

# Blaenavon WHS Attributes and Components

## UNESCO Criteria for Inscription

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iii) To bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared

The Blaenavon Landscape constitutes an exceptional illustration in material form of the social and economic structure of 19th century industry

**The area around Blaenavon bears eloquent and exceptional testimony to the pre-eminence of South Wales as the world's major producer of iron and coal in the 19th century. All the necessary elements can be seen in situ – coal and ore mines, quarries, a primitive railway system, furnaces, the homes of the workers, and the social infrastructure of their community**

**UNESCO – Blaenavon Industrial Landscape – A Cultural Landscape**

(iv) To be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history

The components of the Blaenavon Landscape together make up an outstanding and remarkably complete example of a 19th century industrial landscape

Attributes

1. Evidence of tangible and intangible heritage of the development of early industrial society

2. Outstanding relict landscape - combined efforts of nature and man

3. Evidence of the area's international importance in iron making and coal mining in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

4. Development of transport systems in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries

Components

### TANGIBLE HERITAGE

St. Peter's Church  
 St. Peter's School (BWHC)  
 The Company Shop  
 Ty Mawr  
 Blaenavon Workmen's Hall  
 Bethlehem, Moriah, Horeb, Bethel,  
 Zion Baptist, Wesleyan Methodist and Zion Chapel (Band Hall)  
 Blaenavon Town Centre  
 Workers' Housing  
 King Street  
 Commercial Properties (15-19 Broad St)

### INTANGIBLE HERITAGE

Patronage, Philanthropy and Social Control in early Industrial Society  
 Welsh Religious Non-conformism in the Nineteenth Century  
 Self-Improvement and Working Class Culture in Industrial Communities  
 Political Radicalism  
 Trade Unionism  
 Male Voice Choirs  
 Town Bands  
 The Decline of the Welsh Language in the Nineteenth Century

Pen-Ffordd-Goch Scouring

Landscape North of Blaenavon Ironworks

Pwll Du Limestone Quarry

Tyla Limestone Quarry

Big Pit National Coal Museum

Blaenavon Ironworks

Blaenavon Town

Engine Pit

Hill's Tram Road

Coity Tip

Pen-Fford Goch Scouring

Landscape North of Blaenavon Ironworks

Pwll Du Limestone Quarry

Fireclay

Tyla Limestone Quarry

Big Pit National Coal Museum

Engine Pit

Hill Pits

Aaron Brute's Level

River Arch Level Blaenavon Ironworks

Garn Ddyrys Forge (site of)

Cwmavon Forge (site of)

Water Management

Hill's Tram Road

Pwll Du Tunnel

Bloreng Tunnel

Llanfoist Incline

Llanfoist Wharf

Govilon Wharf

Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal

Dyne-Steel Incline

Iron Bridge near Aaron Brute's Level

Various remains of primitive railways

Original Steam Railway 1856