



#### Blackwood is a 30 minutes drive from Cardiff the Capital of Wales.



In recent years Cardiff has emerged as a vibrant city with a strong retail offer, which boasts an array of multiple retailers including: John Lewis, Marks & Spencer, Debenhams, Apple and Victoria's Secret. These are complemented by historic arcades full of independent retailers and a huge choice of restaurants and coffee shops. The Principality Stadium occupies a unique position in the city centre and as well as being the home of Welsh Rugby, is a well established concert venue.

A mile from the city centre is Cardiff Bay with the Wales Millennium Centre and The Senydd - the seat of Welsh Government. Situated directly on the waterfront is Mermaid Quay providing a range of bars and restaurants all overlooking the waters of Cardiff Bay.

Blackwood is also located 30 minutes drive from the Brecon Beacons National Park. The area covers 520 square miles and provides visitors with a choice of activities including walking, mountain biking, rock climbing, water sports & horse riding. This stunning environment and its unique outdoors lifestyle is easily accessible from Blackwood. Whether it's the bright lights of a Capital city, or the peace and quiet of a natural landscape, Blackwood is an ideal location to enjoy the best of both worlds.

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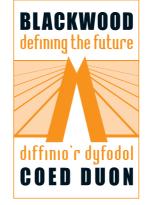








### Blackwood Defining the Future







## Maxime Cinema

# High Street





### Blackwood

Blackwood is the second largest town in the County Borough and is one of two sub-regional centres.

The catchment area has a population of approximately 34,000 and includes Argoed, Cefn Fforest, Penmaen, Pengam, Pontllanfraith and Ynysddu. There are a number of multiple retailers present in Blackwood town centre including: Argos, Wilko, Costa Coffee, Peacocks, Boots, Iceland, B&M Bargains, Superdrug and Poundland, in addition to the five screen Maxime Cinema.

The town also offers shoppers a wide choice of independent retailers, making the strength of its appeal the range and diversity of its retail offer.

Within the last few years Blackwood has dramatically improved its transport infrastructure with the construction of Sirhowy Enterprise Way and the iconic Chartist Bridge. The road links the town centre with Oakdale Business Park and the communities of Pen-y-Fan and Oakdale, opening up the town to an extra 5,000 potential customers.

Blackwood has long been an interchange for bus routes from all over the South East Wales Valleys and the construction of the award winning Interchange Bus Station increases the accessibility of the town to people from the surrounding area. These new investments make Blackwood an attractive option for investors looking to locate in the South East Wales Valleys.

Private sector development of two retail parks, located at either end of the town centre, has created new opportunities for retailers looking for a presence in the South East Wales Valleys area.

