

GWAENYSGOR - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Gwaenysgor is an attractive small rural settlement situated in the north western tip of the County. It lies wholly within the Clwydian Range Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) as does the surrounding countryside, and the heart of the settlement is designated as an extensive Conservation Area. Service provision within the village is very limited with the nearest post office branches for example, being located Meliden and Trelawnyd. The relative close proximity of Prestatyn, the potential for employment opportunities therein and the wide range of available services within the town centre are likely to meet the needs of this settlement's population although in winter months access to the and from the village can be difficult due to snow and ice.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	80
2014 Housing Land Study	85

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	205
2011 Census	236

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	Yes. Llwyn Onn Equipped Play Area.

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Yes, on Ffordd Penrallt, there is a Village Hall.
Civic offices / facility	No
Library	No
Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	No

Dentist surgery	No
Pharmacy	No
Place of worship	Yes, St Mary Magdalene's Church and Methodist Chapel Reheboth.

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	Yes, the Eagle & Child Inn Public House incorporating dining facility.
Post office	No

Post box	Yes, there is a post box down the road from the Pub, towards the junction.
Petrol Filling Station	No

Employment

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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station / stop	Yes

Bus service frequency	Yes, Service No. 19 - Two buses leave Gwaenysgor destined for Rhyl on weekday mornings. There is no afternoon service from Flint to Rhyl which stops in Gwaenysgor. During the week a bus from Rhyl, destined for Flint, stops at Gwaenysgor on request once in the morning and twice in the afternoon.
Cycle route	No
Access to main highway network	Yes, the A5115 can be accessed to the south via Ffordd Penrallt. To the north of Gwaenysgor access can be gained to the A548 coast road.

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Gwaenysgor post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 5.3-8.2 mega-bytes per second. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Gwaenysgor is poor and is constrained. This is likely to have a negative effect on the ability of local residents seeking to operate business in the local area and on access online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

Other Comments

Both villages also suffer from an inadequate sewerage system which overflows onto Cwm Road Trelawnyd during times of extreme weather. In practice, anyone living in either village has to have access to a vehicle as the bus services are impractical.

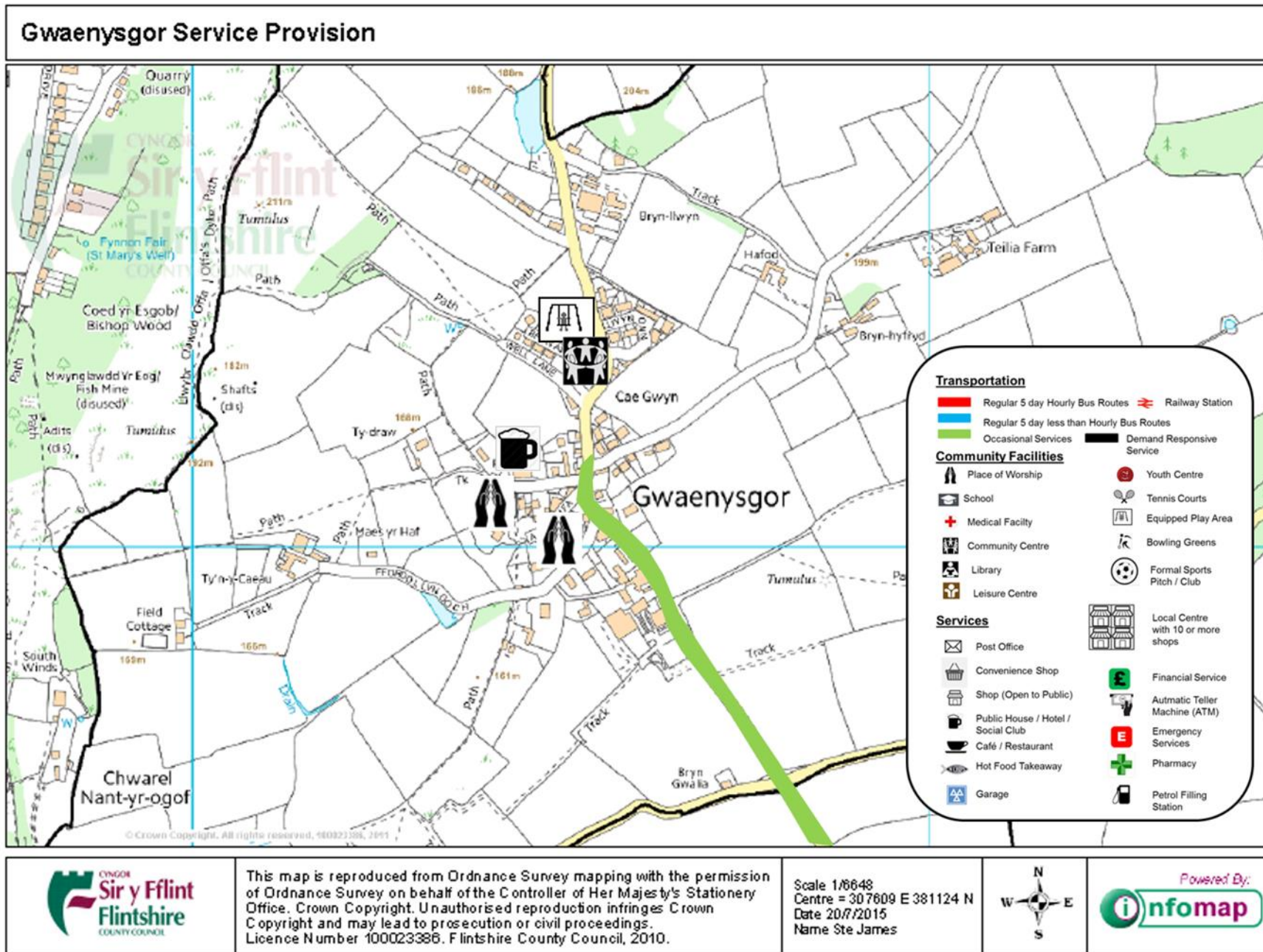
Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Since 2000 there do not appear to be any physical changes to service provision. There are no retail premises or convenience shops nearer than Prestatyn, although there is a convenience store at the petrol filling station near Trelawnyd.

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)					na		1	
2006 (Student Survey)	1	-	-	-	na	-	1	-
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 Gwaenysgor is very limited.



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