

Our Area 2035

Results of the Public Engagement Exercise

(February – June 2022)

Pen Llŷn Area.



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 **17** Community/Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members in the Pen Llŷn Area 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:

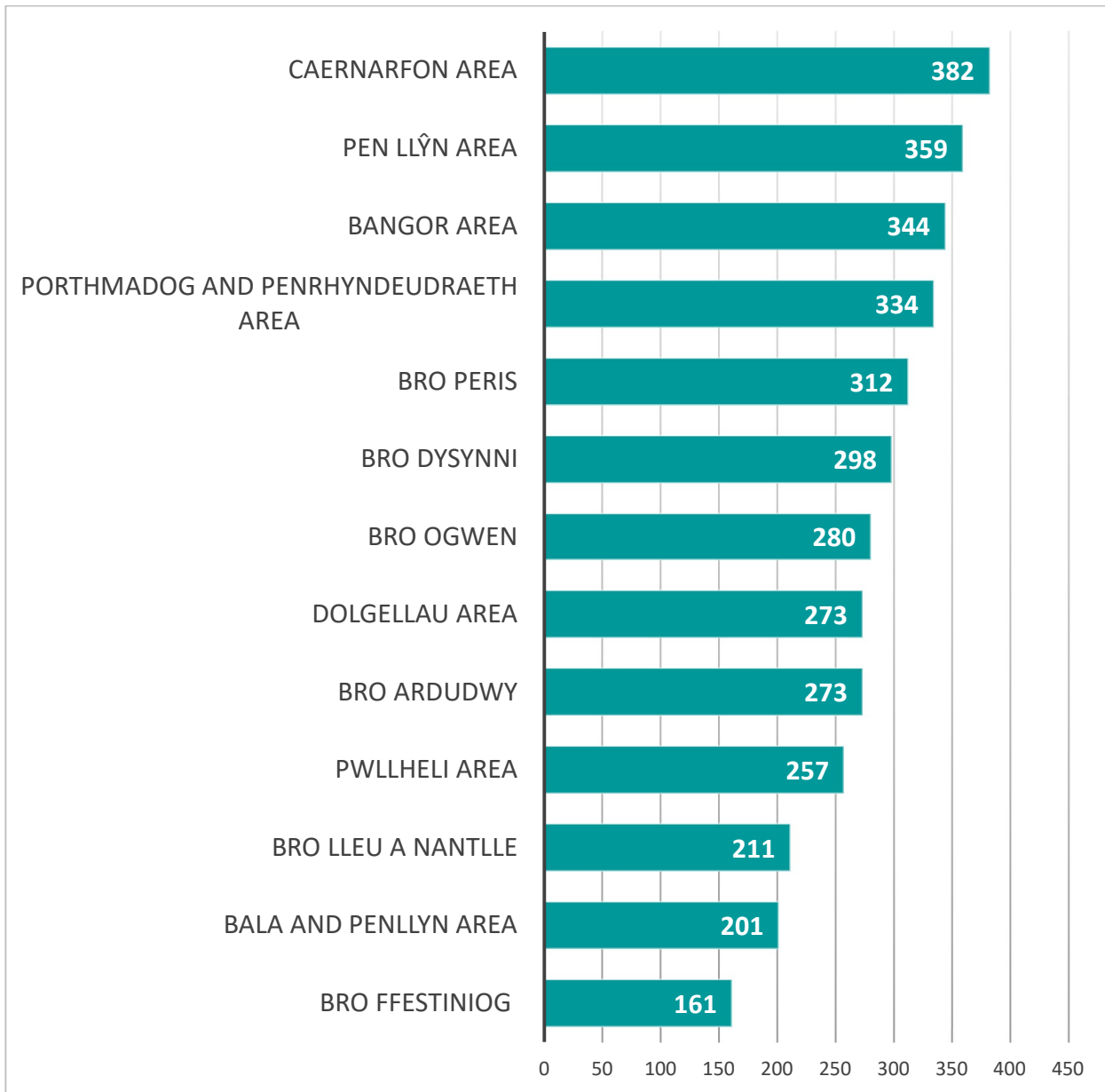
- GISDA Blaenau Ffestiniog – A discussion session with members of the Young People Board and a session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- GISDA Caernarfon – A discussion session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- GISDA Pwllheli - A discussion session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- 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:

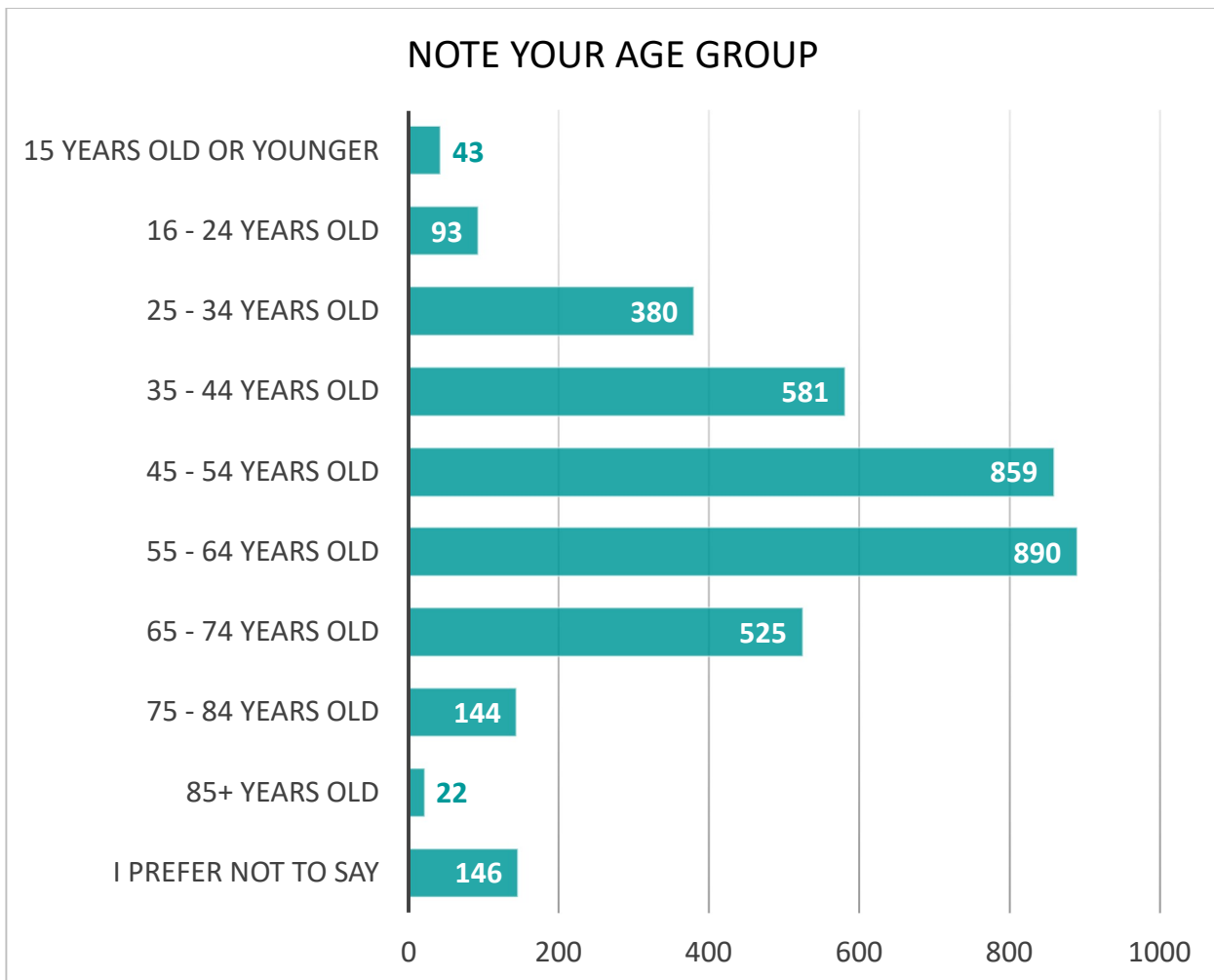
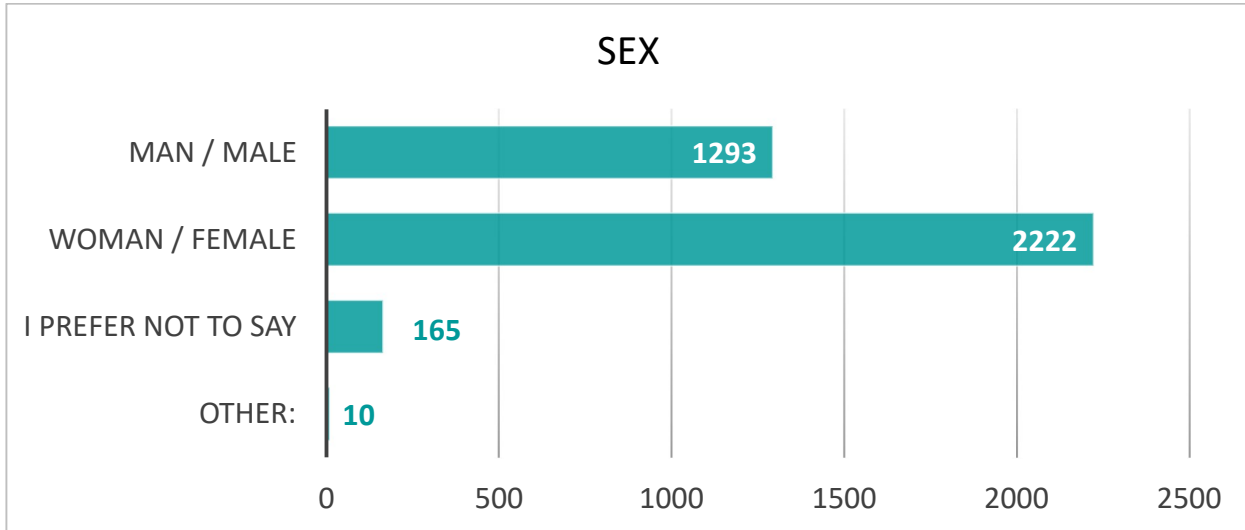
- **3,675** of these completed the online survey.
- **10** completed the paper survey that was available in libraries, 'Siop Gwynedd' or by phone request.
- **6** completed the 'Easy read' version of the survey.
- **85** people attended face to face sessions for **young people, young people in the LGBT+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

2.1 Number of respondents per area*

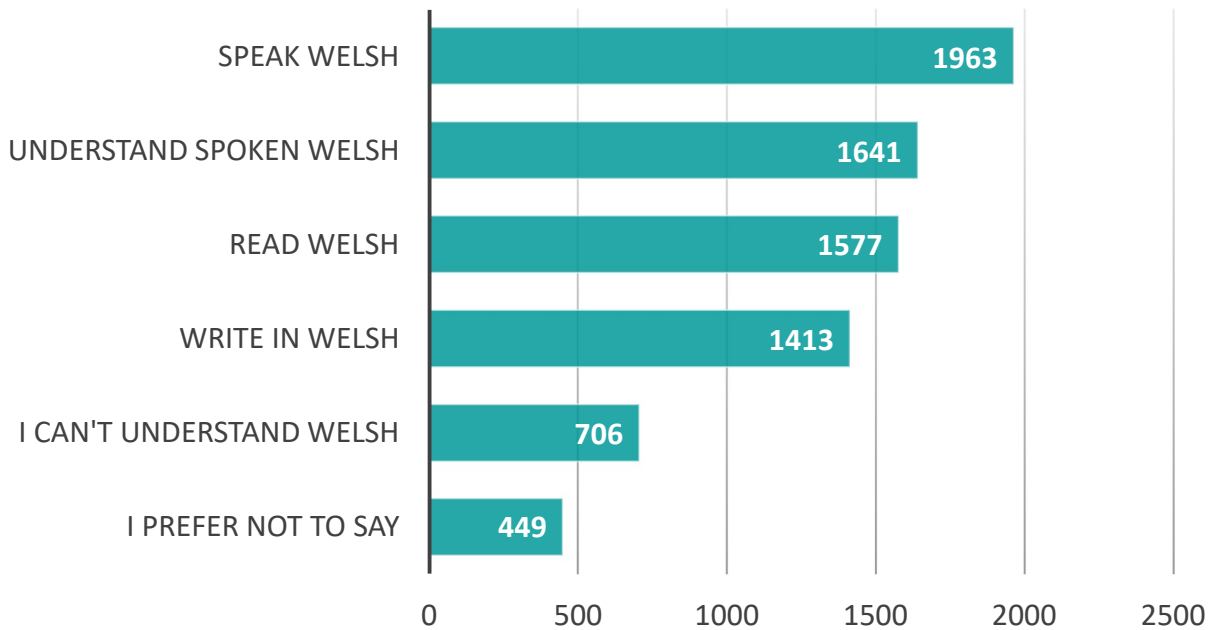


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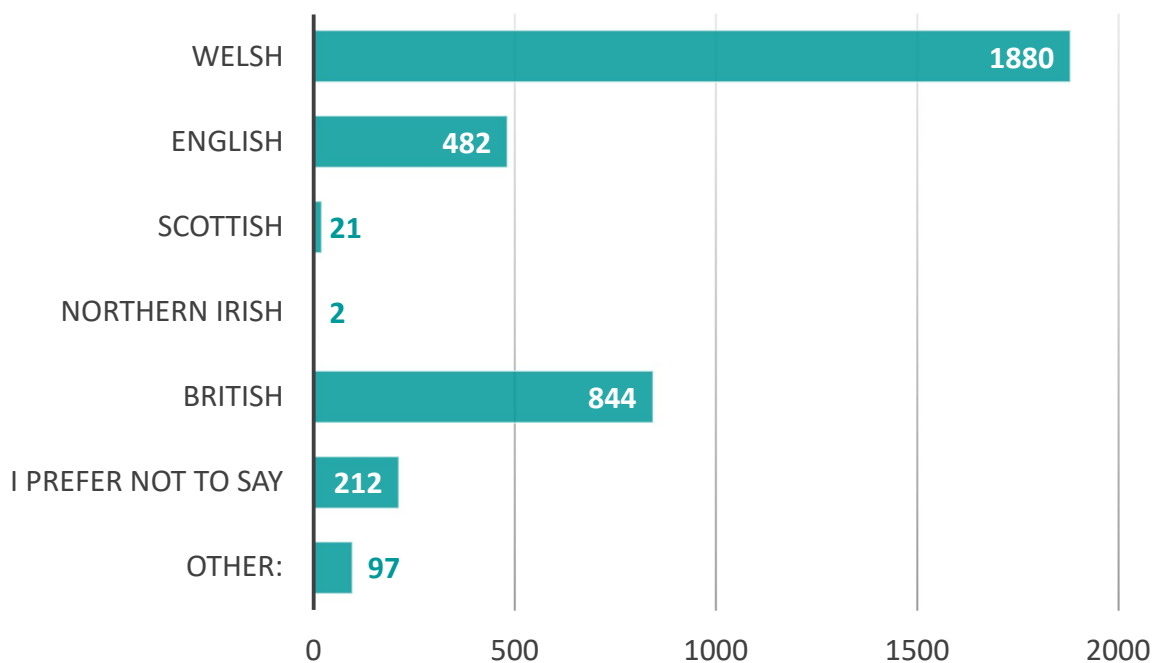
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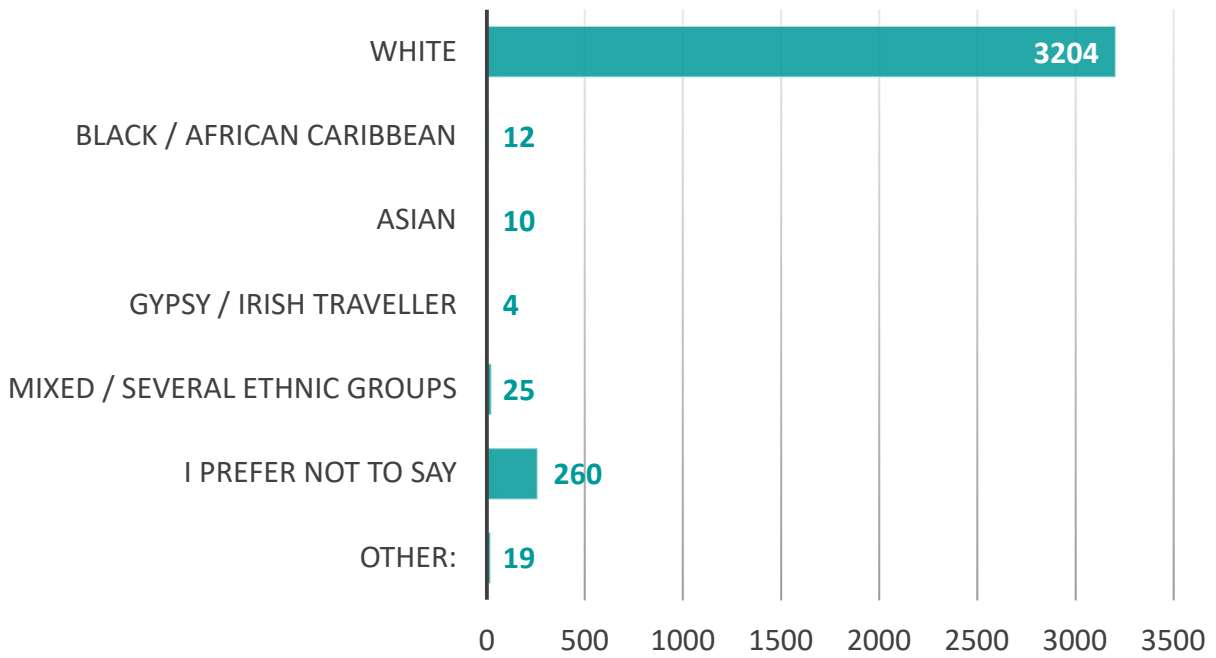
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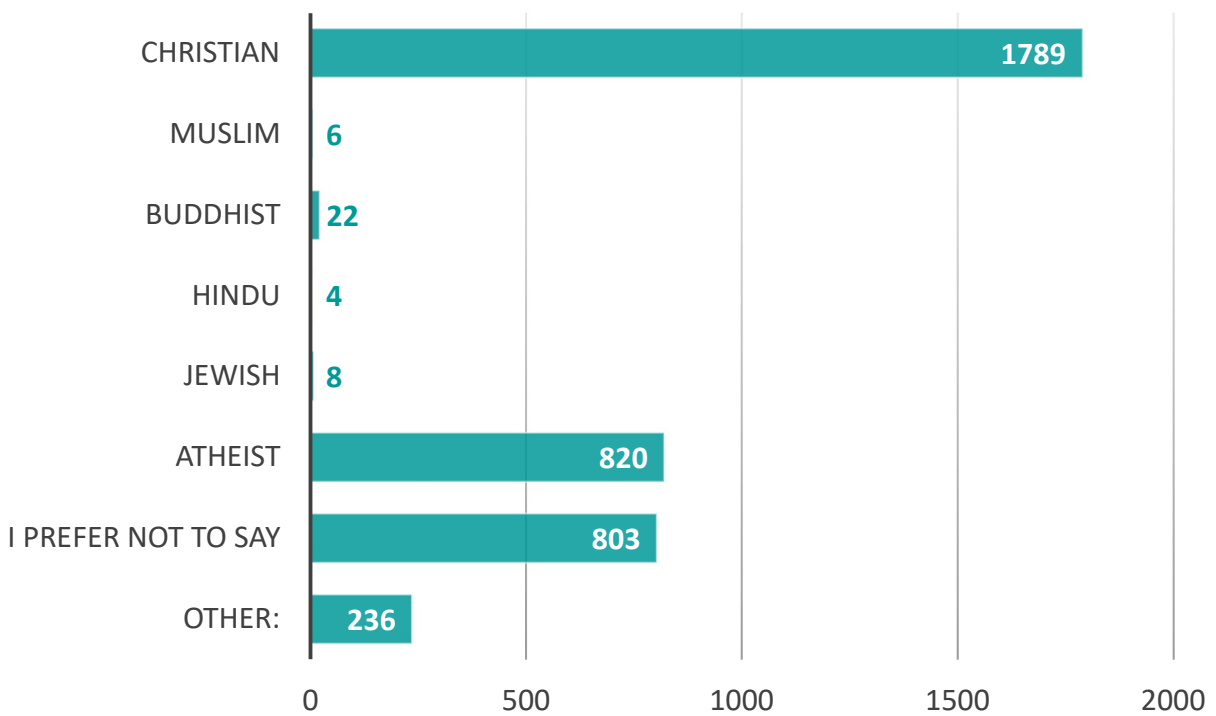
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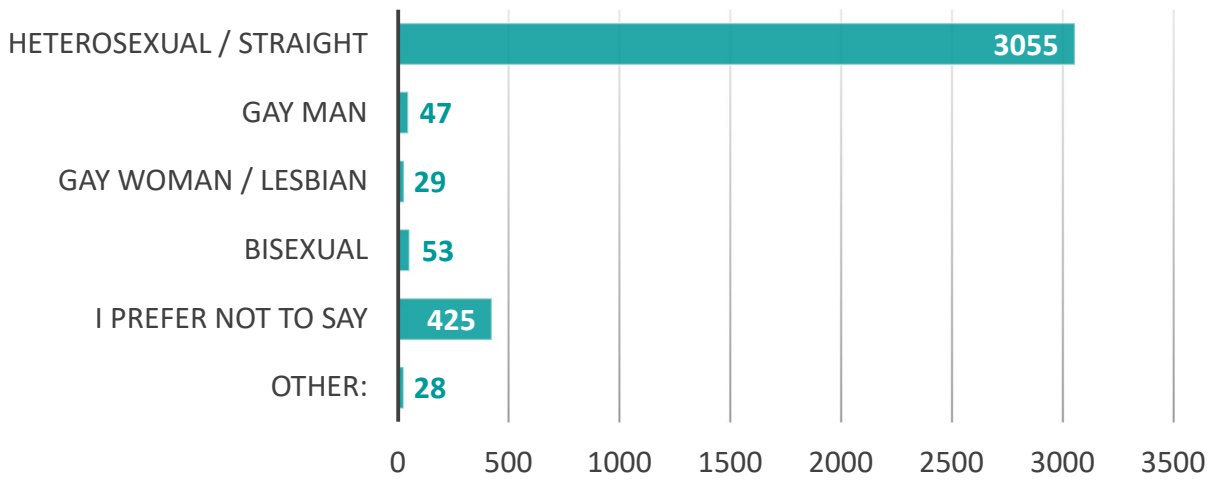
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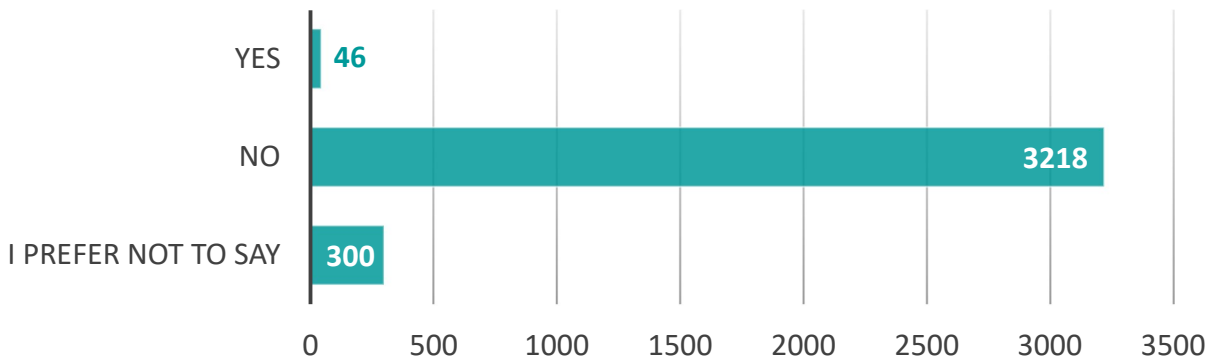
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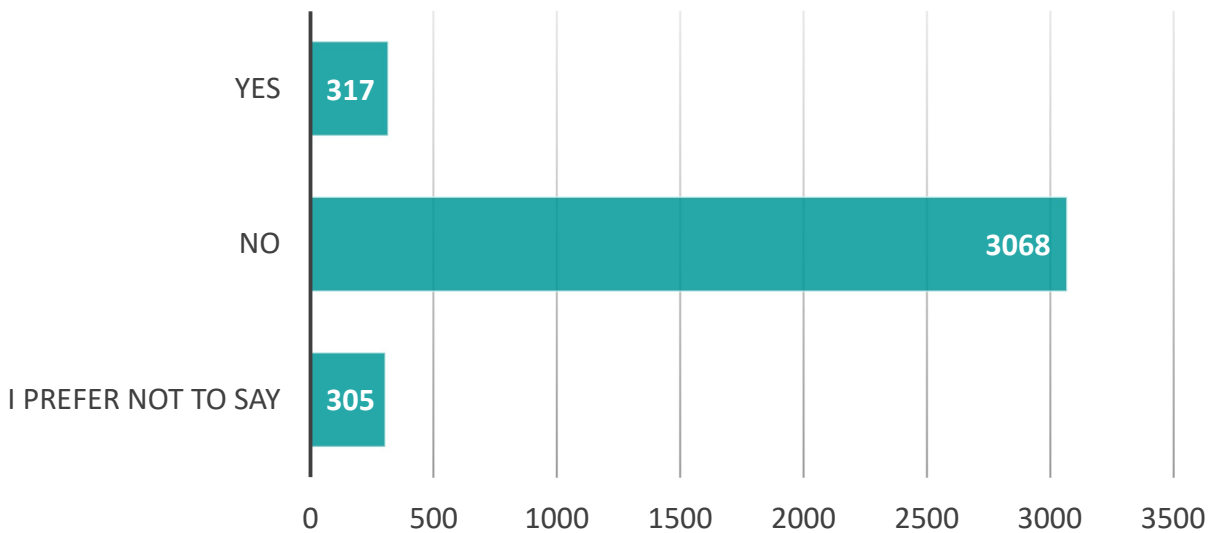
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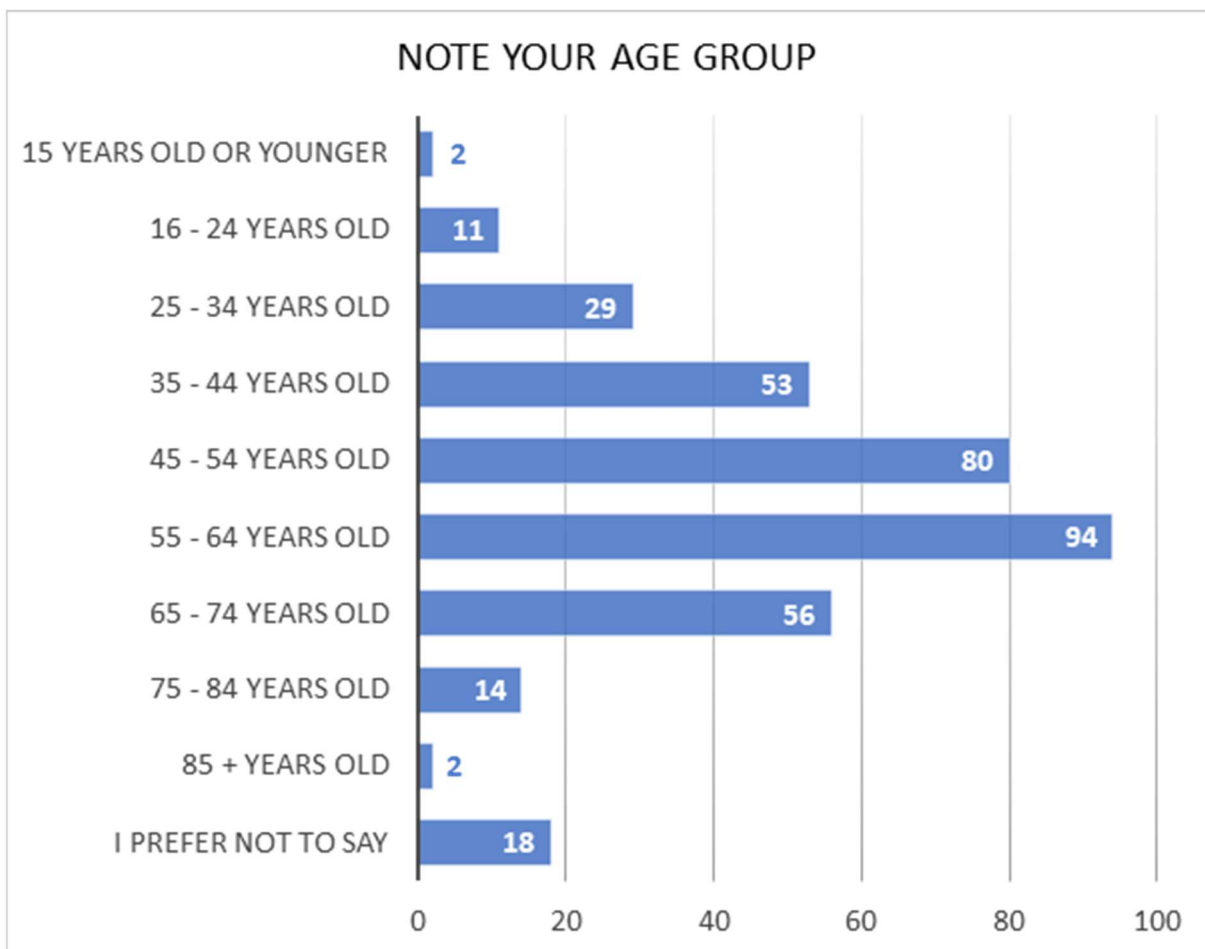
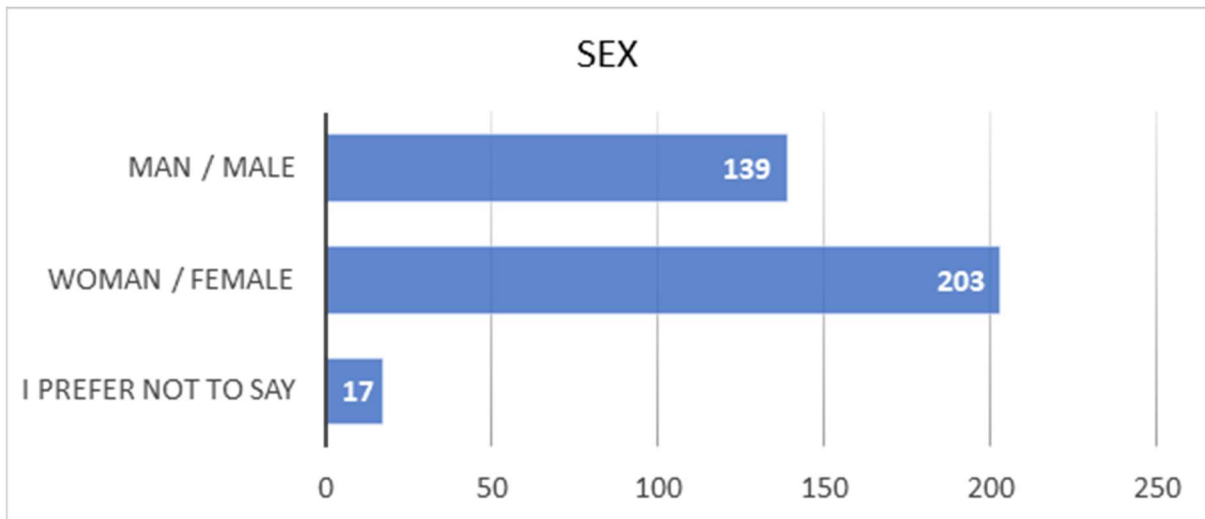
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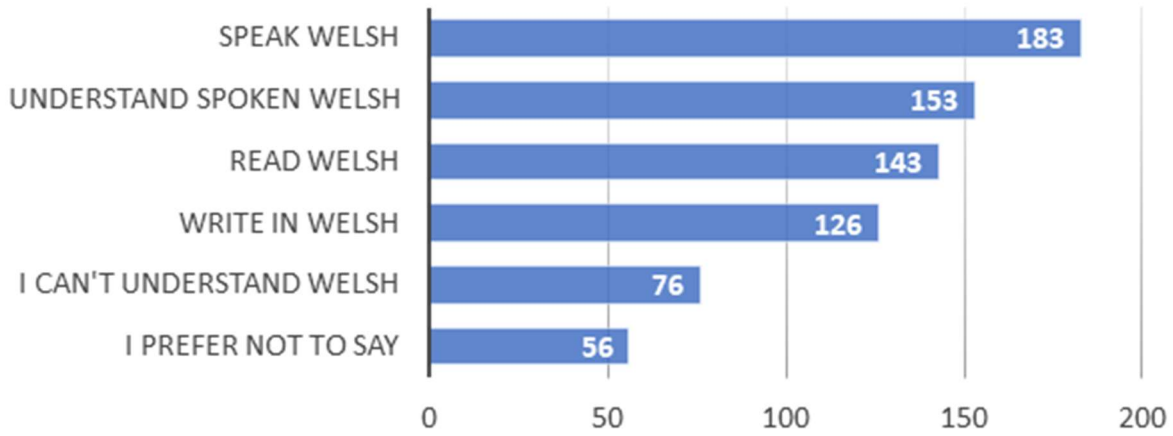
3 Pen Llŷn Area Results

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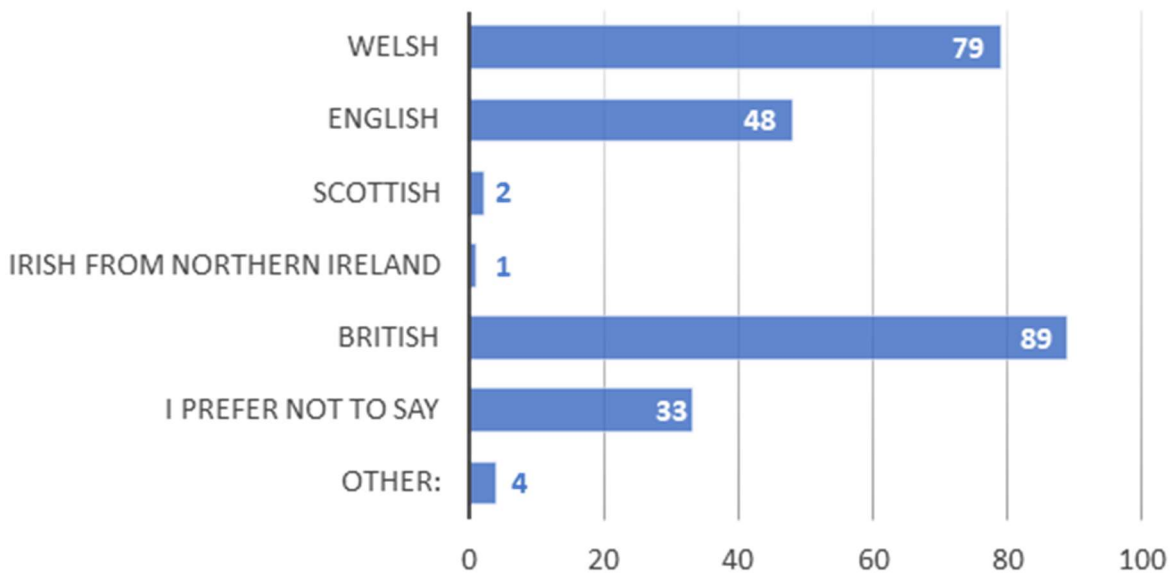
3.2 The Our Area 2035 survey for the Pen Llŷn Area received **359** responses.



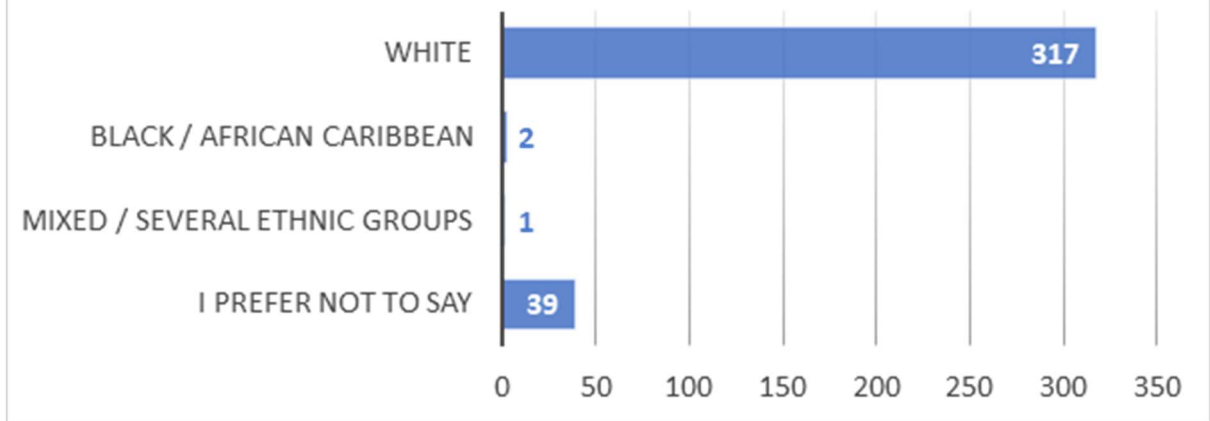
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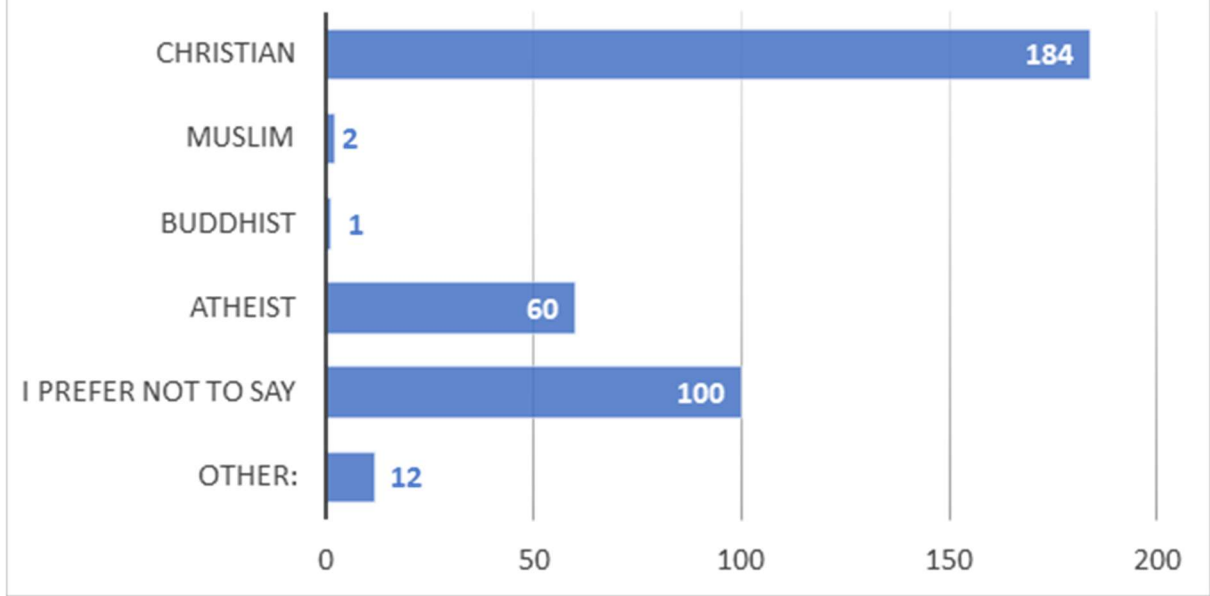
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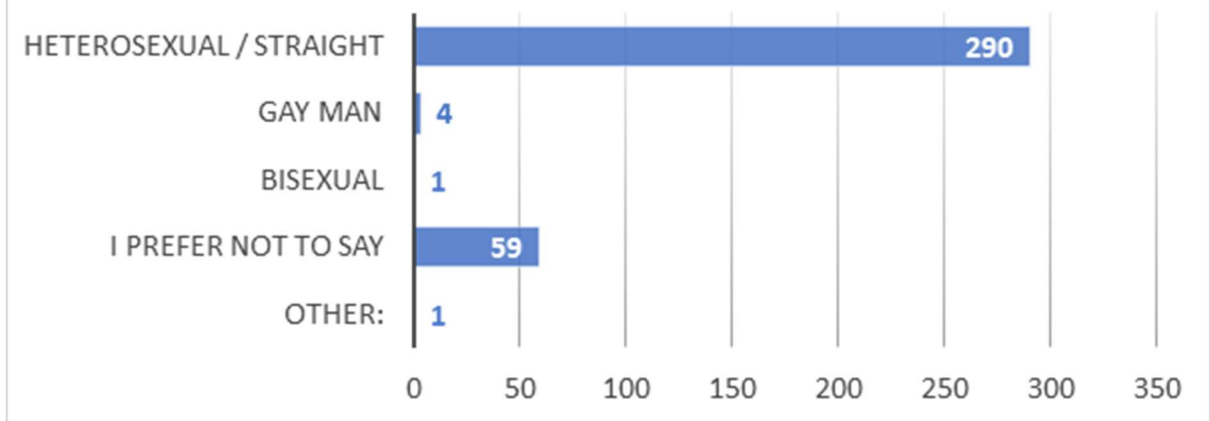
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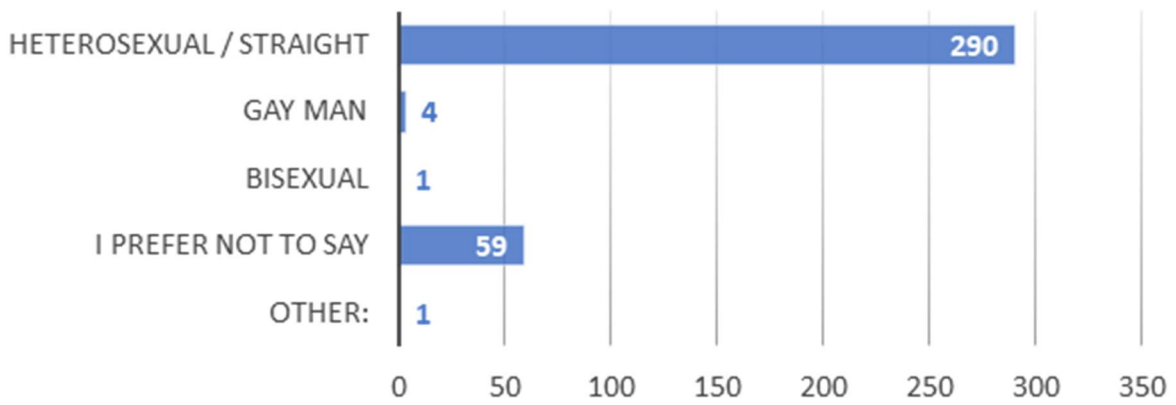
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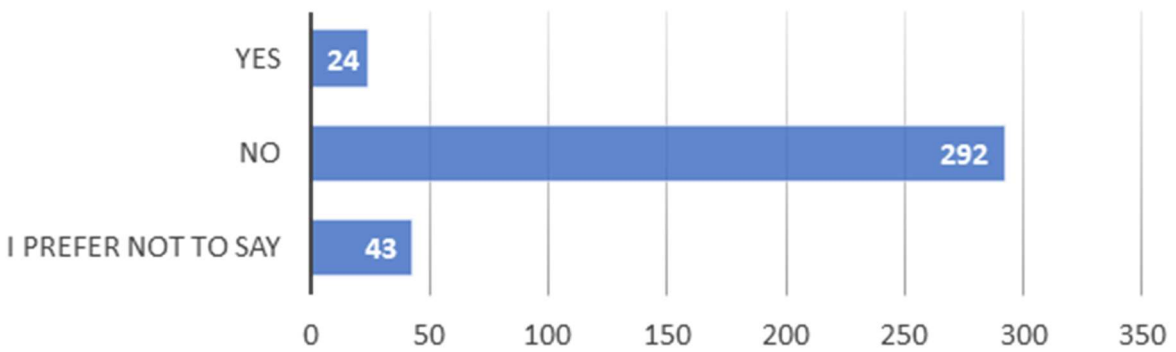
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4 Number of respondents per town or village in the Pen Llŷn Area.

4.1 The table below shows the number of respondents per town or village in the Pen Llŷn Area.

Town/village	Number of respondents
• Abersoch	59
• Nefyn	53
• Morfa Nefyn	42
• Llanbedrog	41
• Arall:	27
• Myntho	20
• Ederu	19
• Aberdaron	17
• Llangwnadl	14
• Llanengan	9
• Tudweiliog	9
• Dinas	7
• Sarn Meyllteyrn	7
• Botwnnog	6
• Rhiw	6
• Rhoshirwaun	6
• Bryncroes	4
• Bwlchtocyn	4
• Llaniestyn	3
• Sarn Bach	2

5 What is good about the Pen Llŷn Area?

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

What <u>is good</u> about the Pen Llŷn Area?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The natural environment and proximity to mountains, the seaside and the countryside 	285
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's a safe area 	215
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Welsh language and culture 	183
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area's ability to attract tourism for economic benefit 	152
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The heritage and history of the area 	147
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard of footpaths and cycling paths and the coastal path 	126
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community spirit and friendliness, social activities and community facilities 	111
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area is clean and tidy 	96
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area's local produce and businesses 	84
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenities such as shops, cafes and restaurants 	82
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential to develop the area's renewable energy sector 	50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good local health service and provision 	48
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardworking organisations, charities, enterprises and voluntary groups in the area 	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transport and community buses 	16

- 5.2 In response to the question '**Note anything else that is good about the Pen Llŷn Area that isn't mentioned above**', 65 additional comments were received from the residents of the Pen Llŷn Area. A number of the additional responses offered further comments about the above themes e.g. The natural environment and proximity to mountains, the seaside and the countryside (n=18); The area's ability to attract tourism for economic benefit (n=7); The area's local produce and businesses (n=3).

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"> The sense of community 	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good schools. 	4

5.3 In addition to the above, face-to-face sessions were organised with the Atgofion Chwaraeon Club (Dementia Actif Gwynedd) in Tafarn yr Heliwr, Nefyn. The comments can be seen in Appendix A.

5.4 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 the Pen Llŷn Area?

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

What is <u>not so good</u> about the Pen Llŷn Area?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
• The lack of suitable and affordable housing for local people to buy or rent	176
• The lack of high salary and full-time jobs	165
• The high number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	154
• The public transport network in the area is inadequate	115
• The lack of provision and activities for young people	108
• Poverty and high living costs are a problem in the area	105
• Concern about the area's health, well-being and care provision	104
• Concern about roads and parking in a number of locations	92
• Poor broadband and web connection	85
• The closure of rural schools is a threat to the viability of the area	67
• The Welsh Language and culture is losing ground and there is a lack of opportunities for Welsh learners	58
• Lack of sustainable tourism in the area	55
• Lack of maintenance of footpaths to keep them tidy and safe	55
• Not enough community events and activities and a number of community buildings are in poor condition	51
• The lack of activities and care provision for older people	49
• Litter, untidiness and the general look of the area is a problem	37
• Many individuals experience loneliness	22

6.2 In response to the question ‘**Note anything else that is not so good about the Pwllheli area that isn’t mentioned above**’, **103** additional comments were received from the residents of the Pwllheli area. A number of these additional responses offered further comments about the themes above e.g. Litter, untidiness and the general look of the area is a problem (n=10); Concern about roads and parking in a number of locations (n=8); The lack of high salary and full-time jobs (n=7); Lack of sustainable tourism in the area (n=5); The lack of suitable and affordable housing for local people to buy or rent (n=5); The public transport network in the area is inadequate (n=4).

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

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
• Planning framework	9
• Perception of a lack of community cohesion.	7
• Not enough investment in the area.	7
• Concerns regarding the provision of health and care in the area.	5
• Lack of suitable cycling paths and pavements.	4

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7 What changes would you like to see happen in the Pen Llŷn Area 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 the Pen Llŷn Area. As part of the public engagement consultation, the residents of the Pen Llŷn Area were invited to choose up to 5 themes that they agreed with the most.

What changes would you like to see happen in the Pen Llŷn Area in the next 15 years, that would make the area a better place to live?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
• Plans to secure housing suitable for the needs of local people	157
• Schemes to support local businesses and enterprises, promote local produce and attract more businesses that will create high value jobs for the area	145
• Schemes to secure high value work and jobs	142
• Introduce legislation to effectively manage holiday homes and second homes	118
• A greener area – more renewable energy schemes, reducing plastic use, setting up car charging points, tree planting schemes etc	113
• Schemes to strengthen local health and care resources	112
• Review the area's planning policies	97
• Plans to develop a public transport network that is accessible, integrated and suitable for the local needs of the area	84
• An effective Sustainable Tourism Scheme to better control tourism and maximise the economic potential for local people	81
• More plans for providing activities and support for young people	80
• Plans to tackle poverty	78
• Upgrade the broadband infrastructure	76
• Plans and support for activities that promote the Welsh language and culture and support for Welsh learners	70
• Plans to improve cycle and walking paths in the area and make the best possible use of the countryside	68
• Plans to resolve parking problems in many parts of the area	52
• Plans to encourage awareness of the area's rich history and heritage	51
• Plans to promote regular community, creative and cultural activities in the area	45

• Plans to tackle littering and improve the maintenance of the area	42
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7.2 In response to the question ‘**Note anything else that you think isn’t mentioned above**’, **66** additional comments were received from the Pwllheli area residents. A number of these additional responses offered further comments about the themes above e.g. Schemes to strengthen local health and care resources (n=7); Review the area's planning policies (n=6); Introduce legislation to effectively manage holiday homes and second homes (n=5); More plans for providing activities and support for young people (n=4); Plans to improve cycle and walking paths in the area and make the best possible use of the countryside (n=4); Plans to tackle littering, including dog fouling, and improve the maintenance of the area (n=4).

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

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
• Support for the tourist sector.	4
• Tackle anti-social behaviour in some areas.	3

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8 Next steps

- 8.1 During the autumn, all the feedback we have received from the residents and organisations of the Pen Llŷn Catchment 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 Pen Llŷn Catchment 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)
- 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.

Appendix A

Comments received during the face-to-face sessions with the Atgofion Chwaraeon Club (Dementia Actif Gwynedd) in Tafarn yr Heliwr, Nefyn (16/6/22).

What's good about the Pen Llŷn Area?

- Seaside
- Good clubs – canfod y gân.
- Good Leisure Centres - gardening, painting shed, musical instruments.
- Choir.
- Things starting again after COVID.
- Good community.
- Good places to walk.
- Spar cooking for the elderly.
- Friendly bus driver.
- Good paths for scooters.
- The transport scheme 'o ddrws i ddrws.'

What's not so good about the Pen Llŷn Area?

- Damage on the beach.
- There used to be a bowling green in the area.
- Young people moving out of the area.
- Not many job opportunities.
- Inadequate public transport – Not many late journeys and difficult to get carers to the elderly who live in their own homes. Also difficult for people who don't drive to get jobs.
- Paths need to be kept tidier e.e. overgrowth.
- No Bank.

What changes would you like to see happen in the area that would make the area a better place to live?

- Ten-pin bowling.
- More musical events.
- More explanation and communication needed in terms of who does what for the community e.g. the rôl of Cyngor Gwynedd, Local Councils etc.



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