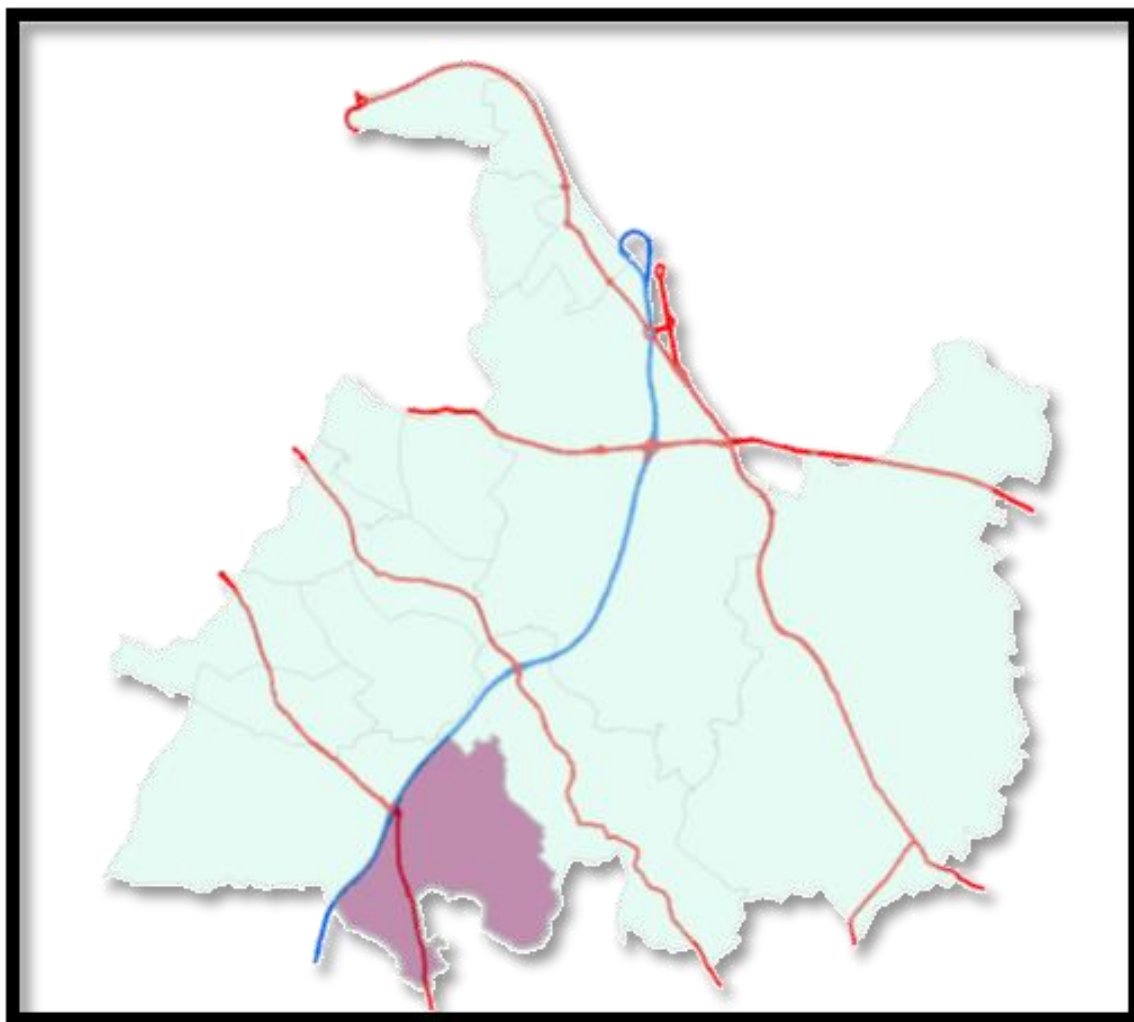


Dorridge & Hockley Heath Ward Profile 2024



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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:

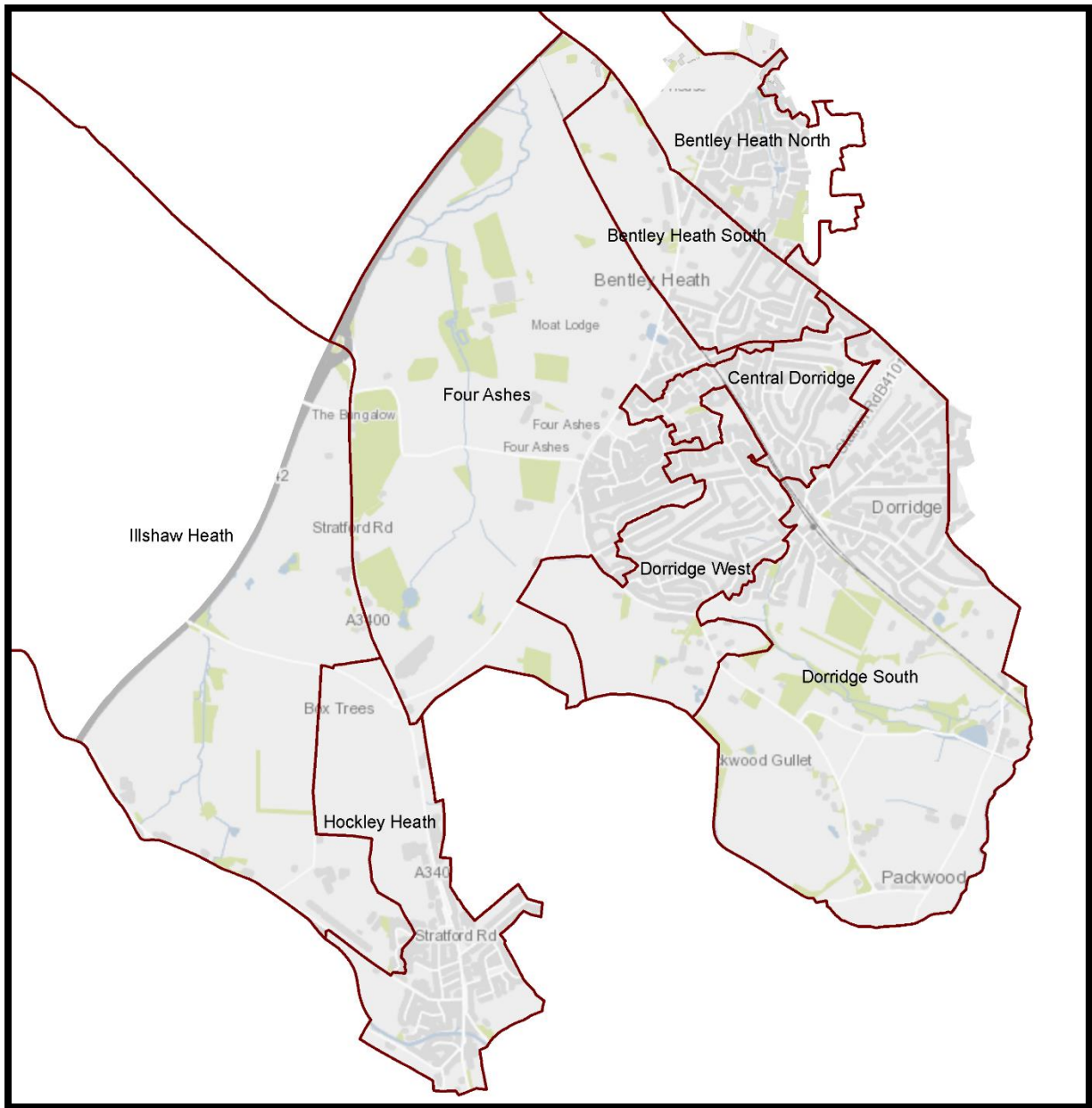
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.
- West Midlands Police.
- Department for Work and Pensions.
- Office for Health Improvement & Disparities.
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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.

Dorridge and Hockley Heath 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 Dorridge and Hockley Heath

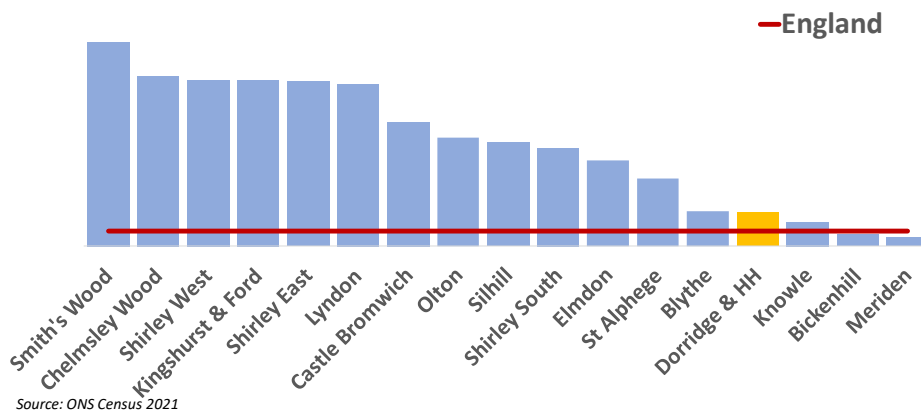
Dorridge and Hockley Heath is located in Solihull's southern Green Belt, bordered by Stratford district to the south and the M42 motorway to the west. The villages of Dorridge and Hockley Heath are the main urban areas within the ward, representing some of the most attractive and costly residential environments 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 Households

Population Size and Growth

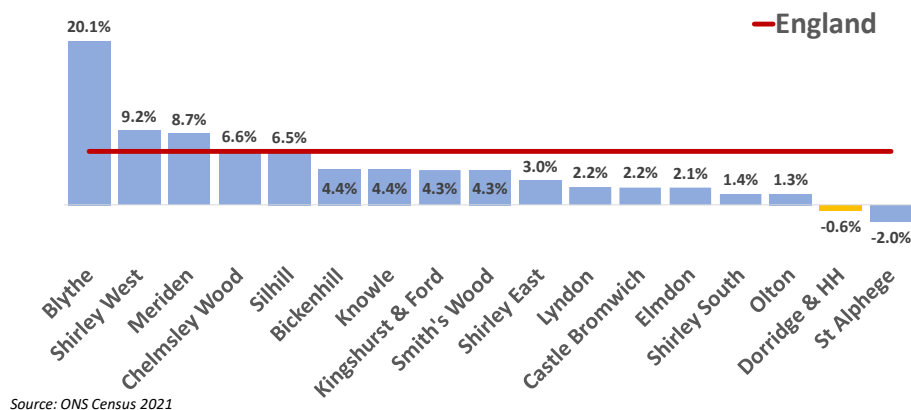
The 2021 Census shows that 11,068 people live in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, representing 961 people per km² (Population density Solihull 1,213 and England 434 per km²). Dorridge & Hockley Heath has the 4th lowest population density of Solihull's 17 wards.

Solihull Population Density 2021



Between 2011 and 2021 the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population decreased by -72 people. This equates to a fall of -0.6% over this 10-year period. Dorridge & Hockley Heath is one of only two wards to record a decline in population contrasting with average increases of 4.6% for Solihull and 6.6% for England.

Solihull Population Growth 2011 - 2021



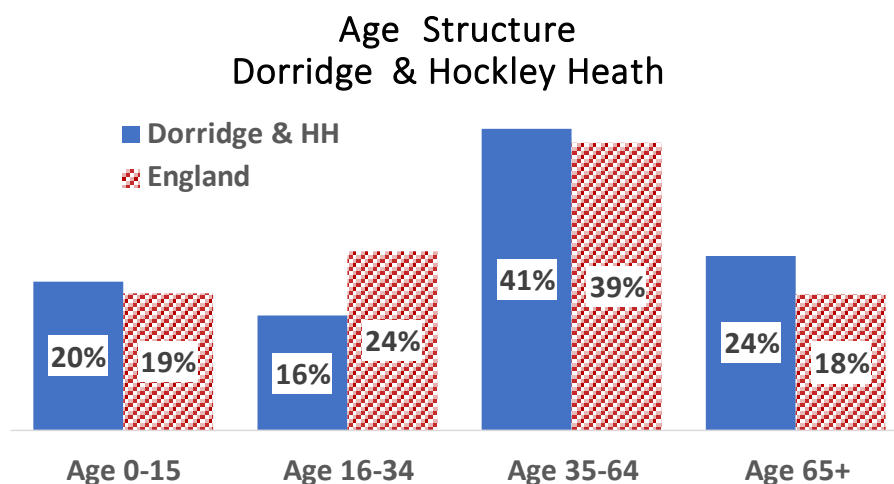
Population Age Groups

18% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population are under 16 years of age (including 5% aged 5 and under), 53% are working age and 29% are aged 65 and over (including 4.6% aged 85+).

The size of the under 16 population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath (20%) is slightly larger than Solihull (19%) or England (19%) as is the number aged 65+ (24% Dorridge & Hockley Heath, 21% Solihull, 18% England). Dorridge & Hockley Heath has a much smaller proportion of people aged 25-34 years (7% Dorridge & Hockley Heath, 12% Solihull, 14% England).

Population by in Dorridge & Hockley Heath Age Group 2021				
Age Group	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	2,220	20%	19%	19%
Age 16-24	942	9%	9%	11%
Age 25-34	777	7%	12%	14%
Age 35-49	2,096	19%	18%	19%
Age 50-64	2,421	22%	20%	19%
Age 65+	2,612	24%	21%	18%
Total	11,068			

Source: ONS Census 2021



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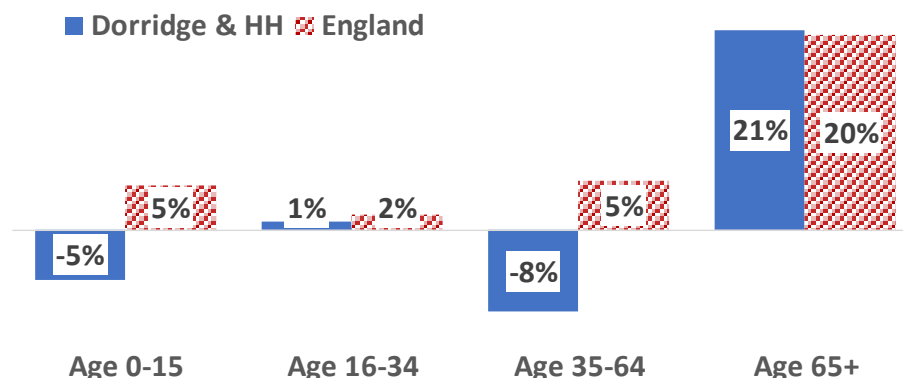
In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 what population growth there has been in Dorridge & Hockley Heath has been driven by those aged 65 and over (+21%). This has been almost entirely offset by population decline among those under aged under 25 years and particularly by those aged 35-49 years.

Change in Population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath Between 2011 and 2021 by Age Group				
Age Group	Change in number in Dorridge & HH	% Change in number of people		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Age 0-15	-119	-5%	7%	5%
Age 16-24	-36	-4%	-9%	-5%
Age 25-34	50	7%	17%	7%
Age 35-49	-464	-18%	-10%	-3%
Age 50-64	51	2%	9%	15%
Age 65+	446	21%	15%	20%
Total	-72	-0.6%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Comparing the 10-year population growth rates of Dorridge & Hockley Heath and England shows similar growth among older people aged 65+. But significant differences in the trajectories of those under 16 years (-5% Dorridge & Hockley Heath vs +5% England) and those aged 35 to 64 years (-8% Dorridge & Hockley Heath vs +5% England).

% Population Change Dorridge & Hockley Heath by Age Group 2011 - 2021



Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Ethnicity

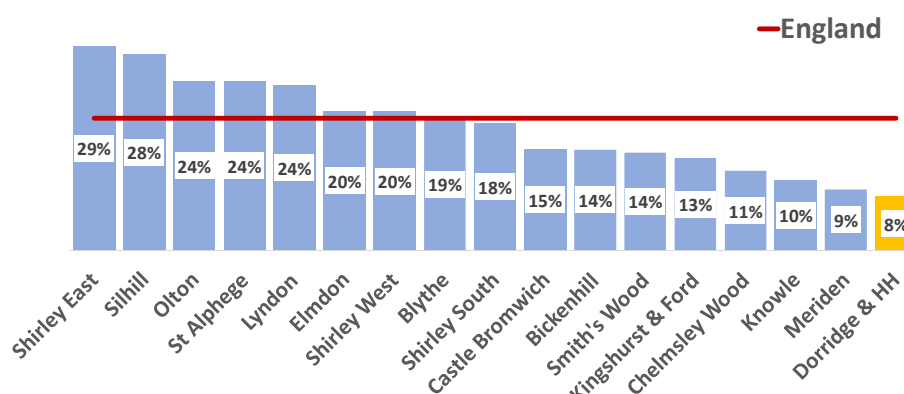
92% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population are white and 8% from an ethnic minority background. Dorridge & Hockley Heath has a proportionally smaller ethnic minority population than either Solihull (18%) or England (19%).

Ethnic Group of Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Ethnic Group	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
White	10,211	92%	82%	81%
Asian/Asian British	524	5%	11%	10%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	216	2%	3%	3%
Black/Black British	52	0.5%	2%	4%
Other Ethnic Group	72	1%	2%	2%
Ethnic Minority Total	864	8%	18%	19%
Total Population	11,075			

Source ONS Census 2021

Dorridge & Hockley Heath has the smallest ethnic minority population among Solihull's 17 wards.

Ethnic Minority Population in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

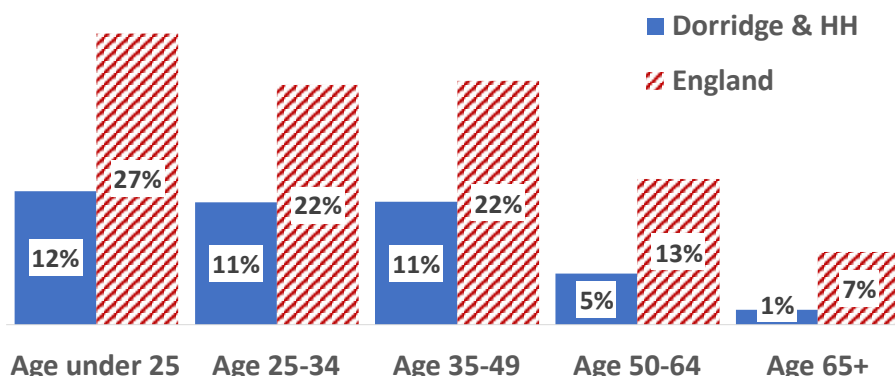
The ethnic minority population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is proportionally higher among younger than older age groups. For instance, 12% of those under 25 are from a ethnic minority background compared to just 1% of those aged 65+.

Ethnic Group of Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population by Age					
Ethnic Group	Age under 25	Age 25-34	Age 35-49	Age 50-64	Age 65+
White	2,773	688	1,866	2,308	2,576
Asian/Asian British	193	55	171	80	25
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	156	22	29	8	1
Black/Black British	15	4	12	15	6
Other ethnic group	24	6	26	11	5
Ethnic Minority Total	388	87	238	114	37
Total Population	3,161	775	2,104	2,422	2,613
% Ethnic Minority	12%	11%	11%	5%	1%

Source: ONS Census 2021

The pattern in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is the same as 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 for both Dorridge & Hockley Heath and England.

Ethnic Minority Population by Age Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

In the 10-years 2011 to 2021 the proportion of Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents from an ethnic minority background increased from 5% to 8% of the population.

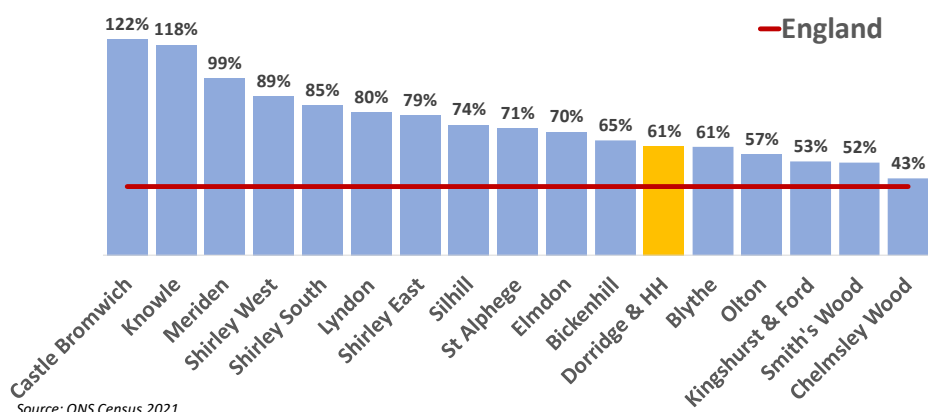
Although the total Dorridge & Hockley Heath population fell by around -1% the number of ethnic minority residents increased by 61% (328 individuals) in the 10 years to 2021. The increase in the ethnic minority population was offset by a fall of -4% (-393 individuals) in the number of white residents. In absolute terms the increase in Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents was largest among those from an Asian/Asian British background (+212 individuals) followed by those from a mixed or multiple ethnic group (+82).

Change in Population Ethnicity in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2011-2021				
Ethnic Group	Change in Number in Dorridge & HH	% Change		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
White	-393	-4%	-4%	1%
Asian/Asian British	212	68%	76%	31%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	82	61%	70%	40%
Black/Black British	-5	-9%	22%	29%
Other ethnic group	39	118%	167%	124%
Ethnic Minority Total	328	61%	72%	38%
Total Population	-65	-1%	5%	7%

Source: ONS Census 2011 and 2021

Growth of 61% in the ethnic minority population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath in the 10 years to 2021 is higher than the England average (38%) but 5th lowest among Solihull’s 17 wards.

Ethnic Minority Population Growth in Solihull 2011 - 2021



Religion

67% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population who answered the Census question on religious identification said that they had a religious faith, with 33% saying no religion. Dorridge & Hockley Heath has proportionally fewer people with no religion than either Solihull (35%) or England (39%).

Christianity is by far the most common religious faith in Dorridge & Hockley Heath and is proportionally larger than Solihull or England (62% Dorridge & Hockley Heath, 53% Solihull, 49% England). People from with a non-Christian faith represent just 5% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population (545 individuals) compared to 12% across Solihull and England.

Religious Faith of Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Religious Faith	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Christian	11,065	62%	53%	49%
Muslim	181	2%	6%	7%
Hindu	122	1%	3%	2%
Sikh	144	1%	2%	1%
Buddhist	22	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Jewish	23	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%
Other religion	53	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%
No religion	3,452	33%	35%	39%
Total	10,536			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Origin and Language

At the time of the 2021 Census, around 91% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population lived at the same address that they were resident in a year before. Of the remainder, most migrants lived elsewhere in the UK (91% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath migrants, 8% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath population) with a small number coming from outside UK (9% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath migrants, 0.8% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath population).

Recent Migration of Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Address One Year Ago	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Same address (non-migrant)	10,015	91%	92%	89%
Temp student residence in UK (non-migrant)	34	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%
Elsewhere in UK (migrant)	850	7.7%	7.6%	9.6%
Outside the UK (migrant)	87	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%
All Migrants	937	8.5%	8.1%	10.5%
Total Population	10,986			

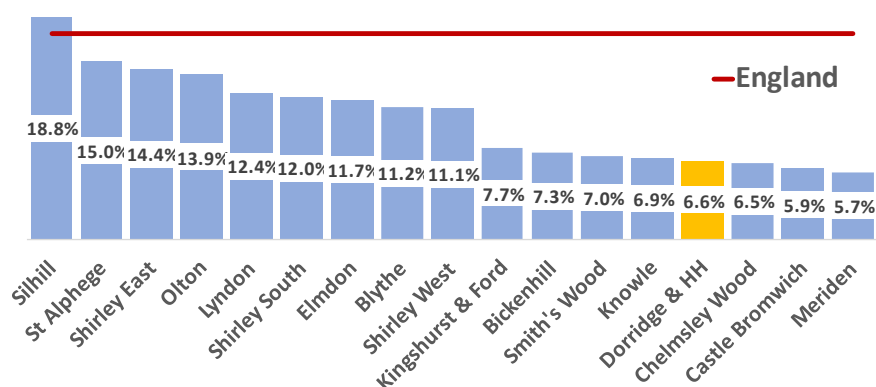
Source: ONS Census 2021

93% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population were born in in the UK (90% Solihull, 83% England). Just 7% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population were born overseas (727 individuals). Proportionally Dorridge & Hockley Heath has the 4th smallest overseas born population in Solihull.

Country of Birth of Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Country of Birth	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
UK	10,338	93%	90%	83%
Europe	311	3%	3%	7%
Africa	118	1%	1%	3%
Middle East & Asia	211	2%	5%	6%
Americas & Caribbean	62	0.6%	0.7%	1.4%
Antarctica & Oceania	24	0.2%	0.15%	0.30%
British Overseas	1	0.01%	0.03%	0.04%
Total	11,065			

Source: ONS Census 2021

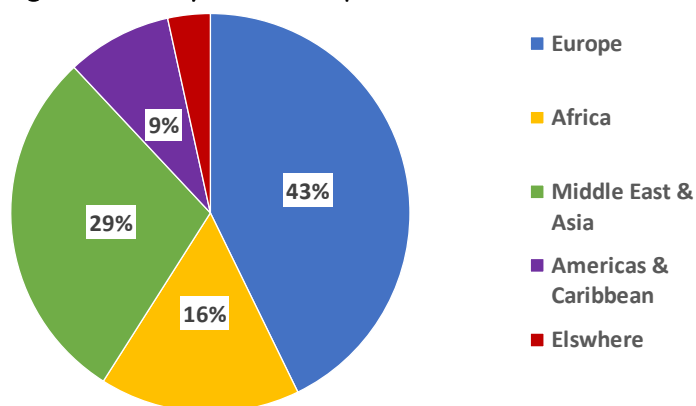
Population Born Overseas in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

43% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population born overseas were born in another European country (311 individuals), with 29% born in the Middle East or Asia (211 individuals), 16% (118) in Africa and 9% (62) in the Americas & Caribbean.

Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population Born Overseas 2021



The Census data shows that in addition to the fact that a relatively small proportion of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population were born overseas, recent arrivals from overseas are below average. 56% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath overseas born population have arrived in the UK since 2001 compared to 69% for England, while 44% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath migrants arrived prior to 2001 compared to the England average of 31%.

Year of Arrival in UK Among Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Year of Arrival	Number in Dorridge & HH	% born overseas		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Arrived before 1981	194	27%	27%	14%
Arrived 1981 to 2000	127	17%	16%	17%
Arrived 2001 to 2013	188	26%	30%	36%
Arrived 2014 to 2021	218	30%	26%	34%
Total born overseas	727			

Source: ONS Census 2021

98% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population speak English as their first language (96% Solihull, 91% England). Just 0.3% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population cannot speak English well or speak English at all.

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

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households

There are 4,463 households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, with family households comprising 73% (3,236) and single person households 25% (1,105). Compared with the England and Solihull averages Dorridge & Hockley Heath has more family households and fewer single person households.

Household Composition in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Household Type	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Single person households	1,105	25%	29%	30%
Family households	3,236	73%	66%	63%
Other households	122	3%	5%	7%
All households	4,463			

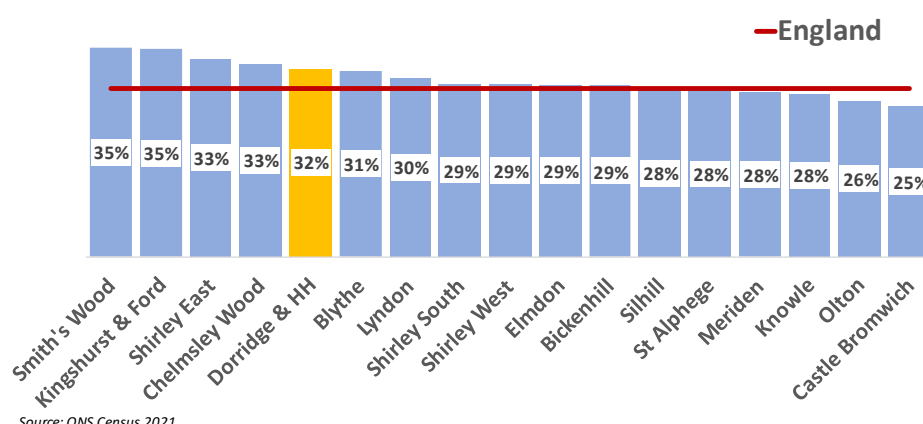
Source: ONS Census 2021

43% of households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath contain children including 32% where the children are dependent. Dorridge & Hockley Heath has proportionally more dependent children households than England (32% vs 28%) and the 5th largest proportion among the 17 Solihull wards.

Households with Children in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Household Type	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Dependent children	1,421	32%	30%	28%
Non-dependent children	469	11%	12%	11%
All Households with Children	1,890	42%	43%	39%
All Households	4,463			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households with Dependent Children in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

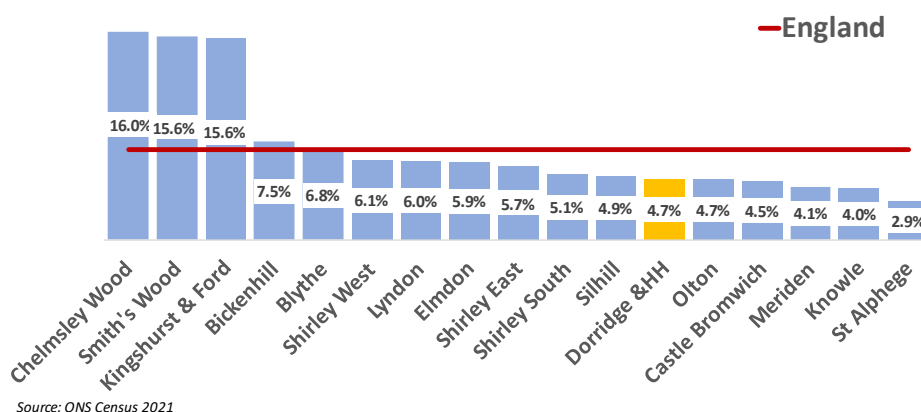
Single parent households represent 7.5% of all households (334 households) in Dorridge & Hockley Heath compared to over 11% across Solihull and England.

About 63% of single parent households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath contain dependent children. The proportion of single parent households with dependent children is considerably lower than both the Solihull and England averages (4.7% of all households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, 7.2% Solihull, 6.9% England).

Single Parent Households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Household Type	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Dependent children	209	4.7%	7.2%	6.9%
Non-dependent children	125	2.8%	4.4%	4.2%
All Single parent households	334	7.5%	11.6%	11.1%
All households	4,463			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Single Parent Households with Dependent Children in Solihull 2021

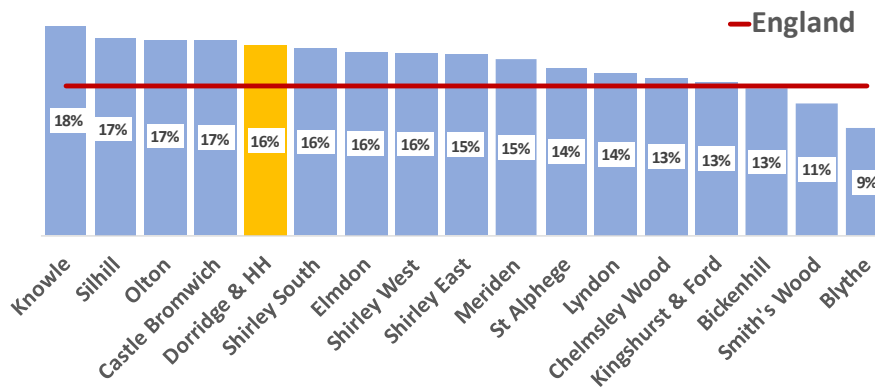


More households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are occupied by older people than the benchmarks (32% of all households Dorridge & Hockley Heath, 26% Solihull, 22% England). Dorridge & Hockley Heath has a larger proportion of both older couple households and single older people households. Dorridge & Hockley Heath has 725 single older people households and at 16% of all households in the ward is the 5th highest proportion in Solihull.

Older People Households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Household Type	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Single older people households	725	16%	15%	13%
Couple older people households	684	15%	11%	9%
All older people households	1,409	32%	26%	22%
All households	4,463			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Single Older People Households in Solihull 2021

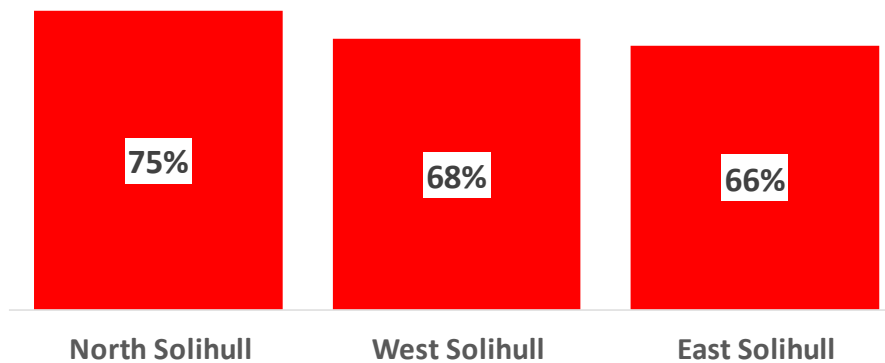


Source: ONS Census 2021

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 2nd top quintile nationally.

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

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

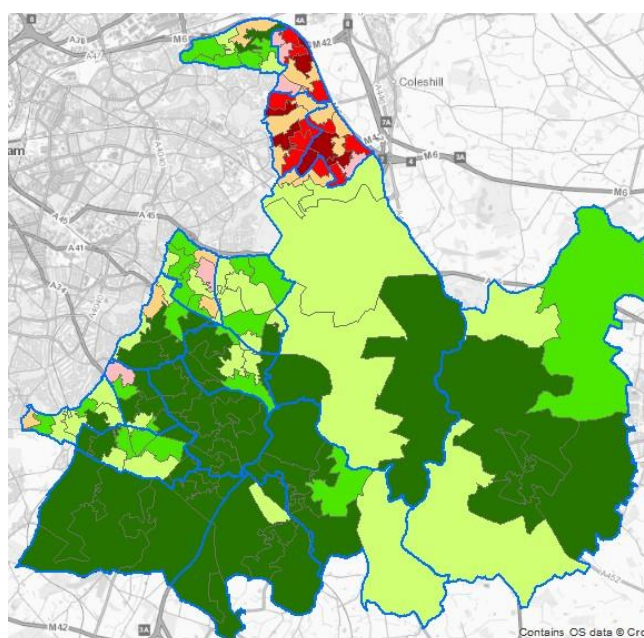
Source: Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government English Indices of Deprivation

2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Overall Rank

Percentile Rank

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



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

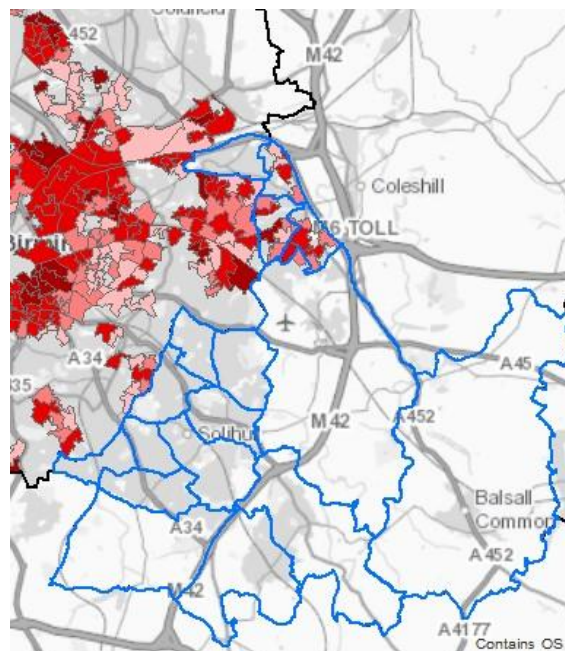
2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Overall Rank

LSOAs in Solihull & East Birmingham in Most Deprived 10%

Percentile Rank

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



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Dorridge & Hockley Heath’s eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 91st percentile nationally, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the deprived Chelmsley Wood (9th percentile) to the advantaged St Alphege (94th percentile). On this basis Dorridge & Hockley Heath would be considered one of the least deprived areas in England.

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 eight Dorridge & Hockley Heath LSOAs ranges from the most deprived neighbourhood Bentley Heath South on the 58th percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Bentley Heath North on the 100th percentile. All Dorridge & Hockley Heath LSOAs are among the least deprived 50% of neighbourhoods in England.

IMD Deprivation Rank in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2019	
LSOA	Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Bentley Heath South	57.8
Illshaw Heath	82.5
Hockley Heath	95.9
Central Dorridge	96.9
Four Ashes	98.3
Dorridge West	98.7
Dorridge South	99.3
Bentley Heath North	99.9
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

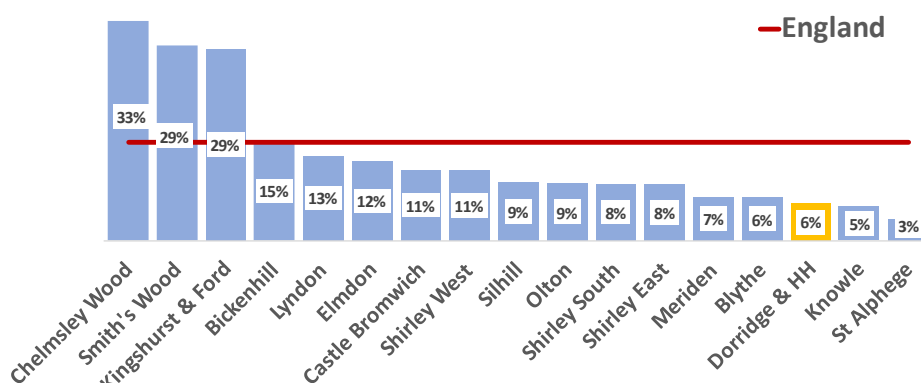
Universal Credit

As of July 2023 368, Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents were claiming Universal Credit (UC), equating to 5.6% of the working age population. The rate in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is much lower than the England average (14.7%) and the 3rd lowest in Solihull.

40% of the UC in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are in employment and 60% not in employment, this is broadly in-line with the Solihull and England averages.

Universal Credit Claimants in Dorridge & Hockley Heath July 2023				
Claimants	Claimants in Dorridge & HH	% UC Claimants		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
UC in employment	147	40%	38%	39%
UC not in employment	218	60%	62%	61%
All UC claimants	368			
<i>Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore</i>				

Universal Credit Claimant Rate in Solihull July 2023

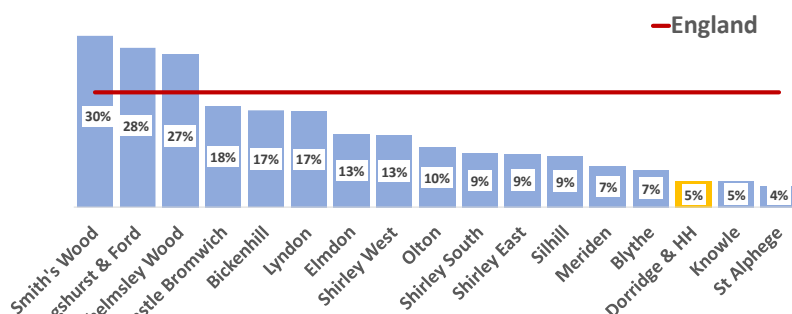


Source: DWP/Stat X-Plore

Child Poverty

At the end of 2021/22 105 children aged 0-15 years in Dorridge & Hockley Heath lived in a low income household. This equates to 5% of the 0-15 population, much lower than the England average (20%) and the 3rd lowest in Solihull.

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



Source: DWP/Stat X-Plore

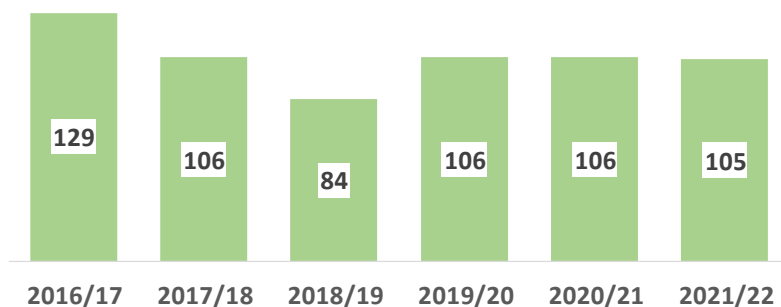
The number of children living in a low-income household in Dorridge & Hockley Heath varies between age groups, with far fewer children aged 0-5 years (20% of total) than older age groups (36% 5-10 years; 44% 11-15 years). The pattern in Dorridge & Hockley Heath contrasts with the Solihull and England averages where the age group split is more equal.

Children Aged 0-15 Years Living in a Low-Income Household in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021/22				
Age Group	Number in Dorridge & HH	% all children 0-15 years in low income household		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Aged 0-4 Years	21	20%	30%	28%
Aged 5-10 Years	38	36%	36%	37%
Aged 11-15 Years	46	44%	34%	35%
All Aged 0-15 Years				

Source: DWP/Stat-Xplore

The number of Dorridge & Hockley Heath children living in a low-income household averaged 106 in the six years 2016/17 to 2021/22. There was a rise from 84 at the end of 2018/19 to 106 at the end of 2019/20 and has remained fairly constant since then.

Children Aged 0-15 Years in a Low-Income Household in Dorridge & Hockley Heath



Source: DWP/Stat X-Plare

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.

Dorridge & Hockley Heath's eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 86th percentile nationally of the IDACI, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the deprived Smith's Wood (6th percentile) to the advantaged St Alphege (89th percentile). On this basis Dorridge & Hockley Heath would be considered one of the least income deprived areas in England for children.

Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) in Solihull 2019	
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

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Child income deprivation among the eight Dorridge & Hockley Heath LSOAs ranges from Bentley Heath South on the 56th percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Four Ashes on the 100th percentile. Only two LSOAs in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are outside of the least deprived 25% income deprived neighbourhoods in England from a child perspective.

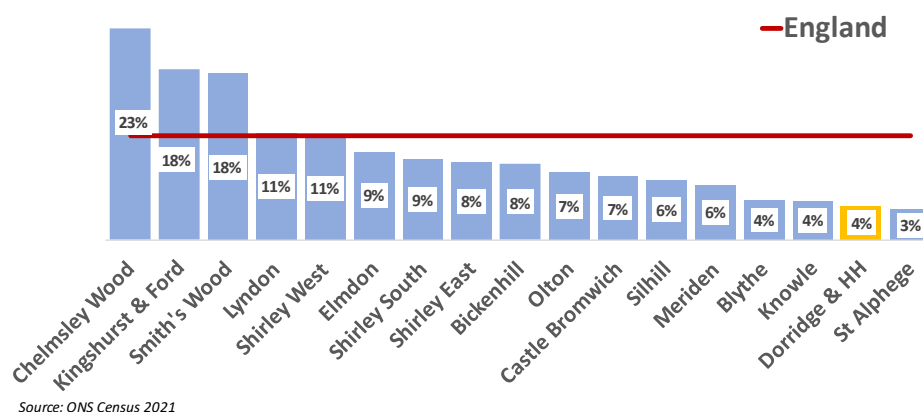
IDACI Rank in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2019	
LSOA	IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Bentley Heath South	57.5
Illshaw Heath	74.7
Central Dorridge	85.8
Hockley Heath	90.1
Dorridge South	95.2
Dorridge West	95.7
Bentley Heath North	99.4
Four Ashes	99.5

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Older People Poverty

In February 2023 there were 96 older people in Dorridge & Hockley Heath claiming a pension credit. This equates to 4% of the pension age population lower than both the Solihull (9%) and England (11%) averages. Dorridge & Hockley Heath has the 2nd 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.

Dorridge & Hockley Heath's eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 88th percentile nationally of the IDAOP, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from Chelmsley Wood (21st percentile) to St Alphege (93rd percentile). It is notable that even the most relatively deprived Solihull wards rank outside the most deprived quintile in England on this measure.

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
<i>Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019</i>	

Older people income deprivation among the eight Dorridge & Hockley Heath LSOAs ranges from Bentley Heath South on the 54th percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Dorridge South on the 100th percentile. Income deprivation affecting older people in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is very limited.

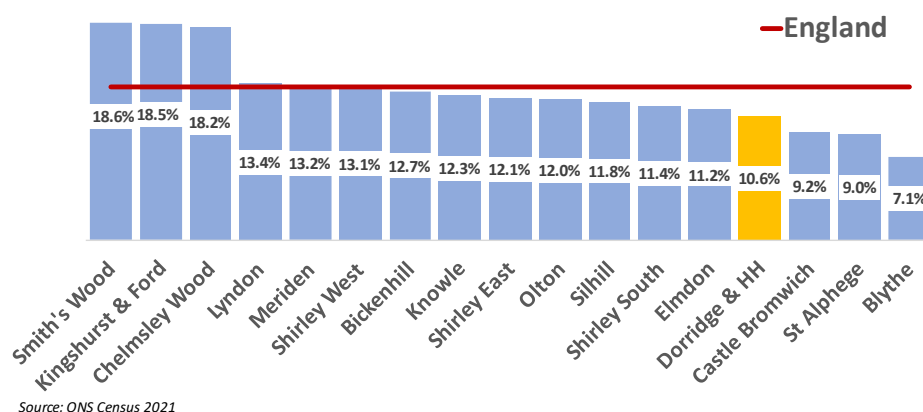
IDAOP Rank in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2019	
LSOA	IDACI Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Bentley Heath South	54.1
Central Dorridge	84.5
Hockley Heath	86.0
Dorridge West	92.0
Illshaw Heath	92.2
Bentley Heath North	93.5
Four Ashes	97.4
Dorridge South	99.9
<i>Source: English Indices 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 level line and at the same time are energy inefficient and fuel poor.

583 Dorridge & Hockley Heath households were classified as fuel poor in 2021. This equates to 11% of all Dorridge & Hockley Heath households, slightly lower than the Solihull (12.7%) and England (13.1%) averages. Among the 17 Solihull wards Dorridge & Hockley Heath has the 4th lowest fuel poverty rate.

Fuel Poverty Rate in Solihull 2021



Of the eight Dorridge & Hockley Heath LSOAs the percentage of fuel poor households ranges from 14% in Dorridge South to 7% in Four Ashes.

Fuel Poor Households in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021		
	Number	% Households
Dorridge South	99	14%
Bentley Heath South	89	13%
Illshaw Heath	92	12%
Hockley Heath	74	11%
Dorridge West	63	10%
Bentley Heath North	61	9%
Central Dorridge	70	9%
Four Ashes	35	7%

Source: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Employment and Skills

Resident Economic Activity

At the time of the 2021 Census 76% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath working age population were in employment (4,738 individuals), 3% were unemployed (202 individuals) and 21% economically inactive (1,297 individuals). This is more positive than across England with more Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents in employment and fewer unemployed or inactive.

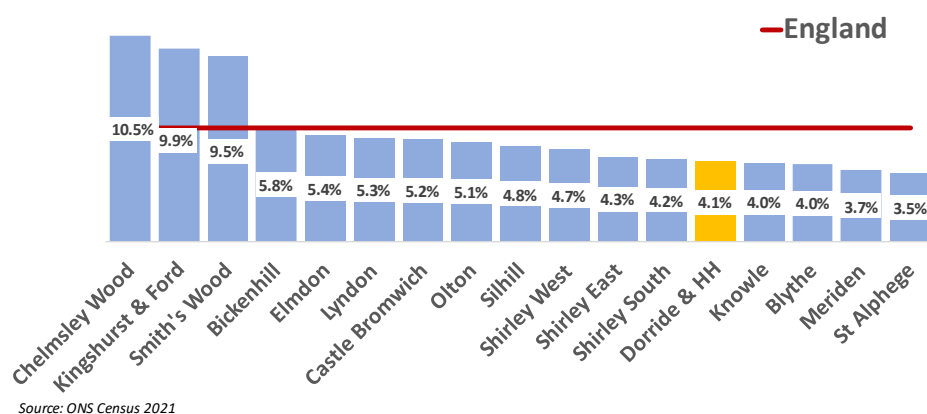
Economic Activity of Working Age Population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Economic Status	Number in Dorridge & HH	% 16-64 Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Employed	4,738	76%	73%	71%
Unemployed	202	3%	4%	4%
Inactive	1,297	21%	23%	25%
All Age 16-64	6,237			

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, Dorridge & Hockley Heath's unemployment rate of 4.1% was lower than the England average (5.8%) and 5th lowest in Solihull.

Unemployment Rate in Solihull March 2021



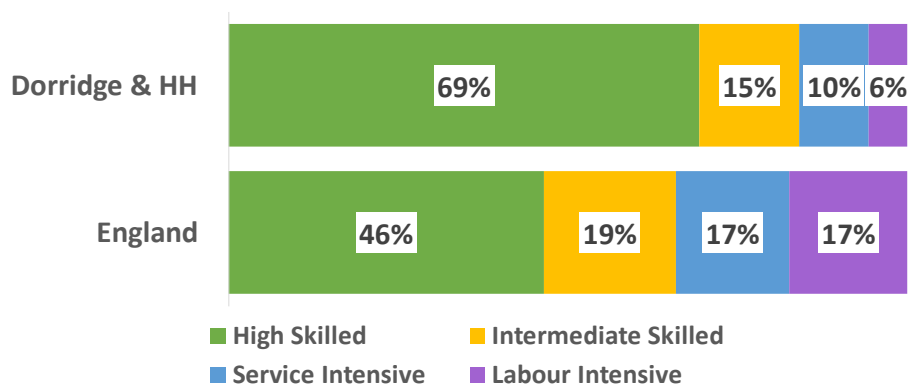
Resident Employment

Dorridge & Hockley Heath 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. Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents are less likely than people across Solihull or England to work in service intensive or labour intensive occupations.

Occupation of Employed Population of Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Occupation	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population in Employment		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Managers, directors & senior officials	1,239	25%	15%	13%
Professional occupations	1,544	31%	24%	20%
Associate professional & technical occupations	674	14%	13%	13%
Administrative & secretarial occupations	480	10%	11%	9%
Skilled trades occupations	254	5%	8%	10%
Caring, leisure & other service occupations	258	5%	8%	9%
Sales & customer service occupations	250	5%	7%	7%
Process, plant & machine operatives	102	2%	6%	7%
Elementary occupations	184	4%	8%	10%
All in Employment	4,985			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Occupations of People in Employment Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021



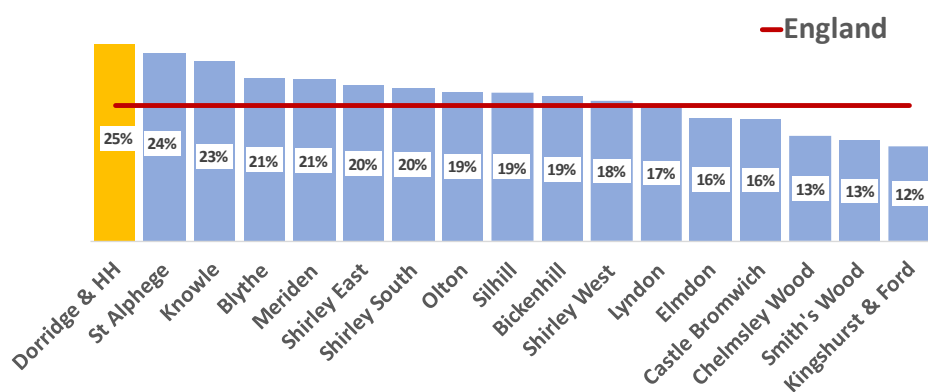
Source: ONS Census 2021

28% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents in employment work in the public sector (1,415 individuals across public administration, education and healthcare). This is by far the largest sector in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, although the size of the sector is broadly in-line with employment across the benchmarks. Other significant industries for those in employment in Dorridge & Hockley Heath include business services (18%), wholesale & retail (12%), construction (8%) and manufacturing (7%).

Industry of Employed Population of Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Industry Sector	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population in Employment		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Manufacturing	371	7%	10%	7%
Other Production	17	0.3%	0.3%	1.0%
Electricity, gas & water supply	137	3%	2%	1%
Construction	388	8%	9%	9%
Wholesale & retail	580	12%	13%	15%
Transport & storage	152	3%	5%	5%
Accommodation & food services	150	3%	4%	5%
Information & communication	295	6%	5%	5%
Financial services	358	7%	5%	4%
Business Services	894	18%	14%	14%
Public Services	1,415	28%	30%	30%
Other Services	229	5%	4%	5%
All in Employment	4,986			

Source: ONS Census 2021

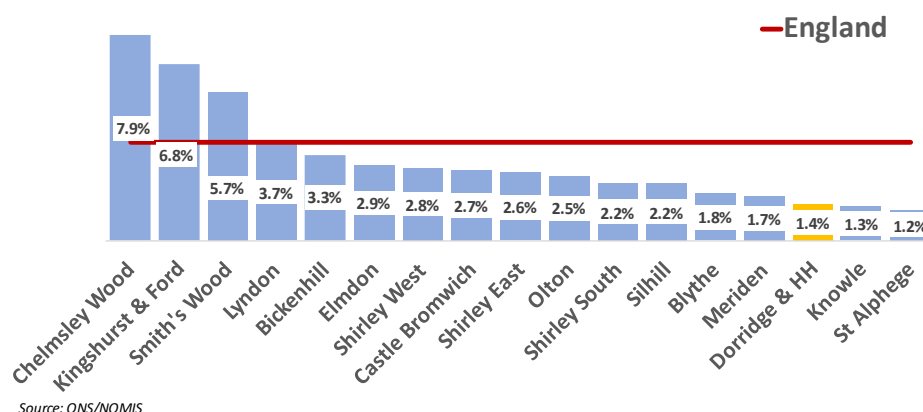
Employed in Financial & Business Services in Solihull March 2021



Claimant Count Unemployment

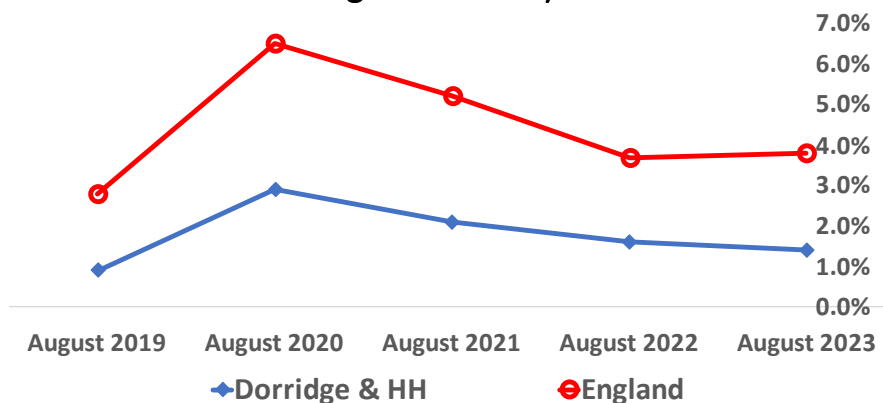
As at August 2023 90 people in Dorridge & Hockley Heath were in receipt of unemployment benefit. This equates to a claimant unemployment rate of 1.4%, lower than the Solihull (3.2%) and England (3.8%) averages. Among the 17 Solihull wards the claimant unemployment rate in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is the 3rd lowest.

Claimant Unemployment Rate in Solihull August 2023



The claimant unemployment has fluctuated over recent years following the onset on the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020. Claimant unemployment in Dorridge & Hockley Heath has been consistently lower than England but rose from 0.9% in August 2019 to 2.9% a year later. It has subsequently trended downwards, although it is still higher than in 2019.

Claimant Unemployment Rate Dorridge & Hockley Heath



Resident Qualifications

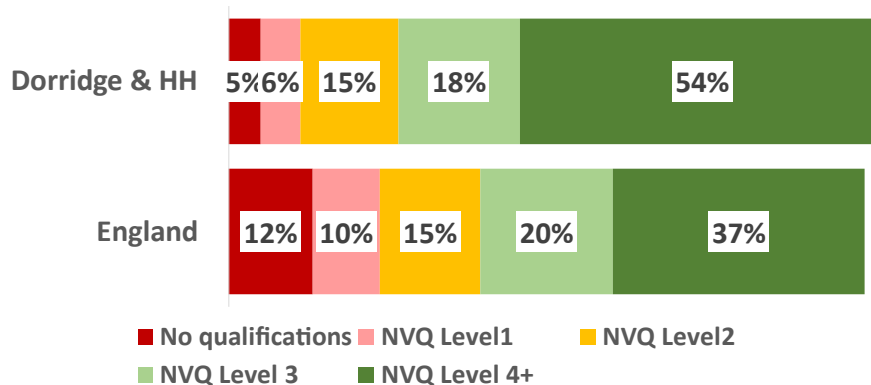
Working age Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents tend to have higher levels of formal qualifications than the benchmarks. For instance, 54% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents (3,351 individuals) had NVQ level 4+ qualifications in March 2021 compared to 40% of the Solihull population and 37% of people in England.

At the other end of the spectrum fewer Dorridge & Hockley Heath residents aged 16-64 have either no qualifications (5% vs 11% Solihull, 12% England) or NVQ level 1 qualifications (6% vs 10% Solihull, 10% England) than benchmark averages.

Formal Qualifications of Working Age Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Qualifications	Number in Dorridge & HH	% 16-64 Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
No qualifications	296	5%	11%	12%
NVQ Level1	360	6%	10%	10%
NVQ Level2	904	15%	16%	15%
NVQ Level 3	1,112	18%	19%	20%
NVQ Level 4+	3,351	54%	40%	37%
Other	208	3%	5%	6%
16-64 Population	6,231			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Formal Qualification Levels 2021 Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population Aged 16 - 64



Health and Care

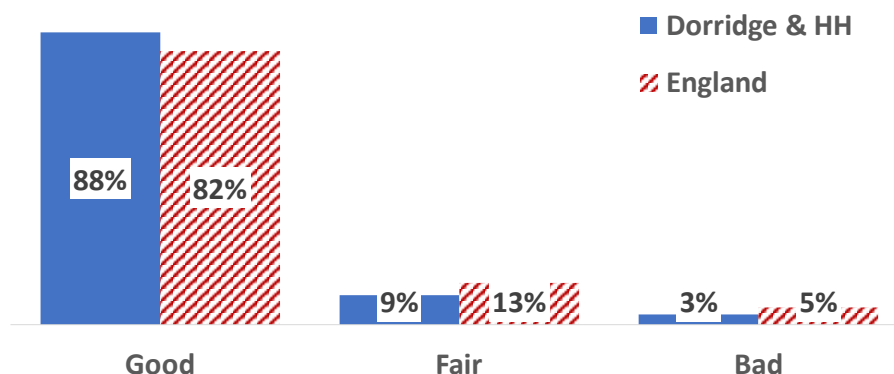
General Health, Disability and Unpaid Care

According to the 2021 Census self-reported general health in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is better than that of the population of England. A large majority of people in Dorridge & Hockley Heath say that their health is good (58% very good, 30% good) while just 3% say that their health is bad (2% bad, 1% very bad).

General Health of Population in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
General Health	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Very good health	6,388	58%	49%	48%
Good health	3,341	30%	33%	34%
Fair health	991	9%	12%	13%
Bad health	275	2%	4%	4%
Very bad health	70	1%	1%	1%
Total Population	11,065			

Source: ONS Census 2021

General Health of Population Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021



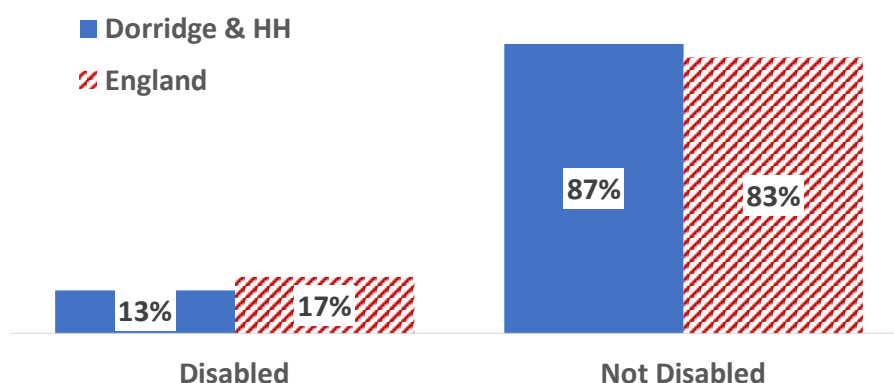
Source: ONS Census 2021

The population of Dorridge & Hockley Heath 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 (79%).

Disability in Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Disability	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	485	4%	7%	7%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	947	9%	10%	10%
Has long term physical or mental health condition but day-to-day activities are not limited	894	8%	7%	7%
No long term physical or mental health conditions	8,740	79%	76%	76%
Total Population	11,066			

Source: ONS Census 2021

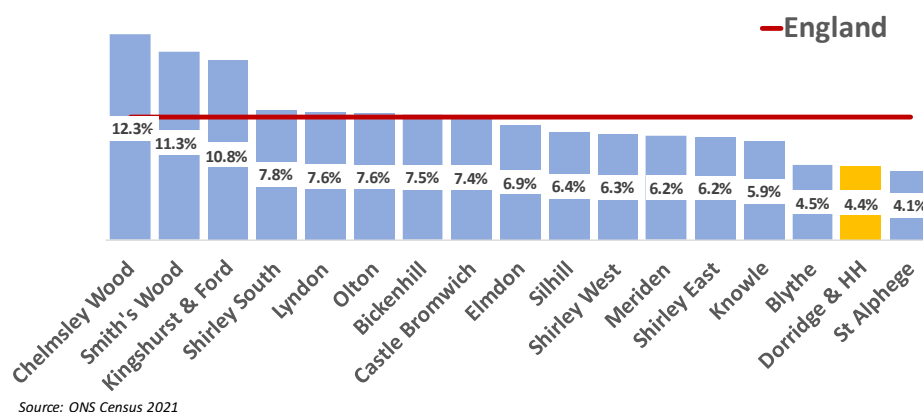
Disability in Population Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

4.4% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population (485 individuals) say that their day-to-day activities are limited a lot by a long-term health condition lower than the England average (7%) and 2nd lowest in Solihull.

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

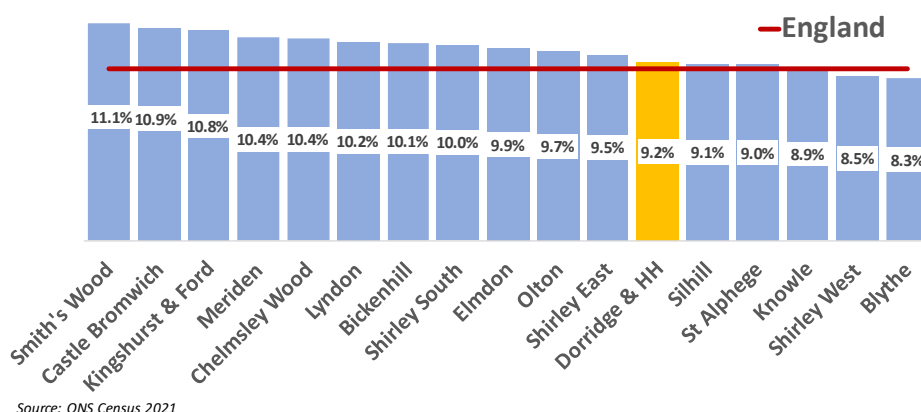


Just over 9% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population (967 individuals) provide unpaid care to a friend or relative compared to 91% who provide no care (9,584 individuals). This is broadly in-line with the England average, but the proportion of people providing unpaid care in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is the 6th lowest in Solihull.

Provision of Unpaid Care in Dorridge & Hockley Heath Population 2021				
Care Provided	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Population		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Provides no unpaid care	9,584	91%	90%	91%
Provides 9 hours or less care	485	5%	4%	3%
Provides 10 to 19 care	136	1%	1%	1%
Provides 20 to 34 care	63	1%	1%	1%
Provides 35 to 49 hours care	77	1%	1%	1%
Provides 50+ hours care	206	2%	3%	3%
Total Population	10,551			

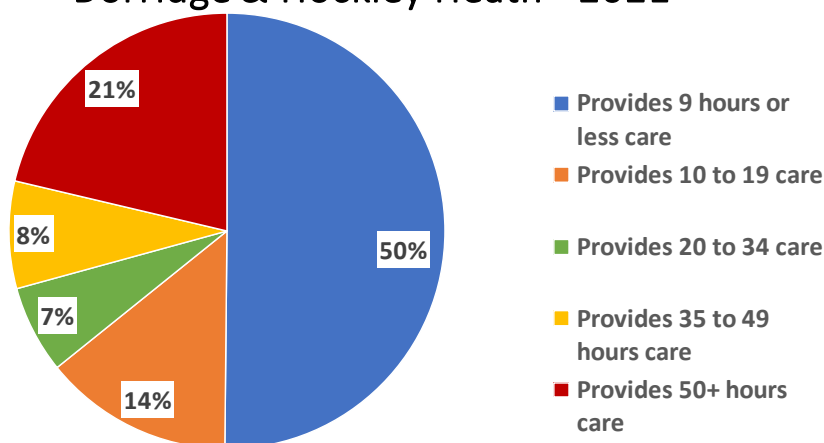
Source: ONS Census 2021

Provision of Unpaid Care in Solihull 2021



50% of the Dorridge & Hockley Heath population who provide unpaid care do so for nine hours or less per week (485 individuals). At the other end of the spectrum 21% (206 individuals) provide 50 hours or more care per week. Dorridge & Hockley Heath carers are less likely to care for 50 hours+ per week than carers across England (21% vs 30%).

Provision of Unpaid Care Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021



Life Expectancy

Life expectancy at birth is an estimate of the average number of years a new-born baby would survive if they 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.

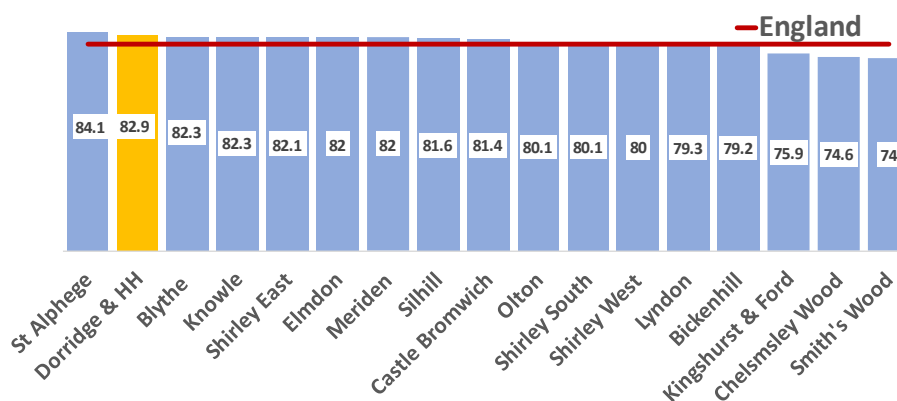
Life expectancy in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is significantly higher than the England average for both males and females and is at the upper end among the 17 Solihull wardsⁱ.

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

Life Expectancy at Birth (Years) in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2016 to 2020			
	Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Male	82.9	80.2	79.5
Female	86.1	84.1	83.2

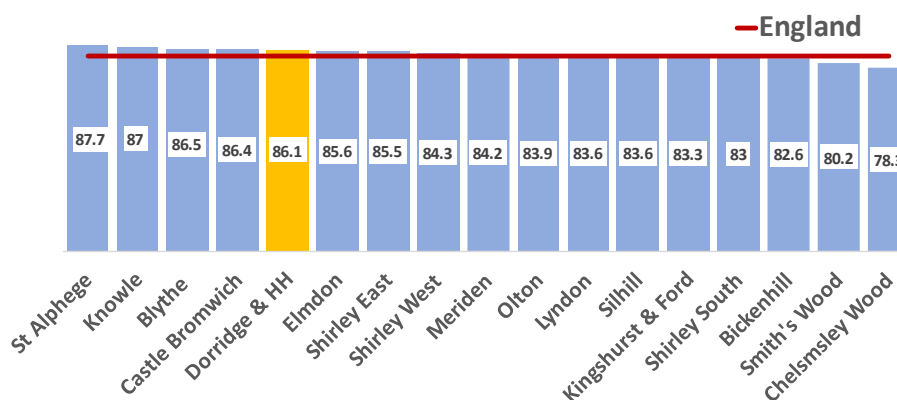
Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Male Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Female Life Expectancy in Solihull 2016 to 2020



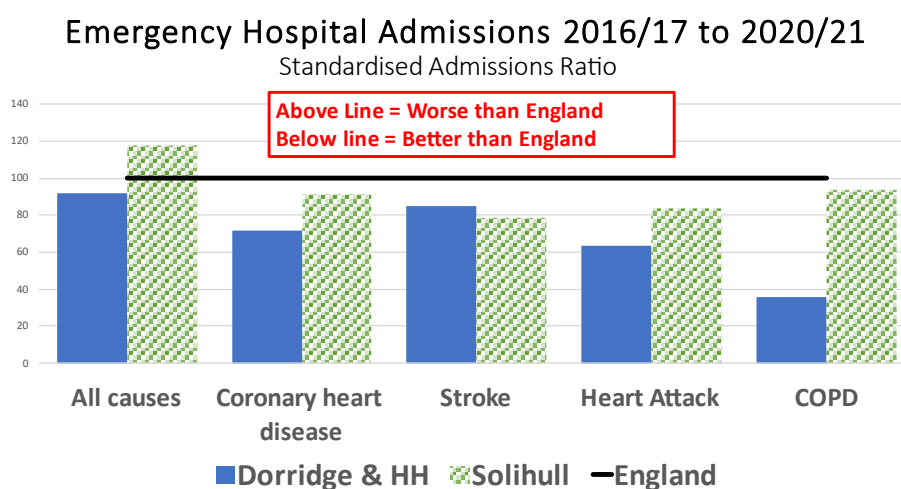
Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Hospital Admissions

The table below shows that rate of standardised age emergency hospital admissions in Dorridge & Hockley Heath for various health conditions relative to the England average of 100. Unlike Solihull as a whole emergency admissions for all causes are significantly less common than across England (92.1 vs 100). This is also the case for emergency admissions for coronary heart disease, heart attack and COPD. Admissions for stroke are less common than for England but the data is not statistically significant.

Emergency Admissions to Hospital in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 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>		
	Dorridge & HH SAR	Solihull SAR
All causes	92.1	117.5
Coronary heart disease	71.8	90.9
Stroke	85	78.3
Heart Attack	63.4	83.6
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	35.9	93.6

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities



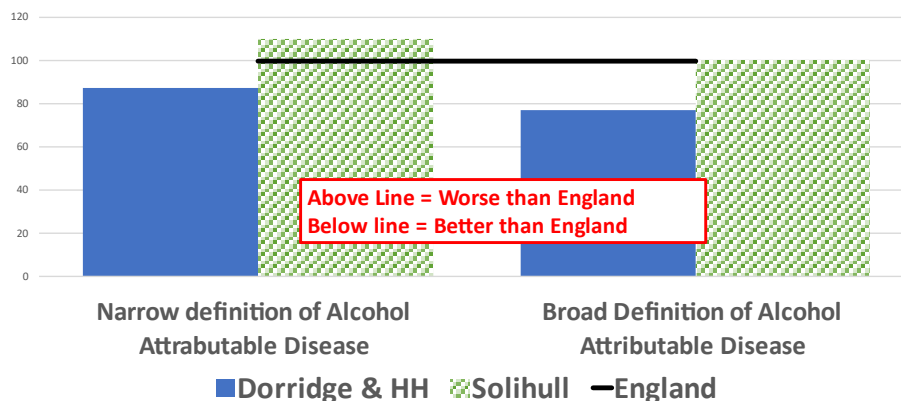
Alcohol consumption is a contributing factor to hospital admissions and deaths from a diverse range of conditions. Alcohol misuse is measured by hospital admissions for diseases attributable to alcohol. Using a broad definition of diseases attributable to alcohol the rate in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is significantly lower than the England average as is the case when a narrow definition is considered.

Admissions due to Alcohol Misuse in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 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>		
	Dorridge & HH SAR	Solihull SAR
Alcohol attributable conditions (narrow definition)	87.2	110.1
Alcohol attributable conditions (broad definition)	77	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

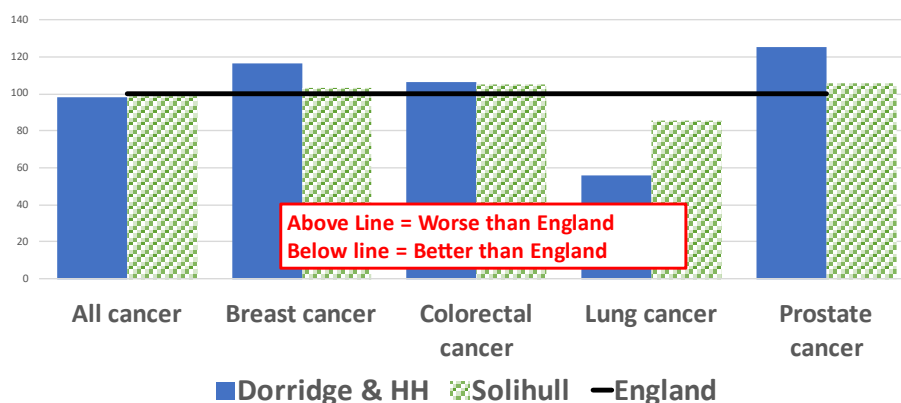
The incidence of cancer (defined by the number of new cases) in Dorridge & Hockley Heath is slightly lower than the England average but given the confidence limits attached to the data this cannot be described as significantly higher. This is also the case in terms of breast, colorectal and prostate cancer. The exception is lung cancer which is significantly lower in Dorridge & Hockley Heath than across England.

Incidence of Cancer in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2015 to 2019		
<i>This is an age standard incidence ratio where England = 100. An SIR over 100 indicates that incidence is more common than England, an SIR below 100 indicates that incidence is less common than England</i>		
	Dorridge & HH SIR	Solihull SIR
All cancer	98.2	98.6
Breast cancer	116.2	103.2
Colorectal cancer	106.2	105.1
Lung cancer	56.1	85.4
Prostate cancer	125.4	105.4

Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Incidence of Cancer 2015 to 2019

Standardised Incidence Ratio



Source: Local Health, Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Causes of Mortality

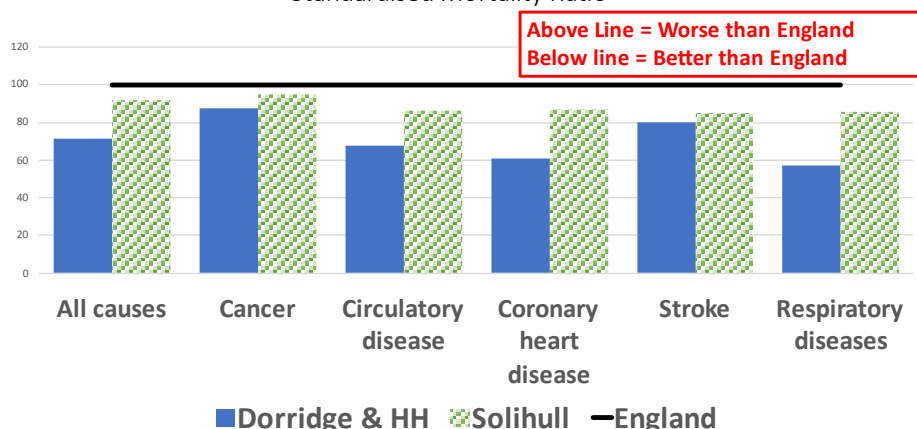
All age mortality is Significantly lower than the England average as is mortality attributable to the specific causes of circulatory disease, coronary heart disease and respiratory disease. Cancer and stroke mortality is lower than the England average, but not to a statistically significant degree.

All Age Deaths in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2016 to 2020		
<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>		
	Dorridge & HH SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	71.1	91.6
Cancer	87.3	95.1
Circulatory disease	67.8	86.1
Coronary heart disease	60.6	86.8
Stroke	79.8	85.2
Respiratory diseases	57	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

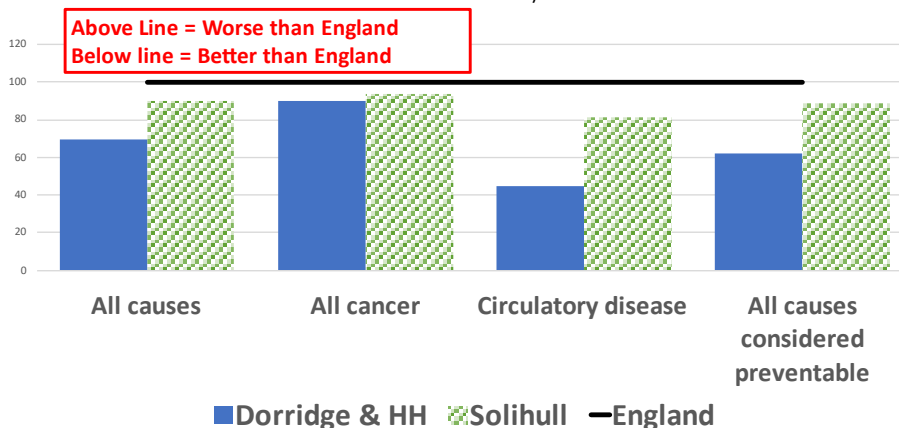
Premature mortality (deaths under the age of 75 years) is significantly lower in Dorridge & Hockley Heath than across England as are early deaths from circulatory disease and all causes considered preventable.

Premature and Preventable Deaths (under 75 years) in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2016 to 2020		
<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>		
	Dorridge & HH SMR	Solihull SMR
All causes	69.8	89.9
All cancer	90.2	93.5
Circulatory disease	44.6	81.3
All causes considered preventable	62.2	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

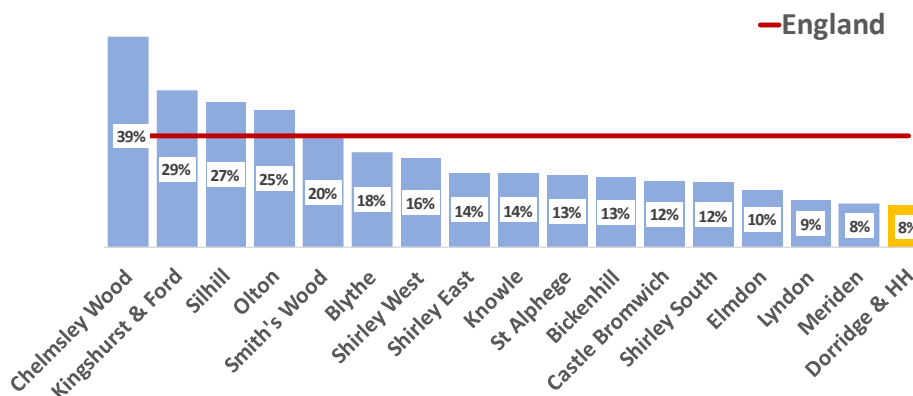
Accommodation Type

91% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath households live in a house (4,082 households) and 8% in a flat (340 households). The proportion of Dorridge & Hockley Heath households living in a flat is lower than the England average (8% vs 21%) and the lowest among Solihull’s 17 wards.

Accommodation Type in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Tenure	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Detached Housing	2,673	60%	28%	23%
Semi-Detached Housing	1,096	25%	37%	31%
Terraced Housing	313	7%	16%	23%
Flats	340	8%	17%	21%
Other	43	1%	1%	2%
All Households	4,465			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households Living in a Flat in Solihull 2021



Source: ONS Census 2021

Tenure

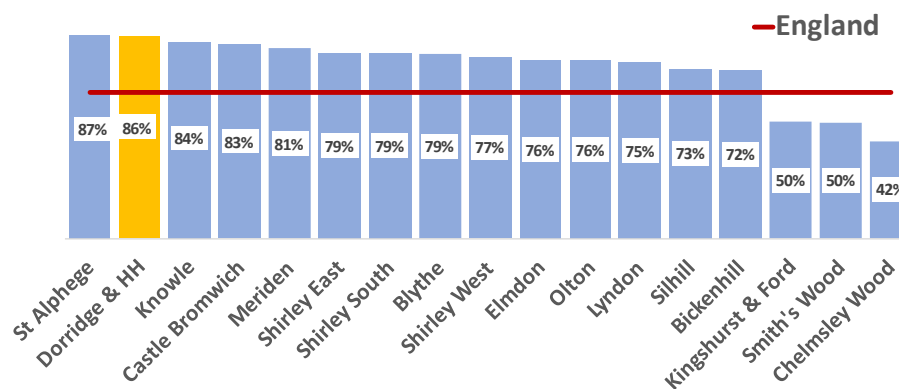
86% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath households own (or part own) their own home either outright or through a mortgage (3,860 households). The vast majority of the remainder rent either privately or socially. Social renting in Dorridge & Hockley Heath (193 households, 4% of total) is less common than across England (17%) or Solihull (14%).

Tenure in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2021				
Tenure	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Owned or Shared Ownership	3,860	86%	73%	62%
Social rented	193	4%	14%	17%
Private rented or lives rent free	413	9%	13%	21%
All Households	4,466			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Homeownership rates in Dorridge & Hockley Heath are the 2nd highest in Solihull where the rates are above the national average everywhere except the three North Solihull wards.

Homeownership (including shared ownership) in Solihull 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 Dorridge & Hockley Heath have at least one spare bedroom and are considered under-utilised (88%, 3,939 households). This is common across Solihull and England. Just 1% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath households are overcrowded compared to the England average of 4%.

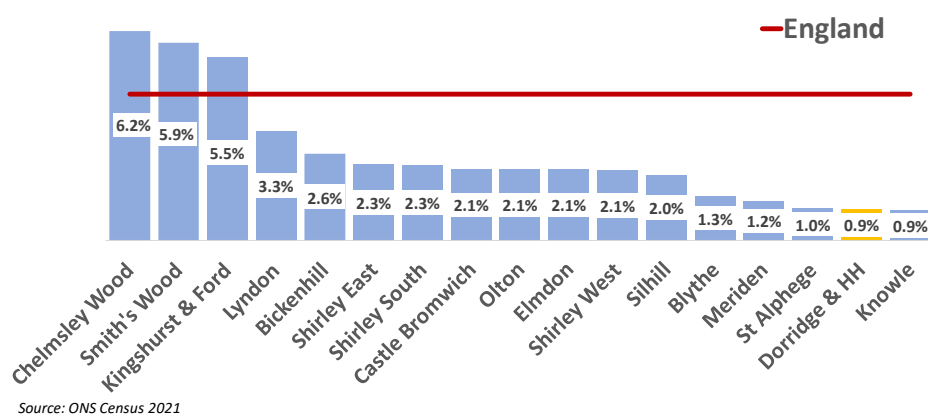
With the exception of the three North Solihull wards bedroom overcrowding is less common among the 17 Solihull wards than England.

Overcrowding in Dorridge & Hockley Heath (Bedroom Standard) 2021				
Bedroom Occupation	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
Under utilised	3,939	88%	76%	69%
Ideal Occupation	484	11%	22%	27%
Overcrowded	42	1%	3%	4%
All Households	4,465			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Overcrowded households in Solihull 2021

(Based on Number of Bedrooms)



Access to Car or Van

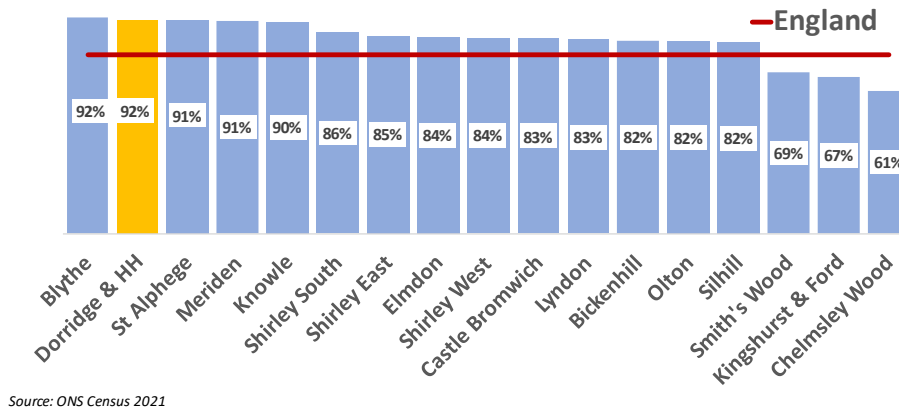
92% of Dorridge & Hockley Heath households have a car or van (4,084 households) including 57% (2,533 households) that have more than one. Car or van ownership, including multiple ownership is more common in Dorridge & Hockley Heath than the England average.

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

Dorridge & Hockley Heath Households with a car or van 2021				
Car/van access	Number in Dorridge & HH	% Households		
		Dorridge & HH	Solihull	England
No car or van access	379	8%	18%	24%
Car or van access	4,084	92%	82%	76%
Number of cars or vans per household				
1 car or van	1,551	35%	39%	41%
2 cars or vans	1,849	41%	32%	26%
3+ cars or vans	684	15%	11%	9%
All Households	4,463			

Source: ONS Census 2021

Households with access to a car or van in Solihull 2021

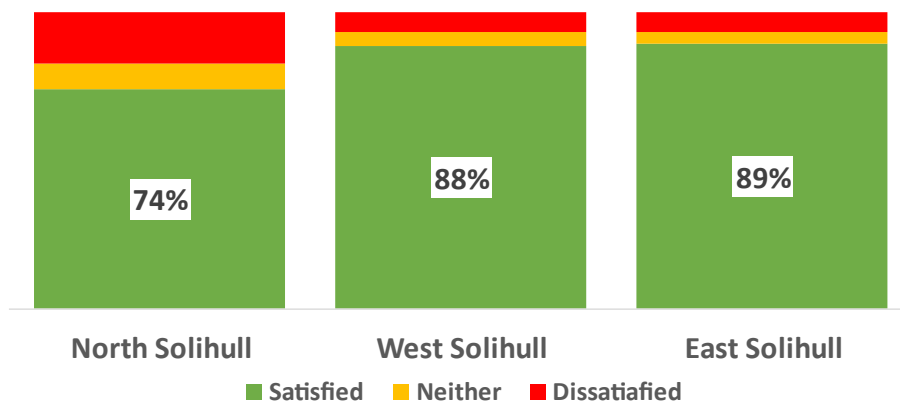


Community and Safety

Community Satisfaction and Belonging

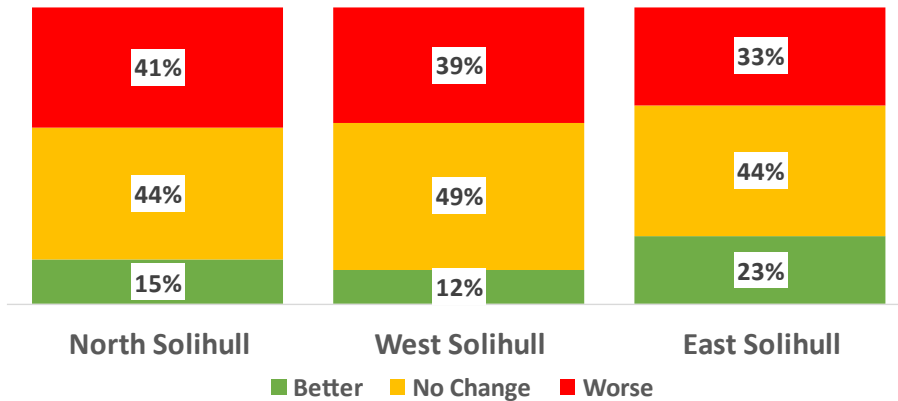
Most Solihull respondents to the 2022 Place Survey say that they are satisfied with their local area as a place to live (84%) with just 10% saying that they are dissatisfied. Levels of satisfaction are high across all three Solihull localities and in East Solihull 89% are satisfied and 7% dissatisfied.

Satisfaction with local area as place to live



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

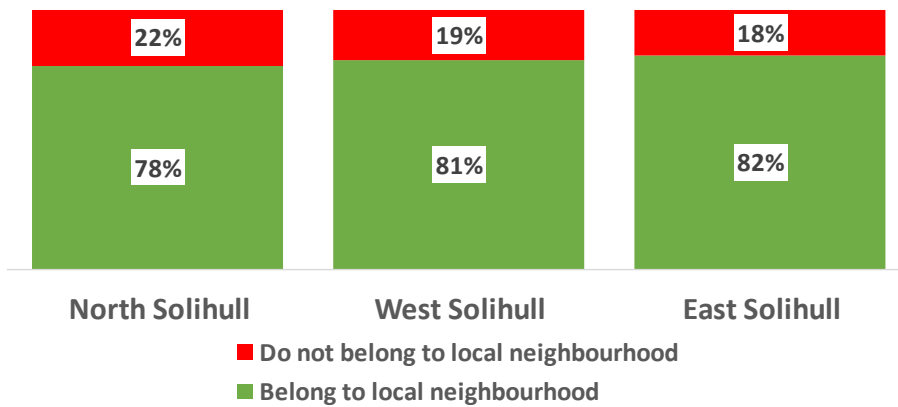
How has local area changed in last 2 years



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

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

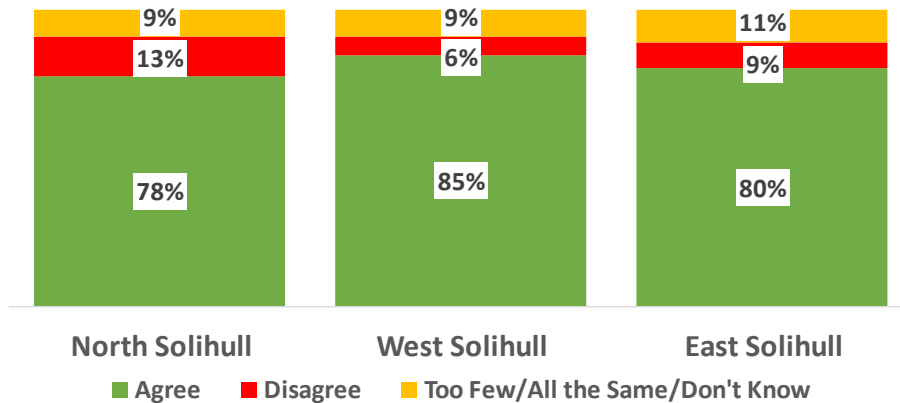
To what extent does respondent feel they belong to local neighbourhood



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

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

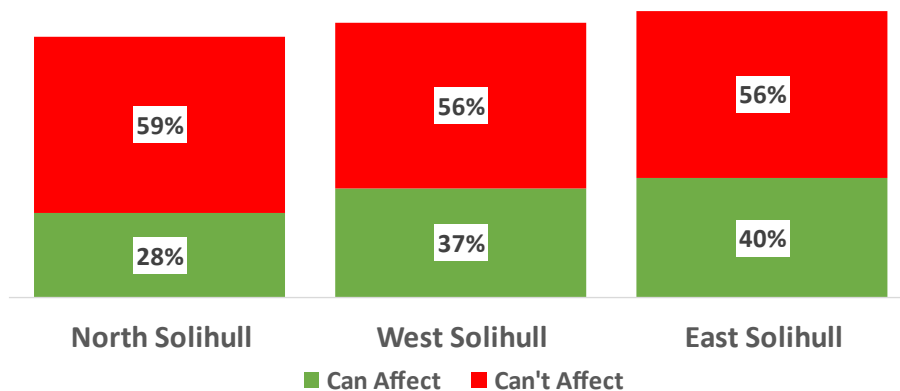
People from a different background get on well together in local area



Civic Participation

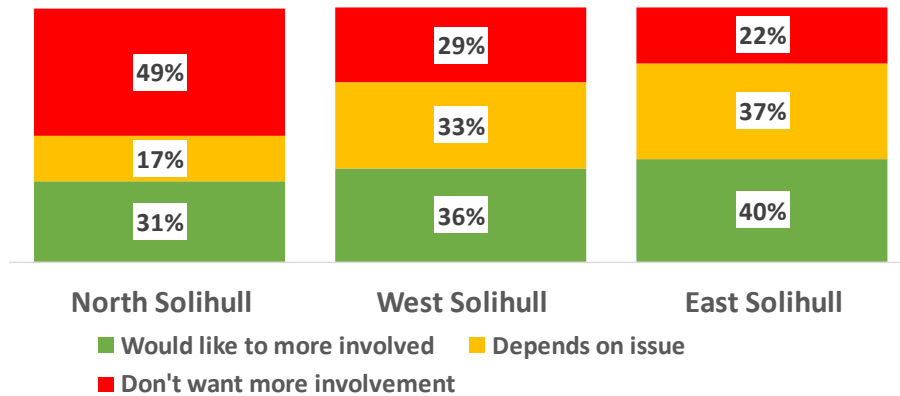
35% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they can influence decisions that affect their local area while 57% don't feel they can influence decisions. More people in East Solihull feel they can influence decisions (40%) than elsewhere in the borough.

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



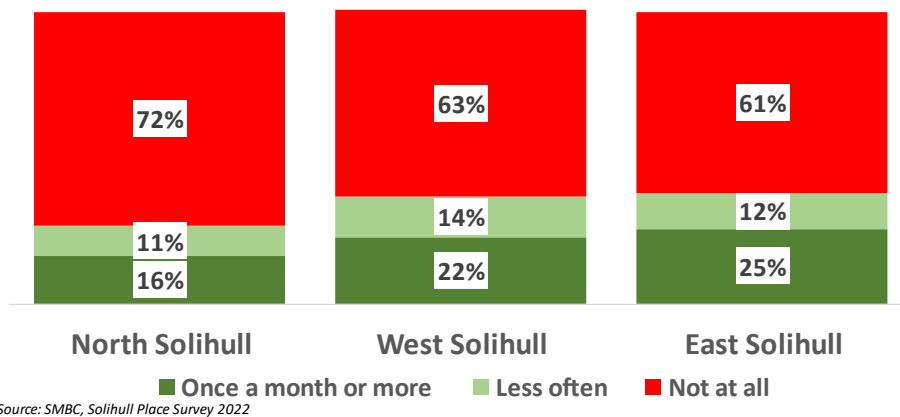
Despite the fact that 57% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they can't influence local decisions only 36% say that they would definitely like more involvement with 33% saying that they definitively don't want to be involved. The results for this measure do vary across the borough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

Would like to be more involved in local decisions



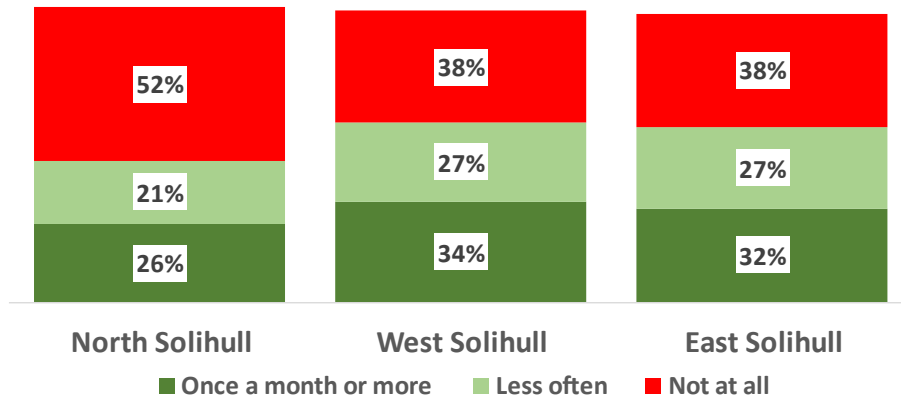
On average 34% of respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey say that they have taken part in formal volunteering (defined as unpaid help to any group, club or organisation such as sports coaching or supporting a faith organisation) over the last year, including 21% who volunteer at least once a month.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

Have taken part in formal volunteering in last year



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

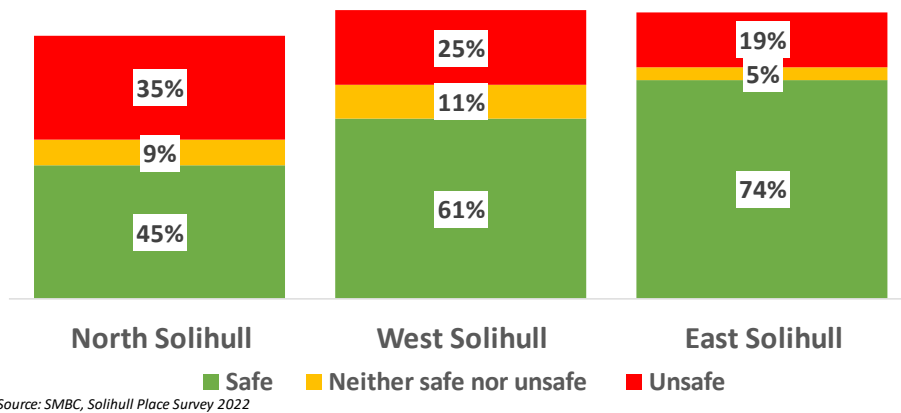
Have taken part in informal volunteering in last year



Community Safety

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

Feeling safe after dark in local area

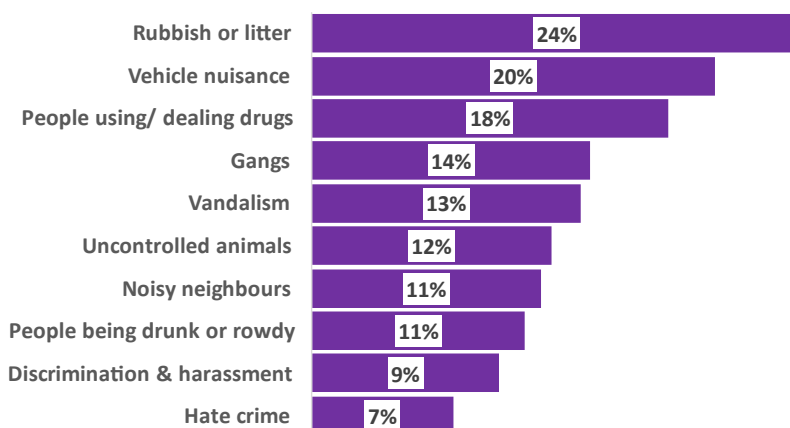


Respondents to the 2022 Solihull Place Survey were asked which of 10 types of antisocial behaviour were a problem in their local area. The most commonly cited problem in East Solihull was rubbish & litter lying around (24%), followed by vehicle nuisance (20%) and people using or dealing drugs (18%).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

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

Source: Solihull Place Survey 2022

Problem with ASB in East Solihull



Source: SMBC, Solihull Place Survey 2022

Crime Deprivation

Dorridge & Hockley Heath’s eight LSOAs are, on average, ranked on the 78th percentile nationally in terms of crime & disorder deprivation, with the 17 Solihull wards ranging from the crime & disorder deprived Kingshurst & Fordbridge (15th percentile) to the advantaged Knowle (85th percentile).

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

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Crime & disorder deprivation among the eight Dorridge & Hockley Heath LSOAs ranges from Dorridge South on the 66th percentile to the least deprived neighbourhood Bentley Heath North on the 98th percentile. No neighbourhoods in Dorridge & Hockley Heath can be considered deprived from a crime & disorder perspective.

Crime & Disorder Rank in Dorridge & Hockley Heath 2019	
LSOA	Crime & Disorder Percentile Rank (1=most deprived, 100=least deprived)
Dorridge South	66.2
Hockley Heath	67.7
Bentley Heath South	69.1
Illshaw Heath	70.0
Central Dorridge	76.2
Four Ashes	85.8
Dorridge West	93.1
Bentley Heath North	98.4

Source: English Indices of Deprivation 2019

Reported Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

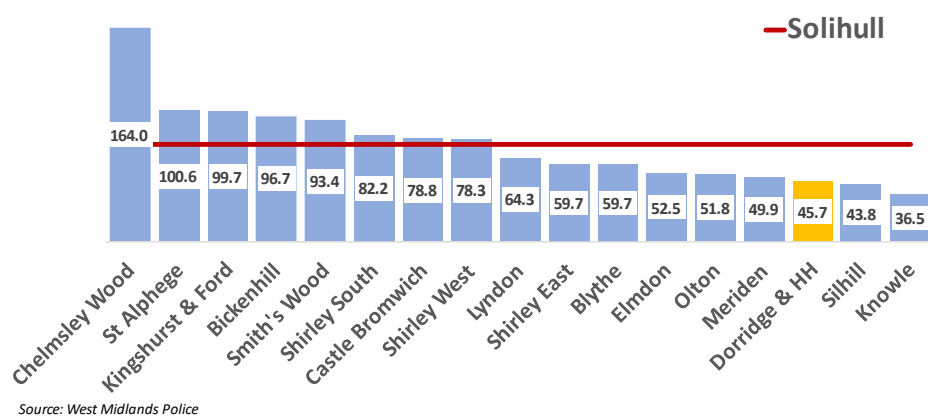
The table below shows the number of recorded crimes in the year to date (January-November 15th 2023). There have been 524 crimes in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, 3.2% of the Solihull total and equating to 45.7 per 1,000 population. This is the 3rd lowest crime rate of any of the 17 Solihull wards.

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^	16,256		74.7

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

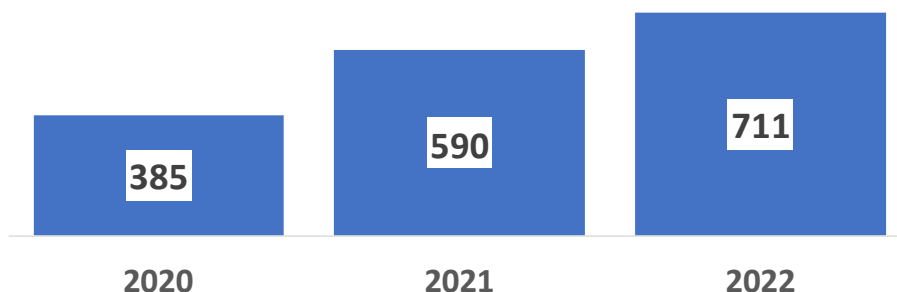
Source: West Midlands Police

Reported Crimes per 1,000 Population in Solihull 2023



The number of reported crimes in Dorridge & Hockley Heath trended sharply upwards from 2020 to 2022, increasing by 85% (+326 crimes over this period). This is in excess of the 41% increase recorded across Solihull as a whole and is proportionally the largest uptick in the borough.

Annual Reported Number of Crimes Dorridge & Hockley Heath



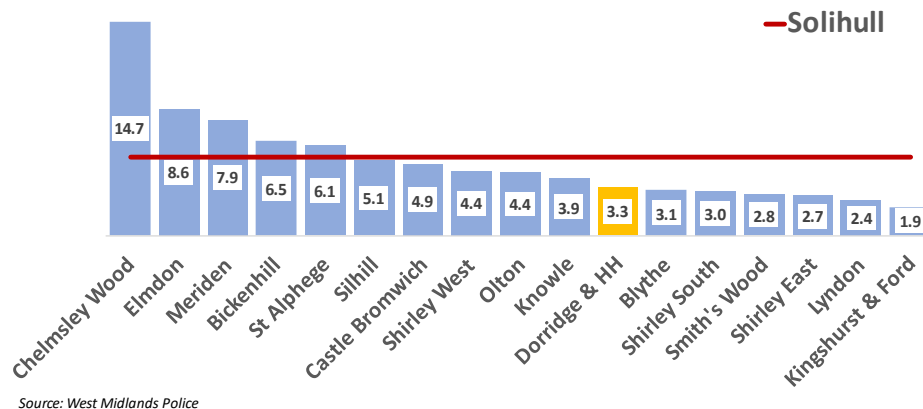
Source: West Midlands Police

The table below shows the number of recorded antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents in the year to date (January-November 15th 2023). There have been 38 ASB incidents in Dorridge & Hockley Heath, 3.2% of the Solihull total and equating to 3.3 per 1,000 population. This is lower than the Solihull average of 5.4 per 1,000 and ranks Dorridge & Hockley Heath 11th 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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