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INTRODUCTION

Document Outline

The purpose of this strategic assessment is to provide the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership (HCSP) with an assessment of Yaxley and what makes it different from other areas. There has not been a dedicated assessment of this area for some time so it will investigate historical and current issues as well as recent interventions and initiatives implemented by the community and other partners. This will enable the partnership to take action that is driven by clear evidence.

This document and previous strategic assessments can be accessed on the Cambridgeshire Insight pages here <http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/community-safety/CSP/hunts>

Document schedule

The Partnership has a continuous assessment process that allows for strategic planning throughout the year. The aim of each document is to gain a better understanding of an agreed key issue in the district. The continuous assessment consists of 4 parts agreed by the Partnership:

Document	Key theme	Analysis & Writing	Presentation July 2018
1	Oxmoor	April to Sept	October 2018
2	Yaxley	November to Jan	January 2019
3	End of year report	Feb & Mar	April 2019

Additional data

The interactive community safety maps provides some of the main crime and disorder issues at district, ward, LSOA level. The atlas allows the user to review the data directly on the map or in a chart. It can be accessed here <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/communitysafety/map/>

Other data tools on Cambridgeshire Insight provide a interactive report on a selected area that can focus on Crime and Community safety but also include other topics such as deprivation scores. They also apply at district, ward and LSOA level.

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Executive Summary

Yaxley is a large village with a population of approximately 9,390.¹ It sits at the most northern point of Huntingdonshire on the border with Peterborough. It is served by the A1 to the west and is separated from Peterborough by the A1139 (Fletton Parkway) to the north. Despite its close proximity to Peterborough, Yaxley is an isolated and separated settlement. There are no other built up villages and towns in Huntingdonshire nearby other than Stilton which is separated from Yaxley by the A1 and the nearby Hampton development which sits within the Peterborough local authority boundary.

Village life tends to revolve around Peterborough although this is likely to require a car to do so. Public transport can be limited and can take a not insignificant amount of time to reach Peterborough city centre despite the relatively small distance. There is no natural centre to the village. For example, there is no main square or common. A small shopping centre area does exist but it does not serve the community needs of the village.

Perhaps because of the geographical position described above, the village has expanded without a central plan to manage its growth and is somewhat separated into two by the main road through the village (the Broadway). On either side of this road are two sides of Yaxley; Old (south) and New (north) Yaxley. With newer houses to one side and older houses on the other there is a degree of division between the two parts. It could be suggested that it's more likely that those residents in the newer houses may be less concerned about being a part of Yaxley and see the area as a suburb of Peterborough. Similarly, it could be suggested that those in the southern (older) part of Yaxley are more intune with the village itself and have a greater interest in seeing it succeed as a community.

Yaxley's positioning on the other side of the authority boundary from Peterborough means that residents are often unable to access some nearby resources and the advantages that being within this boundary this would bring. **It also suffers because there could be improved working between Huntingdonshire District Council / Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council from a community safety perspective.**

In terms of community safety, **Yaxley has previously experienced Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) related issues;** in particular ASB involving groups of youths roaming the village with very little to do. Some of these issues have been addressed by engaging young people and by providing them with diversionary activities such as supporting the implementation of the local boxing club.

There have been multiple and continued efforts to bring the whole community together through various schemes and initiatives from a multitude of partners. For example, Yaxley Parish Council have taken steps to improve facilities in the village for different groups such as the provision of a skate park for young people. Other examples include the establishment of the Yaxley Partnership which brings together various community groups such as Neighbourhood Watch and the Young Persons Counselling Service (YPCS), alongside others, to implement initiatives e.g Yaxley festival.

These community groups and events have been successful in bringing a number of people together in order to work towards improving the village and the life of its residents. This has resulted in a more engaged and resilient community. More detail regarding these community groups is outlined in this document and **it is hoped that the success in Yaxley can be used as a model for community resilience in other areas across the district.**

¹Cambridgeshire Research Group, Local Population Estimates (mid 2015) <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Mid-2011-to-Mid-2015-Estimates.xlsx>

Recommendations

- Explore closer working between Huntingdonshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council to enable to use of shared resources across authority and boundary lines.
- Continue to work to provide the Yaxley Working Group with the necessary resources and support to effectively deliver services and initiatives for Yaxley residents.
- Create a blueprint model based on successful Yaxley Working Group to implement in other areas of the district.

Yaxley Profile:

The following section provides a data overview of the Yaxley area across a range of different factors that include education, crime, deprivation, housing, economy, environment and the demographics of the community. Further to this, a people profiling tool has been used to analyse and detail the makeup of the community. For the purposes of this report some ward level data has been used which includes Farcet and other data sets are parish specific to Yaxley. The aim of this section of the report is to help the partnership understand the socio-economic make-up of Yaxley and the surrounding area.

Education:

Schools

Yaxley has a limited education provision relative to its population size. It contains 2 primary schools and several other nurseries or infant schools. There is no secondary school provision in Yaxley.

Secondary school students have historically had to travel to the Stanground Academy in Peterborough, several miles away. Hampton Gardens Secondary has recently opened in Hampton which will cater to students from Yaxley and those parts of Hampton that are further developed. Currently there are only several year groups attending the school as it expands its enrolment each year.

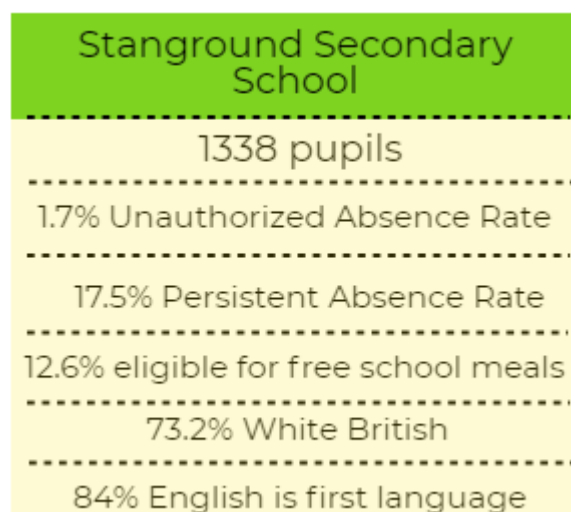


Figure 1: Profile of Stanground Secondary School

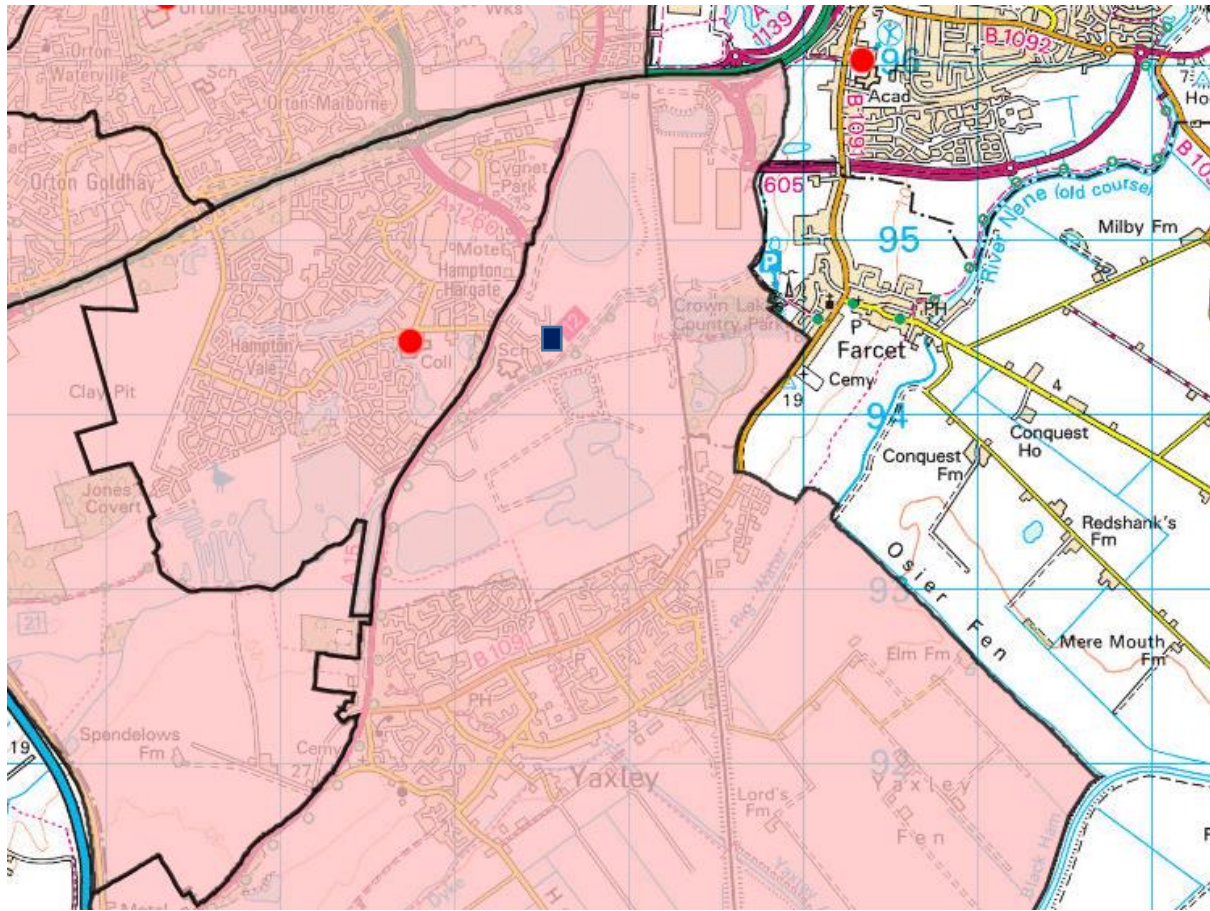
The new school in Hampton Gardens is marginally closer to Yaxley than the historical catchment school in Stanground. This is still potentially problematic for students who wish to walk to school as the route follows a busy high speed road into Peterborough. Some parents may be concerned with the exposure to traffic for their children.

Due to its recent opening, Hampton Gardens School does not have an Ofsted report but Stanground Academy received a 'good' report in 2017. The below image shows the geographic location of

Stanground (top right) and Hampton Gardens is shown with the blue square in the centre of the map. The other school that is visible on the map is Hampton College which is a through school taking children from the age of 4 right through to 18. Also visible on the map is the Hampton Gardens catchment area which is highlighted in red around Yaxley.

Hampton Gardens is part of the Hamptons Academy Trust. This trust also contains Hampton College and Hampton College Primary School which is all on one site. These schools are situated within Peterborough schools catchment areas and so Hampton Gardens is the only school within the trust that has pupils from a different local authority catchment area.

Figure 2: Location of Schools and Catchment Area in Yaxley and surrounding area



Safer Schools Partnership

Due to the nature of the catchment area for schools in Peterborough crossing over the district boundary into Huntingdonshire, secondary-aged pupils living in Yaxley and attending schools in Peterborough have the benefit of attending a school within a Safer Schools Partnership (SSP).

SSP's are partnerships between schools and police forces where police officers work closely with a school to support them and try to intervene early and prevent crime from taking hold in young people's lives.

The level of intervention in a school varies depending on need as decided by the intuition of local officers on the school catchment areas, local issues and other factors. The police use a menu system to determine the level of risk and to decide what level of involvement they will believe is required in

a school. This ranges from 'light touch', 'standard' to 'enhanced' although model is reportedly set to change in the near future. For the time being, schools work in partnership with police and this is not something that is imposed on them. Ultimately the success is dependent on the school and the police working as closely together as possible, therefore the level of success ranges from school to school.

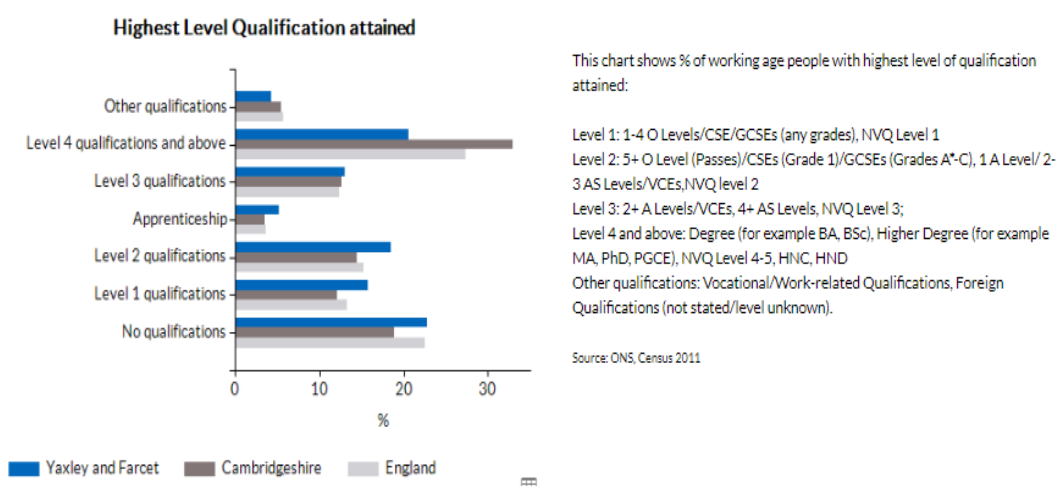
This system is not currently implemented on any scale in the Southern policing region of Cambridgeshire which includes Huntingdonshire. However, because Yaxley students attend Peterborough schools within the Northern Policing region of Cambridgeshire they do benefit from the closer monitoring. Conversely though, Yaxley residents are not able to be referred into local services in Peterborough and do not benefit from the links that the Safer Peterborough Partnership have with these services.

Attainment

In terms of the level of educational attainment, the graph below shows that at the time of the last census, Yaxley had a higher percentage of people with lower level or no qualifications relative to the rest of Cambridgeshire. Yaxley also has a higher percentage of residents with level 1 and 2 qualifications which includes qualifications up to GCSE level.

The number of people with Level 3 qualifications (which include A Levels) in Yaxley is consistent with the county and the country as a whole. However, the number of residents with level 4 qualifications (degree educated for example) are significantly lower than the county and country as a whole.

Figure 3: Breakdown of 'highest level qualification attained' ONS Census 2011²



Deprivation:

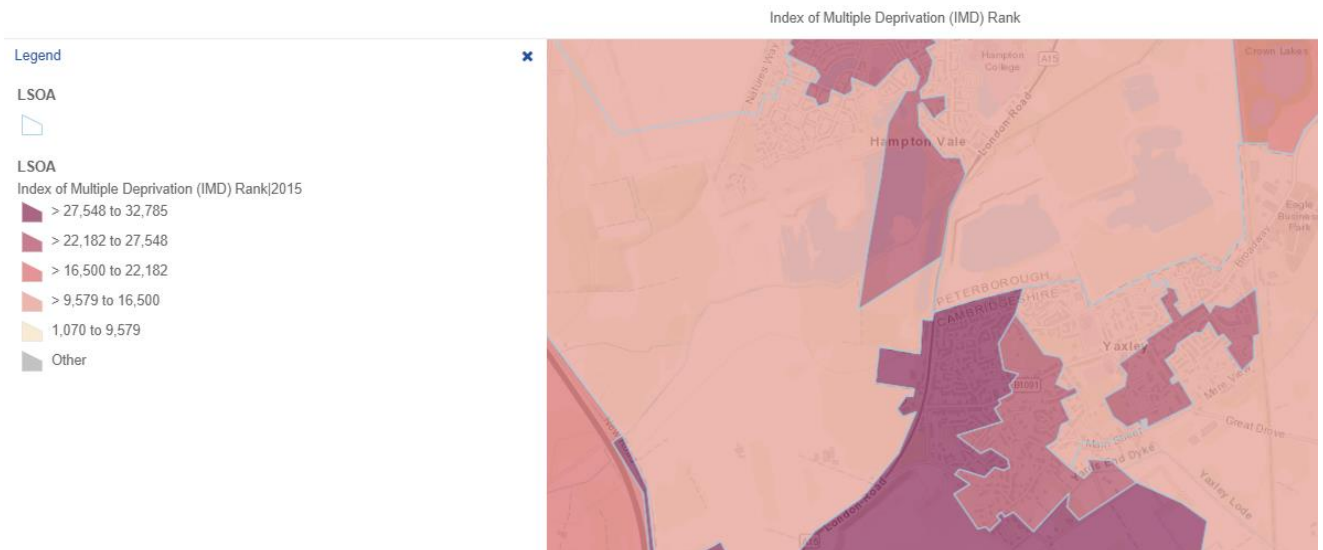
The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) is a measure which takes multiple factors into account to score and rank each Lower Super Output Area (LSOA)³ geography across a number of domains of deprivation. Each domain of deprivation are combined to help provide each area an overall deprivation rank that is relative to every LSOA area in the country. The rank of deprivation ranges from 1 (being the most deprived) to 32,785 (being the least deprived). The map below shows each

² Yaxley and Farset Ward Profile, Cambridgeshire Insight

³ A LSOA is a geographic area. The Minimum population of a LSOA is 1000 and the mean is 1500.

LSOA in Yaxley by their national IMD rank and shows that Yaxley ranks relatively high with the lowest ranked LSOA of 15,580 indicating a middling to above average rank of deprivation for the village as a whole relative to the country.

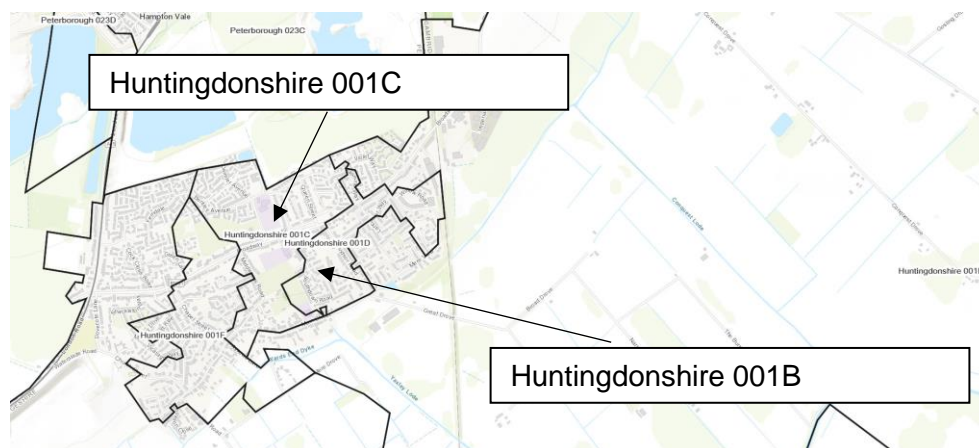
Figure 4: Map of National Index of Deprivation 2015⁴



However, the overall IMD rank may hide some other indices of deprivation that could rank lowly. There are 7 indices in total that include income, employment, health, education, barriers to housing, crime and living environment. There are also two further indices measuring deprivation among children and among older people.

There are two standout LSOA areas that have higher levels of deprivation in Yaxley than others across a range of different indices. These are shown in the images below.

Figure 5: Map of Yaxley by LSOA



Figures 6 and 7 below break down the LSOA's highlighted in the map above across the 7 domains of deprivation and the overall deprivation score.

⁴ Cambridgeshire Insight, Interactive Deprivation Map

Figure 6 – LSOA Area Huntingdonshire 001C Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 Breakdown

In the latest Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) this area was ranked **15,580 out of 32,844 in England**, where 1 was the most deprived and 32,844 the least. This is broken down further by income; employment; health; education, barriers to services; living environment; and crime.

Overall: 47% Better than 47% of areas in England



Income Deprivation: 46% Better than 46% of areas in England



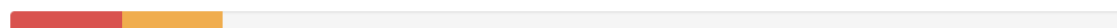
Employment: 49% Better than 49% of areas in England



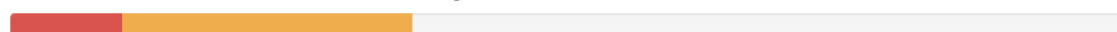
Health: 65% Better than 65% of areas in England



Education: 19% Better than 19% of areas in England



Barriers to Services: 36% Better than 36% of areas in England



Living Environment: 59% Better than 59% of areas in England



Crime: 50% Better than 50% of areas in England



Full details of the Index of Deprivation are available from the UK Government Website [English indices of deprivation 2015](#).

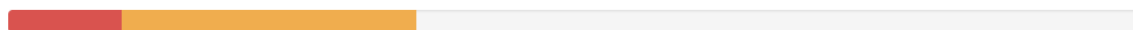
Figure 7 – LSOA Area Huntingdonshire 001B Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 Breakdown

In the latest Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) this area was ranked **16,319 out of 32,844 in England**, where 1 was the most deprived and 32,844 the least. This is broken down further by income; employment; health; education, barriers to services; living environment; and crime.

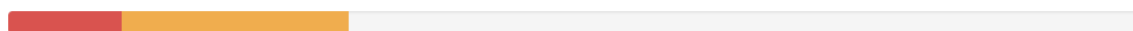
Overall: 49% Better than 49% of areas in England



Income Deprivation: 36% Better than 36% of areas in England



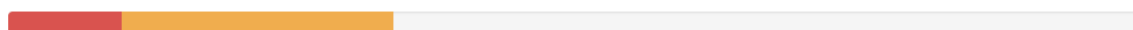
Employment: 30% Better than 30% of areas in England



Health: 54% Better than 54% of areas in England



Education: 34% Better than 34% of areas in England



Barriers to Services: 88% Better than 88% of areas in England



Living Environment: 90% Better than 90% of areas in England



Crime: 69% Better than 69% of areas in England

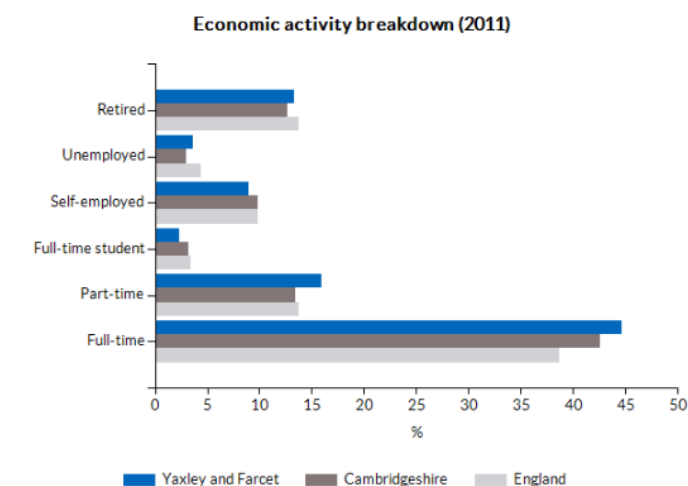


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Economy:

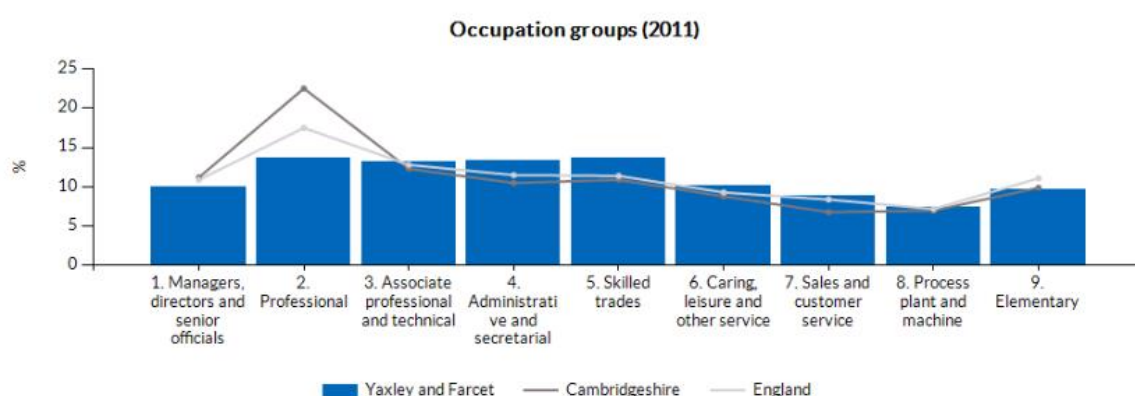
In terms of the economic status of residents, Yaxley residents are broadly comparable with residents across the County as a whole. There are marginal differences in some circumstances such as having a higher percentage of full-time and part-time workers than the Cambridgeshire average.

Figure 4- Breakdown by Economic Activity in Yaxley, ONS 2011⁵



The breakdown of professions below shows that at the last census, Yaxley residents had a lower than average percentage of professionals relative to Cambridgeshire. There were however a higher percentage of residents with administrative and secretarial jobs as well as those with skilled trades.

Figure 9: A breakdown of employment by occupation group in Yaxley and Farcet, ONS Census 2011⁶



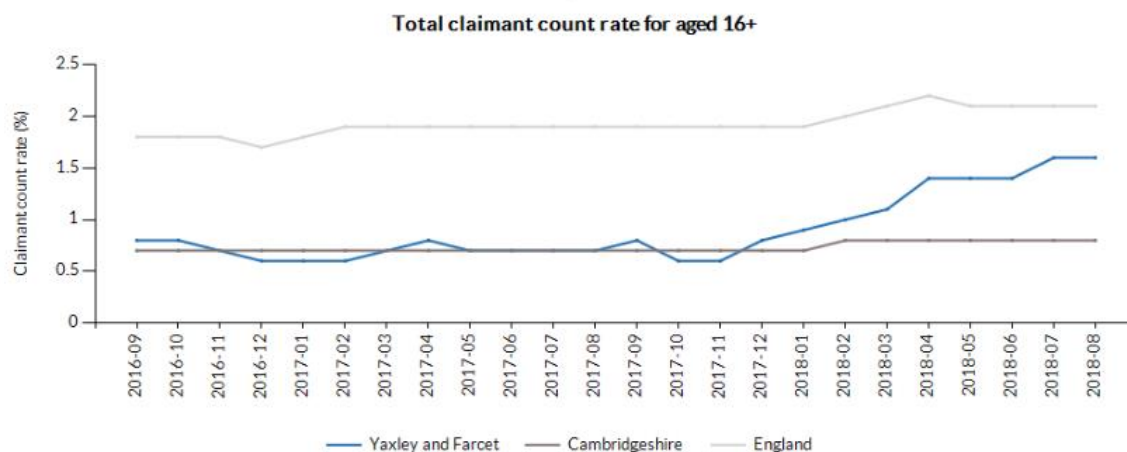
A more recent measure of economic success for the village is those residents claiming unemployment related benefits (excluding pensions or disability payments etc). In recent years, Yaxley has seen an

⁵ Cambridgeshire Insight, Yaxley and Farcet Ward Profile

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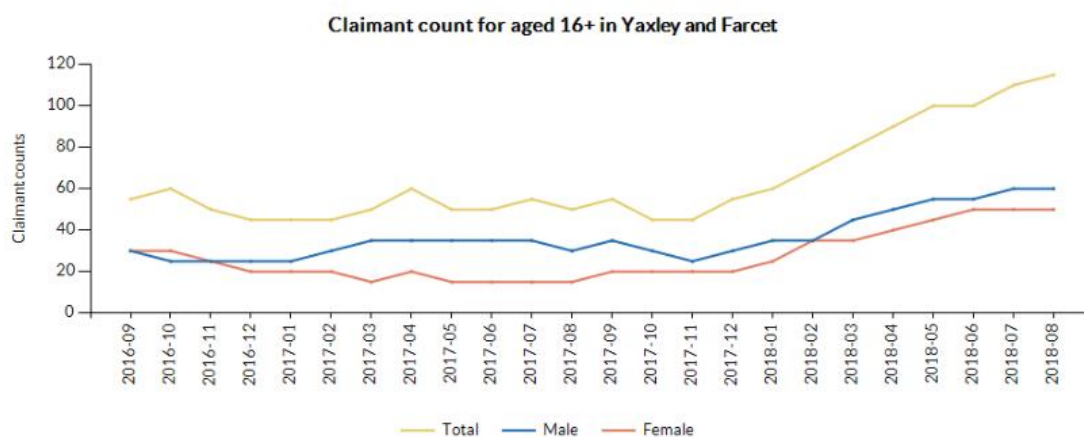
increase in the percentage of residents making unemployment benefits rising from below 1% in September 2016 to 1.5% at the last measure in August 2018.

Figure 5: A breakdown of total claimant count rate for aged 16+ in Yaxley and Farcet, September 2016 to August 2018, ONS Claimant Count⁷



Source: ONS Claimant count by sex and age

Figure 11: A breakdown of claimant count for aged 16+ in Yaxley and Farcet, September 2016 to August 2018, ONS Claimant Count⁸




Source: ONS Claimant count by sex and age

The chart above also shows that there has been a recent increase in the number of claimants in Yaxley. Despite the occasional crossover, there tends to be more males in receipt of benefits in Yaxley than females although the gap has narrowed again most recently.

⁷ Cambridgeshire Insight, Yaxley and Farcet Ward Profile

⁸ Cambridgeshire Insight, Yaxley and Farcet Ward Profile

Health services:

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A Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley

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The Health Centre
Landsdowne Road
Yaxley
Peterborough
Cambridgeshire
PE7 3JL

B Hampton Health

★★★★☆ 13 ratings - [Rate it yourself](#)

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Centre
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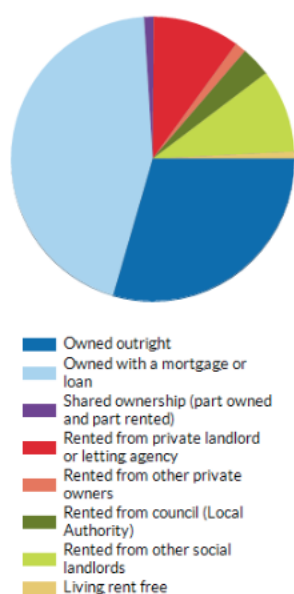
Yaxley has a number of GP surgeries in the area with one main GP serving the village itself. Further GP surgeries can be accessed in Hampton, Orton and more likely across Peterborough.

Yaxley's Lakeside Health Centre is well subscribed with over 16,000 registered patients at the surgery. It is not known whether this number of patients is sustainable.

The nearest hospital for access to accident and emergency services is Peterborough City Hospital which is approximately 7.5 miles or a 15 minute drive from Yaxley by road.

Housing:

The chart and table below summarise house ownership and tenancy in Yaxley and Farcet as a percentage (%) of total households (2011).



Source: ONS Census 2011

	Yaxley and Farcet	Cambridgeshire	England
Tenure: Owned: Owned outright % i	29.5	31.9	30.6
Tenure: Owned: Owned with a mortgage or loan % i	44.5	34.1	32.8
Tenure: Shared ownership (part owned and part rented) % i	1.1	1.2	0.8
Tenure: Private rented: Private landlord or letting agency % i	9.9	14.3	15.4
Tenure: Private rented: Other % i	1.3	1.7	1.4
Tenure: Social rented: Rented from council (Local Authority) % i	3.4	6.3	9.4
Tenure: Social rented: Other % i	9.5	9.1	8.3
Tenure: Living rent free % i	0.8	1.5	1.3

Source: ONS Census 2011

Yaxley has a current housing stock of 4,650. This is forecast to rise by just 110 dwellings by 2036 taking the total dwelling stock to 4,760.

Hampton Vale (the neighbouring ward within Peterborough) however is forecast to have a growth of almost 1,000 dwellings between the year 2011 and 2036 rising from 2,710 in 2011 to 3,620 by 2036.

With much of the development occurring in the space between Hampton and Yaxley the two areas will effectively merge in terms of housing while maintaining a county boundary for services.

Social Housing

There are a number of Registered Providers who own housing stock in Yaxley with Luminus being the largest stock owner followed by Hyde Group, Accent Nene, Axiom, BPHA and Stonewater.

Luminus alone provide approximately 400 homes including several designated to ex-offenders, temporary accommodation and Mencap homes.

Luminus report that there are issues with residents wanting to be homed in the area as they have close ties to Peterborough, either through employment or social ties. This is often not possible and residents will be offered accommodation in other areas of Huntingdonshire that are often not taken up.

Luminus have also advised that there are limited links with Peterborough City Council hindering a collaborative approach to housing people in the surrounding areas of Stanground and the Hamptons.

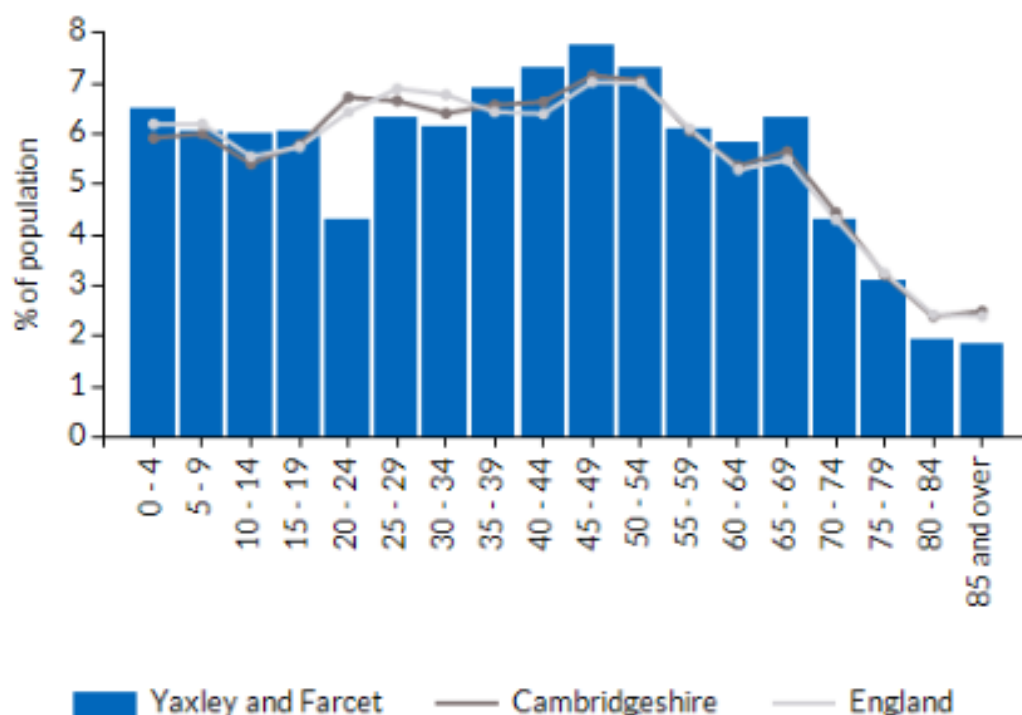
Population & Demographics:

The most notable point in the age group breakdown for Yaxley and Farcet is that there is a lower proportion of 20-24 year olds in the resident population at the time of the last census, when compared to the rest of the county. Each other age group is broadly consistent with the Cambridgeshire and England average. This could be as a result of students moving away from Yaxley to university or to seek work.

It should be noted that the Cambridgeshire average is somewhat distorted by the high numbers of 20-24 year olds resident in Cambridge City. Nevertheless, there is a drop off in young people for that particular age band. The next age band is more in line with the average, suggesting that students do return home from university to their parents address.

Figure 12: 2016 Age group breakdown estimates for Yaxley and Farcet, ONS Estimates⁹

Age group breakdown estimates for Yaxley and Farcet (2016)



Source: ONS*

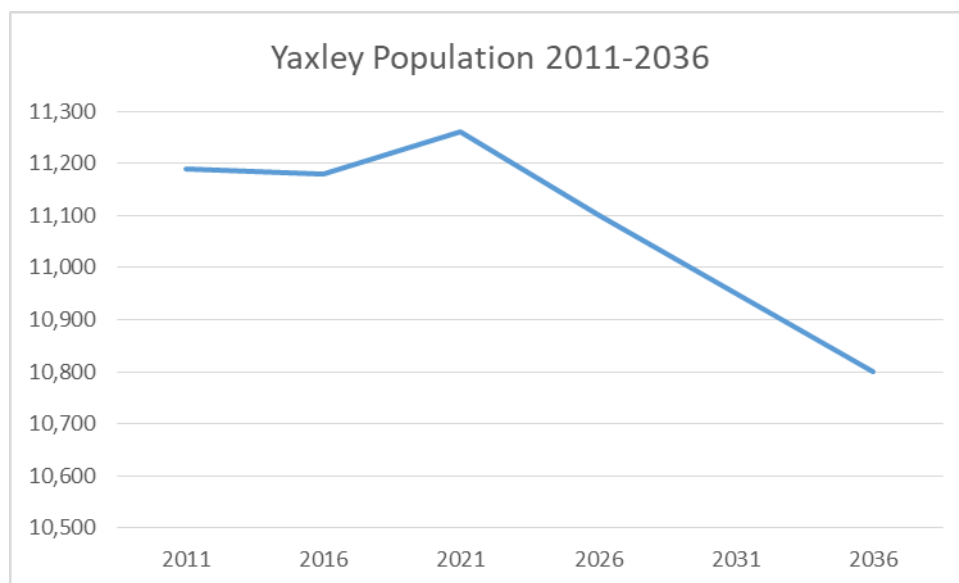


The Yaxley population is currently growing but the long term forecast is that there will be a decrease in population until the year 2036 according to the Cambridgeshire Research Group population forecast.¹⁰ Despite this, the surrounding area of Hampton Vale is forecasts to grow in population size from 6,580 to 8,210 potentially adding to local pressures on schools and other services in the area.

⁹ Cambridgeshire Insight, Yaxley and Farcet Ward Profiles

¹⁰ Cambridgeshire Research Group, Cambridgeshire Local Population Forecasts (2015 based), <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/population/population-estimates/>

Figure 6: Yaxley* Forecast Population, 2011 to 2036, Cambridgeshire Insight - Local Population Forecasts



*Yaxley and Farcet ward

Older People & Services

Yaxley has a relatively normal distribution of older people in the village in comparison to Cambridgeshire and England as a whole. There is a slightly elevated rate of residents aged 65-69 than the county and country on average. Considering the high numbers there is not a high number of services, clubs or facilities that can be utilized by the older population.

Cambridgeshire.net lists 6 different activities and clubs available to older people in Yaxley, 4 of which take place within the library which has limited opening hours. The other 2 are exercise based and are run by the district council.¹¹ The parish council also runs the Age Well Club for over 50's on a Tuesday morning.¹²

Most health and support services are based in Peterborough. The nearest service is the Peterborough and Fenland MIND charity. It is therefore problematic for older people to access services because of the isolated location of Yaxley and its limited public transport options.

Household make up:

At the time of the last census, Yaxley and Farcet ward had a lower amount of one person households than both the Cambridgeshire and national average. Within this group there are also less people aged 65 and over living alone in the area.

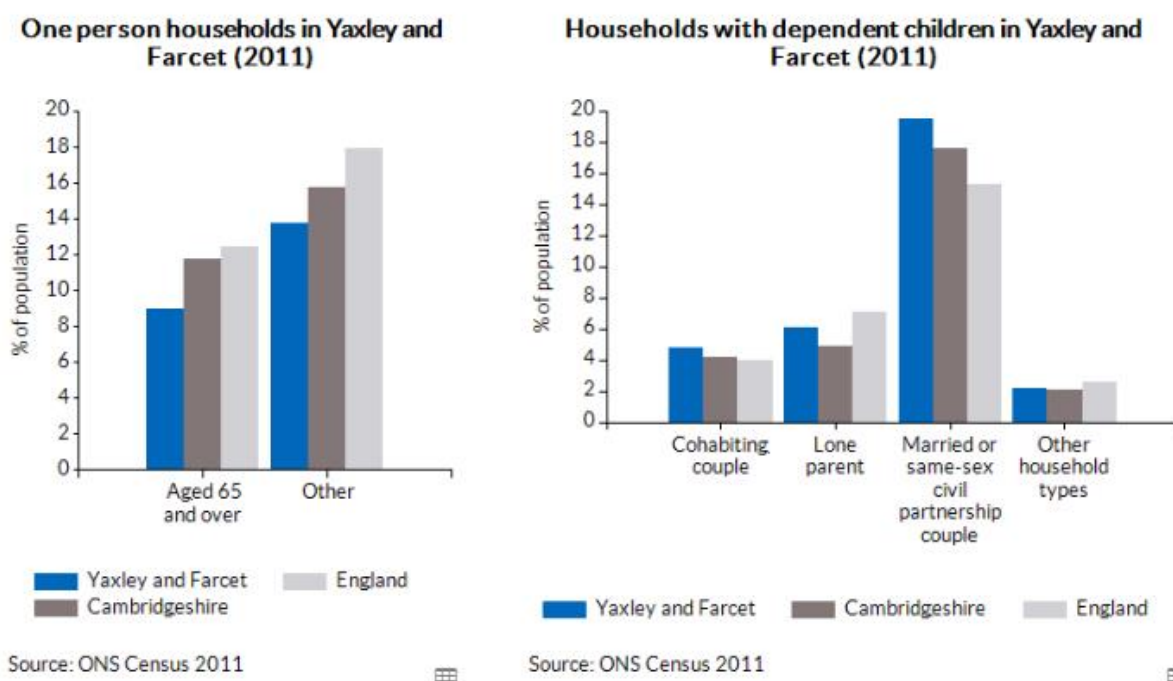
The breakdown of households with dependent children shows that Yaxley and Farcet has slight differences to Cambridgeshire in some household make ups. For example, there are more

¹¹ <https://www.cambridgeshire.net/events/Results.aspx?Category=Older+peoples+activities&location=Yaxley&distance=10>

¹² <https://yaxleyparish.org.uk/local-services-2>

households with dependent children with a lone parent but also more with a married or same sex civil partnership couple than Cambridgeshire as a whole.

Figure 7: A breakdown of household make-up in Yaxley and Farcet, ONS Census 2011¹³



Environment

Yaxley is a rural village that is somewhat isolated from other parts of the district and the county. It does not contain many shops or provide many jobs.

To the east of the village is the Fens and Fenland district which is largely absent of any major settlement until Whittlesey. To the North is Peterborough but despite its relatively close proximity it is separated by some major roads. For this reason transport is important but there is a limited bus service from Yaxley to both in and out of Peterborough. It is also somewhat expensive as a way to travel for the younger population of Yaxley.

Therefore, Yaxley residents rely on access to a car to enable them to access the facilities that they require and to find and maintain employment. The following graph shows that 12.2% of households in Yaxley have no access to a car. This figure is higher than that of Cambridgeshire and England as a whole but this is expected as it can be reasonably assumed that large city populations such as Cambridge and London will have a higher amount of households without access to a car.

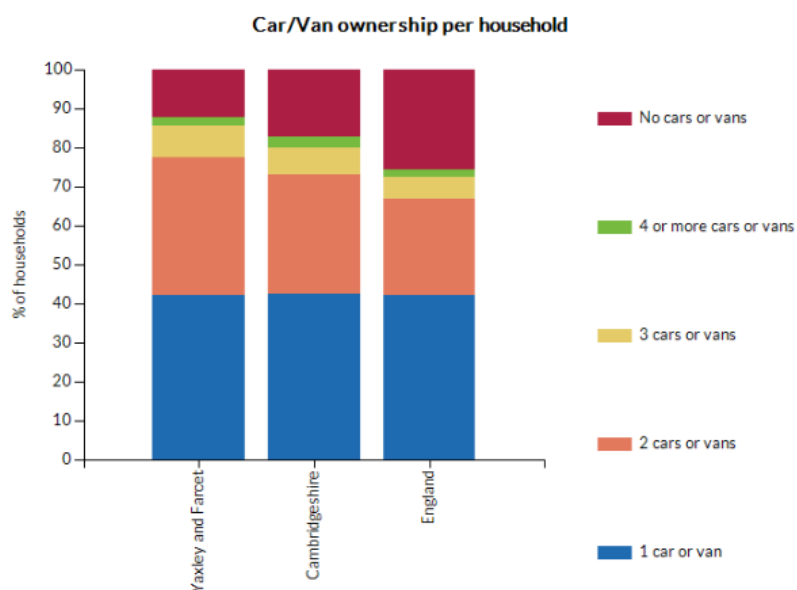
12.2% of households is still however a significant amount of houses that are potentially isolated from accessing areas other than Yaxley itself.

¹³ Cambridgeshire Insight, Yaxley and Farcet Ward Profiles

Figure 8: A breakdown of vehicle ownership in Yaxley and Farcet, ONS Census 2011¹⁴

Vehicle Ownership

12.2%
of households have no car [i](#)
Source: ONS Census 2011



Source: ONS Census 2011

Transport Options:

Public transport services in Yaxley are limited but there are several options for getting to Peterborough, Huntingdon or Cambridge. Both bus services in the area are run by Stagecoach and consist of either the guided busway line which runs all the way from Cambridge through St Ives, Huntingdon, Sawtry, Yaxley and terminates in Peterborough.¹⁵ This service does not directly serve the village, only having one stop at the western edge of the village meaning it can be quite difficult for those with mobility issues to use.

The second route runs from Yaxley to Welland in Peterborough – this route runs every half an hour during the peak hours of the morning and the evening but otherwise only runs once an hour.¹⁶

Leisure Facilities

Yaxley has a number of outdoor leisure facilities in the village including a range of sports pitches and its outdoor gym at the recreation ground. However, there is no leisure centre with a gym, swimming pool etc that Yaxley residents can easily access. The nearest such facility is in Hampton at the Vivacity Leisure Centre, a 45 minute walk or 20 minute journey by public transport.

This is not ideal for many residents who may have mobility issues or are unable to pay for the bus.

¹⁴ Cambridgeshire Insight, Yaxley Ward Profile

¹⁵ <https://www.thebusway.info/pdfs/tt/ABDR.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/East/PETERBOROUGH/PE%20-%20CITI%205%20-%20APR%202018.pdf>

Acorn Population Profile

This section uses ACORN data to further analyse the community and to classify them into distinct groups with certain characteristics. ACORN is a geodemographic tool developed by CACI to understand a consumer's lifestyle, behaviour and attitudes. It is commonly used by private and public sector organisations to more effectively target and communicate with communities.

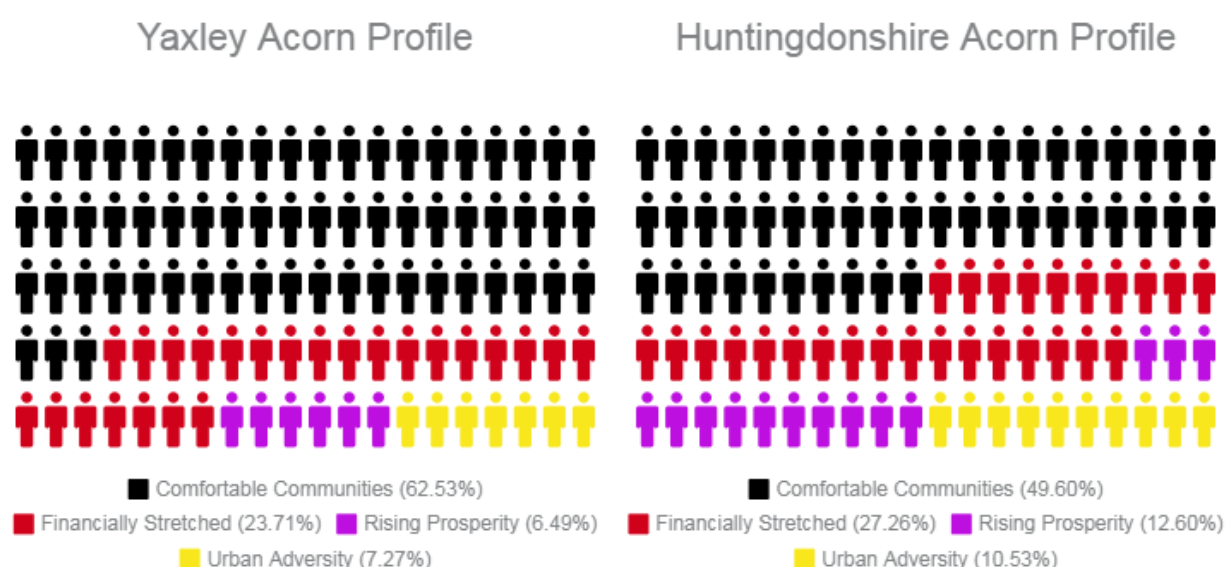
By analysing demographic data, social factors, population and consumer behaviour, it provides precise information and an understanding of different types of people.¹⁷ Acorn has 6 distinct population categories made up of Affluent Achievers, Rising Prosperity, Comfortable Communities, Financially Stretched, Urban Adversity & Not Private Households. Within the 6 categories are 18 further groups and 61 further sub-types. The data, highlighted below in table 1, provides a distinction between Huntingdonshire as a whole and the Yaxley and Farcet Ward.

A full description of the 'Comfortable Communities' and 'Financially Stretched' domains can be found in Appendix D.

Table 1: A breakdown of the population classification of Yaxley and Huntingdonshire, ACORN

Acorn Categories	Yaxley	Huntingdonshire
Affluent Achievers	16%	30%
Comfortable Communities	51%	34%
Financially Stretched	19%	19%
Not Private Households	0%	1%
Rising Prosperity	5%	9%
Urban Adversity	6%	7%
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Grand Total	4,750	73,702

Figure 10: A breakdown of the population classification of Yaxley and Huntingdonshire, ACORN



¹⁷ <https://acorn.caci.co.uk/>

Acorn further divides the population into 61 sub types within the main classifications. Each sub type has a description and a list of characteristics and behaviours that are deemed more likely than in other groups. The top 10 for Yaxley can be found below. For a full list please see Appendix B.

Table 2 - Top 10 Acorn Subtypes in Yaxley

Top 10 Sub-Groups		
Green-belt families	551	12%
Contented families and couples	500	11%
Young families in terraces	317	7%
Rural pensioners	306	6%
Flourishing families	257	5%
House-proud pensioners	240	5%
Terrace-owning families	233	5%
Rising young families	218	5%
Renting young families	199	4%
Detached singles	186	4%

Local Community Safety Issues / Concerns

County Lines

There are some concerns within the community that Yaxley and its young people could be vulnerable to County Lines activities. 'County lines' has become one of the biggest community safety concerns in the county and nationally. It involves drug trafficking from major drug hubs such as London and Manchester into more rural areas. Most often young individuals, some as young as 12, are being exploited to carry drugs across the country. Drugs are sold through a single phone number that is advertised among users. With Peterborough so close and being one of the major County Lines hubs in the area there is potential for spill over into the local villages such as Yaxley.

The risk is potentially two fold, one that young people could be recruited into County Lines activities and therefore are at risk and secondly that there might be an increase in the number of individuals engaging in these activities locally which could encourage drug use and or violence in the community.

Currently there is a significant amount of known activity in Peterborough and likely more unknown county lines activity according to Cambridgeshire Constabulary but it is unclear whether this has spilled over into Yaxley at this point. The latest information from Cambridgeshire Police Serious and Organised Crime Unit suggests there is no established county lines activity in Yaxley but they do not rule out isolated deals or non-county lines activity.

The PCSO responsible for Yaxley and surrounding villages has reportedly worked to tackle the involvement of younger children in such activities by working with schools and parents.

This has reportedly been successful in curbing the behaviour of some individuals but there are concerns from some in the village that the redeployment of PCSO resources from 3 local officers to 2 based in Huntingdon in early 2019 could lead to potential issues in future.

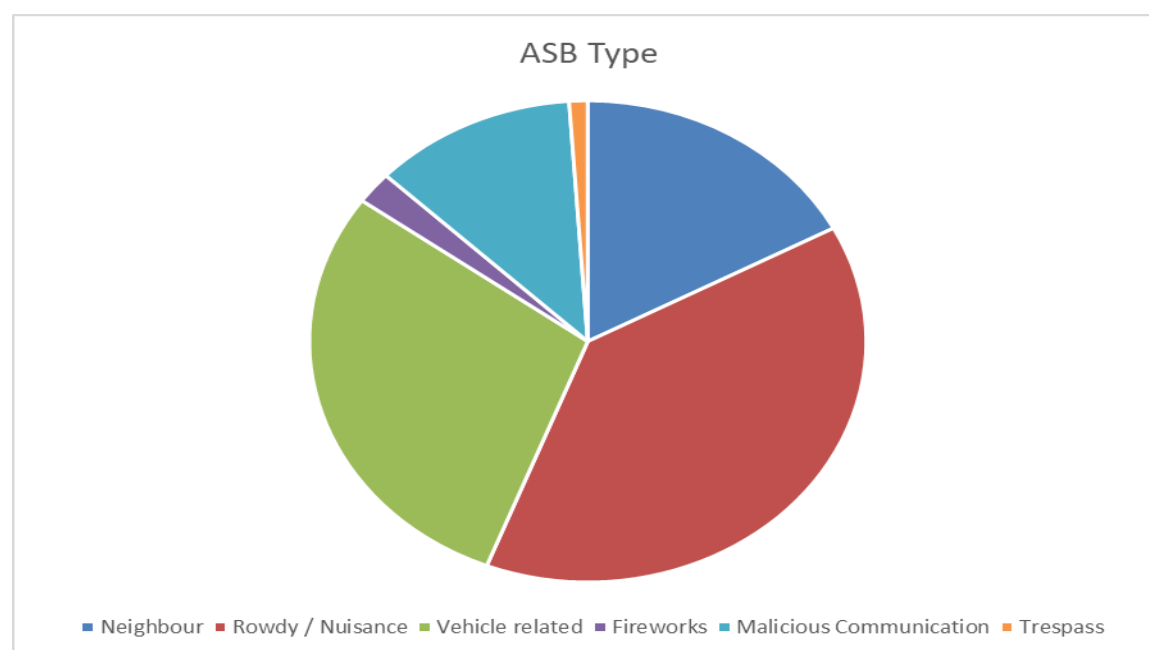
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There has been long term concern in relation to levels of ASB in the village, generally involving the younger population of school age children. These issues have largely been attributed to a few individuals that have had a disproportionate effect. The issues have included, littering, noise complaints, drinking in public, loitering with occasional flare ups of violence.

Between January and November 2018, there was 99 recorded incidents of ASB in the parish of Yaxley and Farcet which equates to an average of 9 per month. This follows the trend of a reduction of recorded ASB incidents in the past two years with 131 incidents of ASB recorded in 2017 and 195 recorded in 2016 according to Police data.

The overwhelming majority of ASB incidents were recorded as nuisance incidents which includes 16 incidents involving neighbours, 36 described as rowdy / nuisance complaints, 27 incidents relating to vehicle nuisance or abandoned vehicles, 11 malicious communications incidents and various other types of complaint.

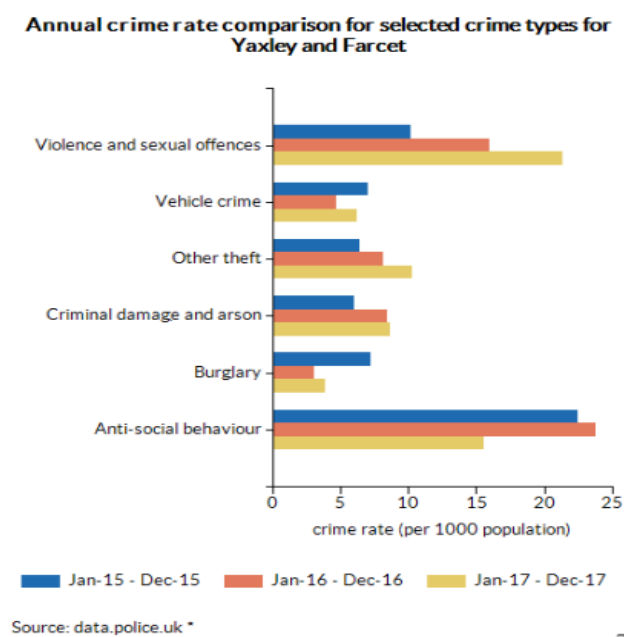
Figure 11: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Breakdown in Yaxley 2018 to November



Crime:

Yaxley is not a high volume crime area in comparison to the rest of Cambridgeshire, however it is not without its issues. Overall, the volume of crimes recorded in Yaxley have remained relatively stable over the past three years, with certain offence categories seeing an increase and others a decrease. Figure 19, below, shows that Violence and Sexual Offences have been rising consistently over the past 3 calendar years whereas burglary has fallen significantly. Recorded levels of ASB have also fallen during this period.

Figure 12: A breakdown of annual crime rates in Yaxley and Farcet, January 2015- December¹⁸



A further breakdown of offences below shows that the most frequent offence category emerging in Yaxley is violence against the person with 124 offences in the financial year 2017/2018. This is followed by Theft and Handling with 75 and Arson and Criminal Damage with 71. Further exploration of the data has revealed that a large percentage of the theft and handling offences were the result of 'making off without payment' from the local petrol station.

Violence against the person offences include violence with injury and violence without injury offences.

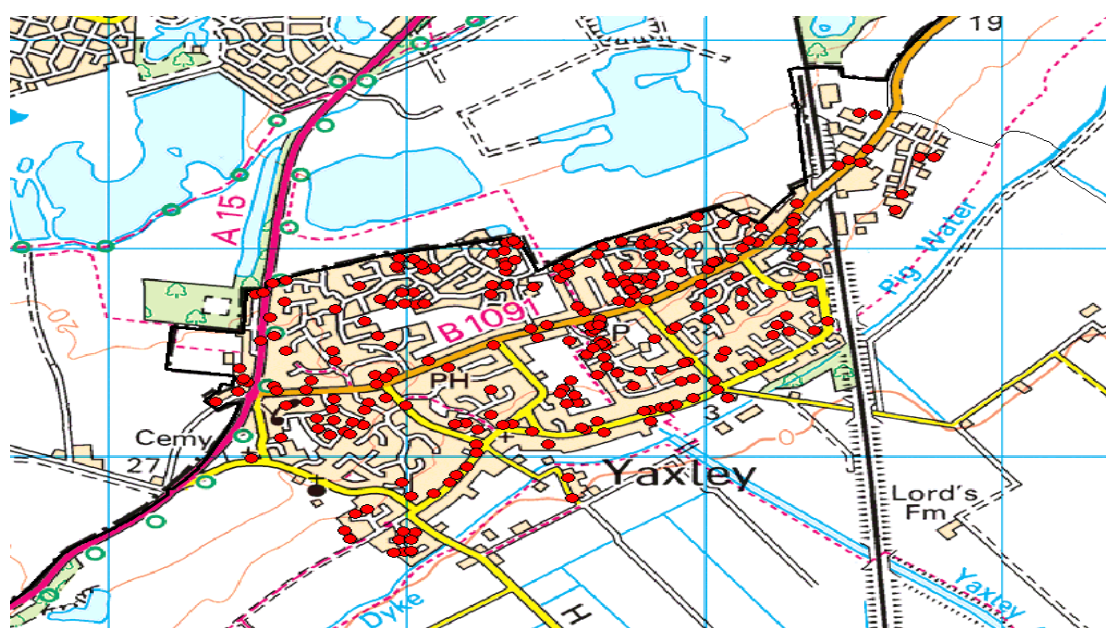
Table 3 – A breakdown of police offences recorded (408) between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2018

Yaxley Offences	
Count	Offence Type
124	Violence Against the Person
75	Theft and Handling
71	Arson and Criminal Damage
52	Vehicle Offences
28	Burglary
22	Public Order Offences
18	Sexual Offences
9	Drug Offences
4	Misc Crimes Against Society
3	Robbery
2	Possession of Weapons

The below map shows the location of each offence recorded by police in the period between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2018.

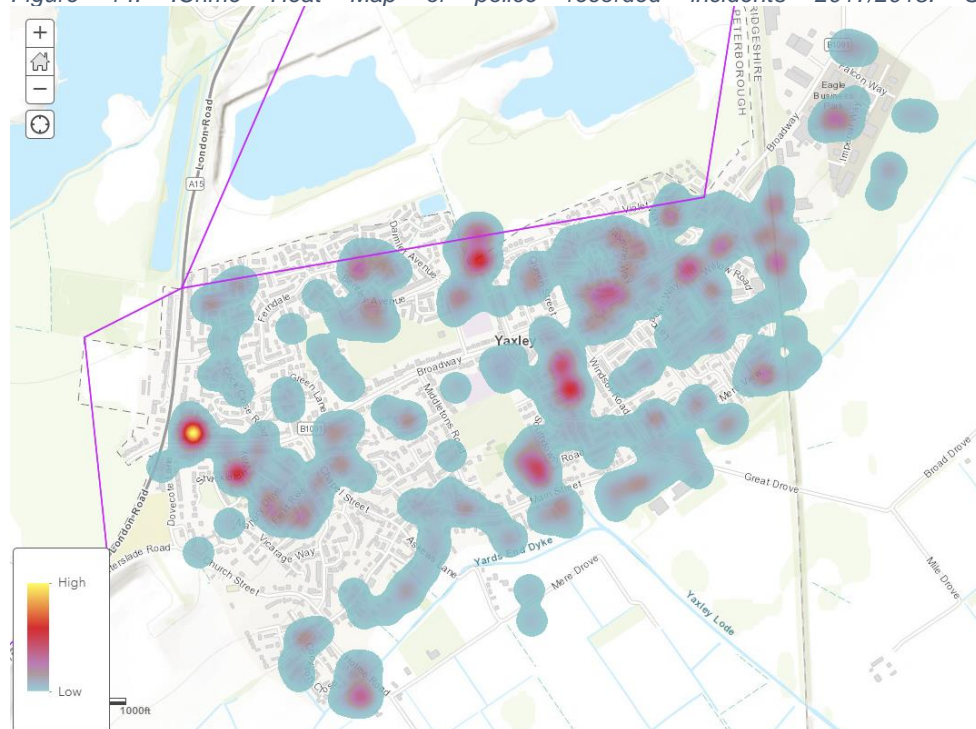
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Figure 13: Crime Locations 2017/18 – Police Data



The heatmap below highlights which areas in particular are seeing more offences reported in them.

Figure 14: Crime Heat Map of police recorded incidents 2017/2018. Source Police Data



Offenders / Victims

Table 4 below shows that there is a disproportionate amount of offenders to victims in Yaxley with a far higher number of victims resident in the village than offenders.

Table 4- Total number of police recorded individual victims and offenders in Yaxley between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2018

Between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2018	
Offenders	Victims
18	251

Peterborough Surrounding Area - Crime Rates

The below map shows areas across the local authority boundary in Peterborough. This has been included because of the close proximity to Yaxley. It encompasses all areas between Yaxley, the A1 and the Fletton Parkway. The below images show that the rates of crime are higher as you move out of Yaxley into the Peterborough local authority area.

Figure 9: A Map of Peterborough Selected Areas

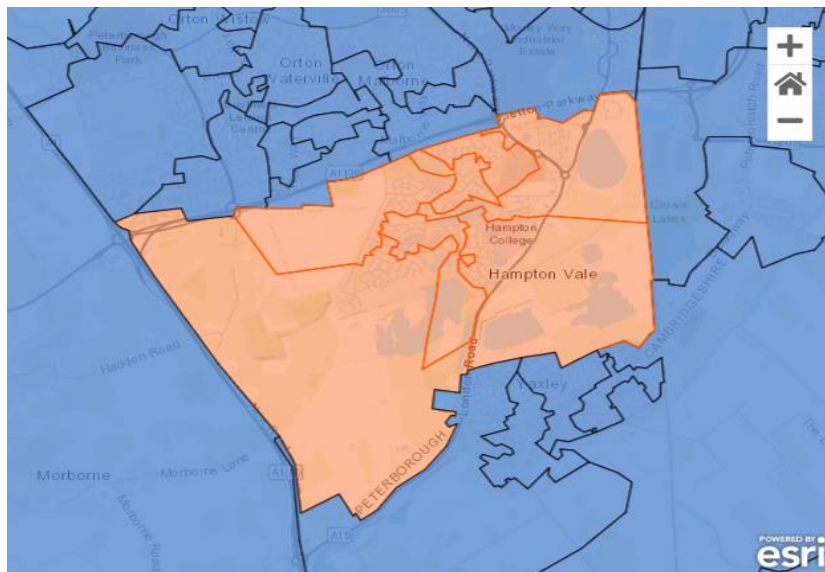
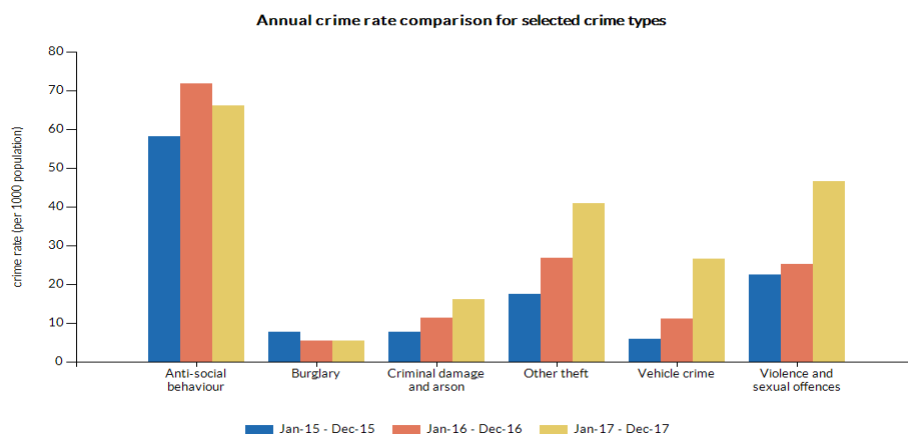


Figure 10 Peterborough Selected Areas Crime Rates

Source: data.police.uk *



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Young People

According to Young People's Workers (YPWs) and other professionals, there is an issue in Yaxley where a range of different age groups congregate together in the village, often at 'the rec' (recreational ground). The issues emerge because a small number of young adults fail to move on from the village or find a new social hang out spot such as a pub or more adult social setting. This means young children from the age of 10 are mixing with young adults up to the age of 21-24 using the space and potentially being unduly influenced by them.

It is often not the case that these adults are not in education, employment or training (NEET), they have jobs or apprenticeships and are attending local colleges in some instances so they are not necessarily regarded a problem but it is abnormal.

Young people in Yaxley also live in an unusual situation where they are by definition residents of Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire. From conversations with Young People's Workers, social care providers and other residents, it is apparent that young people in Yaxley do not always associate themselves with Cambridgeshire or Huntingdonshire. Many residents feel more closely associated with Peterborough due to the close proximity to the city.

This can lead to issues when it comes to services and referring into them. For example, depending on where you live in Yaxley, housing services will be provided by Huntingdonshire District Council and so may well house individuals right across Huntingdonshire, potentially a considerable distance from Peterborough where the young person's life may be centred. Equally, if a young person is recognised as not in employment or education (NEET) then again they may be referred to a service in Huntingdon. The location of these services can be problematic for lots of young people that see their lives as Peterborough based.

This issue can be confounded by the fact that some services such as GP's will refer into services based in Peterborough such as mental health services. This can mean some young people will be expected to travel to Huntingdon for certain services and into Peterborough for others.

Difficulties also emerge for early help, social and safeguarding services because of a lack of resources in the area. With the lack of children's centres there is less resource for tackling some of the issues early on in a child's life or within a family. This can lead to further issues with a child or family later on when the problem has worsened.

In recent years Yaxley has suffered from the death of several young people in a short space of time from various causes. This has caused emotional suffering for many young people in the village which in certain cases caused further issues.

Efforts have been made by various organisations to engage with young people in the village with varying degrees of success. Young people were engaged to design and help produce a mural in the recreation grounds depicting the young people that had lost their lives. As well as providing a memorial, this has given the young people a sense of ownership over that particular space. It has been noted that there is a reduction of littering and ASB in the area since the mural was produced.

With regard to the boxing club, conversations were had with young people that were hanging around 'the rec' about what they would like to see in the village that would actually engage them. This work was led by various groups including the YPWs, the Police and the Parish Council. Despite immediate interest and uptake of places by young people there is concern that the young people that the boxing club was targeting, are yet to take up the service.

YPWs working with young people in the area will be encouraging their clients to make use of the service if it is something they are interested in.

Another issue experienced and perpetrated by young people in the village is anti-social behaviour. This is low level public disorder that includes noise, public drinking, littering and other misdemeanours. Nonetheless this behaviour can have a serious effect on local residents. Furthermore, on occasion low level ASB has escalated to incidents of serious violence in the village with raised tensions between different groups of young people.

A possible reason for this escalation from low level ASB to occasional violence is that of a split in the village between pupils from the different secondary schools. As young people get older they become less familiar with each other and can grow apart.

As well as tension between young residents of Yaxley, there can be tension between friends of residents who reside in the other areas such as Stilton and Stanground. It has been highlighted that young people are transient in Yaxley and often people from outside of the area are visiting. These young people are unfamiliar to local residents and local services and may not have as much civic pride in the village which in turn could lead to issues.

Young people have been quoted as complaining about the level of leisure facilities and having a lack of activities in the village. Reportedly many express a desire for Yaxley to have its own leisure centre that they can easily access as opposed to requiring transport from their parents to the nearest facilities in neighbouring settlements.

Young Offender Service (YOS)

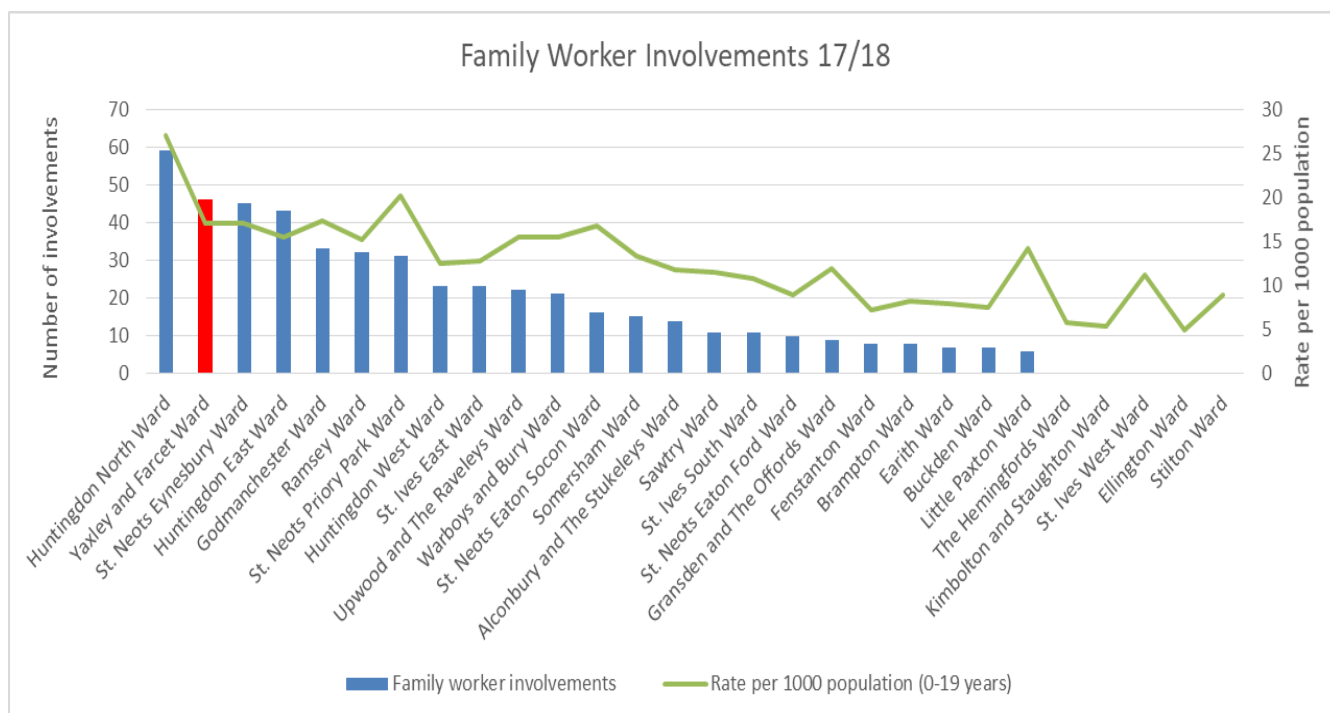
In the last 12 months, there have been 2 individuals from Yaxley who have committed their first offence and as a result automatically been referred to the YOS. These offences range from trespass to criminal damage. The disposal for these two individuals consisted of a youth caution with conditions for one individual and a referral order for the other. This means steps have been taken to try and address the behaviour that led to the offence.

County Council Social Care Involvements

The section below details where the Cambridgeshire County Council has been involved. Yaxley and Farcet receives a high number of social care involvements ranging from family workers, early help assessments and social care interventions. The following graphs highlight the different areas that residents, families and children are receiving local authority interventions.

Figure 21 shows the number of family worker involvements across all wards in Huntingdonshire. These involvements can be because of a variety of reasons including; ASB, debt, domestic abuse, substance abuse, language barriers, parenting skills and physical and mental health issues. Yaxley & Farcet has the second highest number of family worker involvements in Huntingdonshire with 59, behind only Oxmoor with 64. As a rate per 1000 population Yaxley and Farcet has a comparable rate with other wards in the district with only Huntingdon North and St Neots Priory ward having a higher rate.

Figure 24: A breakdown of family of worker involvements by ward (Huntingdonshire), 2017/18



In terms of social care involvement Yaxley and Farcet again features prominently relative to other wards in the district in the number of involvements. When viewing this as a rate however it is less of a concern relative to other wards in the district with a rate of 27 per 1000 population meaning it matches the Huntingdonshire average rate.

Figure 25: A breakdown of social care interventions by ward (Huntingdonshire), 2017/18

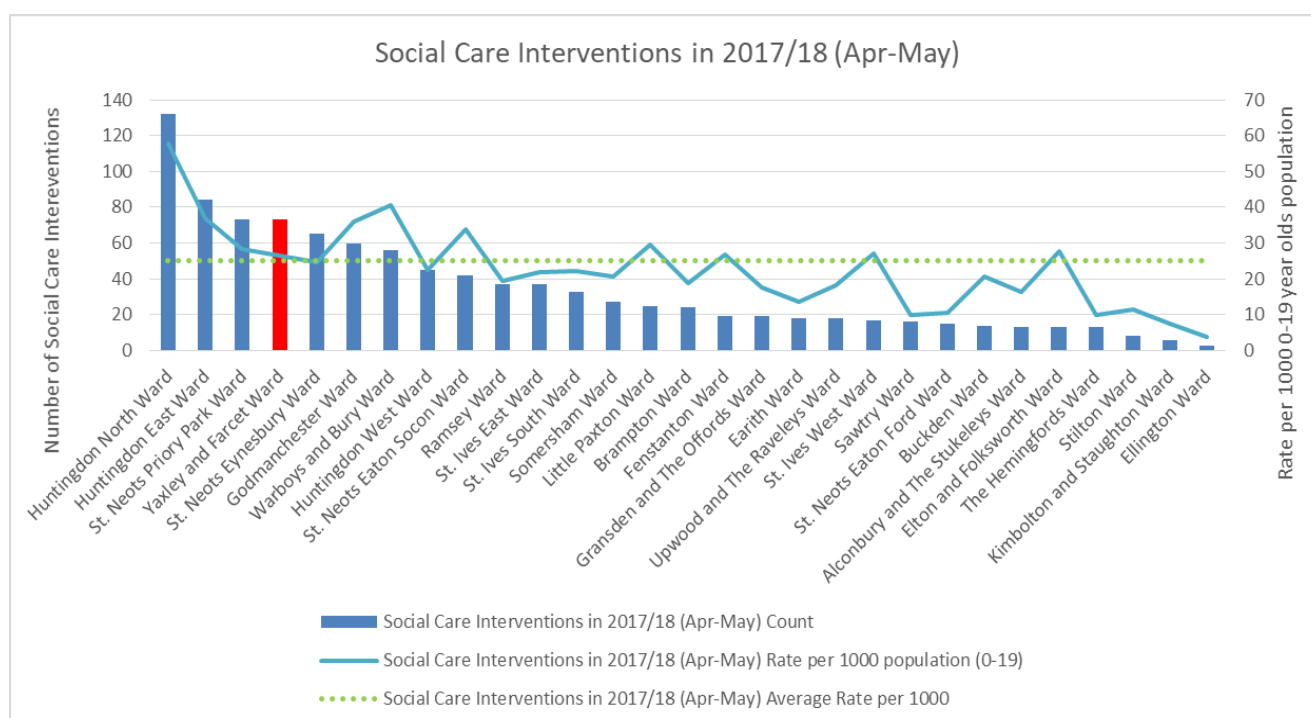


Figure 26: A breakdown of Early Help Assessments by ward (Huntingdonshire), 2017/18

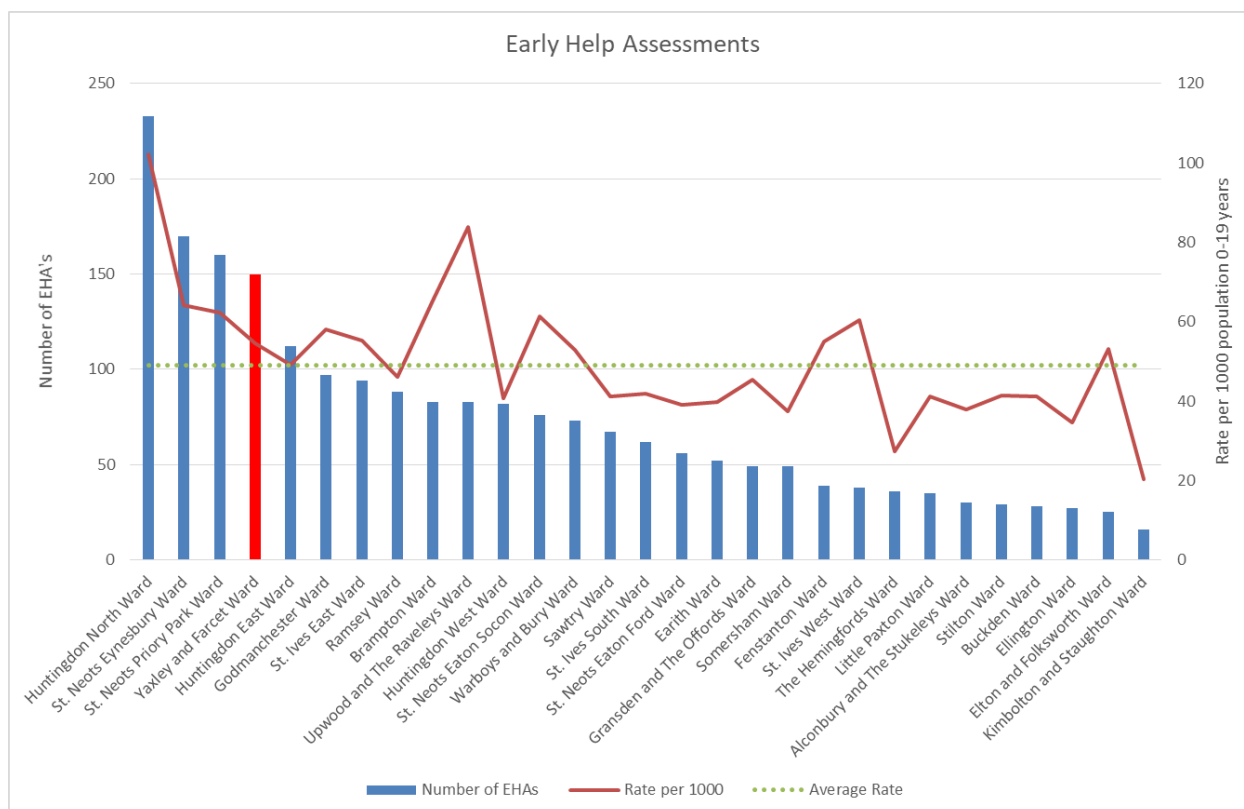


Figure 26, above, again shows that Yaxley has a high volume of need with regard to Early Help Assessments. These are necessary when it is recognised that a child or young person between the ages of 0-19 (including unborn babies) and those up to the age of 24 (where a young person has a learning difficulty or disability) has been identified as needing extra support. This could be because there is a significant change in the child’s appearance, demeanour or behaviour, a significant event has occurred such as becoming homeless, a family bereavement, there are issues within the family such as substance abuse or domestic violence or the child is experiencing other disadvantages such as race, gender or disability discrimination.¹⁹

Yaxley and Farcet’s volume of ESA’s look proportionate to its population size. The rate per 1000 population does not reflect an especially high need relative to other wards in the district.

Transforming Lives

Transforming Lives is a programme of concentrated work with a group of identified young males who have voluntarily agreed to take part in the programme. The 15 week intensive programme aims to raise aspirations, enable participants to recognise risk taking behaviour, consequences as well as empowerment to make the right choices. The individuals are exposed to new experiences and a range of professionals who aim to inspire them and develop confidence in the group. So far, four rounds of the scheme have been completed, one from St Ives, two from Huntingdon and one from St

¹⁹ <https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/help-and-protection-for-children/protecting-children-information-for-professionals/Pages/early-help-assessment.aspx>

Neots. All schemes have reported great success in changing the young people's attitudes and levels of confidence. Due to the success of the project, it has been commissioned in other areas of Huntingdonshire with the scheme being implemented in Yaxley being designated in January 2019.

This programme does have the potential to change lives through exposing young people to different experiences and giving them the confidence and resilience to overcome issues in their lives.

Community Resilience / Cohesion

Yaxley benefits from two active organisations. The first is the Yaxley Parish Council and the second is the Yaxley Partnership. Both of these organisations sit on the Yaxley Working Group which also includes representation from Huntingdonshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and Police.

Yaxley Partnership

The Yaxley Partnership is an umbrella organisation that encompasses many different local community groups that come together to provide real support and local services to Yaxley residents. It is a loosely structured organisation, the various community groups come together to work toward shared goals and take part in joint ventures and initiatives to improve the lives of local residents. These groups include Neighbourhood Watch, the Young People's Counselling Service, the Youth Club and Huntingdonshire District Council Working Group. As well as these organisations there are many others that participate in certain projects such as local schools, churches, the Police and others. An extensive list of partnership organisations and members exists in the Appendix.

There are a number of key individuals that are driving the group and the various initiatives that are being implemented in the village. Without these key dynamic individuals it is unclear whether the group would continue to be as active and successful as it currently is.

Efforts are being made to engage with the local community and bring in as many partners as possible in an effort to expand the community but also to increase resilience and the cohort of expertise available to the group. For example an architect has recently been engaged and is providing plans to redevelop the local community hub but also to develop a wider vision of what Yaxley could be in future. In addition sponsorship has been sought and secured from Persimmon homes to assist with the redevelopment.

The Yaxley festival is a great example of the good work that has been done as well as demonstrating how effective the Yaxley Partnership has been in bringing people together. Each year with the help of others and the use of Parish facilities a large festival has been organised with music, food, sport and other activities for the whole village and wider community to get involved with. The festival also seeks to raise money for the charity Little People UK who has Warwick Davis as a patron. In the past, the festival has reportedly seen visitor numbers of 25,000 people over a long weekend.

In terms of a structure, the Partnership revolves largely around the Young Persons Counselling Service (YPCS) which operates out of the newly opened Annabelle Davis Centre in the grounds of William De Yaxley Primary School. The centre was previously the caretakers' home but negotiation with the school has allowed the partnership to make full use of the facility. There are a core set of individuals who give up their time and are the driving force behind most projects.

These individuals are made up of local business people, professional counsellors and are mostly local residents to Yaxley itself. The group has attracted a range of volunteers from counsellors, an

architect, business people, teachers and a solicitor. All of these individuals are giving their time for nothing and have managed to achieve a considerable amount considering the lack of resources at their disposal.

As well as this, high profile actors Warwick Davis and his daughter Annabelle Davis (for whom the community hub is named after) reside in the local village of Holme and have given their time and helped to promote the group with their profile. This has given the working group a degree of publicity which has enabled them to attract investment, media attention and a general interest in their work that otherwise would have been difficult to achieve.

The partnership has undoubtedly been a big success with regard to attracting volunteers and managing to implement initiatives and services for the people of Yaxley. As a result the partnership is being recognised as a model for community resilience and now has plans to expand into other areas with assistance from HDC in an effort to bring the same level of enthusiasm and knowledge to other parts of Huntingdonshire. One of the first such expansions looks to be into the neighbouring village of Farcet where there is potential to bring the parish into the Yaxley Partnership.

There are also plans to replicate the model in the Oxmoor area of Huntingdon and some progress has already been made with the identification of a premise to use as a community hub there.

A full list of partners and events / initiatives can be found in the Appendix.

Yaxley Parish Council

Yaxley Parish Council are an active parish that work hard for their constituents / residents. In terms of resource, they have 10 staff and numerous volunteers assisting activities within the parish. As with the Yaxley working group the parish work with other partners such as the police and schools.

Over recent years a range of different initiatives have been implemented such as the community allotment, the community fridge, the skate park as well as running campaigns such as a litter reduction campaign that went into local schools. These efforts have sought to bring a range of people from different age groups together to try and enhance the sense of community. The various projects have been deemed a big success for the parish, in particular the community allotment, in partnership with HDC and CCC has seen considerable demand and has appealed to all ages with the youngest being just 6 and the oldest being in their 90's. This has helped to bring the village together and show that the parish is catering for people of all ages and not just providing for young people. Further involvement from the allotment committee and HDC officers has seen a new sensory and learning garden developed at William De Yaxley Primary School for the benefit of all pupils there.

Engagement has been sought with various parts of the community in an effort not to exclude anyone. For example the parish sought the opinions of young people with regard to the skate park and its continued development. The younger population were also consulted regarding having a place to go in the village and discussions have led to progress being made in this area.

Current services

- Yaxley Young Persons Counselling Service (YPCS) is a young person's counselling service offering free, accessible counselling from fully trained and qualified counsellors. The charity is a non-government funded charity relying solely on charitable donations. There are three centres across Cambridgeshire with one situated within William De Yaxley Primary School grounds.

The Yaxley branch is situated within the newly created Annabelle Davis centre. The YPCS have negotiated the acquisition of the unused caretaker's home for the centre. This is currently in the process of being remodelled to better make use of the space from a counselling perspective.

As well as counselling service, the trustees work on various other projects to support and bring the community together.

- **Boxing Club** - A new Junior Boxing Club opened in Yaxley on 16 October following a successful funding bid through the Living Sport Satellite Club funding program. The club has taken a year to set up, involving a number of partners. Huntingdonshire District Council's Active Lifestyles team has led on the development of the programme, with support from the Community Development team.

The Active Lifestyles team set up the club with Peterborough Police Amateur Boxing Club (CAMPOL) and Yaxley Parish Council, who have kindly allowed free use of the Owen Pooley Hall. When the club opened it was an instant hit, with 18 young boys turning up to participate. The club has a capacity of 20 so places are already in demand, with a waiting list being planned should demand overtake available spaces.

The club is open to girls and boys aged 12-18 and takes place at Owen Pooley Hall in Yaxley, every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30pm. There will be an open afternoon on Friday 26 October from 12:30pm to 2pm at the hall where Pete Thorpe, Sports Development Officer for Active Lifestyles, will be on hand to show people the club and answer any questions.

- **Yaxley Youth club (YaxKidz)** caters to those in school years 7 to 9 and is open every Thursday evening between 7pm and 9pm. The club is run by DBS checked volunteers from the Yaxley Partnership and supported by Huntingdonshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. There is currently a large demand of around 45 children and there are children on the waiting list to attend. The demand is such that there is potential for further funding from HDC to put on another night with a dedicated youth worker to cater to the high demand.
- **Streetsports** – This evening multi sports session runs on a Tuesday evening during term time between 4.15 and 5.15. The session was originally a joint partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) but has moved solely under HDC responsibility. Recently HDC took the decision to end the funding for the session so it will soon cease to run.

Gaps / Opportunities

Local Authority Partnership working / integration

One of the key gaps that Yaxley suffers from is the lack of integration between Huntingdonshire District services / Cambridgeshire County Council services and Peterborough City Council services. The unique position of the village at the northern edge of Huntingdonshire District boundary in close proximity to Peterborough means residents are naturally more closely tied to Peterborough than Huntingdonshire or Cambridgeshire. However most public services available to residents are provided by the District or County Council. This can be problematic and cause issues for residents with mobility issues or lack of access to transport for example.

For example it has been reported that residents will attend health practices in Peterborough because the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust encompasses the whole area so residents are able to access services closer to home. With regard to housing services though a resident may have to travel to Huntingdon to attend an appointment at the District Council offices and may well be offered housing in Huntingdonshire that is a considerable distance from Yaxley.

From a community safety perspective, conversations with both local authorities have revealed that there could be opportunities to improve joint working and improved alignment of practice between the Peterborough Prevention Enforcement Service (PES) and the equivalent officers in Huntingdonshire.

Similarly, discussions have shown the same cross-border difficulties across early help, social and safeguarding services.

These services can struggle to refer families to local services because of a lack of resources. Of the resources available, many are situated in Huntingdon or other areas of the district that many residents are unable or unwilling to reach.

Furthermore when cases need to be downgraded from the most serious safeguarding interventions, for example in the home, to situations where early help teams become involved, this can be problematic as those early help teams are not based locally to Yaxley. Not only is this problematic for the family but also the professional.

Social workers often deal with families / individuals who are accessing Peterborough health services but have struggled to access information on their clients because they do not have established relationships with the relevant agencies in Peterborough or because there are not information sharing agreements in place.

Ad-hoc operations are possible and limited cooperation does occur on an individual basis but there is no standardised procedure of cooperation between the two authorities.

The historical separation of Yaxley from the Peterborough authority area, as well as policing divisions between Huntingdonshire and Peterborough has made cooperative working difficult to achieve with Yaxley suffering as a result.

At this stage it is unclear to residents and remains unclear in this report exactly what services are available to Yaxley residents in Peterborough. As well as residents, all services spoken to for the purpose of this report have highlighted very little to no cooperation between Huntingdonshire / Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council.

Opportunity – demand management areas

Yaxley suffers because of the placement of local authority boundaries and the difficulty for authorities to work across them currently. However, there are conversations for a demand management approach to look at places that have a high level of need regardless of local authority boundaries.

In the next year as part of a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough joint initiative there will be efforts to demonstrate in trial areas of around 30,000 people that this approach to community safety is the most effective way to tackle issues in populous areas that cross boundary lines.

Areas with shared issues like those in Yaxley that do not stop at the local authority border will be looked at closely to assess whether this approach can work. At first there will be 5 trial areas and the trial will last 6 months. At the conclusion the Public Service Board will assess whether there has been tangible benefit and whether the trial can be rolled out to wider areas in future. Yaxley and the surrounding area of the Hamptons, Stanground, Farcet etc could be included in such a trial but this has yet to be decided.

Developing breadth of community interests

The presence of two Yaxley organisations, Yaxley Parish Council and Yaxley Partnership has yielded positive results for the community and there continues to be opportunities to reach a higher proportion of the residents to deliver a breadth of activities. There is also potential for closer working in future between the two groups that could increase impact in delivering across common areas.

In the past the relationship between the two organisations has been productive and they two continue to work together and communicate with regard to certain projects and both sit on the Yaxley Working Group.

The Parish Council is constrained by its processes and formal structures requiring close scrutiny and voting on issues by parish councillors before any decisions can be taken.

The Yaxley partnership is voluntary organisation that can move quickly and is less constrained by public scrutiny and formal procedures. It can convene and take decisions if and when it needs to without a considerable amount of consultation.

Both organisations agree though that more positive results could be achieved and the two work more closely together in future. With multiple organisations (both statutory and voluntary) working this the area good communication is needed, this will enable organisations to co-ordinate and lead on what is most appropriate. Both organisations agree that more positive results could be achieved and the two work more closely together in future.

Activities for older children

There remains a gap in the village with older children up to adulthood having limited opportunities to access activities or facilities in the village but also being unable to get themselves access these elsewhere. There is an opportunity to explore options to create these opportunities within the village after the youth club ends provision for those aged 14 and above.

Appendices

Appendix A – Yaxley Partnership Members

List of Members / Partners (provided by Yaxley Working Group)

Fenland Trust (Heritage)
YaxKidz Youth Club
Yaxley Rugby Club
Gemma's Hearts (defibrillators)
Yaxley Neighbourhood watch
Yaxley Speedwatch
Young Peoples Counselling Service
Annabelle Davis Centre – (Community resiliency centre)
Yaxley Gazette (local magazine)
William De Yaxley School
Yaxley Football Club
Yaxley Scouts & Guides
Friends of Yaxley Library
Young Technicians CIC (Training in sound, lighting and event production)
Norman Cross Gallery
Total Sports (Sports coaching company)
Yaxley Festival

Also work in partnership with;
Great Fen
Huntingdonshire District Council
Cambs County Council
Farcet Parish Council
Holme Parish Council
Glatton Parish Council and residents
Cambridgeshire Geological Society
Cambs Geosites²⁰

²⁰ Yaxley Partnership

Appendix B – Acorn Sub-types

Acorn Sub Types	Count
Accomplished suburban families	46
Affluent elderly	67
Asset-rich retirees	76
Business addresses without residential population	3
Contented families and couples	500
Conventional middle-agers	108
Cosy young families	70
Deprived elderly renters	4
Deprived older people renting flats	7
Deprived younger families	46
Detached singles	186
Elderly in semi-detached estates	146
Elderly in terraced estates	40
Exclusive empty nesters	64
Flourishing families	257
Green-belt families	551
House-proud pensioners	240
Inactive communal population	13
Later-life professionals	30
Middle-aged suburbanites	20
Older owners	33
Older people in social rented estates	22
Pensioners in social rented flats	47
Poorer social renting families	56
Post industrial pensioners	43
Renting young families	199
Retired couples in social rented estates	11
Rising young families	218
Rural pensioners	306
Squeezed singles and couples	48
Squeezed young families	116
Struggling older owners	27
Struggling owner occupier families	55
Struggling social renting families	169
Terrace-owning families	233
Terrace-owning pensioners	53
Young families in semis	148
Young families in terraces	317
Young professionals	15
Young renters in flats	1
Younger privately rented adversity	24
Younger social renting adversity	29
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Source: ACORN Classification

Appendix C – Community Facilities

Parish Facilities:

- 1) Queen's Park Pavilion – 70 person capacity hall
- 2) Austin Hall – 200 person capacity hall
- 3) Owen Pooley Hall – 80 person capacity hall
- 4) Queen's Park – 7 pitches for hire with changing facilities
- 5) Middleton's Road – Recreation Ground - 2 adult pitches or different use for hire

Yaxley Partnership Facilities:

- 1) Annabelle Davis Centre – Multi-purpose community hub – primarily used by YPCS

County Council Facilities:

- 1) Yaxley Library – Opening hours:

Opening hours	
Day	Times
Monday	3pm - 7pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30am - 5pm
Friday	9.30am - 1.30pm
Saturday	9.30am - 1.30pm
Sunday	Closed

Huntingdonshire District Council Facilities:

- 1) Yaxley Customer Service Centre – Contained within library and deals with the following:

- Benefits (Housing and Council Tax Support)
- Council Tax
- Elections
- Energy Efficiency
- Housing
- Planning

Other Function Rooms:

- 1) Farmers Carvery & Grill – Broadway Function Suite – Available for hire for up to 120
- 2) Royal British Legion Hall – Function Hall and Meeting Rooms available for hire

Appendix D:

Description of Key ACORN Categories: Comfortable Communities and Financially Stretched,

‘Comfortable Communities’ - This category contains much of middle-of-the-road Britain, whether in the suburbs, smaller towns or the countryside. All lifestages are represented in this category. Many areas have mostly stable families and empty nesters, especially in suburban or semi-rural locations. There are also comfortably off pensioners, living in retirement areas around the coast or in the countryside and sometimes younger couples just starting out on their lives together. Generally people own their own home. Most houses are semi-detached or detached, overall of average value for the region. Incomes overall are average, some will earn more, the younger people a bit less than average. Those better established might have built up a degree of savings or investments. Employment is in a mix of professional and managerial, clerical and skilled occupations. Educational qualifications tend to be in line with the national average. Most people are comfortably off. They may not be very wealthy, but they have few major financial worries.

‘Financially stretched’ – “This category contains a mix of traditional areas of Britain. Housing is often terraced or semi-detached, a mix of lower value owner occupied housing and homes rented from the council or housing associations, including social housing developments specifically for the elderly. This category also includes student term-time areas. There tends to be fewer traditional married couples than usual and more single parents, single, separated and divorced people than average. Incomes tend to be well below average. Although some have reasonably well paid jobs more people are in lower paid administrative, clerical, semi-skilled and manual jobs. Apprenticeships and O levels are more likely educational qualifications. Unemployment is above average as are the proportions of people claiming other benefits. People are less likely to engage with financial services. Fewer people are likely to have a credit card, investments, a pension scheme, or much savings. Some are likely to have been refused credit. Some will be having difficulties with debt. These people are less likely than average to use new technology or to shop online or research using the internet, although will use the internet socially. Overall, while many people in this category are just getting by with modest lifestyles a significant minority are experiencing some degree of financial pressure.”²¹

²¹ <https://acorn.caci.co.uk/downloads/Acorn-User-guide.pdf>