

GWESPYR - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

From an elevated position Gwespyr overlooks the Point of Ayr and Dee Estuary. Historically it is thought to have been developed as a strategic Mercian lookout. The village is also known for its once locally quarried quality stone which was used in the construction of the chapel at St Winifreds Well, stone carvings in Rhuddlan Castle and St Asaph Cathedral. The village hall became redundant in 2004 and a new committee was formed in 2010 and registered as a charitable organisation. Gwespyr is a small village with few facilities and services its core is designated as a Conservation Area. The settlement is elongated and forms a development ribbon along local roads.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	145
2014 Housing Land Study	156

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	346
2011 Census	318

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	Equipped children's play ground

Community & Health

Community centre / hall	Gwespyr Village Hall
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Civic offices / facility	No
Library	Mobile Library Service: Every 3 weeks at Tanrallt Road. Monday 11.45 – 12.05
Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	No
Dentist surgery	No

Pharmacy	No
Place of worship	No

Post office	No
Post box	Yes Tanrallt Road
Petrol Filling Station	No

Bus service frequency	Yes, Service 18 – 7 buses a day to Prestatyn, 5 a day to Holywell and 3 per day to Flint (Mon – Fri)
Cycle route	Yes
Access to main highway network	Yes, Accessed from the A 548 via a steep C road

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, Lodge Inn at Junction of A 548 and steep eastern approach road to settlement. Talacre Arms Gwespyr Hill. Mason Arms in centre of village.

Employment

Employment	Potentially local employment opportunities at the Tree Tops, Silver Birch, Triangle Wood, Sea View and Mounds Caravan Parks and at “Delyn Metals” scrapyard
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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station / stop	Yes One on Tanrallt Road in the village & one on the A 548 Coast Road

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Gwespyr post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 1.3-2.1 mega-bytes per second with many postcodes not having any information. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Gwespyr is extremely poor to the point that this area is likely to a broadband black spot (little or no broadband access). 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 Gwespyr is very limited.

Gwespyr Service Provision

