

SWISS VALLEY



Swiss Valley – located in the north of the Rural area and benefiting from access to adjacent countryside and magnificent views of the Loughor Estuary, Swiss Valley is home to 2,525 people – it has the oldest population in the Llanelli Rural area presenting specific issues into the future in terms of access (the area is on a very steep gradient) and provision of caring services. Mainly residential, the area borders Felinfoel’s two major employers (Gestamp and Calsonic) and one of the main roads into Llanelli passes through the community with resulting impacts on air quality at specific times.

Keeping the area clean and encouraging greater community involvement in tackling local issues were identified as priorities for attention through the whole place plan process.

Issues

- Children’s play park – safety of equipment and quality of general area (improvement planned summer 2015)
- Displaced youngsters – be given design of new park
- Shop front – lack of attractiveness
- Ravine condition – environmental quality
- Drainage/sewerage issues
- Legacy of poor planning - absence of space for residents’ parking
- Petty theft – ornamental lights
- Post office gone
- Bus routes – time taken to get to town - 5.45pm last bus from town
- Main road – increased volumes and speed of traffic – air quality?

- Quarry use – enforcement of restrictions?
- Empty homes – overgrowth – affecting image of area
- Apathy – level of participation in residents’ association

Ideas

1st priority – open up school fields – project for wider use/sports by older children.

2nd priority – Better greening and maintenance of shop front area.

3rd priority – Encouraging greater community involvement – providing local amenities/ community clean up – promotion of Time Credits approach.