

EXAMPLES OF HISTORIC VILLAGE CENTRES WITH LANES WITHOUT PAVEMENTS IN WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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SECTION A: STATEMENT

This document is a study of 2 examples where village lanes without pavements have existed for over a hundred years and continue to operate satisfactorily in Wrexham County Borough Council villages. I have selected specific examples in Ruabon and Brymbo.

Ruabon:

Please refer to the marked-up plan in Section B of this report. If residents of the Western segment of the town, around the Secondary School and leisure centre wish to walk (or drive) to access facilities in the village centre, Pont Adam, is the only realistic pedestrian option and by far the shortest route for vehicles.

Conversely, those living in the rest of the village wishing to walk or drive to the Secondary school or leisure centre would use Pont Adam, again, walking in the road.

Gower Homes Ltd have developed numerous times in Ruabon in recent years, as have others such as SG Estates. The lack of pavement along this key link between facilities in the village is accepted, and not raised as a concern when proposing to increase village population.

The plans in Section B show a highlighted plan of Ruabon, and another plan of Pont Adam showing where there are stretches without pavements. The Appendices contain photographs showing pedestrians and vehicles using Pont Adam without issue or concern.

Brymbo:

Please refer to Section C of this report for a plan of Brymbo, highlighted to show the large percentage of lanes within the village centre that are used daily by families walking their children to and from school, or accessing the pharmacy, pubs or bus stop within the village. Buses, bin wagons, delivery vehicles and cars have co-existed with pedestrians in Brymbo since the internal combustion engine was invented.

In 2017-18 Gower Homes Ltd built within 200m of the central village crossroads near the school over a 12-month period without experiencing or creating any problems between pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Conclusion:

In addition to the above locations, there are further examples in Rhostyllen, large parts of Coedpoeth, Burton & Wynnstay Lane Marford, and others, that further demonstrate that Vicarage Lane, Gresford is no different to many villages in Wrexham County, and indeed the UK, where villagers safely share pedestrian and vehicular traffic without pavements.

In light of the above, we fail to see why the lack of footpath should be of any concern in Vicarage Lane. Pedestrians in Vicarage Lane have co-existed with articulated milk wagons, bin wagons, deliveries to and from the nursing home and cars for years. Gower Homes Ltd proposal actually provides additional pavements, therefore improves the situation.

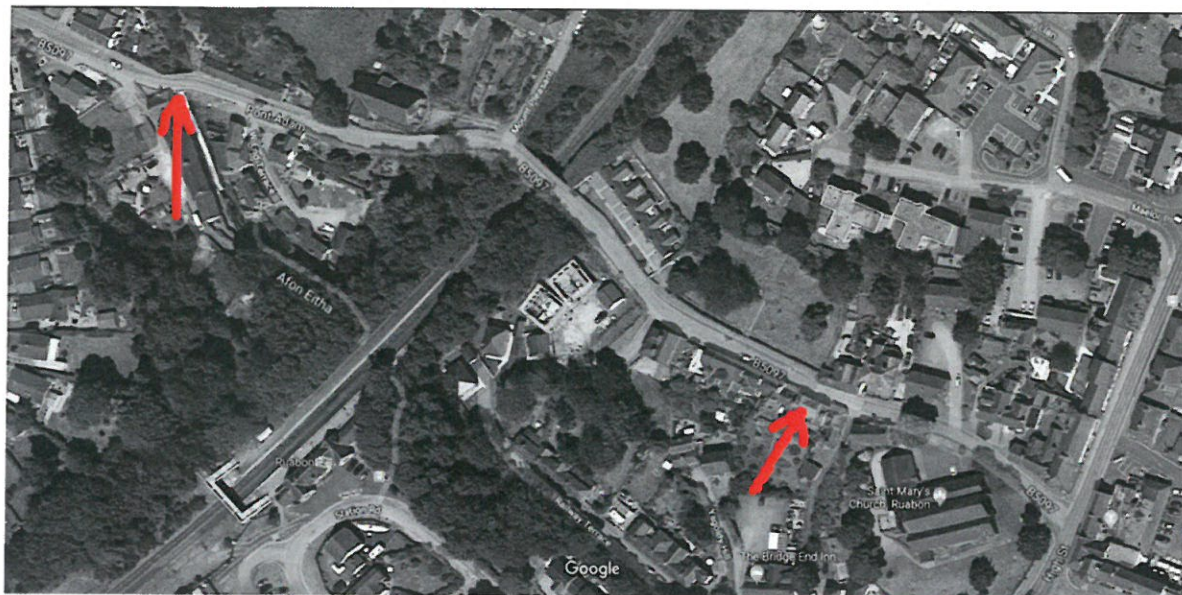
SECTION B:

OUTLINE PLAN OF RUABON



Key:

- Considerable proportion of Ruabon village's Residential area containing the main secondary school and leisure centre (1) serving the whole of the village.
- Majority of the residential area which also includes retail and public services as well as train station (2), Church (3), primary/junior school (4), medical centre (5), other retail/fast food outlets (6) and the main road with regular bus route (7).
- The B5097, Pont Adam, which is the most direct pedestrian and vehicular link between these two parts of the village. This road has two sections with No Pavement either side (as shown on the following highlighted aerial screenshot.)
- North

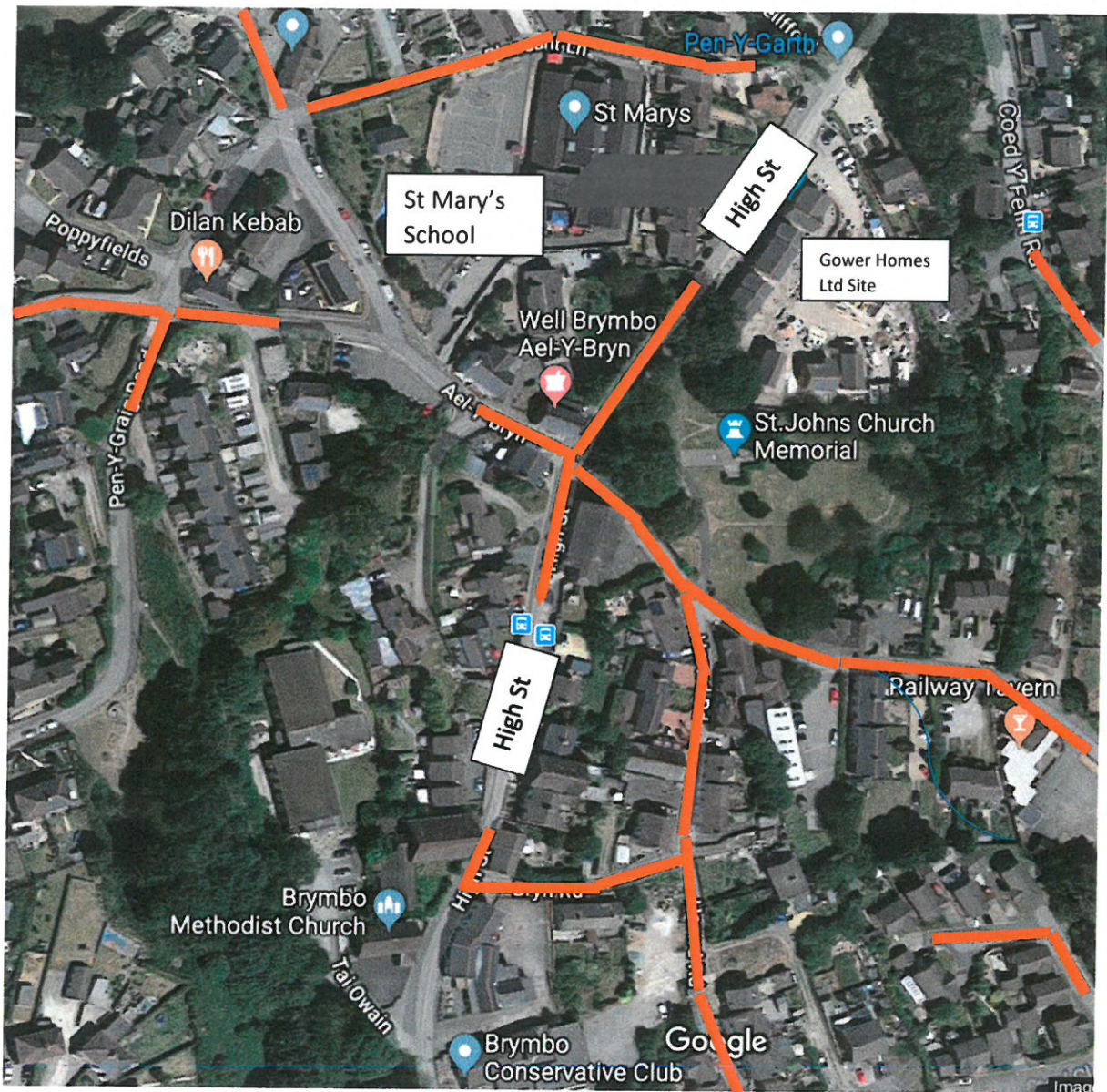


Sections of Pont Adam without pavements on either side highlighted in Red.

SECTION C:

OUTLINE PLAN OF BRYMBO

This plan highlights streets in the centre of Brymbo village that are without pavements either side.



Key:

 : Sections of Brymbo Village streets without pavements either side

 North

APPENDICES

1. Ruabon/Pont Adam photos
2. Brymbo photos

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2. Brymbo photos





























