

## DAFEN



**Dafen** is one of the older more established communities in the Rural area with a population of 3,557. It is home to Prince Phillip Hospital, several primary schools and two secondary schools. A number of significant employers are located in the heart of the community partly due to its immediate access to A 4138. There are also large areas of undeveloped land bordering the east side of the settlement potentially offering further employment development opportunities. Community spirit is good and the area contains a large number of voluntary/community groups. The area has the highest proportion of people aged 45-64 and combined with existing over 65's the needs of this group will be a significant issue locally in the next 20 years. Drainage issues were a major concern and the area is identified as one with a higher than average flood risk. There are some pockets of acute health issues e.g. cancer and concerns regarding care for the local environment. The needs of young people in terms of careers support and accessing quality employment came to the fore in local consultations.

### Issues

- Young people/level of wages – future progression
- Knowledge of assistance –rights/contracts
- Schools and community links - good music, needs to be better on sport
- Absence of children's sport participation outside school
- Older population isolation - activities for older people during the day – e.g. sheltered housing complex – something more innovative than luncheon club
- On-going liaison with police
- Health – what cancers

### Ideas

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority** – Community sports groups and schools links – daytime use of park/facilities, possibly using students from Coleg Sir Gar.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority** – Community pride initiative to tackle local environmental quality –Time Credits to support social care/informal daytime activity.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> priority** – Careers support – money advice and rights as well as information on local opportunities e.g. engineering.
  - Bryngwyn Skills Academy – FE placement support
  - Relationship to Communities First projects – Dafen school?
  - Greening derelict areas – Dafen pond – re-opening up access