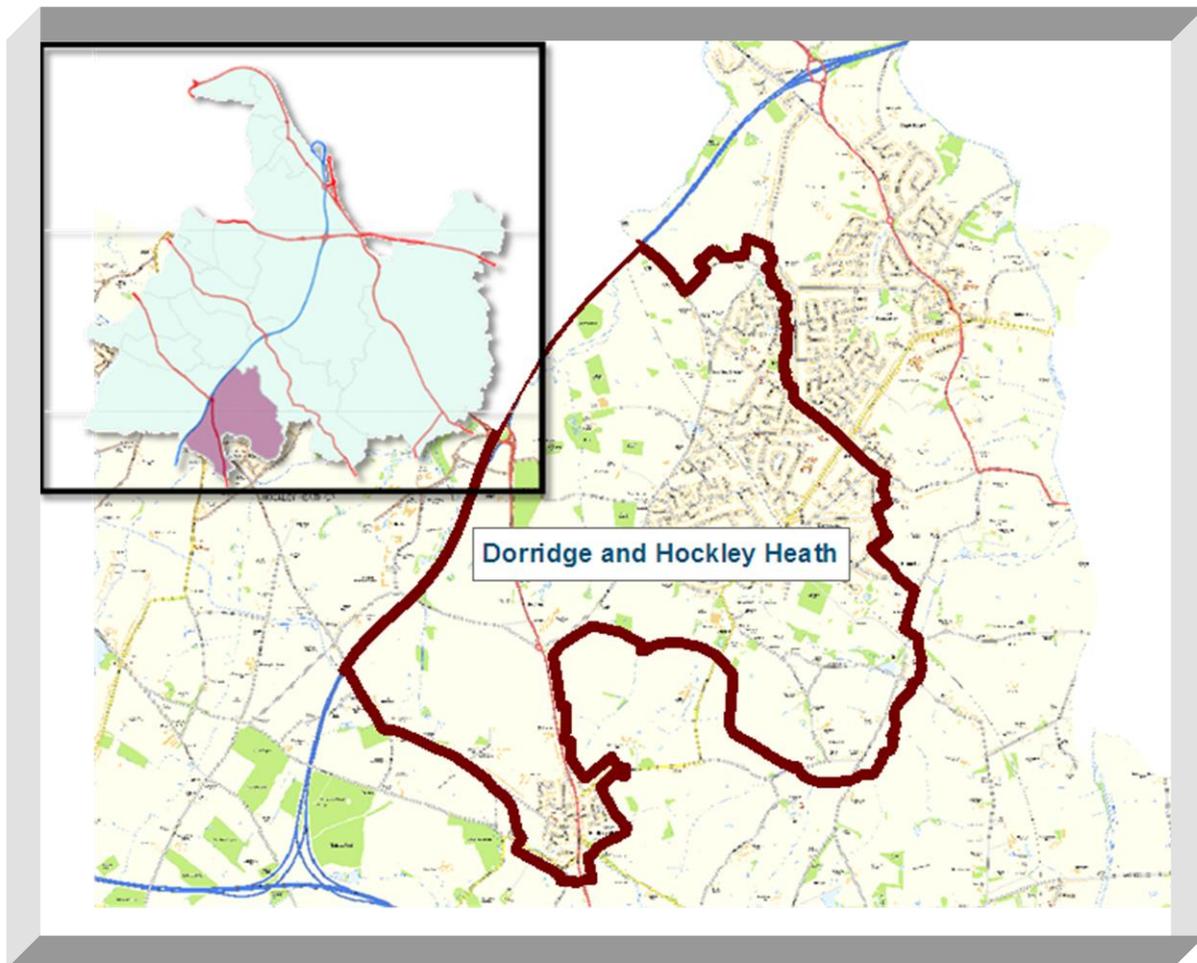


# 2016 Ward Profile: Dorridge and Hockley Heath



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## WARD PROFILE FORWARD

Ward Profiles provide a snapshot of a ward's socio-economic circumstances and highlight specific issues and concerns at a local level.

This update still includes comprehensive coverage of the Census 2011 data first reported in the 2013 Ward Profile, as, in many instances, 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 & family structure;
- Ethnicity, religion, origin & language;
- Employment and qualifications;
- Health and care;
- Housing and housing condition.

This update also draws on the latest available version of following data sets:

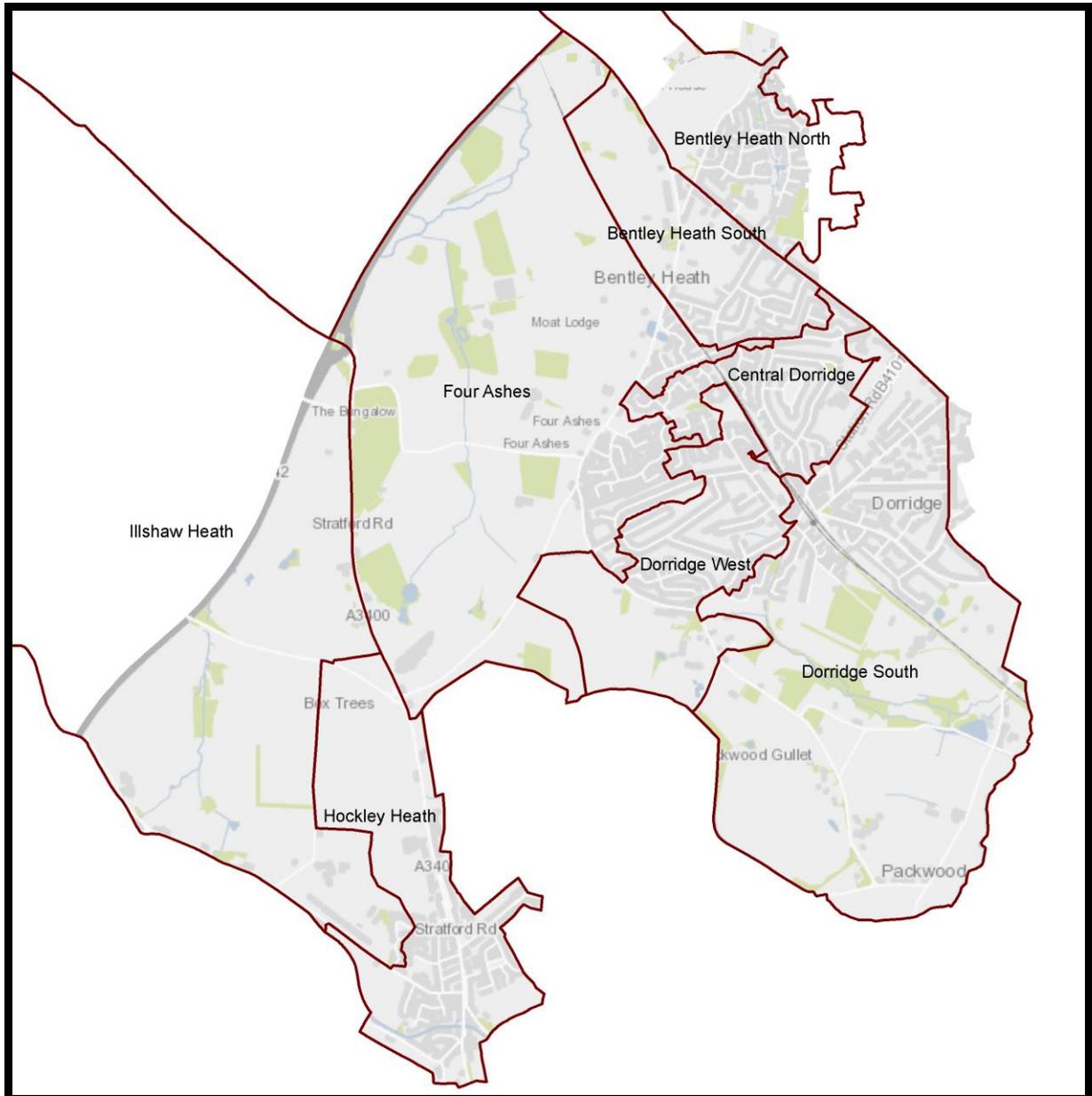
- Crime and anti-social behaviour rates (Crime Stats UK);
- Claimant unemployment (ONS/Nomis) and worklessness (DWP);
- Solihull Place Survey 2014 (SMBC);
- School attainment (Department for Education);
- Children in Poverty (DWP);
- Life expectancy and mortality rates (Public Health England);
- Index of Multiple Deprivation (ONS);
- Solihull Housing Register (SMBC).

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).

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## DORRIDGE AND HOCKLEY HEATH SUPER OUTPUT AREAS



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## SOLIHULL CONTEXT

Solihull is a broadly affluent Borough in both the regional and national context, with generally above-average levels of school performance and low crime rates compared with the West Midlands key characteristics. Levels and extent of deprivation are limited with only 22 of the Borough's 134 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in the most 20% deprived areas in the country.

Solihull as an authority is, however, challenged by a prosperity gap, with performance indicators in the regeneration zone to the north of Birmingham International Airport significantly lagging the rest of the Borough. Geographically, Solihull can be split into the northern area (including the regeneration zone), the urban west (centred on Solihull town centre), the rural east and the semi-rural south.

## DORRIDGE AND HOCKLEY HEATH SUMMARY

Dorridge and Hockley Heath is located in Solihull's southern Green Belt, bordered by Stratford district to the south and the M42 motorway to the west. The villages of Dorridge and Hockley Heath are the main urban areas within the ward, representing some of the most attractive and costly residential environments in Solihull. Although partly rural, the ward has easy access to key employment sites at Blythe Valley Business Park on the M42 and Solihull town centre to the north. The LSOA map on page 2 illustrates the individual neighbourhoods within Dorridge and Hockley Heath, based on the Office for National Statistics LSOAs. Two Dorridge and Hockley Heath LSOAs, Illshaw Heath and Bentley Heath North, overlap the ward boundary.

## POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHY

### Total Population and Households

	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
All usual residents	11,140	206,674	53,012,456
Household residents	11,131	205,087	52,059,931
Communal establishment residents	9	1,587	952,525
% of population in communal establishments	0.1%	0.8%	1.8%
Area	1,443	17,829	13,027,843
Population density	7.7	11.6	4.1
Households with at least one usual resident	4,387	86,056	22,063,368
Average household size	2.5	2.4	2.4
Source: ONS Census 2011			

At the time of the 2011 Census the population of Dorridge & Hockley Heath was 11,140 (5,468 males, 5,672 females). This equates to 7.7 residents per hectare, compared to the Solihull average of 11.6.

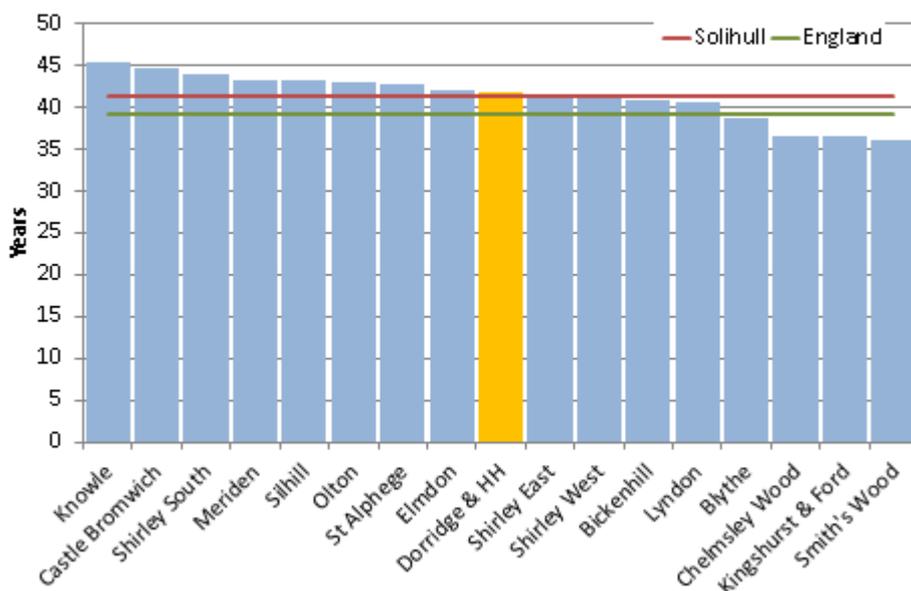
Subsequent modelled estimates by the ONS record the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population as 11,073 residents in mid-2014 (5,414 males, 5,659 females). However, as the Census provides the most accurate picture this is used as the source for the more detailed population breakdowns that follow.

### Age Structure

	Count	% of Population		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Pre-School Children (0-4 years)	558	5.0%	5.6%	6.3%
School Age Children (5-15 Years)	1,781	16.0%	13.4%	12.6%
All Children (0-15 years)	2,339	21.0%	19.0%	18.9%
Young Adults (age 16-24 years)	978	8.8%	10.6%	11.9%
Mature working Age (25-64 years)	5,657	50.8%	51.3%	52.9%
Working Age Total (16-64)	6,635	59.6%	61.9%	64.8%
Retirement Age (65 year+)	2,166	19.4%	19.2%	16.3%
Older People (Age 85+)	291	2.6%	2.7%	2.2%
Average Age (years)		41.9	41.3	39.3
Source: ONS Census 2011				

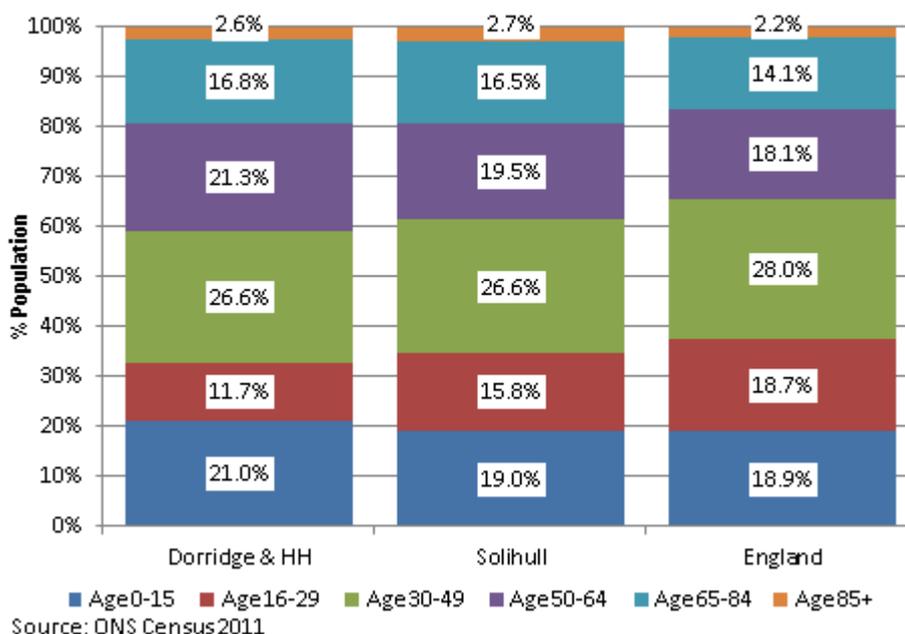
In 2011 the average age in Dorridge & Hockley Heath was 41.9 years, in-line with the Solihull (41.3 years) average but higher than that of England (39.3 years).

### Average Age



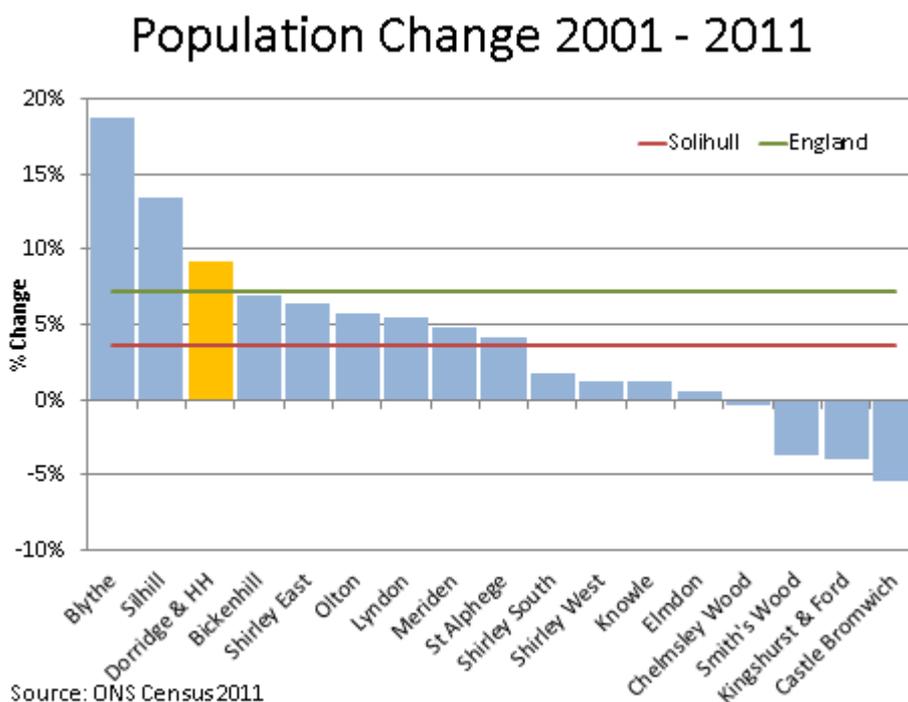
Dorridge & Hockley Heath age profile is very similar to Solihull as a whole. Compared with England, the ward has proportionally more people in older age groups, including 19% of the resident population aged 65 and over compared to 16.3% nationally. Dorridge & Hockley Heath has a relatively high proportion of children aged 0-15 years (21% compared to 19% in England), but a very small population of young adults aged 16-29 years (11.7% compared to the England average of nearly 19% and proportionally 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in Solihull). This may reflect the difficulties that young adults as first time buyers face in accessing the property market in an area where house prices are very high.

### Population 2011



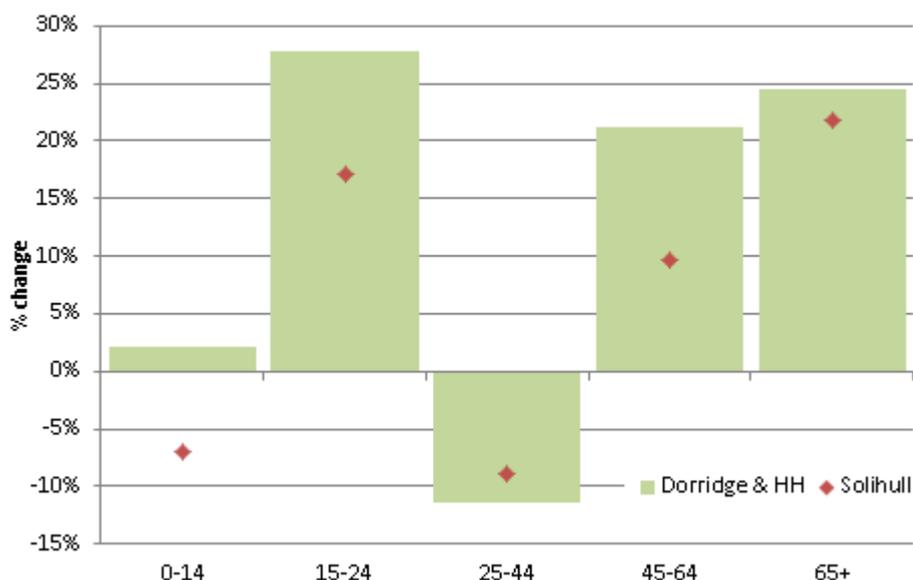
## Population Change

Between 2001 and 2011, the population of Dorridge & Hockley Heath increased by +9.1% (+933 individuals) one of only three wards in the borough with an above England average (7.6%) rate of population growth.



Population growth in Dorridge & Hockley Heath between 2001 and 2011 was similar in pattern to that of Solihull as a whole, with increasing numbers of those aged 45 and over and 15-24 years partially offset by a fall in the number of adults aged 25-44. However, Dorridge & Hockley Heath was one of just seven wards where the number of children aged 0-14 years increased, albeit by just 2% (+44 individuals). At +21% (+590 individuals) the increase in the ward's population aged 45-64 was the largest in the borough, with the increase in the number of 15-24 year olds (+28%, +253 individuals) also substantially above average. The growth of 25% (+580 individuals) in those aged 65 and over was broadly in-line with the Solihull average, although the ward was subject to the 3<sup>rd</sup> smallest increase in those aged 85+ (+34% compared to the borough average of +53%).

### Population Change by Broad Age Band 2001 - 2011



Source: ONS Census 2011

### Ethnicity, Origin and Language

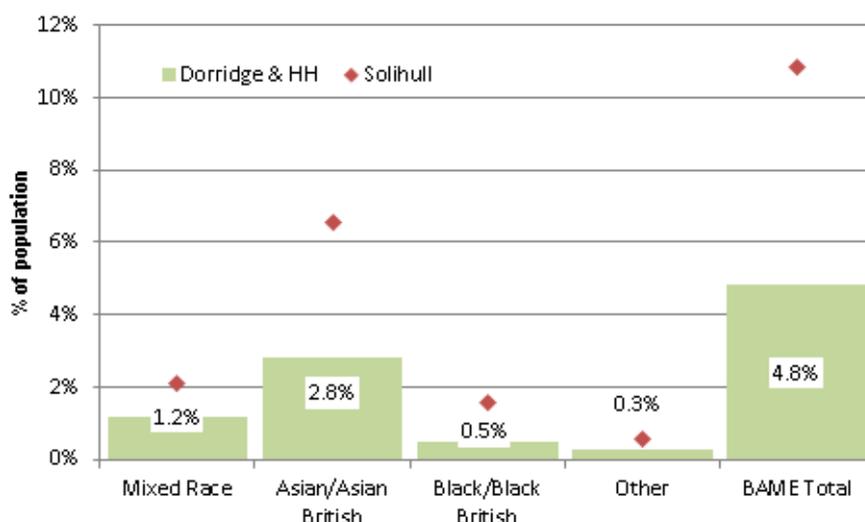
	Count	% of Population		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
White Population	10,604	95.2%	89.1%	85.4%
Black & Asian Minority Ethnic Population (BAME)	536	4.8%	10.9%	14.6%
Born in UK	10,630	95.4%	92.6%	86.2%
Born Outside UK	510	4.6%	7.4%	13.8%
UK Passport	9,984	89.6%	82.1%	75.8%
Non-UK Passport	344	3.1%	4.0%	8.8%
No Passport	912	8.2%	14.6%	16.5%
English Main Language (age 3+)	10,712	98.8%	97.1%	92.0%
Speak English Well (age 3+)	117	1.1%	2.5%	6.3%
Cannot Speak English or Speak Well (age 3+)	17	0.2%	0.5%	1.7%
Source: ONS Census 2011				

The population of Solihull is becoming increasingly diverse, with the number of residents from a Black or Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) background increasing by +108% between 2001 and 2011, representing 10.9% of the population compared with 5.4% 10 years earlier.

Dorridge & Hockley Heath has undergone a similar change with the number of BAME residents increasing by +131% (+304 individuals) over this period, although unlike the rest of the borough (except Meriden, Blythe, Silhill and Bickenhill) there was also an increase of +6% (+631 individuals) in the White population. As a result of this changing demographic the

proportion of BAME residents has increased from 2.3% in 2001 to 4.8% in 2011, although this remains the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest concentration in the borough. 58% of the BAME population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are from an Asian or Asian British background, with this group representing 2.8% of the ward's total population compared to the Solihull average of 6.6%. The next largest group are those from a Mixed Race background, representing 1.2% of the total population compared to the Solihull average of 2.1%.

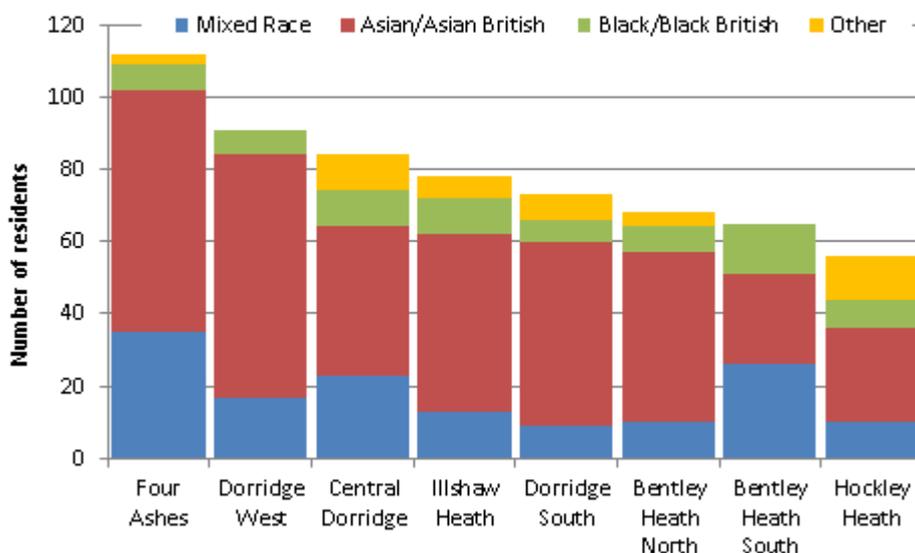
### Black and Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) Population 2011



Source: ONS Census 2011

At a local neighbourhood level the BAME population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath ranges from 7% in Four Ashes to just 3% in Hockley Heath.

### Black or Asian Minority Ethnic Population (BAME) in Dorridge & Hockley Heath



Source: ONS Census 2011

At 4.6%, the number of Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents born outside of the UK is well below both the Solihull (7.4%) and England (13.8%) averages. A large majority (74%) of the 510 Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents born outside of the UK arrived prior to 2001, with a similar proportion as the borough average arriving post 2007 (14%).

Nearly 99% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population aged 3 years and over have English as their main language, with those that cannot speak English or speak English well representing just 0.2% of the total population.

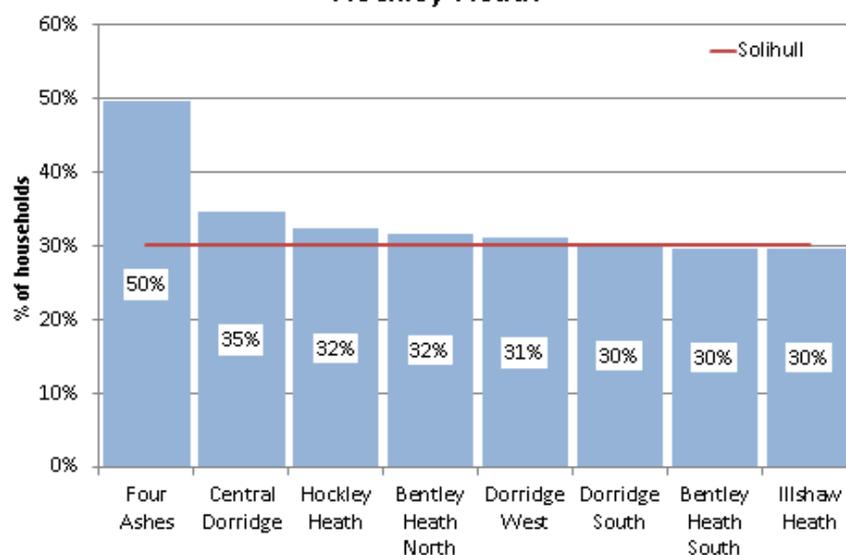
## Household Composition

	Count	% of All Households		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
One Person	990	22.6%	29.2%	30.2%
One Family	3,240	73.9%	65.6%	61.8%
Other Households	157	3.6%	5.2%	8.0%
Total Aged 65+	1,163	26.5%	24.4%	20.7%
Of which Single	589	13.4%	13.9%	12.4%
All with Dependent Children	1,495	34.1%	30.2%	29.1%
Of Which Lone Parent	190	4.3%	7.1%	7.1%
All Households	<b>4,387</b>			

Source: ONS Census 2011

Nearly 75% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath's 4,387 households are occupied by one family, which like the borough as a whole is above the England average (62%). The ward is notable for having one of the highest proportions of households with dependent children, including the Four Ashes LSOA neighbourhood where this applies to half of all households.

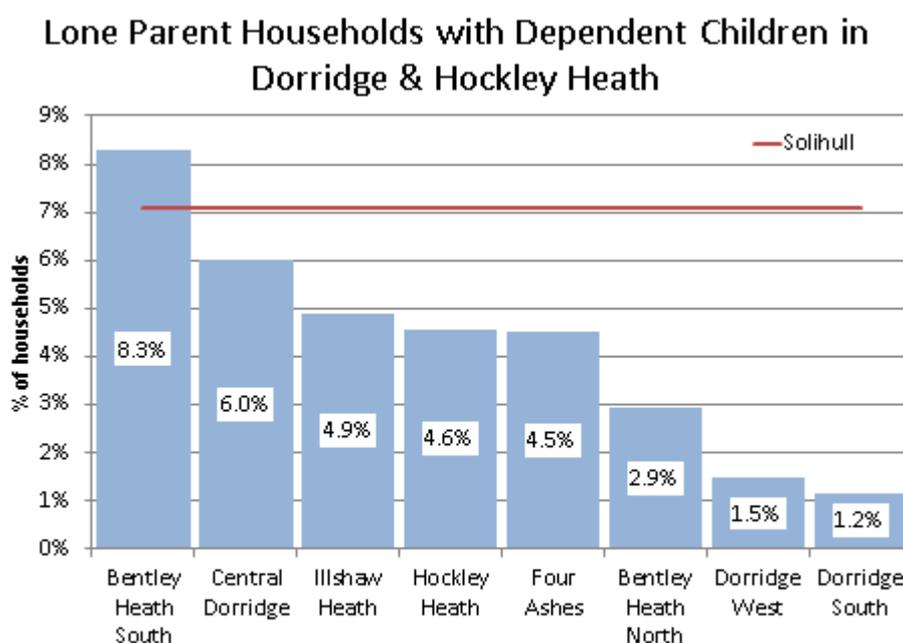
### Households with Dependent Children in Dorridge & Hockley Heath



Source: ONS Census 2011

Unlike Solihull as a whole there was very little change in the shape of household composition in Dorridge & Hockley Heath between 2001 and 2011. Throughout the rest of the borough there was a substantial shift from family to single person occupation, but in Dorridge & Hockley Heath this was marginal. The number of single person households in the ward did increase by over 100 over this period, but with family households also increasing by 269 the balance remained virtually the same.

There are 306 lone parent households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath of which 190 have dependent children, which represents 4.3% of all households, compared with the Solihull average of 7.1%. Among Dorridge & Hockley Heath's LSOA neighbourhoods, only Bentley Heath South (8.3%) has a higher proportion of lone parent households with dependent children than the Solihull average.



Source: ONS Census2011

## Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) provides a useful snapshot of the degree to which the local population is exposed to social and economic disadvantage.

Dorridge & Hockley Heath is subject to low levels of deprivation, with seven out of the ward's eight LSOAs in the least 10% deprived neighbourhoods in England. The most deprived LSOA in the ward, Bentley Heath South, is on the 65<sup>th</sup> percentile, broadly in-line with the Solihull average.

### Overall Deprivation in Dorridge & Hockley Heath Area



Source: Index of Multiple Deprivation, DCLG 2015

## PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES

### Economic Activity and Employment

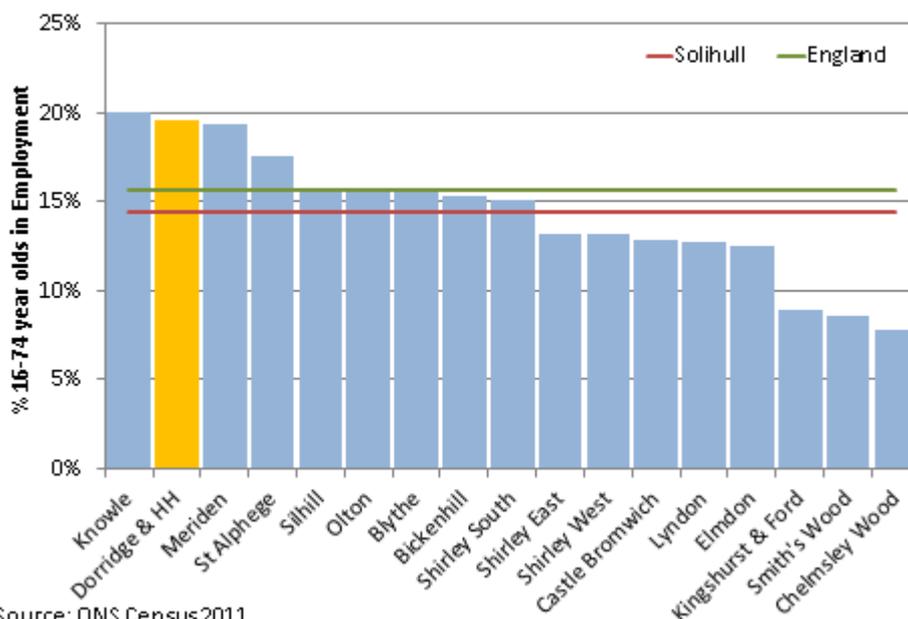
	Count	% 16-74 Population		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Economically Active	5,605	72.5%	70.8%	69.9%
of which Employed	5,224	67.6%	63.8%	62.1%
of which Unemployed	164	2.1%	4.2%	4.4%
Economically Inactive	2,121	27.5%	29.2%	30.1%
of which Retired	1,276	16.5%	16.2%	13.7%
of which Looking After Home or Family	279	3.6%	3.7%	4.4%
of which Sick or Disabled	113	1.5%	3.3%	4.0%

Source: ONS Census 2011

At nearly 73% the proportion of 16-74 year olds in Dorridge & Hockley Heath that are economically active is in-line with the Solihull average (71%), as is the employment rate.

Of the 5,224 16-74 year olds in employment in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 56% work full-time for an employer, 24% work part-time and 20% are self-employed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest self-employment rate in the borough. Since 2001 the proportion working full-time has shrunk by five percentage points (from 61% to 56%), with part-time employment (+2 percentage points) and self-employment (+3 percentage points) increasing. This slight shift in the structure of employment is consistent with the pattern across Solihull.

## Self Employment



28% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents aged 16-74 years in employment work in the public sector, although the ward is perhaps more notable for having a substantially above borough average reliance on financial & business services employment (24% of all residents in employment compared to Solihull average of 19%). However, between 2001 and 2011 the number employed in financial & business services shrunk (from 26% to 24% of working residents), as did the proportion employed in manufacturing (from 11% to 7%). These were offset by increases in the proportion in transport, storage & communications (which includes the ICT sector), the public sector and to a lesser extent construction and accommodation & food services.

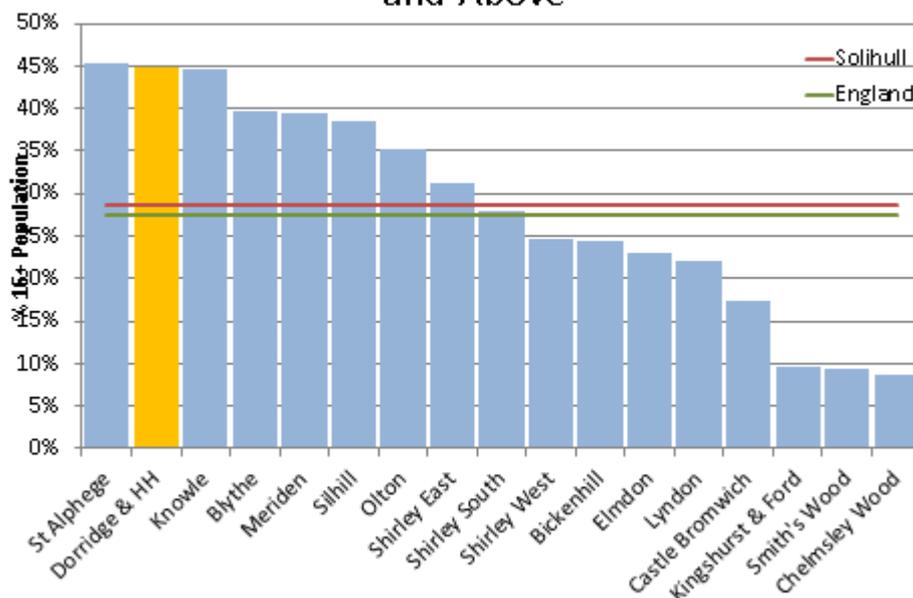
## Adult Skills

	Count	% 16-74 Population		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
No Qualifications	1,080	12.3%	22.7%	22.5%
Maximum NVQ Level 1	1,984	22.5%	36.3%	35.8%
NVQ Level 4+	3,943	44.8%	28.5%	27.4%

Source: ONS Census 2011

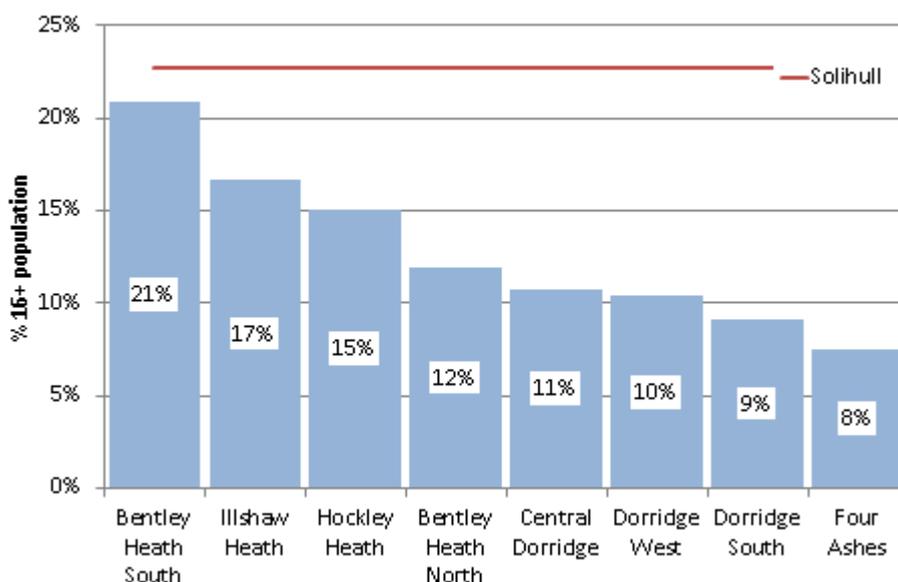
There are 1,984 adults aged 16 and over in Dorridge & Hockley Heath who can be classified as having low skills (qualified to a maximum of NVQ level 1) of which 1,080 have no formal qualifications. This means that just over 12% of the adult population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath have no formal qualifications, substantially below both the Solihull (22.7%) and England (22.5%) averages. At the other end of the spectrum, at 44.8%, Dorridge & Hockley Heath has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest proportion in the borough qualified to NVQ level 4 (degree level or equivalent) and above.

### Highly Qualified Adults: Qualified to NVQ Level 4 and Above



At a local neighbourhood all LSOAs in Dorridge & Hockley Heath have a smaller proportion of adults with no formal qualifications than the Solihull average, although Bentley Heath South (21%) is relatively high in a local context.

### Adult Population with No Formal Qualifications

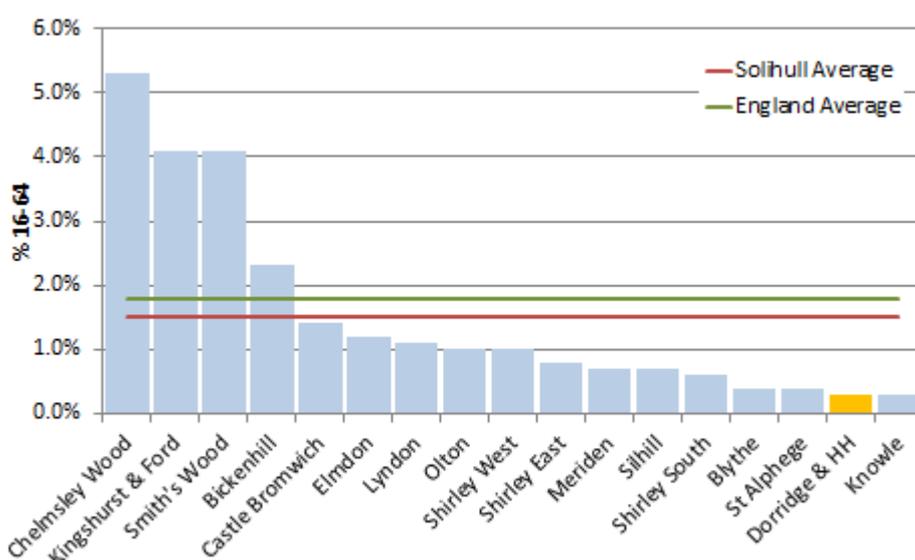


## Claimant Unemployment

Claimant unemployment comprising Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants and, since June 2015, Universal Credit claimants not in employment, measures the number of people not in work and actively seeking employment.

In October 2015 there were just 20 individuals in Dorridge & Hockley Heath meeting this definition of unemployment equating to 0.3% of the working age population. This is substantially below each of the Solihull (1.5%), England (1.8%) and West Midlands (2.1%) averages and joint lowest in the borough.

### Claimant Unemployment October 2015



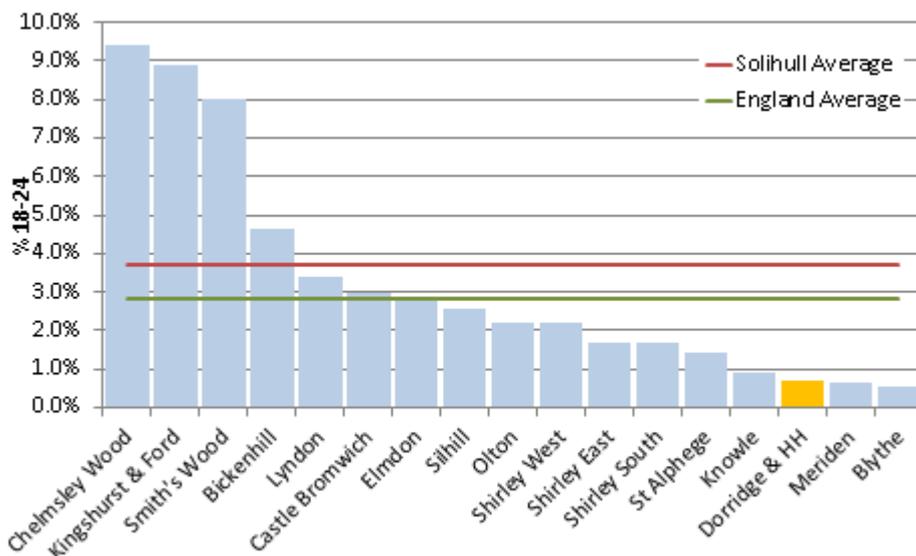
Source: ONS/Nomis

25% of claimants in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are aged 18-24 years (5 individuals) with the rate among this group 0.7% compared to the averages of 3.7% for Solihull and 2.8% for England. Like England as a whole Claimant Unemployment rates in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are lower among older age groups: 0.3% among 25-49 year olds and 0.2% for 50-64 year olds. This is as much due to increasing take up of other benefits, particularly sickness benefits such as Employment Support Allowance, among older age groups as increasing employment rates.

Claimant Unemployment - October 2015				
	Dorridge & Hockley Heath Count	Rate		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Aged 18-24	5	0.7%	3.7%	2.8%
Aged 25-49	10	0.3%	1.6%	1.8%
Aged 50+	5	0.2%	0.9%	1.4%
All Ages	20	0.3%	1.5%	1.8%

Source: ONS/Nomis

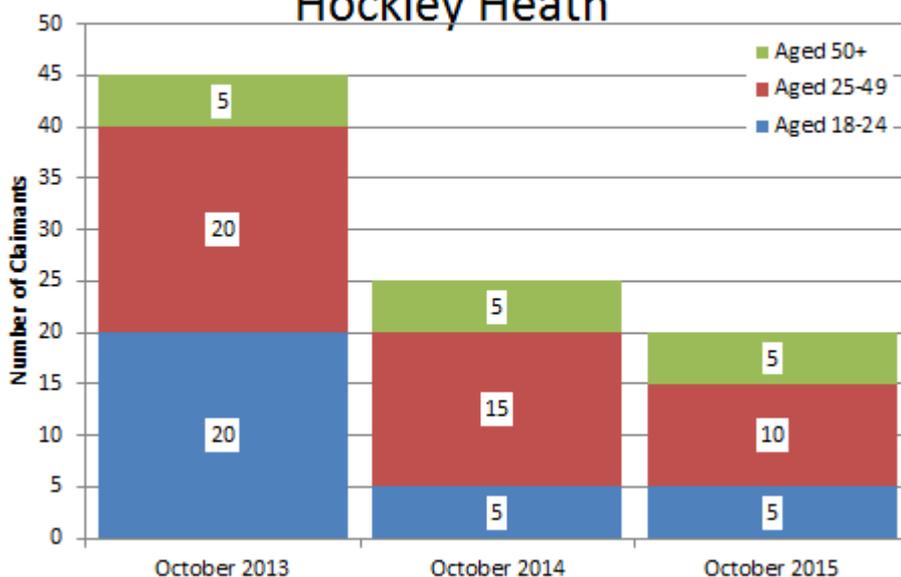
### 18-24 Claimant Unemployment October 2015



Source: ONS/Nomis

Claimant unemployment in Dorridge & Hockley Heath has fallen by a total of -56% (-25 individuals) in the last two years, with the number of claimants aged 18-24 years falling by -75% (-15 individuals) over this period.

### Claimant Unemployment in Dorridge & Hockley Heath



Source: ONS/Nomis

## Worklessness

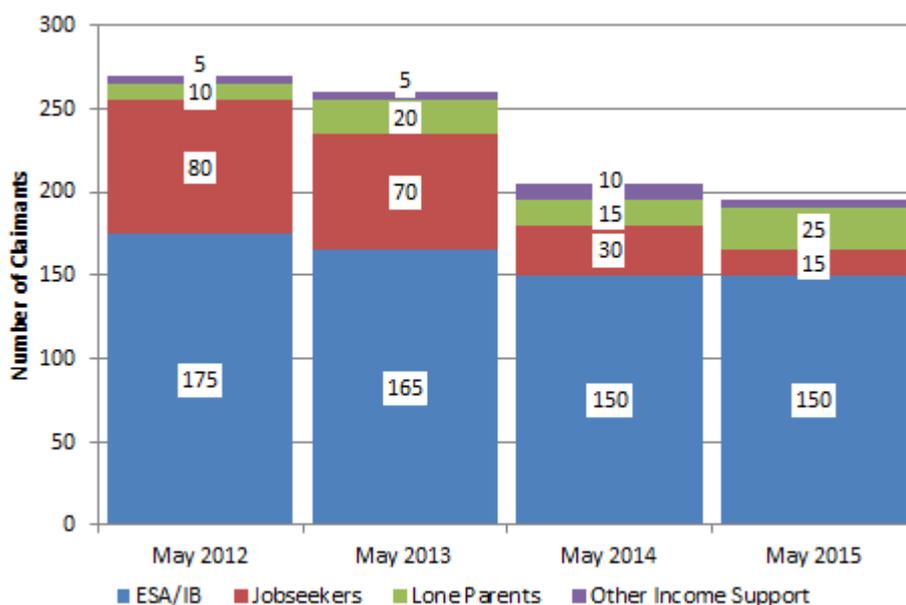
Worklessness is a broader labour market measure than claimant unemployment as it includes individuals who are not working but not required to seek work to be eligible for benefits. This includes significant numbers of those claiming a sickness benefit (Employment and Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefit). The total number of people workless comprises those claiming Jobseekers Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance/Incapacity Benefit, as well as Lone Parents and others on income support.

In May 2015 there were 195 people in Dorridge & Hockley Heath claiming one of these out of work benefits, equating to 3.0% of the working age population, compared with the Solihull average of 8.1% and the rates of 9.1% for England and 10.4% for the West Midlands.

Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Incapacity Benefit claimants constitute 77% of the total claimant count, followed lone parents on income support (13%), Jobseekers (8%) and others on income related benefits (3%).

In common with the rest of the borough, the number of people claiming an out-of work benefit increased sharply in Dorridge & Hockley Heath in the aftermath of the 2008/09 recession, but has been trending downwards over the last three years. The number of claimants is now 28% lower than in 2012 (-75 claimants). This reduction has been primarily driven by falling numbers of Jobseekers, although, unlike in some other parts of the borough, the numbers claiming ESA/Incapacity Benefit are also lower.

Worklessness in Dorridge & Hockley Heath

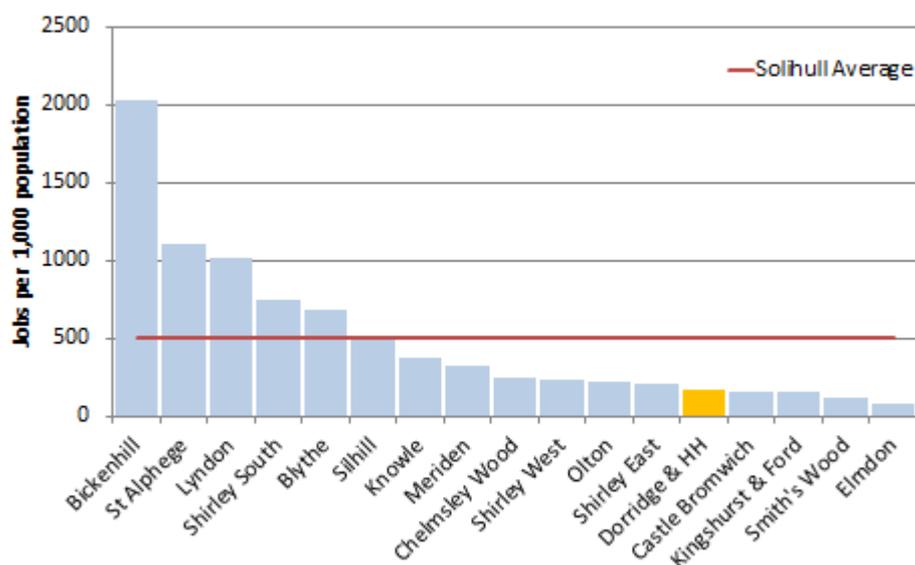


Source: DWP

## Workforce Jobs and Businesses

At the end of 2014 there were around 1,900 jobs located in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, equating to a jobs density of 170 jobs per 1,000 residents, compared to the Solihull average of 504 per 1,000.

## Jobs Density



Source: Business Survey & Employment Register

The largest sectors in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are education (16% of all jobs) and accommodation & food services (15%), with construction, professional services and health also prominent in the ward.

	Jobs in Dorridge & HH <sup>^</sup>	% Dorridge & HH Total
Education	300	16%
Accommodation & food services	300	15%
Construction	200	12%
Professional, scientific & technical	200	11%
Health	200	10%
Manufacturing	200	8%
Retail	150	8%
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	<100	4%
Wholesale	<100	4%
Property	<100	4%
Business admin & support services	<100	3%
Information & communication	<100	3%
Financial & insurance	<100	1%
Motor trades	<100	0.5%
Transport & storage	<100	0.5%
<sup>^</sup> Jobs rounded to nearest 100		
Source: Business Register and Employment Survey		

The number of jobs in Dorridge & Hockley Heath fell by around 23% (-600) between 2009 and 2014, contrasting with increases across Solihull as a whole (+12%) and for England (+5%).

There were an estimated 445 businesses in Dorridge in 2015, equating to 45 per 1,000 residents, broadly in-line with both the Solihull (44 per 1,000) and England (47 per 1,000) averages. The number of businesses in Dorridge increased by around +6% (+25 businesses) between 2010 and 2015, below the Solihull (+13%) and England (+14%) averages.

Area	Business Base 2015			Change 2010-2015	
	Count	% Solihull Total	Density (per 1,000)	Number	%
Dorridge	445	5%	45	+25	+6%
Solihull			44		+13%
England			47		+14%

Source: ONS UK Business Counts

## Housing

	Count	% of Households		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Owner Occupied	3,834	87.4%	74.5%	64.1%
Socially Rented	189	4.3%	14.9%	17.7%
Privately Rented	343	7.8%	9.9%	16.8%
Whole House or Bungalow	4,083	91.1%	81.6%	77.5%
Flat, Maisonette or Apartment	397	8.9%	18.2%	22.1%
No Central Heating	52	1.2%	1.8%	2.7%
Overcrowding (bedrooms)	53	1.2%	2.7%	4.8%
Overcrowding (all rooms)	78	1.8%	4.5%	8.7%

Source: ONS Census 2011

As with Solihull as a whole, a large majority of households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are owner occupied (87% compared with 64% across England as a whole). There are few local variations, although in a local context Bentley Heath South has a relatively large proportion of socially rented accommodation (16% of all households) and Central Dorridge an above borough average proportion of privately rented households (15%).

### Households by Tenure in Dorridge & Hockley Heath

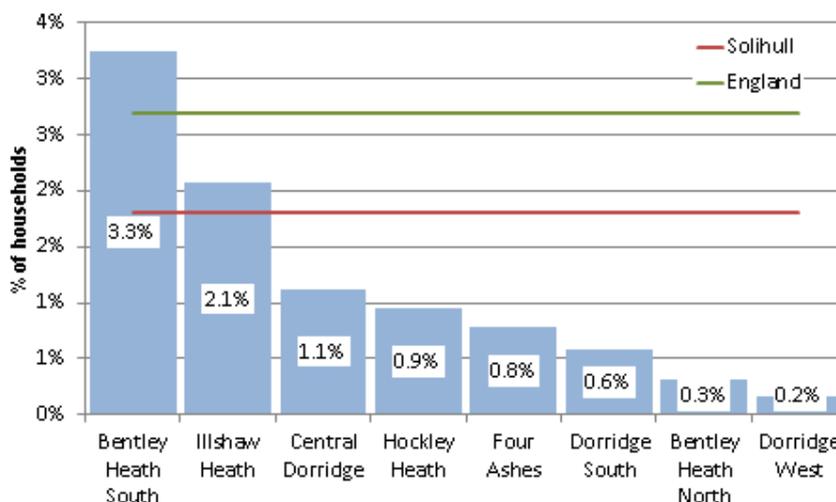


Source: ONS Census2011

A significant feature in both the ward and the borough has been the substantial increase in the number of privately rented households between 2001 and 2011. There are 155 more private rented households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath than in 2001, with the share of all households increasing from 5% to 8%. Dorridge & Hockley Heath was also one of just five wards where the number of owner occupied households (+196) increased over this period, but this was not enough to prevent a fall in the share of the total from 91% to 87%.

In terms of housing condition just 1.2% of households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath do not have central heating in-line with the Solihull average (1.8%), but well below that for England (2.7%). At a neighbourhood level this rises to over 3% in Bentley Heath South, although this is the only one of the ward's LSOAs with an above England average.

### Households with No Central Heating in Dorridge & Hockley Heath

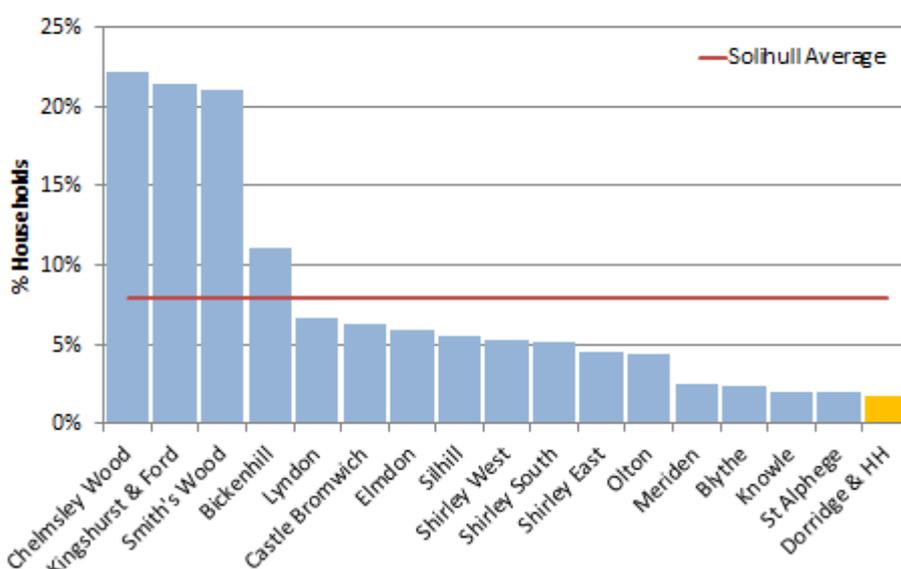


Source: ONS Census2011

Evidence from the Census also suggests that Dorridge & Hockley Heath has very few problems in terms of overcrowding. The Census provides an occupancy rating to assess the level of under-occupancy or over-crowding at a local level. For example, within this occupancy rating, a value of -1 implies that there is one room too few and that there is overcrowding in the household. It relates the actual number of rooms to the number of rooms 'required' by the members of the household (based on an assessment of the relationship between household members, their ages and gender). On average just 1.2% of households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath have an occupancy rating of -1 in relation to the number of bedrooms, below both the Solihull (2.7%) and England (4.8%) averages.

At the end of September 2015 there were just over 8,300 households on the Solihull Housing Register considered to be in some degree of housing need as defined by the Council's Allocations Policy and had a local connection. Of these just 76 households had a Dorridge & Hockley Heath address representing 2% of all households in the ward.

### Households on Housing Register – September 2015



Source: Solihull Community Housing, Solihull Observatory

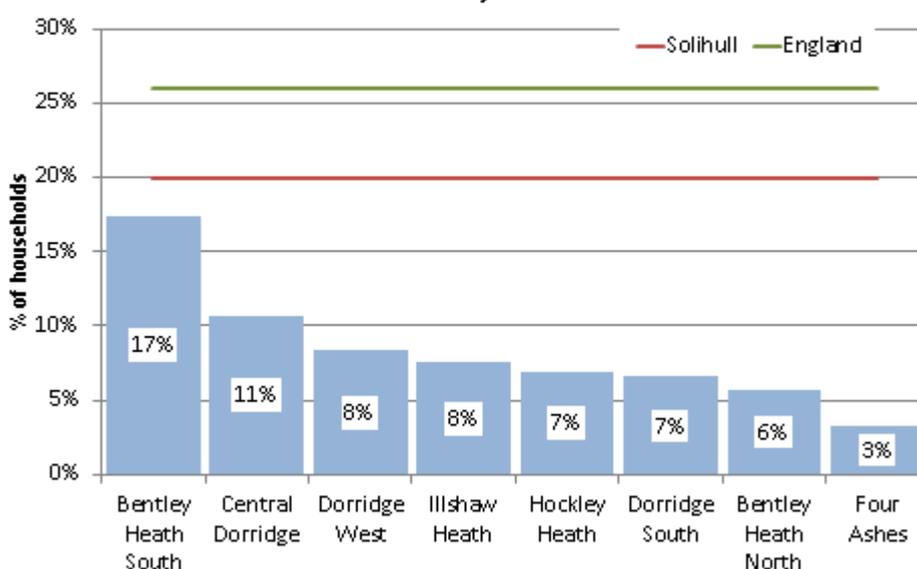
### Transport

	Count	% of households		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
No Cars or Vans	373	8.5%	19.7%	25.8%
2 or More Cars or Vans	2,569	58.6%	40.8%	32.0%
Average Cars or Vans per Household		1.71	1.34	1.16

Source: ONS Census 2011

In common with Solihull as a whole, households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath have a greater level of access to a car or van than the England average. On average households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath have 1.7 cars or vans per household compared to the England average of 1.16, with under 9% of households having no car or van compared to the England average of 26%. As with most measures relating to affluence, access levels are lower in the Bentley Heath South neighbourhood, where 17% of households have no car or van.

### Households with No Access to Car or Van in Dorridge & Hockley Heath



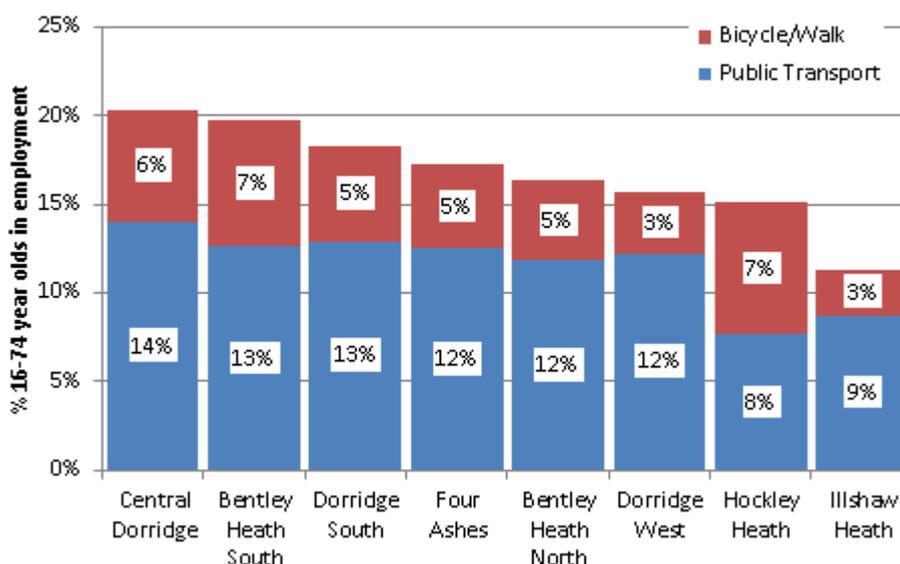
Source: ONS Census 2011

	Count	% 16-74 in Employment Work Who Travel to Work		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Private Vehicle	3,970	80.6%	77.1%	67.0%
Public Transport	636	12.9%	14.5%	17.9%
Bicycle or Foot	302	6.1%	7.9%	14.5%

Source: Census 2011

Along with location of employment, levels of car ownership are a contributory factor in the way in which people travel to work. Nearly 81% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents who travel to work do so in a private vehicle (e.g. car, van, motorcycle), higher than both the Solihull (77%) and England (67%) averages. Public transport is less frequently used (13% compared to the England average of 18%), while far fewer Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents walk to work or cycle (6% compared to 15% for England). At a neighbourhood level the proportion who travel to work by public transport, walking or cycling ranges from a relatively high 20% in Central Dorridge and Bentley Heath South to just 12% in the more rural Illshaw Heath area.

### Travel to Work by Public Transport, Walking or Cycling



Source: ONS Census2011

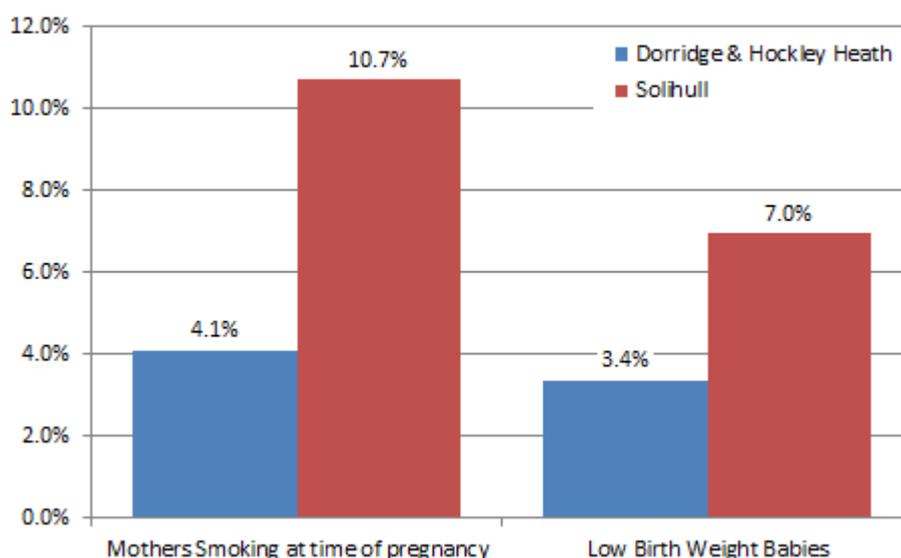
## A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

### Health

Smoking during pregnancy can cause serious pregnancy-related health problems. These include complications during labour and an increased risk of miscarriage, premature birth, low birth-weight and sudden unexpected death in infancy. Around 4% of mother’s in Dorridge & Hockley Heath smoke at time of delivery substantially below the Solihull average (11%).

Low birth weight births are a useful indicator of maternal and infant health at a small area level. There are multiple reasons for low birth weight births, including premature delivery, young maternal age, poor maternal health, maternal smoking status and multiple gestations (birth). Around 3% of babies born to mothers living in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are classified as being low birth weight babies, proportionally far fewer than the Solihull average (7%).

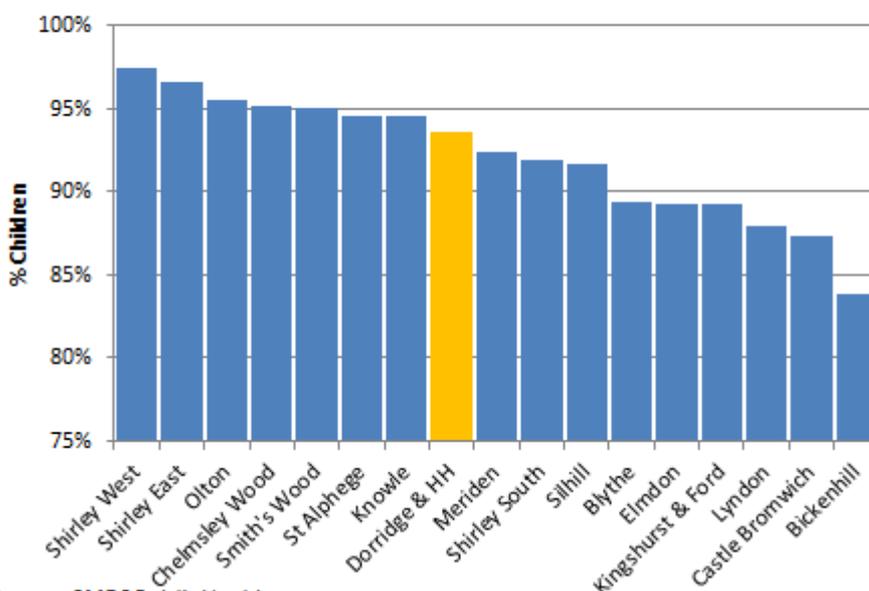
## Maternal and Child Health Indicators



Source: SMBC Public Health

Levels of childhood immunisation in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are consistent with the Solihull average, with for instance 94% of children in the ward receiving the first MMR dose at 24 months.

## Immunisations: MMR 1<sup>st</sup> Dose at 24 Months

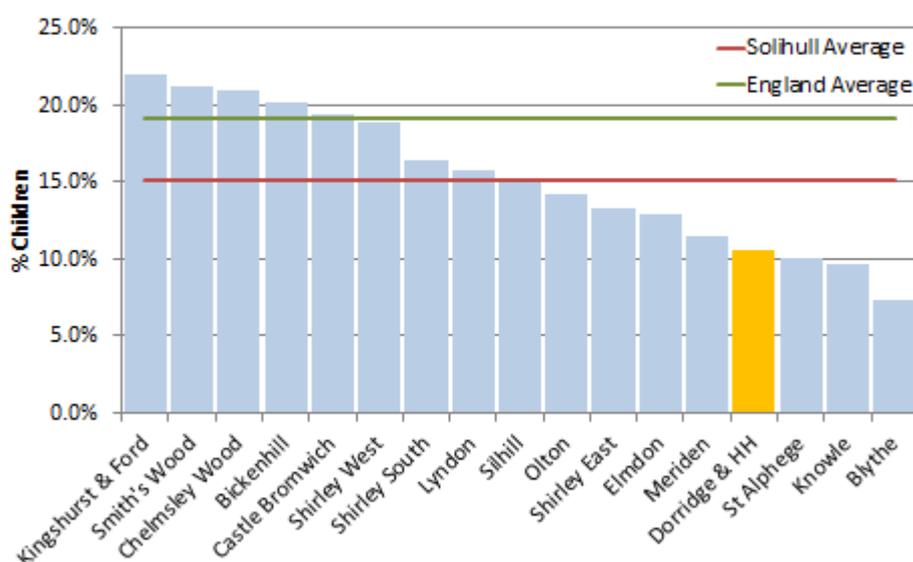


Source: SMBC Public Health

The proportion of children in Dorridge & Hockley Heath who are classified as having excess weight or as being obese are consistently below the Solihull average. For instance in year 6 11% are classified as being obese compared to the Solihull average of 15% and 19% for England as a whole.

	Excess Weight		Obese	
	Reception	Year 6	Reception	Year 6
Dorridge & Hockley Heath	15.6%	24.4%	5.7%	10.5%
Solihull	19.3%	28.1%	7.5%	15.1%
England	22.5%	33.5%	9.4%	19.1%

### Childrens Weight: % Year Six Pupils Classified as Obese



Source: Public Health England

## Education

The majority of children in the Dorridge & Hockley Heath area attend one of the following primary schools: Dorridge Primary School, Hockley Heath Academy, Bentley Health Church of England Primary School or St George and St Theresa Catholic Primary School. All of these schools have an above England average Key Stage 2 point score per pupil.

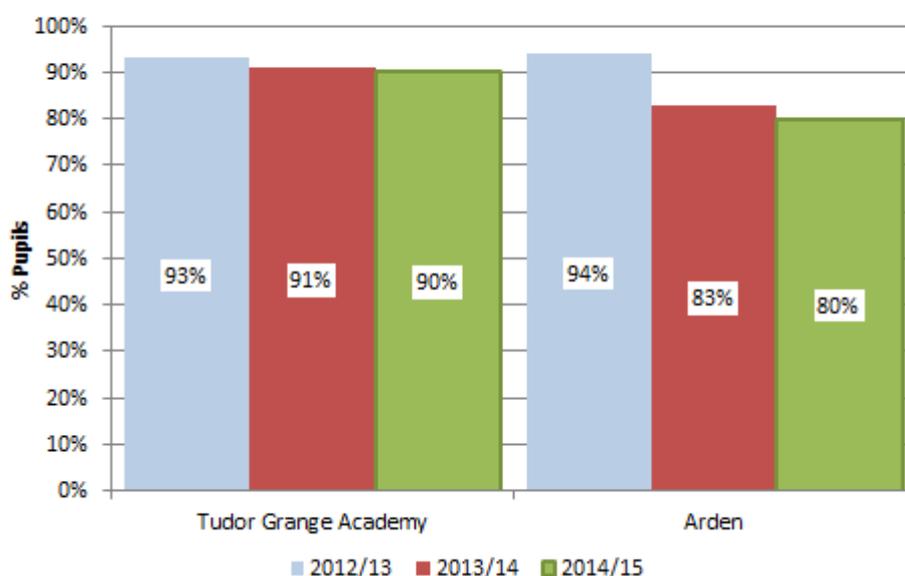
	Level 4+ Reading, writing & maths	Average point score per pupil	% pupils making expected progress		
			Reading	Writing	Maths
England	80%	28.8	91%	94%	90%
Solihull	83%	29.6	91%	93%	88%
Bentley Heath	87%	29.8	97%	97%	86%
Dorridge Primary	95%	31.1	89%	88%	83%
Hockley Heath	79%	29.7	89%	93%	79%
St George and St Teresa	81%	29.9	93%	96%	78%

Source: Department for Education 2015

At a Borough level pupil attainment at Key Stage 4 (16 years) in Solihull is good, albeit with a significant spread at individual school level. Provisional results for 2014/15 show that, with 60% of pupils attending a Solihull school achieving at least 5 A\*-C grade GCSEs including English and Maths compared to the England average of 53%, the borough's schools rank joint 34<sup>th</sup> out of 151 Local Authorities (top quartile) in the country.

The majority of pupils in Dorridge & Hockley Heath attend Arden School or Tudor Grange School, which continue to be the best two performing schools in Solihull in respect of the proportion of pupils achieving at least 5 A\*-C grade GCSEs including English and Maths.

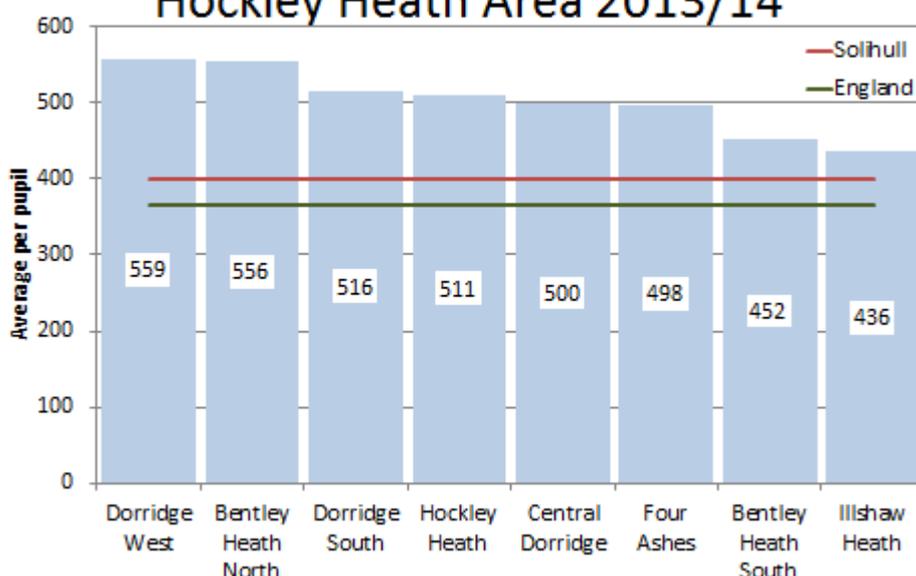
### Pupils Achieving 5+ A\*-C GCSEs inc English & Maths



Source: Department for Education

School attainment at Key Stage 4 (KS4) can also be measured by the average score per resident pupil at LSOA, regardless of school attended, with the latest data from 2013/14 academic year. The average KS4 score per pupil in Dorridge & Hockley Heath in 2013/14 was 503, considerably above both the Solihull (399) and England (366) averages. All LSOA neighbourhoods in Dorridge & Hockley Heath had an average KS4 score per pupil above the Solihull average in 2013/14.

### Average KS4 Score per Pupil in Dorridge & Hockley Heath Area 2013/14



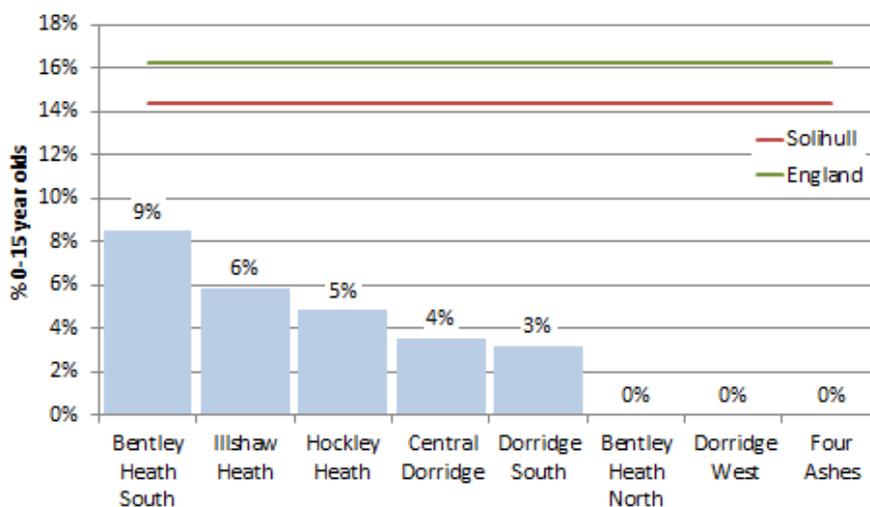
Source: Department for Education

### Children in Poverty

Data from the Department of Work and Pensions identifies 80 children under the age of 16 in Dorridge & Hockley Heath who live in an out of work benefit household. This represents 3% of all children in the ward, well below both the Solihull (14%) and England (16%) averages.

At a neighbourhood level all LSOAs in Dorridge & Hockley Heath have fewer children living in poverty than the Solihull average, with just two neighbourhoods (Bentley Heath South 9% and Illshaw Heath 6%) having more than one in 20 living in an out of work benefit household.

### Children Aged 0-15 Years Living in Out of Work Benefit Households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath Area



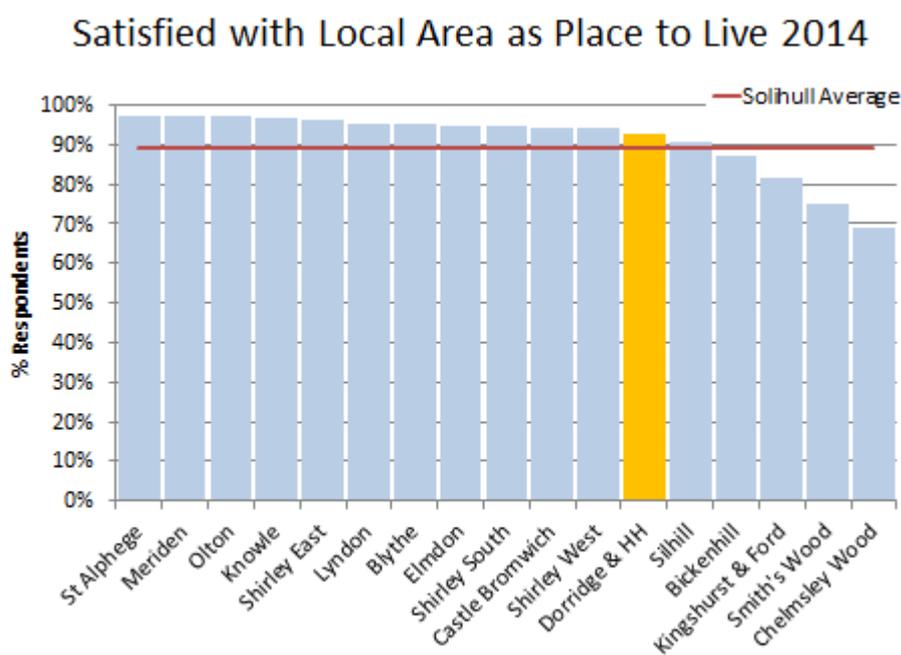
Source: Department of Work and Pensions 2014

The number of children in an out of work benefit household in Dorridge & Hockley Heath fell by -11% (-85 children) between 2012 and 2014, in-line with the Solihull average, but slightly below that for England as a whole (-15%).

## STRONGER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES

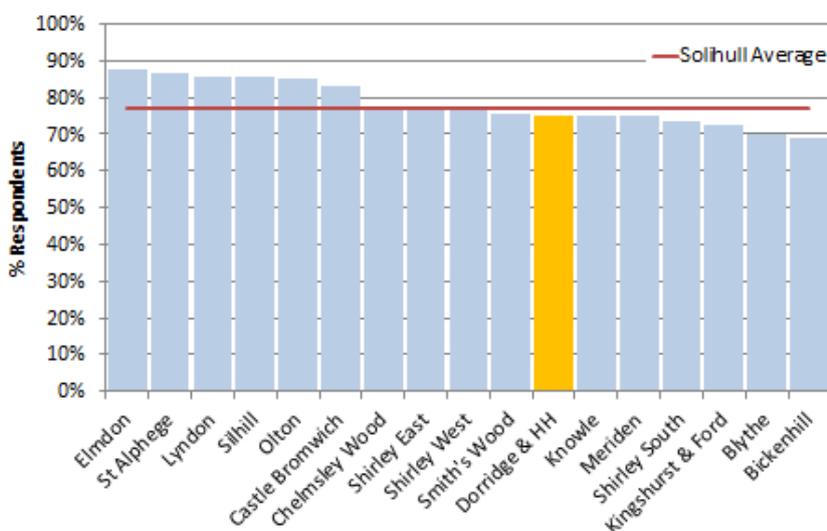
### Community Cohesion, Participation and Satisfaction

93% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath respondents to the 2014 Place Survey indicated that they are satisfied with their local area as a place to live, with none saying that they are dissatisfied.



75% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath respondents to the 2014 Place Survey think that people from a different background get on well together in their local area with just 4% disagreeing with this assertion. This is broadly in-line with the response across the borough, although it should be noted that a high proportion of Dorridge & Hockley Heath respondents (21%) indicated that everyone in their local area was from the same background.

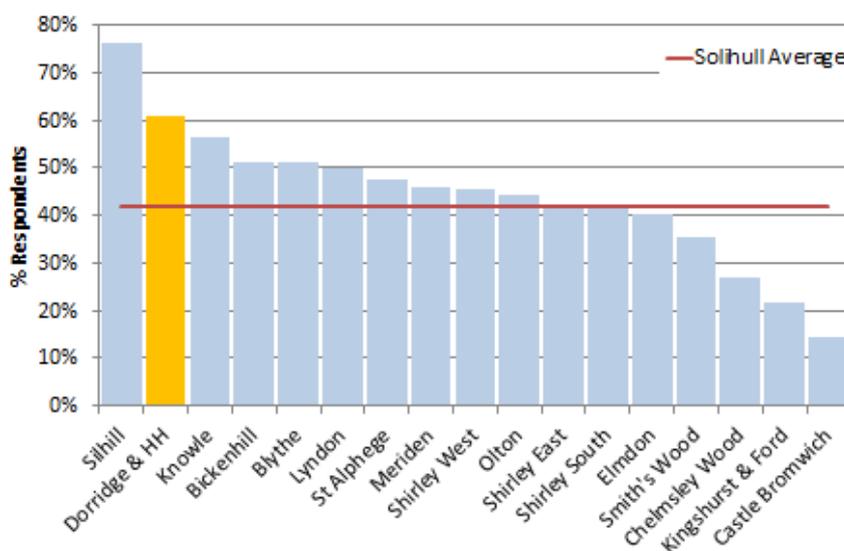
### Agree People from Different Backgrounds Get on Well Together in Local Area 2014



Source: SMBC Place Survey 2014

Community participation is a core element of thriving communities and in this respect the evidence across Solihull as a whole is mixed. 61% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath respondents to the Place Survey indicated that they had given unpaid help over the last 12 months to any group, club or organisation (54% at least once a month, 7% less often) the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate in the borough. Alongside this formal volunteering, 68% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath respondents said that they had helped in their community on an informal basis (e.g. helping a neighbour, litter picking etc.), which is also higher than the Solihull average of 61%.

### Take Part in Formal Volunteering 2014

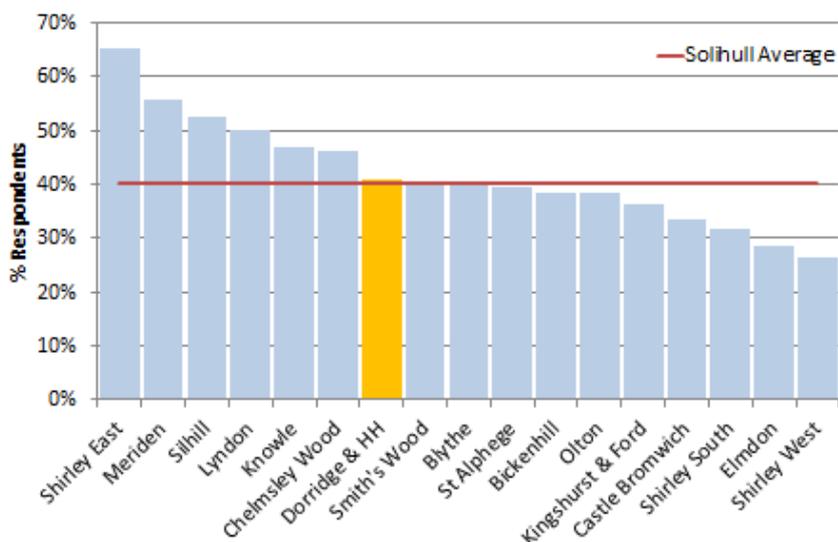


Source: SMBC Place Survey 2014

In terms of the local decision making process, the Place Survey results suggest that there are some perceived barriers to participation across Solihull as a whole. 41% of respondents

from Dorridge & Hockley Heath agree that they can influence decisions in their local area, compared to 48% who disagree, although this response is similar to the Solihull average.

### Agree Can Influence Decisions in Local Area 2014

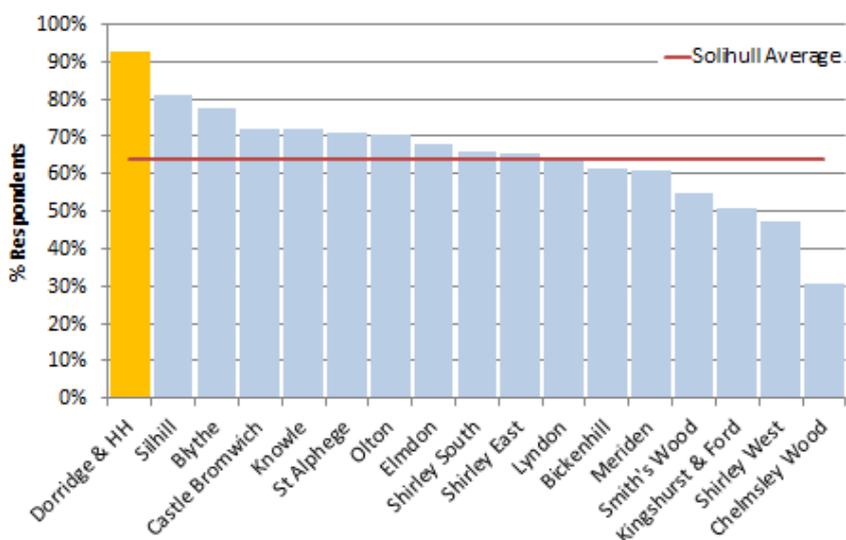


Source: SMBC Place Survey 2014

## Crime

93% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath respondents to the Place Survey 2014 say that they feel safe in their local area after dark (54% very safe, 39% fairly safe) compared to just 7% who feel unsafe. This is substantially above the Solihull average (64% safe, 18% unsafe) and the most positive response in the borough.

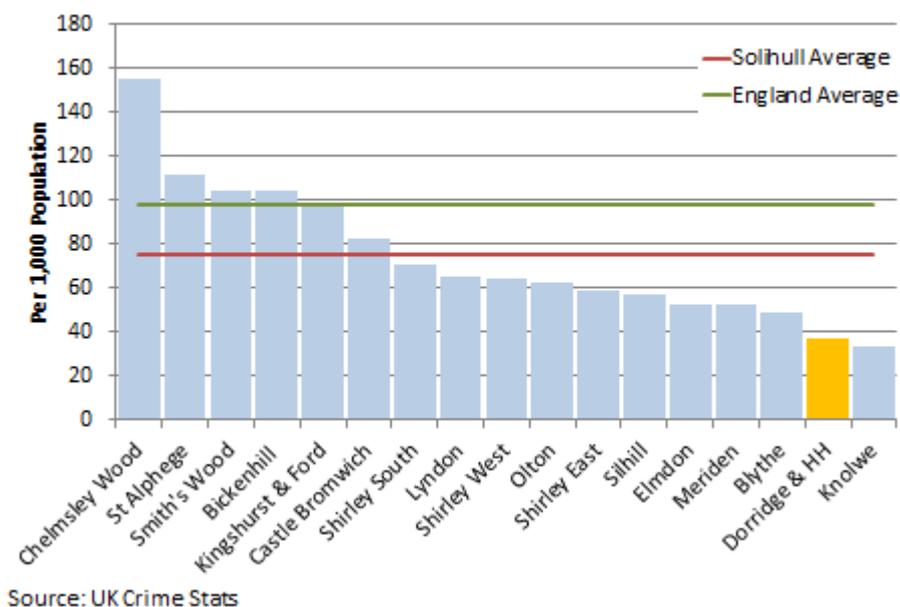
### Feel Safe After Dark in Local Area 2014



Source: SMBC Place Survey 2014

In the year to July 2015 there were a total of 410 reported crimes in Dorridge & Hockley Heath equating to a rate of 36.8 per 1,000 residents. This is well below the Solihull average of 74.9 per 1,000 and 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest among the 17 wards in the borough.

### Overall Crime Rate July 2015



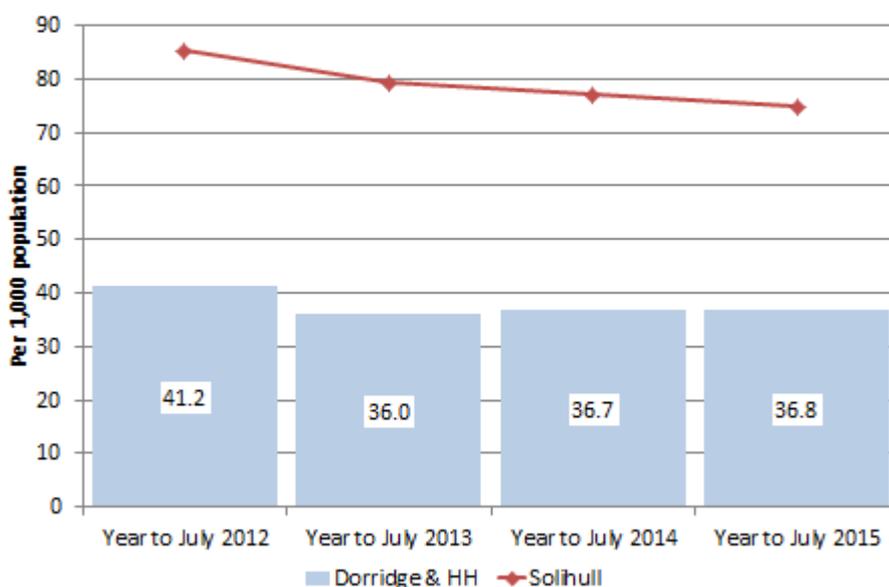
The rate in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is below the Solihull average for all crime types.

	Count year to July 2015	Rate per 1,000 population	
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull
All Crimes	410	36.8	74.9
Vehicle	95	8.5	9.1
Shoplifting & Other Theft	89	8.0	14.3
ASB	85	7.6	21.2
Burglary	67	6.0	7.2
Criminal Damage & Arson	29	2.6	7.1
Violent	27	2.4	10.5
Weapons & Public Order	8	0.7	2.3
Other	6	0.5	0.7
Drugs	#	0.3	1.4
Robbery	#	0.1	1.0
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Source: UK Crime Stats

The total number of reported crimes in Dorridge & Hockley Heath in the year to July 2015 is - 11% lower than the equivalent 12 month period in 2012. Over this period the total number of reported crimes across Solihull as a whole fell by -12%.

### Change in Overall Crime Rate in Dorridge & Hockley Heath

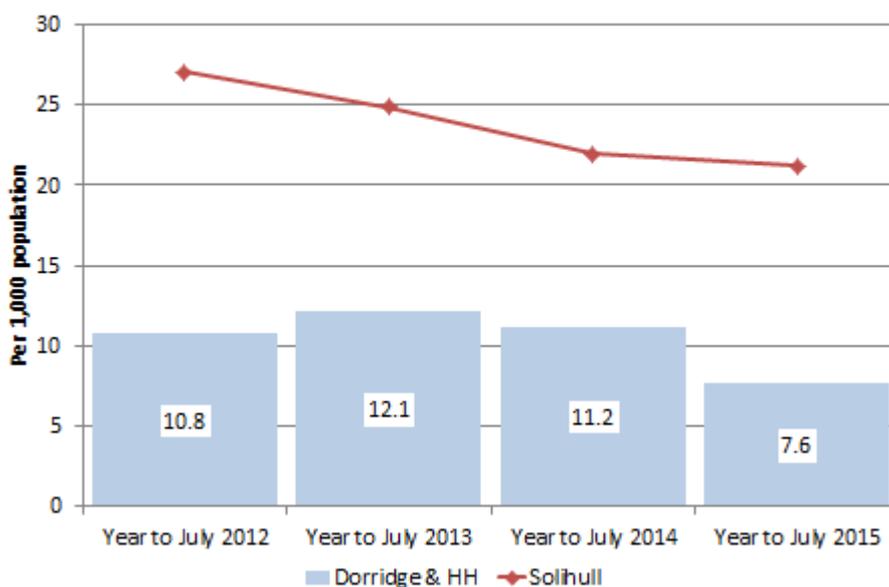


Source: UK Crime Stats

### Anti-Social Behaviour

There were 85 reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Dorridge & Hockley Heath in the year to July 2015. This equated to 7.6 per 1,000 residents compared to the Solihull average of 21.2 per 1,000. The number of ASB incidents fell by around 29% compared with 2012.

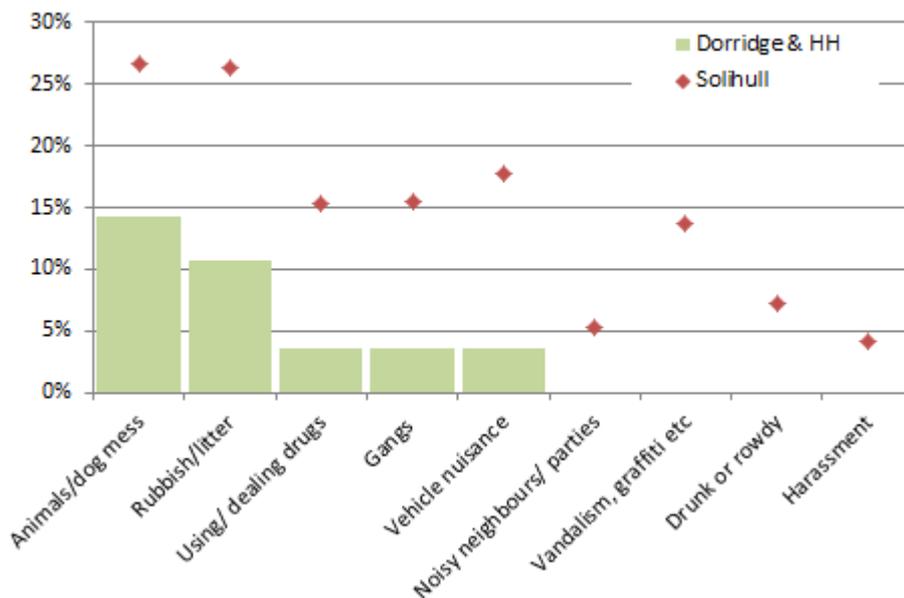
### Change in ASB Rate in Dorridge & Hockley Heath



Source: UK Crime Stats

Respondents to the Place Survey were asked which of nine types of anti-social behaviour are a problem in their local area. Relatively few respondents from Dorridge & Hockley Heath cited any of these, with uncontrolled animals or dog mess (14%) and rubbish & litter lying around (11%) the only ones cited as a problem by more than 10% of respondents.

Problem with ASB in Local Area by Type of ASB



Source: Solihull Place Survey 2014

## HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

### The Health of the Population and Carers

	Count	% of Population		
	Dorridge & HH	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Day-to-Day Activities Limited a Little or Lot	1,452	13.0%	17.9%	17.6%
Health Bad or Very Bad	318	2.9%	5.2%	5.5%
Provides Unpaid Care	1,328	11.9%	11.7%	10.2%

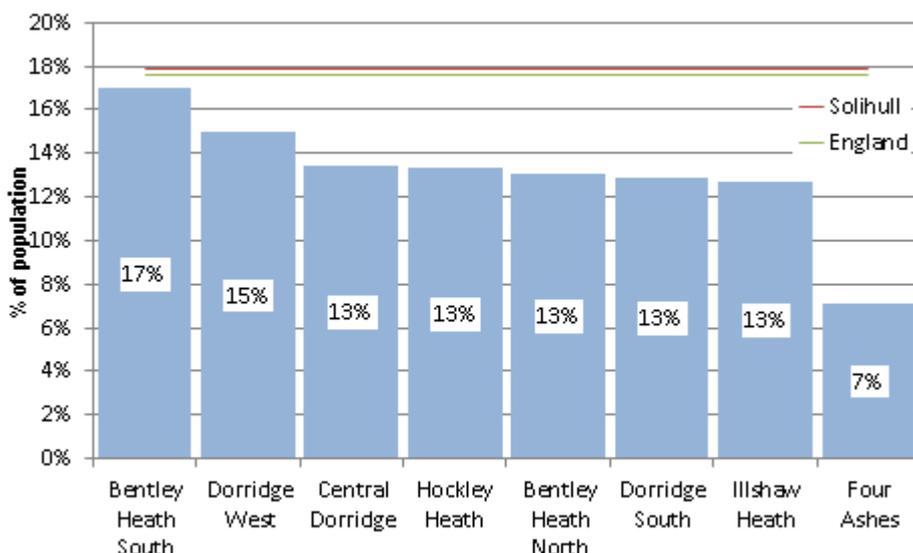
Source: ONS Census 2011

The majority (88%) of Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents indicated in the 2011 Census that their health was either very good or good. There were however 318 residents who feel their health is either bad or very bad, equating to 2.9% of the population well below both the Solihull (5.2%) and England (5.5%) averages.

1,452 Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents feel that they have a health condition or disability that limits their day to day activities to some extent (of these 537 feel that their activities are limited a lot). This equates to 13% of the population, below both the Solihull (17.9%) and

England (17.6%) averages. All LSOA neighbourhoods have a below average rate for this measure, ranging from 17% in Bentley Heath South to just 7% in Four Ashes.

### Day to Day Activities Limited by Health Condition or Disability

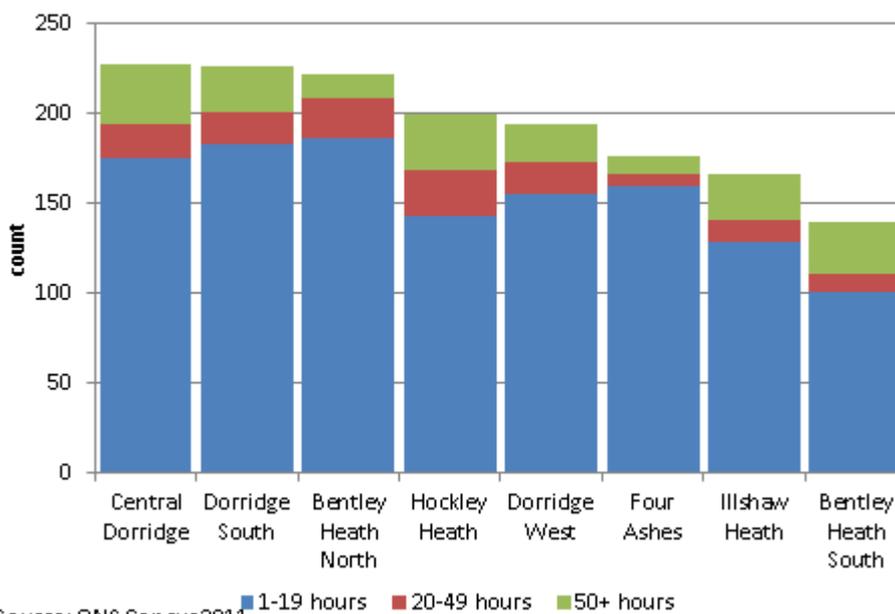


Source: ONS Census 2011

There are 1,328 people in Dorridge & Hockley Heath who provide unpaid care for a relative, friend or neighbour, equating to 12% of the population, in-line with the Solihull average (11.7%) but slightly above that for England (10.2%). At 14% a relatively small number of carers in Dorridge & Hockley Heath provide care for 50 hours or more a week (the average is 13% across Solihull as a whole rising to 33% in the more deprived North Solihull regeneration area). The number of carers in Dorridge & Hockley Heath increased by 20% (+221 individuals) between 2001 and 2011, compared to an increase of 15% in Solihull and 11% in England, although this should be placed in the context of a ward which saw the whole population increase by an above average rate.

At a neighbourhood level Bentley Heath North (14%) has the highest proportion of carers in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, although Bentley Heath South is also notable because a relatively high proportion (21%) of carers in this LSOA care for 50 hours or more per week. This is consistent with the pattern across Solihull – carers in more disadvantaged areas are proportionally more likely to do so on a full-time basis than elsewhere in the borough.

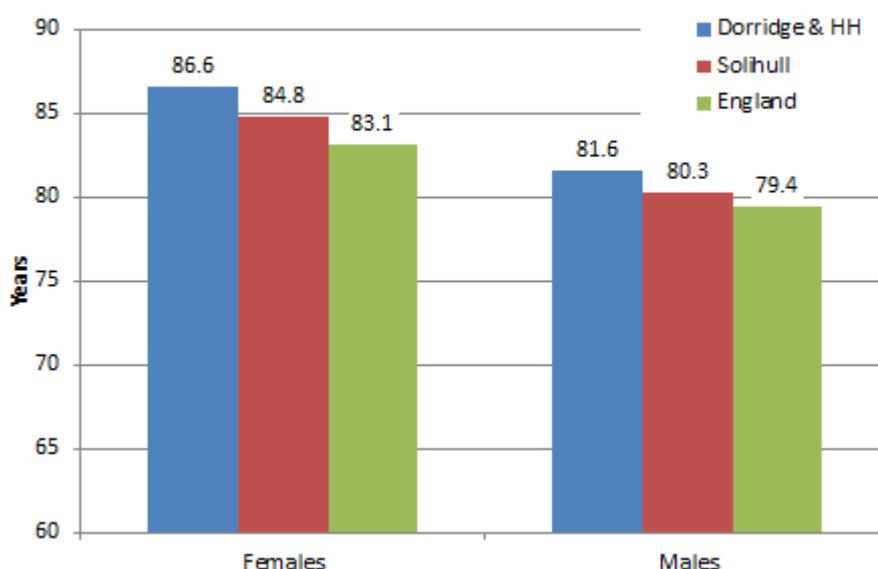
## Carers in Dorridge & Hockley Heath



## Life Expectancy and Mortality

The average life expectancy at birth in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is 86.6 years for females and 81.6 years for males both higher than the England average.

### Life Expectancy at Birth 2011-2013



Source: SMBC

By using standardized mortality rates (SMRs) it is possible to compare the extent both of premature mortality (deaths under the age of 75 years) and the major causes of premature

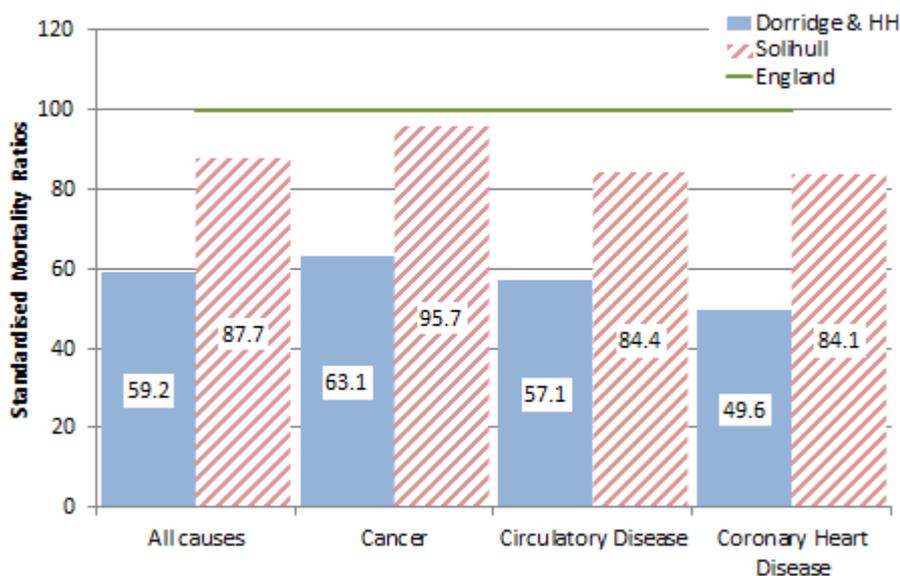
mortality. The level of premature mortality from all causes in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is 32% lower than the Solihull average and 40% below that for England as a whole.

Cancer accounts for around 44% of all premature deaths in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, circulatory disease 23% and Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) 11%. Dorridge & Hockley Heath has a below average rate of premature deaths from of these causes.

<b>Premature Deaths (under Age 75) 2008-2012</b>				
	Dorridge & Hockley Heath Count	Standardised Mortality Ratios		
		Dorridge & Hockley Heath	Solihull	England
All Causes	106	59.2	87.7	100
Cancer	47	63.1	95.7	100
Circulatory Disease	24	57.1	84.4	100
Coronary Heart Disease	12	49.6	84.1	100

Source: Public Health England – Local Health

### Premature Mortality (Deaths Under Age of 75 Years)



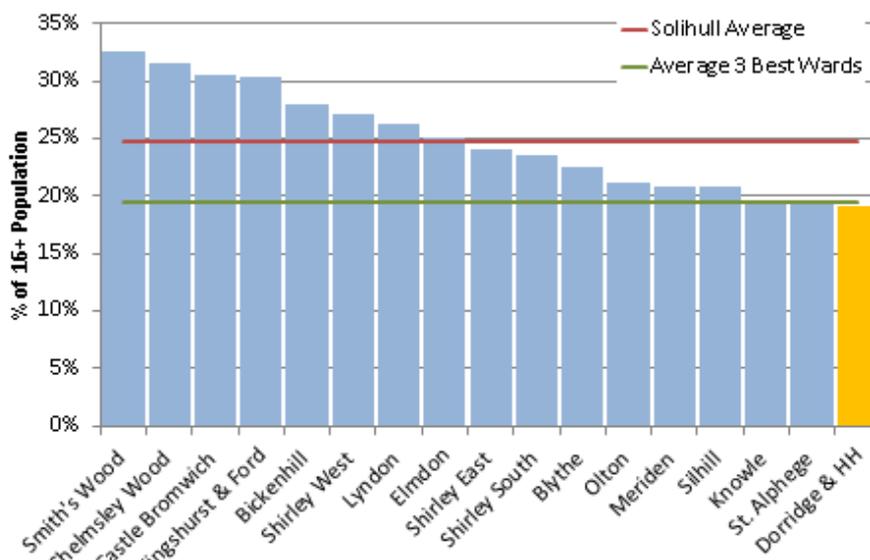
Source: Public Health England – Local Health

### Healthy Lifestyles

Data from the NHS Association of Public Health Observatories provides some insight into lifestyle factors which contribute to the health of the adult population and some of the local variations in life expectancy and mortality in Solihull.

In Dorridge & Hockley Heath it is estimated that 19% of adults aged 16 years and over are obese (defined as having a Body Mass Index of 30+), well below the Solihull average of 25% and the lowest in the borough.

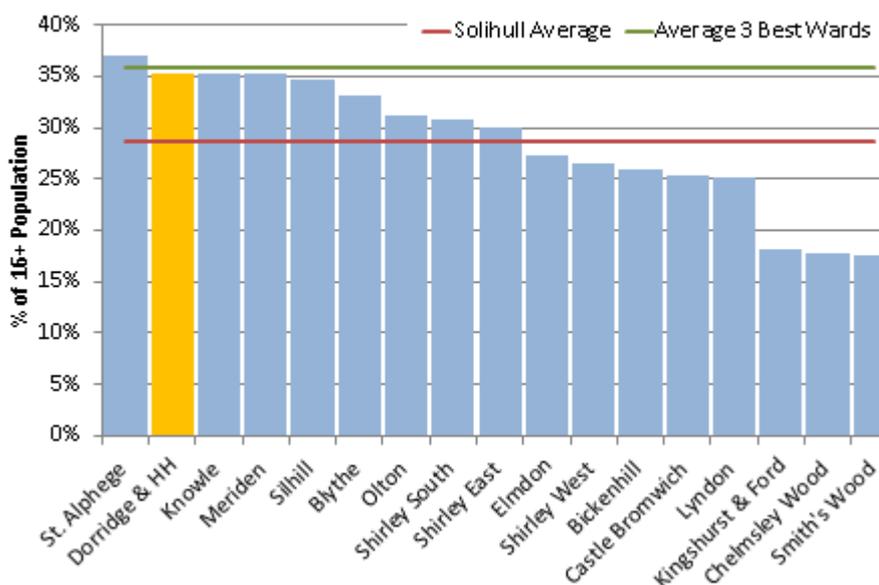
## Obesity in the Adult Population



Source: Association of Public Health Authorities

There is a strong link between obesity and the extent to which adults eat a healthy diet, defined for measurement purposes as consuming five or more portions of fruit and veg per day. In Dorridge & Hockley Heath it is estimated that over 35% of adults meet this criteria, which is higher than the Solihull average of 29% and the 2<sup>nd</sup> most favourable rate in the borough.

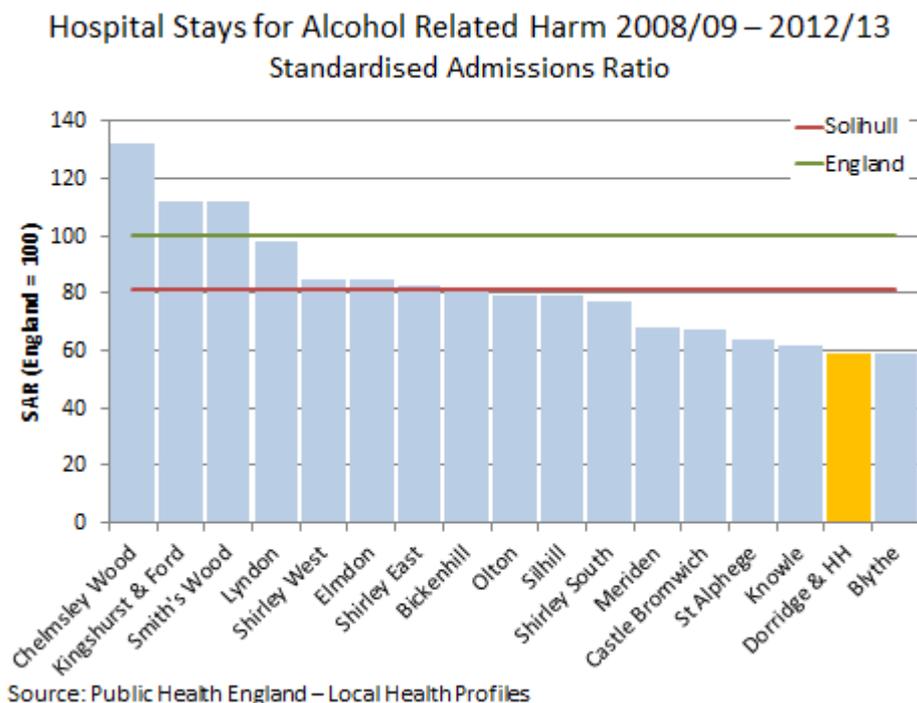
## Healthy Eating in the Adult Population



Source: Association of Public Health Authorities

On average it is estimated that 19% of the adult population of Dorridge & Hockley Heath binge drink (defined as men drinking eight or more units of alcohol on the heaviest drinking day in the previous seven days and women six or more), in-line with the Solihull average, but 9% above the rate in the best three wards in the borough.

Between 2008/09 and 2012/13 there were around 740 stays for alcohol related harm attributable to Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents. This equates to a Standardised Admissions Ratio of 59, well below the England average (100) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest rate in the borough.



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