

# Our Area 2035

## Results of the Public Engagement Exercise

(February – June 2022)

Bro Lleu and Nantlle.



# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The aim of the Our Area 2035 Project is to hold a discussion with local communities in order to identify what is important to residents and how they would like to see their area develop over the next 10 – 15 years.
- 1.2 Our aim is to work together and develop solutions with organisations, groups and individuals. At the end of the project 13 specialised regeneration plans will be created to reflect the priorities and aspirations of local communities.
- 1.3 The first step to the project involved holding conversations with Councillors, Community and Town Councils and local regeneration groups in order to establish:
  - **What is good about** the area?
  - **What is not so good about** the area?
  - **What changes would you like to see happen** in the area in the next 15 years, that would make the area a better place to live?
- 1.4 **15** Community/Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members in Bro Lleu and Nantlle presented their ideas regarding what should be the local priorities for the area in the period up to 2035. These responses were used as a basis for the second stage of wider public engagement.
- 1.5 In February 2022 a public engagement exercise was launched for each of the 13 areas, with local people being invited to contribute to the shaping of the Our Area 2035 project by filling in a simple survey online or on paper.
- 1.6 In order to encourage as many people as possible to participate, a comprehensive engagement campaign was organised, which included:
  - Press releases and a radio item;
  - Advertisements in the local papers;
  - Information leaflets;
  - Messages and videos through social media;
  - Prominent messages on the Cyngor Gwynedd website home page;
  - Attending the North Wales Pride event in Bangor.

1.7 In addition, a series of visits and face to face meetings were organised to hear the voices of groups and individuals that are seldom heard. These included:

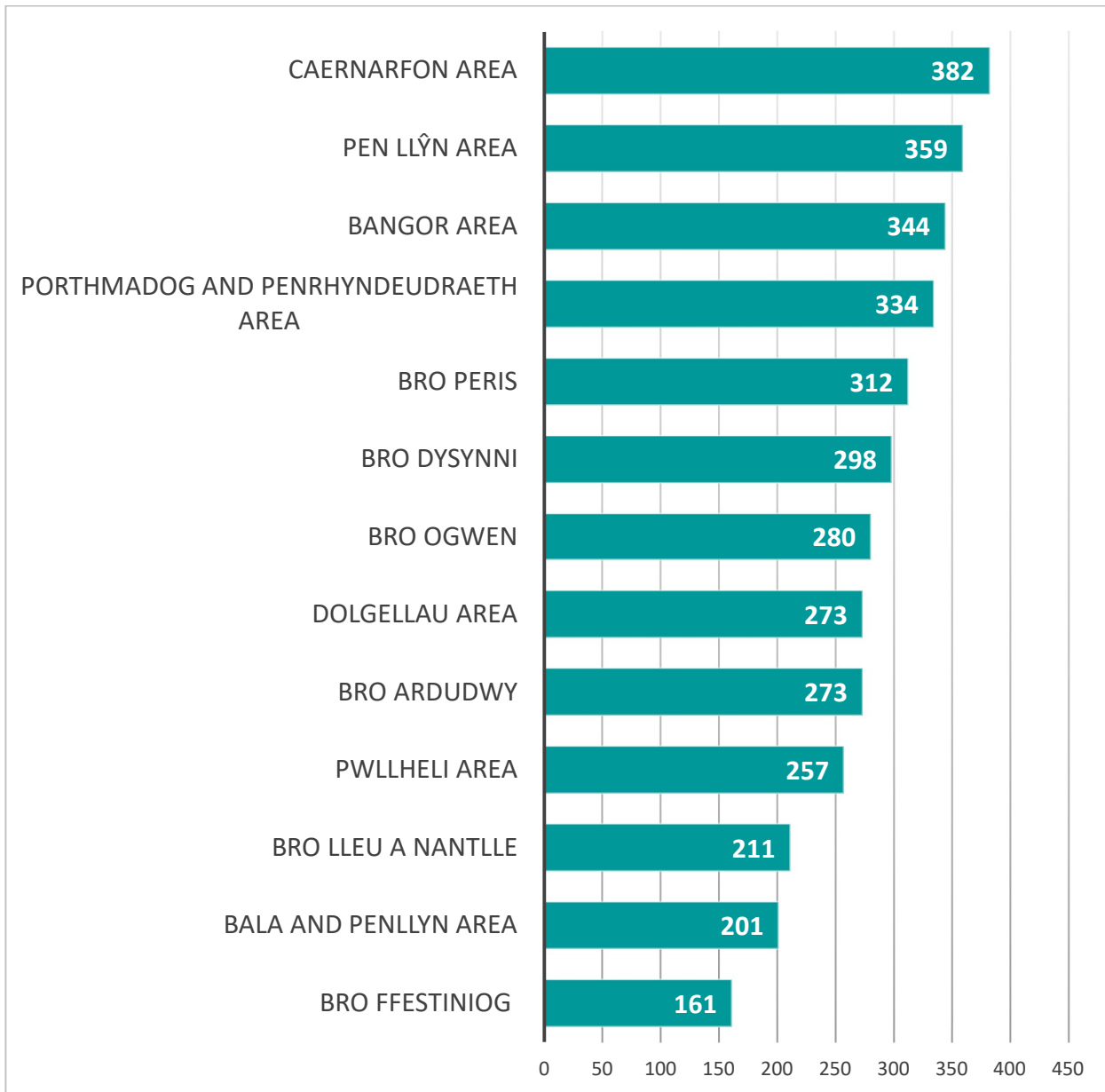
- GISDA Blaenau Ffestiniog – A discussion session with members of the Young People Board and a session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- GISDA Caernarfon – A discussion session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- GISDA Pwllheli - A discussion session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- Dementia Actif Gwynedd, Barmouth - A discussion session after the physical exercises.
- Dementia Actif Gwynedd, Dolgellau - A discussion session after the physical exercises.
- Dementia Actif, Nefyn - A discussion session after playing Boccia at Tafarn yr Heliwr.
- Dementia Actif, Caernarfon - A discussion session after the physical exercises.

# 2 County Overview

**3,776** individuals across Gwynedd took the opportunity to have their say:

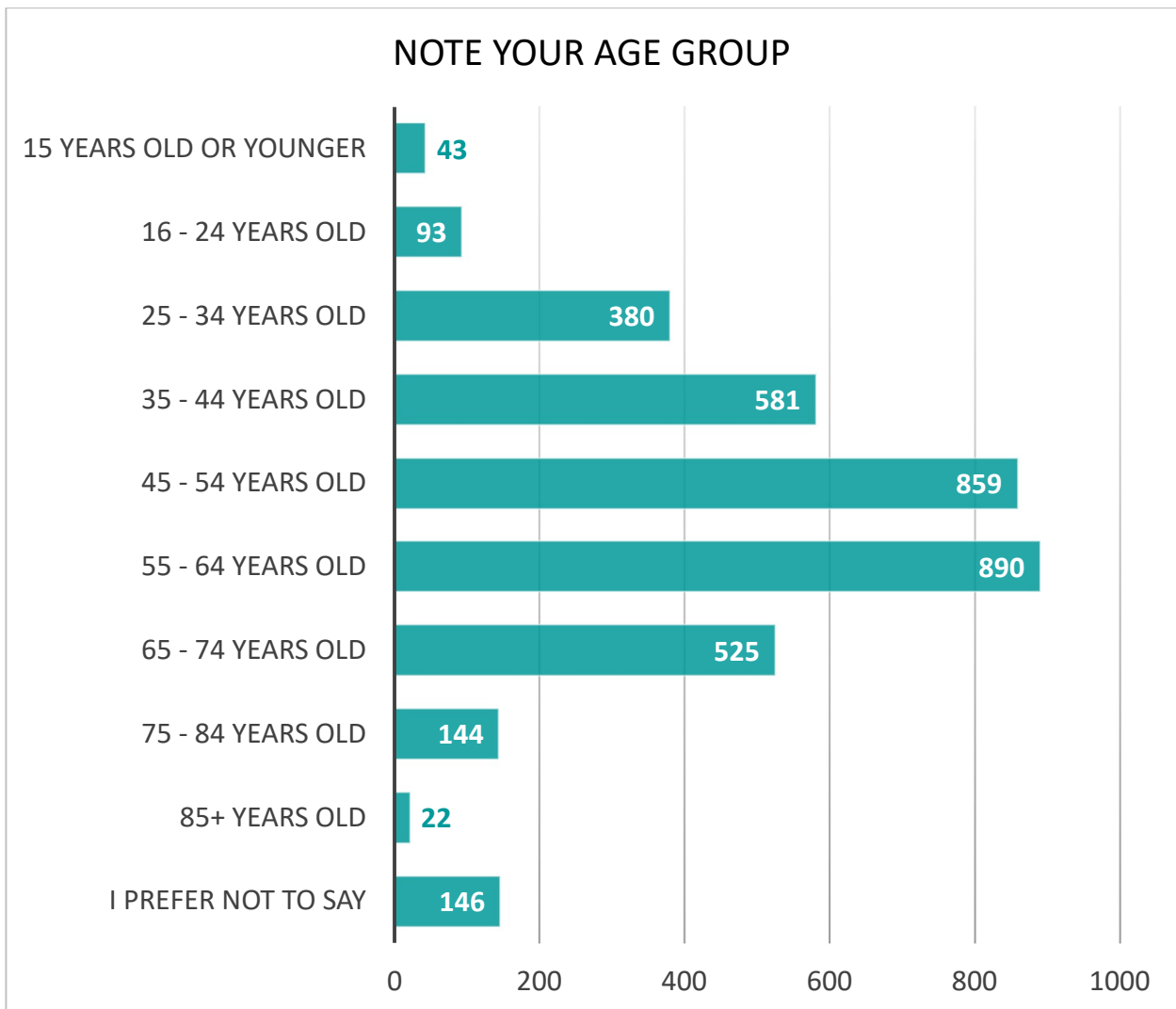
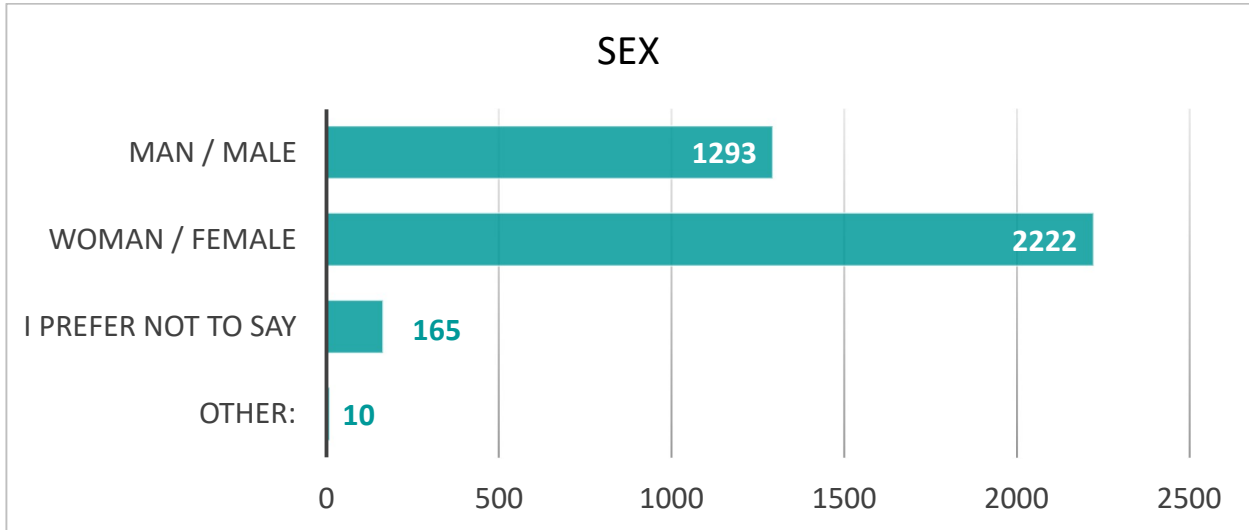
- **3,675** of these completed the online survey.
- **10** completed the paper survey that was available in libraries, 'Siop Gwynedd' or by phone request.
- **6** completed the 'Easy read' version of the survey.
- **85** people attended face to face sessions for **young people, young people in the LGBT+ community, older people and people living with dementia.**

## 2.1 Number of respondents per area\*

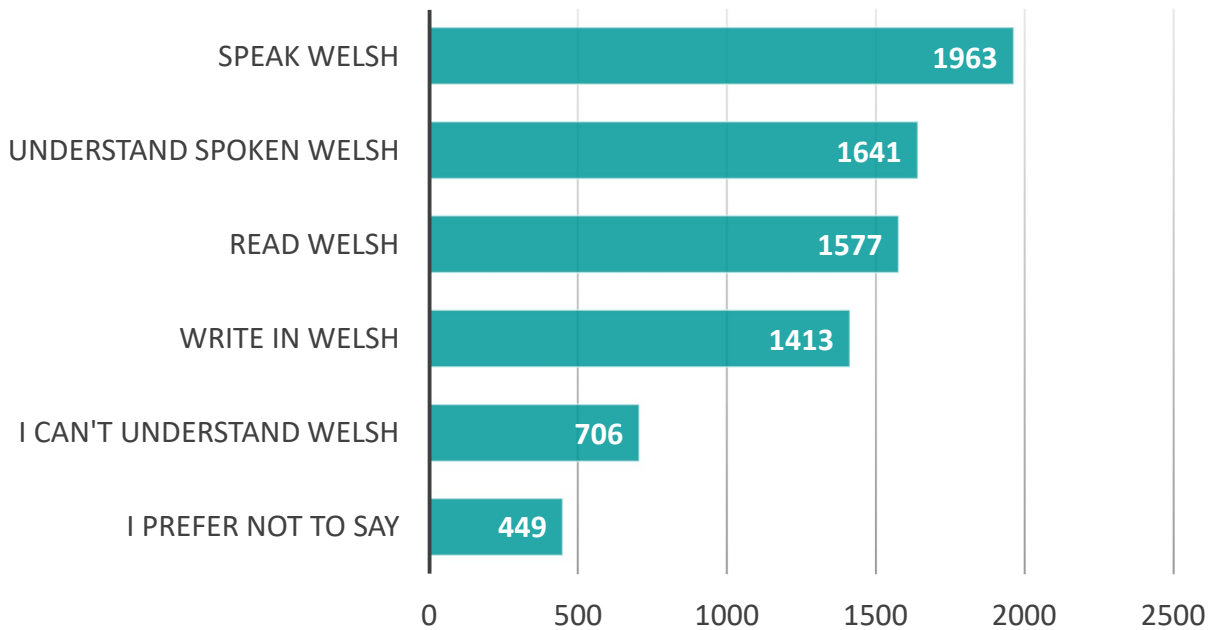


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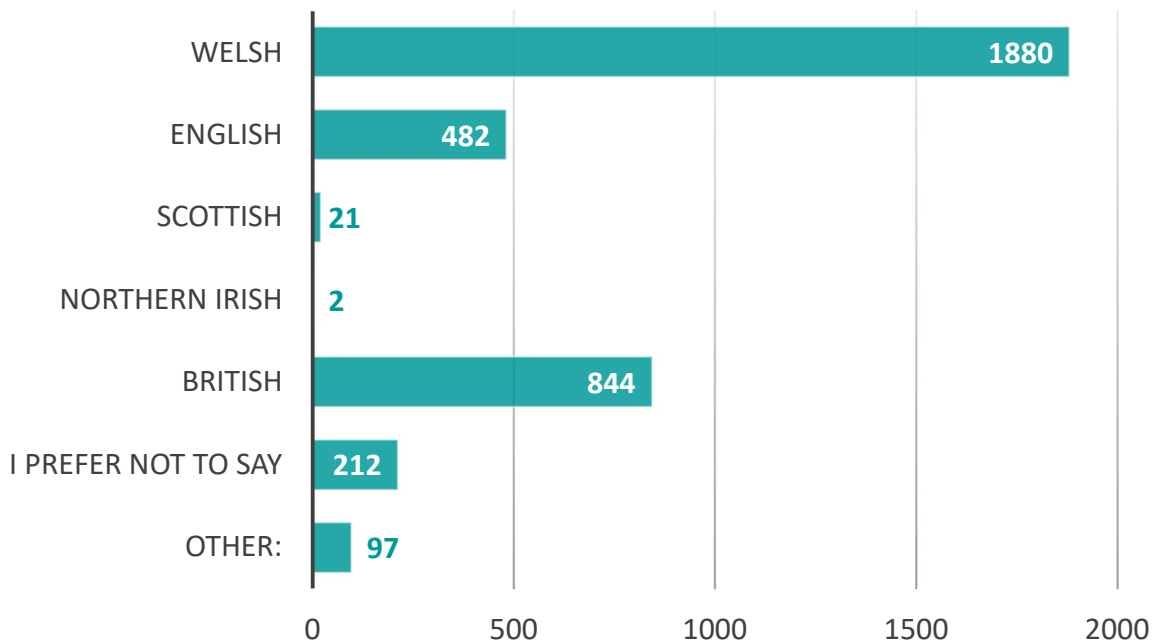
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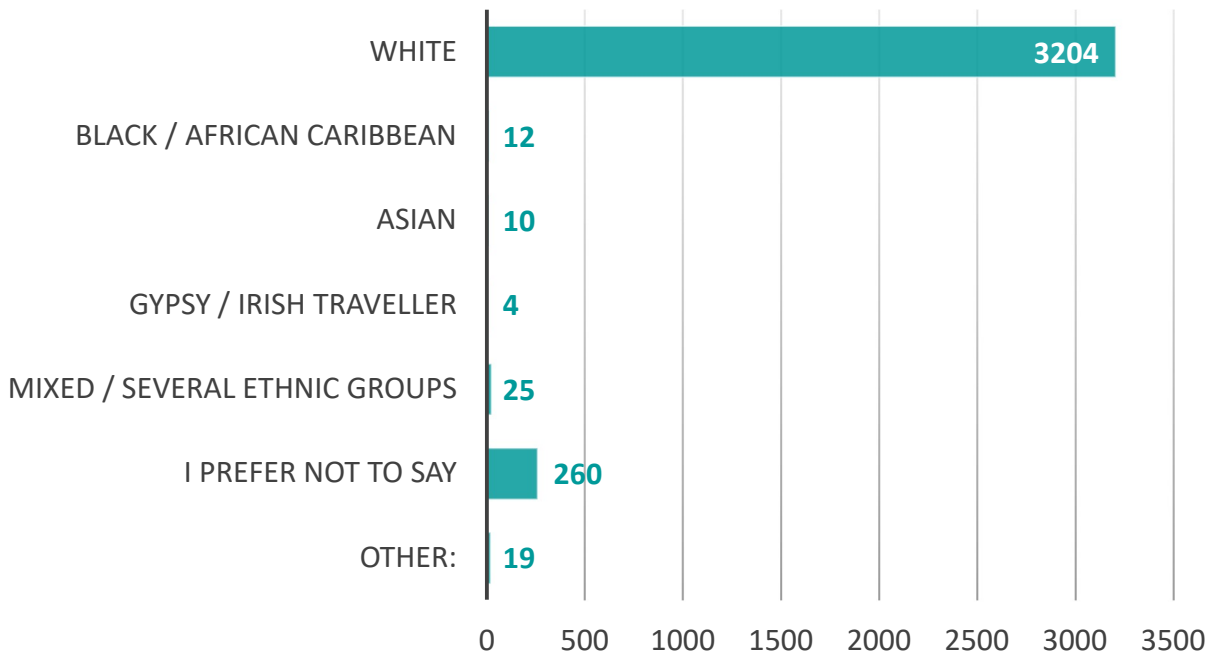


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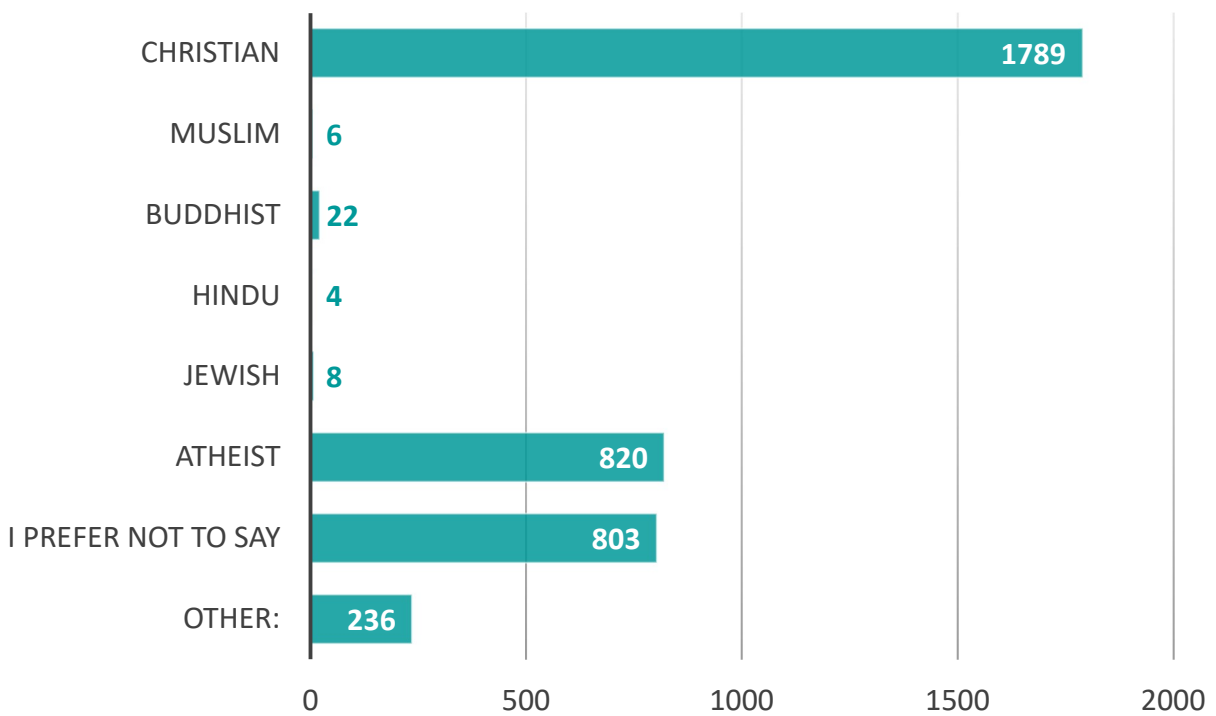




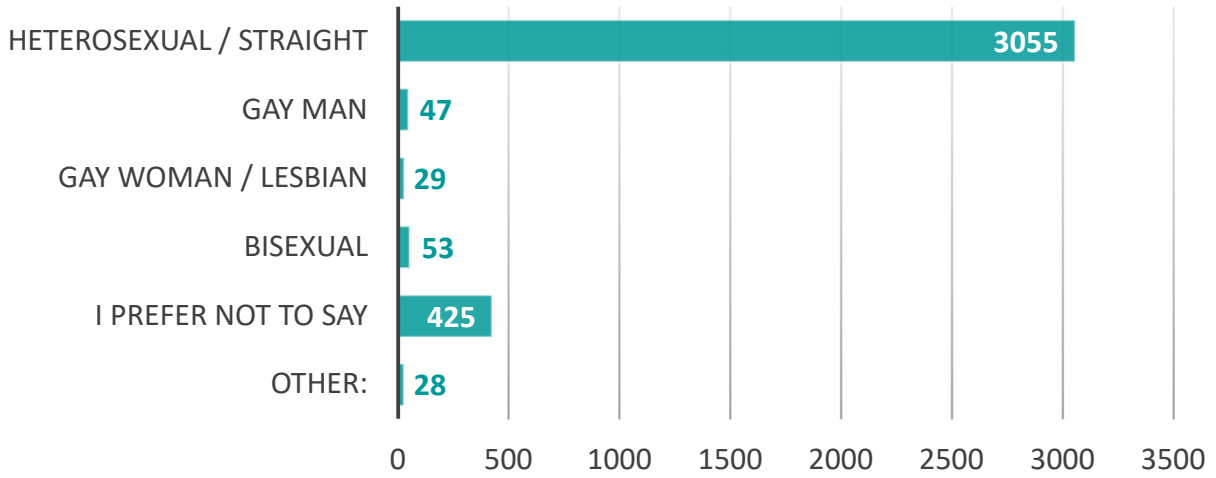
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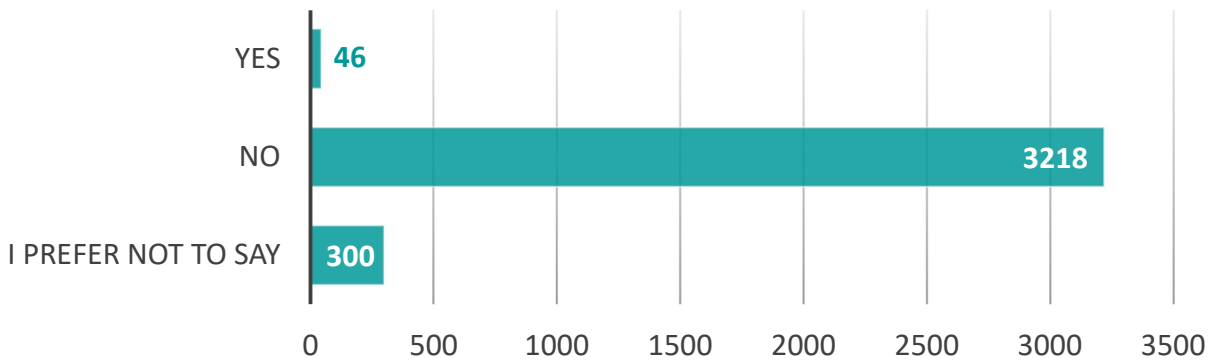
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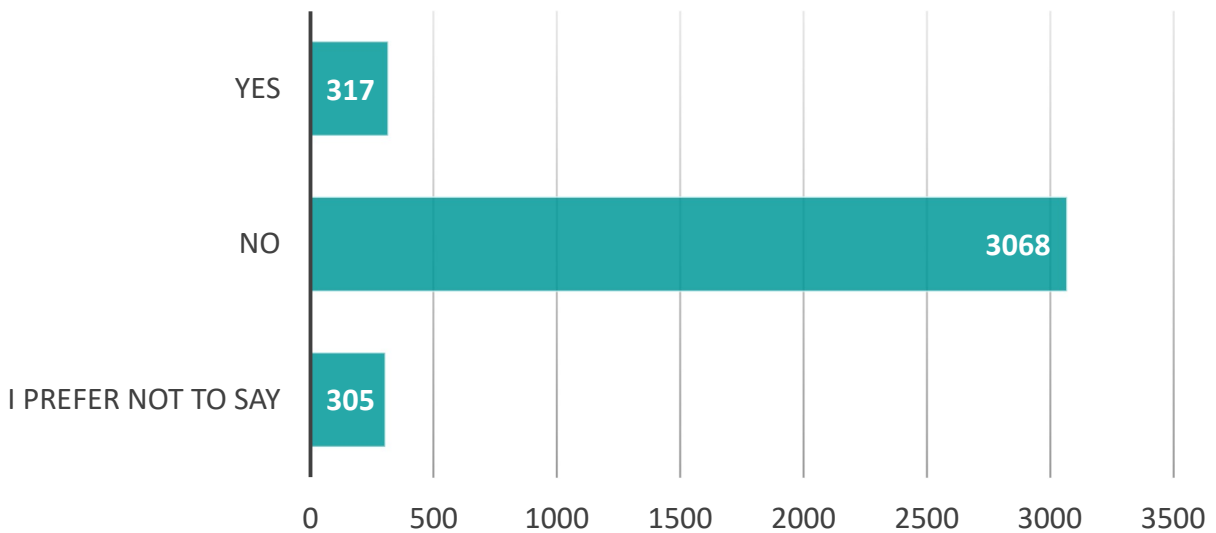
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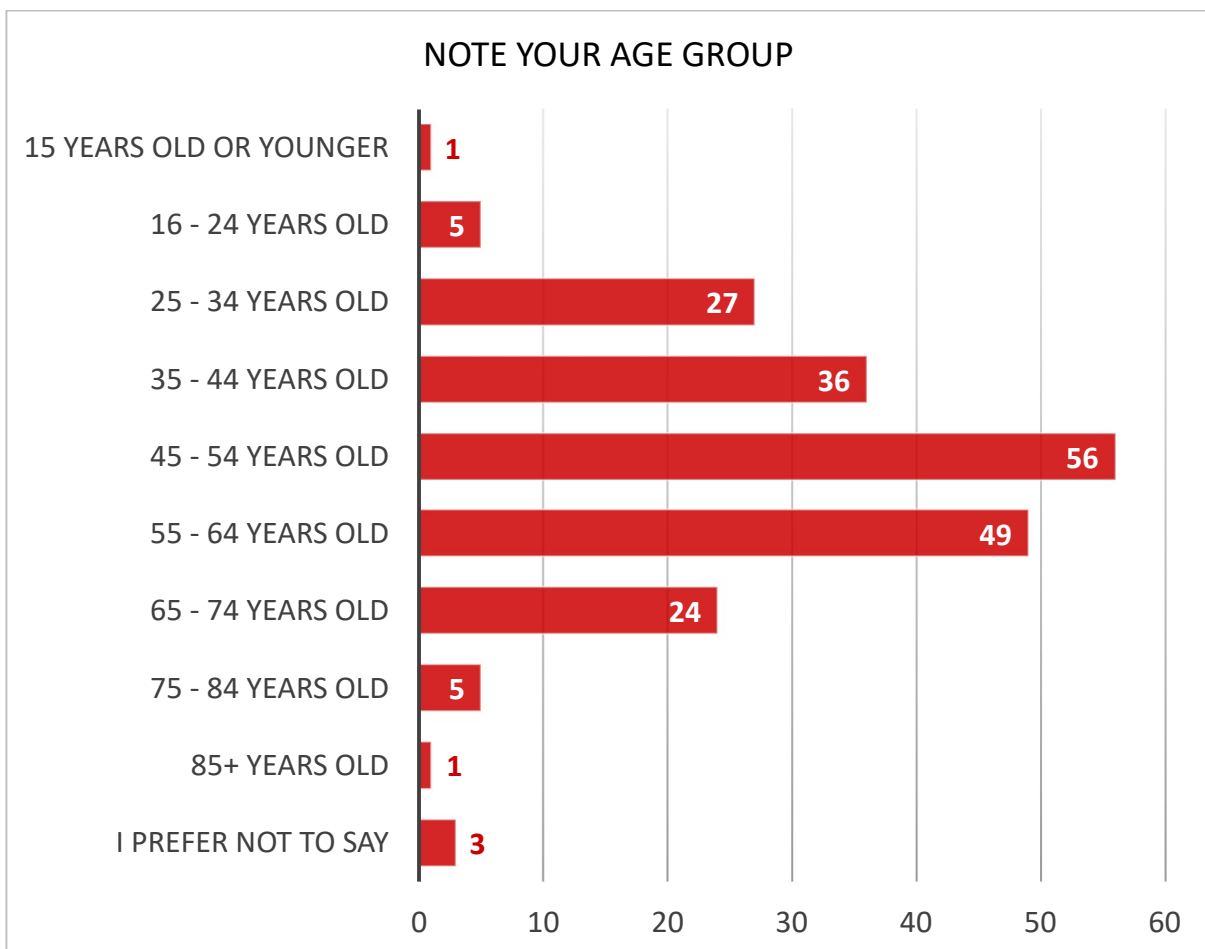
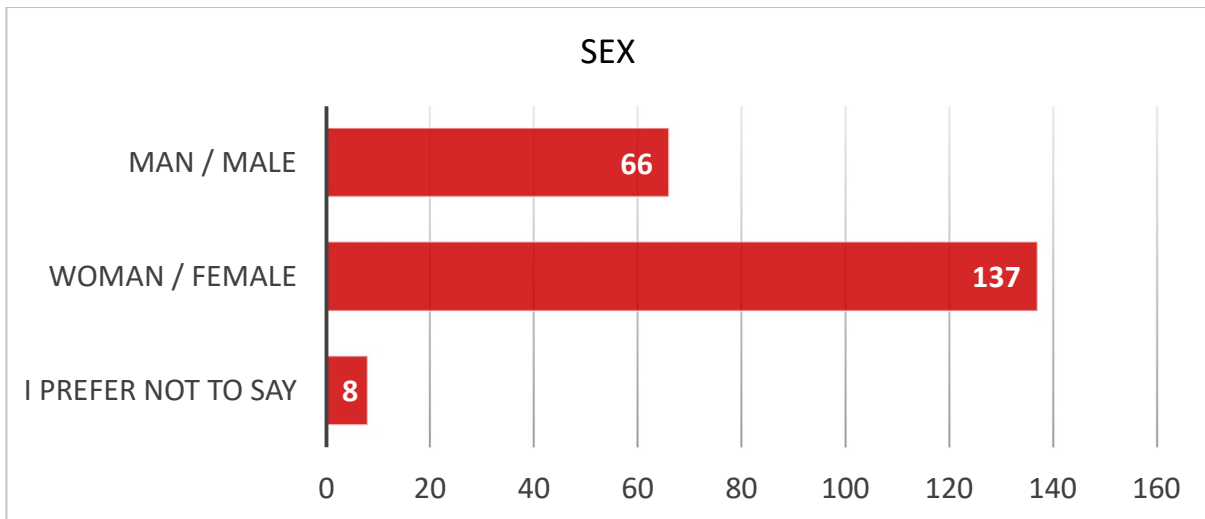
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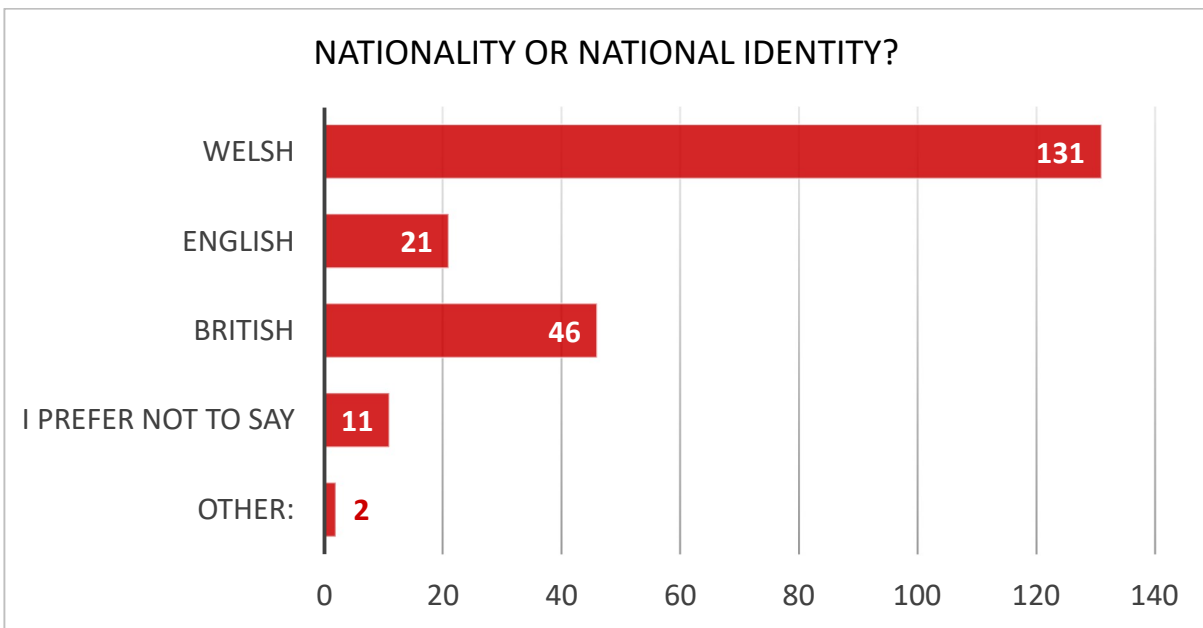
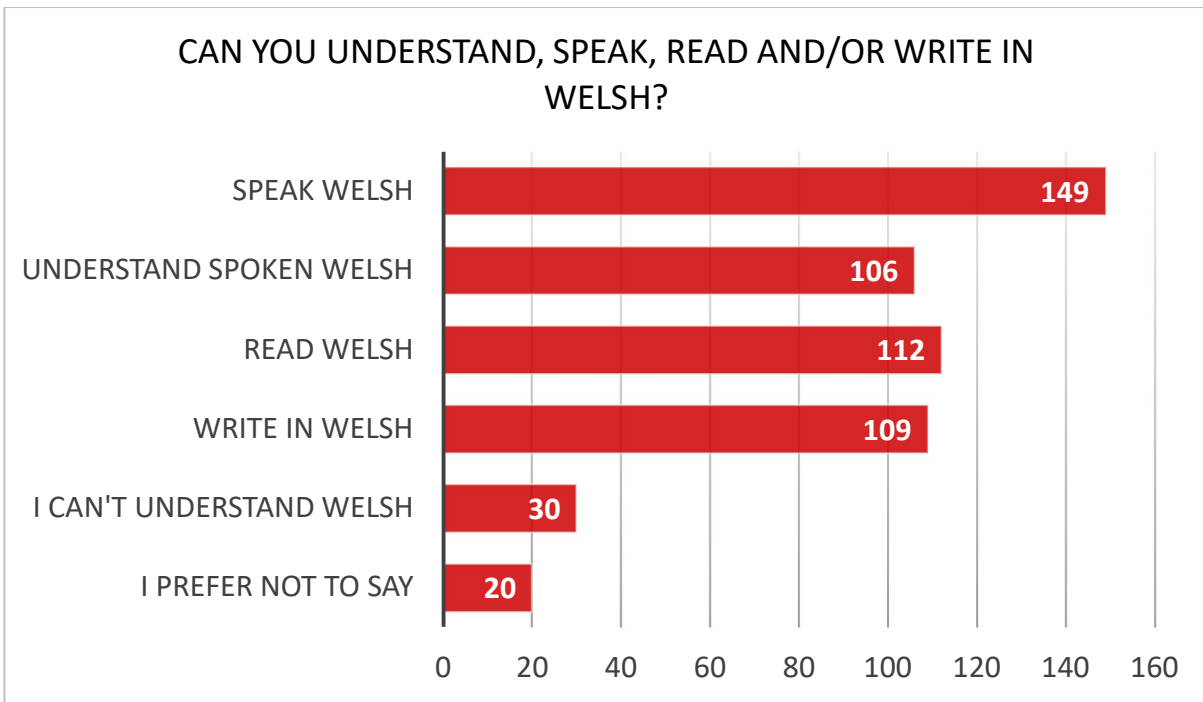


# 3 Bro Lleu and Nantlle Results

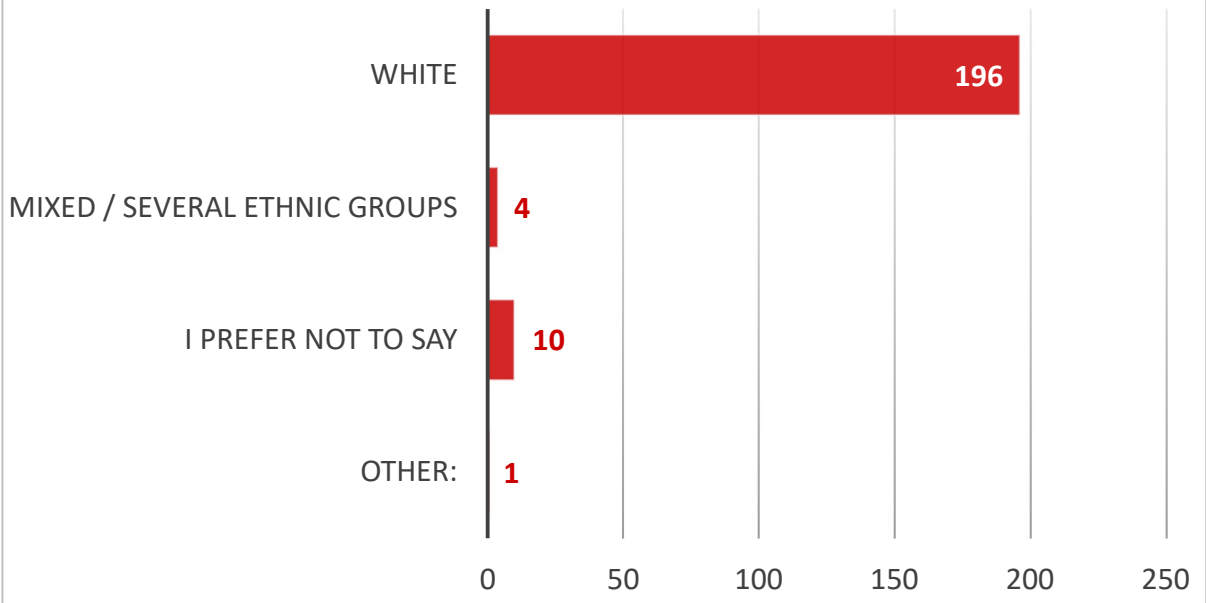
### 3.1 Overview of the Respondents to the Public Survey for Bro Llew and Nantlle.

3.2 The Our Area 2035 survey for Bro Llew and Nantlle received **211** responses.

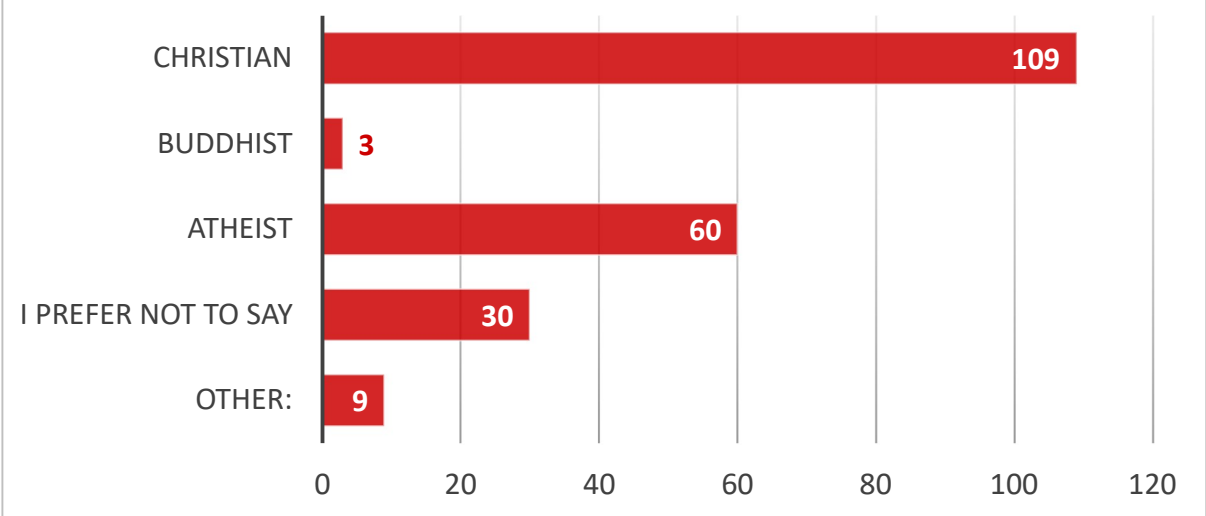




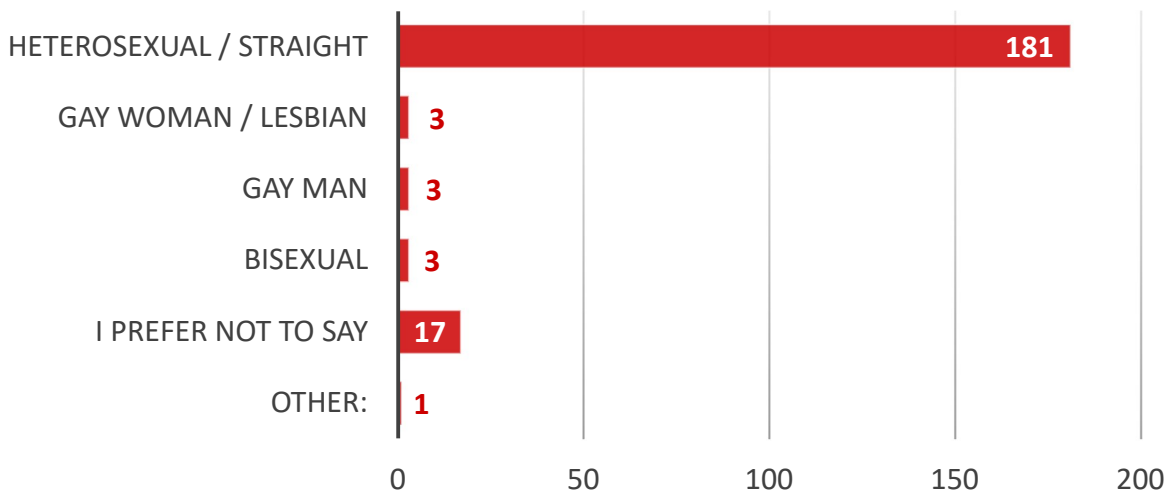
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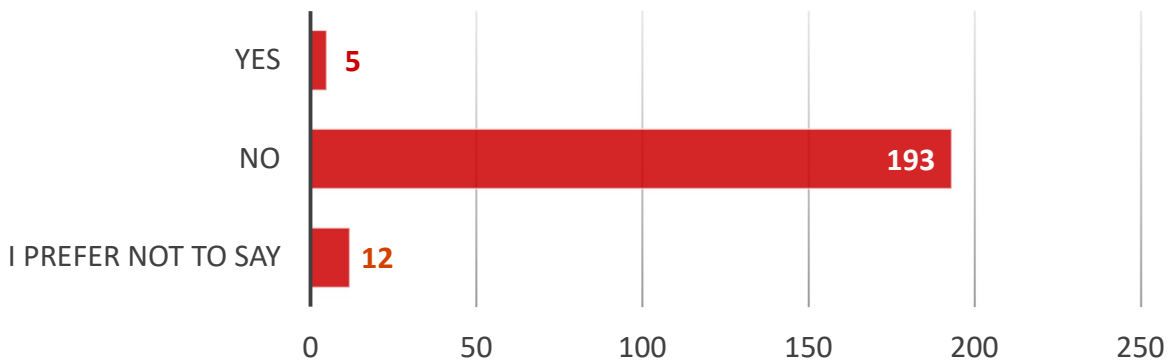
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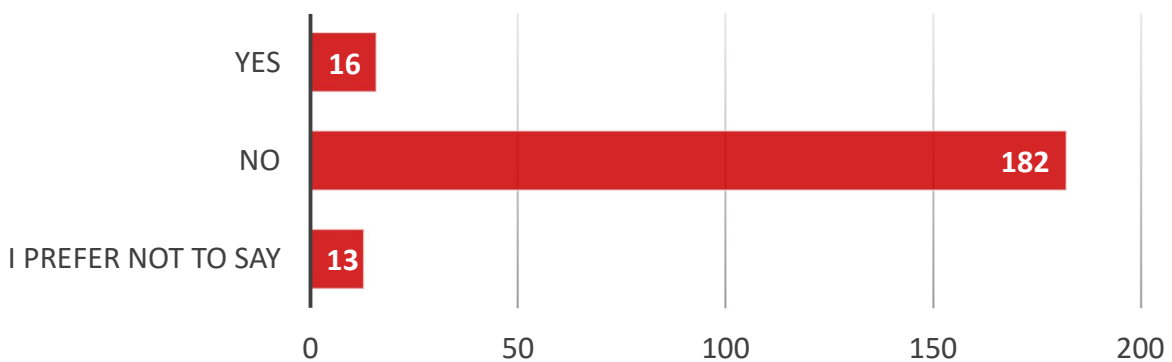
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### HAS YOUR GENDER IDENTIFICATION CHANGED FROM WHEN YOU WERE BORN?



### DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A DISABLED PERSON?



## 4 Number of respondents per town or village in Bro Lleu and Nantlle.

4.1 The table below shows the number of respondents per town or village in Bro Lleu and Nantlle.

<b>Tref/Pentref</b>	<b>Nifer o ymatebwyr</b>
• Penygroes	<b>41</b>
• Groeslon	<b>28</b>
• Talysarn	<b>26</b>
• Llanllyfni	<b>23</b>
• Carmel	<b>11</b>
• Nantlle	<b>11</b>
• Pant Glas	<b>10</b>
• Llandwrog	<b>10</b>
• Clynog Fawr	<b>8</b>
• Rhosgadfan	<b>8</b>
• Pontllyfni	<b>7</b>
• Rhostryfan	<b>7</b>
• Nebo	<b>6</b>
• Fron	<b>4</b>
• Other:	<b>3</b>
• Dinas (Llanwnda)	<b>3</b>
• Llanwnda	<b>3</b>
• Aberdesach	<b>1</b>
• Saron (Llanwnda)	<b>1</b>



## 5 What is good about Bro Llew and Nantlle?

- 5.1 The table below lists the themes prioritised by Community/ Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members of Bro Llew and Nantlle. As part of the public engagement consultation, the residents of Bro Llew and Nantlle were invited to choose up to 5 themes that they agreed with the most.

What <u>is good</u> about Bro Llew and Nantlle?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The natural environment and proximity to mountains, the seaside and the countryside</li> </ul>	171
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Welsh language and culture</li> </ul>	122
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The heritage and history of the area</li> </ul>	99
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's a safe area</li> </ul>	99
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area's footpaths and cycle paths</li> </ul>	95
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the new Health and Wellbeing Centre which is underway in Penygroes</li> </ul>	85
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community spirit and friendliness</li> </ul>	81
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good road links</li> </ul>	54
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education provision and good schools</li> </ul>	36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hardworking organisations, charities, enterprises and voluntary groups in the area</li> </ul>	32
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area's local produce, businesses and shops</li> </ul>	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor leisure activities</li> </ul>	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area's ability to attract tourism for economic benefit</li> </ul>	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The fact that a wide range of social activities are taking place in the area</li> </ul>	9

- 5.2 In response to the question '**Note anything else that is good about the Bro Llew and Nantlle area that isn't mentioned above**', 28 additional comments were received from the residents of Bro Llew and Nantlle. A number of the additional responses offered further comments about the above themes e.g. The Community spirit and friendliness (n=7); The natural environment (n=4); It's a safe area (n=2); Good primary schools (n=2).

Of the comments that noted something else that is good about the area, the most popular themes were:

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurship</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonable house prices</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapels</li> </ul>	<b>2</b>

5.3 All additional comments received will be considered as part of the work to develop plans for the area.

## 6 What is not so good about Bro Lleu and Nantlle?

6.1 The table below lists the themes prioritised by Community/ Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members of Bro Lleu and Nantlle. As part of the public engagement consultation, the residents of Bro Lleu and Nantlle were invited to choose up to 5 themes that they agreed with the most.

What is <u>not so good</u> about Bro Lleu and Nantlle?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
• The lack of suitable and affordable housing for local people to buy or rent	89
• The lack of high salary and full-time jobs	89
• Litter, untidiness and the general look of the area is a problem	81
• The public transport network in the area is inadequate	79
• The lack of provision and activities for young people e.g. youth club and safe place for young people to gather	73
• Concern about the area's health, well-being and care provision	72
• Poverty and high living costs are a problem in the area	70
• The local economy is fragile, there is not enough support for businesses and shops are closing	68
• The high number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	57
• Detrimental impact of cuts to public services on the area	49
• Concerns about education provision and the future of rural schools	41
• Anti-social behaviour is a problem in the area	32
• Poor broadband / web connection locally	32
• Concerns about the condition of roads and traffic	31
• The Welsh language and culture losing ground	29
• Housing and planning policies including the Local Development Plan	28
• The lack of sustainable tourism in the area	21
• Lack of zeal/provision locally to run activities and attract new people to lead community councils and local groups	20
• Perception of a lack of co-operation between local organisations and initiatives	5

6.2 In response to the question ‘**Note anything else that is not so good about the Bro Lleu and Nantlle area that isn’t mentioned above**’, **54** additional comments were received from the residents of Bro Lleu and Nantlle. A number of these additional responses offered further comments about the themes above e.g. The lack of suitable and affordable housing for local people to buy or rent and the high number of second homes and holiday homes in the area (n=11); Road, traffic and parking issues (n=6); Concerns about education provision (n=6); Concern about the area’s health, well-being and care provision (n=5); The public transport network in the area is inadequate (n=5); The lack of provision and activities for young people (n=4).

Of the comments that noted something else that is not so good about the area, the most popular themes were:

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of safe paths and the poor condition of some public paths in the area.</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A perception of a lack of community cohesion.</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The condition of some playing fields in the area.</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>

6.3 All additional comments received will be considered as part of the work to develop plans for the area.

## 7 What changes would you like to see happen in Bro Lleu and Nantlle in the next 15 years, that would make the area a better place to live?

7.1 The table below lists the themes prioritised by Community/ Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members of Bro Lleu and Nantlle. As part of the public engagement consultation, the residents of Bro Lleu and Nantlle were invited to choose up to 5 themes that they agreed with the most.

What changes would you like to see happen in Bro Lleu and Nantlle in the next 15 years, that would make the area a better place to live?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
• Plans to strengthen the area's health, care and well-being resources	99
• Schemes to ensure suitable and affordable housing for local people to buy or rent	98
• Plans to secure high value work and jobs locally	92
• More facilities for young people in the area and plans to encourage them to take an active part in the community by joining local committees etc	89
• Plans to tackle poverty	78
• Greener area – environmental improvements, tree planting, renewable energy, plastic free area, charging points and a plan to ensure the area is ready to cope with climate change e.g. flooding	77
• Legislation and plans for better management of summer homes and second homes	68
• Plans to develop accessible, integrated and appropriate public transport for local needs	66
• More support for businesses to thrive locally	62
• Upgrade broadband infrastructure	45
• Plans and support for activities that promote the Welsh language and culture and support for Welsh learners	43
• An effective Sustainable Tourism Scheme to better control tourism and maximise the economic potential for local people	43
• Improvements in education provision	42
• More leisure and sports facilities	31
• Better collaboration between local organisations, enterprises and community councils and better communication between the area's Community Councils and Cyngor Gwynedd	25

- 7.2 In response to the question ‘**Note anything else you think isn’t mentioned above**’, **29** additional comments were received from Bro Lleu and Nantlle residents. A number of the additional responses offered further comments about the above themes e.g. More provision for young people (n=4); Effective Sustainable Tourism Plan (n=2).

Of the comments that noted something else about the area, the most popular themes were:

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
• Plans to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area.	<b>3</b>
• Plans to improve routes and rights of way in the area.	<b>2</b>

- 7.3 All additional comments received will be considered as part of the work to develop plans for the area.

## 8 Next steps

- 8.1 During the autumn, all the feedback we have received from the residents and organisations of the Bro Lleu and Nantlle area will be considered during workshops with local organisation as part of work to develop Local Action Plans.
- 8.2 The Action Plan will seek to incorporate the projects and activities of a wider range of organisations that contribute to the improvement and regeneration of the Bro Lleu and Nantlle area.
- 8.3 As part of the Regeneration Framework, arrangements will be set in place to monitor and co-ordinate the implementation of the Action Plan, taking into account existing working arrangements and partnerships.
- 8.4 The timetable for the next steps are:
- Workshops with Local organisations : October / November 2022
  - Draft Action Plans prepared : March 2023
  - Comments and additions received to the draft document : April 2023
  - Revised Action Plans prepared : April / May 2023
  - Monitoring and co-ordination arrangements in place : May 2023
- 8.5 Details of the Local Action Plans will be available on Cyngor Gwynedd's website ([www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru](http://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru))
- 8.6 We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who have taken the time to give their opinion and to contribute to the work of improving and strengthening our communities.



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