

Village Plan 2007

community. Fortunately, the villagers were recently able to preserve, on appeal, the surroundings of the Church which lies at the heart of the village from domestic development.



The villages of Shirenewton and Mynyddbach are separated by a Green Wedge, consisting of a number of fields which have been relatively un-enhanced. This Green Wedge has received special status within the MCC 2006 Unitary Development Plan (UDP, see Section 5) and its preservation as an open space is supported by 94% of the community, according to the questionnaire. Recently these fields have been auctioned and a large portion of them is in the process of being acquired on behalf of the community by the Shirenewton and Mynyddbach Fields Association. In this process, their ecology has been studied, and it is sufficiently interesting and diverse to be of SSSI standard.

Desirable Location

In summary Shirenewton and its surroundings is a desirable place to live in or around. This is evidenced by the social grade of its inhabitants which is AB with high incomes, living in large exclusive detached houses or bungalows. Many inhabitants are classed as wealthy with household incomes above average. There is also a very clear link to house prices as properties in the Shirenewton area sell for around 25% - 30% more than a similar property only 5 miles away.



Policy

It is the intention of the Community Council to maintain standards of quality of life and amenity within the area by upholding the principles of conservation, in that any changes should either “enhance or preserve” the status quo. Indeed, from the questionnaire, a significant majority (82%) of the community wish in particular to see no housing development in the Conservation Area, even if it would “preserve or enhance”. This is a strong mandate.

