

## FFRITH - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

### Settlement Commentary

The village is situated in the southernmost part of the county in the wooded valley of the River Cegidog with Llanfynydd one mile to the north. In the 19th century, the village's size and importance grew as quarrying and mining became more significant and the Wrexham and Minera Joint Railway was built through the village along with a small station, a number of shops and several pubs. Industry in the area declined through the 20th century, with the railway ceasing operation in 1952 and the village shops and pubs have now closed. With the exception of a church and village hall, the village has few services and facilities following the recent closure of the two pubs. Residents would be likely to use nearby villages and Wrexham County to access everyday facilities and services. Despite having several bus services, the frequency and timings mean that it is likely residents accessing work and leisure activities would do so by using a private car.

	<b>Settlement No. of Dwellings</b>
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	90
2014 Housing Land Study	111

	<b>Settlement Population</b>
2001 Census	269
2011 Census	290

### 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
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#### Leisure & Recreation Facilities

Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No
Swimming pool	No

Formal outdoor sports facility	No
Formal outdoor play facility / area	Playground and playing field

#### Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Community centre
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Civic offices / facility	No
Library	No, Mobile library 1-2 visits per month
Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	No, Located within Community Centre and acts as local branch for Leeswood surgery but only open 1 morning per week
Dentist surgery	No
Pharmacy	No
Place of worship	Yes, Chapel

**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	No
Post office	No
Post box	Yes, Valley Road
Petrol Filling Station	No

**Employment**

Employment	No, Former yard / commercial buildings behind former Blue Bell pub
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**Transport**

Rail station	No
Bus station / stop	Yes, Stop at junction B5101 and Cymau Lane (just to north of Ffrith) 40 - Wrexham to Mold (10 per day to Mold [9 on sat] and 8 per day to Wrexham [8 on sat])

Bus service frequency	"Yes, DB1 - Mold to Chester ( 5 per day to Mold [5 on sat] and 6 per day to Chester [6 on sat]) 40 - Wrexham to Mold (10 per day to Mold [9 on sat] and 8 per day to Wrexham [8 on sat])
Cycle route	No
Access to main highway network	Poor, Minor road to Abermorddu via Cymau. B5101 to Treuddyn (A5104) B5101 to Brymbo

**Broadband Provision**

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Ffrith post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 2.4-3 mega bytes per second. This level of broadband provision is very poor and many residents are likely to be unable to access broadband at all. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband

provision in Ffrith is very poor and is highly constrained. This will have a negative effect on the ability of local residents seeking to access online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

## Other Comments

Planning permission exists for the refurbishment of the formers Poachers Inn to a hostel facility with café.

## Previous Surveys of Service Provision

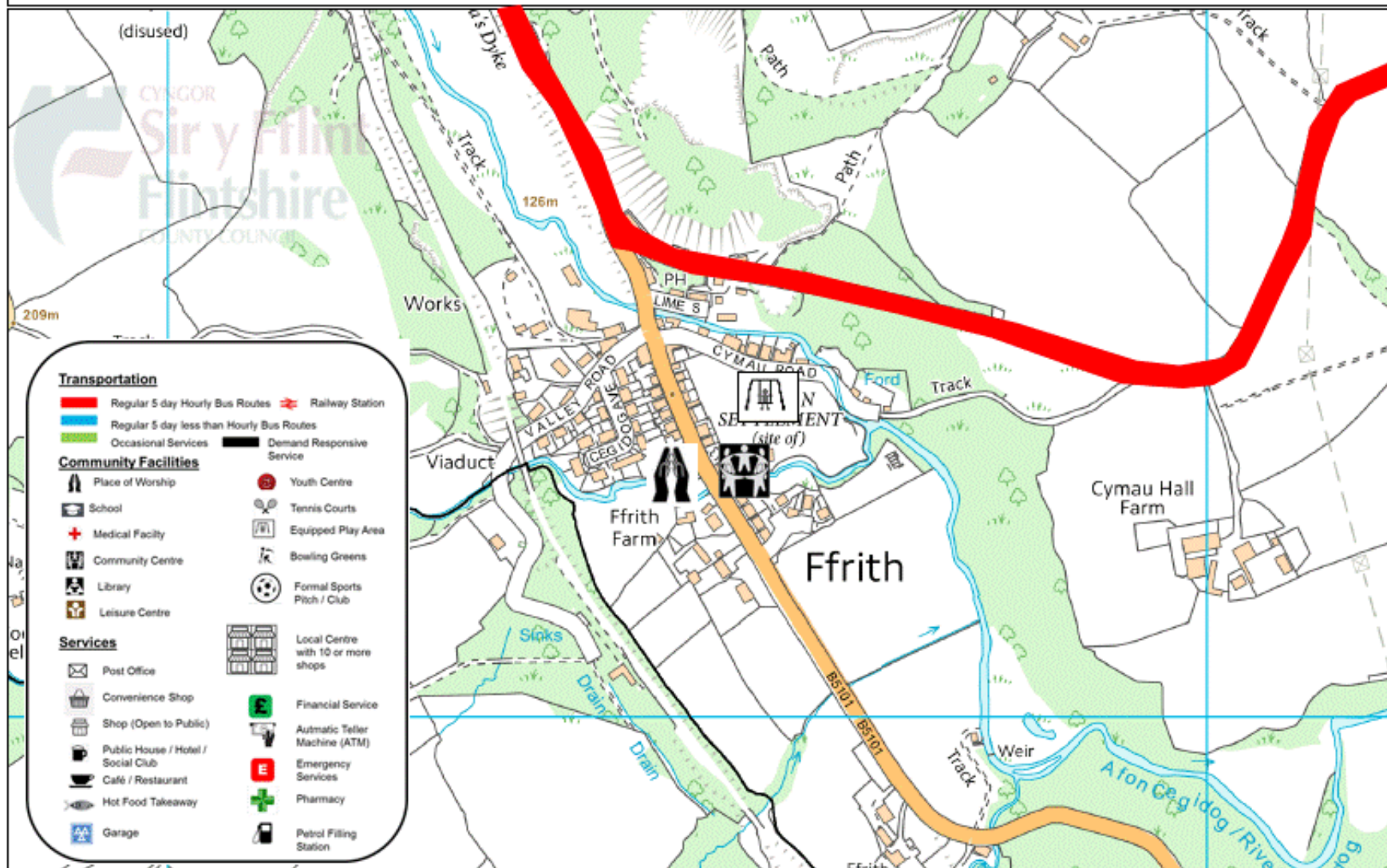
Comparison of previous survey data of Ffrith service provision with 2015 indicates that Ffrith has now lost all of its pubs – the Bluebell and the Poachers.

Year of Survey	Public House	General Shop	PFS and Shop	Post Office	Cashpoint	Health / Medical Facility	Community Centre & or other Building	Educational Facility
2000 (UDP Survey)	1				na			
2006 (Student Survey)	1	-	-	-	na	-	-	-
2010 (Pub is the Hub Survey)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

## 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 Ffrith is very limited.

**Ffrith Service Provision**



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