

BABELL - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Babell is a very small village located on Holywell Common. The built form of the village is extremely fragmented and there is no definable extents or limits. Babell has very few rural services and the residents are almost entirely dependent upon services in nearby villages including Lixwm and Pentre Halkyn. The name Babell originates from Babell Methodist Chapel which was built in 1836 (but since converted into a dwelling). In addition to the Inn which serves food, there is a modest touring caravan site in close proximity to the Black Lion.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	NA
2014 Housing Land Study	NA

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	314
2011 Census	346

Summary of Recorded Service Provision

The survey work was undertaken in November 2014 and has since been updated to take account of new information or feedback from Members / Town and Community Councils.

Education Facilities

Pre-School / Nursery Provision	No
Primary school	No
Secondary school	No
College	No
Other Education Facility	No

Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No
Swimming pool	No
Formal outdoor sports facility	No
Formal outdoor play facility /area	No

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	No
Civic offices / facility	No
Library	No

Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	No
Dentist surgery	No
Pharmacy	No
Place of worship	No

Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	No
Non-food retail units	No
Convenience shop	No

Other shops	No
Café / Take away	No
Bank/Building Society	No
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	No
Public house / club / restaurant	Black Lion Public House
Post office	No
Post box	Yes

Petrol Filling Station	No
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Employment

Employment	No
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Transport

Rail station	No
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Bus station / stop	
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Bus service frequency	Service 14A 5 buses a day from Holywell to Cerwys (via Babel) Mon – Fri and 4 on a Saturday
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Cycle route	No
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Access to main highway network	No direct access. A55 Caerwys interchange approximately 5 kms.
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Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Babel post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 0.6-2.8 mega bytes per second. This very poor level of broadband provision will adversely impact the ability of local residents and businesses alike whether in day to day business activities or for accessing online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

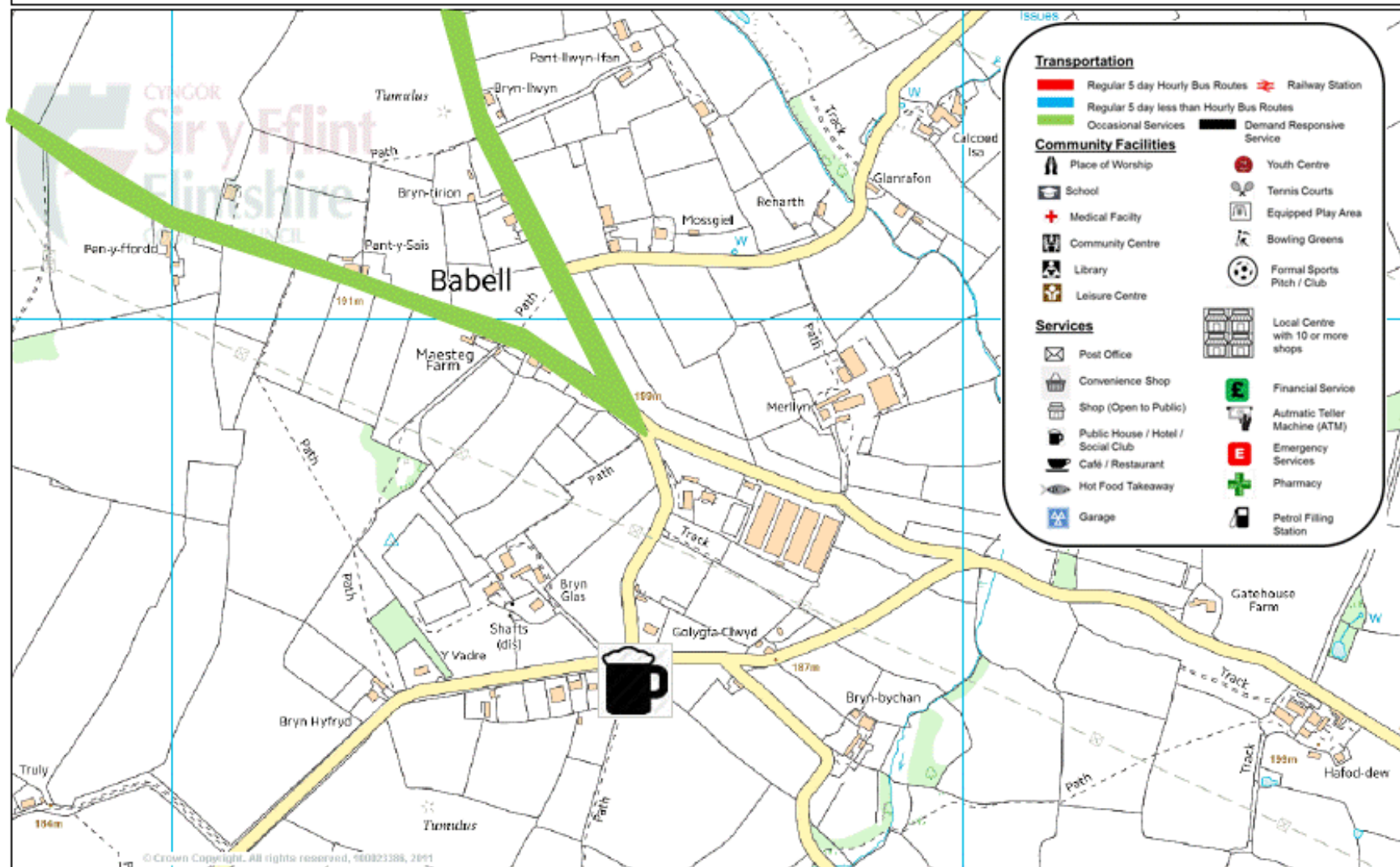
Other Comments

None.

Mapping Service Provision

The service provision within the village has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. As the image suggests service provision in Babel is sparsely developed and has no definition as a village with few services forming a village centre.

Babell Service Provision



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