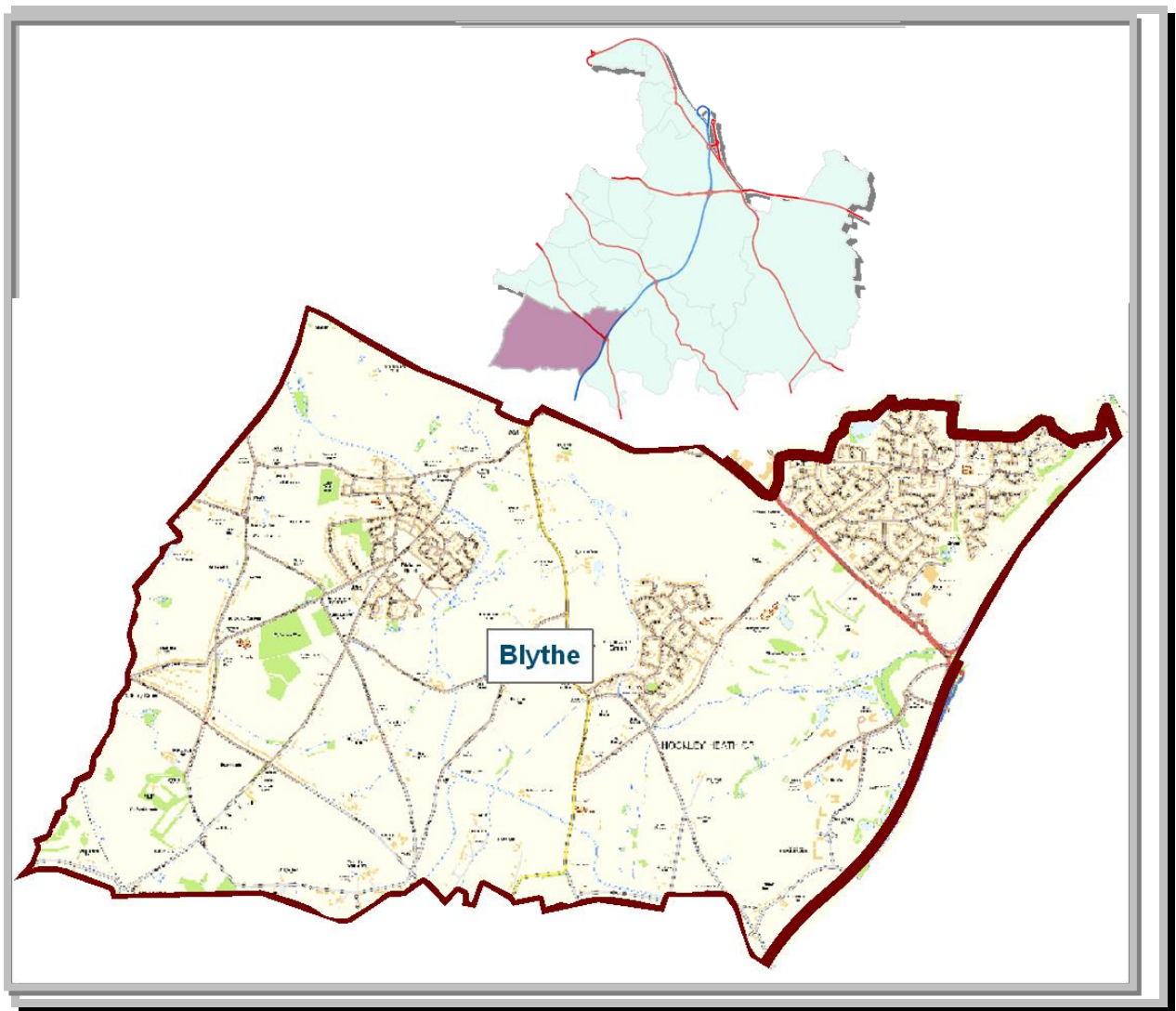


# Blythe Ward Profile 2024



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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:

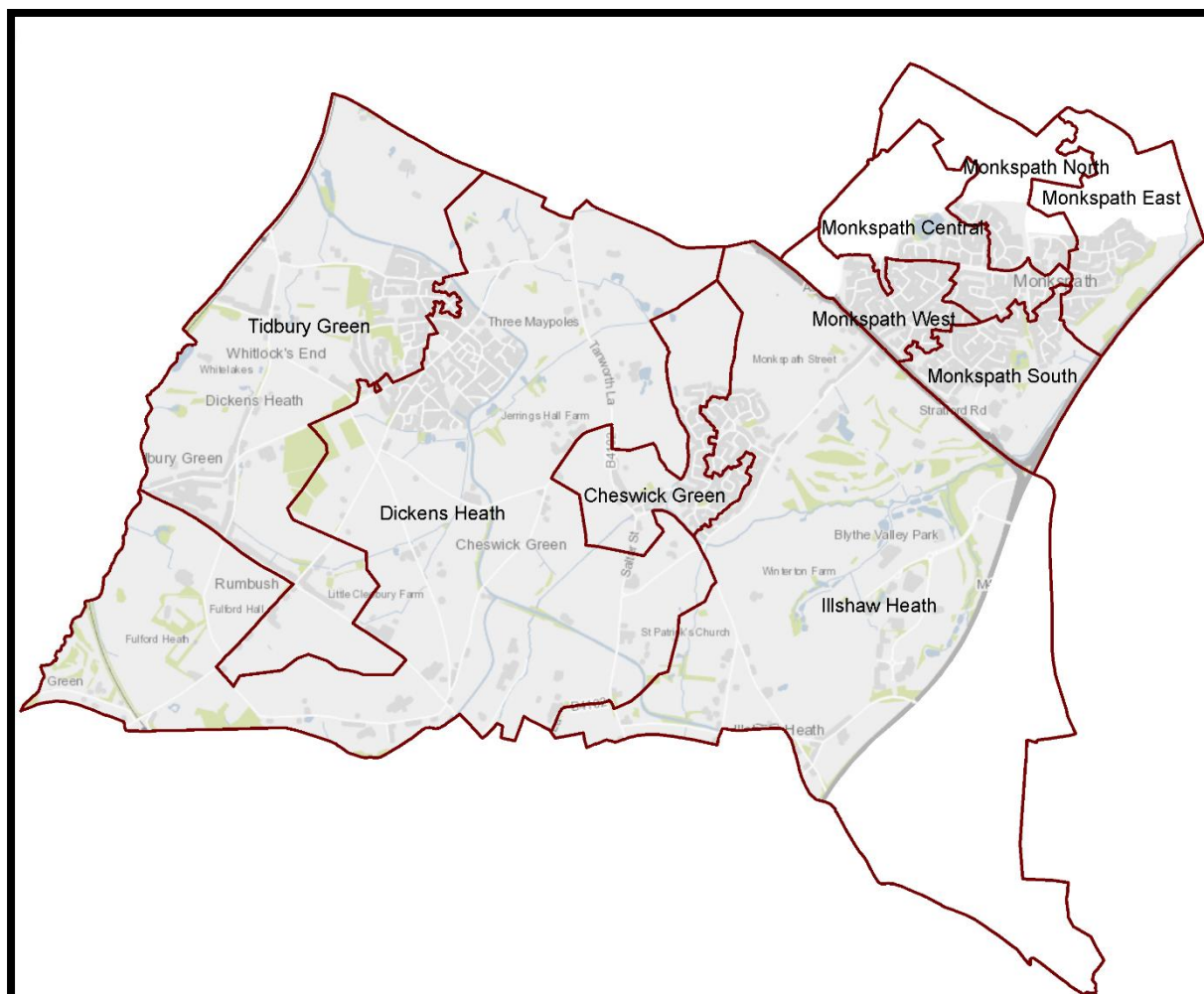
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.
- West Midlands Police.
- Department for Work and Pensions.
- Office for Health Improvement & Disparities.
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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.

## Blythe 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 Blythe

Blythe is located in south Solihull with significant Green Belt land, bordered by the M42 motorway and commercial hub of Blythe Valley Business Park to the east, Bromsgrove to the west and Stratford district to the south. Blythe has a number of very distinct but broadly affluent communities, from established villages such as Cheswick Green, to later 20<sup>th</sup> century estates such as Monkspath and the rapidly expanding Dickens Heath. In addition to Dickens Heath, Blythe has a number of key strategic development sites, and the ward is likely to remain the focus for much of Solihull's additional new housing capacity.

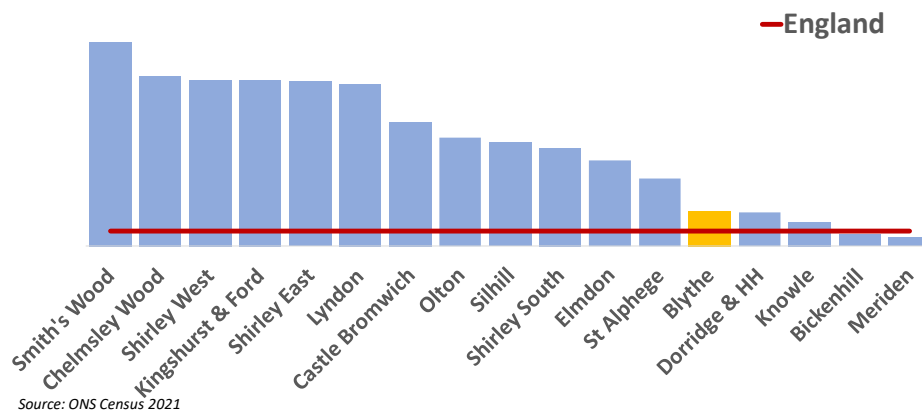
The LSOA map on page 2 illustrates the individual localities within Blythe, based on the Office for National Statistics' LSOAs. A number of LSOAs in Monkspath overlap the Blythe ward boundary as does Illshaw Heath. Three parishes (Cheswick Green, Dickens Heath and Tidbury Green) provide an alternative segmentation of Blythe, although while socially significant, these new parishes are available as statistical entities elsewhere and are not used as measures in this report.

## Population and Households

### Population Size and Growth

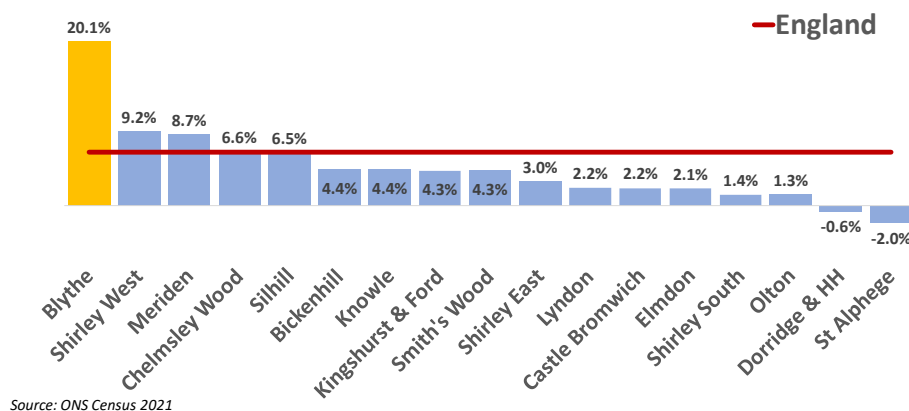
The 2021 Census shows that 15,611 people live in Blythe, representing 993 people per km<sup>2</sup> (Population density Solihull 1,213 and England 434 per km<sup>2</sup>). Blythe has the 5<sup>th</sup> smallest population density of Solihull's 17 wards.

### Solihull Population Density 2021



Between 2011 and 2021 the Blythe population increased by 2,614 people. This equates to growth of 20.1% over this 10-year period much higher than the Solihull (4.6%) and England (6.6%) averages. Population growth in Blythe was by far the highest out of Solihull's 17 wards.

### Solihull Population Growth 2011 - 2021



### Population Age Groups

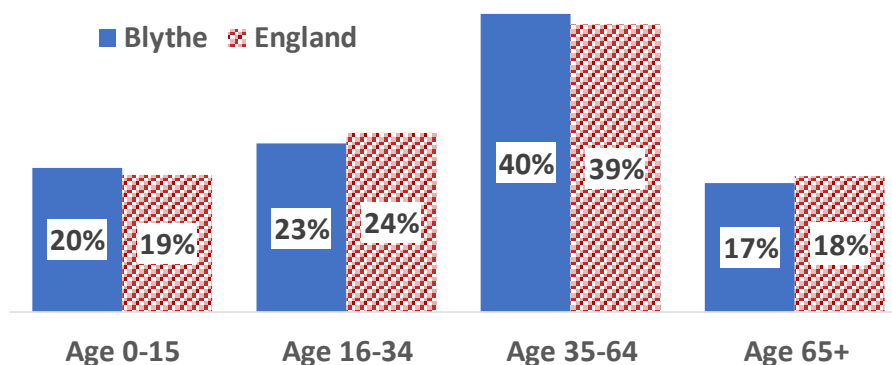
20% of the Blythe population are under 16 years of age (including 7% aged 5 and under), 63% are working age and 17% are aged 65 and over (including 2% aged 85+).

The size of the under 16 population in Blythe (20%) is larger than Solihull (19%) or England (19%), while the number aged 65+ is proportionally smaller (17% Blythe, 21% Solihull, 18% England).

Population by in Blythe Age Group 2021				
Age Group	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	3,052	20%	19%	19%
Age 16-24	1,340	9%	9%	11%
Age 25-34	2,222	14%	12%	14%
Age 35-49	3,196	20%	18%	19%
Age 50-64	3,093	20%	20%	19%
Age 65+	2,708	17%	21%	18%
Total	15,611			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Age Structure in Blythe



Source: ONS Census 2021

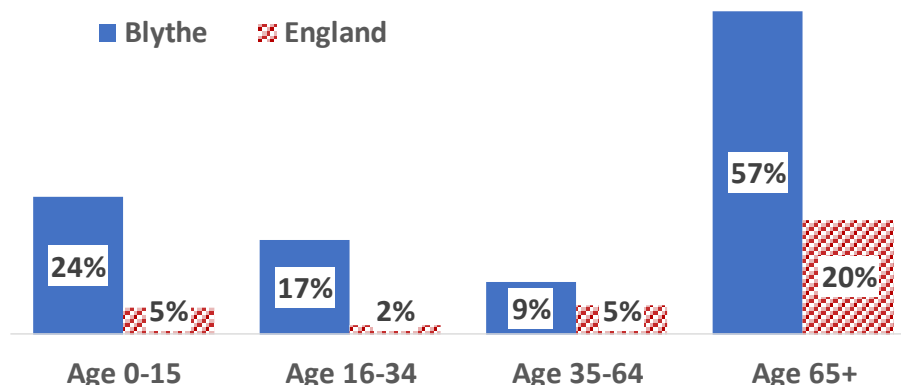
In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 the size of all age groups in Blythe increased. Double-digit growth was recorded by all apart from those aged 16-24 and the 35-49 year olds.

Change in Population in Blythe Between 2011 and 2021 by Age Group				
Age Group	Change in number in Blythe	% Change in number of people		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	594	24%	7%	5%
Age 16-24	70	6%	-9%	-5%
Age 25-34	437	25%	17%	7%
Age 35-49	35	1%	-10%	-3%
Age 50-64	495	19%	9%	15%
Age 65+	983	57%	15%	20%
Total	2,614	20%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Population growth was larger in Blythe than across England in the 10-years to 2021 for all age groups.

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



Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

### Ethnicity

81% of the Blythe population are white and 19% from a ethnic minority background. Blythe has a proportionally slightly larger ethnic minority population than Solihull (18%) but is in line with the England average (19%). 67% of the ethnic minority population in Blythe are Asian/Asian British, with this group representing 13% of all people in Blythe.

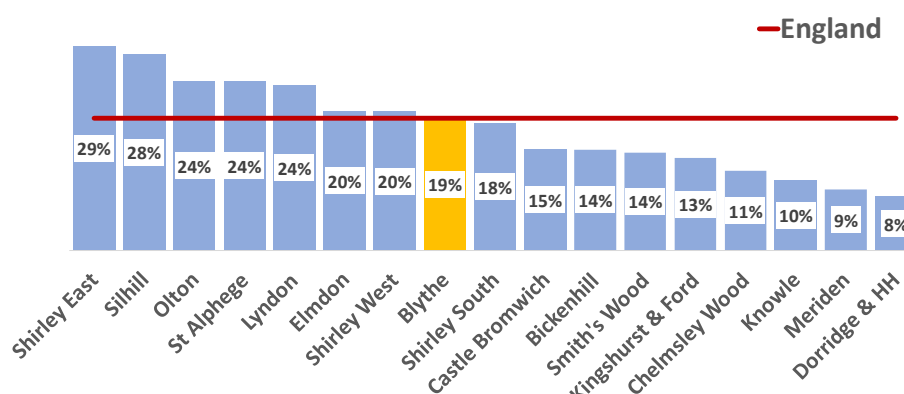
Ethnic Group of Blythe Population 2021				
Ethnic Group	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
White	12,639	81%	82%	81%
Asian/Asian British	1,999	13%	11%	10%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	521	3%	3%	3%
Black/Black British	178	1%	2%	4%
Other Ethnic Group	278	2%	2%	2%
Ethnic Minority Total	2,976	19%	18%	19%
Total Population	15,615			

Source ONS Census 2021

Blythe has the 8<sup>th</sup> largest ethnic minority population and 9<sup>th</sup> largest Asian/Asian British population among Solihull’s 17 wards.



### Ethnic Minority Population in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

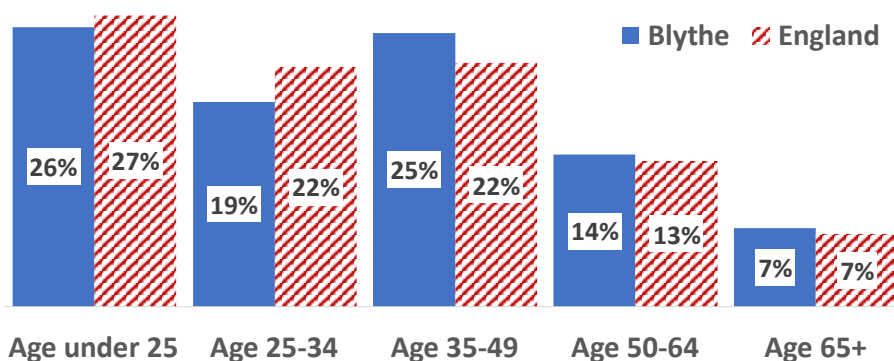
The ethnic minority population in Blythe is proportionally higher among younger than older age groups. For instance, 26% of those under 25 are from a ethnic minority background compared to just 7% of those aged 65+.

Ethnic Group of Blythe Population by Age					
Ethnic Group	Age under 25	Age 25-34	Age 35-49	Age 50-64	Age 65+
White	3,268	1,803	2,397	2,664	2,507
Asian/Asian British	645	282	610	318	144
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	344	73	76	23	5
Black/Black British	49	28	47	36	18
Other ethnic group	89	34	71	55	29
<b>Ethnic Minority Total</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>2,703</b>
<b>% Ethnic Minority</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>7%</b>

Source: ONS Census 2021

The pattern in Blythe is the same as in 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 Blythe and England.

### Ethnic Minority Population by Age Blythe 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 the proportion of Blythe residents from an ethnic minority background increased from 14% to 19% of the population.

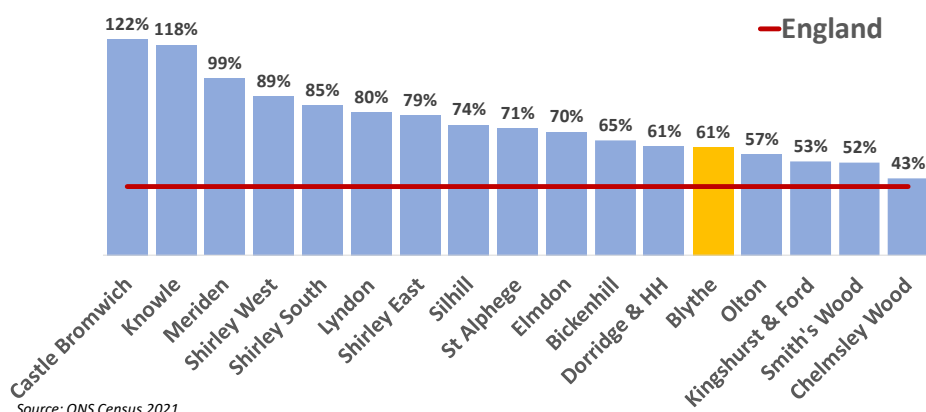
Although the Blythe population increased by just over 20% the number of ethnic minority residents increased by 61% (1,126 individuals) in the 10 years to 2021. In absolute terms the increase in Blythe was largest among white residents (+1,492) followed by those from an Asian/Asian British background (+616 individuals) and those from mixed or multiple ethnic groups (+296).

Change in Population Ethnicity in Blythe 2011-2021				
Ethnic Group	Change in Number in Blythe	% Change		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
White	1,492	13%	-4%	1%
Asian/Asian British	616	45%	76%	31%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	296	132%	70%	40%
Black/Black British	65	58%	22%	29%
Other ethnic group	149	116%	167%	124%
Ethnic Minority Total	1,126	61%	72%	38%
Total Population	2,618	20%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Growth of 61% in the ethnic minority population in Blythe in the 10 years to 2021 is higher than the England average (38%) but is smaller than that for Solihull (+72%). Growth in the ethnic minority population in Blythe is 5<sup>th</sup> lowest among Solihull’s 17 wards.

### Ethnic Minority Population Growth in Solihull 2011 - 2021



### Religion

66% of the Blythe population who answered the Census religious identification question said that they had a religious faith, with 34% saying they had no religion. Blythe has proportionally fewer people with no religion than either Solihull (35%) or England (39%).

Like Solihull and England as a whole, Christianity is the most common religious faith in Blythe (52%). A notable feature of the Blythe religious profile is the relatively large number of Muslims in the ward (4% Blythe, 6% Solihull, 7% England), although Hindus and Sikhs are also more common than compared to Solihull and England.

Religious Faith of Blythe Population 2021				
Religious Faith	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Christian	7,769	52%	53%	49%
Muslim	622	4%	6%	7%
Hindu	693	5%	3%	2%
Sikh	546	4%	2%	1%
Buddhist	48	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%
Jewish	23	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Other religion	73	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%
No religion	5,053	34%	35%	39%
Total	14,827			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Origin and Language

At the time of the 2021 Census, around 88% of the Blythe 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 Blythe migrants, 11% of Blythe population) with a small number coming from outside UK (5% of Blythe migrants, 0.7% of Blythe population).

Recent Migration of Blythe Population 2021				
Address One Year Ago	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Same address (non-migrant)	13,533	88%	92%	89%
Temp student residence in UK (non-migrant)	44	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%
Elsewhere in UK (migrant)	1,756	11.4%	7.6%	9.6%
Outside the UK (migrant)	101	0.7%	0.5%	0.9%
All Migrants	1,857	12%	8.1%	10.5%
Total Population	15,434			

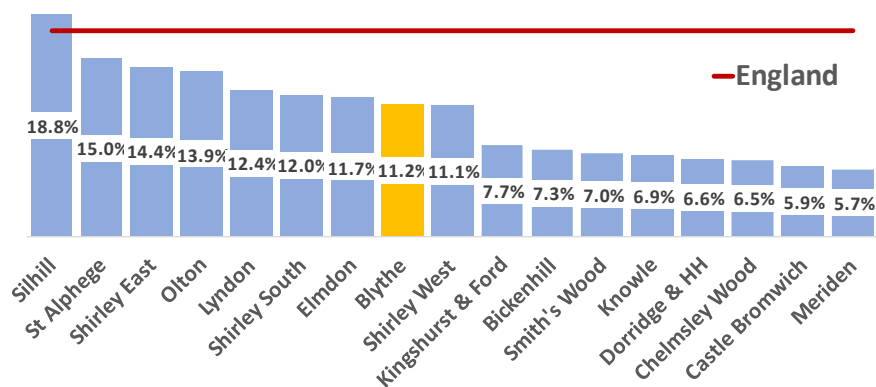
Source: ONS Census 2021

89% of the Blythe population were born in in the UK (90% Solihull, 83% England). Nearly 11% of the Blythe population were born overseas (1,745 individuals). Proportionally Blythe has the 8<sup>th</sup> highest overseas population in Solihull.

Country of Birth of Blythe Population 2021				
Country of Birth	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
UK	13,860	89%	90%	83%
Europe	553	4%	3%	7%
Africa	276	2%	1%	3%
Middle East & Asia	784	5%	5%	6%
Americas & Caribbean	97	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%
Antarctica & Oceania	34	0.2%	0.15%	0.30%
British Overseas	1	0.006%	0.03%	0.04%
Total	15,605			

Source: ONS Census 2021

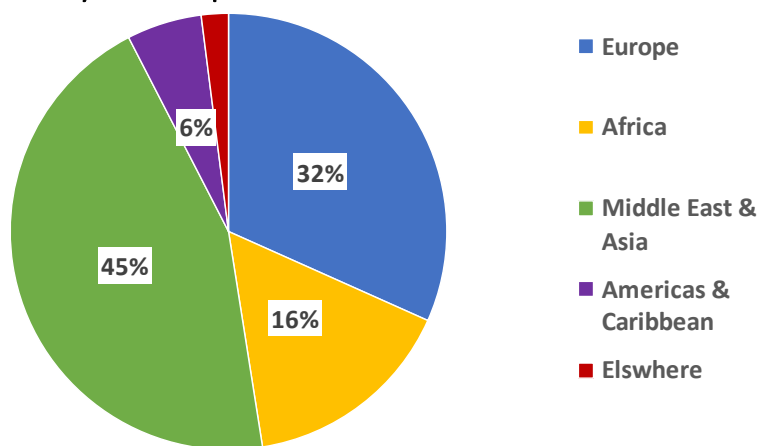
### Population Born Overseas in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

45% of the Blythe population born overseas were born in the middle East or Asia (784 individuals), with 32% born in another European country (553 individuals), 16% (276) in Africa and 6% (97) in the Americas & Caribbean.

**Blythe Population Born Overseas 2021**



The Census data shows that while a relatively large proportion of the Blythe population were born overseas, the number of arrivals since 2014 is much lower than the England average. 26% of Blythe migrants have arrived since 2014 compared to the England average of 34%

<b>Year of Arrival in UK Among Blythe Population 2021</b>				
Year of Arrival	Number in Blythe	% born overseas		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Arrived before 1981	482	28%	27%	14%
Arrived 1981 to 2000	275	16%	16%	17%
Arrived 2001 to 2013	538	31%	30%	36%
Arrived 2014 to 2021	450	26%	26%	34%
<b>Total born overseas</b>	<b>1,745</b>			

*Source: ONS Census 2021*

95% of the Blythe population speak English as their first language (96% Solihull, 91% England). Just 0.5% of the Blythe population cannot speak English well or speak English at all.

<b>Proficiency in English of Blythe Population 2021</b>				
Language Skills	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
English 1 <sup>st</sup> language	14,349	95%	96%	91%
Not 1 <sup>st</sup> language but speak English well	485	3%	2%	4%
Cannot speak English well	66	0.4%	0.5%	1.6%
Cannot speak English	8	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
<b>Total (aged 3+)</b>	<b>15,074</b>			

*Source: ONS Census 2021*

## Households

There are 6,531 households in Blythe, with family households comprising 69% (4,528) and single person households 27% (1,749). Compared with the England and Solihull averages Blythe has fewer single person households and more family households.

Household Composition in Blythe 2021				
Household Type	Number in Blythe	% Households		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Single person households	1,749	27%	29%	30%
Family households	4,528	69%	66%	63%
Other households	254	4%	5%	7%
All households	6,531			

Source: ONS Census 2021

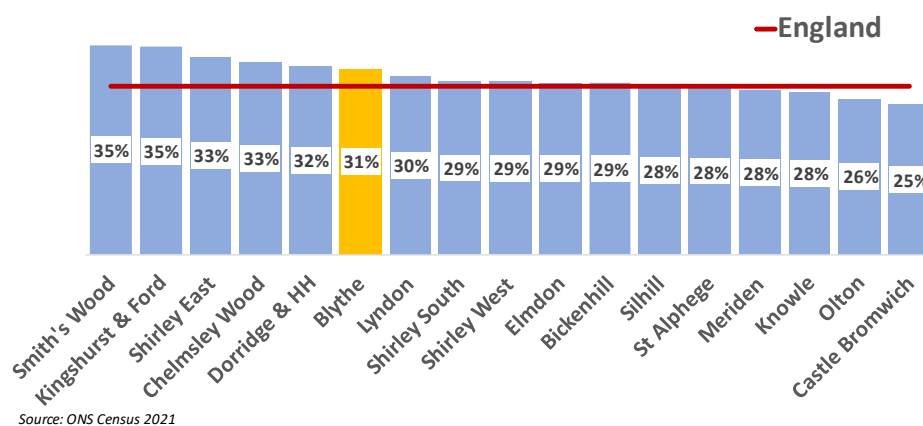
Similar to the England and Solihull averages, in the majority of Blythe households with children the children are dependent (76% Blythe, 71% Solihull, 73% England).

However, households with dependent children are more common as a proportion of all households in Blythe than across the benchmarks (31% Blythe, 28% England, 30% Solihull). Blythe has the 6<sup>th</sup> Largest proportion of dependent children households in Solihull.

Households with Children in Blythe 2021				
Household Type	Number in Blythe	% Households with Children		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Dependent children	2,053	76%	71%	73%
Non-dependent children	662	24%	29%	27%
All Households with Children	2,715			

Source: ONS Census 2021

## Households with Dependent Children in Solihull 2021



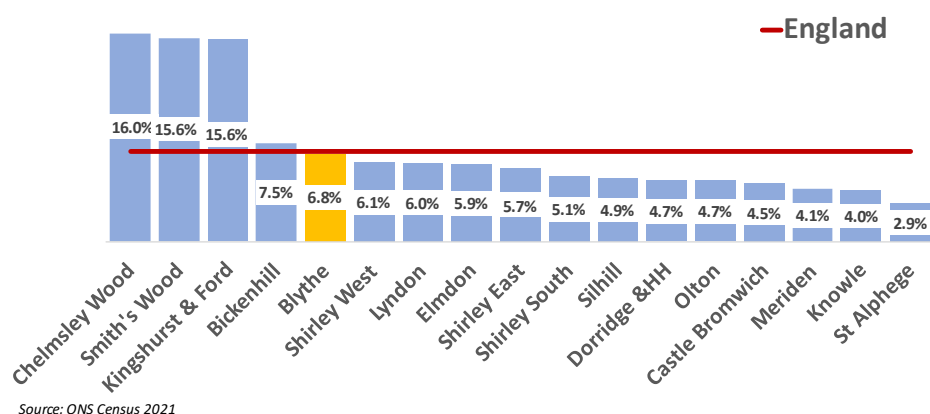
Single parent households represent 10% of all households (647 households) in Blythe compared to over 11% across Solihull and England.

About 68% of single parent households in Blythe contain dependent children. The proportion of single parent households with dependent children is lower than both the Solihull and England averages (6.8% of all households in Blythe, 7.2% Solihull, 6.9% England).

Single Parent Households in Blythe 2021				
Household Type	Number in Blythe	% Households		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Dependent children	442	6.8%	7.2%	6.9%
Non-dependent children	205	3.1%	4.4%	4.2%
All Single parent households	647	9.9%	11.6%	11.1%
All households	6,531			

Source: ONS Census 2021

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

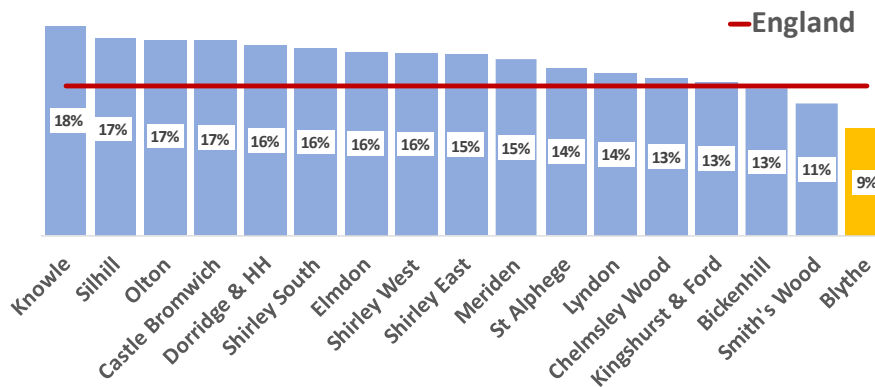


Fewer households in Blythe are occupied by older people than the benchmarks (19% of all households Blythe, 26% Solihull, 22% England). Blythe has a smaller proportion of single older people households and has a higher proportion of older couple households than the England average but a smaller proportion than the Solihull average. Blythe has 599 single older people households and at 9% of all households in the ward is the smallest proportion in Solihull.

Older People Households in Blythe 2021				
Household Type	Number in Blythe	% Households		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Single older people households	599	9%	15%	13%
Couple older people households	667	10%	11%	9%
All older people households	1,266	19%	26%	22%
All households	6,531			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Single Older People Households in Solihull 2021

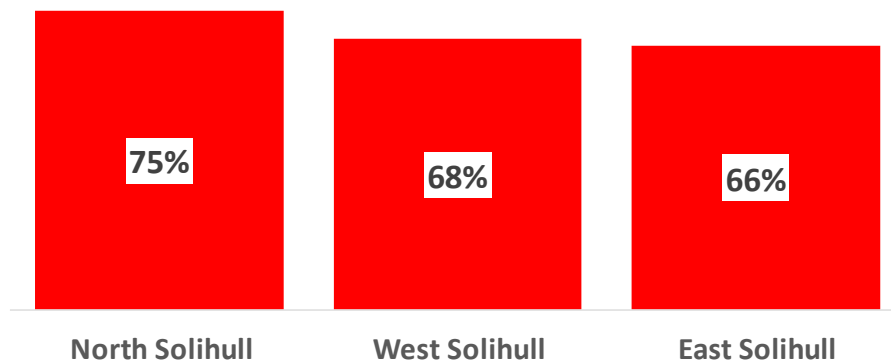


Source: ONS Census 2021

### 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



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

### 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%

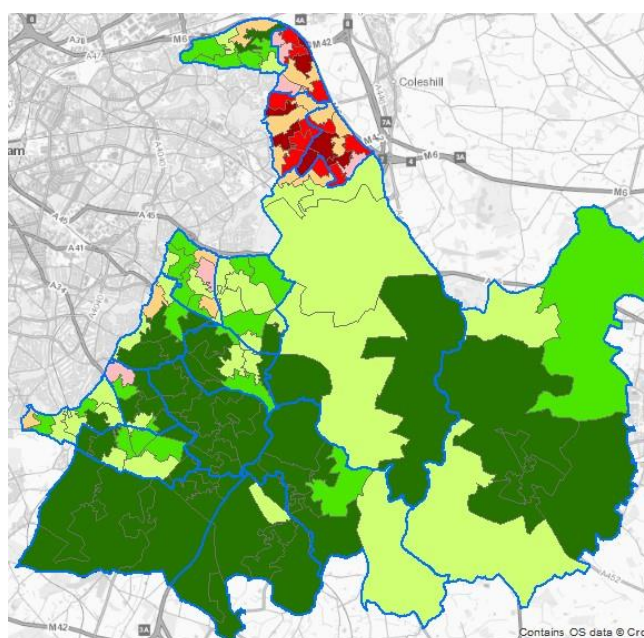
*Source: Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government English Indices of Deprivation*

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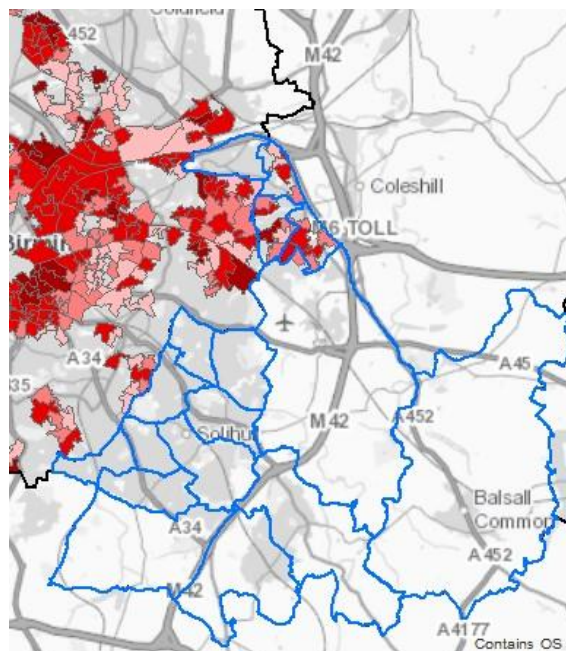
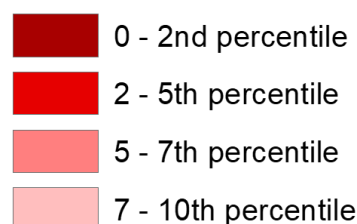
Deprivation is substantially higher in the North Solihull wards of Chelmsley Wood, Kingshurst & Fordbridge and Smith's Wood than elsewhere in the borough. The deprivation evident in North Solihull is part of a wider area of disadvantage that spreads throughout east Birmingham.

## 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

### Overall Rank

LSOAs in Solihull & East Birmingham in Most Deprived 10%

### Percentile Rank



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Blythe’s ten LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 91<sup>st</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). On this basis Blythe would be considered one of the least deprived areas in England. In Solihull it is one of the least deprived with fourteen more deprived wards and two less deprived wards.

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 ten Blythe LSOAs ranges from the most deprived neighbourhood Illshaw Heath on the 83<sup>rd</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Monkspath Central on the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile. There is no significant deprivation in Blythe.

<b>IMD Deprivation Rank in Blythe 2019</b>	
LSOA	Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Illshaw Heath	82.5
The Lanes	83.7
Monkspath West	86.5
Cheswick Green	89.8
Dickens Heath	91.2
Monkspath North	93.6
Monkspath South	94.1
Tidbury Green	96.4
Monkspath East	98.9
Monkspath Central	99
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

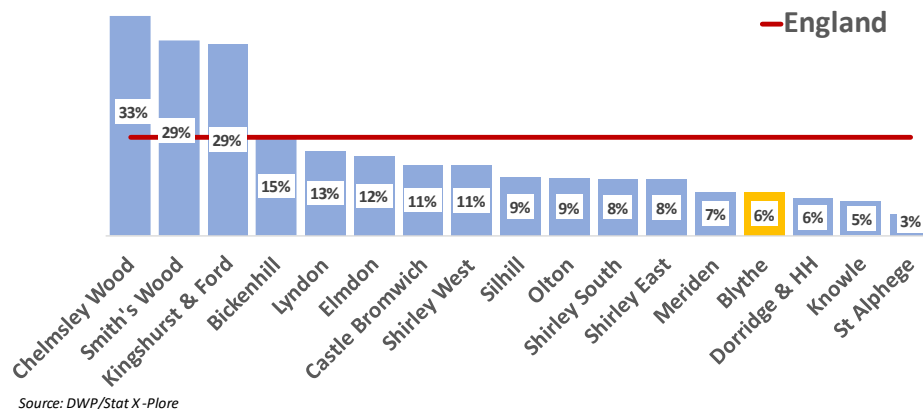
### Universal Credit

As of July 2023 601, Blythe residents were claiming Universal Credit (UC), equating to 6.5% of the working age population. The rate in Blythe is lower than that for Solihull (12.7%) or England (14.7%).

42% of the UC claimants in Blythe are in employment and 58% not in employment, this is broadly in-line with the Solihull and England averages.

<b>Universal Credit Claimants in Blythe July 2023</b>				
Claimants	Claimants in Blythe	% UC Claimants		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
UC in employment	248	42%	38%	39%
UC not in employment	347	58%	62%	61%
All UC claimants	601			
<i>Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore</i>				

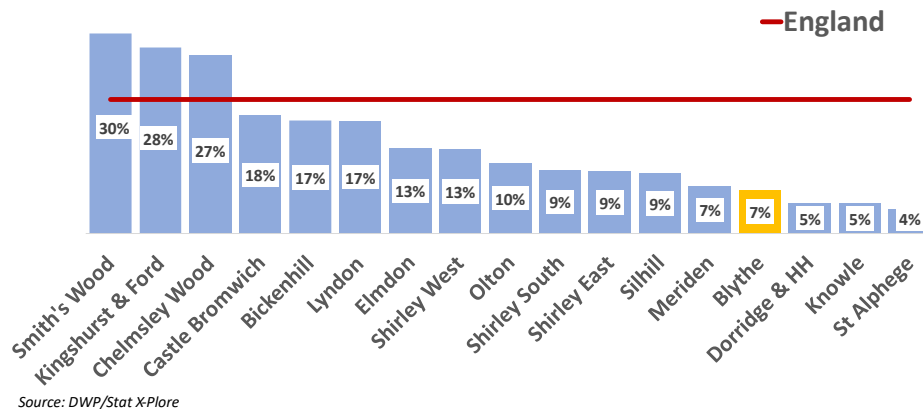
### Universal Credit Claimant Rate in Solihull July 2023



### Child Poverty

At the end of 2021/22 184 children aged 0-15 years in Blythe lived in a low income household. This equates to 7% of the 0-15 population, lower than both the Solihull (15%) and England averages (20%). The rate in Blythe is the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest 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



The number of children living in a low-income household in Blythe varies little between age group, although the total includes slightly less children aged 11-15 years (27% of total) than younger age groups (36% 5-10 years; 37% 0-4 years). The age group split in Blythe is consistent with the Solihull and England averages.

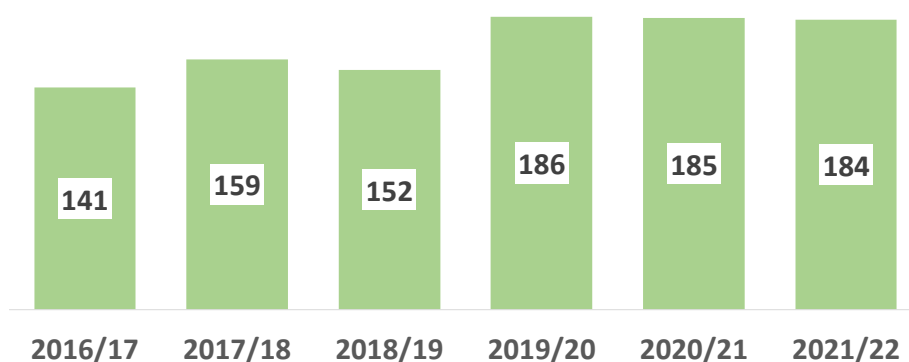
<b>Children Aged 0-15 Years Living in a Low-Income Household in Blythe 2021/22</b>				
Age Group	Number in Blythe	% all children 0-15 years in low income household		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Aged 0-4 Years	68	37%	30%	28%
Aged 5-10 Years	67	36%	36%	37%
Aged 11-15 Years	49	27%	34%	35%
All Aged 0-15 Years	184			

*Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore*

The number of Blythe children living in a low-income household averaged 168 in the six years 2016/17 to 2021/22. There was a substantial rise from 152 at the end of 2018/19 to 186 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 Blythe children living in a low-income household edged downwards from 2018/19 to 2021/22.

### Children Aged 0 - 15 Years in a Low - Income Household in Blythe



*Source: DWP/Stat Xplore*

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.

Blythe's ten LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 84<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). On this basis Blythe would be considered one of the least income deprived areas in England for children. In Solihull it is one of the least deprived with fourteen more deprived wards and two less deprived wards.

<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>	

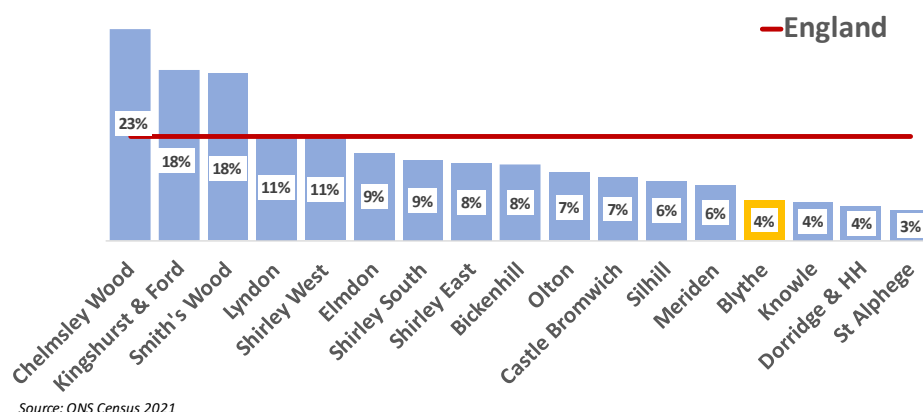
Child income deprivation among the ten Blythe LSOAs ranges from Monkspath West on the 64<sup>th</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Monkspath Central on the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile. There is little in the way of significant child income deprivation in Blythe.

<b>IDACI Rank in Blythe 2019</b>	
LSOA	IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Monkspath West	64.2
Dickens Heath	67
Illshaw Heath	74.7
Monkspath East	83.4
Monkspath South	83.7
The Lanes	88
Tidbury Green	89.8
Cheswick Green	93.2
Monkspath North	93.3
Monkspath Central	94.1
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

### Older People Poverty

In February 2023 there were 113 older people in Blythe claiming a pension credit. This equates to 4% of the pension age population lower than both the Solihull (9%) and England (11%) averages. Blythe has the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest pension credit rate among Solihull's 17 wards.

### Pension Credit Rate in Solihull February 2023



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.

Blythe’s ten LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 85<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. Thirteen Solihull wards rank as more deprived than Blythe in terms of income deprivation affecting older people and three less deprived.

Income Deprivation Affecting Older People (IDAOP) in Solihull 2019	
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

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Older people income deprivation among the ten Blythe LSOAs ranges from Monkspath West on the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Monkspath East on the 96<sup>th</sup> percentile. There is little in the way of significant older people income deprivation in Blythe.

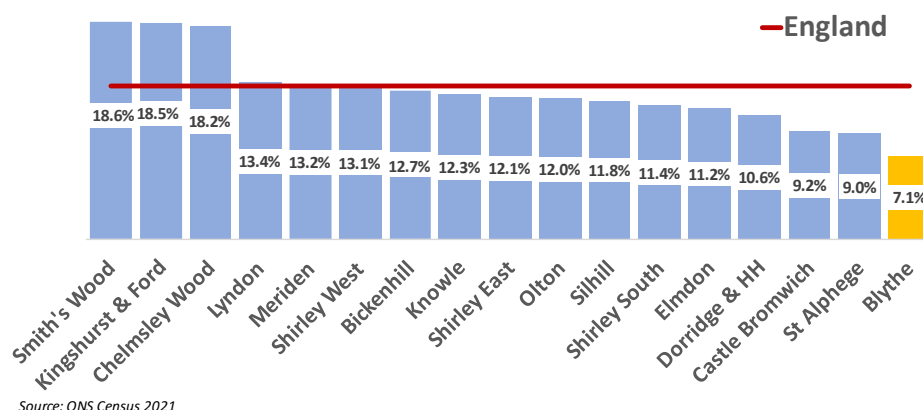
IDAOP Rank in Blythe 2019	
LSOA	IDAOP Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Monkspath West	66.8
Cheswick Green	72.6
Monkspath South	75.3
The Lanes	81.9
Monkspath North	85.2
Dickens Heath	86.8
Illshaw Heath	92.2
Monkspath Central	93.3
Tidbury Green	95.5
Monkspath East	95.7
<i>Source: English 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.

528 Blythe households were classified as fuel poor in 2021. This equates to 7.1% of all Blythe households, slightly lower than the Solihull (12.7%) and England (13.1%) averages. Among the 17 Solihull wards Blythe has the lowest fuel poverty rate.

### Fuel Poverty Rate in Solihull 2021





Of the ten Blythe LSOAs the percentage of fuel poor households ranges from 12% in Illshaw Heath to just over 4% in Monkspath South.

<b>Fuel Poor Households in Blythe 2021</b>		
	Number	% Households
Illshaw Heath	92	12.1%
Cheswick Green	57	8.8%
Tidbury Green	87	8.1%
The Lanes	87	7.7%
Dickens Heath	58	6.6%
Monkspath West	39	5.8%
Monkspath North	33	5.5%
Monkspath Central	26	5.0%
Monkspath East	22	4.5%
Monkspath South	27	4.3%

*Source: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy*

## Employment and Skills

### Resident Economic Activity

At the time of the 2021 Census 79% of the Blythe working age population were in employment (7,812 individuals), 3% were unemployed (322 individuals) and 17% economically inactive (1,719 individuals). This was very similar to the patterns across Solihull and England.

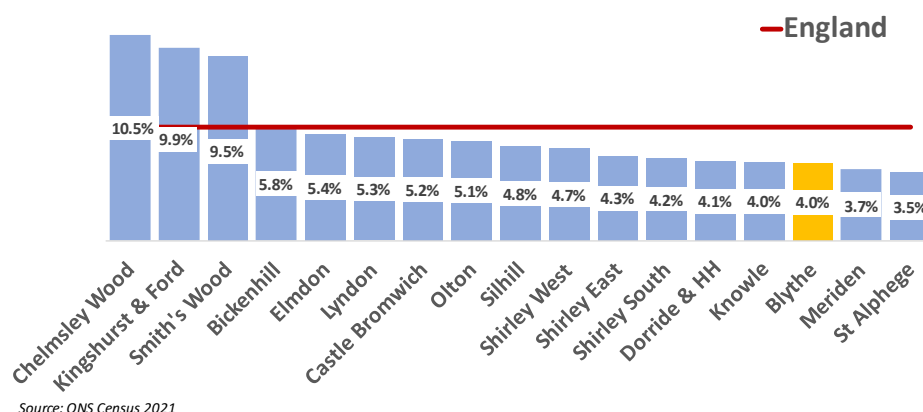
<b>Economic Activity of Working Age Population in Blythe 2021</b>				
Economic Status	Number in Blythe	% 16-64 Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Employed	7,812	79%	73%	71%
Unemployed	322	3%	4%	4%
Inactive	1,719	17%	23%	25%
All Age 16-64	9,853			

*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, Blythe's unemployment rate of 4% was lower than the England average (5.8%).

### Unemployment Rate in Solihull March 2021



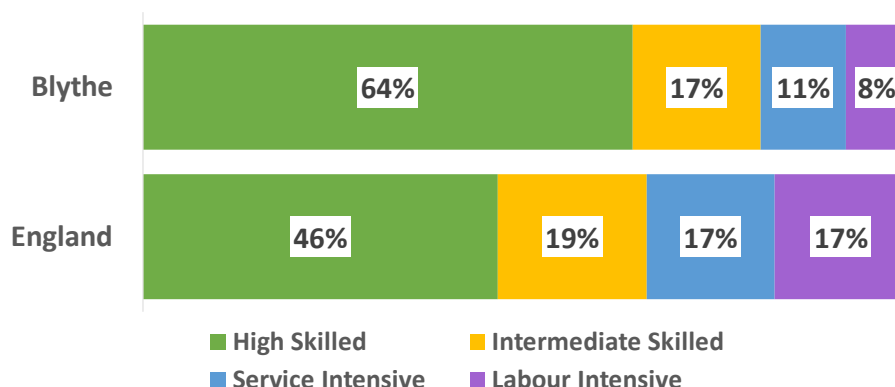
### Resident Employment

Blythe 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 Solihull or England averages. Blythe residents are less likely than people across Solihull or England to work in service intensive or labour intensive occupations.

Occupation of Employed Population of Blythe 2021				
Occupation	Number in Blythe	% Population in Employment		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Managers, directors & senior officials	1,580	19%	15%	13%
Professional occupations	2,344	29%	24%	20%
Associate professional & technical occupations	1,276	16%	13%	13%
Administrative & secretarial occupations	827	10%	11%	9%
Skilled trades occupations	531	7%	8%	10%
Caring, leisure & other service occupations	449	6%	8%	9%
Sales & customer service occupations	458	6%	7%	7%
Process, plant & machine operatives	247	3%	6%	7%
Elementary occupations	408	5%	8%	10%
All in Employment	8,120			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Occupation of Employed People in Blythe 2021



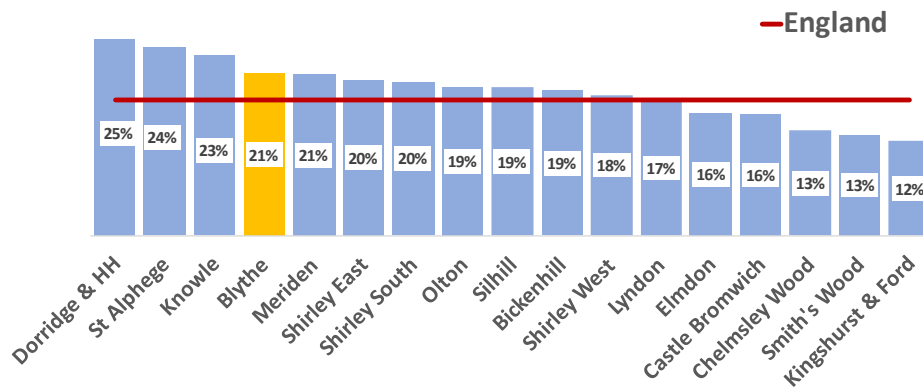
Source: ONS Census 2021

29% of Blythe residents in employment work in the public sector (2,360 individuals across public administration, education and healthcare). This is by far the largest sector in Blythe with more people in employment than across the benchmarks. Other significant industries for those in employment in Blythe include business services (15%), wholesale & retail (13%) construction (9%) and manufacturing (9%).

Industry of Employed Population of Blythe 2021				
Industry Sector	Number in Blythe	% Population in Employment		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Manufacturing	745	9%	10%	7%
Other Production	14	0.2%	0.3%	1.0%
Electricity, gas & water supply	176	2%	2%	1%
Construction	704	9%	9%	9%
Wholesale & retail	1,022	13%	13%	15%
Transport & storage	286	4%	5%	5%
Accommodation & food services	288	4%	4%	5%
Information & communication	528	7%	5%	5%
Financial services	453	6%	5%	4%
Business Services	1,233	15%	14%	14%
Public Services	2,360	29%	30%	30%
Other Services	313	4%	4%	5%
All in Employment	8,122			

Source: ONS Census 2021

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

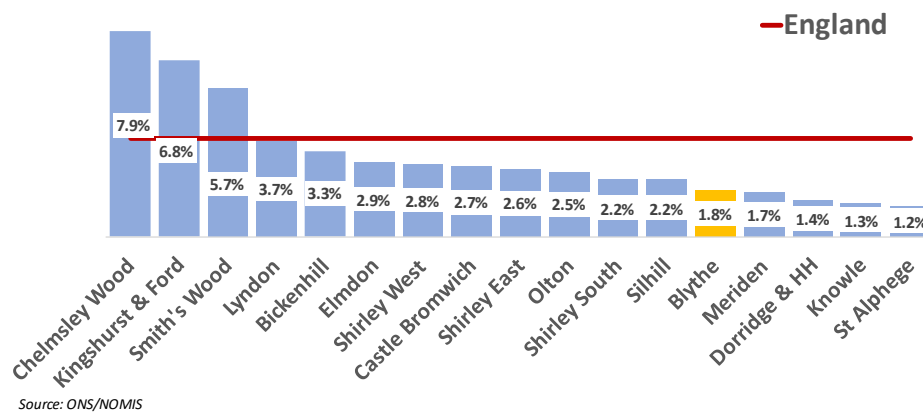


Source: ONS Census 2021

### Claimant Count Unemployment

As at August 2023 165 people in Blythe were in receipt of unemployment benefit. This equates to a claimant unemployment rate of 1.8%, lower than the Solihull (3.2%) and England (3.8%) averages. Among the 17 Solihull wards the claimant unemployment rate in Blythe is the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest.

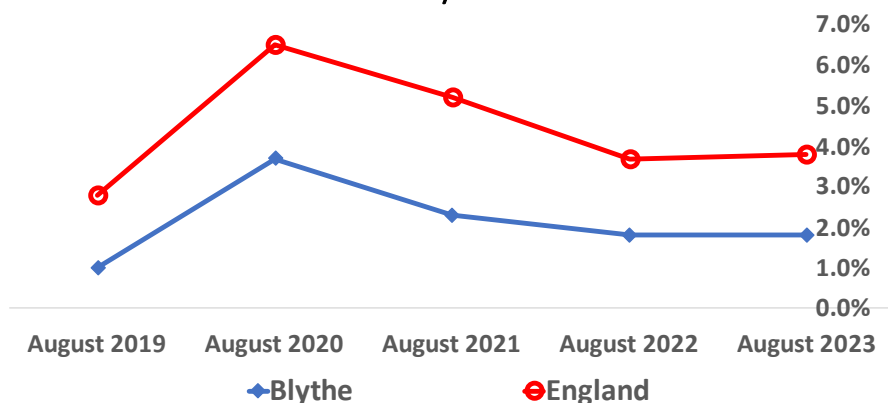
### Claimant Unemployment Rate in Solihull August 2023



Source: ONS/NOMIS

The claimant unemployment has fluctuated over recent years following the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020. Claimant unemployment in Blythe has been consistently lower than England but rose from 1% in August 2019 to 3.7% a year later. It has subsequently trended downwards.

### Claimant Unemployment Rate Blythe



Source: ONS/NOMIS

### Resident Qualifications

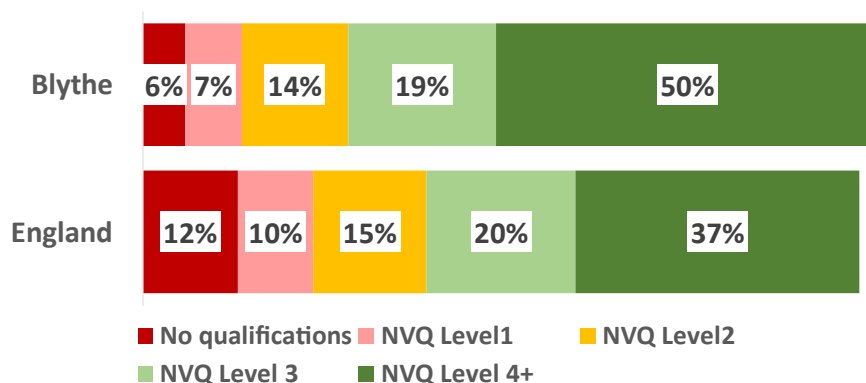
Working age Blythe residents tend to have higher levels of formal qualifications than the benchmarks. For instance, 50% of Blythe residents (4,924 individuals) had NVQ level 4+ qualifications in March 2021 compared to 40% of the Solihull population and 37% of people in England.

At the other end of the spectrum fewer Blythe residents aged 16-64 have either no qualifications (6% vs 11% Solihull, 12% England) or NVQ level 1 qualifications (7% vs 10% Solihull, 10% England) than benchmark averages.

Formal Qualifications of Working Age Blythe Population 2021				
Qualifications	Number in Blythe	% 16-64 Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
No qualifications	542	6%	11%	12%
NVQ Level1	731	7%	10%	10%
NVQ Level2	1,368	14%	16%	15%
NVQ Level 3	1,910	19%	19%	20%
NVQ Level 4+	4,924	50%	40%	37%
Other	374	4%	5%	6%
16-64 Population	9,849			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Formal Qualification Levels 2021 Blythe Population Aged 16– 64 Years



Source: ONS Census 2021

## Health and Care

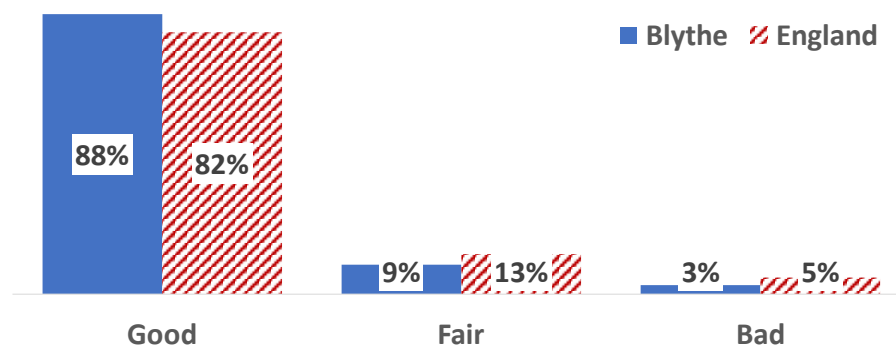
### General Health, Disability and Unpaid Care

According to the 2021 Census self-reported general health in Blythe population is better than that of England. A large majority of people in Blythe say that their health is good (55% very good, 33% good) while just 3% say that their health is bad (2% bad, 1% very bad).

General Health of Population in Blythe 2021				
General Health	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Very good health	8,616	55%	49%	48%
Good health	5,114	33%	33%	34%
Fair health	1,435	9%	12%	13%
Bad health	338	2%	4%	4%
Very bad health	105	1%	1%	1%
Total Population	15,608			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### General Health of Population Blythe 2021



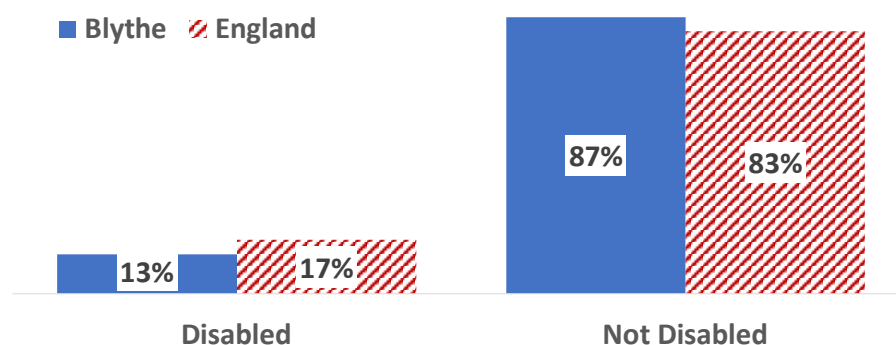
Source: ONS Census 2021

The population of Blythe are less likely to have a long-term physical or mental health condition than the population of England (13% vs 17%) although the vast majority have no long-term problems (80%).

Disability in Blythe Population 2021				
Disability	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	702	5%	7%	7%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	1,256	8%	10%	10%
Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited	1,124	7%	7%	7%
No long term physical or mental health conditions	12,524	80%	76%	76%
Total Population	15,606			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Disability in Population Blythe 2021

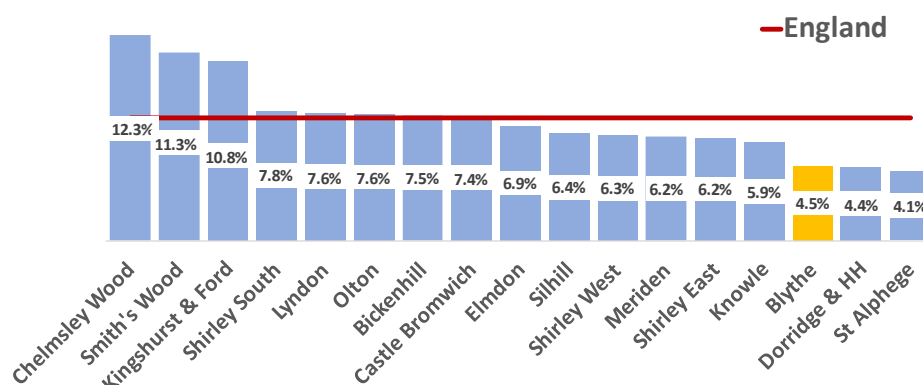


Source: ONS Census 2021

Less than 5% of the Solihull population (702 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%. Blythe has the 3<sup>rd</sup> smallest proportion of people with a severely life limiting condition, although it should be noted that

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



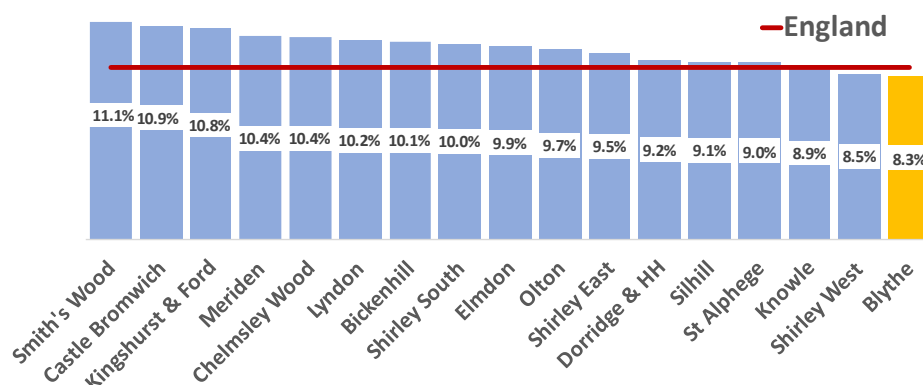
Source: ONS Census 2021

Just over 8% of the Blythe population (1,219 individuals) provide unpaid care to a friend or relative compared to 92% who provide no care (13,452 individuals). This is slightly lower than the Solihull and England averages.

Provision of Unpaid Care in Blythe Population 2021				
Care Provided	Number in Blythe	% Population		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Provides no unpaid care	13,452	92%	90%	91%
Provides 9 hours or less care	528	4%	4%	3%
Provides 10 to 19 care	176	1%	1%	1%
Provides 20 to 34 care	97	1%	1%	1%
Provides 35 to 49 hours care	111	1%	1%	1%
Provides 50+ hours care	307	2%	3%	3%
Total Population	14,671			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Provision of Unpaid Care in Solihull 2021

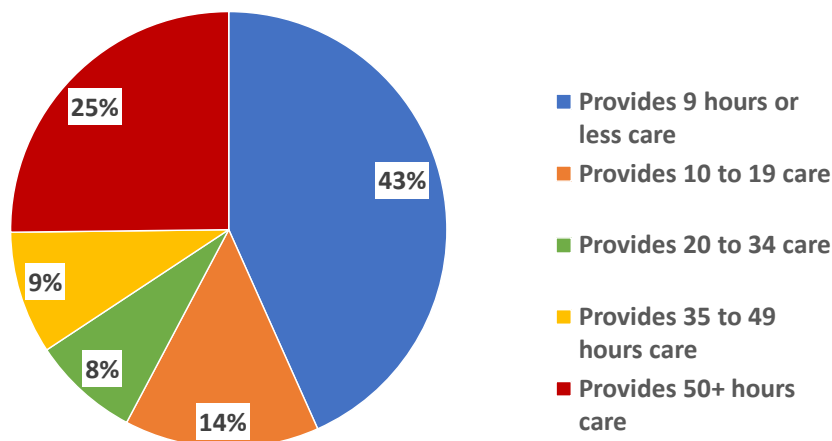


Source: ONS Census 2021



43% of the Blythe population who provide unpaid care do so for nine hours or less per week (528 individuals). At the other end of the spectrum 25% (307 individuals) provide 50 hours or more care per week. Blythe carers are less likely to care for 50 hours+ per week than carers across England (25% vs 30%).

### Provision of Unpaid Care in Blythe 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.

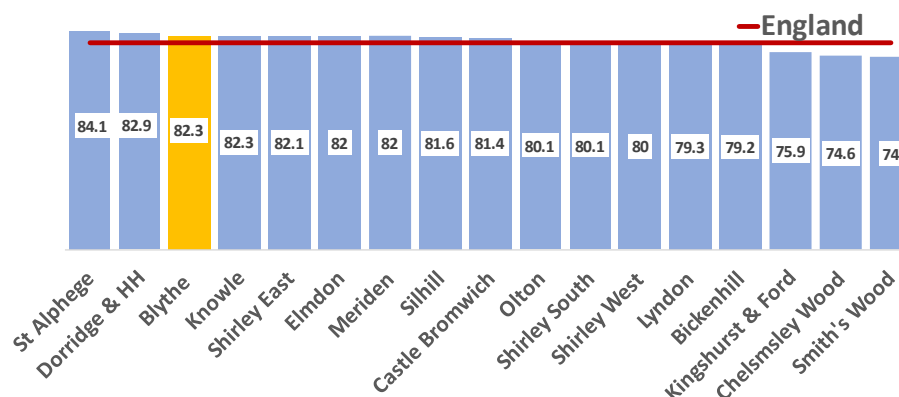
Life expectancy in Blythe is significantly higher than the England average for both males and females and is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in Solihull for both<sup>i</sup>.

Life Expectancy at Birth (Years) in Blythe 2016 to 2020			
	Blythe	Solihull	England
Male	82.3	80.2	79.5
Female	86.5	84.1	83.2

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

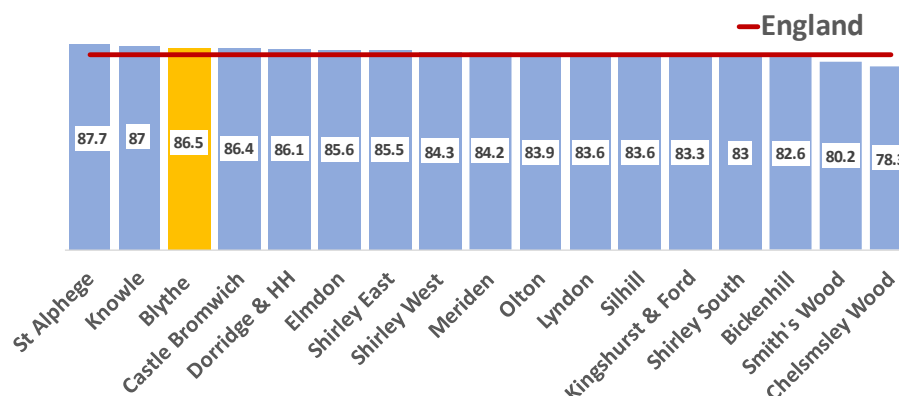
<sup>i</sup> Shading used in all OHID health tables denotes statistical significance: green=statistically better than in England; yellow=in-line with England average; red=statistically worse than England.

### Male Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### Female Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### Hospital Admissions

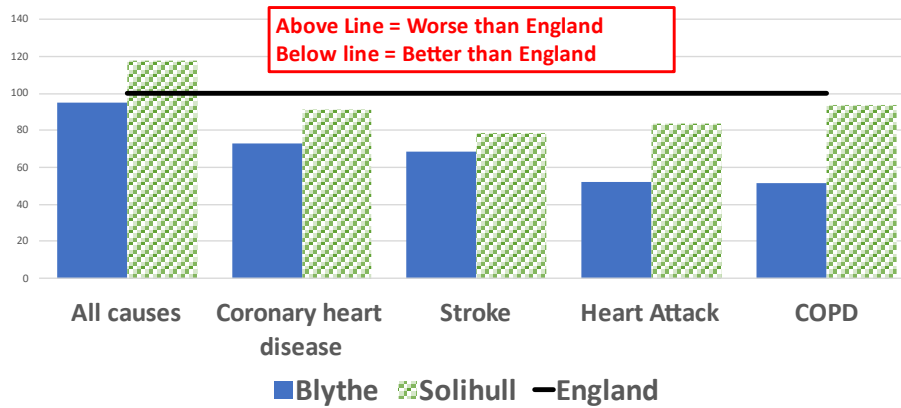
The table below shows that rate of standardised age emergency hospital admissions in Blythe for various health conditions relative to the England average of 100. Like Solihull as a whole emergency admissions for all causes are significantly more common than across England (113.8 vs 100). However, The rate of emergency admissions in Blythe is significantly lower than for England, this also applies to admissions specifically due to coronary heart disease, stroke, heart attack and COPD.

Emergency Admissions to Hospital in Blythe 2016/17 to 2020/21		
<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>		
	Blythe SAR	Solihull SAR
All causes	95	117.5
Coronary heart disease	73.2	90.9
Stroke	68.7	78.3
Heart Attack	52.2	83.6
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	51.5	93.6

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### Emergency Hospital Admissions 2016/17 to 2020/21

Standardised Admissions Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

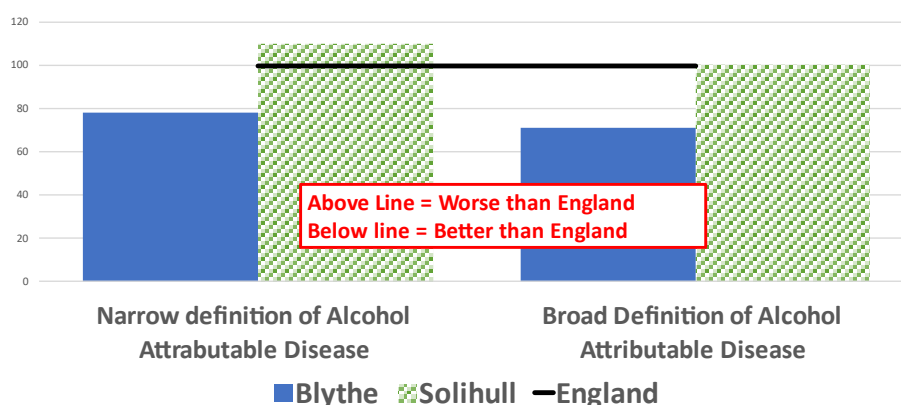
Alcohol consumption is a contributing factor to hospital admissions and deaths from a diverse range of conditions. Alcohol misuse is measured by hospital admissions for diseases attributable to alcohol. Based on both a narrow and broad definition of diseases attributable to alcohol the rate in Blythe is significantly lower than the England average.

Admissions due to Alcohol Misuse in Blythe 2016/17 to 2020/21		
<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>		
	Blythe SAR	Solihull SAR
Alcohol attributable conditions (narrow definition)	78.1	110.1
Alcohol attributable conditions (broad definition)	71.4	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

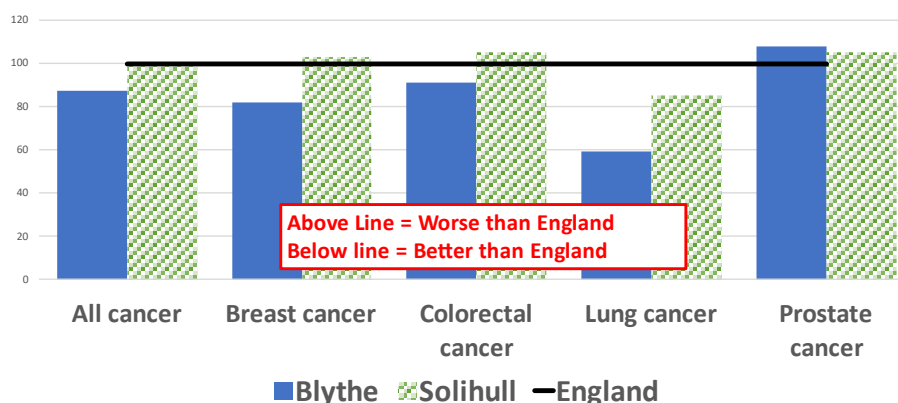
The incidence of cancer (defined by the number of new cases) in Blythe is significantly lower than the England average as is the case with lung cancer. The base data for the number of new cases of breast cancer and colorectal cancer are below average in Blythe but given the confidence limits attached to the data this cannot be described as significantly lower.

<b>Incidence of Cancer in Blythe 2015 to 2019</b>		
<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>		
	Blythe SIR	Solihull SIR
All cancer	87.6	98.6
Breast cancer	81.9	103.2
Colorectal cancer	90.9	105.1
Lung cancer	59.5	85.4
Prostate cancer	107.9	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

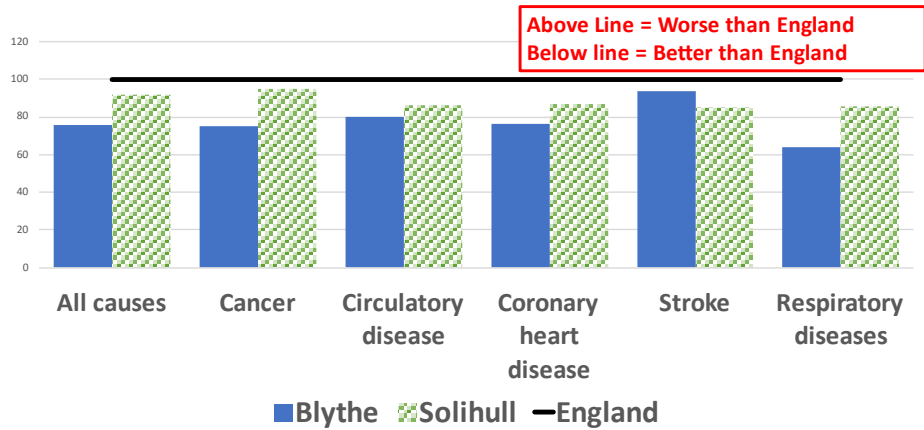
All age mortality in Blythe is significantly lower than England as is the case for deaths from cancer, circulatory disease and respiratory diseases.

<b>All Age Deaths in Blythe 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>		
	Blythe SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	75.9	91.6
Cancer	75.4	95.1
Circulatory disease	79.8	86.1
Coronary heart disease	76.3	86.8
Stroke	93.5	85.2
Respiratory diseases	64	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 significantly lower in Blythe than across England as are early deaths from cancer, circulatory disease and all causes considered preventable.

### Premature and Preventable Deaths (under 75 years) in Blythe 2016 to 2020

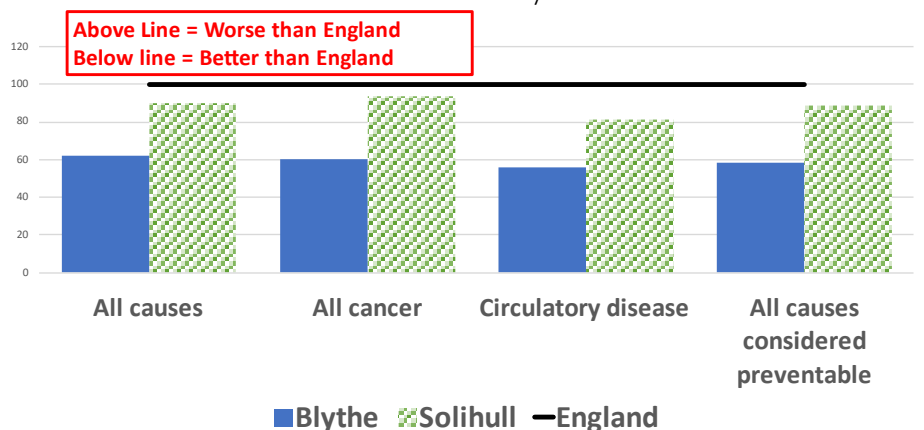
This is an age standard mortality ratio where England = 100. A SMR over 100 indicates that deaths are more common than England, a SMR below 100 indicates that deaths are less common than England

	Blythe SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	62.2	89.9
All cancer	60.5	93.5
Circulatory disease	55.7	81.3
All causes considered preventable	58.4	88.6

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

### All Premature & Preventable Deaths 2016 to 2020

Standardised Mortality Ratio



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## Housing and Transport

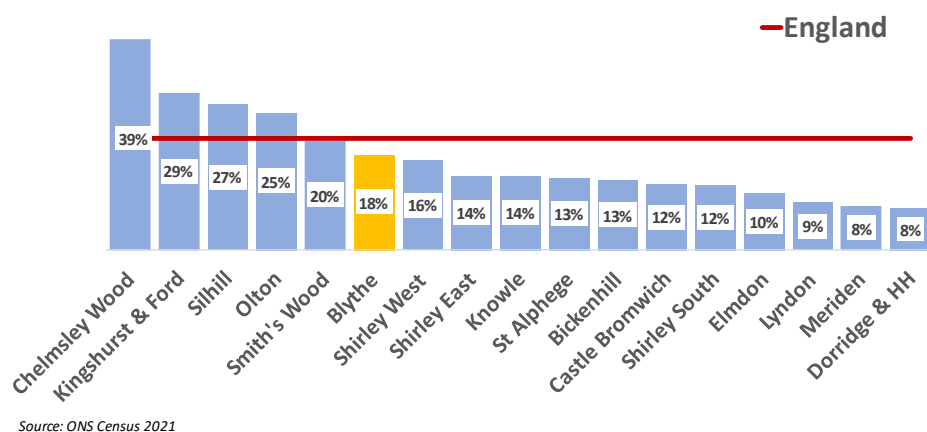
### Accommodation Type

82% of Blythe households live in a house (5,338 households) and 18% in a flat (1,144 households). Among the 17 Solihull wards Blythe has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest proportion of households living in a flat.

Accommodation Type in Blythe 2021				
Tenure	Number in Blythe	% Households		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Detached Housing	3,012	46%	28%	23%
Semi-Detached Housing	1,475	23%	37%	31%
Terraced Housing	851	13%	16%	23%
Flats	1,144	18%	17%	21%
Other	48	1%	1%	2%
All Households	6,530			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Households Living in a Flat in Solihull 2021



### Tenure

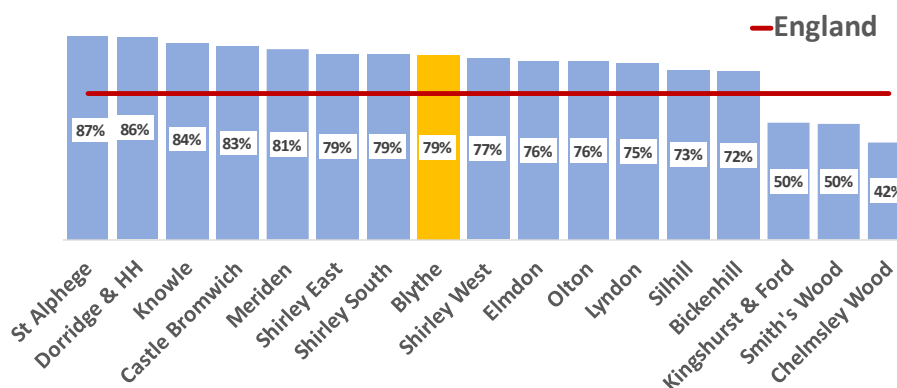
79% of Blythe households own (or part own) their own home either outright or through a mortgage (5,140 households). The vast majority of the remainder rent either privately or socially. Social renting in Blythe (348 households, 5% of total) is less common than across England (17%) or Solihull (14%).

Tenure in Blythe 2021				
Tenure	Number in Blythe	% Households		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Owned or Shared Ownership	5,140	79%	73%	62%
Social rented	348	5%	14%	17%
Private rented or lives rent free	1,043	16%	13%	21%
All Households	6,531			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Homeownership in Blythe is far more common than across England (79% 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.

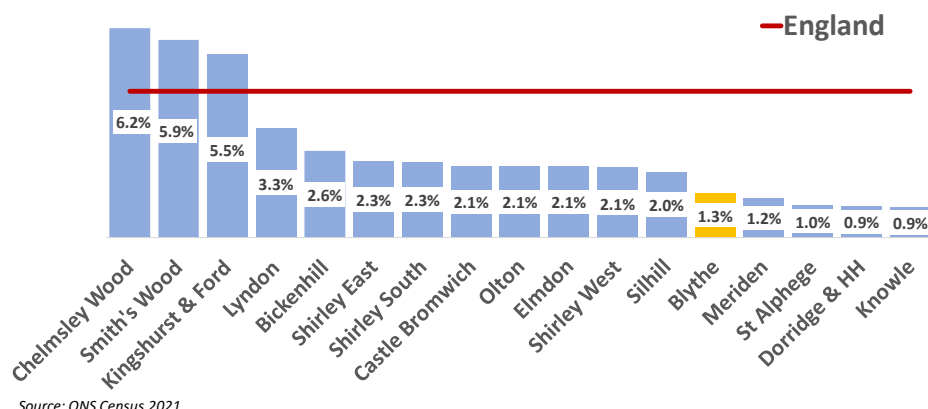
A large majority of households in Blythe have at least one spare bedroom and are considered under-utilised (82%, 5,335 households). This is common across Solihull and England. Just 1% of Blythe households are overcrowded compared to the England average of 4%.

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

Overcrowding in Blythe (Bedroom Standard) 2021				
Bedroom Occupation	Number in Blythe	% Households		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
Under utilised	5,335	82%	76%	69%
Ideal Occupation	1,107	17%	22%	27%
Overcrowded	87	1%	3%	4%
All Households	6,529			

Source: ONS Census 2021

### Overcrowded households in Solihull 2021 (Based on number of bedrooms)



### Access to Car or Van

92% of Blythe households have a car or van (6,031 households) including 52% (3,409 households) that have more than one. Car or van ownership, including multiple ownership is more common in Blythe than the England average (76% of households including 35% multiple).

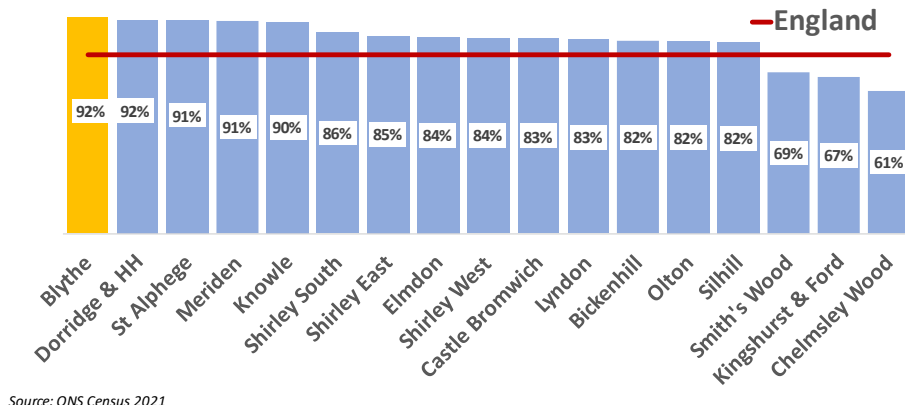
With the exception of the three North Solihull wards all Solihull wards have higher levels of car or van ownership than the England average.

Blythe Households with a car or van 2021				
Car/van access	Number in Blythe	% Households		
		Blythe	Solihull	England
No car or van access	498	8%	18%	24%
Car or van access	6,031	92%	82%	76%
Number of cars or vans per household				
1 car or van	2,622	40%	39%	41%
2 cars or vans	2,595	40%	32%	26%
3+ cars or vans	814	12%	11%	9%
All Households	6,529			

Source: ONS Census 2021



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

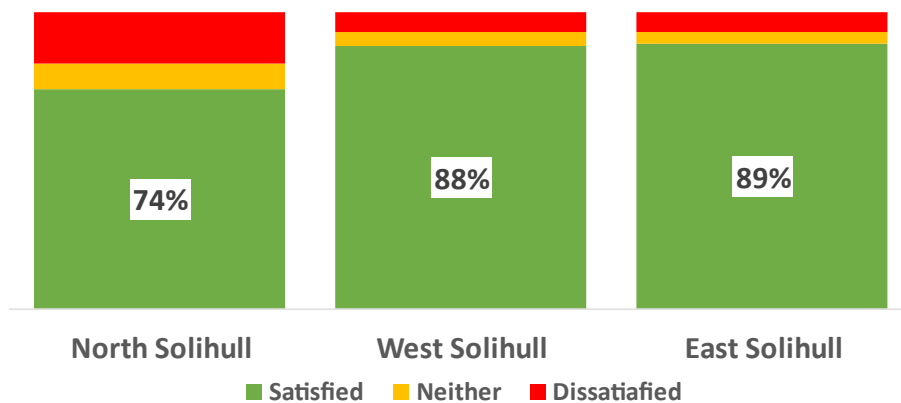


## Community and Safety

### Community Satisfaction and Belonging

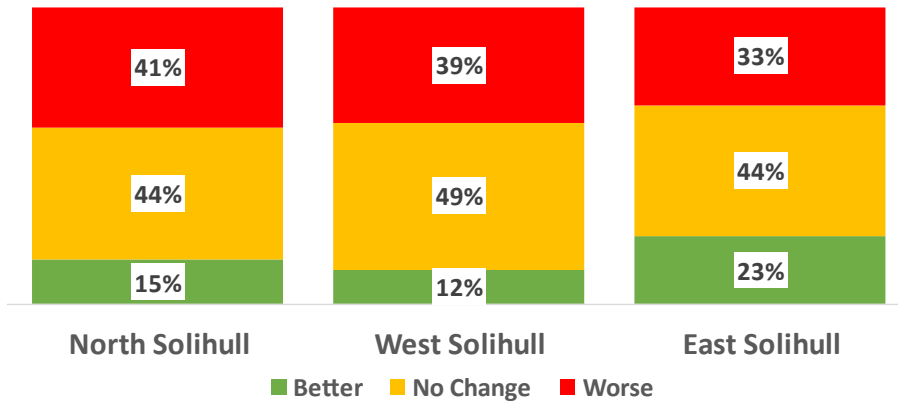
Most Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey say that they are satisfied with their local area as a place to live (84%) with just 10% saying that they are dissatisfied. Levels of satisfaction are high across all three Solihull localities and in West Solihull 88% are satisfied and 7% dissatisfied.

### Satisfaction with local area as place to live



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 with West Solihull closely mirroring the Solihull average.

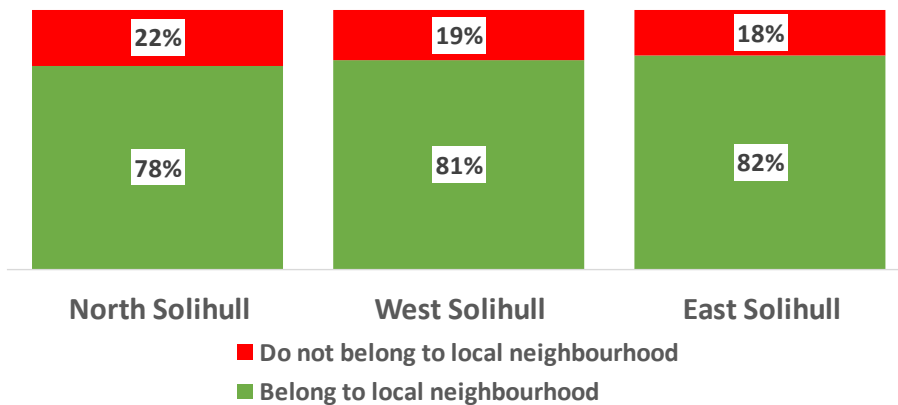
### How has local area changed in last 2 years



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 West Solihull in-line with the borough average.

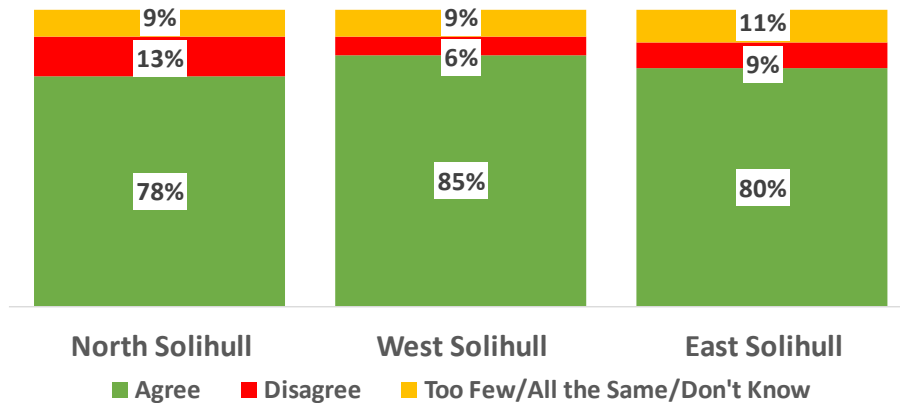
### To what extent does respondent feel they belong to local neighbourhood



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 with West Solihull marginally more positive than the borough average.

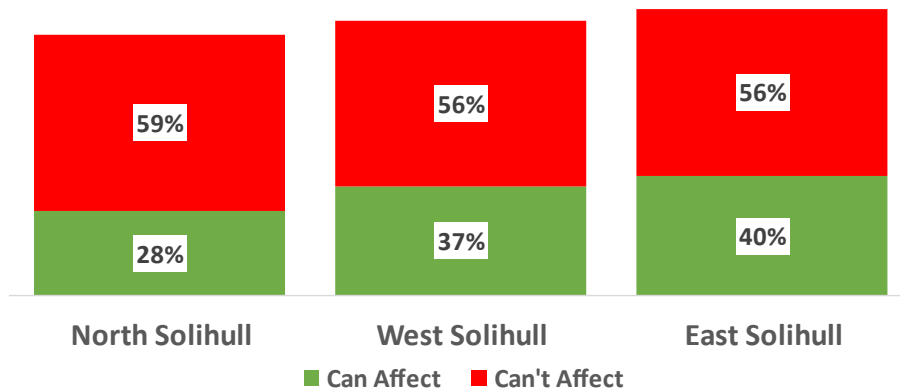
### People from a different background get on well together in local area



### Civic Participation

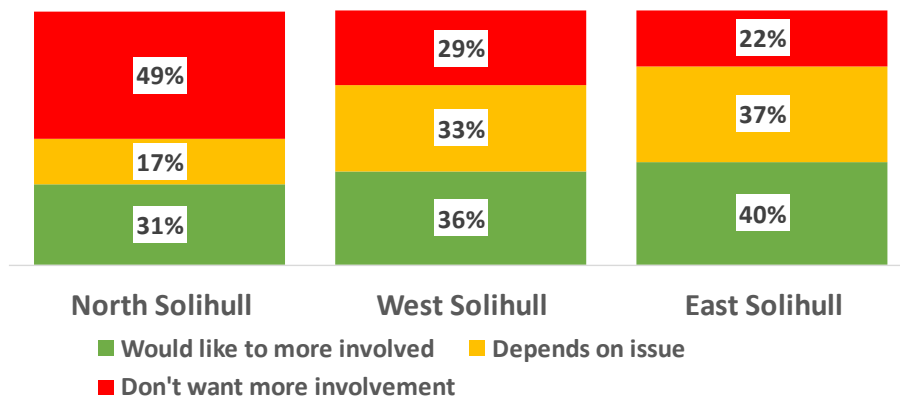
35% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they can influence decisions that affect their local area while 57% don't feel they can influence decisions. Fewer people in North Solihull feel they can influence decisions than elsewhere in the borough, with West Solihull about average.

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



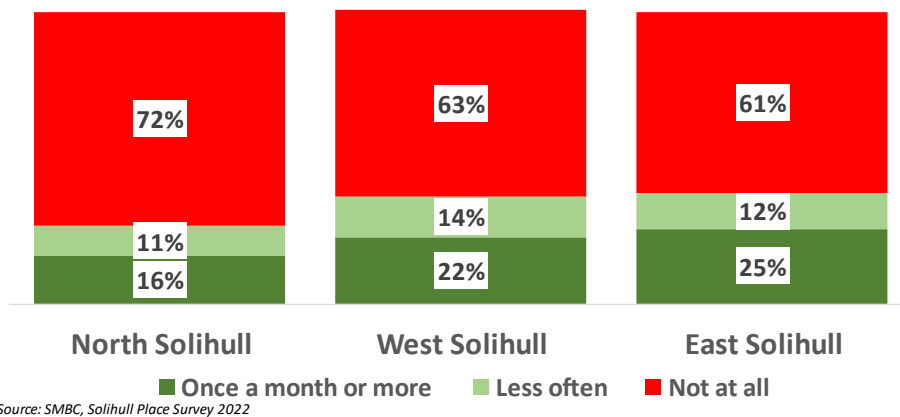
Despite the fact that 57% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they can't influence local decisions only 36% say that they would definitely like more involvement with 33% saying that they definitively don't want to be involved. The results for this measure do vary across the borough and in West Solihull 69% say that they are at least open to more involvement (36% definitely yes, 33% depends on the issue), while less than a third (29%) do not want to be involved.

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



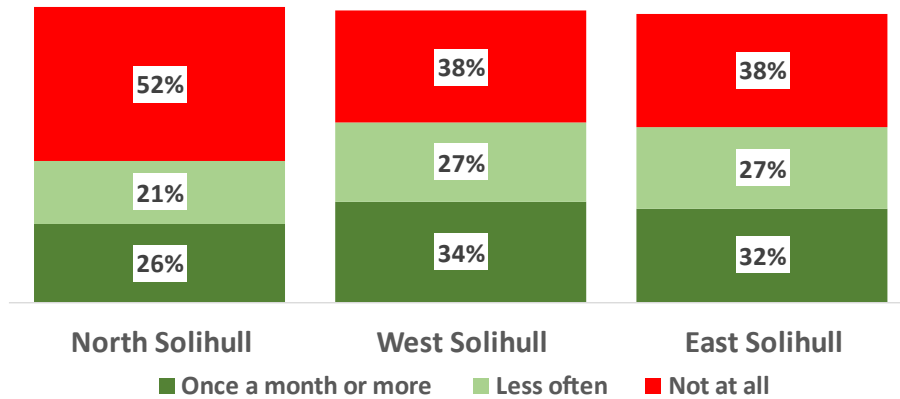
On average 34% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they have taken part in formal volunteering (defined as unpaid help to any group, club or organisation such as sports coaching or supporting a faith organisation) over the last year, including 21% who volunteer at least once a month. Participation is higher outside North Solihull with a participation rate of 36% in West 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 61% in West Solihull.

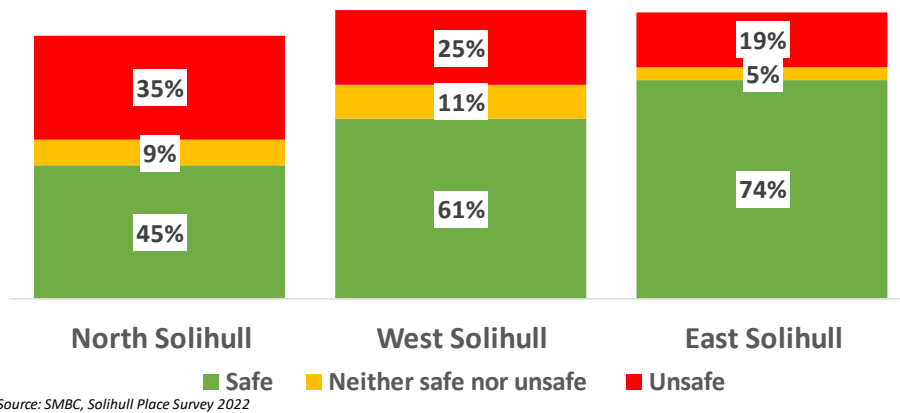
### Have taken part in informal volunteering in last year



### 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 61% of West Solihull residents feeling safe after dark.

### Feeling safe after dark in local area

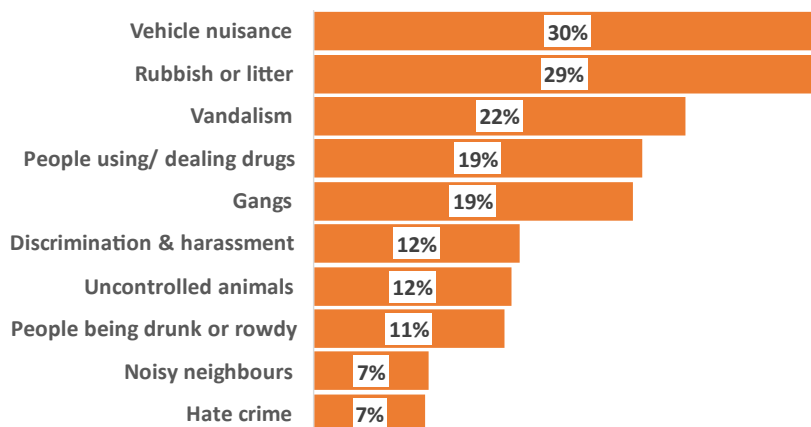


Respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey were asked which of 10 types of antisocial behaviour were a problem in their local area. The most commonly cited problem in West Solihull was vehicle nuisance (30% of respondents) followed by rubbish & litter (29%) and vandalism (22%). Each type of ASB was considered a problem by fewer West Solihull respondents than the Solihull average.

Problem with Anti-Social Behaviour in Local Area		
ASB Type	West Solihull	Solihull
Discrimination, harassment or intimidation	12%	14%
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	7%	11%
Vehicle nuisance, like joyriding, abandoned cars etc	30%	32%
Gangs hanging around the streets	19%	22%
Uncontrolled animals or dog mess	12%	15%
People using or dealing drugs	19%	28%
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	11%	15%
Vandalism, graffiti & other deliberate damage to property or vehicles	22%	26%
Rubbish or litter lying around	29%	34%
Hate crime	7%	8%

*Source: Solihull Place Survey 2022*

### Problem with ASB in West Solihull



### Crime Deprivation

Blythe’s ten LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 72<sup>nd</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 Blythe would be considered one of the least deprived both in England and in Solihull which has twelve more deprived wards and four 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 ten Blythe LSOAs ranges from The Lanes on the 26<sup>th</sup> percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Dickens Heath on the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile. Only The Lanes is in the most deprived 40% of neighbourhoods in England and there is a substantial gap between The Lanes and the next most deprived neighbourhood in Blythe on this measure (Tidbury Green 62<sup>nd</sup> percentile), showing the extent to which crime deprivation (such as it is) in Blythe is concentrated in one small area.

<b>Crime &amp; Disorder Rank in Blythe 2019</b>	
LSOA	Crime & Disorder Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
The Lanes	26.1
Tidbury Green	62.4
Cheswick Green	65.2
Illshaw Heath	70
Monkspath South	77.7
Monkspath West	91.9
Monkspath North	92.3
Monkspath East	93.1
Monkspath Central	94.7
Dickens Heath	94.7
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Reported Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

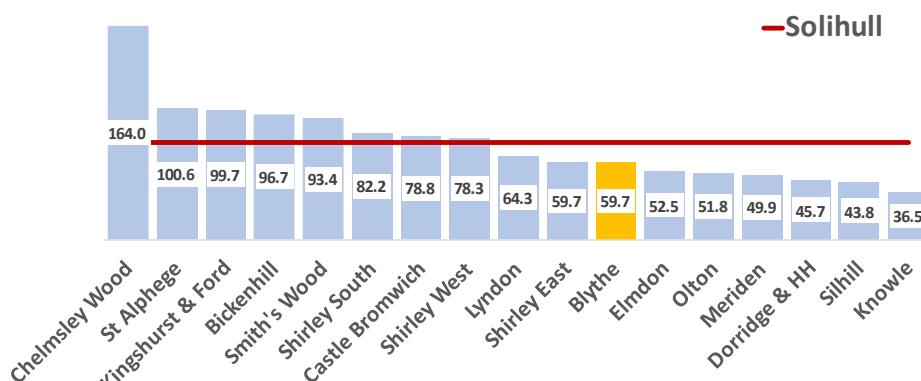
The table below shows the number of recorded crimes in the year to date (January-November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023). There have been 880 crimes in Blythe, 5.4% of the Solihull total and equating to 59.7 per 1,000 population. This is lower than the Solihull average of 74.7 per 1,000 and the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest 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

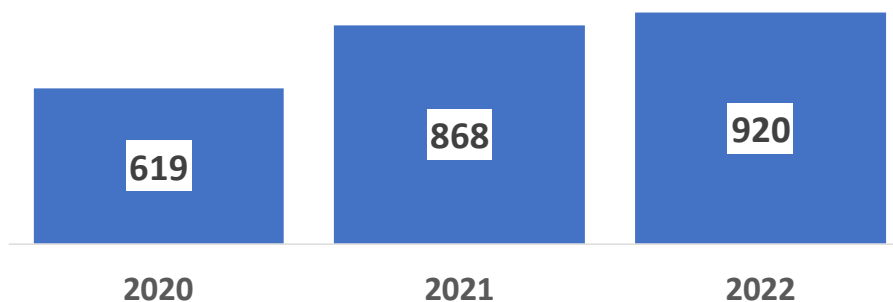


Source: West Midlands Police



The number of reported crimes in Blythe trended upwards from 2020 to 2022, increasing by 49% (+301 crimes over this period). This is higher than the 41% increase recorded across Solihull as a whole.

### Annual Reported Number of Crimes Blythe



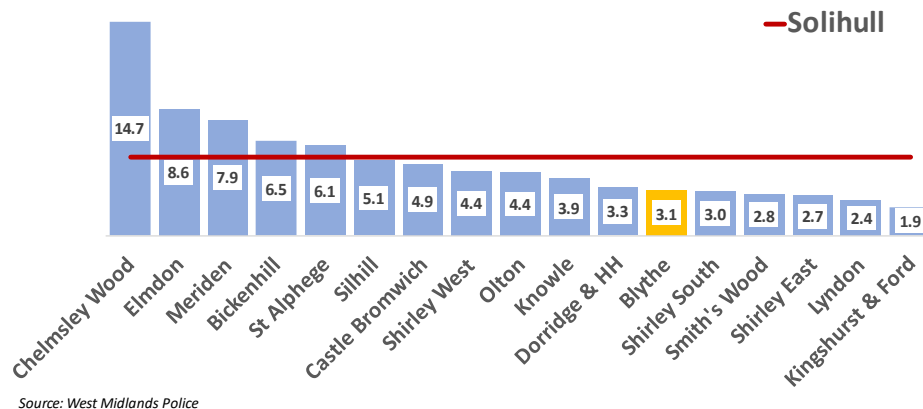
Source: West Midlands Police

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 46 ASB incidents in Blythe, 3.9% of the Solihull total and equating to 3.1 per 1,000 population. This is lower than the Solihull average of 5.4 per 1,000 and ranks Blythe 6<sup>th</sup> lowest out 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



### 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.

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