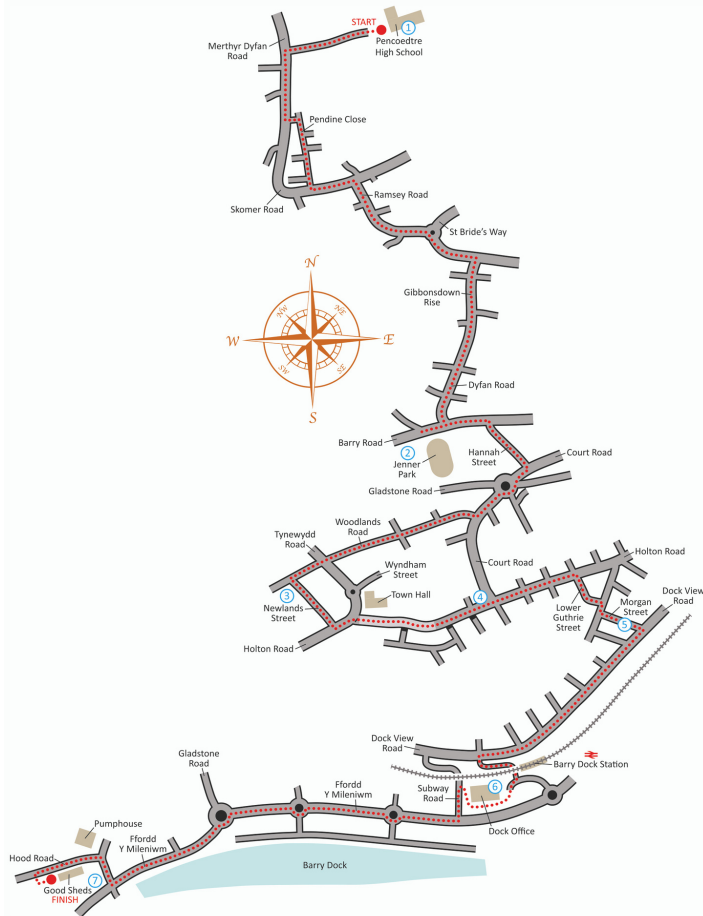


This map takes you on a **recommended route** of the locations **starting from Pencoedre High School and ending at Barry Waterfront**. The route is **4 miles** long and should take around **one and a half hours** to complete.

If you would like to share any photos from the trail, please use the hashtag **#BarryCommunityHistoryTrail**



Pencoedre High School Route Stops:

- 1) **Pencoedre High School**
- 2) **Jenner Park Stadium**
- 3) **Newlands Street** (Dorothy M. Rees)
- 4) **Holton Road** (Sister Amy Evans)
- 5) **Morgan Street** (Elvira Gwenllian Payne and John Darwin Hinds)
- 6) **Barry Docks Office** (David Davies)
- 7) **Barry Waterfront** (Dai Woodham)

Thank you for taking part!

We would like to show our appreciation to members of **Victorian Barry Experience** and **residents of Barry** for submitting ideas and information for the trails.

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Barry Community History Trail – Pencoedre High School Route and Information

To celebrate **Community History Month** in May, we're launching **three community history trails** starting at our three Barry Secondary Learning Communities schools; **Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Pencoedre High School and Whitmore High School.**

Ideas have been submitted by the **local community** and each point on the trail celebrates an **important historical event, landmark, or significant figure in Barry.** Take a leisurely walk along one or challenge yourself by completing all three!

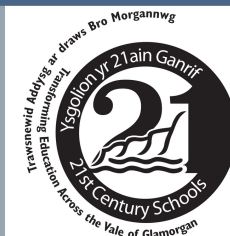


If you would like to find out more about the 21st Century Schools programme, please visit our website:

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/21st-Century-Schools

This booklet is also available in Welsh.

The 21st Century Schools Programme is a long-term strategic investment in educational estate throughout Wales. The 21st Century Schools' Barry Secondary Learning Communities project is investing £86.6 million in three secondary schools across Barry.



1) Pencoedre High School

The school was opened in 1971 as Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, an 11-19 girls' school for approximately 1,300 students. The building was designed by well-known architect, Sir Percy Thomas. In 2018, the school became Pencoedre High School and a mixed-gender school. A new £21.5m school building is being completed for 2022.



2) Jenner Park Stadium

Jenner Park has been the setting for Barry's senior football club for more than 100 years, as well as hosting athletics and greyhound racing.

On 7 May 2013, the owner of Barry Town withdrew the team from the Welsh Football League against the will of the Barry Town Supporters Club (BTSC). The BTSC outlined their intentions to play again the following season, adopting the name of Barry Town United to emphasise their continuing unity.

The Football Association of Wales announced in June 2013 that they would not be allowed back into the league but in August a Cardiff High Court judge ruled in favour of Barry Town United. The team were successfully entered back into the Welsh League.



3) Newlands Street (Dorothy M Rees)

Dorothy Rees (1898–1987) was the first female MP for industrial South Wales. She was the daughter of a dock worker and trained as a teacher at Barry Training College. She was a member of the Barry Borough Council and the Glamorgan County Council from 1934 and became its chairperson in 1964-5 (only the second woman to occupy that position).

She served as the MP for the highly marginal Barry constituency 1950-1951, serving as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Dame Edith Summerskill, the Minister of National Insurance. There is a blue plaque dedicated to her on Newlands Street.



4) Holton Road (Sister Amy Evans)

Sister Amy Evans (1860–1925) joined the Barry and District Nursing Association in April 1891 and by 1898 had opened the Barry Dock Voluntary Hospital for the Destitute, Sick and Dying at 161 Holton Road. Anyone too poor to be nursed at home would receive skilled medical treatment and nursing care.

In the 1901 census, she was caring for 12 patients with two nurses and two servants. Two years later, she moved across the road to a larger property on the corner of Castleland Street and in the next census there were 20 patients, two nurses, a cook and a general servant. She remained there until her death in March 1925, leaving her estate to Katharina Elizabeth Helena Evans.



5) Morgan Street (Elvira Gwenllian Payne and John Darwin Hinds)

The Hinds family were political pioneers for the Caribbean community in South Wales. Elvira Gwenllian Payne and John Darwin Hinds were born to Leonard Hinds and Gwenllian Lloyd.

Elvira Gwenllian Hinds (1917-2007), born in Morgan Street and known as Gwen, was Wales' first Black female Councillor. She married Colin Montgomery Payne in 1951. She worked for many organisations including the Good Street Neighbours organisation, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Tenovus Cancer Research, and was a founder member of the Buttrills community centre.



She served as her brother John's Lady Mayoress, but in 1972 she was elected to the Vale of Glamorgan Council in her own right. She was the Vale of Glamorgan mayoress 1974-1976 and Barry Town Council deputy mayor in 1979. She remained engaged in local politics until her death.

John Darwin Hinds (1922-1981), initially followed in his father's footsteps working down the mines. He was the first Black Councillor in Wales (1958, Barry Town Council), the first Mayor of a County Council (1975, Vale of Glamorgan) in Britain and the first Muslim to hold those positions. John worked to alleviate many social problems of the South Wales.

6) Barry Docks Council Offices (David Davies)

The Dock Offices were inspired by nature's calendar. The building has four floors (seasons of the year); the porch has twelve panels (months of the year); 52 marble fireplaces (weeks of the year); windows number 365 (days of the year); seven lights in the traceried fanlight window (days of the week); and each window has four panes of glass (weeks to a month). In the east and west walls of the entrance hall are two circular windows (Sun and Moon); the Portland stone staircase has 31 steps (days of the month) and has an ornamental ironwork balustrade with circular foliage and fruit trails.

The industrialist David Davies (1818–1890) created The Barry Docks and Railway Company. Millions of tons of coal were exported from the docks and hordes of day-trippers used the railways to reach Barry Island. He left an estate valued at nearly £405,000 when he died in 1890. A bronze statue of David Davies stands before the Dock Offices, sculpted by Alfred Gilbert.



7) Barry Waterfront (Dai Woodham)

Woodham & Sons was established in 1892 by Albert Woodham and based at Thomson Street. The company bought and resold old rope, wood and scrap metal from the marine businesses of the newly created Barry Docks. When Albert retired in 1947, his son Dai Woodham (1919-1994) took over the business and renamed it Woodham Brothers.

More than 80% of steam locomotives running on heritage railways in the UK can be traced back to Woodham's, as the yard became a centre of pilgrimage for steam enthusiasts. Of the 297 withdrawn British steam locomotives that were sent to the yard, 213 were rescued for the developing railway preservation movement.

10 engines remained by 1987. Several have been fully restored and used on heritage railways around the UK, others stripped and used for parts, and the remaining two locomotives are being restored several hundred yards from where they once stood in that famous yard in Barry's dockland.

You can see old and new side-by-side around Barry Waterfront from the old locomotives to the new shops, restaurants and houses.

