

## HOPE, CAERGWRLLE, ABERMORDDU & CEFN Y BEDD - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

### Settlement Commentary

Hope, Caergwrle, Abermorddu and Cefn y Bedd are four individual villages lying alongside the Wrexham – Bidston railway and have over time coalesced. Hope and Caergwrle benefit from significant service and facility provision which also serve and benefit the southern villages of Abermorddu and Cefn y Bedd. The railway line here with stations at Hope, Caergwrle and Cefn y Bedd provides convenient access to Wrexham and allows further journeys to Bidston and Manchester, Liverpool and London (change at Shotton station). Service provision here is significant as illustrated in the accompanying mapping diagram of services and facilities, with Caergwrle in particular having a well defined local centre.

	<b>Settlement No. of Dwellings</b>
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	1,725
2014 Housing Land Study	1,806

	<b>Settlement Population</b>
2001 Census	4,452
2011 Census	4,487

### 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.

<b>Education Facilities</b>	
Pre-School / Nursery Provision	Ysgol Estyn, Abermorddu CP
Primary school	Yes, Ysgol Estyn Abermorddu CP
Secondary school	Yes, Castell Alun
College	No, but 6th Form at Castell Alun
Other Education Facility	None

<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation Facilities</b>	
Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	Yes, Castell Alun Leisure Centre
Swimming pool	No
Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, at Castell Alun Leisure Centre (School)
Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, several - The Willows (Hope); High Street (Caergwrle); Porch Lane (Caergwrle); Sarn Lane (Caergwrle); Wyndham Drive (Cefn y Bedd); Crossways (Abermorddu); Queensway play area
<b>Community &amp; Health</b>	
Community centre / hall	Yes, Youth Club, Caergwrle and Boys Brigade on Castle St.
Civic offices / facility	No
Library	Yes, Castell Alun High School
Hospital	No
Doctors surgery	Yes, Caergwrle (26 High Street); Hawarden Road, Hope
Dentist surgery	Yes, Caergwrle Bridge End Dental Practice; Caergwrle Dental Technology Centre
Pharmacy	Yes, Caergwrle (High Street in Local Centre)
Place of worship	Yes, Caergwrle Evangelical Church (near gulf garage, High St) & Hope Parish Church (Hawarden Road), Methodist and Presbyterian Chapels in Caergwrle
<b>Retail &amp; Commercial Related</b>	
Supermarket	
Non-food retail units	Yes, Various – Hope, and Caergwrle Local Centre / On the Tiles Abermorddu / Fireplaces Showroom Cefn y Bedd
Convenience shop	Yes, Post Office, Spar and General Store in Hope / Various at Caergwrle Local Centre / Caergwrle Petrol Filling Station has shop (High Street)
Other shops	Yes, Caergwrle Local Centre / Veterinary surgery in Caergwrle
Café / Take away	Yes, Takeaways in Caergwrle Local Centre / Hawarden Road Hope / Hawarden Road Abermorddu

Bank/Building Society	No
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Yes, Caergwrle Local Centre
Public house / club / restaurant	"Yes, White Lion Hope / Red Lion Hope / Holly Bush Cefn y Bedd / Caergwrle Local Centre (multiple) / Bridge Inn Hope / social club Caergwrle
Post office	Yes, 12 Fagl Lane Hope & Caergwrle Local Centre
Post box	Yes various
Petrol Filling Station	Yes, Gulf garage on High Street in Caergwrle, several car sales and servicing garages
Employment	Yes some local opportunities in Local Businesses & in workshops at the back of Hawarden Road in Abermorddu / small industrial units at Derby Park, Hawarden Rd
<b>Transport</b>	
Rail station	Yes, Wrexham – Bidston Line /Hope/ Caergwrle /Cefn y Bedd
Bus station / stop	Yes, See Plan – regular 5 day services offering hourly or less frequency for most of settlement
Bus service frequency	Yes, See Plan – regular 5 day services offering hourly or less frequency for the 4 villages
Cycle route	No off-road routes
Access to main highway network	Yes, A550 North & South (Wrexham) / A541 North

## Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) the villages of Hope, Caergwrle, Abermorddu and Cefn y Bedd post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 2.9 – 21.2 mega-bytes per second. Provision here is mixed with Hope generally benefiting from 12 mbps, Caergwrle 15mbps, Abermorddu 9mbps, and Cefn y Bedd at 7mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision ranges from poor to good. Certainly within Abermorddu and Cefn y Bedd this level of broadband service will have a negative effect on businesses in their day to day activities and on local residents seeking to access online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

## Other Comments

Construction has begun on the Hope medical centre however this centre has yet to be completed or occupied. The settlement also benefits from extensive areas of recreational space in the form of Castle Hill, at Rhyddyn Hill and the nearby Waen y Llyn (Hope Mountain) Country Park.

## Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Surveys of service provision within Hope, Caergwrle, Abermorddu and Cefn y Bedd over the last 15 years indicate a mixed picture of changes in service provision. Of greatest significance is the loss of the general convenience store in Abermorddu (recorded in 2000) and the loss of the post office with shop in Cefn y Bedd (again recorded in 2000).

## Mapping Service Provision

The villages of Hope, Caergwrle, Abermorddu and Cefn y Bedd have a good range of facilities however because of the elongated and ribbon nature of the villages it is clear that services and facilities are focused in Hope and Caergwrle.

Please note the bank has closed.

