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The larger of the two valleys, the Rhondda Fawr, extends from Porth and rises through the valley until it reaches Blaenrhondda, near Treherbert. Treorchy (Welsh: Treorci) is a village and community (and electoral ward) in Wales. Once a town, it retains the characteristics of a town. Situated in the county borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf in the Rhondda Fawr valley. Rhondda Heritage Park stands on the site of the former Lewis Merthyr colliery, which was once one of more than 50 collieries in the surrounding valleys, only closing during the 1980s. In the late 1800s, with Cardiff the coal capital of the world, the city was a complex web of intertwining criss-crossing railway lines all owned by separate competing companies. - Rhondda Collieries Through Time