

PENLLYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TRERHYNGYLL AND THE WELL FIELD/THE WELL GREEN SURVEY RESULTS

A huge thank you to the residents of Trerhyngyll for completing the survey we undertook earlier in the year with regard to 'The Well Field'. Some long-standing residents informed us that the correct name for the area is in fact 'The Well Green'. We had 28 responses in total. It was very clear to us that you are all very fond of The Well Green and use it for a variety of purposes. You are also keen for the area to be maintained properly, and for further development to be considered.

As you will have seen, the grass-cutting was maintained during lockdown. As a next step, you will be pleased to learn that Penllyn Community Council has been successful in its application to Keep Wales Tidy for a fruit garden. The fruit garden will consist of fruit trees, fruit bushes, herbs, and wildflowers. Work has started already on this community project in a currently unused area of The Well Green. We are very grateful to those residents who have helped to establish the garden so far: Elizabeth Elliott, John Freeman, Philippa Walsh, Councillor Richard Austin and Rod Howells. For this first stage, we had to restrict the number of volunteers involved so that we could comply with the COVID-19 Health and Safety restrictions imposed on us by the funders. As the garden matures, we do hope that more residents will want to become involved in its upkeep. If this is of interest to you, please contact Elizabeth Elliott (elizabethelliott777@gmail.com) or Philippa Walsh (philippa24@outlook.com).

Penllyn Community Council will be considering some of the other options proposed over the next few months as meetings resume virtually. We do have a very limited budget, but we will also be looking at securing funding from other sources. Success in obtaining such funding is often conditional on having an input from local residents, so if any residents would like to be involved in this process, please could they contact the Clerk at penllyn.community.council@gmail.com

Best wishes/Cofion,

Dr. Sara Howells

Chair, Penllyn Community Council

5th October 2020

Survey results

A total of 63 questionnaires were delivered and we received 28 responses.

A: Household Data

- **Number of years' resident in Trerhyngyll:**

50+	1
21+	9
11-20	4
6-10	2
0-5	4

- **Age(s) of residents:**

Age range	Number of residents
80+	8
70-79	6
60-69	7
50-59	13
40-49	12
30-39	3
20-29	2
10-19	14
0-9	6
With grandchildren	7
No age indicated	1
It was also noted that families from surrounding villages come to use The Wellfield.	
Some noted that they also go to Ystradowen to use the MUGA	

- **Working status of residents' in the house (employed, self-employed, unemployed, retired, education, other):**

Retired	13
Employed/self-employed	15
Education	4
Unemployed/other	0

B: Use of The Wellfield

1. How often do you or a member of your household visit The Wellfield?

Every day (at least once)	8
Several times a week	9
Several times a month	3
About once a month	1
Less than once a month	4
Never	2
No answer given	1

2. If you use The Wellfield, what do you use it for?

Children's play equipment	12
Walk/exercise/training a dog/use of bin	10
Playing games and having fun, e.g. hide and seek	9
Ball games, e.g. football, rugby	7
Walking/exercise	6
Sitting, relaxing and enjoying the park, socialising	4
Access to the footpath	3
Tree climbing	1
Picnics	1

3. The Wellfield has children's play area. Do you or a member of your household use the play equipment?

Yes	13
Yes but old/limited/past its best	2
Rarely. Swings leave black marks on clothes	1

If not, why not?

Do not have any children/grandchildren/children have grown up	10
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If the children's play equipment was to be changed or improved, what would you like to see instead?

Additional climbing equipment/climbing frame/monkey bars	7
Outdoor exercise for older children/adults	3

Zipwire	2
Skate/scooter ramp/half-pipe	2
Don't mind as long as it is safe	1
Play fort/obstacle type structure	1
Smaller slide that would be safer	1
Update swings	1
Trim trail	1
Wooden play equipment rather than garish coloured equipment	1
Improve existing area and something for all ages of children	1
More facilities for older children, e.g. long jump, goals with nets, running track	1
Community BBQ	1
Shelter area	1
Other comments	
Fine as it is	3
More seating for parents/grandparents	1
Fencing around the play area to keep dogs out	1
Area to be mowed shorter and grass collected up	1

4. The Wellfield has a football pitch. Do you or a member of your household use the football pitch?

Yes, for ball games (football, rugby, golf (chipping))	5
Yes but for running/exercise/games/walking	3
Sometimes	2
No	2

If not, why not?

It's full of mole hills and holes	3
Resident too old	3
Grass too long	2
Surface uneven (afraid of tripping)	1
Too boggy at north end	1
Goals wonky	1

If the football pitch was to be changed or improved, what would you like instead?

Needs to be more level and needs markings	3
Multi-use goals/multi-use play area e.g. basketball hoops	2
Nice to see grass being cut more regularly now	2
Better goals (with nets)	2
Regular cutting/grass being removed	2
Not as a football pitch but please don't replace with artificial surfacing	1
Something for older children	1
Something for adults	1
Mole control	1
Better drainage (boggy at north end)	1
Skateboard area	1
Boules piste (Petanque)	1
Replace with fruit trees/orchard	1
Mini-golf/putting green	1
We like the MUGA in Ystradowen as it is a contained area	1
Maintain as an area for children and dogs to play in	1

5. What other changes do you think would improve this facility for the community?

Collect cut grass	4
Remove moles	3
Permanent BBQ structure	3
Up-dated play equipment	2
More level area	2
Some of the area could be used to plant some new trees.	2
Replace/realign the gate/ensure it closes securely	2
Provision of some adult exercise/fitness equipment	2
Pavilion/posh shed	1
An orchard with fruit trees.	1
It is fine as it is.	1
Wildflower meadow	1
Fixed pathway from the gateway around the perimeter for prams, wheelchairs, skates, scooters.	1

Picnic area	1
Wooden bench to sit and enjoy the area	1
Bird boxes, bat boxes	1
Fencing around the perimeter	1

6. Do you have any further comments?

BBQ/fire pit as families come from Maendy and Ystradowen to use the area	1
We really value the Wellfield as a space for children to play and have met other families with young children in the village as a result of using the facility. It is great that development is being considered. Please keep a family focus for the space.	1
This is a valuable area for the community. Children have no other play area nearby.	1
Allan Williams does a good job maintaining the grass	1
Parents and grandparents use the 'play area'. It is rarely not in use. Families come with children and dogs all the time. It's the only place around here. It has green space to run around in and dens can be made in the bushes. It has lovely play equipment, seats to sit and chat on, and a very necessary waste bin. It's a big bonus for Trerhyngyll.	
When our children were young, we regularly used the Wellfield.	
Many years ago, we used to have a bonfire and fireworks; and barn dances, children's games and competitions in the summer. It all depends on someone willing to give their time. Thanks for asking.	
The Wellfield is a sizeable space within walking distance from home, where ball games or frisbee can be played without plants – or people.	
The Wellfield is the only safe place for children to play together in the village. The road through the village is windy with fast-moving traffic sometimes. The Wellfield is an essential bit of safe green space.	
This is a very valuable asset for the community. When our children, were young we used it frequently and spent many happy family hours there. In my	

opinion, it is really important that such facilities are maintained and improved and it is completely appropriate to spend Community Council funds on this facility.	
It used to be a space that promoted community. Let's get back to that please.	
Trerhyngyll is an aged, professional, or retired personnel village with no go-ahead young villagers. We only have approx. 10 young children at this time so there is very little use for the Well Green in the sporting sense.	
Most villages in the same area, Ystradowen, Aberthin, Penllyn, Cowbridge etc have all benefited from new and up-to-date refurbishments of their parks. Trerhyngyll has been left out. There are new young families now in the village who need better facilities. This park is as it was when I played there some 40 years ago!	
It is important to plant trees in these times of climate change. They would greatly enhance the area making it beautiful and relaxing. We/I would offer to plan the fruit trees (contact details provided).	
Trerhyngyll uses little financial resources in comparison to Ystradowen and Penllyn. Regular quality maintenance of park isn't a lot to ask.	
Not allow dog walkers into the WellGreen.	
Green spaces are extremely important and need to be maintained for local use.	
The park is used by many children from surrounding small villages as a meeting place.	
It is vital that we keep our green spaces! Please do all you can to enhance the Wellfield.	
It needs some love and up-dating. The equipment hasn't been updated in many years. I grew up in Maendy and used the park 35 years ago. It was very similar then!	
Please mow the football pitch and remove grass and eliminate the mole hills. To bring the community together, we suggest a BBQ area/seating.	
We would like it to remain how it is as it serves and important and valued facility to the villages.	

No plastic/artificial courts (These are already in Ystradowen). As environmentally friendly park would be good.	
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**Dr. Sara Howells, Chair of Penllyn Community Council
October 2020**