

## IT'S ALL ABOUT COAL !

but you would not believe it now, for mother nature has reclaimed her space; nevertheless the history of the Garw Valley is all about COAL.

Even before the coming of deep mining there was coal extraction, still to be found everywhere. There are numerous drift mines in the sides of the valley. Deep mining came to the valley in 1855 when the Garw colliery was opened in Blaengarw; and continued until 1985 when the last three pits in the valley (by now connected together below ground), the Ocean, the International and the Ffaldau closed. By that time they were producing around 1200 tons a day sufficient for a daily visit by a British Rail Class 37 diesel locomotive and qty.32 (32ton) wagons, to take it away, usually to a local power station



SHARK Brake Van  
nearer completion

## HOW TO FIND US

At Junction 36 on the M4, head north for the **Ogmore** and **Garw** Valleys (A4061).

At the traffic lights at the bottom of Bryncethin hill, turn left for the **Garw Valley**, and follow signs to Llangeinor, **Pontycymer** and Blaengarw (A4064). When you see the Pontycymer **Co-operative** Food store turn left and left again, drive past the leisure centre on your right and the Locomotive Works is directly in front of you.

## OPENING TIMES

We are usually open between 1000 and 1500 on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year.

**Garw Valley Railway**  
**Pontycymer Locomotive Works**  
**Old Station Yard**  
**Pontycymer**  
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# GARW VALLEY RAILWAY

F.W.Hibberd & Co. PLANET  
Locomotive in Pontycymer  
Station

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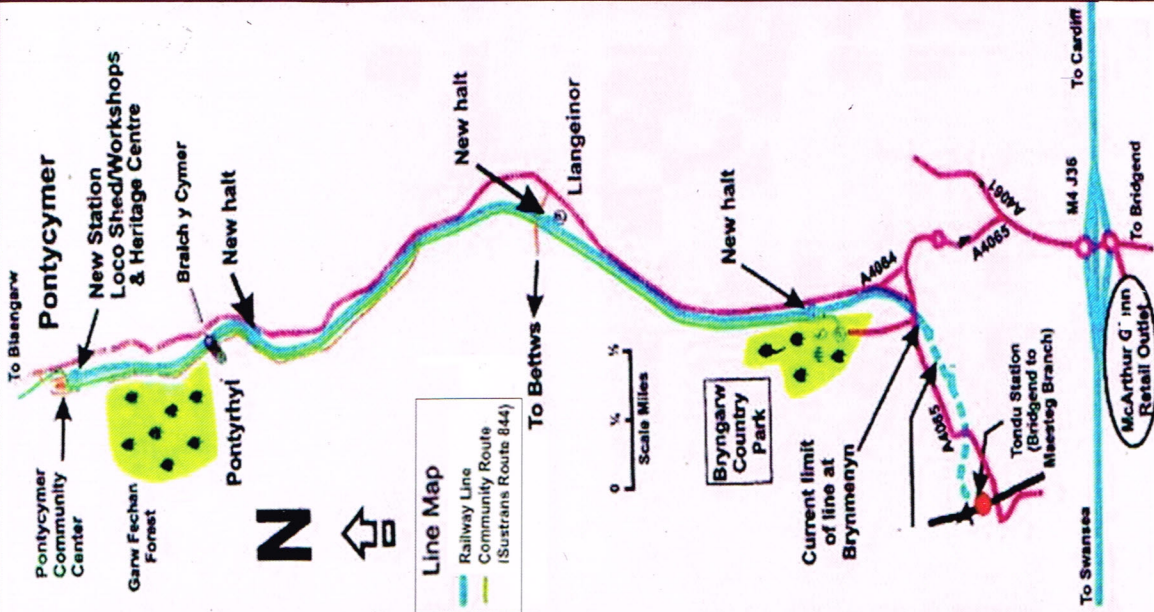


In the early stages of our renaissance we hope to run a passenger service as a fun thing for you to do. We expect that the **PLANET** locomotive (as on the front of this leaflet) will run with the Shark Brake Van along the track from the station at Pontycymer southwards to a point about 300m from the south end of the Yard – and back. Meanwhile we

# LARGE & HEAVY

Meanwhile we have numerous machines and rolling stock, some under restoration, to look at from **TRACK LEVEL.**

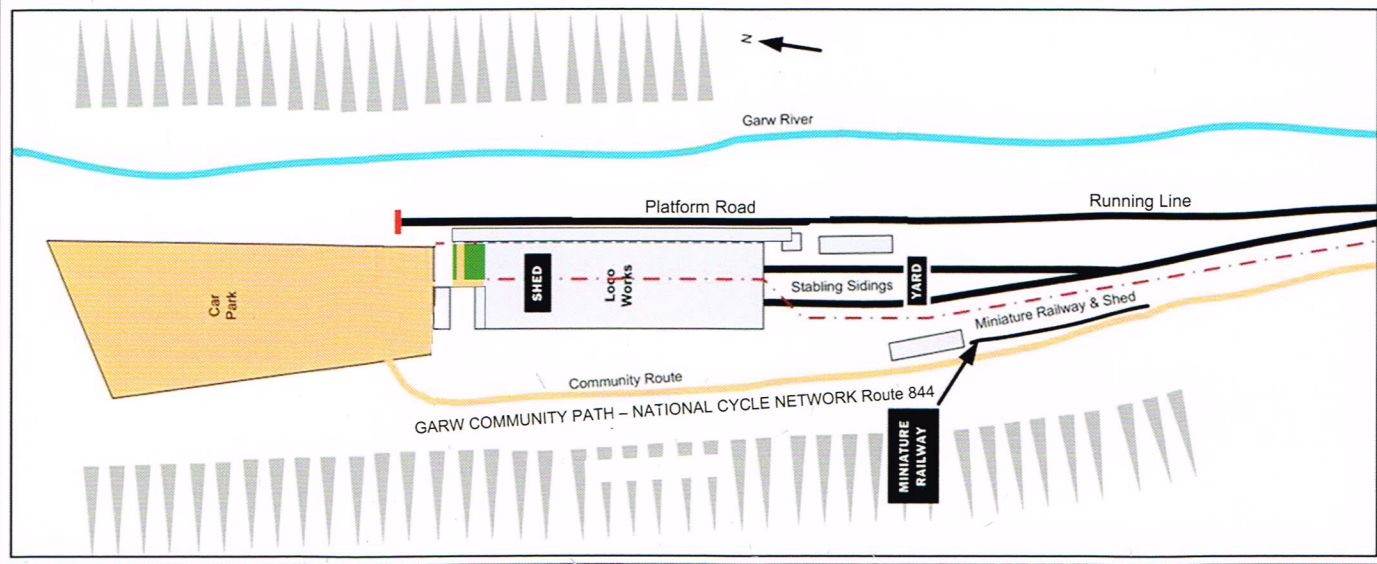
We have three Open Days a year, but **you are welcome to visit whenever we are open**



The **GARW COMMUNITY PATH** is a permissive footway and bicycle path which runs mostly by the side of the railway between Pontycymer and Bryngarw Country Park

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THE **GARW COMMUNITY PATH** IS ON THE NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK ROUTE



**SITE PLAN**