

BETWS WARD: ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE

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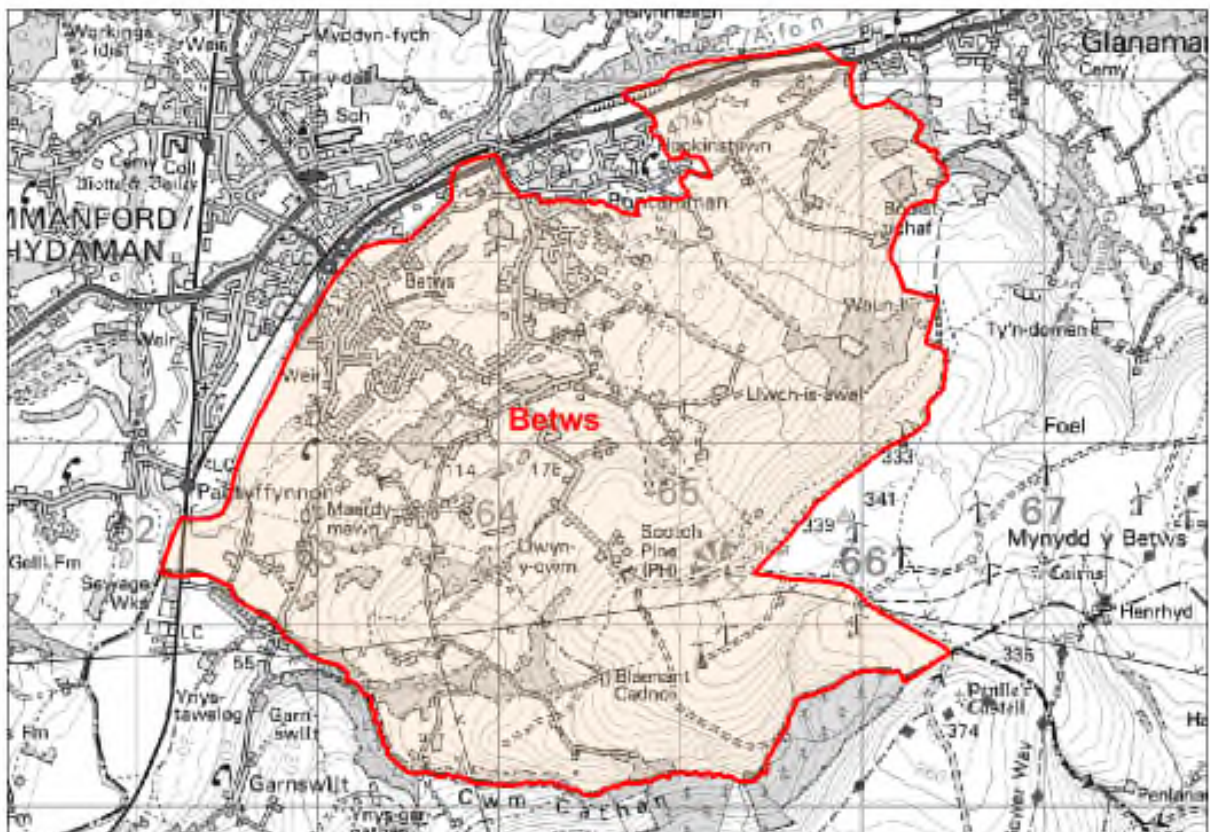
Councillors (Electoral Vote 2017): Betsan Jones (Plaid Cymru). Turnout = 43.73%,

Electorate (December 2018): 1,775

Population: 2,374 (2017 Mid Year Estimates, ONS)

Welsh Assembly and UK Parliamentary Constituency: Carmarthenshire East & Dinefwr

Council owned Facilities: Betws C.P. School, Maesquarre Road Play Area, Betws Park, Betws Mountain Picnic Site



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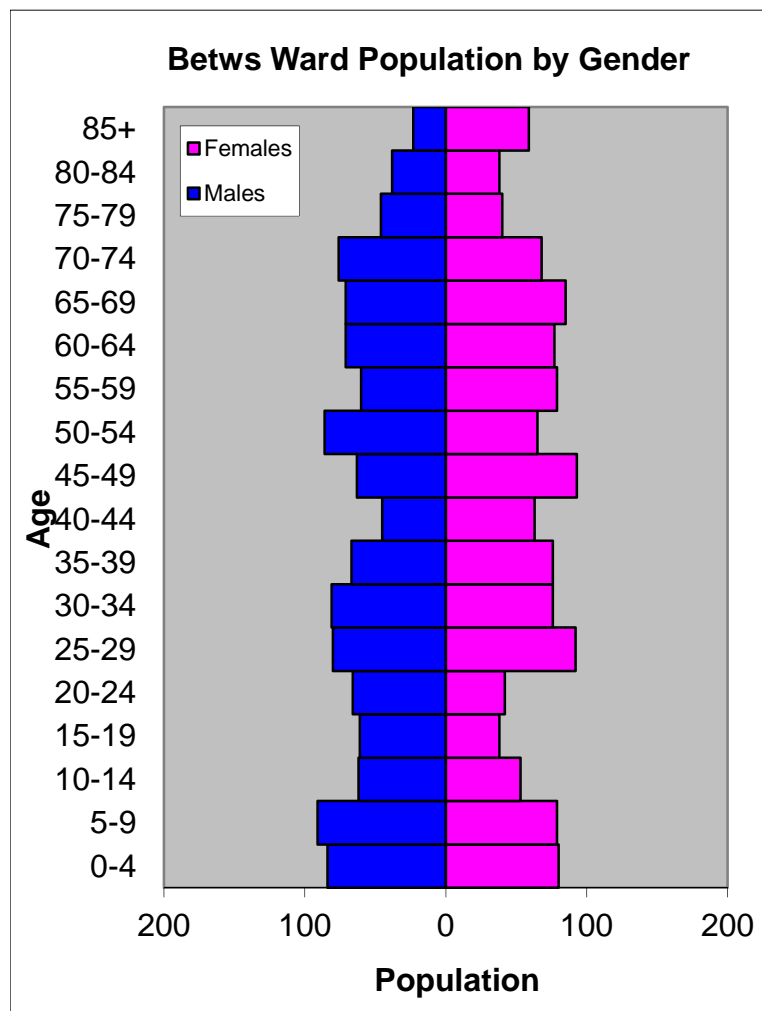
Location: Approximately 34km from Carmarthen Town

- ⇒ Area: 11.12 km²
- ⇒ Population Density: 213 people per km²
- ⇒ Population Change: 2011-2017: + 199 (+9.1%)
- ⇒ Major Employers: Carmarthenshire County Council (schools and leisure)

POPULATION STATISTICS 2017 Mid Year Population Estimates

Age Structure	Betws Population	Betws %	Carmarthenshire %
Aged: 0-4	164	6.9	5.2
5-14	285	12.0	11.4
15-24	207	8.7	10.5
25-44	580	24.4	21.6
45-64	594	25.0	28.0
65-74	300	12.6	13.0
75+	244	10.3	10.3
Total	2,374	100	100

Source: aggregated lower Super Output Area (LSOA) Small Area Population Estimates, 2017, Office for National Statistics (ONS)



- ⇒ 16th lowest ward population in Carmarthenshire, and 24th highest population density.
- ⇒ Highest proportion of people aged under 45
- ⇒ Higher proportion of people with higher level of qualifications
- ⇒ High proportion of Welsh Speakers

2011 Census Data

Population: Key Facts	Betws	Betws %	Carmarthenshire
People: born in Wales	1746	80.3	76.0
born outside UK	105	4.0	4.1
in non-white ethnic groups	22	0.8	1.9
with limiting long-term illness	491	22.5	25.4
with no qualifications (aged 16-74)	455	26.1	26.8
with higher level qualifications (aged 16-74)	453	26.0	23.9
able to speak Welsh	1109	53.4	43.9

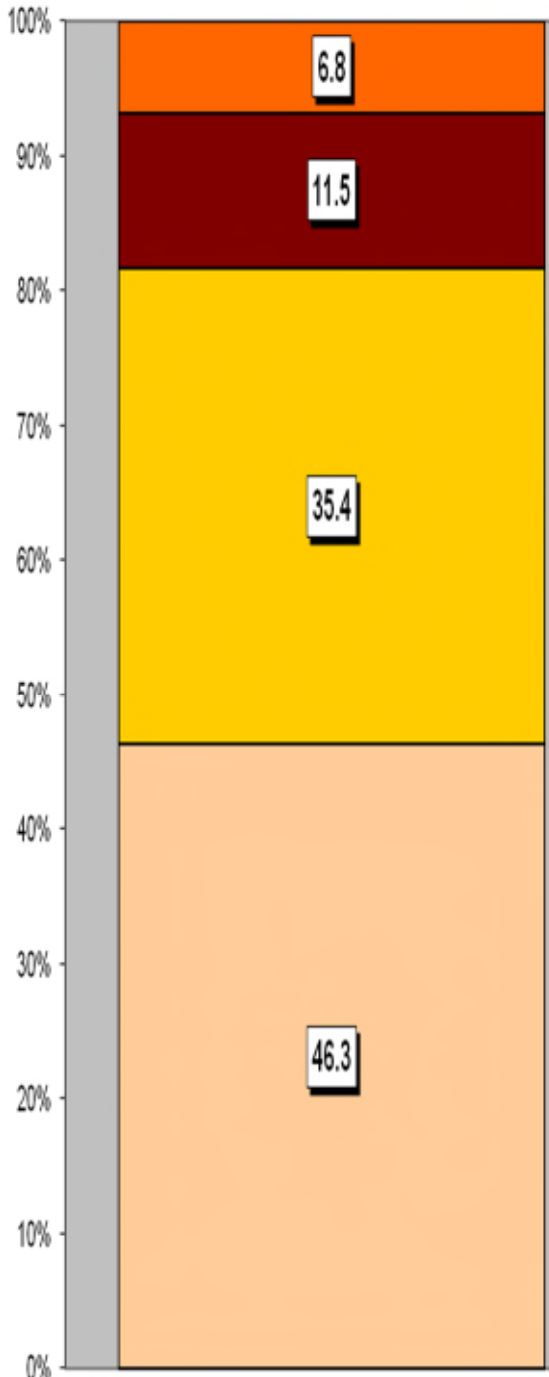
Household Composition	Betws	Betws %	Carmarthenshire
Total Households/ (Average Household Size)	739	(2.4)	(2.3)
Household Type: one person: pensioner	104	11.6	14.8
one person: other	138	15.4	15.4
one family: all pensioners	96	10.7	9.8
one family: married couple	314	35.1	34.1
one family: cohabiting couple	93	10.3	8.7
one family: lone parent	110	12.3	11.3
one family: other	41	4.5	5.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

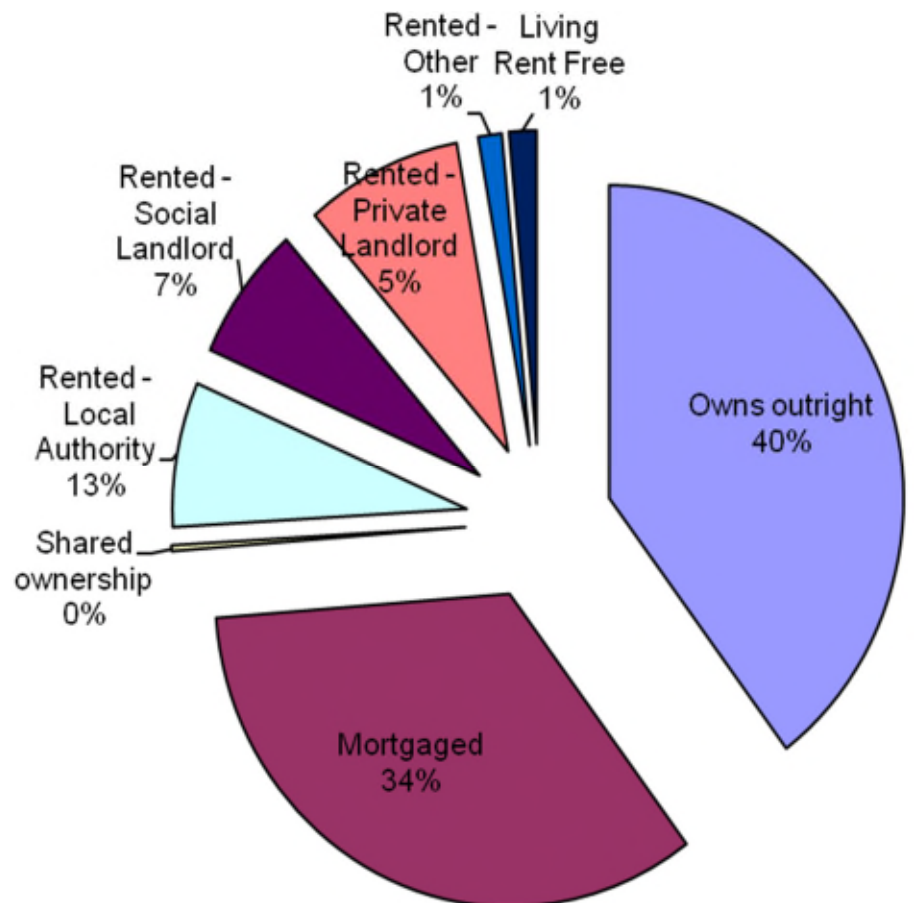
HOUSING

The area's housing consists majority of detached and semi-detached houses. There is a lower proportion of terraced housing, and the the lowest proportion being flat, maisonette or apartment group. The ward consists of 67 local authority owned properties and 63 Housing Association properties.

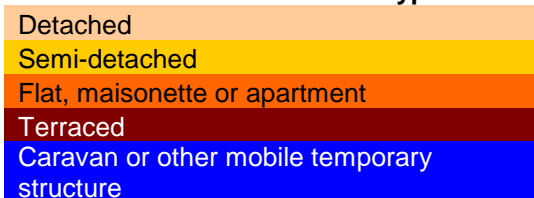
Household Accommodation Types



Household Tenure	%
Owns outright	39.7
Mortgaged	34.0
Shared ownership	0.3
Rented - Local Authority	7.5
Rented - Social Landlord	7.0
Rented - Private Landlord	8.6
Rented - Other	1.3
Living Rent Free	1.5



Household Accommodation Types



SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

- ⇒ The estimated median household income for Betws, based on CACI's 2018 'PayCheck' data, is £27,540 which is the 20th highest (of 58 wards) in Carmarthenshire and 7.5% above the Carmarthenshire median of £25,488.
- ⇒ The social profile information indicates a higher than average level of people that have never worked and long term unemployed (Level 8) and a higher than average number in lower managerial and professional administrative occupations (Level 2).

Social Profile	Betws	%	Carmarthenshire %
<i>All people aged 16-74 in households</i>	1524		
1: Higher Managerial & Professional Admin. Occupations	194	12.7	13.8
2: Lower Managerial & Professional Admin. Occupations	378	24.8	19.9
3: Intermediate Occupations	208	13.6	11.6
4: Small Employers & Own Account Workers	128	8.4	12.6
5: Lower Supervisory & Technical Occupations	125	8.2	7.6
6: Semi-routine Occupations	232	15.2	16.7
7: Routine Occupations	191	12.5	13.0
8: Never Worked & Long Term Unemployed	82	5.4	4.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

ECONOMY AND LABOUR MARKET

Benefit Claimants	Betws	Rate %	Carmarthenshire Working Population %
Unemployment Benefit (JSA): November 2018	24	1.8	1.4
Incapacity Benefits (ESA/IB/SDA) May 2018	100	7.3	9.0
Income Support: May 2018	20	1.5	1.5
Disability Living Allowance: May 2018	90	6.6	6.2
Pension Credit: May 2018 (Population 65+)	85	16.1	15.3
State Pension Claimants: May 2018	530	-	-

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system Dept. for Work & Pensions

Economic Status (people aged 16-74)	Betws	Betws %	Carmarthenshire %
Economically Active	1004	65.8	64.9
Employees: Part-time	189	12.4	13.9
Employees: Full-time	619	40.6	33.7
Self-employed	112	7.3	11.0
Unemployed	62	4.1	3.7
Full-time Student	22	4.4	2.5
Economically Inactive	520	34.1	35.1
Retired	268	17.6	18.1
Student	63	4.1	4.5
Looking after home/family	77	5.1	3.8
Permanently sick/disabled	90	5.9	6.8
Other	22	1.4	1.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)

WIMD 2014 is based on fine-grained geography of lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). The WIMD 2014 is compiled from eight domains, Income, Employment, Health, Education, Housing, Access to Services, Physical Environment and Community Safety and is published at Lower Super Output Area of which there are 112 in Carmarthenshire. Under WIMD, where Rank 1 is the most deprived, **Betws** ranks 49 out of the 112 LSOAs in Carmarthenshire and ranks 849 in Wales from 1909 LSOAs.

The highest level of deprivation attributed to **Betws** is the Access to services domain, being ranked 37th in Carmarthenshire and 305th in Wales for this domain.

LSOA	Overall Index		Income		Employment		Health		Education		Access to Services		Community Safety		Physical Environment		Housing	
	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales	Rank	Wales
Betws	849	49	922	52	923	55	761	44	862	42	305	37	1247	51	700	40	1309	77

Source: Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014 (updated August 2016), Welsh Assembly Government.

Note: LSOAs ranked 1-112 (Carmarthenshire), 1-1909 (Wales).

CRIME

Fiscal Year (1st April to 31st March)	Offence Group												Annual Total
	Arson & Criminal Damage	Burglary – Business & Community	Burglary – Residential;	Drug Offences	Miscellaneous Crime Against Society	Possession of Weapons	Public Order Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft	Vehicle Offences	Violence Against the Person	
2017/2018	7	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	3	8	5	23	50

Source: Dyfed Powys Police, Headquarters, Llangunor.

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