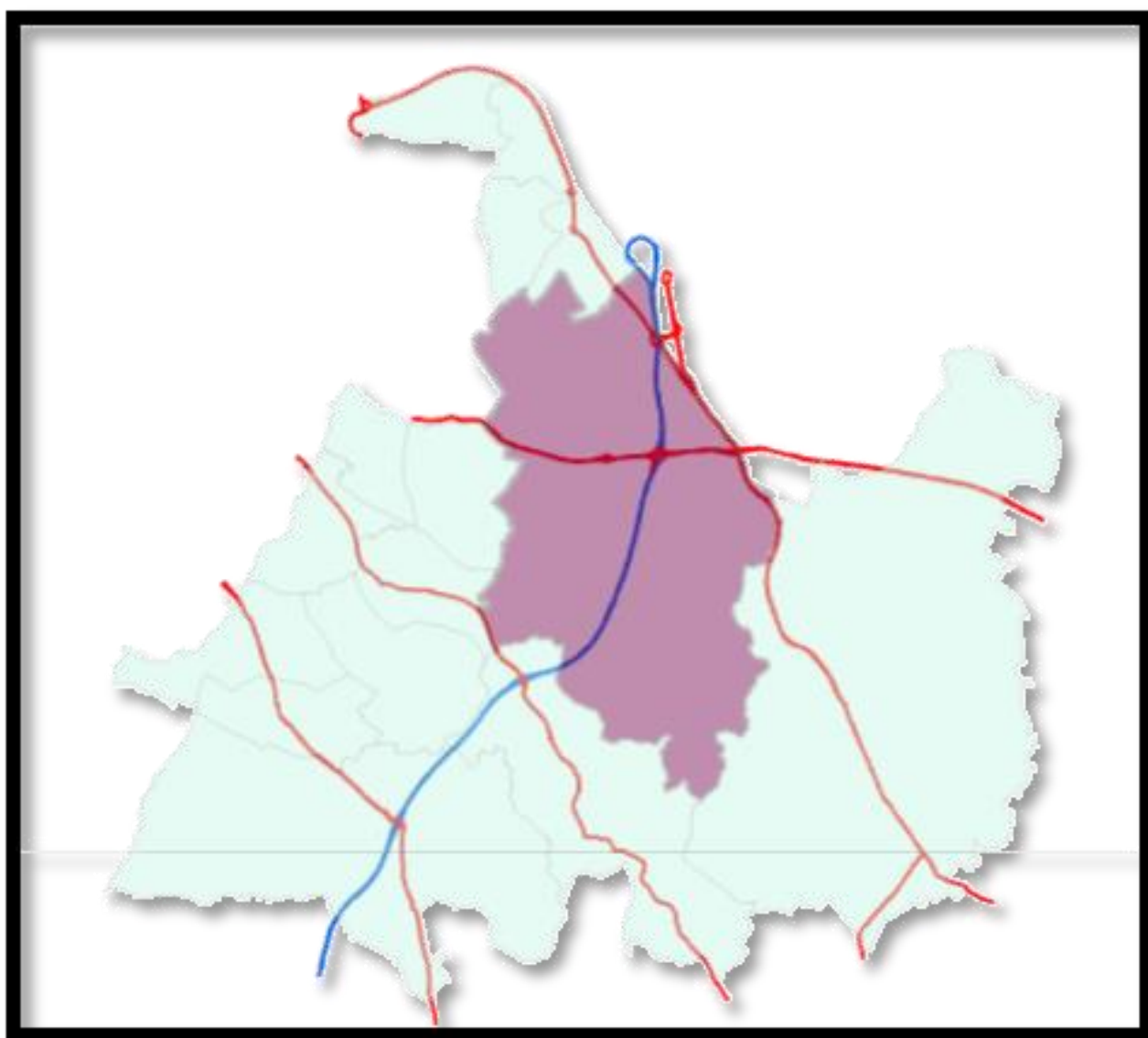


# Bickenhill Ward Profile

## 2024



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## Technical Guide to Ward Profiles

Ward profiles are part of the Solihull Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA is how local authorities and Integrated Care Boards assess the current and future health, care and wellbeing needs of the local community. Leading to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve the health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities.

At a borough level the Story of Solihull provides an overview of the current population, demographics, health and wellbeing of Solihull residents. The Story of Solihull can be viewed via the link below.

### [Story of Solihull - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#)

Ward Profiles complement the Story of Solihull, providing a detailed local snapshot of a ward's population, economy, health and housing. It highlights specific issues of local concern and considers what residents think about their local neighbourhood.

This ward Profile includes comprehensive coverage of the 2021 Census which can be accessed via the link below. The Census remains the most detailed and accurate measure available at a ward level. The Census provides highly detailed information on the following themes:

- Population and demography.
- Households, living arrangements and family structure.
- Ethnicity, religion, origin and language.
- Employment and qualifications.
- Health and care.
- Housing and housing condition.

### [ONS 2021 Census - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(NOMIS\)](#)

The ward profile also draws on a range of published sources, including the latest data from:

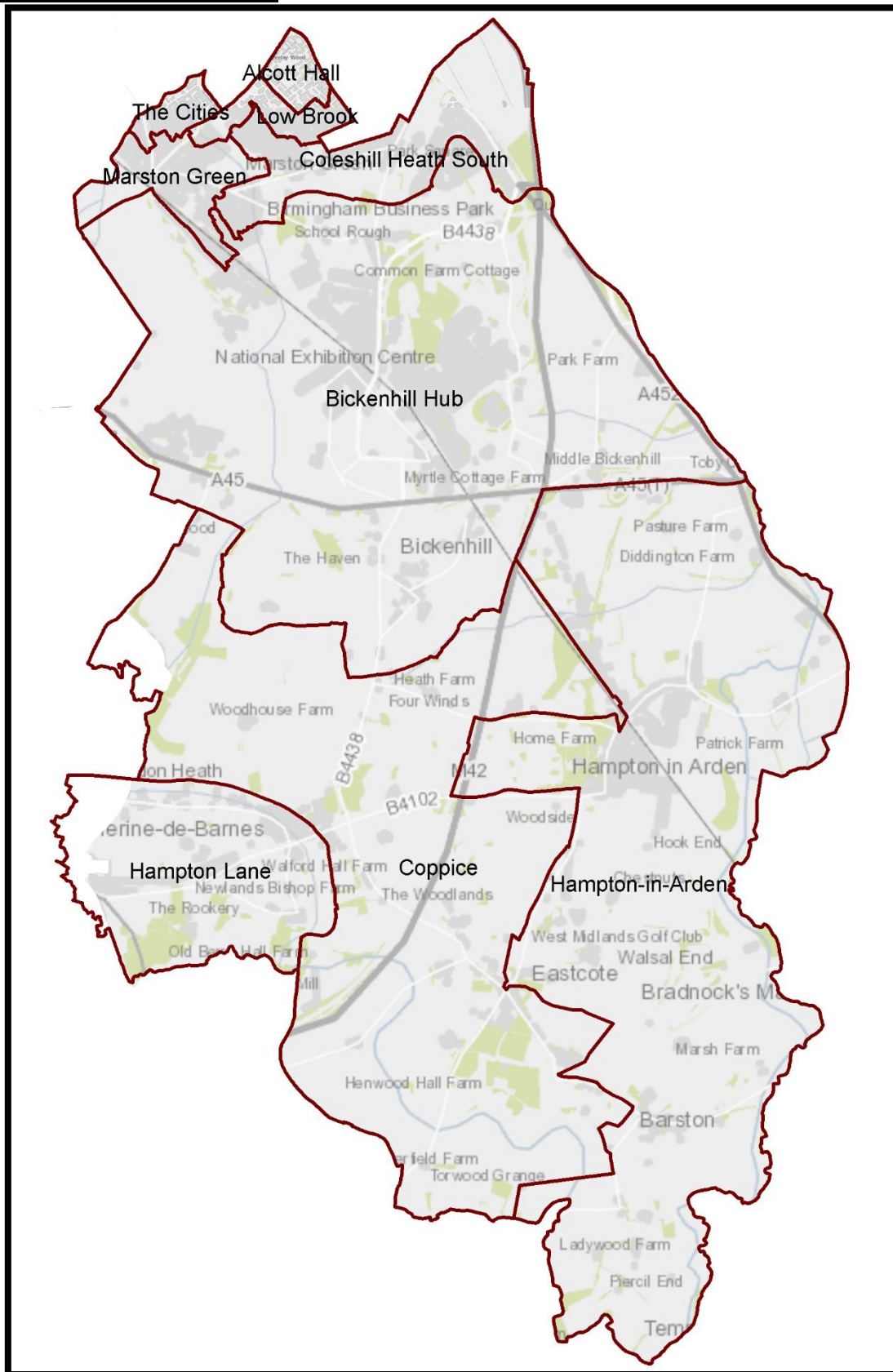
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.
- West Midlands Police.
- Department for Work and Pensions.
- Office for Health Improvement & Disparities.
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Sub-borough data is available at a variety of levels. As well as the borough's 17 electoral wards, the majority of data is based on the standard Census geographies:

- Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) local neighbourhoods based on a minimum population of 1,000 and an average of 1,500 (134 in Solihull);
- Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) containing an average of 7,200 persons (29 in Solihull).

Technical advice and support is available from the Solihull Observatory.

**Bickenhill Super Output Areas**



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## Summary

### About Solihull

Solihull lies at the heart of the West Midlands motorway network, has excellent public transport connections with the Birmingham city conurbation and is linked to many overseas destinations through Birmingham International Airport.

There are 148,000 jobs located in Solihull with strengths in business services, transport and manufacturing. The borough benefits from a range of key economic assets such as Solihull town centre, the NEC complex, Jaguar Land Rover and Birmingham Business Parks.

Solihull is a largely affluent borough, characterised by above average levels of income and limited levels of poverty and deprivation. For instance:

- 73% of Solihull households own their own home compared to 62% for England and 64% for the West Midlands.
- The median annual wage of Solihull residents in full-time employment is 11% higher than the England average and 18% higher than that for the West Midlands.
- 13% of the Solihull working age population claim Universal Credit compared to 15% for England and 17% for the West Midlands.
- 14% of Solihull children aged 0-15 years live in a low income household compared to 20% for England and 27% for the West Midlands.
- The 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) shows that Solihull is the least deprived local authority in the West Midlands. Just 16% of the population live in one of the most deprived 20% of neighbourhoods in England, whereas 40% of people live in the least deprived 20%.

This is not the case for all Solihull communities and below average incomes and poverty is far more common among households in the three North Solihull wards (Smith's Wood; Kingshurst and Fordbridge; Chelmsley Wood). For instance:

- Just 47% of North Solihull households own their own home while 40% are social rented.
- 31% of the North Solihull working age population claim Universal Credit.
- 29% of North Solihull children aged 0-15 years live in a low income household.
- According to the IMD 52% of people in north Solihull live in one of the most deprived 20% of neighbourhoods in England, including 11% who live in the most deprived 5%.

### About Bickenhill

In many respects Bickenhill, the 2nd largest ward by area in the Borough, represents Solihull in miniature and is characterised by exceptional socio-economic diversity. The built environment, with sharp contrasts between swathes of Green Belt land and rural villages in the south and high density suburban and social housing developments in the north, is the most obvious manifestation of this diversity. However, it is also apparent in terms of affluence, crime and educational achievement, with north Bickenhill, representing some of the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods outside the regeneration wards, markedly different from the attractive living environments offered by Hampton

Lane and Hampton-in-Arden. With the vast majority of Bickenhill residents living in the north, it is unsurprising that at an aggregate ward level many of the indicators are more closely aligned with the wards of North Solihull than the rest of South Solihull. Indeed, socially, many residents in north Bickenhill may regard themselves as being part of the wider North Solihull community. Alongside diversity, Bickenhill's prevailing theme is opportunity, with the ward representing some of Solihull's key strategic employment and transport assets at Birmingham Business Park, the NEC complex and Birmingham International Airport as well as being the future location for the High Speed Rail Interchange at UK Central.

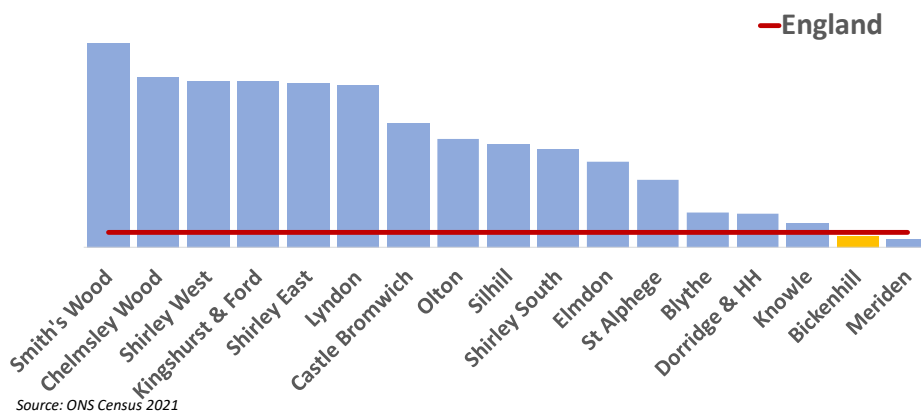
The map on page 2 illustrates the individual neighbourhoods within Bickenhill, based on the Office for National Statistics LSOAs. The Hampton Lane and Coppice LSOAs overlap the ward boundary.

## Population and Households

### Population Size and Growth

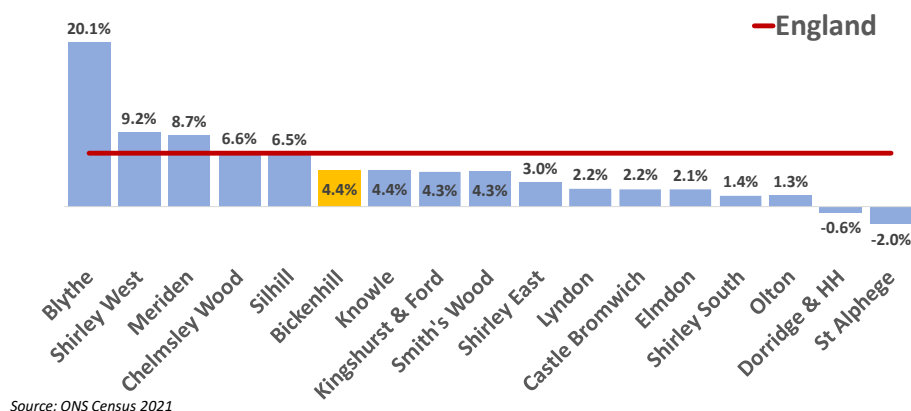
The 2021 Census shows that 13,010 people live in Bickenhill, representing 329 people per km<sup>2</sup> (Population density Solihull 1,213 and England 434 per km<sup>2</sup>). Bickenhill has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest population density of Solihull's 17 wards.

### Solihull Population Density 2021



Between 2011 and 2021 the Bickenhill population increased by 554 people. This equates to growth of 4.4% over this 10-year period in-line with the Solihull average (4.6%) but lower than that for England (6.6%). Population growth in Bickenhill was the 6<sup>th</sup> highest out of Solihull's 17 wards.

### Solihull Population Growth 2011 - 2021



### Population Age Groups

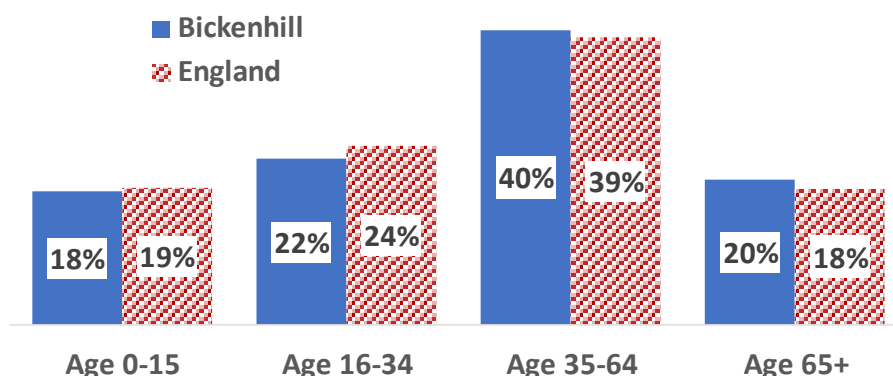
18% of the Bickenhill population are under 16 years of age (including 6% aged 5 and under), 62% are working age and 20% are aged 65 and over (including 2% aged 85+).

The age profile in Bickenhill mirrors that of Solihull as a whole. Compared with England a slightly smaller proportion of the Bickenhill population are under 16 (18% vs 19%) and more aged 65+ (20% vs 18%).

Population by in Bickenhill Age Group 2021				
Age Group	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	2,351	18%	19%	19%
Age 16-24	1,296	10%	9%	11%
Age 25-34	1,627	13%	12%	14%
Age 35-49	2,401	18%	18%	19%
Age 50-64	2,789	21%	20%	19%
Age 65+	2,546	20%	21%	18%
Total	13,010			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Age Structure in Bickenhill



Source: ONS Census 2021

In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 population growth in Bickenhill has been driven by those aged 50 and over (+12% growth aged 50-64, +14% aged 65+). This has been partially offset by a lack of population growth among young people under 25 years.

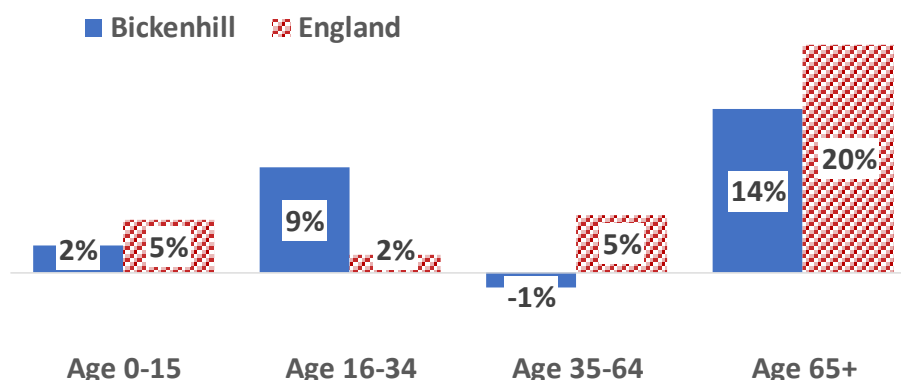
Change in Population in Bickenhill Between 2011 and 2021 by Age Group				
Age Group	Change in number in Bickenhill	% Change in number of people		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	55	2%	7%	5%
Age 16-24	-59	-4%	-9%	-5%
Age 25-34	306	23%	17%	7%
Age 35-49	-370	-13%	-10%	-3%
Age 50-64	302	12%	9%	15%
Age 65+	320	14%	15%	20%
Total	554	4%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Comparing the 10-year population growth in Bickenhill and England shows a similar pattern, albeit with some more pronounced changes evident in Bickenhill. Both Bickenhill and England recorded the highest levels of population growth among older people (14% vs 20%), while relative weak growth is evident among the under 16s in both cases (2% vs 5%). The biggest contrast is evident in the older working age group aged 35-64 years with the population declining slightly in Bickenhill (-1%) against a small increase across England (+5%).



### % Population Change Bickenhill by Age Group 2011 - 2021



Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

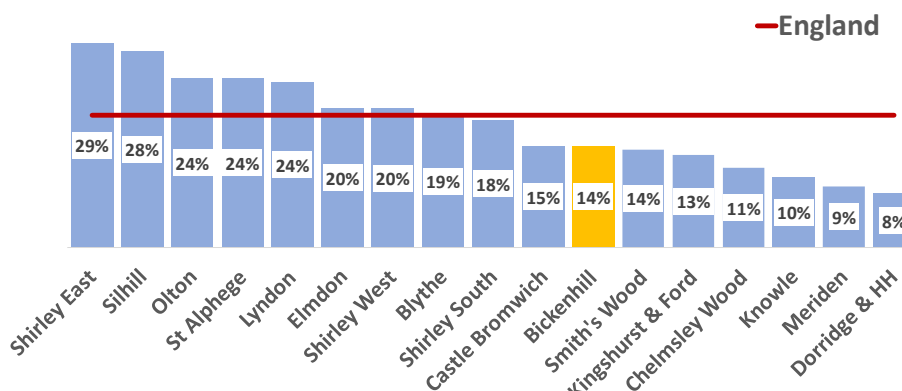
### Ethnicity

86% of the Bickenhill population are white and 14% from an ethnic minority background. Bickenhill has a proportionally smaller ethnic minority population than either Solihull (18%) or England (19%). 47% of the ethnic minority population in Bickenhill are Asian/Asian British and 28% from a mixed or multiple ethnic group.

Ethnic Group of Bickenhill Population 2021				
Ethnic Group	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
White	11,126	86%	82%	81%
Asian/Asian British	878	7%	11%	10%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	535	4%	3%	3%
Black/Black British	299	2%	2%	4%
Other Ethnic Group	169	1%	2%	2%
Ethnic Minority Total	1,881	14%	18%	19%
Total Population	13,007			

Source ONS Census 2021

### Ethnic Minority Population in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

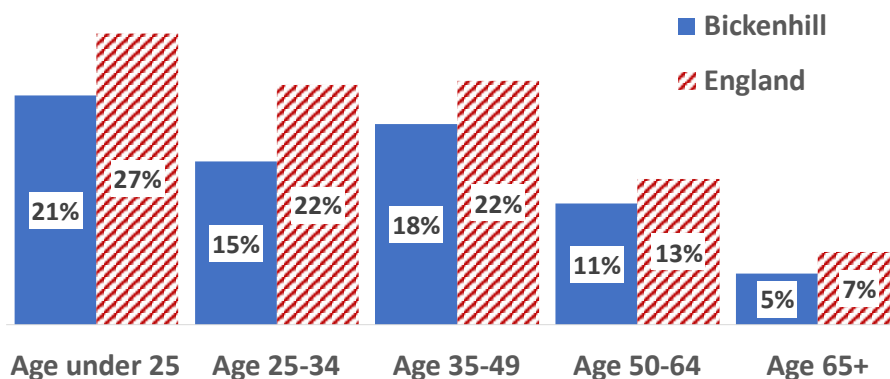
The ethnic minority population in Bickenhill is proportionally higher among younger than older age groups. For instance, 21% of those under 25 are from an ethnic minority background compared to just 5% of those aged 65+.

Ethnic Group of Bickenhill Population by Age					
Ethnic Group	Age under 25	Age 25-34	Age 35-49	Age 50-64	Age 65+
White	2,880	1,385	1,956	2,480	2,425
Asian/Asian British	291	103	269	155	60
Mixed of Multiple Ethnic Groups	340	75	61	46	13
Black/Black British	86	44	64	83	22
Other ethnic group	49	22	47	26	25
<b>Ethnic Minority Total</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>2,397</b>	<b>2,790</b>	<b>2,545</b>
<b>% Ethnic Minority</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5%</b>

Source: ONS Census 2021

The pattern in Bickenhill is the same as for England, with the ethnic minority population higher among younger age groups in both. A sharp reduction in the ethnic minority population from the age of 50 onwards is evident in both Bickenhill and England.

### Ethnic Minority Population by Age Bickenhill 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 the proportion of Bickenhill residents from an ethnic minority background increased from 9% to 14% of the population.

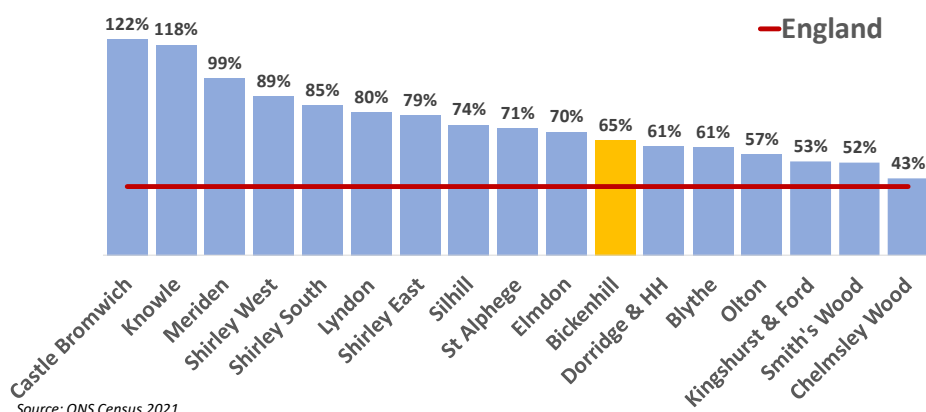
Although the Bickenhill population increased by just over 4% the number of ethnic minority residents increased by 65% (739 individuals) in the 10 years to 2021. This was partially offset by a fall of -2% (-188 individuals) in the number of white residents. In absolute terms the increase in Bickenhill residents was largest among those from an Asian/Asian British background (+359 individuals) followed by those from a mixed or multiple ethnic group (+209).

Change in Population Ethnicity in Bickenhill 2011-2021				
Ethnic Group	Change in Number in Bickenhill	% Change		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
White	-188	-2%	-4%	1%
Asian/Asian British	359	69%	76%	31%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	209	64%	70%	40%
Black/Black British	56	23%	22%	29%
Other ethnic group	115	213%	167%	124%
Ethnic Minority Total	739	65%	72%	38%
Total Population	551	4%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Growth of 65% in the ethnic minority population in Bickenhill in the 10 years to 2021 is higher than the England average (38%) but is smaller than that for Solihull (+72%).

## Ethnic Minority Population Growth in Solihull 2011 - 2021



### Religion

61% of the Bickenhill population who answered the Census religious identification question said that they had a religious faith, with 39% saying they had no religion. Bickenhill has proportionally slightly more people with no religion than Solihull (35%) but the same amount as England (39%).

Like Solihull and England as a whole, Christianity is the most common religious faith in Bickenhill (54%). Collectively Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs comprise 6% of the Bickenhill population.

Religious Faith of Bickenhill Population 2021				
Religious Faith	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Christian	6,635	54%	53%	49%
Muslim	396	3%	6%	7%
Hindu	142	1%	3%	2%
Sikh	250	2%	2%	1%
Buddhist	40	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%
Jewish	16	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Other religion	53	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%
No religion	4,768	39%	35%	39%
Total	12,300			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Origin and Language

At the time of the 2021 Census, around 92% of the Bickenhill population lived at the same address that they were resident in a year before. Of the remainder, most migrants lived elsewhere in the UK (95% of Bickenhill migrants, 8% of Bickenhill population) with a small number coming from outside UK (5% of Bickenhill migrants, 0.4% of Bickenhill population).

Recent Migration of Bickenhill Population 2021				
Address One Year Ago	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Same address (non-migrant)	11,845	92%	92%	89%
Temp student residence in UK (non-migrant)	18	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%
Elsewhere in UK (migrant)	994	7.7%	7.6%	9.6%
Outside the UK (migrant)	49	0.4%	0.5%	0.9%
All Migrants	1,043	8.1%	8.1%	10.5%
Total Population	12,906			

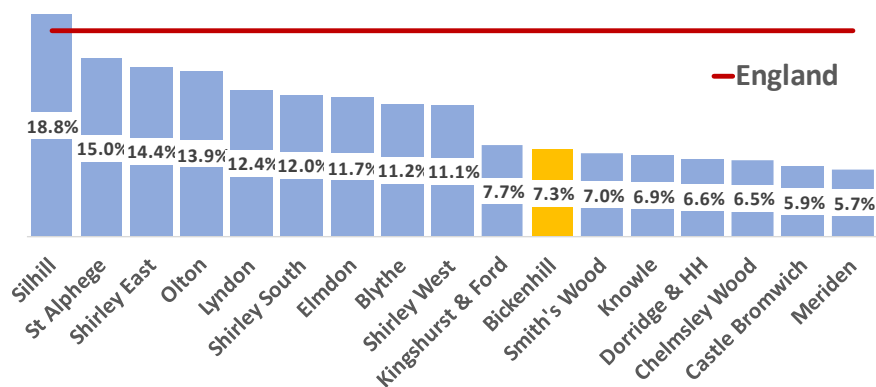
Source: ONS Census 2021

93% of the Bickenhill population were born in in the UK (90% Solihull, 83% England). 7% of the Bickenhill population were born overseas (947 individuals), compared to 10% in Solihull and 17% across England.

Country of Birth of Bickenhill Population 2021				
Country of Birth	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
UK	12,066	93%	90%	83%
Europe	316	2%	3%	7%
Africa	133	1%	1%	3%
Middle East & Asia	412	3%	5%	6%
Americas & Caribbean	77	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%
Antarctica & Oceania	7	0.1%	0.15%	0.30%
British Overseas	2	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%
Total	13,013			

Source: ONS Census 2021

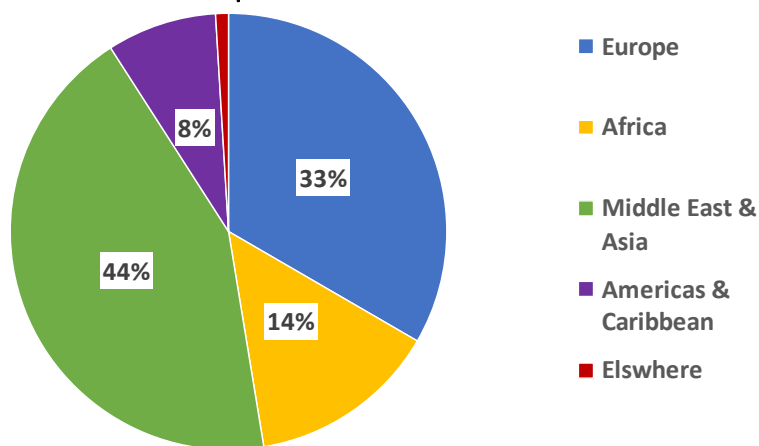
### Population Born Overseas in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

44% of the Bickenhill population born overseas were born in the middle East or Asia (412 individuals), with 33% born in another European country (316 individuals), 14% (133) in Africa and 8% (77) in the Americas & Caribbean.

### Bickenhill Population Born Overseas 2021



The Census data shows that of the Bickenhill residents born overseas, the number who have arrived since 2001 is much lower than the England average (52% vs 70%). At the other end of the spectrum 29% of Bickenhill migrants arrived before 1981 compared to the England average of 14%

Year of Arrival in UK Among Bickenhill Population 2021				
Year of Arrival	Number in Bickenhill	% born overseas		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Arrived before 1981	278	29%	27%	14%
Arrived 1981 to 2000	173	18%	16%	17%
Arrived 2001 to 2013	306	32%	30%	36%
Arrived 2014 to 2021	192	20%	26%	34%
Total born overseas	949			

Source: ONS Census 2021

99% of the Bickenhill population speak English as their first language (96% Solihull, 91% England). Just 0.3% of the Bickenhill population cannot speak English well or speak English at all.

Proficiency in English of Bickenhill Population 2021				
Language Skills	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
English 1 <sup>st</sup> language	10,598	99%	96%	91%
Not 1 <sup>st</sup> language but speak English well	131	1%	2%	4%
Cannot speak English well	22	0.2%	0.5%	1.6%
Cannot speak English	7	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Total (aged 3+)	10,758			

Source: ONS Census 2021

## Households

There are 5,322 households in Bickenhill, with family households comprising 66% (3,535) and single person households 28% (1,484). Compared with the England average Bickenhill has more family and fewer single person households.

Household Composition in Bickenhill 2021				
Household Type	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Single person households	1,484	28%	29%	30%
Family households	3,535	66%	66%	63%
Other households	303	6%	5%	7%
All households	5,322			

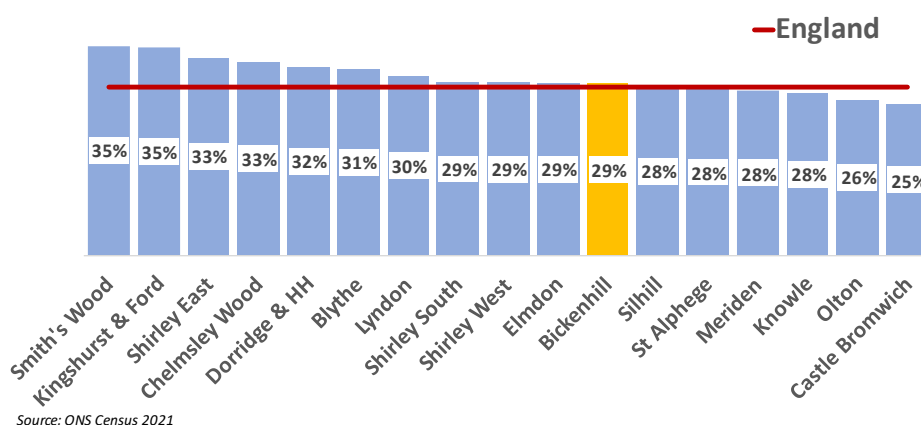
Source: ONS Census 2021

The proportion of Bickenhill households with dependent children (29%) is broadly in-line with the Solihull and England averages.

Households with Children in Bickenhill 2021				
Household Type	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Dependent children	1,542	29%	30%	28%
Non-dependent children	708	13%	12%	11%
All Households with Children	2,250	42%	43%	39%
All Households	5,322			

Source: ONS Census 2021

## Households with Dependent Children in Solihull 2021

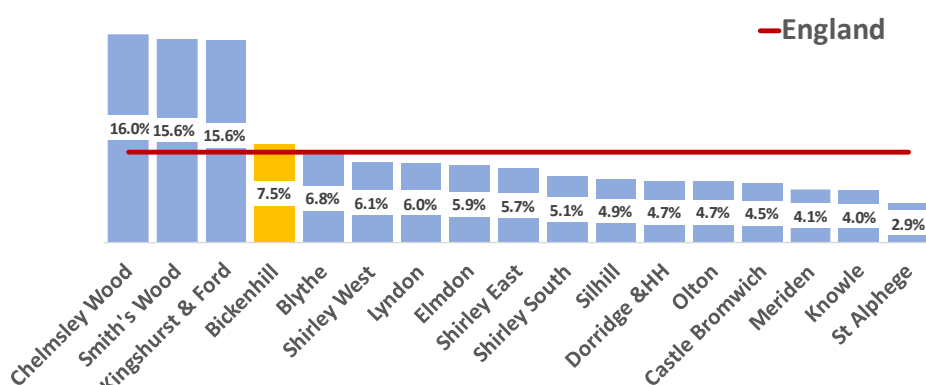


The proportion of single parent Bickenhill households is in-line with the Solihull average, but slightly higher than for England (7.5% Bickenhill, 7.2% Solihull, 6.9% England). This is also the case for single parent households with dependent children.

Single Parent Households in Bickenhill 2021				
Household Type	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Dependent children	400	7.5%	7.2%	6.9%
Non-dependent children	230	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%
All Single parent households	630	11.8%	11.6%	11.1%
All households	5,322			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Single Parent Households with Dependent Children in Solihull 2021



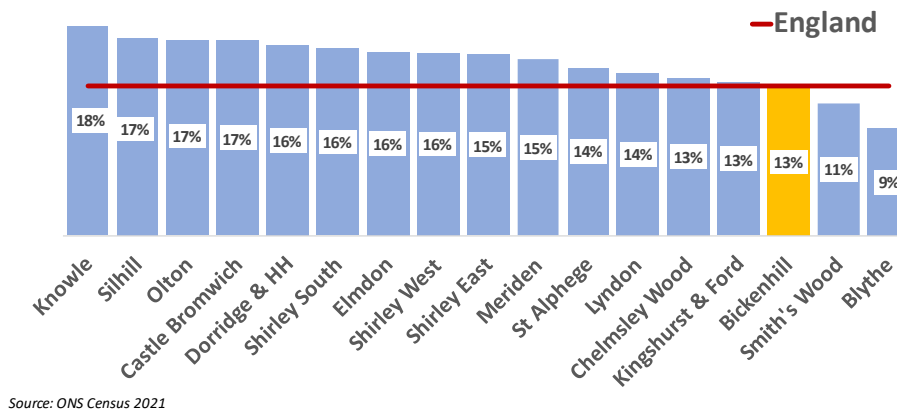
Fewer households in Bickenhill are occupied by older people than the Solihull average (23% vs 26%) with this most evident in a relative dearth of single older people households in Bickenhill. In terms of older people housing demand in Bickenhill more closely resembles England than it does Solihull.

Older People Households in Bickenhill 2021				
Household Type	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Single older people households	671	13%	15%	13%
Couple older people households	566	11%	11%	9%
All older people households	1,237	23%	26%	22%
All households	5,322			

Source: ONS Census 2021



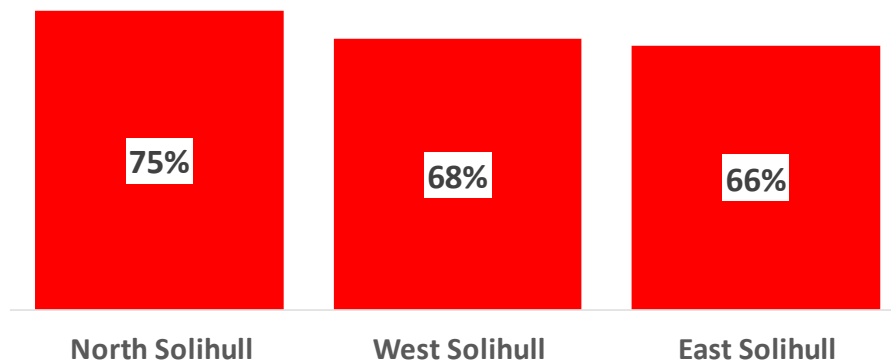
### Single Older People Households in Solihull 2021



### Deprivation, Benefits and Poverty

For much of 2022 and 2023 UK households have been subject to high levels of inflation and a squeeze on living standards. This is reflected in local survey results, with 70% of respondents to the 2022 Place Survey saying that they were more worried about their finances than a year previously. This pattern was replicated across all three Solihull localities.

#### Respondents to Place Survey who are more worried about finances than one year ago



### Index of Multiple Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) is the official measure of deprivation in England produced by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The IMD combines 39 economic, financial, social, environmental and housing measures into a single deprivation score for individual neighbourhoods called Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in England. There are 32,844 LSOAs in England and 134 in Solihull with an average population of 1,500.

The IMD therefore allows each LSOA neighbourhood to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation.

The 2019 IMD shows that Solihull is the least deprived upper tier Local Authority in the West Midlands and is ranked in the 2<sup>nd</sup> top quintile nationally.

Solihull is relatively polarised between large parts of the borough that rank among the least deprived areas of England and a concentration of neighbourhoods in North Solihull among the most deprived.

Population Living in Most and Least Deprived Neighbourhoods in 2019			
	% Population		
	Solihull Population	North Solihull Population	Rest of Borough Population
Most Deprived 5% of areas in England	5%	16%	0%
Most Deprived 10% of areas in England	11%	41%	0%
Least Deprived 10% of areas in England	28%	0%	39%
Least Deprived 5% of areas in England	23%	0%	31%

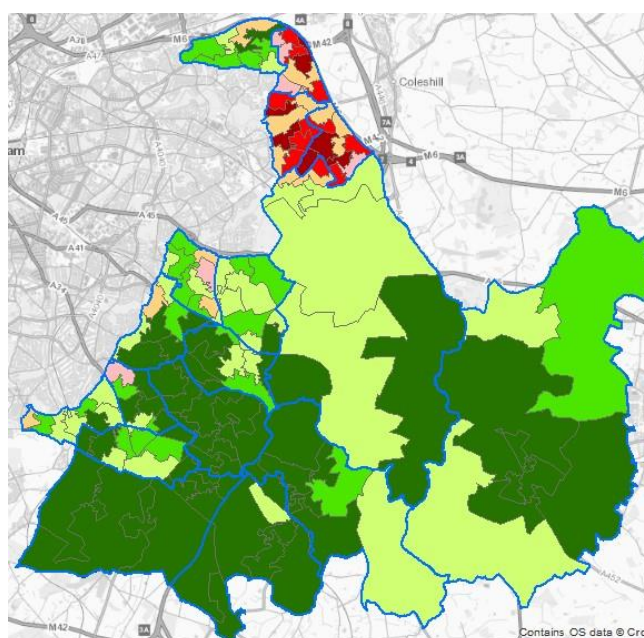
*Source: Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government English Indices of Deprivation*

## 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

### Overall Rank

#### Percentile Rank

- Bottom 5%
- 5th to 10th percentile
- 10th to 20th percentile
- 20th to 40th percentile
- 40th to 60th percentile
- 60th to 80th percentile
- Top 20%



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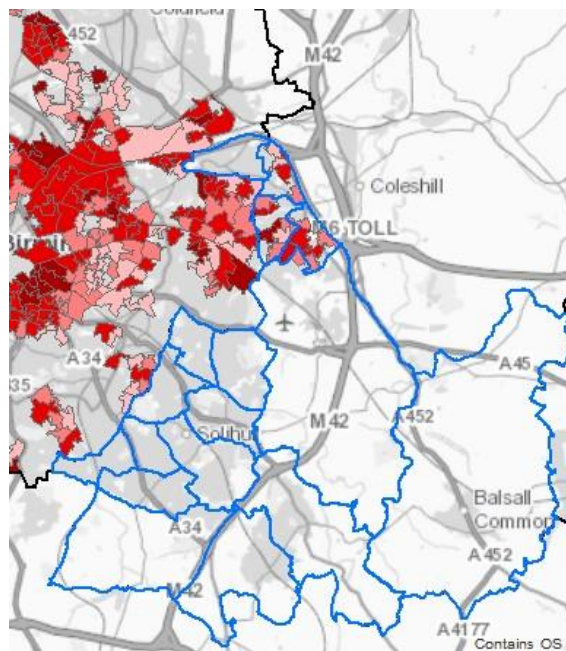
Deprivation is substantially higher in the North Solihull wards of Chelmsley Wood, Kingshurst & Fordbridge and Smith's Wood than elsewhere in the borough. The deprivation evident in North Solihull is part of a wider area of disadvantage that spreads throughout east Birmingham.

## 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

**Overall Rank**  
**LSOAs in Solihull & East Birmingham in Most Deprived 10%**

### Percentile Rank

- 0 - 2nd percentile
- 2 - 5th percentile
- 5 - 7th percentile
- 7 - 10th percentile



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Bickenhill’s nine LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 52<sup>nd</sup> percentile nationally, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the deprived Chelmsley Wood (9<sup>th</sup> percentile) to the advantaged St Alphege (94<sup>th</sup> percentile). In relation to the 17 wards in Solihull, Bickenhill is relatively deprived with just four more deprived wards and 12 less deprived. This is not the case nationally, but Solihull as a borough is relatively advantaged and parts of Bickenhill are not.

IMD Deprivation Rank in Solihull 2019	
Ward	Average Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Chelmsley Wood	9
Smith's Wood	11
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	14
Lyndon	49
Bickenhill	52
Elmdon	59
Shirley West	60
Castle Bromwich	64
Olton	72
Silhill	73
Shirley East	75
Shirley South	76
Meriden	78
Knowle	86
Blythe	91
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	91
St Alphege	94

*Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019*

Deprivation among the nine Bickenhill LSOAs ranges from the most deprived neighbourhood Alcott Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Hampton-in-Arden on the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. Bickenhill has the widest deprivation spread of any ward in Solihull. The Bickenhill communities in the north of the ward neighbouring Chelmsley Wood and Kingshurst & Fordbridge are relatively deprived (Alcott Hall, Low Brook, The Cities) whereas the partly rural village communities in the south are among the most advantaged in the country (Hampton Lane, Hampton-in-Arden).

<b>IMD Deprivation Rank in Bickenhill 2019</b>	
LSOA	Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Alcott Hall	5.6
Low Brook	27.4
The Cities	28.6
Coleshill Heath South	44.2
Bickenhill Hub	47.5
Coppice	49.6
Marston Green	55.4
Hampton Lane	89.8
Hampton-in-Arden	90.3
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

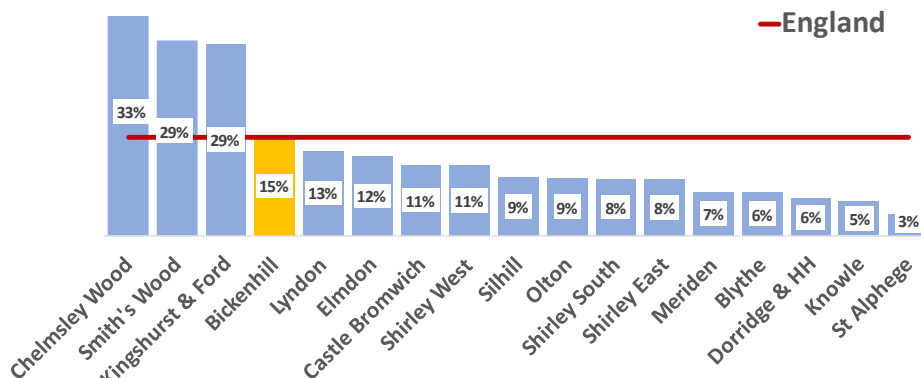
### Universal Credit

As of July 2023 1,164, Bickenhill residents were claiming Universal Credit (UC), equating to 14.8% of the working age population. The rate in Bickenhill is higher than that for Solihull (12.7%) but in-line with England (14.7%).

39% of the UC in Bickenhill are in employment and 61% not in employment, this is broadly in-line with the Solihull and England averages.

<b>Universal Credit Claimants in Bickenhill July 2023</b>				
Claimants	Claimants in Bickenhill	% UC Claimants		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
UC in employment	456	39%	38%	39%
UC not in employment	707	61%	62%	61%
All UC claimants	1,164			
<i>Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore</i>				

### Universal Credit Claimant Rate in Solihull July 2023

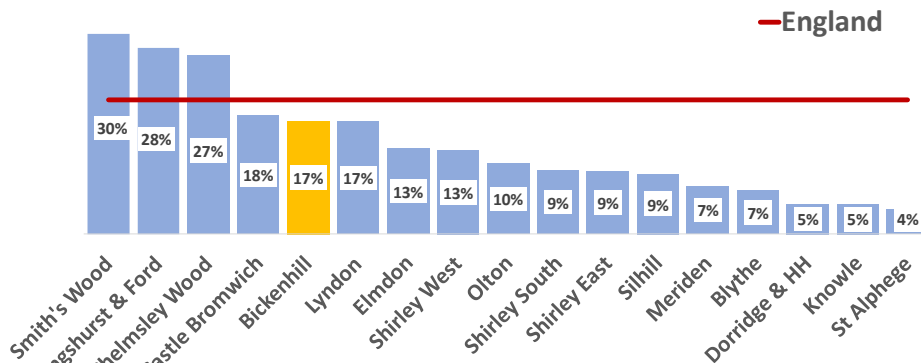


Source: DWP/Stat X-Plore

### Child Poverty

At the end of 2021/22 406 children aged 0-15 years in Bickenhill lived in a low income household. This equates to 17% of the 0-15 population, higher than both the Solihull average (15%) but below that for England (20%). The rate in Bickenhill is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest among Solihull’s 17 wards which range from 30% in Smith’s Wood to 4% in St Alphege.

### Children aged 0 – 15 years in a low - income household in Solihull 2021/22



Source: DWP/Stat X-Plore

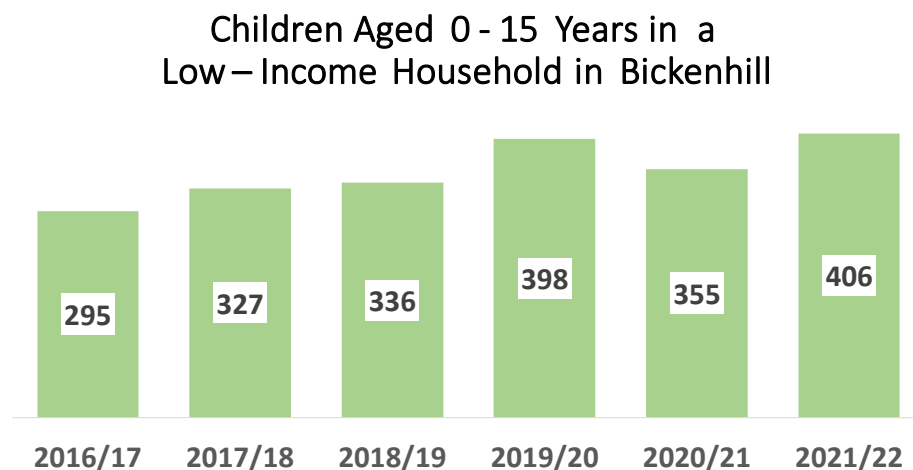
The number of children living in a low-income household in Bickenhill varies little between age group and the age group split is consistent with the Solihull and England averages.

Children Aged 0-15 Years Living in a Low-Income Household in Bickenhill 2021/22				
Age Group	Number in Bickenhill	% all children 0-15 years in low income household		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Aged 0-4 Years	125	31%	30%	28%
Aged 5-10 Years	148	36%	36%	37%
Aged 11-15 Years	133	33%	34%	35%
All Aged 0-15 Years	406			

Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore

The number of Bickenhill children living in a low-income household averaged 353 in the six years 2016/17 to 2021/22. There was a substantial rise from 336 at the end of 2018/19 to 398 at the end of 2019/20 coinciding with the onset of the outbreak of covid-19. This rise is consistent with those across Solihull and England.

The number of Bickenhill children living in a low-income household edged upwards from 2018/19 to 2021/22.



Source: DWP/Stat X:Plote

The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) is a component part of the IMD measuring the relative income deprivation impacting upon children aged 0-15 years.

Bickenhill’s nine LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 49<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally of the IDACI, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the deprived Smith’s Wood (6<sup>th</sup> percentile) to the advantaged St Alphege (89<sup>th</sup> percentile). As with the overall IMD, Bickenhill is not especially deprived in a national context, although just three wards in Solihull rank lower from a child income perspective. This is explained by the range of child income deprivation in Bickenhill including some relatively disadvantaged communities in the north of the ward.

<b>Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) in Solihull 2019</b>	
Ward	Average IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Smith's Wood	6
Chelmsley Wood	8
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	12
Bickenhill	49
Shirley West	56
Lyndon	56
Elmdon	60
Castle Bromwich	67
Silhill	68
Olton	71
Shirley East	71
Shirley South	71
Meriden	75
Knowle	83
Blythe	84
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	86
St Alphege	89
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

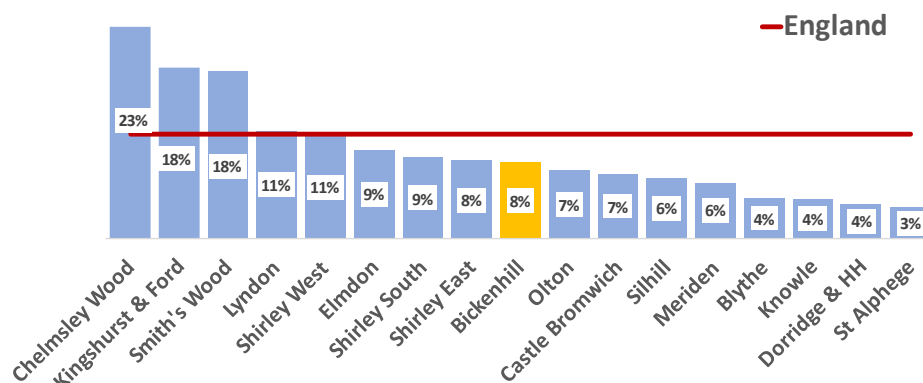
Child income deprivation among the nine Bickenhill LSOAs ranges from the most deprived neighbourhood Alcott Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Hampton Lane on the 88<sup>th</sup> percentile. Bickenhill has the widest child income deprivation spread of any ward in Solihull. The Bickenhill communities in the north of the ward neighbouring Chelmsley Wood and Kingshurst & Fordbridge are relatively child income deprived (Alcott Hall, Low Brook, The Cities) whereas the partly rural village communities in the south are among the most advantaged in the country (Hampton-in-Arden, Hampton Lane).

<b>IDACI Rank in Bickenhill 2019</b>	
LSOA	IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Alcott Hall	7.2
Low Brook	20.7
The Cities	29.7
Bickenhill Hub	45.9
Marston Green	55.8
Coppice	57.3
Coleshill Heath South	67.4
Hampton-in-Arden	71.9
Hampton Lane	88.0
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Older People Poverty

In February 2023 there were 206 older people in Bickenhill claiming a pension credit. This equates to 8% of the pension age population lower than both the Solihull (9%) and England (11%) averages.

**Pension Credit Rate in Solihull February 2023**



Source: ONS Census 2021

The Income Deprivation Affecting Older People (IDAOP) is a component part of the IMD measuring the relative income deprivation impacting upon older people aged 65 and over.

Bickenhill's eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 58<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally of the IDAOP, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from Chelmsley Wood (21<sup>st</sup> percentile) to St Alphege (93<sup>rd</sup> percentile). It is notable that even the most relatively deprived Solihull wards rank outside the most deprived quintile in England on this measure. Five Solihull wards rank as more deprived than Bickenhill in terms of income deprivation affecting older people and ten less deprived.



<b>Income Deprivation Affecting Older People (IDAOP) in Solihull 2019</b>	
Wards	Average IDAOP Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Chelmsley Wood	21
Smith's Wood	25
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	26
Lyndon	47
Shirley West	53
Bickenhill	58
Elmdon	59
Shirley South	65
Shirley East	65
Olton	68
Castle Bromwich	68
Meriden	72
Silhill	74
Blythe	85
Knowle	88
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	88
St Alphege	93
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Older people income deprivation among the nine Bickenhill LSOAs ranges from Alcott Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Hampton-in-Arden on the 76<sup>th</sup> percentile. There are no signs of significant older people income deprivation in Bickenhill with Alcott Wood only just featuring in the most deprived 20% of neighbourhoods in England.

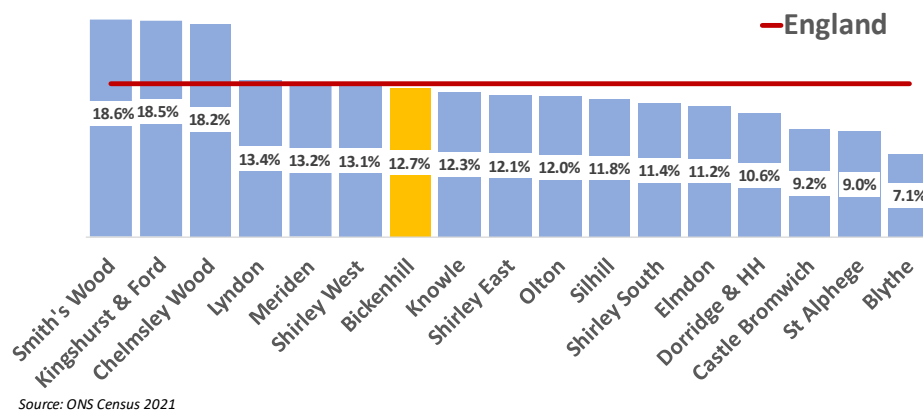
<b>IDAOP Rank in Bickenhill 2019</b>	
LSOA	IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Alcott Hall	19.8
The Cities	32.6
Low Brook	37.0
Coppice	47.0
Marston Green	59.0
Bickenhill Hub	62.4
Coleshill Heath South	68.9
Hampton Lane	75.6
Hampton-in-Arden	75.7
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

### Fuel Poverty

Fuel poverty is measured by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy which determines that those households which are below the poverty line and at the same time are energy inefficient and fuel poor.

809 Bickenhill households were classified as fuel poor in 2021. This equates to 13% of all Bickenhill households, in-line with the Solihull (12.7%) and England (13.1%) averages. Among the 17 Solihull wards Bickenhill has the 7<sup>th</sup> highest fuel poverty rate.

### Fuel Poverty Rate in Solihull 2021



Of the nine Bickenhill LSOAs the percentage of fuel poor households ranges from over 20% in Alcott Hall to just over 9% in Coppice.

Fuel Poor Households in Bickenhill 2021		
	Number	% Households
Alcott Hall	133	20.4%
The Cities	104	18.4%
Hampton-in-Arden	143	15.2%
Marston Green	87	10.9%
Bickenhill Hub	72	10.8%
Coleshill Heath South	61	10.3%
Hampton Lane	77	9.7%
Low Brook	67	9.6%
Coppice	65	9.4%

Source: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

## Employment and Skills

### Resident Economic Activity

At the time of the 2021 Census 72% of the Bickenhill working age population were in employment (5,857 individuals), 4% were unemployed (361 individuals) and 23% economically inactive (1,908 individuals). This was very similar to the patterns across Solihull and England.

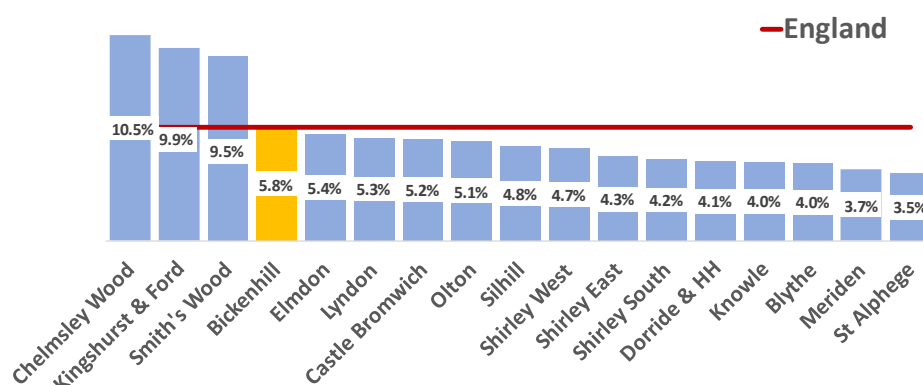
Economic Activity of Working Age Population in Bickenhill 2021				
Economic Status	Number in Bickenhill	% 16-64 Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Employed	5,857	72%	73%	71%
Unemployed	361	4%	4%	4%
Inactive	1,908	23%	23%	25%
All Age 16-64	8,126			

Source: ONS Census 2021

An unemployment rate reflects just the part of the population that is economically active (i.e. excludes people who have opted out of the labour market due to retirement or looking after home and are deemed to be inactive).

In March 2021, Bickenhill’s unemployment rate of 5.8% in-line with the England average but 4<sup>th</sup> highest among the 17 Solihull wards.

### Unemployment Rate in Solihull March 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

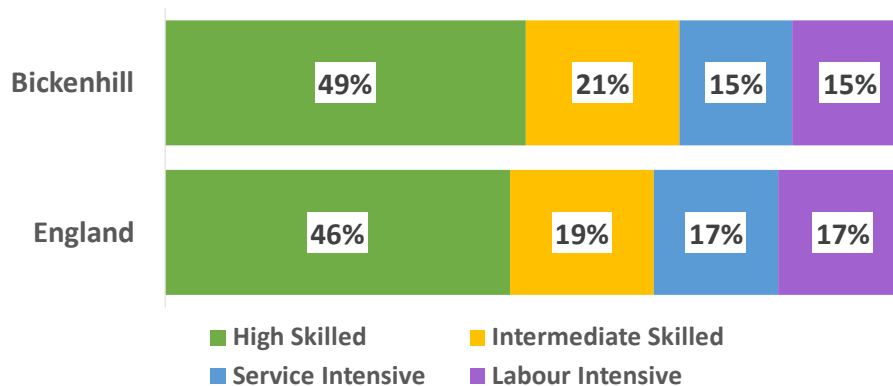
### Resident Employment

Bickenhill residents in employment are more likely to work in those occupations that typically demand higher levels of formal qualifications including managerial and professional roles than the England average. Bickenhill residents are less likely than people across England to work in service intensive or labour intensive occupations. However, lower skilled occupations are more common in Bickenhill than in Solihull.

Occupation of Employed Population of Bickenhill 2021				
Occupation	Number in Bickenhill	% Population in Employment		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Managers, directors & senior officials	931	15%	15%	13%
Professional occupations	1,261	21%	24%	20%
Associate professional & technical occupations	793	13%	13%	13%
Administrative & secretarial occupations	689	11%	11%	9%
Skilled trades occupations	585	10%	8%	10%
Caring, leisure & other service occupations	506	8%	8%	9%
Sales & customer service occupations	430	7%	7%	7%
Process, plant & machine operatives	413	7%	6%	7%
Elementary occupations	539	9%	8%	10%
All in Employment	6,147			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Occupation of Employed People in Bickenhill 2021

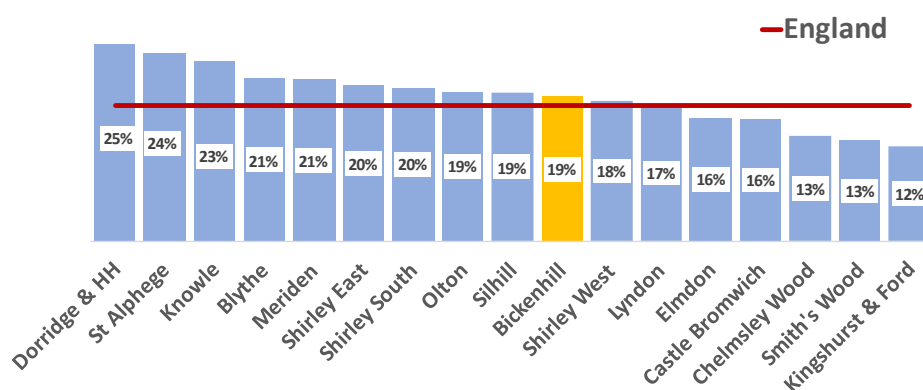


29% of Bickenhill residents in employment work in the public sector (1,756 individuals across public administration, education and healthcare). This is by far the largest sector in Bickenhill, although the level is in-line with the national average. Other significant industries for those in employment in Bickenhill include business services (15%), wholesale & retail (14%), manufacturing (10%) and construction (9%).

Industry of Employed Population of Bickenhill 2021				
Industry Sector	Number in Bickenhill	% Population in Employment		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Manufacturing	609	10%	10%	7%
Other Production	31	0.5%	0.3%	1.0%
Electricity, gas & water supply	112	2%	2%	1%
Construction	568	9%	9%	9%
Wholesale & retail	848	14%	13%	15%
Transport & storage	340	6%	5%	5%
Accommodation & food services	240	4%	4%	5%
Information & communication	280	5%	5%	5%
Financial services	246	4%	5%	4%
Business Services	898	15%	14%	14%
Public Services	1,756	29%	30%	30%
Other Services	231	4%	4%	5%
All in Employment	6,159			

Source: ONS Census 2021

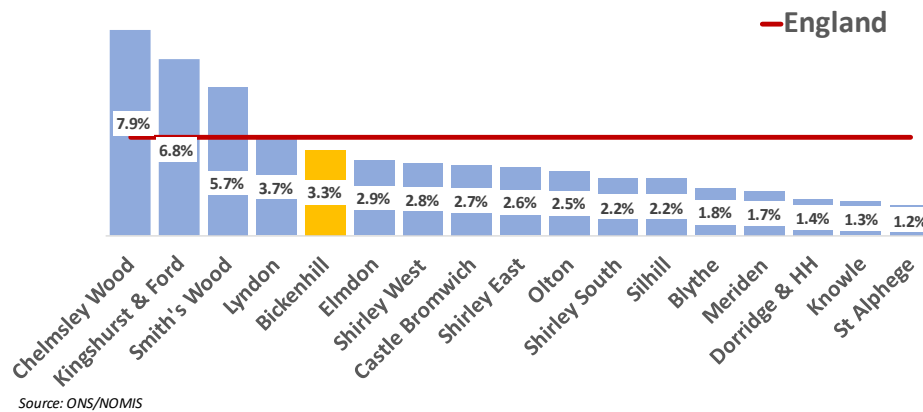
### Employed in Financial & Business Services in Solihull March 2021



### Claimant Count Unemployment

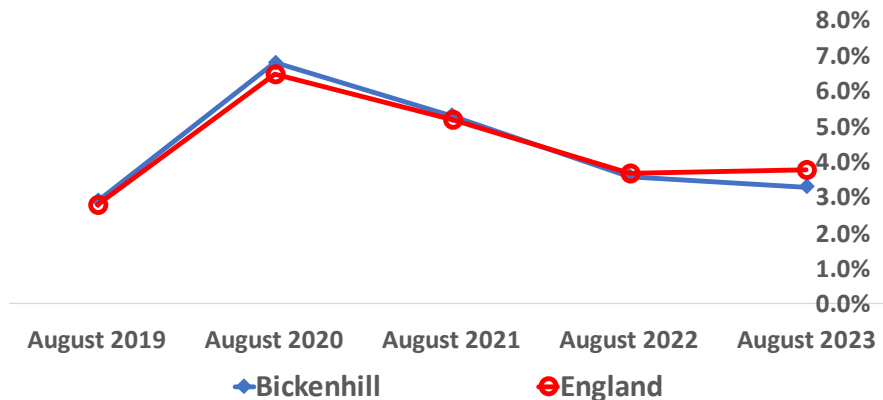
As at August 2023 265 people in Bickenhill were in receipt of unemployment benefit. This equates to a claimant unemployment rate of 3.3%, slightly higher than the Solihull average (3.2%) but lower than that for England (3.8%). Among the 17 Solihull wards the claimant unemployment rate in Bickenhill is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest.

### Claimant Unemployment Rate in Solihull August 2023



The claimant unemployment has fluctuated over recent years following the onset on the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020. Claimant unemployment in Bickenhill has tracked the England rate, rising from 2.9% in August 2019 to 6.8% a year later. Since then, it has trended downwards.

### Claimant Unemployment Rate Bickenhill



### Resident Qualifications

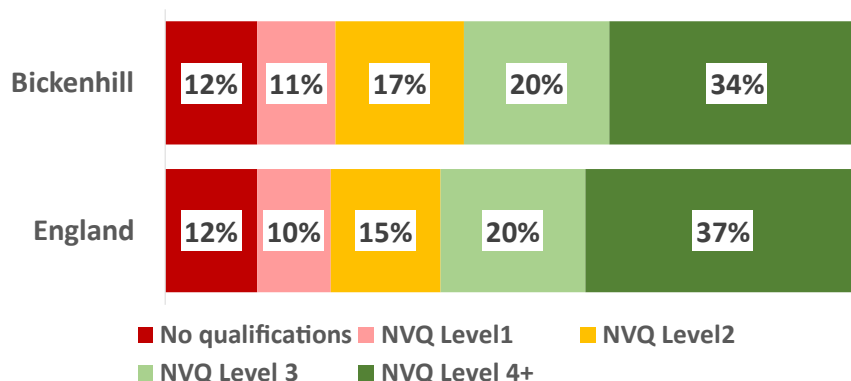
Working age Bickenhill residents tend to have slightly lower levels of formal qualifications than the benchmarks. For instance, 34% of Bickenhill residents (2,797 individuals) had NVQ level 4+ qualifications in March 2021 compared to 40% of the Solihull population and 37% of people in England.

At the other end of the spectrum slightly more Bickenhill residents aged 16-64 have either no qualifications (12% vs 11% Solihull, 12% England) or NVQ level 1 qualifications (11% vs 10% Solihull, 10% England) than benchmark averages.

Formal Qualifications of Working Age Bickenhill Population 2021				
Qualifications	Number in Bickenhill	% 16-64 Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
No qualifications	1,003	12%	11%	12%
NVQ Level1	861	11%	10%	10%
NVQ Level2	1,403	17%	16%	15%
NVQ Level 3	1,592	20%	19%	20%
NVQ Level 4+	2,797	34%	40%	37%
Other	463	6%	5%	6%
16-64 Population	8,119			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Formal Qualification Levels of Bickenhill Population Aged 16 – 64 Years



## Health and Care

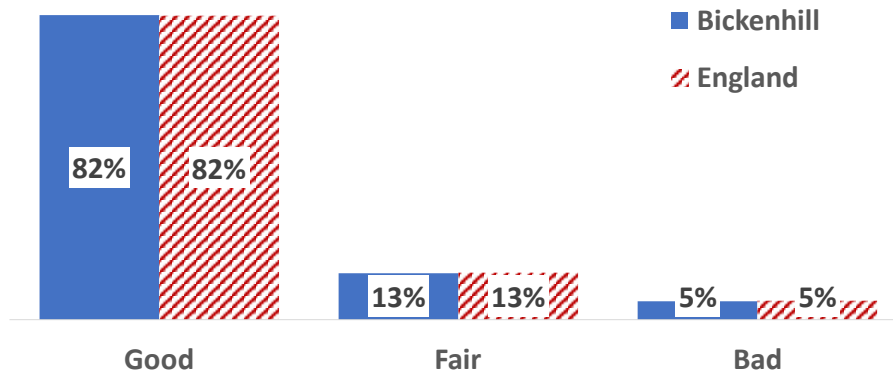
### General Health, Disability and Unpaid Care

According to the 2021 Census self-reported general health in Bickenhill is on a par with that of the population of England. A large majority of people in Bickenhill say that their health is good (49% very good, 33% good) while just 5% say that their health is bad (4% bad, 1% very bad).

General Health of Population in Bickenhill 2021				
General Health	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Very good health	6,378	49%	49%	48%
Good health	4,346	33%	33%	34%
Fair health	1,635	13%	12%	13%
Bad health	507	4%	4%	4%
Very bad health	148	1%	1%	1%
Total Population	13,014			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### General Health of Population Bickenhill 2021



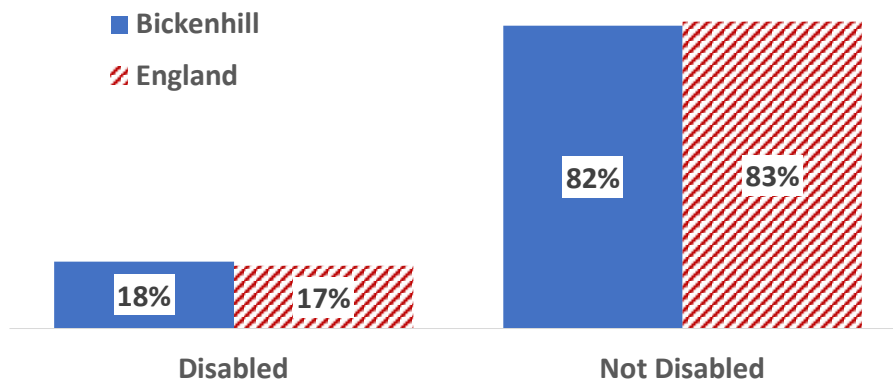
Source: ONS Census 2021

The population of Bickenhill are slightly more likely to have a long-term physical or mental health condition than the population of England (18% vs 17%) although the vast majority have no long-term problems (82%).

Disability in Bickenhill Population 2021				
Disability	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	978	8%	7%	7%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	1,385	11%	10%	10%
Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited	890	7%	7%	7%
No long term physical or mental health conditions	9,762	75%	76%	76%
Total Population	13,015			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Disability in Population Bickenhill 2021

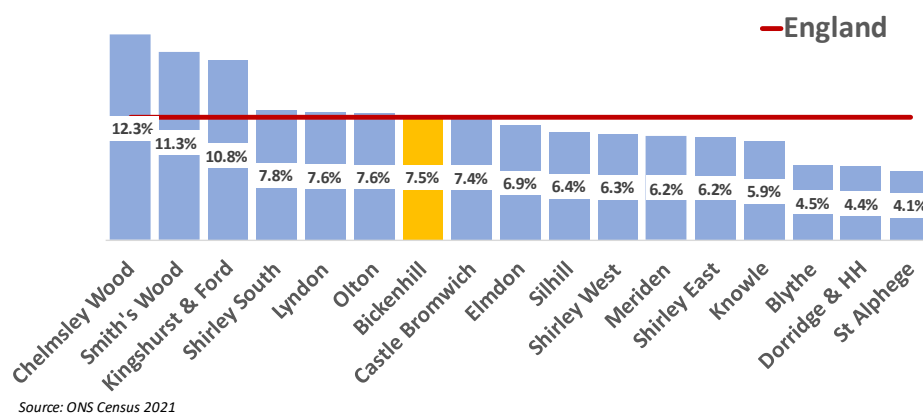


Source: ONS Census 2021



8% of the Solihull population (978 individuals) say that their day-to-day activities are limited a lot by a long-term health condition compared to the England average of 7%. Among the 17 Solihull wards Bickenhill is in the middle, although there are significant differences between the high rates evident in the three North Solihull wards and the rest of the borough.

### Life Limited a Lot by Long – Term Health Condition Solihull Population 2021

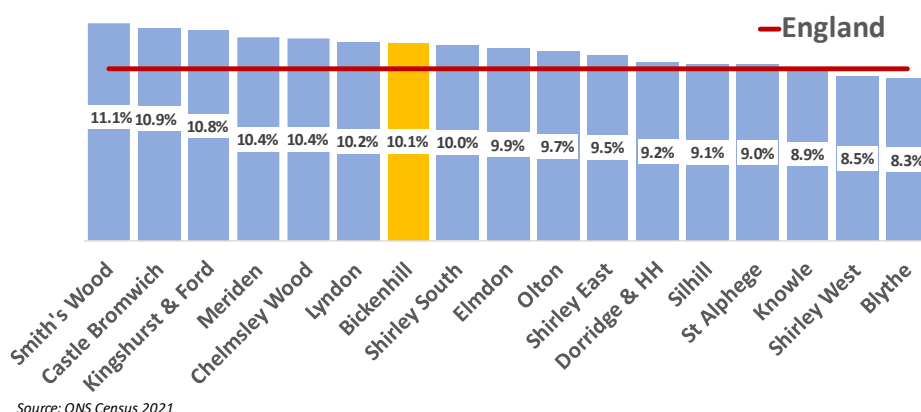


Just over 10% of the Bickenhill population (1,253 individuals) provide unpaid care to a friend or relative compared to 90% who provide no care (11,120 individuals). This is broadly in-line with the Solihull and England averages.

Provision of Unpaid Care in Bickenhill Population 2021				
Care Provided	Number in Bickenhill	% Population		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Provides no unpaid care	11,120	90%	90%	91%
Provides 9 hours or less care	434	4%	4%	3%
Provides 10 to 19 care	179	1%	1%	1%
Provides 20 to 34 care	132	1%	1%	1%
Provides 35 to 49 hours care	148	1%	1%	1%
Provides 50+ hours care	360	3%	3%	3%
Total Population	12,373			

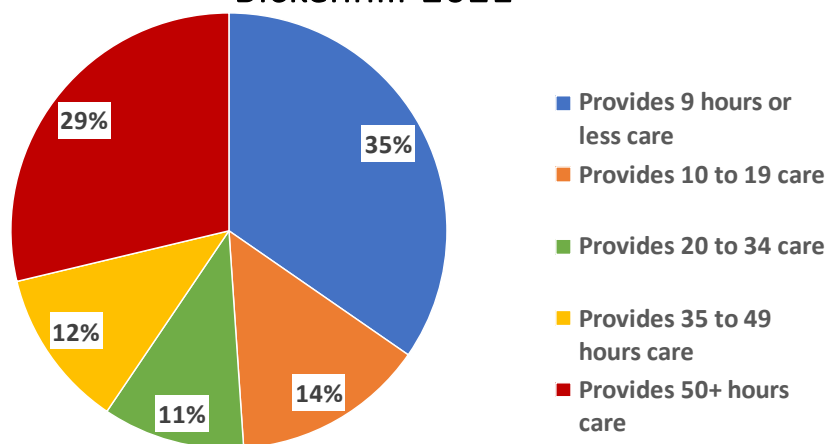
Source: ONS Census 2021

### Provision of Unpaid Care in Solihull 2021



35% of the Bickenhill population who provide unpaid care do so for nine hours or less per week (434 individuals). At the other end of the spectrum 29% (360 individuals) provide 50 hours or more care per week, this is in-line with the England average.

### Provision of Unpaid Care Bickenhill 2021



### Life Expectancy

Life expectancy at birth is an estimate of the average number of years a new-born baby would survive if he or she experienced the age-specific mortality rates for that area. As such it is a useful summary measure of all-cause mortality and a proxy for the overall health of an area.

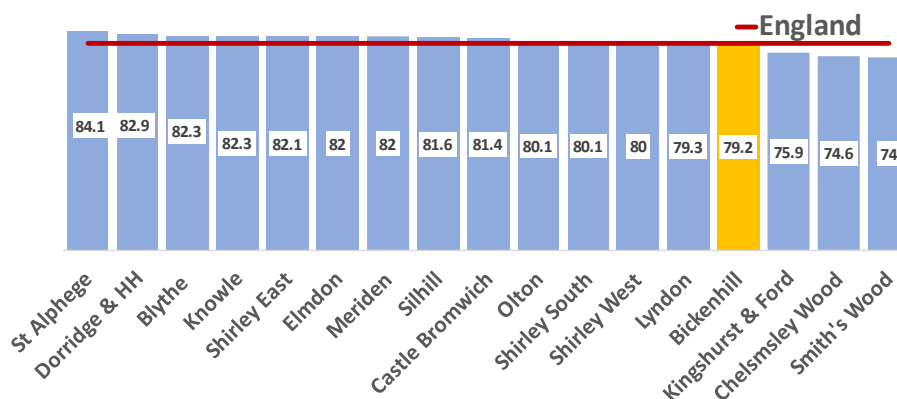
Life expectancy in Bickenhill is slightly lower than the England average for both males and females, although the difference cannot be described as statistically significant. For both males and females life expectancy in Bickenhill is amongst the lowest of any of the 17 Solihull wards<sup>i</sup>.

<sup>i</sup> Shading used in all OHID health tables denotes statistical significance: green=statistically better than in England; yellow=in-line with England average; red=statistically worse than England.

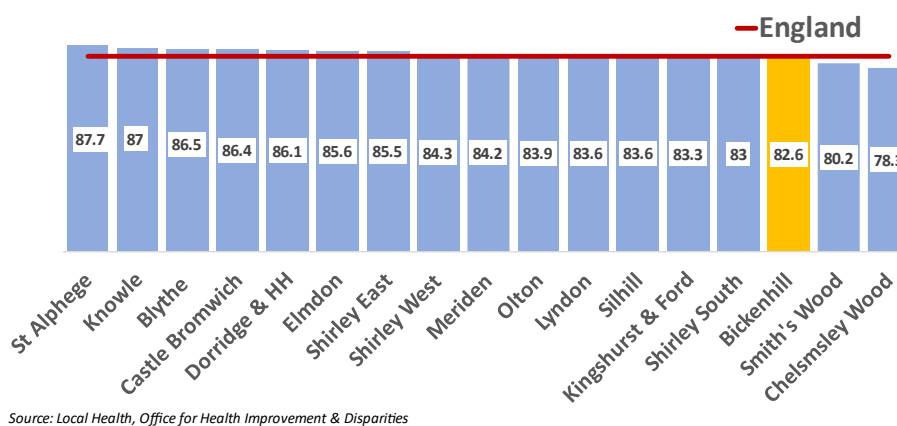
Life Expectancy at Birth (Years) in Bickenhill 2016 to 2020			
	Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Male	79.2	80.2	79.5
Female	82.6	84.1	83.2

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### Male Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020



### Female Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020

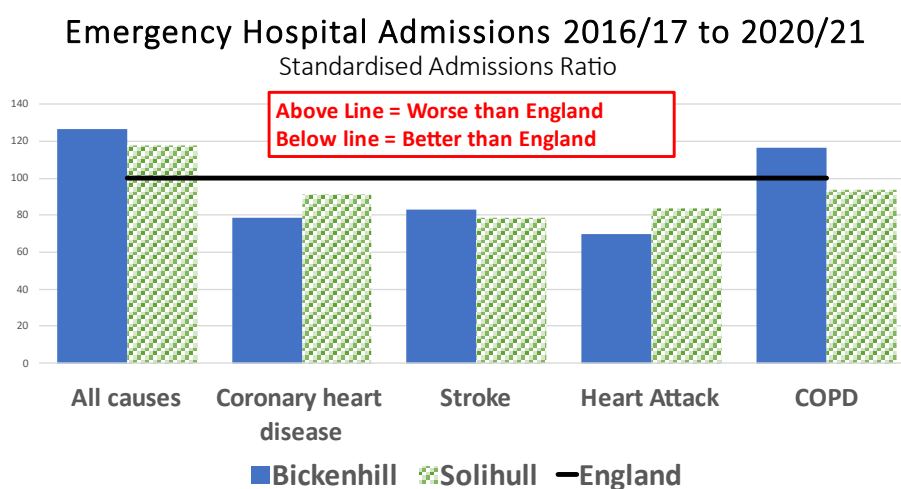


### Hospital Admissions

The table below shows that rate of standardised age emergency hospital admissions in Bickenhill for various health conditions relative to the England average of 100. Like Solihull as a whole emergency admissions for all causes are significantly more common than across England (126.5 vs 100), as is the case for the rate of admissions for COPD. By contrast, admissions for coronary heart disease and heart attack are less common than England.

<b>Emergency Admissions to Hospital in Bickenhill 2016/17 to 2020/21</b>		
<i>This is an age standard admissions ratio where England = 100. A SAR over 100 indicates that admissions are more common than England, a SAR below 100 indicates that admissions are less common than England</i>		
	Bickenhill SAR	Solihull SAR
All causes	126.5	117.5
Coronary heart disease	78.5	90.9
Stroke	82.8	78.3
Heart Attack	69.8	83.6
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	116.6	93.6

*Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities*



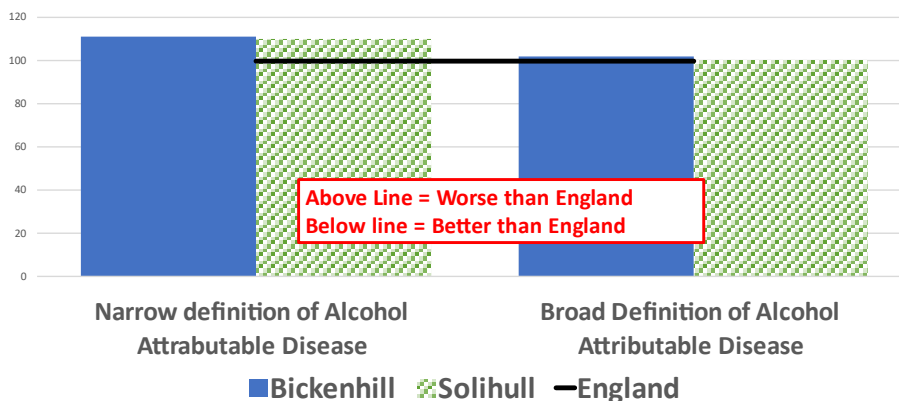
Alcohol consumption is a contributing factor to hospital admissions and deaths from a diverse range of conditions. Alcohol misuse is measured by hospital admissions for diseases attributable to alcohol. Using a narrow definition of diseases attributable to alcohol the rate in Bickenhill is significantly higher than the England average.

<b>Admissions due to Alcohol Misuse in Bickenhill 2016/17 to 2020/21</b>		
<i>This is an age standard admissions ratio where England = 100. An SAR over 100 indicates that incidence is more common than England, an SAR below 100 indicates that incidence is less common than England</i>		
	Bickenhill SAR	Solihull SAR
Alcohol attributable conditions (narrow definition)	111.2	110.1
Alcohol attributable conditions (broad definition)	101.7	100.3

*Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities*

### Admissions for Alcohol 2016/17 to 2020/21

Standardised Admissions Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### Cancer Incidence

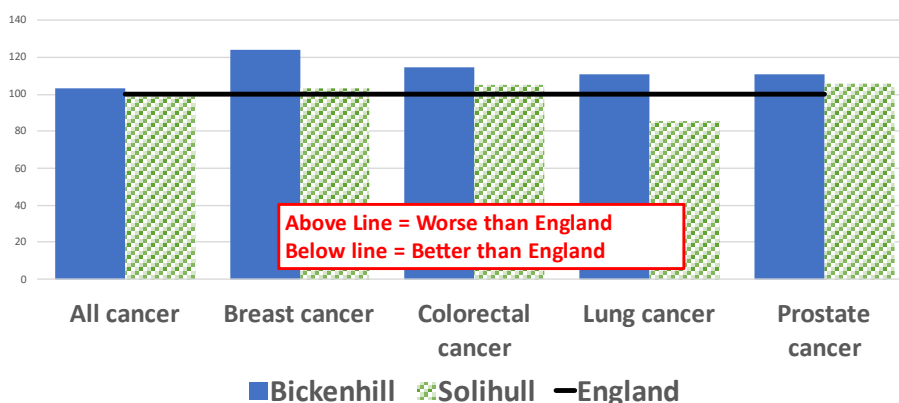
The incidence of cancer (defined by the number of new cases) in Bickenhill is slightly higher than the England average but not significantly so. This is also the case for all specific types of cancer.

Incidence of Cancer in Bickenhill 2015 to 2019		
<i>This is an age standard incidence ratio where England = 100. An SIR over 100 indicates that incidence is more common than England, an SIR below 100 indicates that incidence is less common than England</i>		
	Bickenhill SIR	Solihull SIR
All cancer	103.1	98.6
Breast cancer	124.2	103.2
Colorectal cancer	114.4	105.1
Lung cancer	110.8	85.4
Prostate cancer	110.5	105.4

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### Incidence of Cancer 2015 to 2019

Standardised Incidence Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### Causes of Mortality

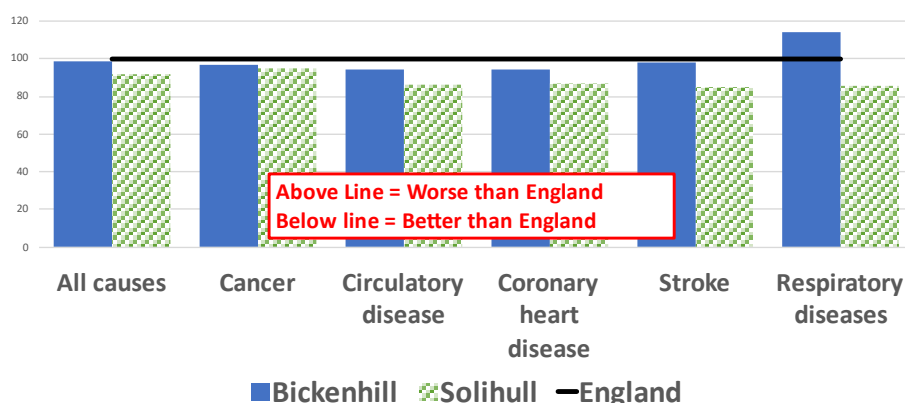
All age mortality is slightly lower than the England average, although given the confidence intervals that apply to this indicator it cannot be described as statistically significant. The same is true for the specific causes of mortality.

<b>All Age Deaths in Bickenhill 2016 to 2020</b>		
<i>This is an age standard mortality ratio where England = 100. A SMR over 100 indicates that deaths are more common than England, a SMR below 100 indicates that deaths are less common than England</i>		
	Bickenhill SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	98.5	91.6
Cancer	96.9	95.1
Circulatory disease	94.4	86.1
Coronary heart disease	94.4	86.8
Stroke	98.2	85.2
Respiratory diseases	114	85.6

*Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities*

### All Age Deaths 2016 to 2020

Standardised Mortality Ratio



*Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities*

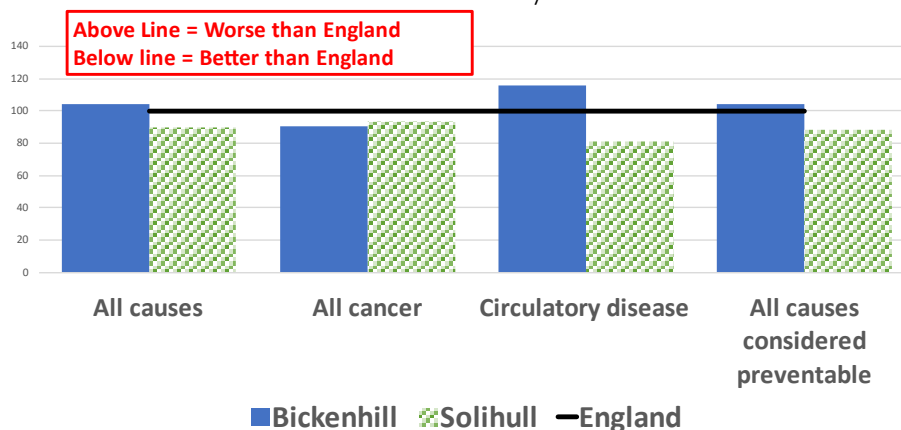
Premature mortality (deaths under the age of 75 years) is slightly higher than the England average, although given the confidence intervals that apply to this indicator it cannot be described as statistically significant. The same is true for the specific causes of mortality.

<b>Premature and Preventable Deaths (under 75 years) in Bickenhill 2016 to 2020</b>		
<i>This is an age standard mortality ratio where England = 100. A SMR over 100 indicates that deaths are more common than England, a SMR below 100 indicates that deaths are less common than England</i>		
	Bickenhill SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	104.4	89.9
All cancer	90.6	93.5
Circulatory disease	116.1	81.3
All causes considered preventable	104.1	88.6

*Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities*

## All Premature & Preventable Deaths 2016 to 2020

Standardised Mortality Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

## Housing and Transport

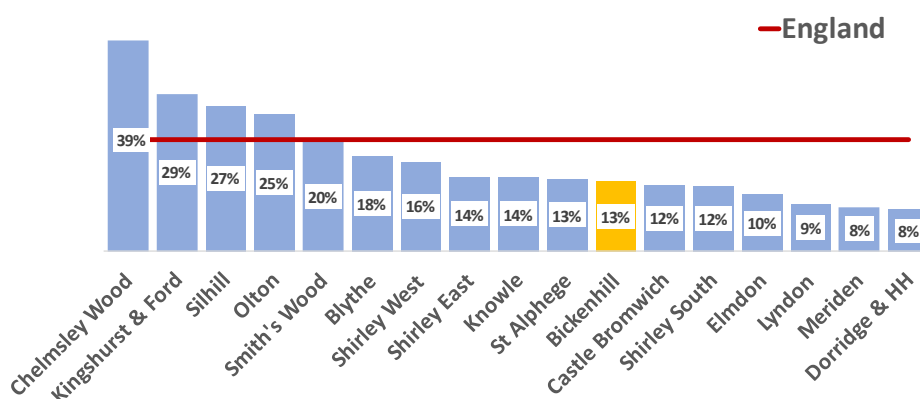
### Accommodation Type

86% of Bickenhill households live in a house (4,584 households) and 13% in a flat (679 households). Among the 17 Solihull wards Bickenhill has the 7<sup>th</sup> smallest proportion of households living in a flat.

Accommodation Type in Bickenhill 2021				
Tenure	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Detached Housing	1,663	31%	28%	23%
Semi-Detached Housing	1,664	31%	37%	31%
Terraced Housing	1,257	24%	16%	23%
Flats	679	13%	17%	21%
Other	56	1%	1%	2%
All Households	5,319			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Households Living in a Flat in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

## Tenure

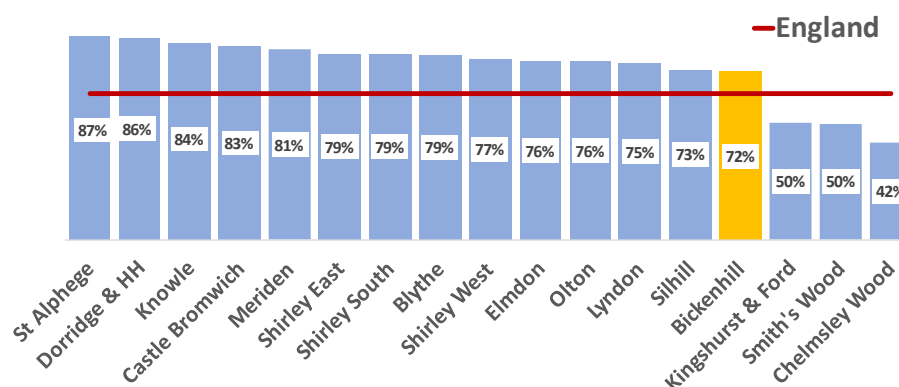
72% of Bickenhill households own (or part own) their own home either outright or through a mortgage (3,820 households). The vast majority of the remainder rent either privately or socially. Social renting in Bickenhill (764 households, 14% of total) is slightly less common than across England (17%) but in-line with the Solihull average (14%).

Tenure in Bickenhill 2021				
Tenure	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Owned or Shared Ownership	3,820	72%	73%	62%
Social rented	764	14%	14%	17%
Private rented or lives rent free	735	14%	13%	21%
All Households	5,319			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Homeownership in Bickenhill is more common than across England (72% vs 62%) but is broadly in-line with the average across Solihull where homeownership rates are above the national average everywhere except the three North Solihull wards.

## Homeownership (including shared ownership) in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

## Overcrowding

Household overcrowding is assessed by comparing the number of people in a household against the number of bedrooms that they require based on the bedroom standard which determines that adults, children over 16 and children between 10 and 15 of a different sex are entitled to their own bedroom. Overcrowding occurs when the number of bedrooms in the accommodation is less than the number required under this bedroom standard.

A large majority of households in Bickenhill have at least one spare bedroom and are considered under-utilised (75%, 4,003 households). This is common across Solihull and England. Just 3% of Bickenhill households are overcrowded compared to the England average of 4%.



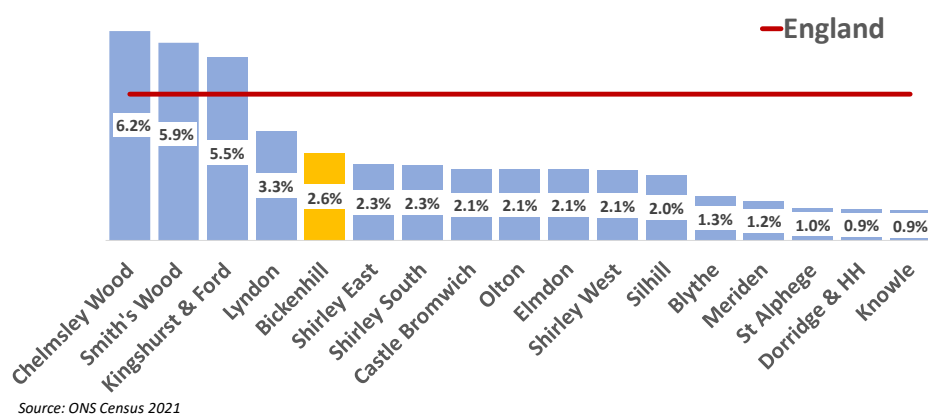
With the exception of the three North Solihull wards bedroom overcrowding is less common among the 17 Solihull wards than England.

Overcrowding in Bickenhill (Bedroom Standard) 2021				
Bedroom Occupation	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
Under utilised	4,003	75%	76%	69%
Ideal Occupation	1,178	22%	22%	27%
Overcrowded	138	3%	3%	4%
All Households	5,319			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Overcrowded households in Solihull 2021

(Based on Number of bedrooms)



### Access to Car or Van

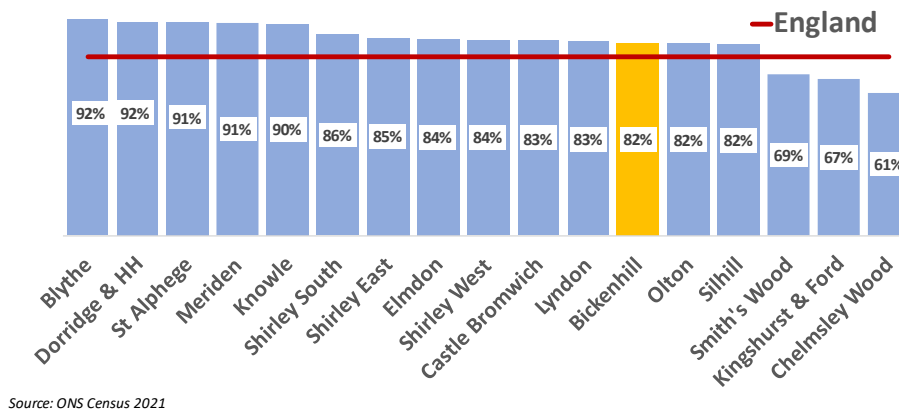
82% of Bickenhill households have a car or van (4,388 households) including 43% (2,266 households) that have more than one. Car or van ownership, including multiple ownership is more common in Bickenhill than the England average (76% of households including 35% multiple).

With the exception of the three North Solihull wards all Solihull wards have higher levels of car or van ownership than the England average.

Bickenhill Households with a car or van 2021				
Car/van access	Number in Bickenhill	% Households		
		Bickenhill	Solihull	England
No car or van access	931	18%	18%	24%
Car or van access	4,388	82%	82%	76%
<b>Number of cars or vans per household</b>				
1 car or van	2,122	40%	39%	41%
2 cars or vans	1,546	29%	32%	26%
3+ cars or vans	720	14%	11%	9%
All Households	5,319			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Households with access to a car or van in Solihull 2021

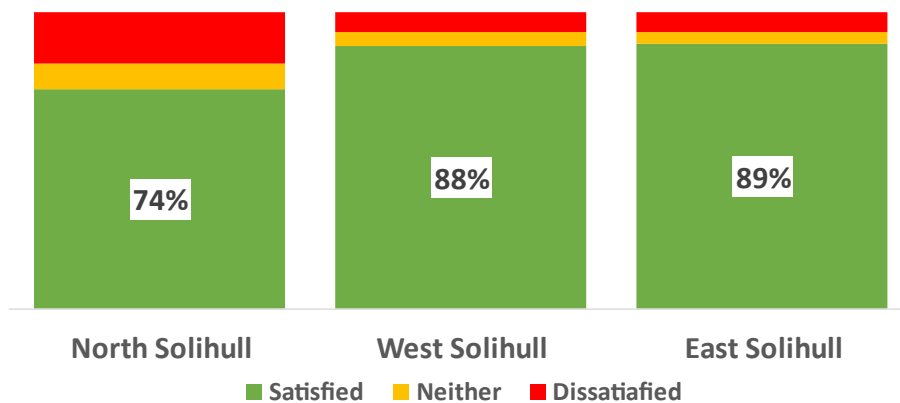


## Community and Safety

### Community Satisfaction and Belonging

Most Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey say that they are satisfied with their local area as a place to live (84%) with just 10% saying that they are dissatisfied. Levels of satisfaction are high across all three Solihull localities and in East Solihull 89% are satisfied and 7% dissatisfied.

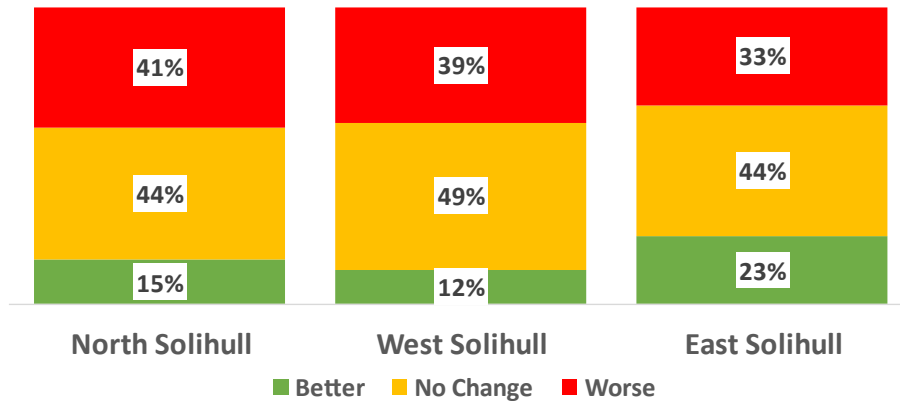
### Satisfaction with local area as place to live



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

The majority of Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey thought that their local area had remained the same or got worse over the two preceding years (85%), including 38% who thought that their local area got worse over this period. The results do not vary greatly across localities, although results from East Solihull are slightly more positive than the Solihull average (East Solihull 77% no change or worse, 23% better).

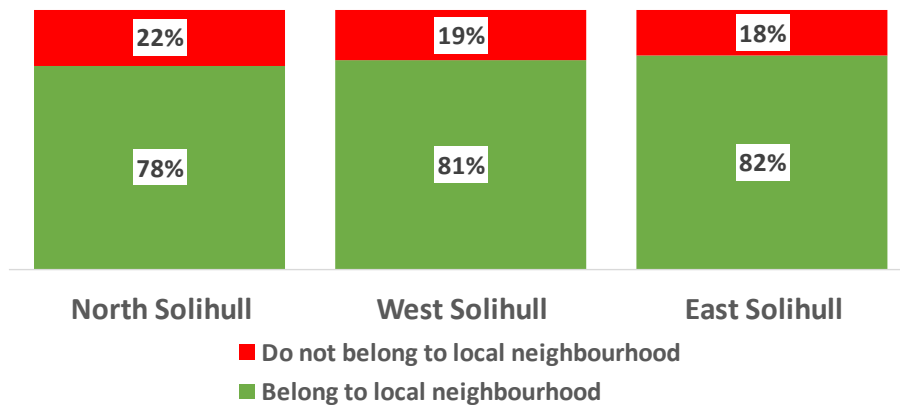
### How has local area changed in last 2 years



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

82% of respondents to the 2022 Place Survey feel that they belong to their local neighbourhood while 20% do not. Feelings of community belonging vary little across Solihull with East Solihull broadly in-line with the borough average.

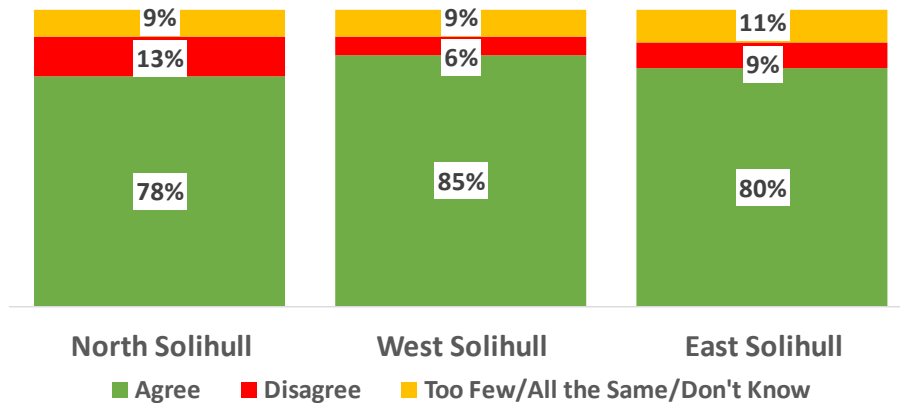
### To what extent does respondent feel they belong to local neighbourhood



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

Despite significant demographic changes and increasing ethnic and religious diversity Solihull remains a cohesive borough. 82% of respondents agree that people from a different background get on well together in their local area, with just 9% disagreeing. Cohesion is high throughout Solihull and the results from East Solihull are in-line with the borough average.

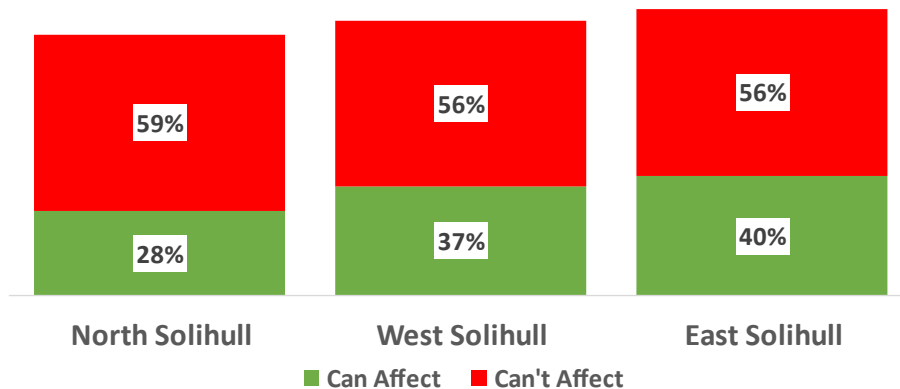
### People from a different background get on well together in local area



### Civic Participation

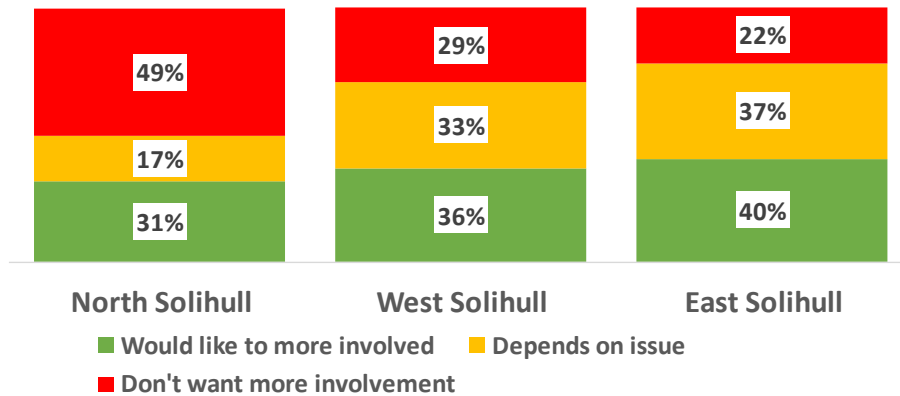
35% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they can influence decisions that affect their local area while 57% do not feel they can influence decisions. More people in East Solihull feel they can influence decisions (40%) than elsewhere in the borough.

### To what extent do feel able to influence decisions that affect your local area



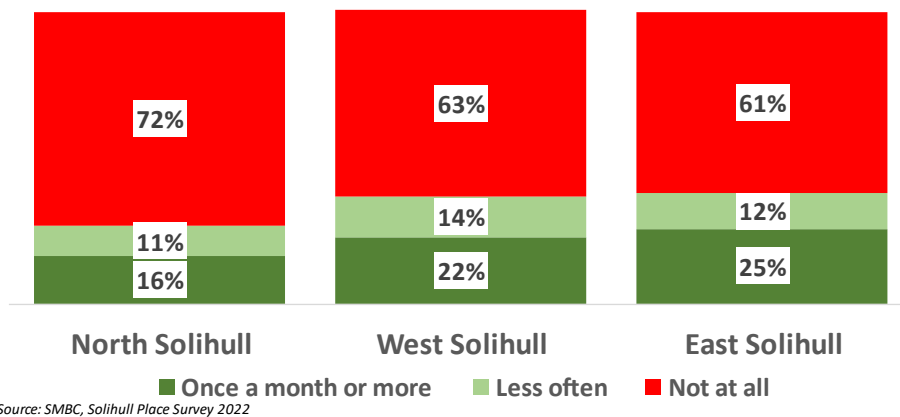
Despite the fact that 57% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they cannot influence local decisions only 36% say that they would definitely like more involvement with 33% saying that they definitely do not want to be involved. The results for this measure do vary across the borough and in East Solihull 77% say that they are at least open to more involvement (40% definitely yes, 37% depends on the issue), while less than a quarter (22%) do not want to be involved.

### Would like to be more involved in local decisions



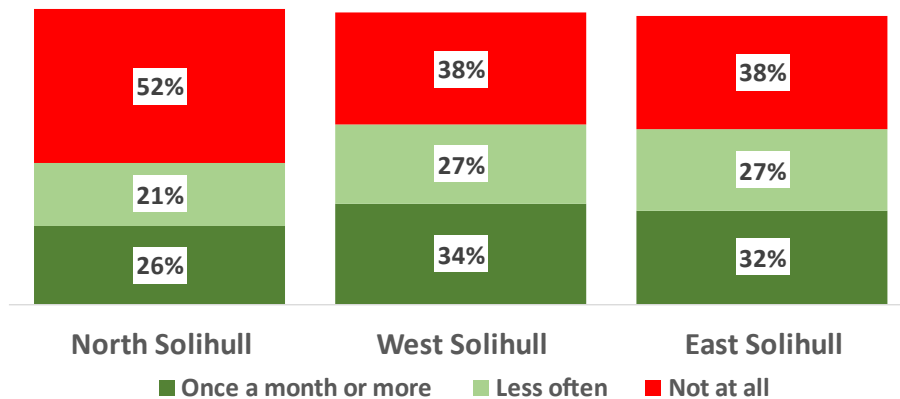
On average 34% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they have taken part in formal volunteering (defined as unpaid help to any group, club or organisation such as sports coaching or supporting a faith organisation) over the last year, including 21% who volunteer at least once a month. Participation is higher outside North Solihull with a participation rate of 38% in East Solihull.

### Have taken part in formal volunteering in last year



On average 57% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they have provided informal help in their local community or to a neighbour over the last year, including 32% who have done so at least once a month. Participation is higher outside North Solihull with a participation rate of 59% in East Solihull.

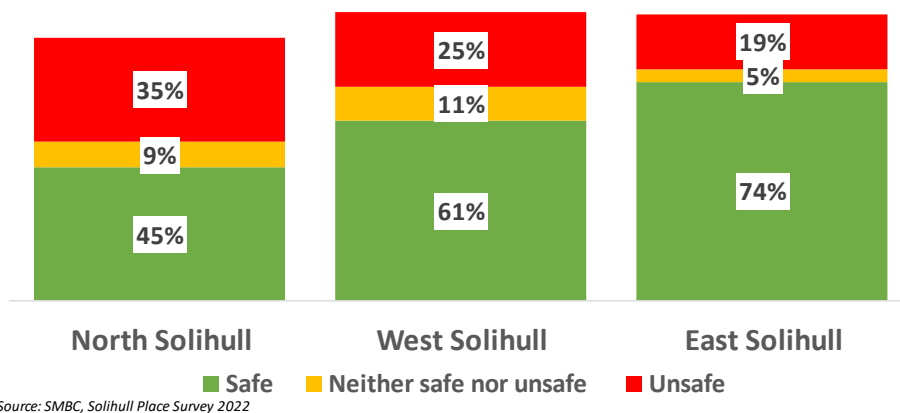
### Have taken part in informal volunteering in last year



### Community Safety

59% of Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey say that they feel safe after dark whereas 27% feel unsafe. There is a significant difference between North Solihull and the rest of the borough on this measure, with 74% of East Solihull residents feeling safe after dark.

### Feeling safe after dark in local area

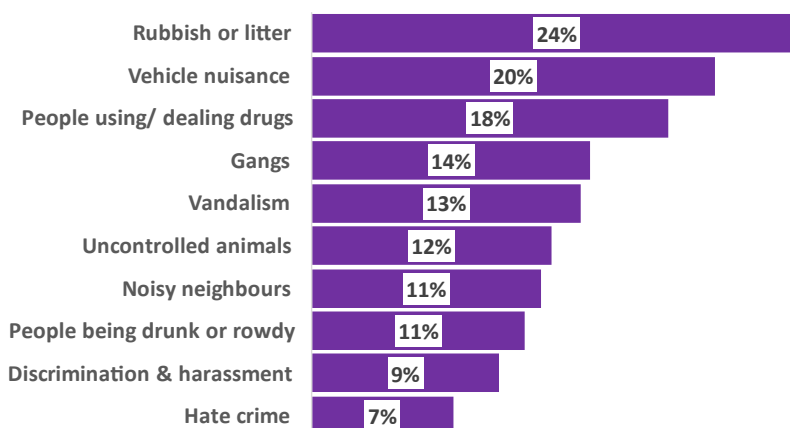


Respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey were asked which of 10 types of antisocial behaviour were a problem in their local area. The most commonly cited problem in East Solihull was rubbish & litter lying around (24%), followed by vehicle nuisance (20%) and people using or dealing drugs (18%). Each type of ASB was considered a problem by fewer East Solihull respondents than the Solihull average.

Problem with Anti-Social Behaviour in Local Area		
ASB Type	East Solihull	Solihull
Discrimination, harassment or intimidation	9%	14%
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	11%	11%
Vehicle nuisance, like joyriding, abandoned cars etc	20%	32%
Gangs hanging around the streets	14%	22%
Uncontrolled animals or dog mess	12%	15%
People using or dealing drugs	18%	28%
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	11%	15%
Vandalism, graffiti & other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	13%	26%
Rubbish or litter lying around	24%	34%
Hate crime	7%	8%

*Source: Solihull Place Survey 2022*

### Problem with ASB in East Solihull



*Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022*

### Crime Deprivation

Bickenhill's nine LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 48<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally in terms of crime & disorder deprivation, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the crime & disorder deprived Kingshurst & Fordbridge (15<sup>th</sup> percentile) to the advantaged Knowle (85<sup>th</sup> percentile). On this basis Bickenhill would be considered in line with both England and Solihull which has six more deprived wards and ten less deprived wards.

Ward	Average Crime & Disorder Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	15
Chelmsley Wood	16
Smith's Wood	25
Castle Bromwich	35
Shirley West	42
Lyndon	44
Bickenhill	48
Olton	58
Elmdon	62
Silhill	64
Shirley East	65
Meriden	71
Blythe	72
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	78
Shirley South	78
St Alphege	81
Knowle	85
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Crime & disorder deprivation among the nine Bickenhill LSOAs ranges from Alcott Hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Coleshill Heath South on the 76<sup>h</sup> percentile.

The Bickenhill communities in the north of the ward neighbouring Chelmsley Wood and Kingshurst & Fordbridge are relatively crime deprived (Alcott Hall, Low Brook) as are the commercial hubs which serve as hotspots for car and business crime (Bickenhill Hub, Marston Green). By contrast, the partly rural village communities in the south such as Hampton-in-Arden are far less crime deprived.

<b>Crime &amp; Disorder Rank in Bickenhill 2019</b>	
LSOA	Crime & Disorder Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Alcott Hall	9.0
Low Brook	20.4
Bickenhill Hub	41.1
Marston Green	45.7
Coppice	46.3
Hampton Lane	52.4
The Cities	55.6
Hampton-in-Arden	74.7
Coleshill Heath South	75.8
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	



Reported Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

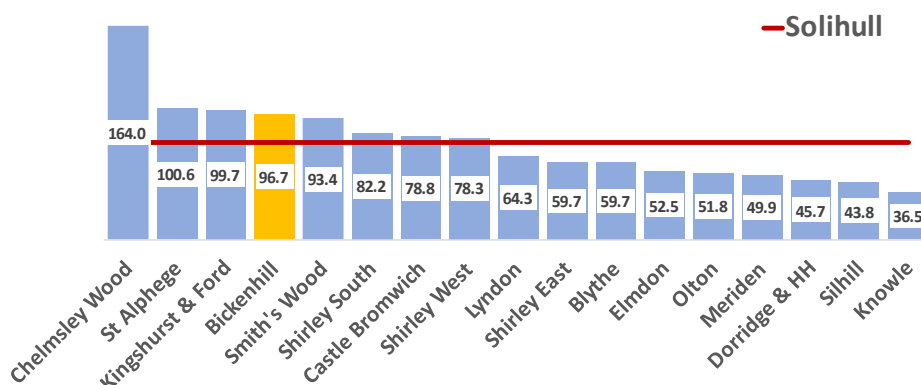
The table below shows the number of recorded crimes in the year to date (January-November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023). There have been 1,242 crimes in Bickenhill, 7.6% of the Solihull total and equating to 96.7 per 1,000 population. This is higher than the Solihull average of 74.7 per 1,000 and the 4<sup>th</sup> highest of the 17 Solihull wards.

Reported Crimes in 2023			
Ward	Number of Reported Crimes	% Reported Crimes	Crimes per 1,000 Population
Bickenhill	1,242	7.6%	96.7
Blythe	880	5.4%	59.7
Castle Bromwich	889	5.5%	78.8
Chelmsley Wood	2,183	13.4%	164.0
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	524	3.2%	45.7
Elmdon	669	4.1%	52.5
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	1,354	8.3%	99.7
Knowle	412	2.5%	36.5
Lyndon	893	5.5%	64.3
Meriden	636	3.9%	49.9
Olton	665	4.1%	51.8
Shirley East	724	4.5%	59.7
Shirley South	1,030	6.3%	82.2
Shirley West	1,010	6.2%	78.3
Silhill	545	3.4%	43.8
Smith's Wood	1,207	7.4%	93.4
St Alphege	1,393	8.6%	100.6
Solihull <sup>^</sup>	16,256		74.7

<sup>^</sup> Solihull total includes 861 crimes attributed to Airport/NEC (5% total)

Source: West Midlands Police

Reported Crimes per 1,000 Population in Solihull 2023

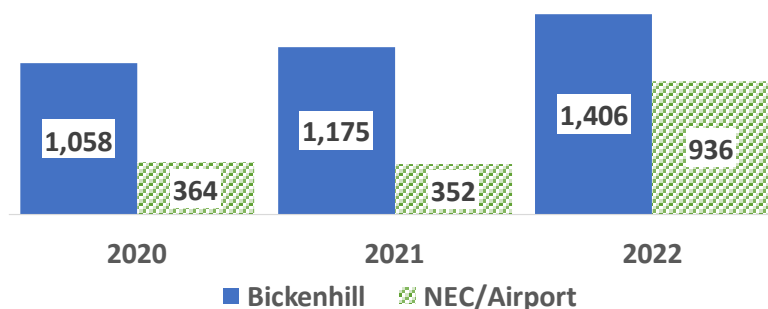


Source: West Midlands Police

The number of reported crimes in Bickenhill trended upwards from 2020 to 2022, increasing by 33% (+348 crimes over this period). This is lower than the 41% increase recorded across Solihull as a whole.

Looking at the NEC and Airport separately the same upward trend is also evident, although the rise in 2022 was much sharper. Over the 2020 – 2022 period the number of crimes in the NEC/Airport increased by 157% (+572 crimes).

### Annual Reported Number of Crimes Bickenhill & NEC/Birmingham Airport

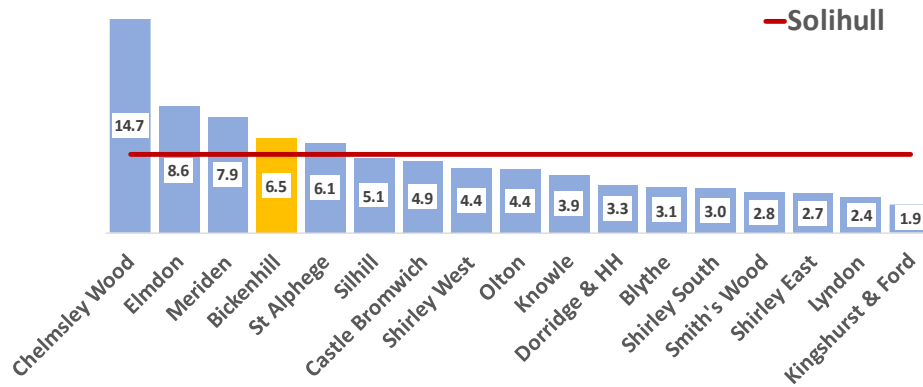


The table below shows the number of recorded antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents in the year to date (January-November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023). There have been 83 ASB incidents in Bickenhill, 7.1% of the Solihull total and equating to 6.5 per 1,000 population. This is higher than the Solihull average of 5.4 per 1,000 and ranks Bickenhill 4<sup>th</sup> of the 17 Solihull wards.

Reported Antisocial Behaviour Incidents in 2023			
Ward	Number of Reported ASB	% ASB	ASB per 1,000 Population
Bickenhill	83	7.1%	6.5
Blythe	46	3.9%	3.1
Castle Bromwich	55	4.7%	4.9
Chelmsley Wood	195	16.6%	14.7
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	38	3.2%	3.3
Elmdon	110	9.4%	8.6
Kingshurst & Fordbridge	26	2.2%	1.9
Knowle	44	3.7%	3.9
Lyndon	34	2.9%	2.4
Meriden	101	8.6%	7.9
Olton	56	4.8%	4.4
Shirley East	33	2.8%	2.7
Shirley South	38	3.2%	3.0
Shirley West	57	4.9%	4.4
Silhill	64	5.5%	5.1
Smith's Wood	36	3.1%	2.8
St Alphege	85	7.2%	6.1
Solihull	1,174		5.4

Source: West Midlands Police

### Reported ASB per 1,000 Population in Solihull 2023



Source: West Midlands Police

### Local Assets and Services

My Solihull maps provide access to information about the local community including places to go and things to do. Users can search on groups appropriate for a specific budget or age group or to look for specialists in disability or mental health support. Information on defined areas of interest such as sports and physical activity clubs and facilities can also be found. My Solihull Maps can be accessed via the link below.

[My Solihull Map](#)