

SARON WARD: ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE

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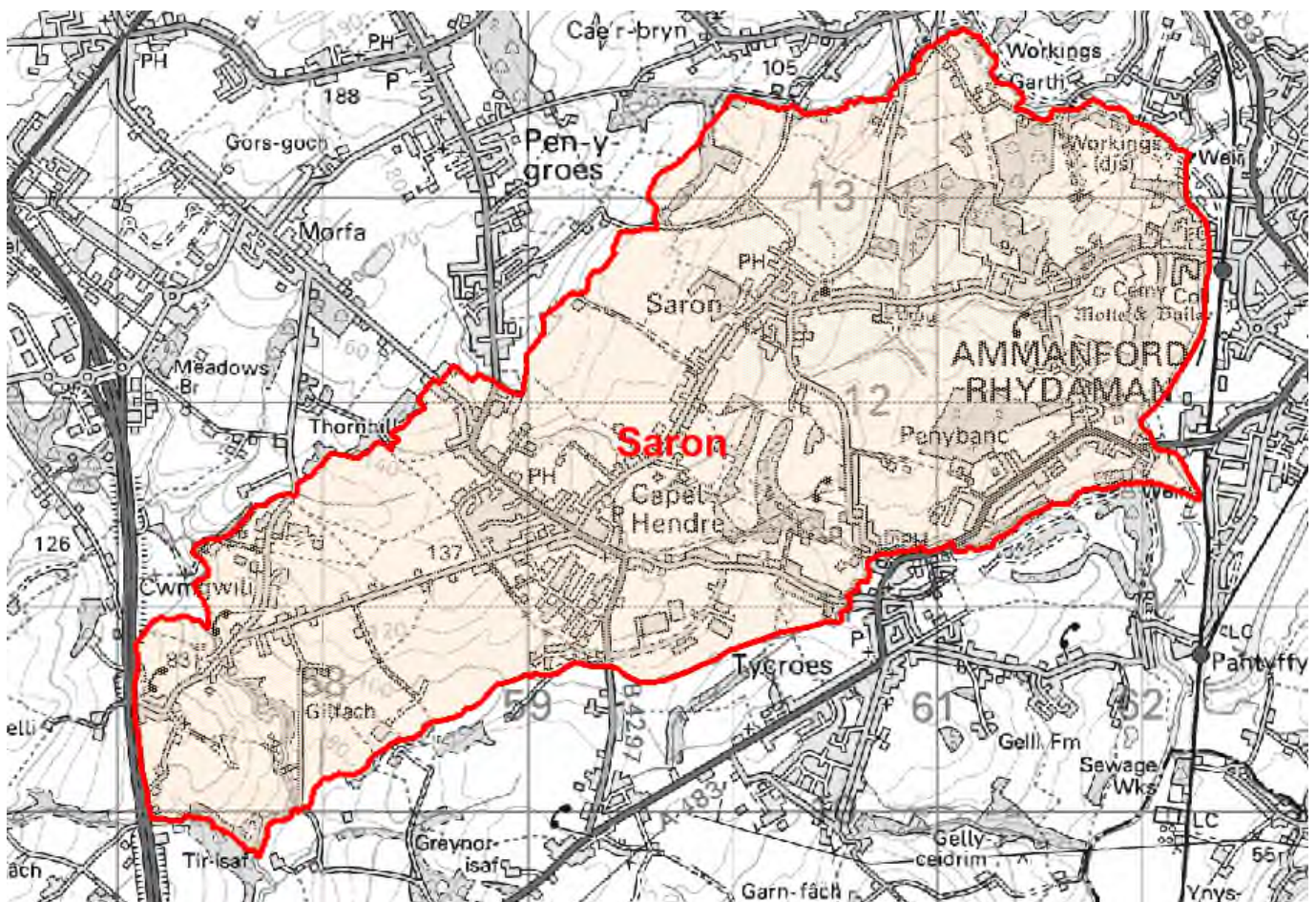
Councillors (Electoral Vote 2017 – Turnout = 44.48%): Alun Davies and Carl Harris (Plaid Cymru)

Electorate (December 2017): 3,283

Population: 4,137 (2016 Mid Year Population Estimates, ONS)

Welsh Assembly and UK Parliamentary Constituency: Carmarthenshire East & Dinefwr

Council owned Facilities: Cwmgwili C.P. School (school closed) Saron C.P. School, Saron Recreation Ground, Penybanc Play Area (Ammanford), King George's Field (Capel Hendre), Dyffryn Road Cemetery.



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Location: Approximately 25km from Carmarthen Town

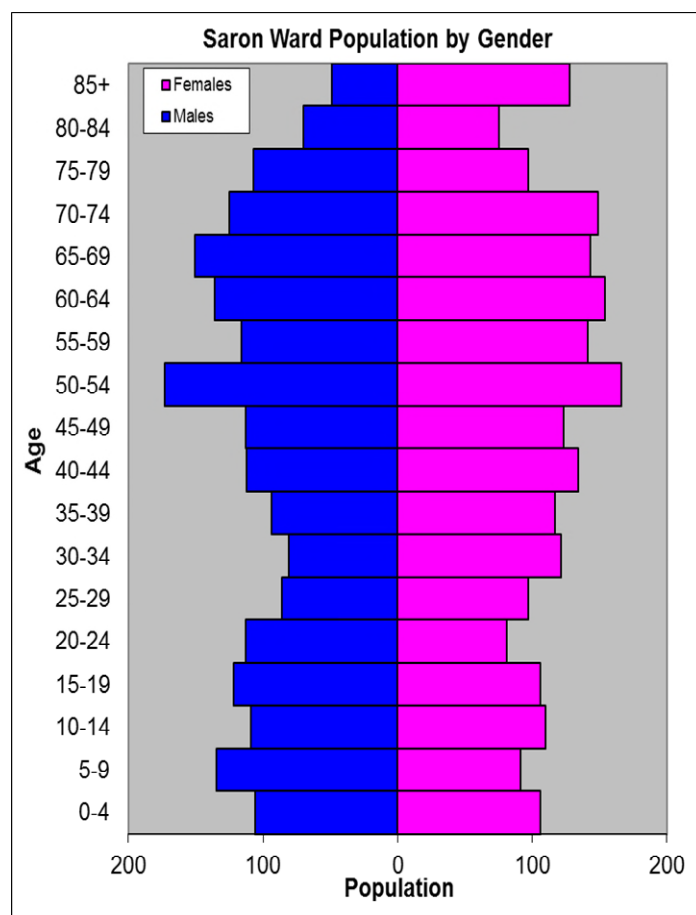
- ⇒ Area: 9.84km²
- ⇒ Population Density: 420 people per km²
- ⇒ Population Change: 2011-2016: +26 (+0.6%)
- ⇒ Major Employers: Carmarthenshire County Council (schools and leisure)

POPULATION STATISTICS

2016 Mid Year Population Estimates

Age Structure	Saron Population	Saron %	Carmarthenshire %
Aged: 0-4	212	5.1	5.3
5-14	445	10.8	11.3
15-24	422	10.2	10.8
25-44	842	20.4	21.6
45-64	1,122	27.1	28.0
65-74	568	13.7	12.8
75+	526	12.7	10.2
Total	4,137	100	100

Source: aggregated lower Super Output Area (LSOA) Small Area Population Estimates, 2016, Office for National Statistics (ONS)



- ⇒ 14th highest ward population in Carmarthenshire, and 16th highest population density.
- ⇒ Highest proportion of people aged under 45, proportion aged 75+ slightly higher than the Carmarthenshire average.
- ⇒ Higher proportion of people with no qualifications
- ⇒ Higher proportion of Welsh Speakers than the Carmarthenshire average.

2011 Census Data

Population: Key Facts	Saron	Saron %	Carmarthenshire
People: born in Wales	3180	77.4	76.0
born outside UK	113	2.8	4.1
in non-white ethnic groups	45	0.9	1.9
with limiting long-term illness	1220	29.6	25.4
with no qualifications (aged 16-74)	978	28.8	26.8
with higher level qualifications (aged 16-74)	761	22.4	23.9
able to speak Welsh	2164	54.4	43.9

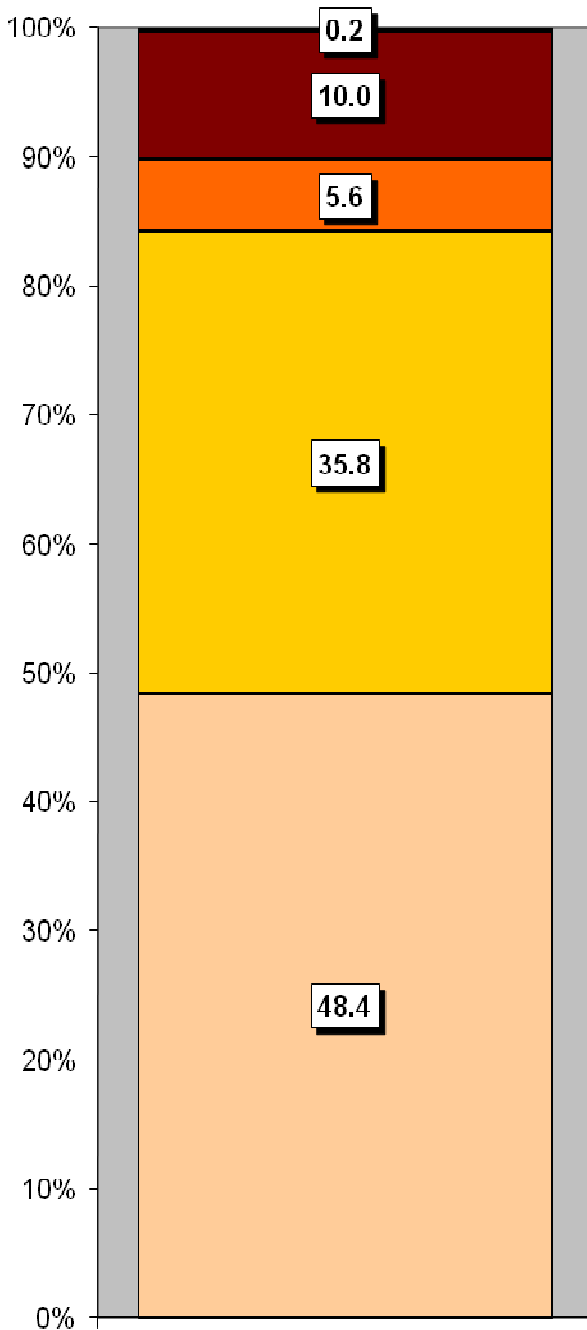
Household Composition	Saron	Saron %	Carmarthenshire
Total Households/ (Average Household Size)	1677	(2.3)	(2.3)
Household Type: one person: pensioner	248	14.8	14.8
one person: other	230	13.7	15.4
one family: all pensioners	183	10.9	9.8
one family: married couple	628	37.4	34.1
one family: cohabiting couple	146	8.6	8.7
one family: lone parent	148	8.8	11.3
one family: other	94	5.6	5.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

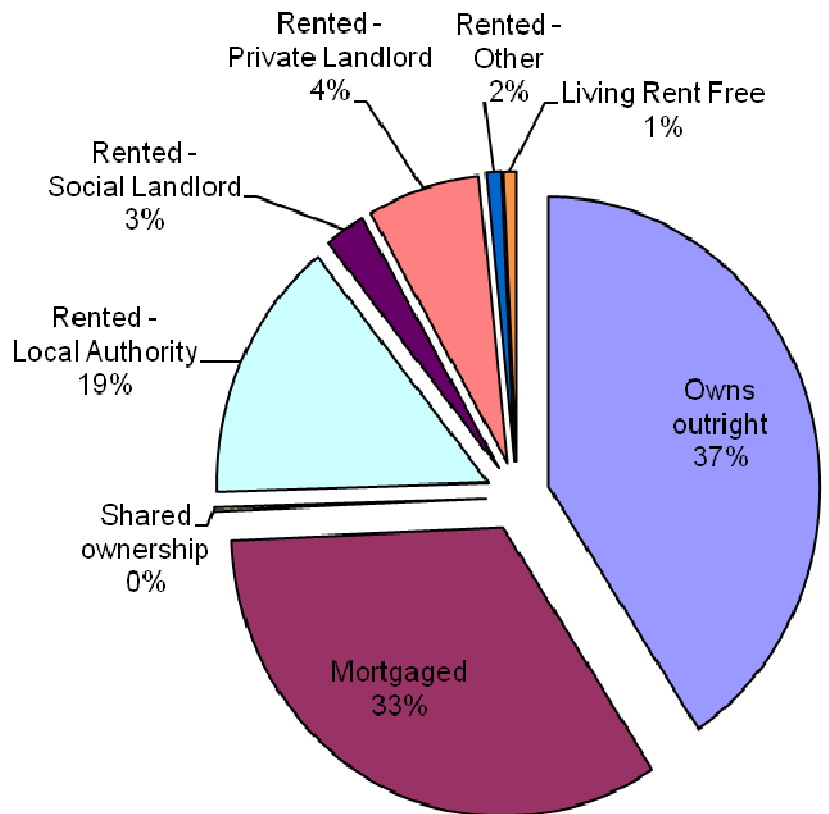
HOUSING

The area's housing consists mostly of detached and semi-detached houses and a higher proportion of terraced housing in comparison to the number of flats/maisonettes/apartments. The ward consists of 247 local authority owned properties and 41 Housing Association properties.

Household Accommodation Types



Household Tenure	%
Owns outright	40.7
Mortgaged	33.5
Shared ownership	0.2
Rented - Local Authority	14.7
Rented - Social Landlord	2.4
Rented - Private Landlord	6.7
Rented - Other	0.9
Living Rent Free	0.8



Household Accommodation Types



SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

- ⇒ The estimated median household income for Saron, based on CACI's 2017 'PayCheck' data, is £24,853 which is the 21st lowest (of 58 wards) in Carmarthenshire and 2.1% below the Carmarthenshire median of £25,365.
- ⇒ The social profile information indicates a higher than average level of people in lower managerial and professional administrative occupations and intermediate occupations (Levels 2-3) and a lower than average number of small employers and own account workers (Level 4).

Social Profile	Saron	%	Carmarthenshire %
<i>All people aged 16-74 in households</i>	2917	100	100
1: Higher Managerial & Professional Admin. Occupations	374	12.8	13.8
2: Lower Managerial & Professional Admin. Occupations	594	20.4	19.9
3: Intermediate Occupations	382	13.1	11.6
4: Small Employers & Own Account Workers	295	10.1	12.6
5: Lower Supervisory & Technical Occupations	241	8.3	7.6
6: Semi-routine Occupations	509	17.4	16.7
7: Routine Occupations	410	14.1	13.0
8: Never Worked & Long Term Unemployed	136	4.7	4.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

ECONOMY AND LABOUR MARKET

Benefit Claimants	Saron	Rate %	Carmarthenshire Working Population %
Unemployment Benefit (JSA): November 2017	33	1.4	1.0
Incapacity Benefits (ESA/IB/SDA) May 2017	210	9.1	9.1
Income Support: May 2017	55	2.4	1.6
Disability Living Allowance: May 2017	240	10.4	7.2
Pension Credit: May 2017 (Population 65+)	190	22.8	16.5
State Pension Claimants: May 2017	1,085	-	-

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

Economic Status (people aged 16-74)	Saron	Saron %	Carmarthenshire %
Economically Active	1814	62.2	64.9
Employees: Part-time	397	13.6	13.9
Employees: Full-time	1038	35.6	33.7
Self-employed	222	7.6	11.0
Unemployed	103	3.5	3.7
Full-time Student	54	1.9	2.5
Economically Inactive	1103	37.9	35.1
Retired	640	21.9	18.1
Student	110	3.8	4.5
Looking after home/family	107	3.7	3.8
Permanently sick/disabled	189	6.5	6.8
Other	57	2.0	1.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)

WIMD 2014 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, **Saron 1** ranks as the 36th most deprived area in Carmarthenshire from 112 LSOAs and is ranked 694 in Wales from 1909 LSOAs. **Saron 2** ranks as the 54th most deprived in Carmarthenshire and is ranked 899 from 1909 LSOAs in Wales.

The highest level of deprivation attributed to **Saron 1** is the Health domain, being ranked 17th in Carmarthenshire and 416 in Wales for this domain. In **Saron 2** the Physical Environment domain is the most prominent ranking 30th in Carmarthenshire and 507 in Wales.

Saron 1 – Capel Hendre Saron 2 – Penybank

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
Saron 1	694	36	897	46	799	44	416	17	696	33	274	34	1427	65	1450	90	824	42
Saron 2	899	54	1066	62	817	45	611	34	1136	69	370	43	1727	95	507	30	1469	90

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

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

CRIME

Saron	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					
Fiscal Year (1st April to 31st March)																	
2016/2017	9	2	3	6	7	0	3	0	3	8	3	35	79				

Source: Dyfed Powys Police, Headquarters, Llangunor.

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