

# CONSERVATION AREAS IN THE COUNTY OF BRIDGEND

## NEWCASTLE HILL CONSERVATION AREA

Designated: 7<sup>th</sup> March 1975

Amended: 21<sup>st</sup> September 1983, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1999

### Special Architectural and Historic Interest

Newcastle Hill is situated in an elevated and prominent position overlooking the Ogmore River and was one of the original two settlements built either side of the river which the town of Bridgend has now engulfed. It possesses a village quality although it is very much a part of the urban area of Bridgend. The special quality is created by the winding steep hill and mixture of terraced cottages and lane-like streets. The core is made up of the well-cared-for castle ruin of Newcastle, St. Illtyd's Church and several large private houses such as Newcastle House, Newcastle Cottage and West Cottage, while St. John's Hospice, is a well preserved pilgrim's hospice dating from the fifteenth century. It is the pleasant contrasting size in properties so happily intermingled that provides the environmental quality. Modern infill developments have taken place in distinctly segregated sites. Important areas of trees are protected by extensive Tree Preservation Orders.

### Character and Appearance

Slate roofs, masonry chimneys, cast iron rainwater goods, double hung sash windows, dressed sandstone walls/smooth render and paint, plain doors, boundary walls. Important village green in front of the Square. Intimate village character created by narrow roadway, changing levels, open spaces and angles of buildings with varying styles of architecture. A pleasant open space/village green with ancillary car parking area has been implemented on the site of the old vicarage and garden.

### Listed Buildings

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|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Newcastle                              | Grade II* |
| St. Illtyd's Parish Church             | Grade II* |
| St. John's Hospice                     | Grade II* |
| Newcastle House, no. 8 West Road       | Grade II* |
| Garage and outhouse to Newcastle House | Grade II  |
| Newcastle Cottage, no. 10 West Road    | Grade II  |
| West Cottage, no. 6 West Road          | Grade II  |
| Nazareth Apostolic Church              | Grade II  |
| Unitarian Chapel                       | Grade II  |
| Coed Parc                              | Grade II  |

## **Scheduled Ancient Monuments**

Newcastle

## **Buildings of Local Importance**

Brynheulog, no. 40 Park Street

Nos. 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15 The Square

No. 62 Newcastle Hill

20 Llangewydd Road



Newcastle Hill



The Square



Modern development



St. Illtyd's Church with Newcastle in the background