

## BETWS WARD: ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE

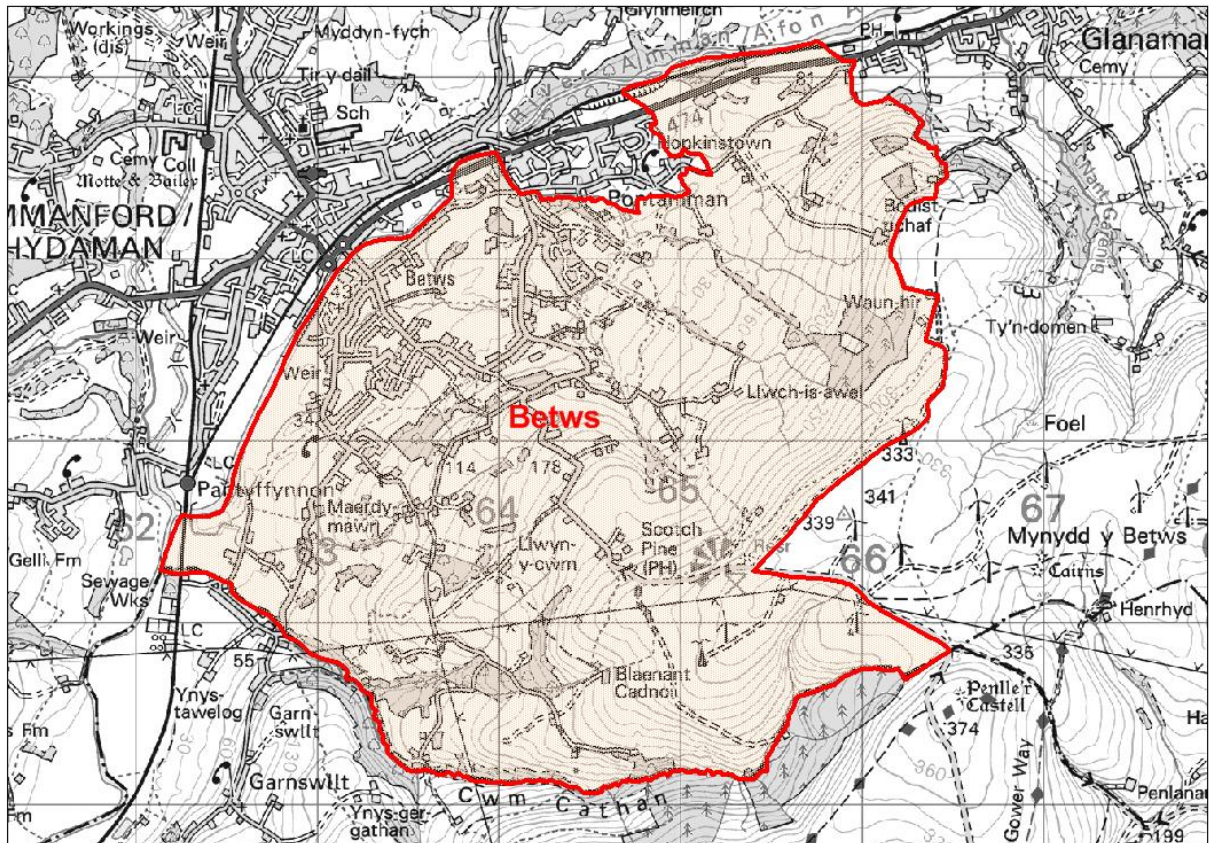
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**Councillors (Electoral Vote 2017):** Betsan Jones (Plaid Cymru). Turnout = 43.73%,

**Electorate (April 2021):** 1,842

**Population:** 2,418 (2019 Mid Year Estimates, ONS)

**Welsh Assembly and UK Parliamentary Constituency:** Carmarthenshire East & Dinefwr



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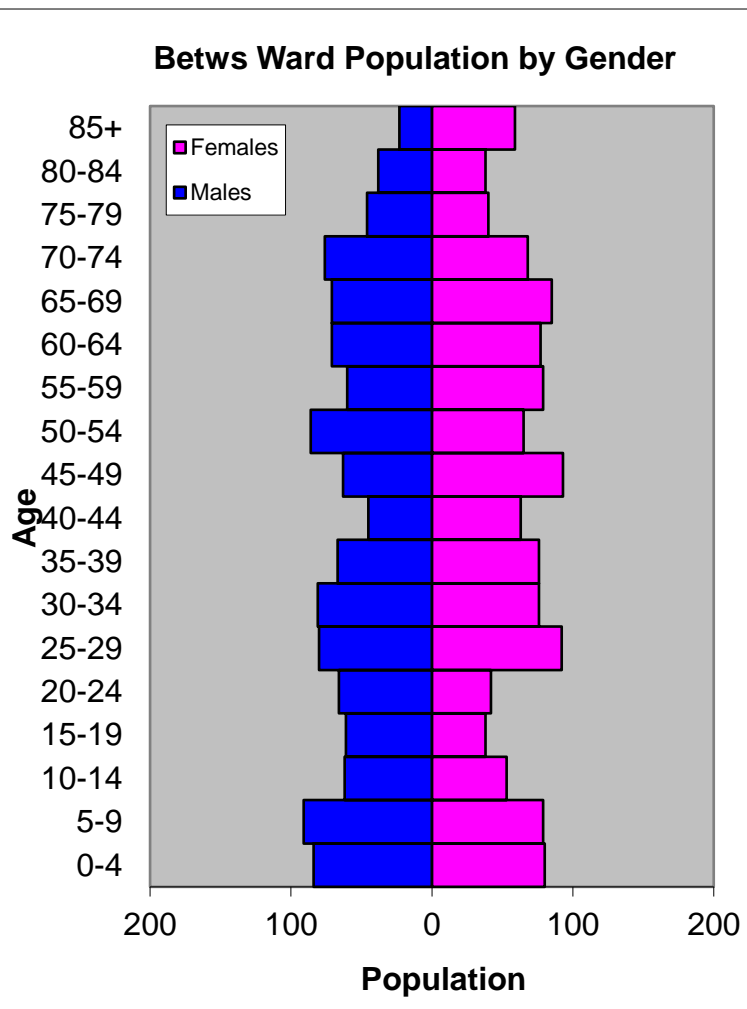
**Location: Approximately 34km from Carmarthen Town**

- ⇒ Area: 11.12 km<sup>2</sup>
- ⇒ Population Density: 217 people per km<sup>2</sup>
- ⇒ Population Change: 2011-2019: + 243 (+11.2%)

## POPULATION STATISTICS 2019 Mid Year Population Estimates

Age Structure	Betws Population	Betws %	Carmarthenshire %
Aged: 0-4	142	5.9	5.0
5-14	316	13.1	11.5
15-24	210	8.7	10.2
25-44	579	23.9	21.6
45-64	614	25.4	28.0
65-74	261	10.8	11.9
75+	296	12.2	11.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: aggregated lower Super Output Area (LSOA) Small Area Population Estimates, 2019, Office for National Statistics (ONS)



- ⇒ 17<sup>th</sup> lowest ward population in Carmarthenshire, and 24<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>People:</b> 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

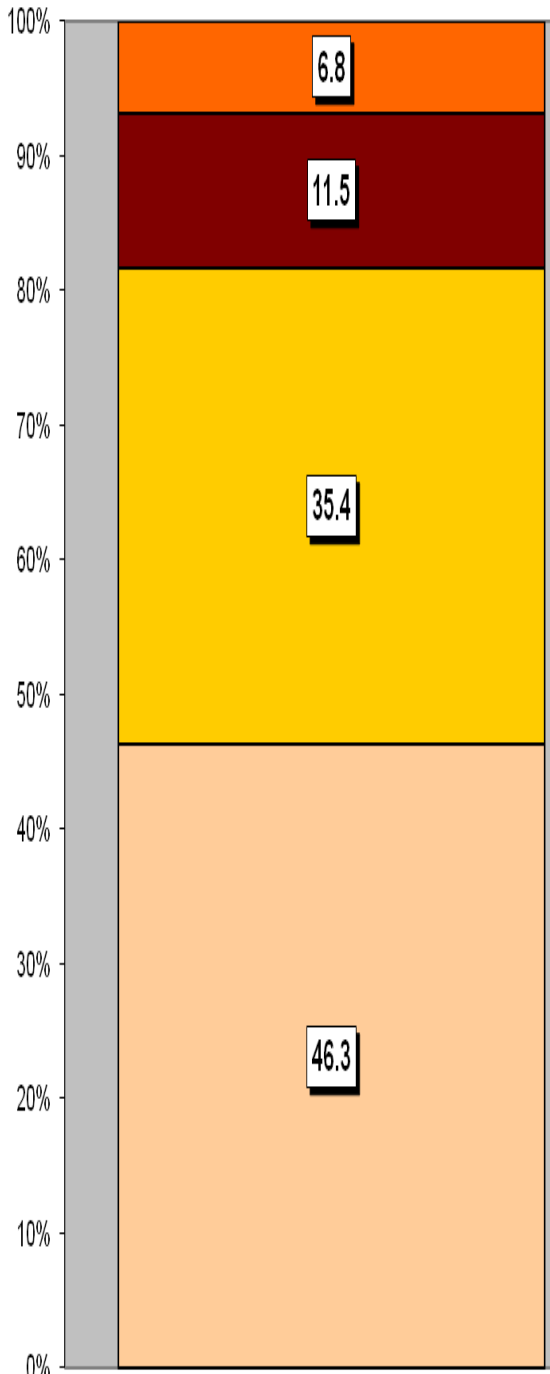
Household Composition	Betws	Betws %	Carmarthenshire
<b>Total Households/</b> (Average Household Size)	739	(2.4)	(2.3)
Household Type: one person: pensioner	104	11.6	14.8
one person: other	138	15.4	15.4
one family: all pensioners	96	10.7	9.8
one family: married couple	314	35.1	34.1
one family: cohabiting 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

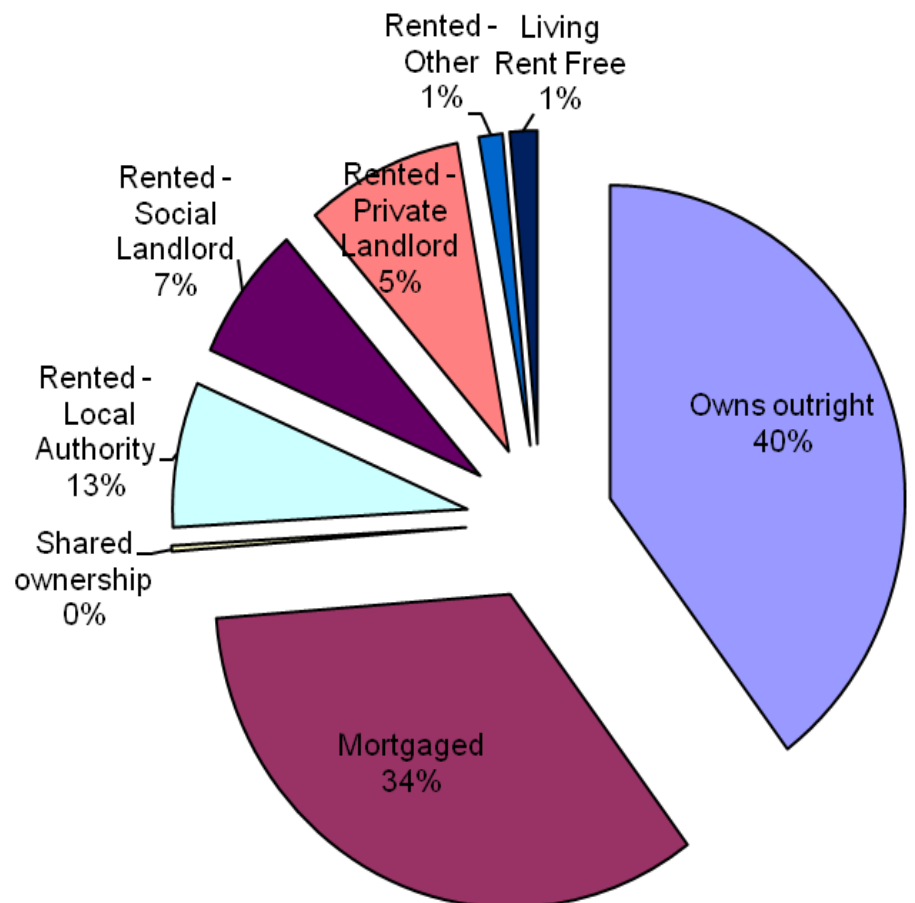
## HOUSING

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

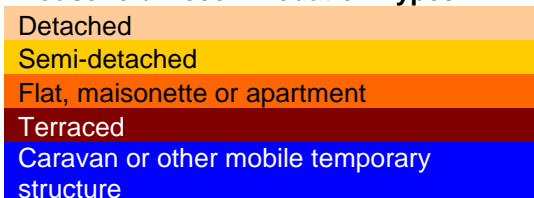
### Household Accommodation Types



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 2020 'PayCheck' data, is £31,291 which is the 15<sup>th</sup> highest (of 58 wards) in Carmarthenshire and 9.9% above the Carmarthenshire median of £28,186.
- ⇒ 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		
<b>1: Higher Managerial &amp; Professional Admin. Occupations</b>	194	12.7	13.8
<b>2: Lower Managerial &amp; Professional Admin. Occupations</b>	378	24.8	19.9
<b>3: Intermediate Occupations</b>	208	13.6	11.6
<b>4: Small Employers &amp; Own Account Workers</b>	128	8.4	12.6
<b>5: Lower Supervisory &amp; Technical Occupations</b>	125	8.2	7.6
<b>6: Semi-routine Occupations</b>	232	15.2	16.7
<b>7: Routine Occupations</b>	191	12.5	13.0
<b>8: Never Worked &amp; Long Term Unemployed</b>	82	5.4	4.9

Source: 2011 Census, ONS

## ECONOMY AND LABOUR MARKET

Economic Status (people aged 16-74)	Betws	Betws %	Carmarthenshire %
<b>Economically Active</b>	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
<b>Economically Inactive</b>	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

Benefit Claimants	Betws	Rate %	Carmarthenshire Working Population %
Claimant Count unemployment (JSA) – March 2021	10	0.7	0.6
Universal Credit (total claimants) – February 2021	180	13.1	11.3
Incapacity Benefits (ESA and IB/SDA) – August 2020	88	6.4	7.9
Disability-related benefits (PIP, DLA and AA) – August 2020	306	22.2	22.3
Pension Credit (PC) – August 2020	79	14.2	13.0

Source: Department for Work & Pensions and ONS.

Note: Claimant Count unemployment includes Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants plus Universal Credit (UC) claimants who are required to seek work. ESA = Employment Support Allowance; IB/SDA = Incapacity Benefit / Severe Disablement Allowance; PIP = Personal Independence Payment; DLA = Disability Living Allowance; AA = Attendance Allowance. Estimated rates shown as % of population aged 16-64, except disability benefits (all people) and PC (aged 65+). Universal Credit is replacing six means-tested benefits and tax credits (known as legacy benefits): Income-based JSA; Income-related ESA; Income Support; Working Tax Credit; Child Tax Credit; Housing Benefit. Further statistical information on UC and other benefits is available.

## WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)

WIMD 2019 is based on fine-grained geography of lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). The WIMD 2019 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 67 out of the 112 LSOAs in Carmarthenshire and ranks 1026 in Wales from 1909 LSOAs.

The highest level of deprivation attributed to **Betws** is the Access to services domain, being ranked 32 in Carmarthenshire and 229 in Wales for this domain.

LSOA	Overall Index		Income		Employment		Health		Education		Access to Services		Community Safety		Physical Environment		Housing	
Betws	1026	67	1024	61	933	62	1352	85	924	51	229	32	1441	70	1190	74	1053	74

Source: Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 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 Dwelling	Burglary Non Dwelling	Drug Offences	Miscellaneous Crime Against Society	Possession of Weapons	Public Order Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft	Vehicle Offences	Violence Against the Person	
2020/2021	8	1	0	3	2	0	14	1	4	13	7	51	104

Source: Dyfed Powys Police, Headquarters, Llangunnor.

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