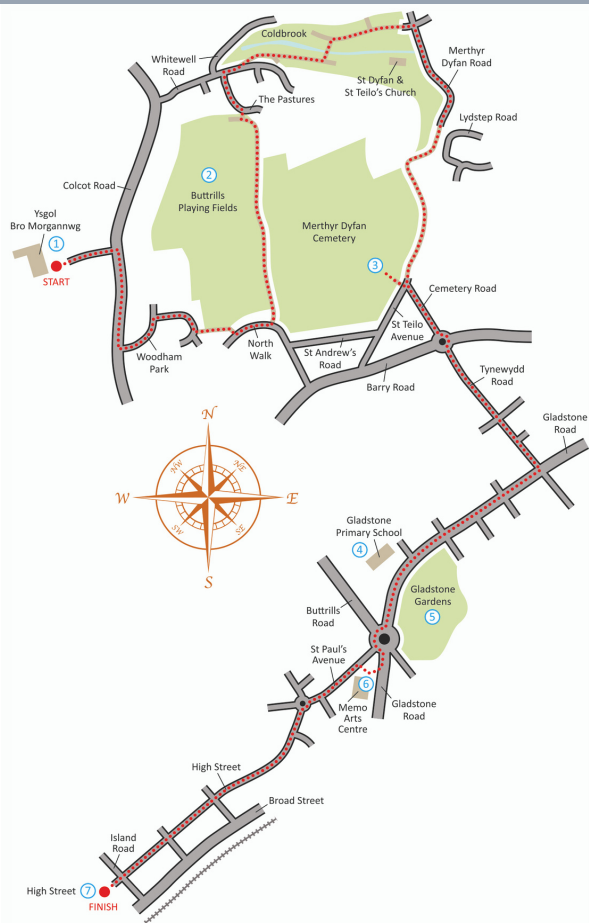


This map takes you on a **recommended route** of the locations **starting** from **Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg** and **ending** at **High Street**. The route is **3.1 miles** long and should take around **one hour** to complete.

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



Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Route Stops:

- 1) **Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg**
- 2) **Buttrills Field**
- 3) **Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery** (Elizabeth Hughes and Beatrice Lewis)
- 4) **Gladstone Primary** (Abdulrahim Abby Farah)
- 5) **Gladstone Gardens**
- 6) **MEMO Arts Centre**
- 7) **High Street** (T. A. Walker)

## 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.

We would also like to thank the **school project contractors and partners:**

# Barry Community History Trail – Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Route and Information



## Ysgolion a Cholegau yr 21ain Ganrif 21st Century Schools and Colleges



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!

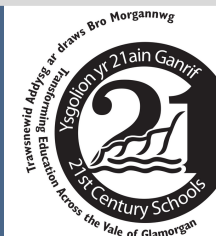


If you would like to find out more about the 21st Century Schools programme, please visit our website:

[www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/21st-Century-Schools](http://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) Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg

The first Welsh medium comprehensive school in Barry. The school was established in September 2000, in what was formerly the Lower School of Barry Comprehensive School. By 2002, there were 369 pupils in years 7-9.



The school is now an all-through (3-19) school following the amalgamation of Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Nant Talwg in September 2015. In September 2021 there were 1,240 pupils across all education phases. £21.5m refurbishment works are due to be completed in 2021.

## 2) Buttrills Field

Popular legend has it that the large playing field known as "the Butts" was used as a practice range by archers in the Middle Ages. Welsh longbowmen were renowned for their skill and played a key role in defeating the French at Agincourt in 1415.



"Butt" is also a Middle English word for a strip of land between roads, or a corner or 'rump' of land. 'Rill' means a brook or rivulet, a small stream, the Coldbrook, rises in a valley adjoining "the Butts" to the north.

## 3) Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery (Elizabeth Hughes)

Elizabeth P. Hughes MBE (1851-1925) was a well-known educationalist. She is the only woman after whom a Cambridge College has been named, Hughes Hall. She became Professor of English at three Japanese universities, where the Emperor presented her with a gift for her services to women's education.



On her return to Barry, she became the driving force in the establishment of the 20th Century Women's Club, which had over 700 members in the 1930s. A small plaque is dedicated to her in the cemetery.

## (Beatrice Lewis)

Beatrice Lewis (1877-1929) was born in Ely and married William Jenkin Lewis, a coal trimmer.

They moved to Barry and lived in George Street and she stood in the election of 1919, the first year that women had the legal right to stand for election or to vote.



She was the first female Councillor in Barry and represented the Castleland ward until her death. She served on public health, housing and child welfare committees and was instrumental in improving maternity provisions for women in Barry. A small plaque is dedicated to her in the cemetery.

## 4) Gladstone primary (Abdulrahim Abby Farah)

Abdulrahim Farah (1919-2018) was born in Barry to Abby Farah and Hilda Anderson, who jointly ran a boarding house. He was a pupil at Gladstone Primary School in Barry before attending Barry Grammar School.

He became the Ambassador of Somalia to Ethiopia in the 1960s, Permanent Representative of Somalia to the United Nations (UN) 1965-72, and Deputy Secretary General of the UN 1979-1990. From 1969-1972, Farah was the Chairperson of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid and was dubbed the "Barry Boy that helped free Mandela".



In retirement he established an amputee hospital for landmine victims in Somalia and helped many young people to pursue an education through mentoring and financial support. His death in 2018 prompted tributes from around the world.

## 5) Gladstone Gardens

A pleasant green space in the heart of Barry, Gladstone Gardens is named after William Gladstone the four-times Prime Minister.



When the National Eisteddfod of Wales came to Barry in 1968, Gladstone Gardens was used for the opening ceremony and the Proclamation Ceremony of the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod 2012 was also held in the Gardens. The park has achieved Green Flag status.

## 6) MEMO Arts Centre

In the 1920's the people of Barry wanted to provide a suitable memorial for the Barriars who had given their lives during the First World War. The decedents of industrialist David Davies and the people of Barry raised £26,000 (close to £4m in today's money) and the Cenotaph was opened in 1932. The Theatre and Hall were then completed in 1933.



The Cenotaph and the Hall of Memory remain worthy memorials to all named 1,818 Barriars who gave their lives in two World Wars and subsequent hostilities.

The MEMO is also currently the largest multi-arts venue in the Vale of Glamorgan, and only cinema exhibitor in Barry.

## 7) The High Street

Built in the 19th Century the shops have provided residents with everything you might need from traditional fruit and vegetables, baked goods, and flowers. Now stretching to wellness treatments and locally produced artwork. The High Street is almost 100% independent, the most independent shopping area in Wales in 2018 and the fourth in the UK.



The High Street was also the location of Barry's first ever LGBT+ Pride event in 2019.

## (Thomas Andrew Walker)

T. A. Walker (1828-1889) responsible for excavating the dock had to dig out and quarry a lot of stone. To dispose of the waste material to the best advantage he built the town of Barry.



By 1889 he had not only built the dock but also around 300 properties, including houses, shops, schools, and public buildings. You can see his initials carved into some of the larger end of terrace shops on High Street.