Cymmer, Rhondda Cynon Taf

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Population	4,807 (2011)[1]
OS grid reference	ST0290
Principal area	Rhondda Cynon Taf
Ceremonial county	Mid Glamorgan
Country	Wales
Sovereign state	United Kingdom
Post town	PORTH
Postcode district	CF39
Dialling code	01443
Police	South Wales
Fire	South Wales
Ambulance	Welsh
UK Parliament	Rhondda
Welsh Assembly	Rhondda

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Cymmer is a village in the Rhondda Valley Wales. Cymmer is in the lower Rhondda Valley about half way between Treorchy and Pontypridd.

History

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Cymmer, which is now seen as a part of Porth takes its name from the old Welsh word that describes a spot where two rivers of the same name join.[2] Before coal mining, not many people lived in Cymmer. Cymmer was one of the first villages within the Rhondda Valley. The Lewis colliery had many examples of the pithead gear in South Wales Rhondda Heritage Park now has the only pithead gear in the Rhondda. In 1847 George Insole opened his first mine in Cymmer. In 1855 he opened a second pit in Cymmer near the old pit.[2]

The Cymmer Mining Explosion 1856

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Tuesday 15th July 1856 at the Old Pit in Cymmer, there was an explosion which was Britain's largest mining accident at that time. One hundred and sixty men and boys lowered down the shaft to begin their shift when the

explosion took place.[2] 114 people were killed. The explosion was caused by miners carrying open flames which lit pockets of gas.[2]

Important Buildings in Cymmer

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Cymmer chapel The earliest independent [Chapel](#) in the Rhondda appointed its first Minister in [1752](#). Little is known of its earlier history although it is known to have been made in [1740](#).[3]

St John Church is in a prominent position on the hillside above the earlier settlement of Cymmer centred round the Cymmer Chapel.

Transport

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Cymmer is on the A4119 road half a mile from its junction with the A4058 road.

Notes

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1. ↑ "Community population 2011". Archived from the original on 17 November 2015. Retrieved 11 November 2015.
2. ↑ 2.0 2.1 2.2 2.3 "Porth & Cymmer". *Rhondda Cynon Taf Library Services*. Retrieved 15 February 2017.[*permanent dead link*]
3. ↑ Flynn, Jessica (11 March 2016). "The 39 blue plaques in Rhondda Cynon Taf and who and what they celebrate". *Wales Online*.