Old Black Lion empty closed – does not actively contribute to Patsyn Glas	▪ Climate change and flood risk ▪ Cost of living ▪ Development outside of the village ▪ Increased traffic on A487