

SARON WARD: ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE

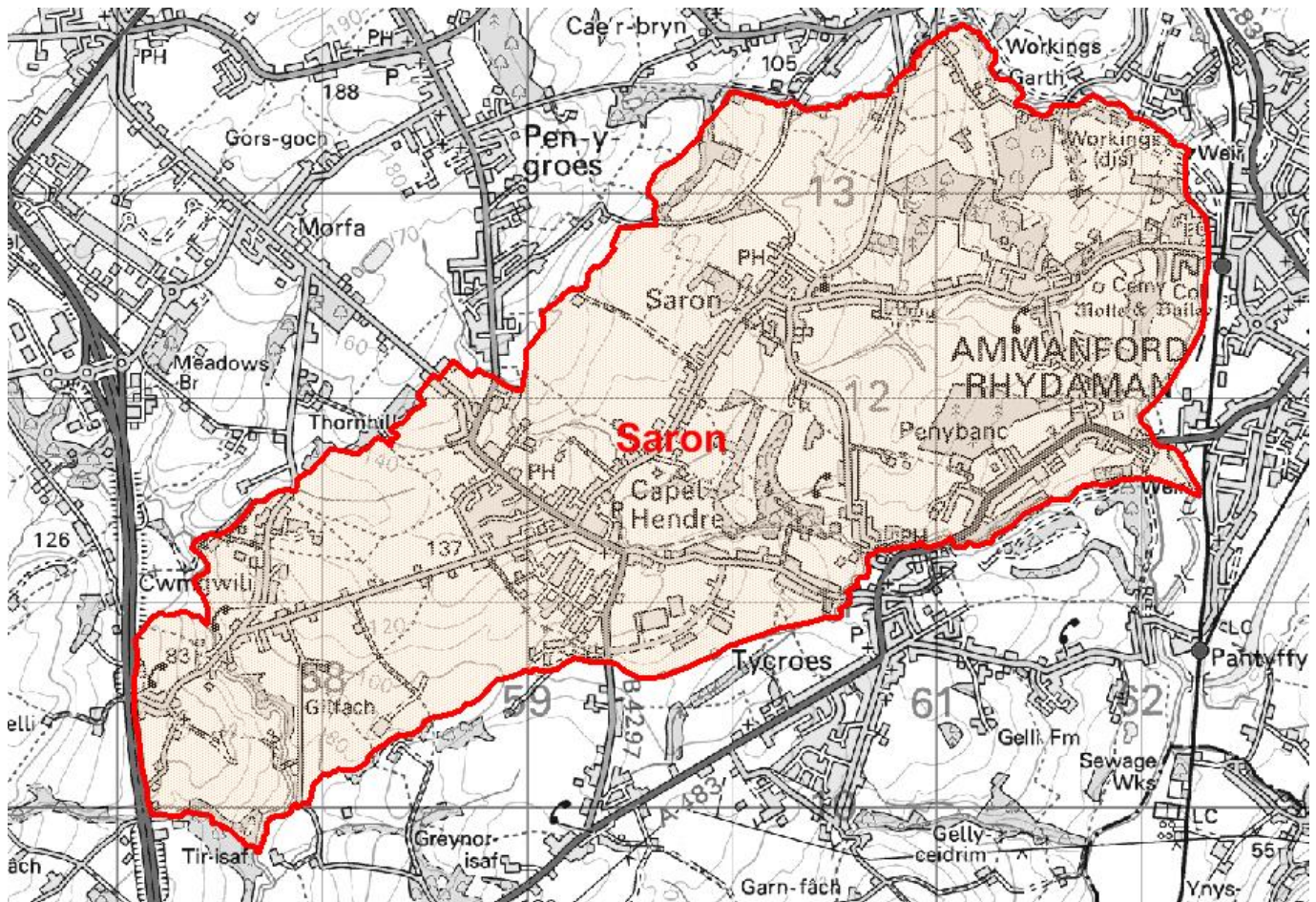
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Councillors (Electoral Vote 2017 – Turnout = 44.48%): Alun Davies and Carl Harris (Plaid Cymru)

Electorate (April 2021): 3,415

Population: 4,260 (2019 Mid Year Population Estimates, ONS)

Welsh Assembly and UK Parliamentary Constituency: Carmarthenshire East & Dinefwr



Location: Approximately 25km from Carmarthen Town

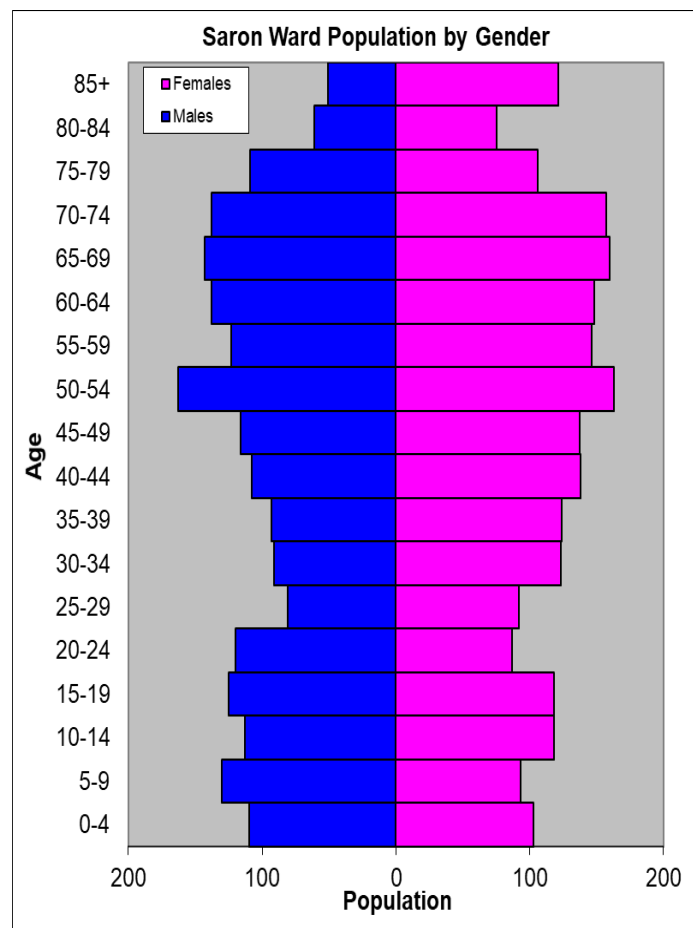
- ⇒ Area: 9.84km²
- ⇒ Population Density: 433 people per km²
- ⇒ Population Change: 2011-2019: +149 (+3.6%)

POPULATION STATISTICS

2019 Mid Year Population Estimates

Age Structure	Saron Population	Saron %	Carmarthenshire %
Aged: 0-4	200	4.7	5.0
5-14	450	10.6	11.5
15-24	439	10.3	10.2
25-44	842	19.8	21.6
45-64	1,153	27.1	28.0
65-74	572	13.4	11.9
75+	604	14.2	11.9
Total	4,260	100	100

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



- ⇒ 12th highest ward population in Carmarthenshire, and 20th lowest population density.
- ⇒ Highest proportion of people aged over 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

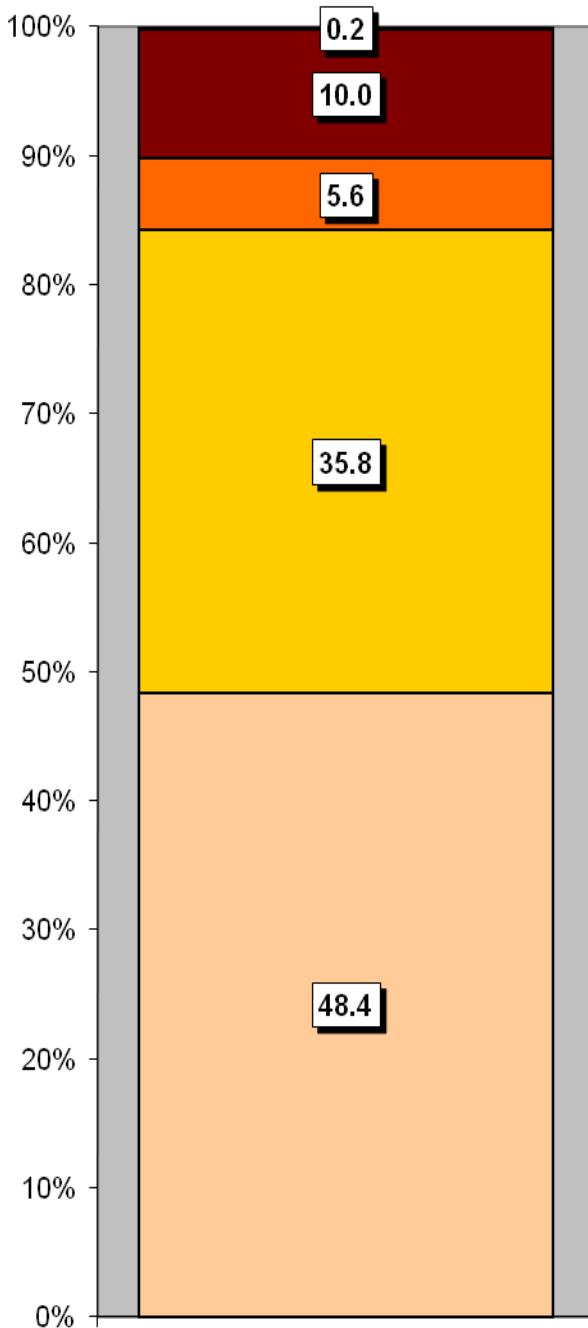
Household Composition	Saron	Saron %	Carmarthenshire
Total Households/ (Average Household Size)	1677	(2.3)	(2.3)
Household Type: one person: pensioner	248	14.8	14.8
one person: other	230	13.7	15.4
one family: all pensioners	183	10.9	9.8
one family: married couple	628	37.4	34.1
one family: cohabiting couple	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

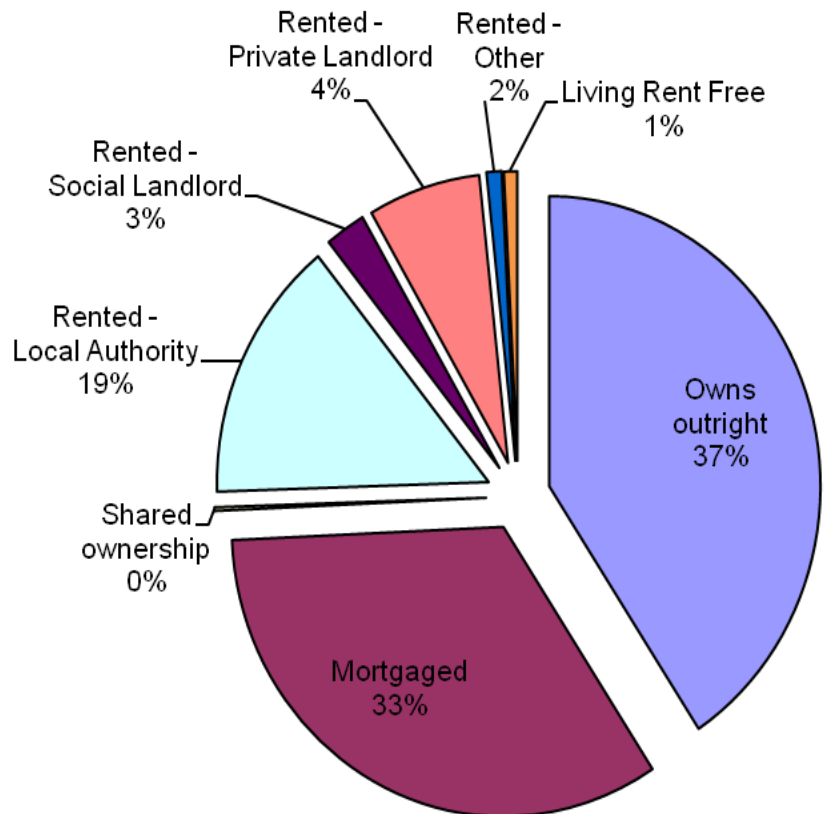
HOUSING

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.

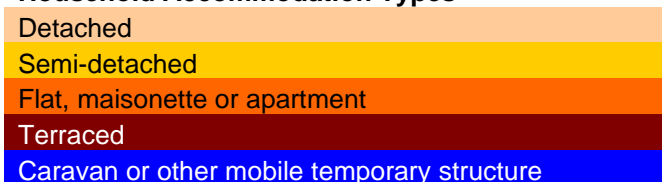
Household Accommodation Types



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 2020 'PayCheck' data, is £28,407 which is the 25th lowest (of 58 wards) in Carmarthenshire and 0.8% above the Carmarthenshire median of £28,186.
- ⇒ 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

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

Benefit Claimants	Saron	Rate %	Carmarthenshire Working Population %
Claimant Count unemployment (JSA) – March 2021	17	0.7	0.6
Universal Credit (total claimants) – February 2021	296	12.4	11.3
Incapacity Benefits (ESA and IB/SDA) – August 2020	192	8.1	7.9
Disability-related benefits (PIP, DLA and AA) – August 2020	722	30.3	22.3
Pension Credit (PC) – August 2020	175	14.9	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 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, **Saron 1** ranks as the 47th most deprived area in Carmarthenshire from 112 LSOAs and is ranked 818 in Wales from 1909 LSOAs. **Saron 2** ranks as the 61st most deprived in Carmarthenshire and is ranked 955 from 1909 LSOAs in Wales.

The highest level of deprivation attributed to **Saron 1** is the Income domain, being ranked 41 in Carmarthenshire and 787 in Wales for this domain. In **Saron 2** the Physical Environment domain is the most prominent ranking 29th in Carmarthenshire and 455 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	818	47	787	41	723	42	889	47	882	48	302	39	1745	98	1385	86	679	46
Saron 2	955	61	803	43	714	41	716	36	1084	70	1126	85	1620	86	455	29	1295	92

Source: Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 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)																	
2020/2021	17	7	2	10	5	1	18	0	7	14	6	75	162				

Source: Dyfed Powys Police, Headquarters, Llangunnor.

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