

# Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru - you first!

## Give My View Executive Summary

15.07.24 - 23.09.24

**12,726**  
Visits to  
survey



**2,353**  
Voters



**2,642**  
Written  
feedback



**1,098**  
Emails  
collected



### How close do you live or work to an onshore wind farm in Wales?



**30%**

Close & see them often



**18%**

Less than 5 miles away



**17%**

More than 10 miles away



**23%**

5-10 miles away



**6%**

Not sure & don't notice them



**6%**

See them working/travelling

### Voter devices



**87%**

Mobile

**9%**

Tablet

**4%**

Desktop



MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

## What's most important for renewable energy companies to deliver?

1,963 people responded to this question.

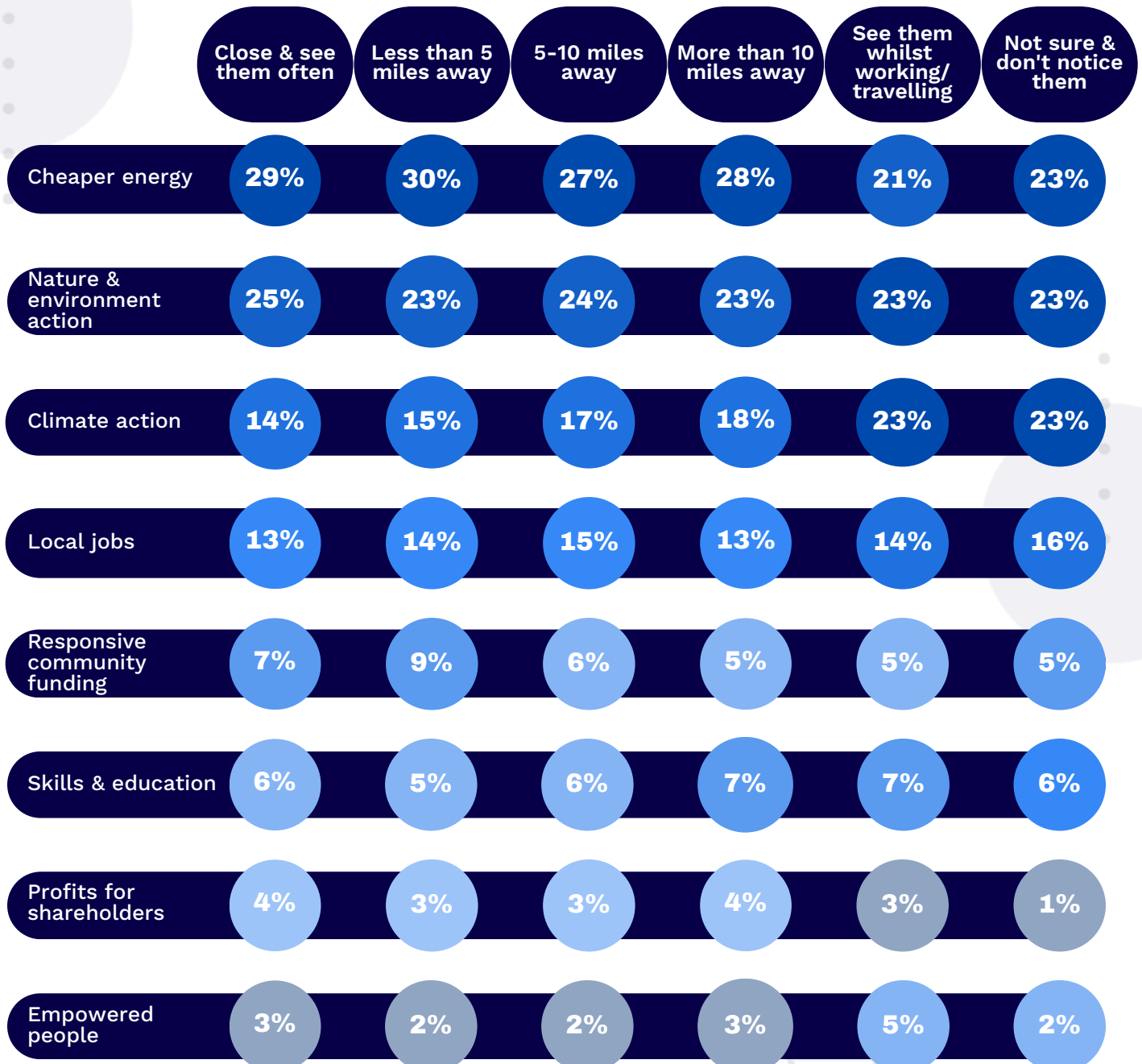
The most popular option was cheaper energy with 53% of votes. This was followed by nature and environment action with 46%, & climate action with 31%.



DISTANCE ANALYSIS

## What's most important for renewable energy companies to deliver? compared with How close do you live or work to an onshore wind farm in Wales?

This table is looking at the difference in what is considered the most important benefits against the distance respondents live from onshore wind farms. We can see across the majority of the groups that they feel cheaper energy is a significant priority for, followed by nature & environment action. Those who live closer to onshore wind farms feel strongest about cheaper energy.



# Survey Results



SLIDER QUESTION

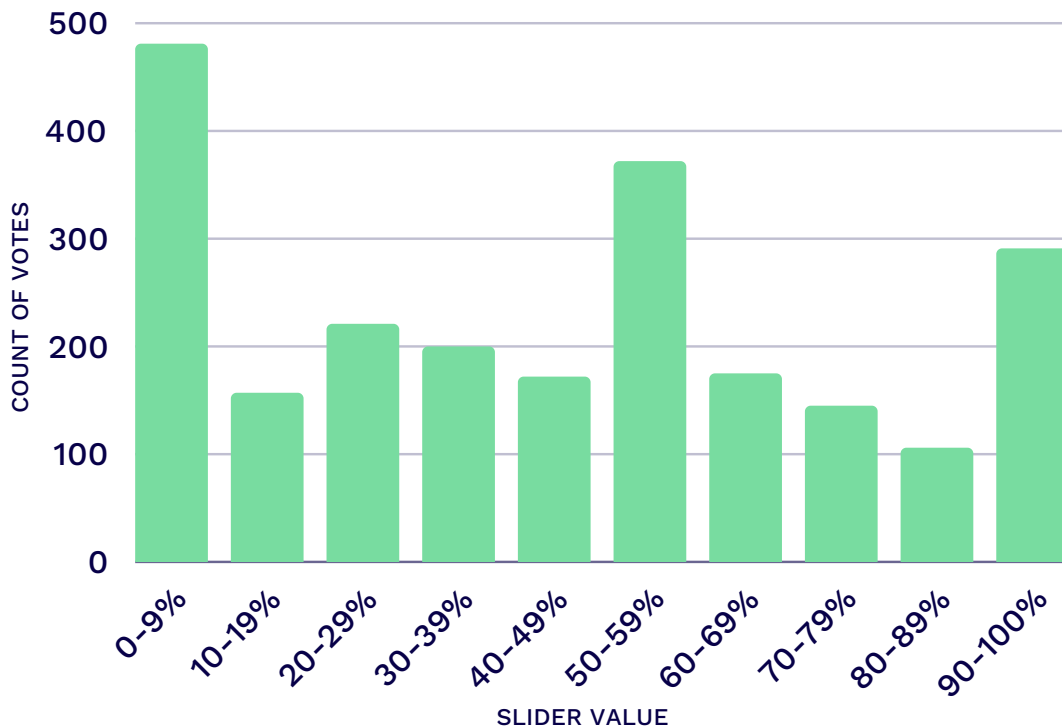
## How do you feel about Wales' progress in generating secure, renewable energy?

2,320 people responded to this question. 52% answered neutral to positively, with the average score coming in at 44%.

This shows many respondents feel there is room for improvement in relation to Wales' progress in generating secure, renewable energy. The 0-9% value bracket received the highest votes, as you can see from the graph below. A significant number of people also voted in the 50-59% bracket, showcasing many neutral feelings too.

This graph shows you the amount of respondents that voted in each value bracket. 0-9% represents the most negative. 90-100% represents the most positive feelings about Wales' progress in generating secure, renewable energy.

EMOJI SEEN AT EACH SLIDER VALUE



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THREE IMAGE CHOICE QUESTION

## Have you or your community benefited from wind farm community benefit funding?

2,169 respondents answered this question, the most selected option was no, not yet with 63%, followed by not sure? with 25%, & then yes, which was chosen by 12%.

Those who answered yes were then asked to describe one thing that was great and one thing that could have been better about the community benefit funding, more on what they said below:

**It's great to hear that you felt the benefits!  
Please tell us more about it. 167 answers**

### Great

39

#### Local;

Support local causes, forms to ask where local funding should go, local eco projects

36

#### Projects;

Local projects gaining funds, local projects benefitting, local community projects

15

#### Money;

Money for various causes, funding for rural & deprived areas, money invested in community

### Could have been better

19

#### Local;

Should have been used for whole local community, locals should be more informed, could have reduced local energy costs

15

#### Better;

Better if bigger grants were available, better advertising, better checks on funding decisions

11

#### People;

People are not aware, not clear to majority of people, letting people know where the money came from





# Survey Results



## SLIDER QUESTION

### Do you agree Trydan profits should be spent close to projects?

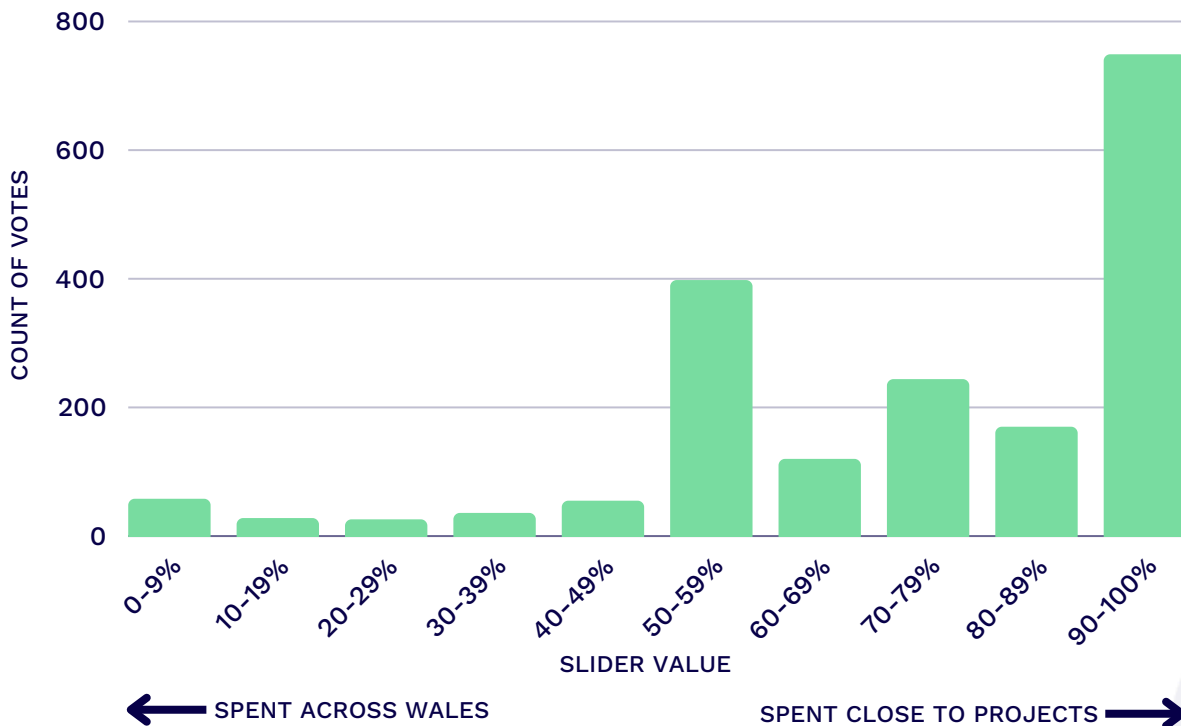
1,884 people responded to this question.

The overall average score from all respondents of this question was 74%.

This equates to a balance of spending to deliver local and broader benefits across Wales.

The bracket with the highest votes was 90-100%, showcasing that many people agree that profits generated from Welsh government owned renewable energy projects [Trydan] should be spent close to projects. There are a significant number of votes in the 50-59% bracket which indicates that many people feel a balance of spending is appropriate.

This graph shows you the amount of respondents that voted in each value bracket. Higher percentage values on the graph below, indicated that they agree profits should be spent close to projects. Sliding to the left, and lower percentage values, indicated respondents' preference for profits to be allocated across Wales.



## Common themes in written community feedback:

**404**

### Local Focus

There is a strong emphasis on the need for profits to be spent locally. Many people feel that the communities closest to the projects should benefit more directly.

**226**

### Energy

Some comments suggest that profits from energy production should lead to cheaper energy prices for local residents, others express the ultimate goal should be cheaper energy for the whole of Wales.

**132**

### Community

The word "community" often arises in the context of how Trydan's profits should benefit communal spaces, support local organisations, or be used for development projects that improve the quality of life for people living near the projects.

The most frequent responses support the idea that local communities, especially those closest and directly affected, should feel the benefits from Trydan's projects. There are some opinions about the environmental impact of the projects, with some expressing scepticism about the real benefits to local areas. There is a notable desire for renewable energy but with suggestions for less visually intrusive methods such as offshore, hydro-power or rooftop solar,



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WRITTEN FEEDBACK QUESTION

**If you have anything else to add to help shape Trydan's plans, please do share.**



654 respondents answered this question, more on what they said below:

## Common themes:

230

Need for renewable energy

141

Public ownership

87

Local infrastructure

39

Environmental impact

25

Affordability

## Community feedback:

Emphasis on the need for a focus on renewable energy, particularly solar and wind power, as central to Trydan's strategy.

Significant call for Trydan to prioritise public/community ownership, suggesting a strong preference for localised (Welsh) control and benefits.

Some responses highlighted the importance of upgrading/developing local infrastructure, with mentions of cabling and sustainable, long-term investments.

The need to minimise carbon emissions and promote sustainability were recurring themes, with calls to mitigate environmental harm.

Several responses pointed to the importance of maintaining affordable energy pricing and ensuring that any plans consider the financial impact on communities.

“ Hopefully this is a great development that can be publicised and shared, so people know that positive action is possible, and benefitting everyone. ”

“ Need to be more ambitious and aim for Wales to create all the electricity needed for entire population and industry. Also need to look at tidal power. ”

“ Let's make sure the local & national Governments get behind these schemes ASAP. ”



In conclusion, the most frequent responses centered around a strong desire for renewable energy development, particularly with a focus on public ownership and local benefits, while ensuring that the environmental impact and affordability remain at the forefront of Trydan's strategic considerations.

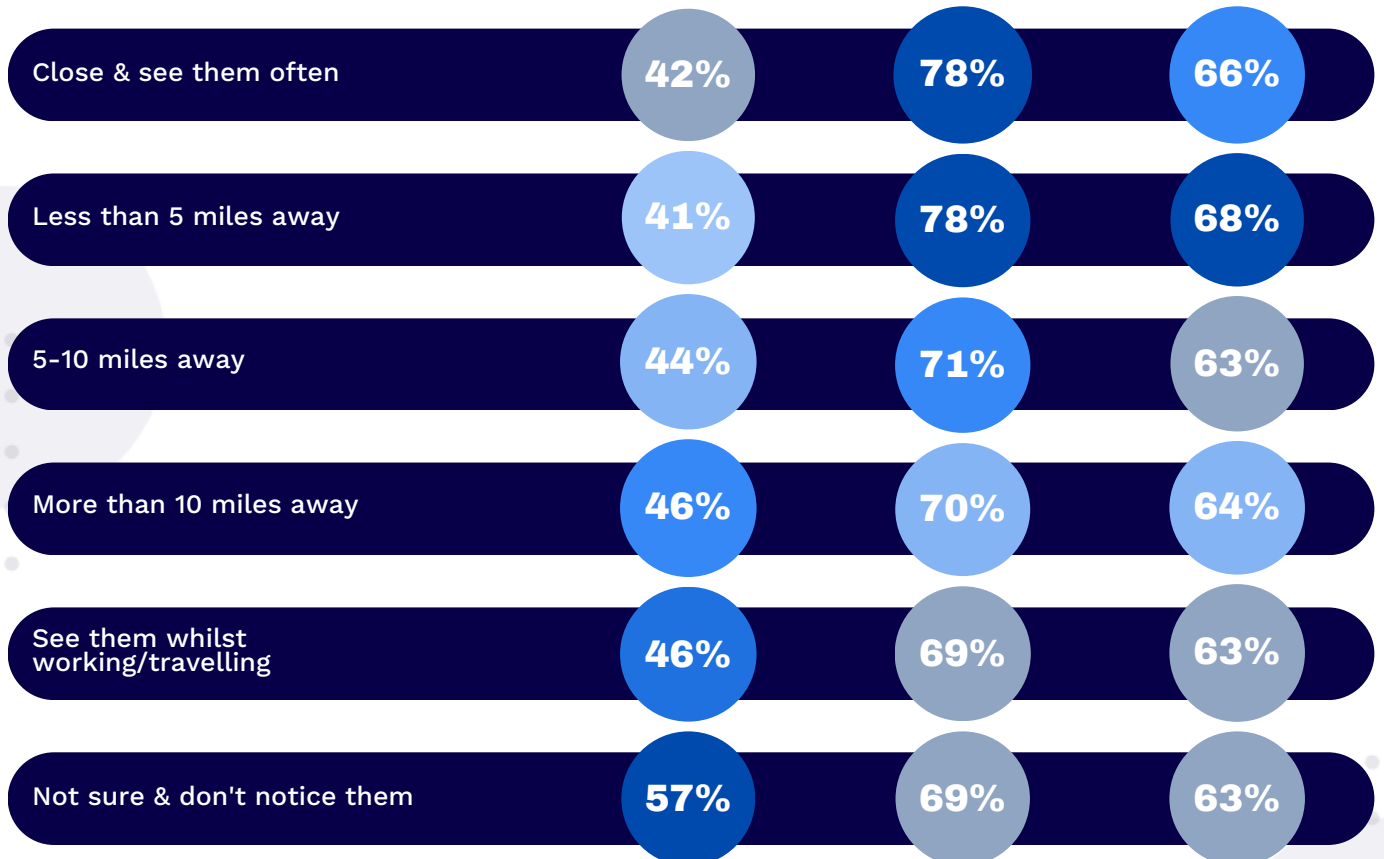


# Distance analysis

SLIDER  
**How do you feel about Wales' progress in generating secure, renewable energy?**

SLIDER  
**Do you agree Trydan profits should be spent close to projects?**

SLIDER  
**Do you agree Trydan profits should be spent as soon as they are available?**



**These percentages are the average of the slider values given to the question above compared with the answers to How close do you live or work to an onshore wind farm in Wales?**

This data indicates to us that those that live closer to the wind farms feel most negatively about the current level of progress being made by Wales regarding renewable energy.

The people who live closest to the wind farms, believe more strongly that profits should be spent on those who are in closest proximity.

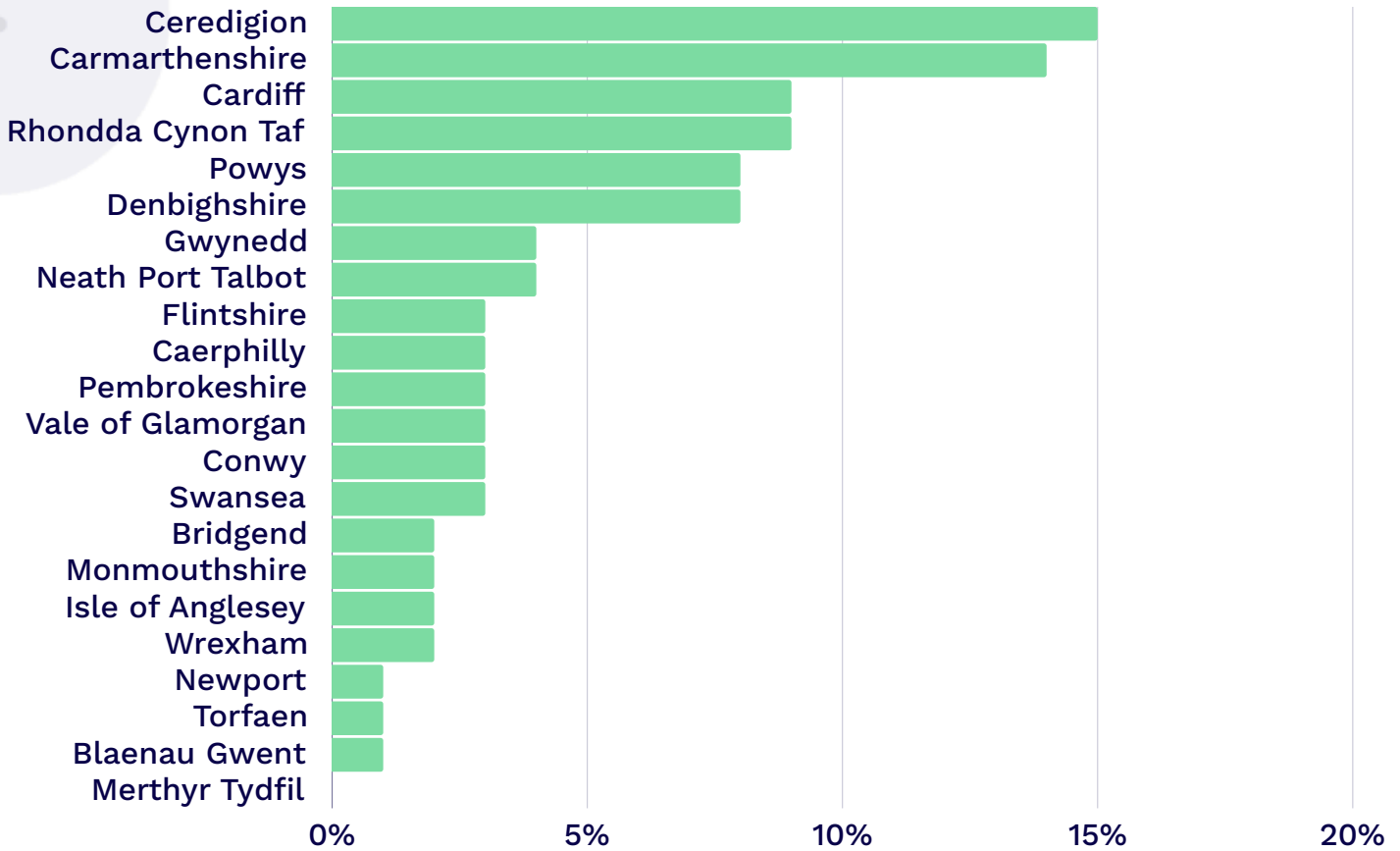
There are very similar results across the board regarding timings of profit spending. Indicating to us that overall there is largely a need for a balanced approach.



# Location data

## What Welsh county do you live in?

from optional demographic questions, of which not all respondents answered.



## Postcode locations

volunteered within the survey



This map includes all of the postcodes that were given by 'You First!' respondents

