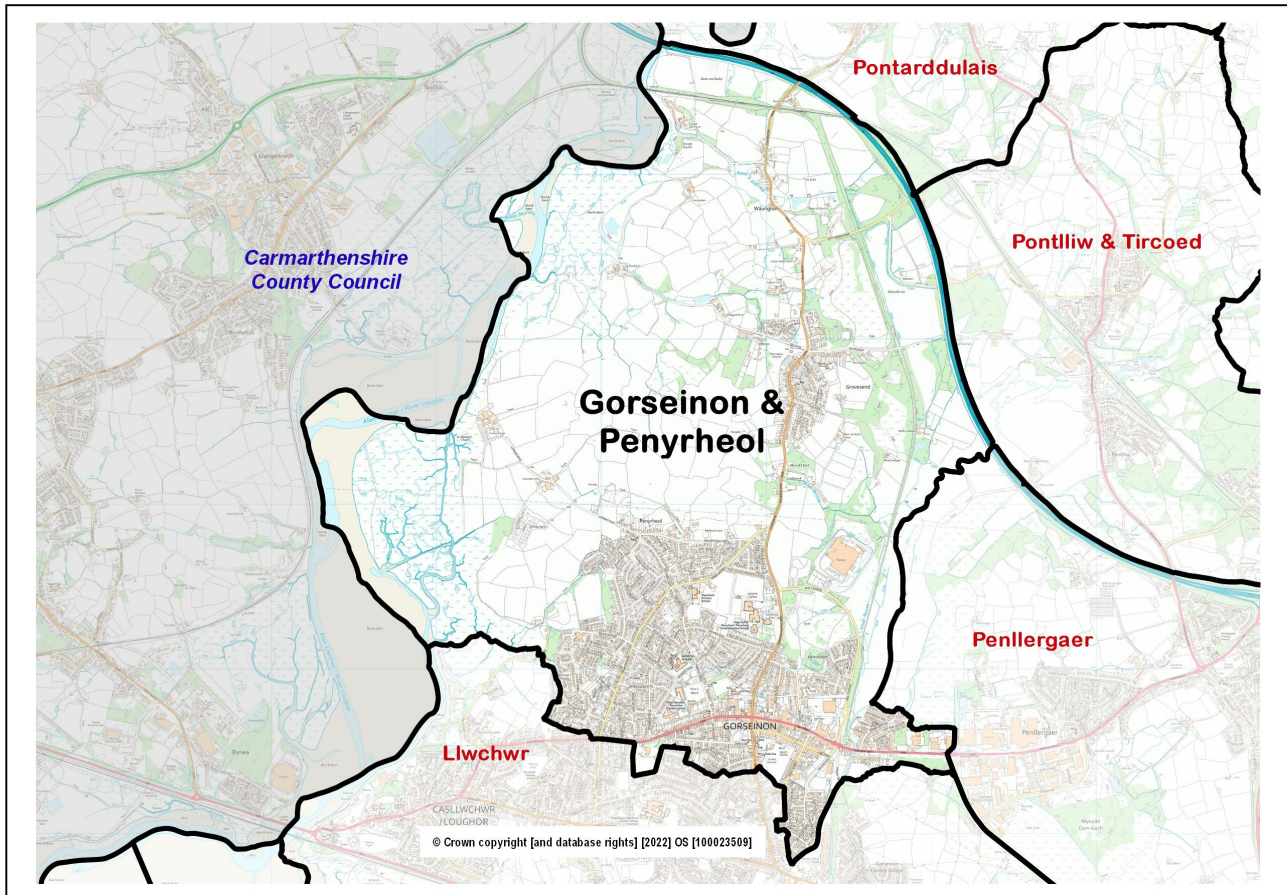


GORSEINON & PENYRHEOL **WARD PROFILE:** July 2023

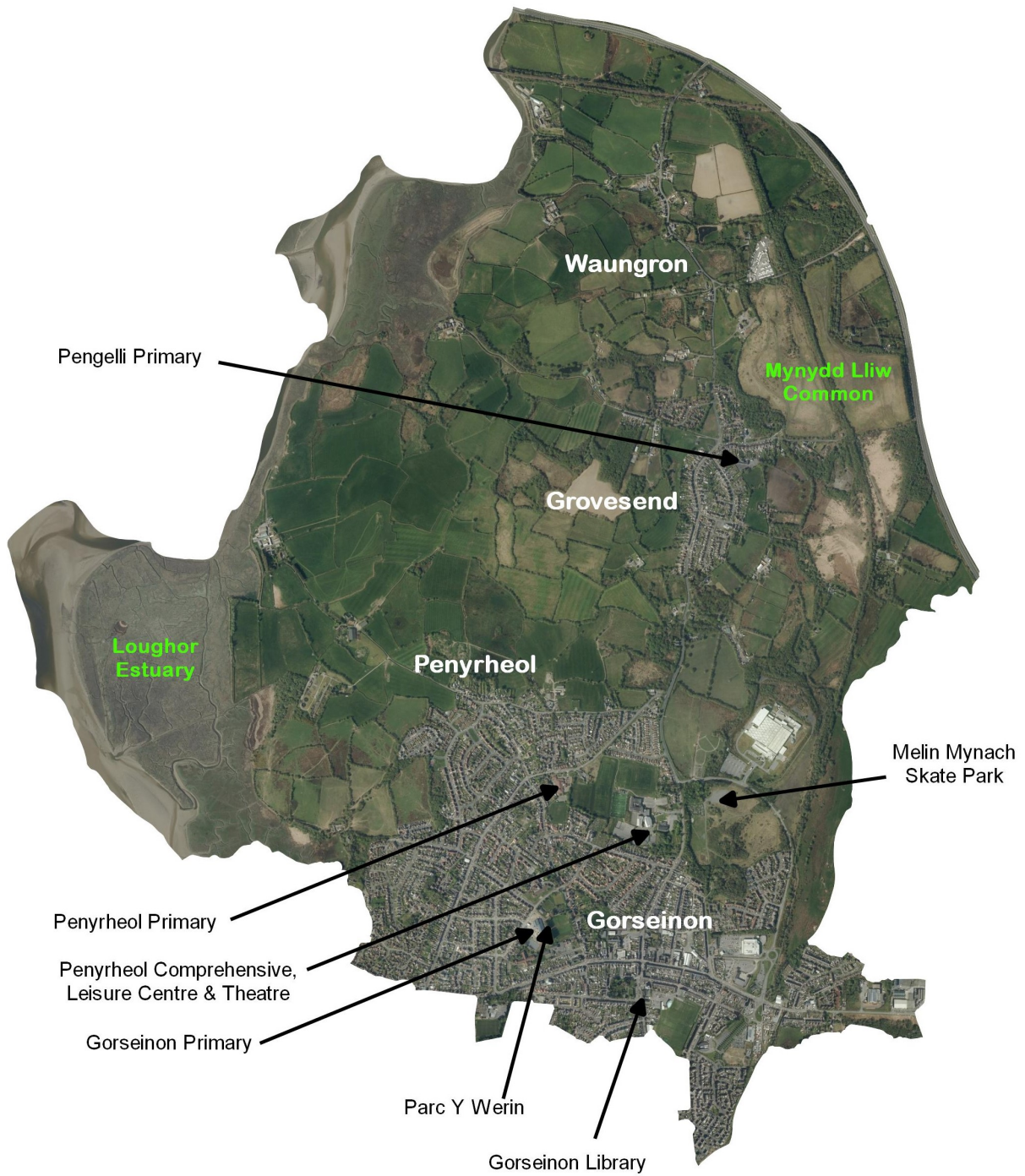
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Councillors (Electoral vote, May 2022): Jan Curtice (Labour – 2,080); Andrew Stevens (Labour – 2,073); Nicola Matthews (Labour – 1,800). *Turnout = 35%. Electorate: 7,913*



- **Location:** Approximately 11 kilometres north-west of Swansea city centre.
- **Adjacent Wards (Swansea):** Pontarddulais, Pontlliw & Tircoed, Penllergaer, Llwchwr
- **Electoral Ward Review 2022:** Changed – now consists of the former Gorseinon and Penyrheol electoral wards.
- **Constituency Area (Welsh Government / UK Parliament):** Gower.
- **Population** (Office for National Statistics rounded estimate, 2021): 10,600.
- **Area:** 10.9 sq. km. **Population Density:** 979 people per sq. km (ONS, 2021)
- **Employment** (former wards combined, ONS workplace estimate, 2021): 4,000.
Major employers: Asda, district centre businesses, Junction 47 Retail Park, Gorseinon Development Trust, Swansea Council (schools).

Ward features, facilities and localities:



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ABOUT THE WARD

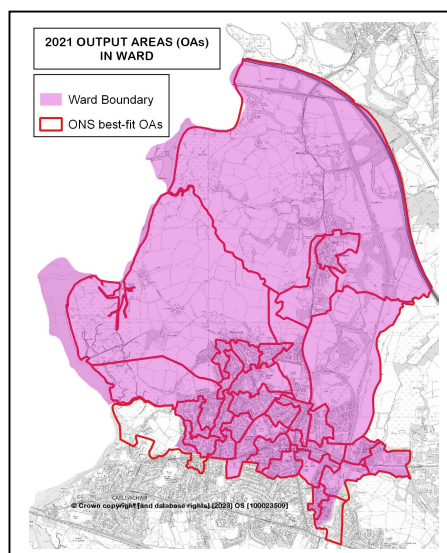
The village of Gorseinon grew dramatically during the late 19th and early 20th centuries with the establishment of several steel and tinsplate works and the expansion of coal mining in the area. Significant housing development took place at this time, mainly in the area either side of High Street in the form of traditional terraced properties. Larger semi-detached housing was also developed on Alexandra Road to the west of the town centre, and during the inter war period along Pontarddulais Road to the north. The post-war period saw the development of housing in the area to the west of Pontarddulais Road. Recent years have seen housing development on large brownfield sites left behind by the closure of the steel and tinsplate works – in particular, the development of Bryngwyn Village, consisting of a mix of apartment blocks and semi-detached and detached houses.

The north-west part of the ward includes of the settlements of Penyrheol, Grovesend and Waungron, which initially grew due to industrial developments around the turn of the 20th century, including the opening of the Grovesend Steel & Tinsplate works in 1900. Earlier still, there was mining in the Coalbrook area, with coal transferred via tramline to boats on the River Loughor. Beyond these villages, much of the ward is low lying, especially to the west near the River Loughor at its western boundary. The M4 into Carmarthenshire forms its north-eastern boundary for approximately 3.5km.

POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD STATISTICS

Population estimates (2021 Census)

Population	Gorseinon & Penyrheol		Swansea
	Total	%	%
Aged: 0-4	562	5.3	4.8
5-15	1,448	13.6	12.2
16-24	1,052	9.9	13.0
25-44	2,696	25.3	24.2
45-64	2,803	26.3	25.3
65-74	1,069	10.0	10.8
75+	1,008	9.5	9.7
Total	10,638	100	100
Female	5,437	51.1	50.7
Male	5,201	48.9	49.3



Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table RM121).

Note: Ward statistics relate to the best-fit Census Output Areas (OAs) shown on the map above.

Summary

- 14th lowest ward population in Swansea, and 7th lowest population density (2021).
- Slightly higher percentage aged under 16 but lower proportion of people aged 16-24.
- Higher proportions of people born in the UK and able to speak Welsh.
- Household composition categories generally close to Swansea averages.
- Higher proportion of semi-detached housing and owned with a mortgage/loan tenure.
- Higher percentage of adults economically active and employees.

Population characteristics

People:	Gorseinon & Penyrheol	%	Swansea %
born in the UK	10,220	96.1	90.6
born outside UK	416	3.9	9.4
in non-white ethnic group	326	3.1	8.6
able to speak Welsh (aged 3+)	1,395	13.5	11.2
in good health	8,258	77.6	78.7
disabled under the Equality Act	2,480	23.3	22.4
with Level 4+ qualifications (aged 16+)	2,445	28.3	32.8
with no qualifications (aged 16+)	1,735	20.1	18.9

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Tables TS004, TS021, TS033, TS037, TS038, TS067).

Household composition

	Gorseinon & Penyrheol	%	Swansea %
Total households / (Average Household Size)	4,667	(2.28)	(2.22)
Composition: One person: Age 66+	719	15.4	14.5
Other	886	19.0	19.9
Single family household: All aged 66+	384	8.2	9.5
Married or civil partnership couple	1,288	27.6	26.8
Cohabiting couple family	535	11.5	10.4
Lone parent family	624	13.4	12.6
Other single family household	24	0.5	0.7
Other household types	207	4.4	5.6

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS003).

HOUSING: Type and Tenure

Household accommodation type	Gorseinon & Penyrheol	%	Swansea %
Detached	1,140	24.4	24.0
Semi-detached	1,999	42.8	34.5
Terraced (incl. end terrace)	819	17.6	25.4
Flat, maisonette or apartment	703	15.1	15.9
Caravan or other mobile/temporary	5	0.1	0.2

Tenure	Gorseinon & Penyrheol	%	Swansea %
Households: Owned: Outright	1,563	33.5	35.4
Owned with a mortgage or loan	1,531	32.8	26.9
Households: Rented: Social rented; from Council	431	9.2	11.7
Social rented; Other (incl. Housing Association)	423	9.1	7.4
Private rented	702	15.0	18.0
Other (incl. Shared ownership, Living rent free)	16	0.3	0.6

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Tables TS044, TS054).

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

People aged 16 and over:	Gorseinon & Penyrheol	%	Swansea %
Economically Active	5,129	59.4	54.3
Employees: Part-time and Full-time	4,197	48.6	42.2
Self-employed	535	6.2	6.4
Unemployed	202	2.3	2.5
Economically active student	195	2.3	3.3
Economically Inactive	3,501	40.6	45.7
Retired	2,010	23.3	23.9
Student	409	4.7	8.4
Looking after home or family	289	3.3	4.2
Long-term sick or disabled	596	6.9	6.3
Other	197	2.3	2.9

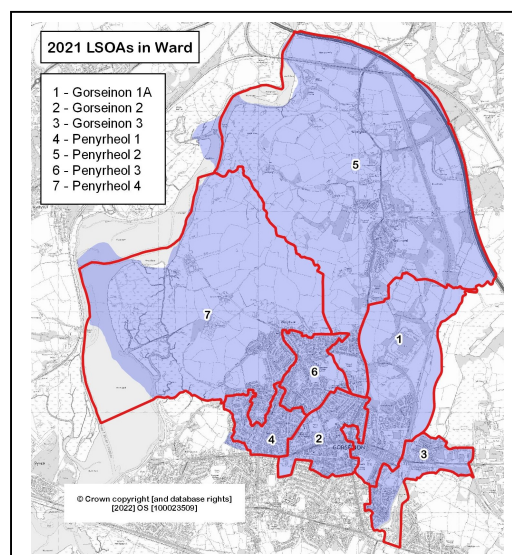
Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS066).

WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)

- WIMD 2019 based on Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) geography – in this profile, the area consists of seven LSOAs.

Highest index and domain rankings (Wales):

- Penyrheol 4 – Employment (1st decile), Overall index, Income, Health (2nd decile), Education (3rd decile).
- Gorseinon 1A / 3 – Health (2nd decile).



LSOA	Overall index		Domains: Income		Employment		Health		Education		Access to Services		Housing		Community Safety		Physical Environment	
Gor 1A	58	762	66	773	57	685	36	381	68	962	104	1485	49	756	43	579	37	807
Gor 2	73	1030	74	948	64	774	51	657	64	872	126	1702	65	1087	48	624	139	1771
Gor 3	58	762	66	773	57	685	36	381	68	962	104	1485	49	756	43	579	37	807
Pen 1	64	842	55	671	58	695	47	581	59	792	67	1036	74	1146	100	1354	81	1281
Pen 2	91	1388	92	1238	101	1307	77	952	72	990	54	900	90	1287	114	1543	121	1641
Pen 3	92	1405	80	1074	88	1157	72	865	82	1197	116	1597	100	1466	93	1257	125	1679
Pen 4	28	305	32	285	22	162	20	206	38	487	36	683	59	929	95	1267	132	1712

Source: WIMD 2019 (published November 2019), Welsh Government. Note: LSOAs ranked 1-148 (Swansea), 1-1909 (Wales).

Note: the rankings for the 'Gorseinon 1A' and 'Gorseinon 3' LSOAs are the WIMD 2019 rankings for the former 'Gorseinon 1' LSOA.

Note: The content in this profile will be developed as further ward data becomes available.

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