

MYNYDD ISA - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Mynydd Isa is a large village, embracing Bryn-Y-Baal, which lies between Mold and Buckley. The built form of the village is relatively easily defined, although it does physically adjoin Buckley along Mold Road resulting in coalescence.

Mynydd Isa benefits from regular bus services and convenient access to employment opportunities, services and facilities within these two nearby towns. It is well served educationally with two primary schools and a secondary school. Other amenities include a pub, various shops and the local village centre which houses the library, a doctor's surgery and a pharmacy.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	1,920
2014 Housing Land Study	1,992

	Settlement Population
2001 Census	4,981
2011 Census	4,970

Summary of Recorded Service Provision

The survey work was undertaken in November 2014 and has since been updated to take account of new information or feedback from Members / Town and Community Councils.

Education Facilities		Secondary school	Yes, Argoed High School	Formal outdoor sports facility	Yes, at the Argoed Sports Ground – comprising of equipped play area, bowling green, all weather pitch, football pitches.
Pre-School / Nursery Provision	Yes, Ysgol Mynydd Isa Infants, Wat's Dyke Avenue, Mynydd Isa	College	No		
Primary school	Yes, Ysgol Mynydd Isa Infants, Wat's Dyke Avenue and Ysgol Mynydd Isa Juniors, Chambers Lane, Bryn Y Baal.	Other Education Facility	Yes, Little Peoples Day Nursery, Mold Road.		
		Leisure & Recreation Facilities			
		Indoor leisure centre / sports facility	No.		
		Swimming pool	No.		

Formal outdoor play facility /area	Yes, there are equipped play areas at Hoel Fammau Park (L3-133); The Argoed Sports and Social Club complex; and off Mold Road, near The Griffin PH.	Place of worship	Yes, St Celia's Church on the junction of Mold Road and Chambers Lane. And the Village Temple on the junction of Mold Road and Rose Lane.	Post office	Yes, at 4, The Square, Mercia Drive, Mynydd Isa, CH7 6UY
Community & Health		Retail & Commercial Related		Post box	Yes, 5 post boxes were recorded.
Community centre / hall	Yes, Mynydd Isa Community Centre, Mercia Square. The community centre houses Argoed Community Council.	Supermarket	No	Petrol Filling Station	No
Civic offices / facility	No.	Non- food retail units	No	Employment	
Library	Yes, located at 'The Square'. Open Mon 10am - 1pm and 2-5pm, Wed 2-7pm, Fri 10am-1pm and Sat 9.30am-12.30pm	Convenience shop	Yes, a Sainsburys Local and a Premier store at 'The Square', Mercia Drive.	Within the local centre and within adjoining towns of Mold and Buckley	
Hospital	No	Other shops	Yes, hairdressers – 'Beyond the Fringe', Mold Road and 'Gina's Unisex Hair Salon', 'The Square', Mercia Drive.	Transport	
Doctors surgery	No	Café / Take away	Yes, Fish 'n' Chips takeaway at 'The Square', Mercia Drive.	Rail station	No
Dentist surgery	No	Bank/Building Society	No	Bus station / stop	Yes, 11 bus stops were recorded.
Pharmacy	Yes, Speeds Pharmacy at 'The Square', Mercia Drive.	Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	Yes, at Sainsburys Mercia Drive, The Square Mynydd Isa, CH7 6UY		
		Public house / club / restaurant	Yes, The Griffin, Mold Road.		

Bus service frequency	Mynydd Isa is served by the following bus services: 3 (Mold–Buckley – Penyffordd – Broughton – Saltney – Chester). 4/4A/4S (Mold – New Brighton – Buckley – Hawarden – Broughton – Chester). 4B (Mold – New Brighton – Buckley – Hawarden – Chester). 13 (Loggerheads – Mold – Penyffordd – Chester). SP1/SP2 (Mold – Buckley – Queensferry – Deeside Ind Park – Ellesmere Port). X44 (Mold – Buckley – Hawarden – Chester). X55 (Mold – Buckley – Penymynydd – Chester)	Cycle route	No
		Access to main highway network	Yes, to the west of Mynydd Isa is the A494, which leads to the A55 to the north east.

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Mynydd Isa post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 2.2 – >30 mega bytes per second with most postcodes around 5.5 mbps. Accordingly it is to be expected that broadband provision in Mynydd Isa is poor and is constrained. This will have a negative effect on businesses in their day to day activities and on local residents seeking to access online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

Other Comments

Buckley and Mold are very close to Mynydd Isa and help to broaden the service provision available to residents.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

In 2000 a survey of facilities in Mynydd Isa recorded that the village benefited from a “medical facility, post office with shop, 3 shops (newsagent, general store, pharmacy) and six non-retail services. There is also a Library, Community Centre, Primary Schools, High School, and a variety of open spaces and equipped play areas”. In addition to the 2000 survey it is known that there were two public houses in the village in 2000 (The Mercia and The Griffin). Comparing 2000 service provision to 2015 the main change appears to be the loss of the public house (The Mercia) which has now been converted into a Sainsburys local convenience store.

Mapping Service Provision

Mynydd Isa has a good level of service provision and benefits from being close to Buckley and Ewloe. As the illustrative map of service provision suggests service provision in Mynydd Isa is very good and the close proximity of Buckley and Ewloe further improve service provision to the benefit of local residents.

