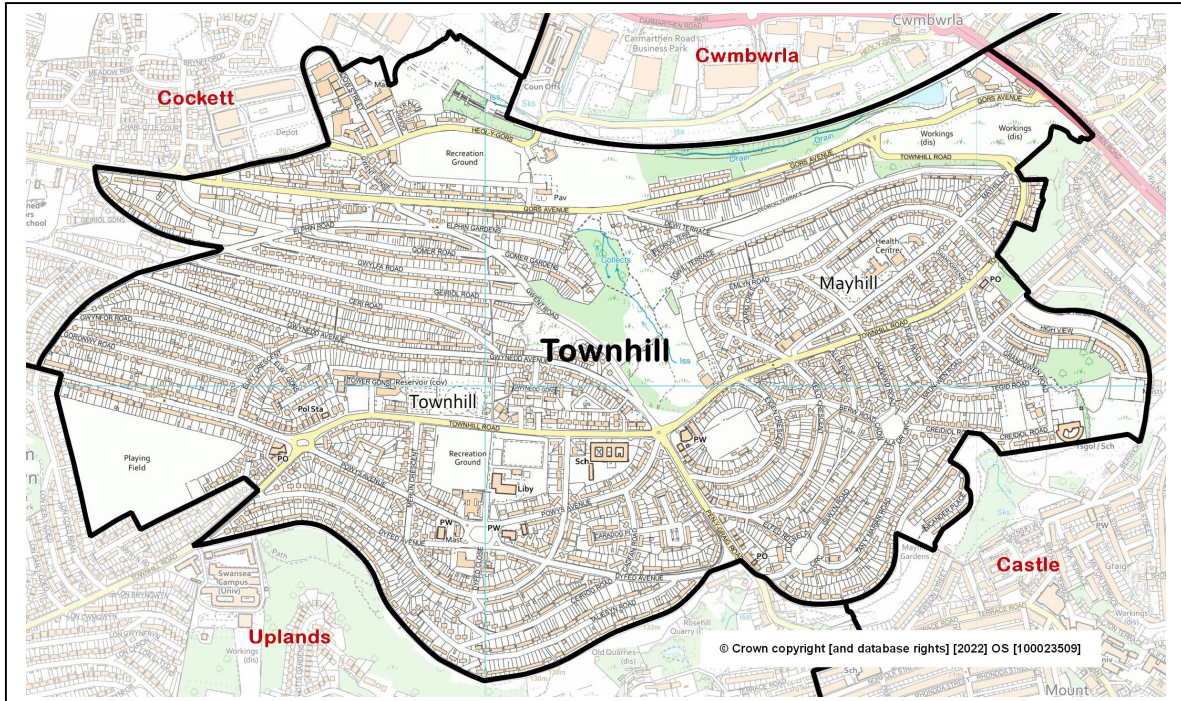


## TOWNHILL WARD PROFILE

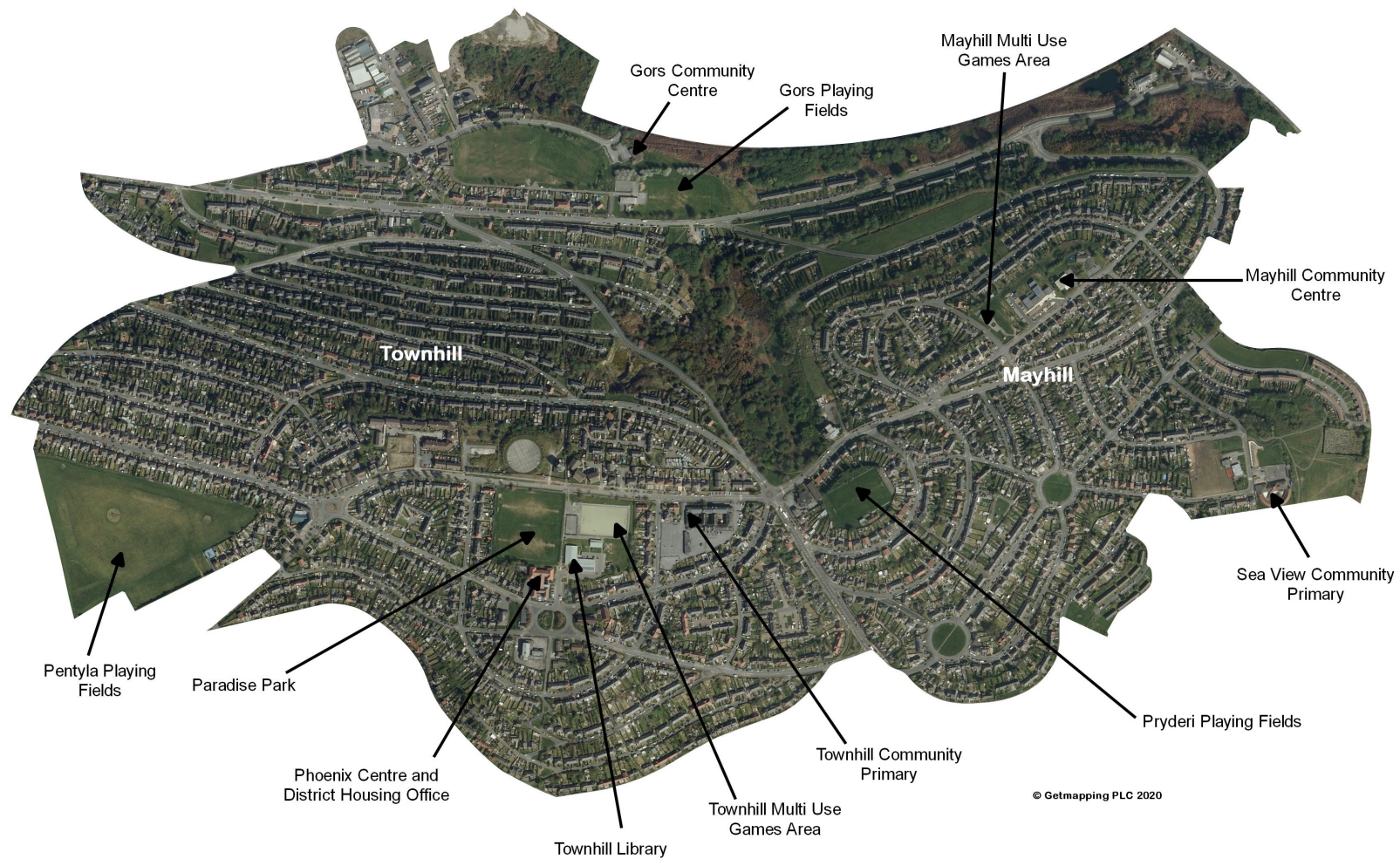
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**Councillors (Electoral vote, May 2022):** Cyril Anderson (Labour – 955); Lesley Walton (Labour – 903); David Hopkins (Labour – 900). *Turnout = 21%. Electorate: 5,926.*



- **Location:** Approximately 1 kilometre north west of Swansea city centre, consisting of the Townhill and Mayhill localities.
- **Adjacent Wards:** Cwmbwrla, Castle, Uplands, Cockett.
- **Electoral Ward Review 2022:** No change.
- **Constituency area (Welsh Government / UK Parliament):** Swansea West.
- **Population** (Office for National Statistics rounded estimate, 2021 Census): 8,800.
- **Area:** 1.8 sq. km. **Population Density:** 4,800 people per sq. km (ONS, 2021)
- **Employment (former ward, ONS workplace estimate, 2021):** 700. Major employers: Swansea Council (primary schools, community services), Phoenix Centre / Hill Community Development Trust.

## Ward features, facilities and localities:





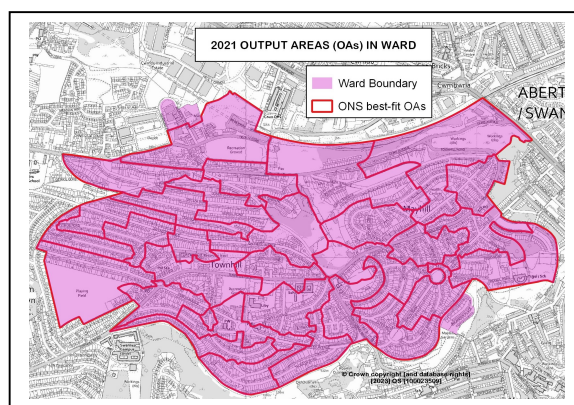
## ABOUT THE WARD

Townhill ward is located on the steep hill of the same name and overlooks the city centre, the SA1/docklands area and Swansea Bay. The ward was designated as a 'Communities First' area by the Welsh Government (until the programme's end in March 2018) in recognition of long-term social and economic disadvantage. It is comprised of the communities of Townhill and Mayhill, often known collectively as 'the Hill'. The area is dominated by inter-War council housing. Despite the impact of right-to-buy legislation from 1980 to 2019, levels of owner occupation remain fairly low. Private houses for sale in Townhill are generally priced well below the Swansea average.

## POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD STATISTICS

### Population estimates (2021 Census)

Population	Townhill		Swansea
	Total	%	%
Aged: 0-4	822	9.3	4.8
5-15	1,607	18.2	12.2
16-24	989	11.2	13.0
25-44	2,454	27.8	24.2
45-64	1,952	22.1	25.3
65-74	584	6.6	10.8
75+	431	4.9	9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,839</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Female	4,629	52.4	50.7
Male	4,210	47.6	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

- 12th highest ward population in Swansea, and 4th highest population density (2021).
- High proportion of young children and young people (0-15 years).
- Lower proportions of people aged 16-24 and over 45, especially those aged 65+.
- Higher proportions of people born outside the UK, in a non-white ethnic group, and with no qualifications.
- Higher percentages of lone parent family and cohabiting couple family households.
- Higher proportions of semi-detached and terraced housing, and households renting from the Council.
- Higher rates of unemployment and economic inactivity, including the 'Looking after home or family' and 'Long-term sick or disabled' categories.

## Population characteristics

People:	Townhill	%	Swansea %
born in the UK	7,568	85.7	90.6
born outside UK	1,265	14.3	9.4
in non-white ethnic group	1,187	13.4	8.6
able to speak Welsh (aged 3+)	466	5.6	11.2
in good health	6,419	72.6	78.7
disabled under the Equality Act	2,382	27.0	22.4
with Level 4+ qualifications (aged 16+)	1,225	19.1	32.8
with no qualifications (aged 16+)	2,163	33.8	18.9

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

## Household composition

	Townhill	%	Swansea %
<b>Total households / (Average Household Size)</b>	<b>3,777</b>	<b>(2.34)</b>	<b>(2.22)</b>
<b>Composition: One person: Age 66+</b>	417	11.0	14.5
Other	782	20.7	19.9
<b>Single family household: All aged 66+</b>	127	3.4	9.5
Married or civil partnership couple	717	19.0	26.8
Cohabiting couple family	449	11.9	10.4
Lone parent family	1,101	29.2	12.6
Other single family household	39	1.0	0.7
<b>Other household types</b>	145	3.8	5.6

Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS003).

## HOUSING: Type and Tenure

Household accommodation type	Townhill	%	Swansea %
Detached	206	5.5	24.0
Semi-detached	1,830	48.5	34.5
Terraced (incl. end terrace)	1,514	40.1	25.4
Flat, maisonette or apartment	222	5.9	15.9
Caravan or other mobile/temporary	2	0.1	0.2

Tenure	Townhill	%	Swansea %
<b>Households: Owned: Outright</b>	622	16.5	35.4
Owned with a mortgage or loan	507	13.4	26.9
<b>Households: Rented: Social rented; from Council</b>	2,071	54.8	11.7
Social rented; Other (incl. Housing Association)	138	3.7	7.4
Private rented	399	10.6	18.0
Other (incl. Shared ownership, Living rent free)	40	1.1	0.6

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

## ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

People aged 16 and over:	Townhill	%	Swansea %
<b>Economically Active</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>54.3</b>
Employees: Part-time and Full-time	2,475	38.6	42.2
Self-employed	275	4.3	6.4
Unemployed	274	4.3	2.5
Economically active student	170	2.7	3.3
<b>Economically Inactive</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>45.7</b>
Retired	876	13.7	23.9
Student	446	7.0	8.4
Looking after home or family	737	11.5	4.2
Long-term sick or disabled	871	13.6	6.3
Other	282	4.4	2.9

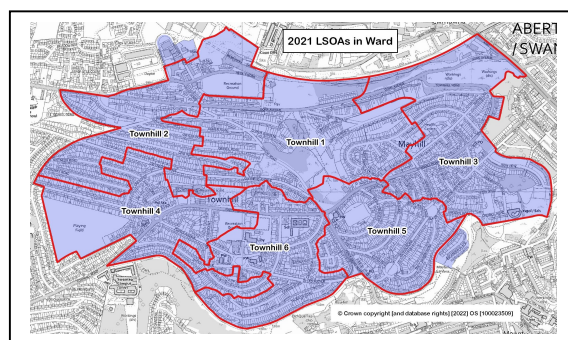
Source: 2021 Census, ONS (Table TS066).

## WELSH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (WIMD)

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

Highest index and domain rankings (Wales):

- Townhill 5 – Overall index, Income, Employment, Health, Education, Community safety (1st decile).
- Townhill 1, 2, 3 and 6 – Overall index, Income, Employment, Health, Education (1st decile).
- Townhill 4 – Overall index, Income, Health, Education, Community safety (2nd decile).
- Townhill 1 – Access to services, Community safety; Townhill 2 – Access to services; Townhill 3 – Community safety (2nd decile).



LSOA	Overall index		Domains: Income		Employment		Health		Education		Access to Services		Housing		Community Safety		Physical Environment	
Tow 1	2	18	2	22	9	56	4	13	1	11	5	313	45	727	27	316	96	1416
Tow 2	1	16	4	27	4	23	2	9	4	47	4	287	38	605	38	443	58	1018
Tow 3	6	32	5	28	12	67	8	38	2	21	24	552	35	534	24	299	45	873
Tow 4	32	362	27	245	39	469	33	322	22	312	62	971	30	491	32	356	116	1590
Tow 5	9	41	1	17	8	54	10	54	8	78	18	518	41	664	14	170	98	1425
Tow 6	11	58	11	49	7	52	11	58	6	68	15	494	33	513	40	511	101	1479

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

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

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