

CONSERVATION AREAS IN THE COUNTY OF BRIDGEND

NANTYMOEL CONSERVATION AREA

Designated: 10th August 1973

Special Architectural and Historic Interest

Nantymoel is located at the head of the Ogmore Valley, ten miles north of Bridgend. The village is the outcome of David Davies' great coal-mining enterprise whereby it owes its existence to the sinking of the Western Colliery in the first half of the nineteenth century. There was a great requirement to settle near the workplace; therefore the early village of Nantymoel was rapidly developed in the shadow of the winding gear.

At a time when house building received secondary consideration, construction was quick and lacked the benefits of organised planning.

The Conservation Area boundary engulfs five terraces which were built prior to the implementation of the 1875 Public Health Act. Nevertheless, the nineteenth century houses do incorporate many of the better features which later became mandatory in housing provision.

The industrial vernacular style houses are fine examples of unique single aspect and double-fronted design. There is a non-conformist chapel in the area and an early County Authority School part of which now serves as sheltered housing accommodation.

Character and Appearance

The distinct character of the area lies within the terraces of worker's housing which sprawl up the valley in a ribbon effect. The contours of the rural landscape add to the appearance of this characteristic coal mining community. The terrace gardens aid the merger between the physical and natural elements of the setting, with the mountains in the distance acting as borrowed views.

Listed Buildings

Nil

Scheduled Ancient Monuments

Nil



Typical terraces in Dinam Street



Chapel Terrace



Horeb Baptist Chapel



Typical rural views at Nantymoel