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Community Profile

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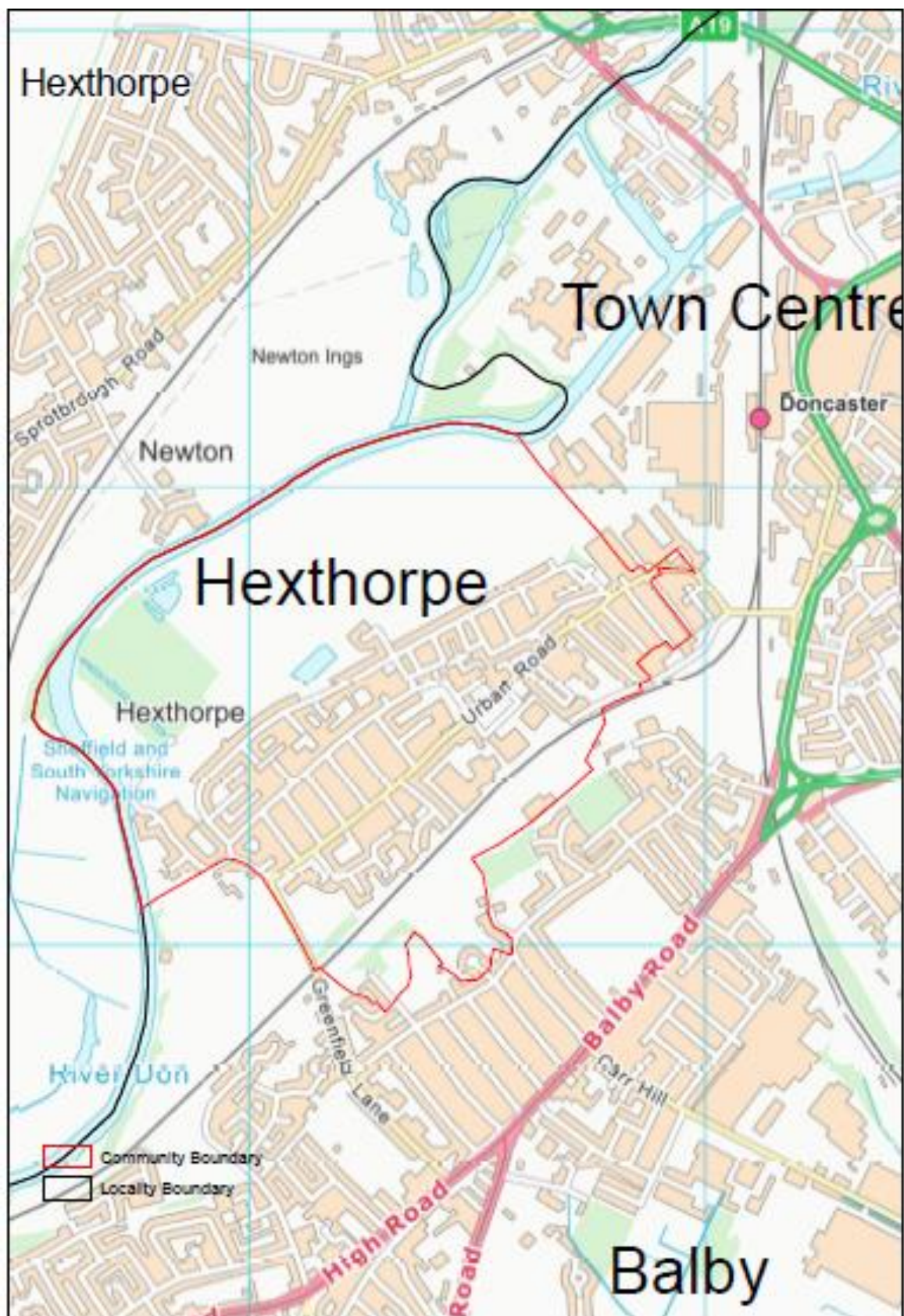
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This Report

This report uses a population health management approach to looking at the health of a whole group of people such as a town, neighbourhood, or community instead of just focusing on one person at a time. It is designed to help community leaders, services, residents etc. understand the strengths of both people and place, whilst also looking into what health challenges are common in that group, what services are needed most, and where help is lacking. By using data and trends, this Community Profile can inform tailored ways to keep people healthy, prevent illness, and make sure everyone gets the care they need. By focusing on prevention, early intervention, and coordinated care, together we can build healthier communities and support long-term, sustainable improvements in public health. The first Community Profile was written in 2023 and has been refreshed in 2025 to reflect the current opportunities and challenges of the community.

This report focuses on the community of Hexthorpe, part of the Hexthorpe and Balby North ward in the Central locality of the city and begins with a summary outlining key information and priorities. This document includes conversations with communities, ward members, community organisations, faith groups, residents and other organisations who work in the area. This document is shared with the intention of supporting those conversations and sharing information that might not be readily available to local people.

To ensure each community is represented as accurately as possible, where possible, separate data and illustrations have been used. Data that is only available at ward level will be stated when included. Indirectly Standardised Ratios (ISRs) have been used throughout this document and have been used to compare data at community and ward level, against a reference population. ISRs show how often an event (such as deaths or hospital admissions) occurs in a population compared to what would be expected in a reference population, after adjusting for age differences. England is used as the reference population for ISR's throughout the document.

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Hexthorpe



**33% of
children are
living in
poverty**



**37.9% of
population
aged 16 years
and over have
no
qualifications**



**Cardiovascular
Disease (CVD)
is the leading
cause of death
in Hexthorpe**



**Hexthorpe
and Balby
North ranks as
the most
deprived ward
in the City
with an IMD
score of 69.45**



**29.2% identify
as non-UK
residents**



**42.9% of
Hexthorpe
residents are
inactive**

One Page Summary

Hexthorpe is located in the Central Locality of Doncaster. Hexthorpe and Balby North are within the same electoral ward and according to the 2021 Census, Hexthorpe has a total population of 3,700. Hexthorpe is one of the most diverse communities in Doncaster and has a high percentage of the Roma traveller community. Residents living in Hexthorpe are slightly younger than those living in other parts of Doncaster, there are higher proportions of children, young people, and working-age adults.

The area has a high density of housing with a mixture of traditional terraced housing, bungalows and a few single-person flats, the number of households is 1,700. There is a mixture of socially rented privately rented and owner-occupied housing in the area. Privately rented housing in Hexthorpe is significantly higher at 38.2% compared to Doncaster (17.7%) along with social renters at 26.8% compared with Doncaster's 17%. Hexthorpe was the first place in Doncaster to have a selective licensing scheme. This is still running on a two-tier system whereby Home Safe operate the self-managed tier and Doncaster Council run the second tier. The houses tend to be smaller in Hexthorpe compared to the national rates, 4 or more bedrooms 5.3% compared Doncaster's 16%. The majority of houses are 2 bedroom (38.7%) compared to Doncaster (23.6%) or 3 bedroom (39.6%) compared to England (53.2%).

Poverty and deprivation are significant challenges in Hexthorpe, as of 2025 the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) score for Hexthorpe stands at 69.45, ranking as the most deprived community across Doncaster. In comparison, Doncaster's IMD25 score is 30.5. There are higher proportions of unemployed residents, the latest data from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities state that in 2021/22, 12.6% are unemployed in Hexthorpe and Balby North which is more than double that of Doncaster (6.1%) and England at (5%). The 2021 Census reveals that 37.6% people over 16 years of age in Hexthorpe are not in employment and never worked (Doncaster 27.6%) and 37.9% have no qualifications, this is significantly higher than Doncaster (24.6%).

People in Hexthorpe and Balby North have a significantly lower life expectancy and 19.3% of residents live with a limiting long-term illnesses or disability (England 17.6%). Death from all cancers is significantly higher with a value of 129.9 per 100 compared to England 100 per 100. Deaths from circulatory disease (126.2 per 100), coronary heart disease (165.3 per 100) and respiratory disease (150.8 per 100) are all significantly higher than England which is 100 per 100 for each. There are significantly higher emergency hospital admissions in Hexthorpe and Balby North for coronary heart disease, heart attacks and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), indicating poor self-management and low health literacy.

A sizeable proportion of children in Hexthorpe and Balby North are overweight including obese (25%) and severely obese (14.65%) at reception age. These figures increase at Year 6 with 45.7% of children overweight or obese and 34.8% obese or severely obese.

Hexthorpe and Balby North consistently rank in the top 5 wards accessing citizens advice from 2021 to present day with debt being the most requested area of support.

Hexthorpe and Balby North has shown positive trends in some areas including closing the gap towards the Doncaster average in KS3 and KS4 attainment, reception and Year 6 children who are overweight, and increased levels of physical activity in adults and children.

Community Priorities

- Poverty influenced by high long-term unemployment and low qualification rates
- High rates of long-term health conditions and significantly higher use of emergency services for Heart conditions and COPD
- Childhood development (including early years services, weight management, physical activity and educational needs)
- Community safety and safety at home for young people
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Assets

Well Doncaster use a community-centred approach which allows investment in supporting, working with and empowering communities to facilitate a healthy community. The voice and role of our communities and taking a strengths/assets-based approach to work with individuals, families and communities is crucial to the achievement our overall vision.

Asset Maps

The maps below show different types of assets across Hexthorpe. These have been developed using ward boundaries, therefore includes some assets in Balby North. This area covers any form of business open for trading such as betting shops, cafés and supermarkets.

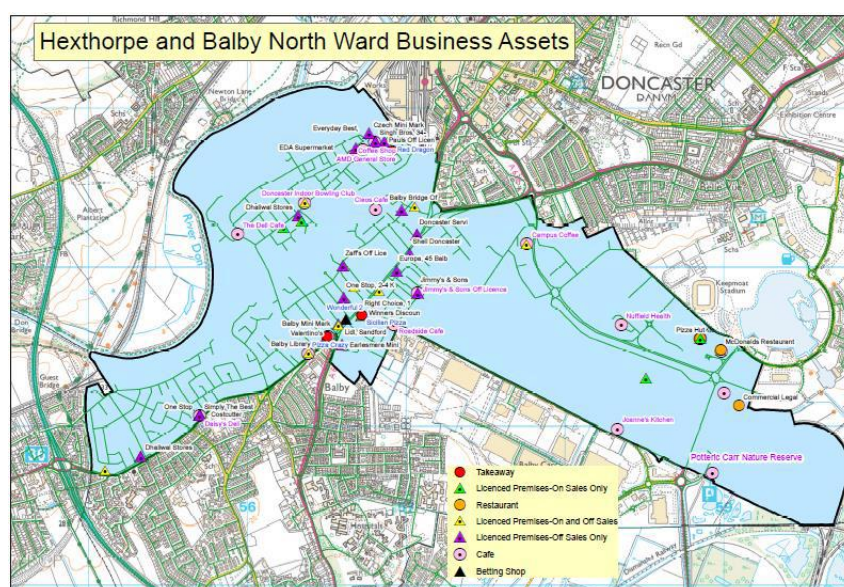


Figure 1. Hexthorpe and Balby North Ward Business Assets

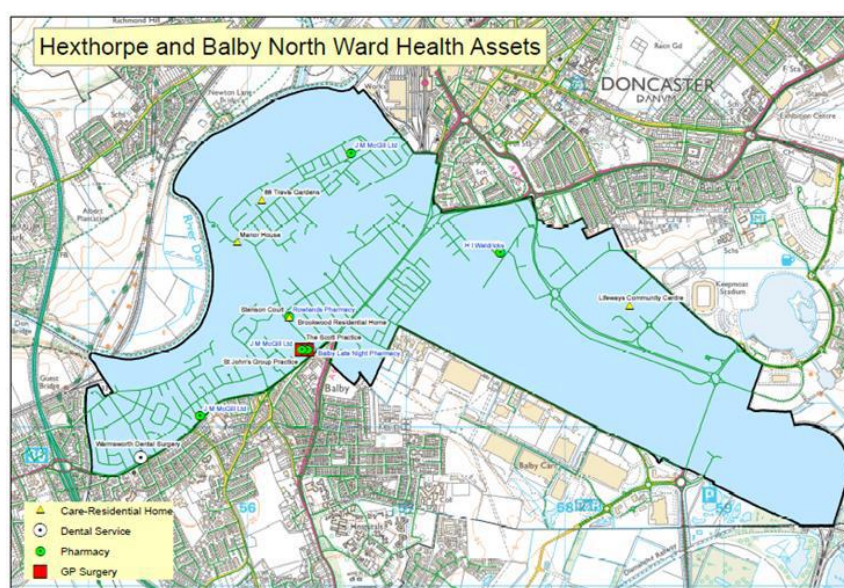


Figure 2. Hexthorpe and Balby North Health Assets

Institutions (Schools / Colleges etc.)	Physical Space (Parks, car parks etc.)	Local Economy (Local Profit Business)
<p>Healthcare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Flying Scotsman Health Centre/ dentist St John's Group Practice Pickford's Pharmacy JM McGill Pharmacy <p>Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hexthorpe Primary Academy School <p>Religious:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St John's Church (although based in Balby supports Hexthorpe residents) Kings Cross Church St Jude's Church Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji Gurdwara 	<p>Green space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hexthorpe park Play area on Urban Road/MUGA Hexthorpe Ings Allotment Bramworth Road allotments Crimpsall Allotments Pullman Green Florence Avenue Allotments <p>St Leger communal halls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travis gardens - Base for small community groups including knit and natter, arts and crafts. The Youth association also use on occasions 	<p>Food & Beverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maltings Club (currently under development) Star bar Angie's tasty corner café Various takeaways on Hexthorpe Road including Deano's Kebabs and Pizza, Nez Fried Chicken, Red Dragon, Dennis fish bar <p>Shops/ Supermarkets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hexthorpe Post Office & News's spot Newsagents Various mini supermarkets/ convenience stores on Hexthorpe road Star Bar (under development to become a convenience store) <p>Care homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Stirling Court Hexthorpe House Crimpsall Day Centre Ivy Court Travis Gardens Assisted Living residence <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wabtec railway Unipart Rail



INDIVIDUALS (Key Individuals within the community and why)	ASSOCIATIONS (Local Groups/Clubs)	STORIES (Good news stories)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Community Support Officers • Ward Members <p>Community leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer at St Johns church • Manager of the Junction • Expect youth worker • Friends of Hexthorpe Flatts chair • The Hexpress writer <p>Professionals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Leger Officer • Well Doncaster officer • Locality Development team • Communities team / Stronger communities' officers • Advance Program 	<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Junction –Community advice and drop-in centre • Health Watch engagement activities, outreach, volunteers • Migration Action at Kings Cross Church <p>Sports clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doncaster Rowing club • Doncaster Indoor Bowling Club • Doncaster Plant Works Amateur Boxing Club <p>Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Association <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knit and Natter (Travis Gardens) • Hexthorpe arts group • Friends of Hexthorpe Flatts • Food Aware CIC (Community Interest Company) • Community Transport Service • Balby & Hexthorpe Community Engagement CIC • Positive Action Group Hexthorpe 	<p>The Friends of Hexthorpe Flatts have been out transforming the Park with New Plants.</p> <p>The HexFest (Art Festival) Is being brought back to life by local residents.</p> <p>More is being done with the streets that are part of Love Where you live</p> <p>St John's church have been supporting residents across Balby and Hexthorpe</p>

Community Insight

Appreciative Inquiry

The Well Doncaster Team undertake Appreciative Inquiry (AI) within communities to gather insight to support co-designing action plans with the community. Armstrong (2020) suggests in his work 'A changing world, again. How Appreciative Inquiry can guide our growth' that reframing the questions considering a crisis like Covid-19 and drawing on strengths and assets from past positive experience will help participants as they restructure their community. The AI questions are structured to pull on the successes of the past and present, to seek new potentials and possibilities and to build on those through the Dream and Design stages.

. The Appreciative Inquiry will include the following steps:

1. **Discovery Phase** – This will involve engagement with the residents of Hexthorpe to find out what is working well in the community. Responses will be themed to allow priorities of the community to be established.
2. **Dream** – Residents and key stakeholders will be invited to attend an initial workshop to discuss what ideas they have for their community and how these will meet the priorities highlighted in the discovery phase.
3. **Design** – All attendees are invited back for a second workshop to develop an action plan to direct work for the community.
4. **Destiny** – A collaborative way of working and investing resources to meet the actions from the previous phase.

Data was analysed using a framework analysis approach (Ritchie and Lewis, 2003). Framework Analysis involves a systematic process of sifting, charting and sorting the material into key issues and themes allowing the integration of pre-existing themes into the emerging data analysis.

Community insight gathering has been ongoing in Hexthorpe since 2019. All responses have undergone a thematic analysis, and themes have emerged indicating key assets and strengths of the community, these are being developed through dream workshops and fed into the Hexthorpe Positive Activity Group, a resident led group of stakeholders developing community activity and events.

THEME	SUB THEME	QUOTES	COMMENTARY
Green Space	Parks	2021 <i>"Park top end café" (H1)</i> <i>"Park is good" (H2)</i> <i>"The park i come with my family regularly" (H3)</i>	2021 Many conversations centred on the use of Hexthorpe park and how much of an asset it is to local residents and residents coming from afar. The Dell and café are prime attractions for visitors, whilst also providing a space for

	Getting Outside	<i>"The park is big, nice playgrounds"</i> (HA 8)	friends to meet. The use of the park for community events (galas, music events) was popular and many residents would like to see more of this.
	Socialisation	<i>"The park is amazing; the dells cafe is great"</i> (H12)	
		<i>"We really like the park its lovely."</i> (H17)	There were some suggestions that the facilities in the park were in need of an update (crazy golf). Some commented on the need for toilets when hosting community events.
	Walks	<i>"i like the walks and the river don, its overgrown though. I dont see much trouble. A lot of families use the park and the swings."</i> (H18)	A few residents expressed their concerns of safety in the park, particularly during winter nights and evening times.
	Dell Cafe	<i>"I like the park. Wanted to stay near it when we moved."</i>	
	Keeping Active	<i>Lovely space to come and walk around."</i> (H19)	Communities team said Hexthorpe Park is an asset. Richard Iball (King's Cross Church) said an asset is the Flatts and priority should be improving the dell.
		<i>"I love hexthorpe park. Could be more facilities. Maybe skate park or water of some sort."</i> (H20)	Joanna (Community connector) said the good thing about Hexthorpe is that is a short walk distance from town but relatively quiet (compared to town centre). The other good thing is the Flatts Park. It's big and has two playgrounds for kids different ages. The garden and the gazebo in the middle are quite tidy. The birds in the cages are also a good attraction for the kids.
		<i>"New benches in the park - more places to sit with friends"</i> (H28)	
		<i>"Nice park, new benches"</i> (H30)	
		<i>"I love the park and it's wide, open spaces"</i> (H34)	
		<i>"hexthorpe park - holds galas, but needs toilets"</i> (H35)	April-July 2023
		<i>"Dell, bird havey, used to have a fair. crazy gold needs redoing, more fairs, carboot sales"</i> (H38)	Residents talk about the park in Hexthorpe and what a lovely place it is to visit and that it gives the children something to do.
		<i>"People come to our local park to enjoy the dell"</i> (H41)	August 2023
		<i>"Just somewhere to go"</i> (H42)	They talk about the tennis courts and now they have a Tennis coach who teaches at the tennis courts in Hexthorpe Park.
		<i>"Used to like flower beds in hexthorpe park"</i> (H46)	February 2024
		<i>"I like the Dell Café in Hexthorpe Park. But it's very busy traffic and difficult to cross the road near the park"</i> HER1	Residents in Hexthorpe shared that that they are proud and fond of their park. They enjoy it and use it often to socialise, play in, getting outdoors and keeping fit and active.
		April-July 2023	
		HP1-Hexthorpe park	
		HP8- lovely park	
		HP15- Hexthorpe Park, Gives kids something to do	
		August 2023	

		<p>HP19- open space and somewhere to meet</p> <p>HP20-Paid Tennis Activator through Flourish/Doncaster Community Tennis (funded by GDM)</p> <p>HP22-exthorpe Park is nice in parts but others like the tennis courts need more work to be attractive and appeal to people more (MT has followed this up).</p> <p>September 2023</p> <p>HP27-it has a good park</p> <p>HP29-The park, dog walk and take the grand children</p> <p>February 2024</p> <p>"Being able to play football at the park" ID2269</p> <p>"Safe parks to play in" ID2399</p> <p>"To keep active and outside" ID2173</p> <p>"Lovely park" ID2368</p> <p>"Hexthorpe Park and basketball court" ID2401</p>	
Local Amenities, Activities & Support	<p>Shops</p> <p>Church community</p> <p>Local Park</p> <p>Litter picks</p> <p>Multi-cultural</p> <p>All age provision</p> <p>Family Hub</p>	<p>2021</p> <p>"The church community is lovely too." (H7)</p> <p>"People from the community organise litter pickups" (H12)</p> <p>August 2023</p> <p>"Community spirit and good community events through kings cross church." (H17)</p> <p>"Hexpress leaflet which is good, advises who to call if there are issues." (H17)</p> <p>"Kings cross church is good as they have activities" (H22)</p> <p>"Multicultural, 1001 days and family hub help" (H24)</p> <p>September 2023</p> <p>"Enjoy the dell cafe and the gala" (H26)</p>	<p>2021</p> <p>Local activities on offer and the support services available to Hexthorpe residents was a key theme throughout.</p> <p>Many commented on the opportunities available to them locally (BMX track, church, dell café etc) and felt this strengthened the community pride of those that attended. The church community seem to pride themselves on the activities they bring and have continued their support over a number of years.</p> <p>Some residents acknowledged a change in local activities on offer, particularly for children and young people. The use of youth clubs seemed popular amongst residents.</p> <p>Communities Team said a priority is generating things for young people and older vulnerable people to do in a community setting</p> <p>1001 days staff said there's good support from communities team / voluntary sector (Kings Cross Church and the Junction).</p>

	The Junction	<i>"Church bingo. in the Past: youth clubs" (H29)</i>	Local Primary school engaged with the community and their needs and work to address / meet these needs for children and families who attend there. Good provision for outdoor space.
	Amenities	<i>October-December 2023</i> <i>"BMX track" (H 35)</i>	
	Accessibility	<i>"Park, community and Kings cross church. School" (H39)</i>	Communities Team said assets are access to shops, schools and transport to town. Richard Iball (King's Cross Church) also identified the school as an asset.
	Groups	<i>"Lots at kings cross church have been here 70+ years" (H40)</i>	April-July 2023
	School	<i>"Balby and hexthorpe gala" (H41)</i> <i>"Sober social - supportive. Would love more community groups/ more social activities" (H45)</i>	Residents talk about the local shops in the area and the church and that the church gives a sense of community.
	Church	<i>"Music and arts, bring different cultures toether" (H49)</i> <i>"The community provision of The King's Cross Church for all ages and all types of people. That provided at the TKCC site and also The Junction" HER2</i> <i>"Assets are park, primary school (but declining), new housing development" HES4</i> <i>April-July 2023</i> <i>HP1-the junction, craft group, gets me out of the house, free, like minded and friendly people.</i> <i>HP2-junction, craft group, means i can get together with my friends and do my crafting.</i> <i>HP3-the people, church, sense of community</i> <i>HP9-Community, the local clubs, being around people.</i> <i>HP11-Travis gardens, you can get very isolated and the people in the area and the Travis gardens community centre stop that</i> <i>August 2023</i> <i>HP16-URBAN Road church pensioners club. Interested in Don Litter picking for degree art. Hexpress.</i> <i>HP19-good local café</i> <i>HP24-Shops nearby</i>	Others talk about the local groups at both the Junction and travis gardens, these groups combat social isolation and makes residents feel part of the community. February 2024 Hexthorpe is very well placed for access to the City Centre and public transportation links such as the train station and the interchange. Residents speak frequently about the ease of transport and access to amenities. Kings Cross Church is a pillar within the Community and gathers people together through Services and Events. Hexthorpe Primary is local and within walking distance for many of the students making getting there easy.

		<p>February 2024</p> <p><i>"Live close to school and town, good transport" ID2402</i></p> <p><i>"Good to be close to train station" ID2402</i></p> <p><i>"Love Hexthorpe Primary" ID2403</i></p> <p><i>"I do like going to church as I meet with friends" ID2380</i></p> <p><i>"The church is good they do a lot of things in the community" ID2380</i></p> <p><i>"Close shops for everything they need" ID2400</i></p>	
Community	<p>Community spirit</p> <p>Social isolation</p> <p>Intergenerational</p> <p>Railway Community</p> <p>Church Community</p> <p>Community pride</p> <p>People</p> <p>Family & Friends</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>Community Cohesion</p> <p>Multicultural</p>	<p>2021</p> <p><i>"Generations of respectful families" (H1)</i></p> <p><i>"Community spirit people went to work people would correct bad behaviour without fear" (H2)</i></p> <p><i>"Close knit community, everyone knows each other good neighbours" (H4)</i></p> <p><i>"It was a close-knit community" (H5)</i></p> <p><i>"There is still a strong community feel. Ive been a member of the church since 1996 but i only live here since 2015" (H6)</i></p> <p><i>"Community spirity, lots people know eachother" (H10)</i></p> <p><i>"The residents, the church" (H13)</i></p> <p><i>"Used to be less messy. Have seen people cleaning and I pick stuff up around the community." (H17)</i></p> <p><i>"Hexthorpe has a good community, i like that its multi-cultural." (H20)</i></p> <p><i>"Past - good community spirit and feel" (H25)</i></p> <p><i>"Was a lovely village and most folk were friendly and neighbourly" (H23)</i></p> <p><i>"People coming together" (H31)</i></p>	<p>2021</p> <p>Residents' comments centred around Community spirit and pride being at the forefront of generations of families living in Hexthorpe. Some commented on the mixture of ethnicities and the multi-cultural feel it brought to Hexthorpe. Whilst others felt there had been a shift in how close knit and proud the community are over recent years.</p> <p>Quieter areas and bungalow communities seemed to be popular amongst residents. The church community seemed to play a vital role in the community feel of a lot of residents.</p> <p>Many mentioned the increasing ASB, litter and dog mess in the area contributed to the lack of spirit and pride across Hexthorpe.</p> <p>Communities Team said an asset is that family and friends generally live locally</p> <p>Richard Iball (King's Cross Church) identified remaining community spirit as an asset.</p> <p>Communities Team said Balby & Hexthorpe ward is really 4/5 different areas all with various cultural and housing-based differences and these need to be treated in a very different way. Housing tenure is very different which brings with it different economic diversities and therefore different people and where the change has been as rapid as it has through migration we have issues. These need to be handled very differently. Issues with community cohesion linked to perceptions.</p> <p>1001 Days workers said that an issue is access for our BAME population</p>

	<p><i>"Friendliness" (H32)</i></p> <p><i>"Strong community vibe" (H44)</i></p> <p><i>"Strong sense of community. Church. History society" (H46)</i></p> <p><i>"hexthorpe is an island - physical boundaries seem to make it more community minded" (H46)</i></p> <p><i>"Lots of people from old railway community - sense of connection/ share past." (H46)</i></p> <p><i>"Priorities are safety at the park, community conflict, rubbish, crowds of people" HES3</i></p> <p><i>April-July 2023</i></p> <p><i>HP1-junction, craft group, gets me out of the house, free, like minded and friendly people.</i></p> <p><i>HP3-gets me out of the house, free, like minded and friendly people.</i></p> <p><i>HP7- Hexthorpe has so much potential to develop and become a lovely place. Yes but we can work together to solve this, and if we all cleaned up a little bit it would really help. The Junction is an amazing place, we have put hanging baskets out and the community is looking after this. I go along to the PAGs and it is great to work with the Team to improve our community. I want to do more, and I want to set up a CIC to do this. If we listen to each other, learn from others, it will be an amazing place, full of different culture. In Brixton in London there is so much art and Culture there which is a lovely place to visit and live, Hexthorpe can be very similar. Hexthorpe is the best place I have lived, and it means so much to me. I want to make sure the community work together</i></p> <p><i>HP9-The church, good community spirit, multi-cultural, good support from the council and well Doncaster. The church, good community spirit, multi-cultural.</i></p> <p><i>HP13-Good friends, friendly the local groups. Moved into the area</i></p>	<p>to appropriate GP / Dentist services (many families are unable to register with these services to enable access to begin with). Issues with engagement of the Roma community in understanding UK policies with regard education, health etc. Families within the ward are open to receiving help when they need it and will ask for this help. Language barriers and understanding of UK law present significant challenges for many of our BAME population. It takes longer to support families from the BAME population, where translators are required, and starting from scratch often in educating families around how to meet their health, education and social care needs in the UK. Once families are engaged with a trusted professional however, then significant changes can be evidenced which improve outcomes for all family members.</p> <p>Family Hub staff said issues are engagement of the Roma families / integrating the community, and access to Early Education Entitlement (2yr funding).</p> <p>Integration of those not from this country also came up as an issue in SYP Facebook Q&A</p> <p>Community connector feedback from Focus Groups with GRT women (aged 30-50) - From my interactions with the people from Hexthorpe I see a very mixed community... not very cohesive ... quite a passive one, in a continuous changing...people moving in and then moving out or at least having this desire to move... I've heard about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of info or/ and understanding of the healthcare system (i.e people going directly to the Hospital instead of calling the GP for an appointment...on the other side people finding the health system access very difficult...trying weeks to call and get an appointment) • experiences of isolation or insecurity due to witnessing antisocial behaviours • lack of computer literacy so the Council services and communication through this channel is not feasible (I basically helped few women recently moved in Hexthorpe to get waste bins as they didn't have and wasn't able to ask online, or to find childminder, to find
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		<p><i>not knowing anyone and was made to feel welcome</i></p> <p>August 2023</p> <p><i>HP16-Everyone is friendly. Good community and spirit around church</i></p> <p><i>HP18-The specific area I live in has some very friendly and open people, I love feeling as though I am part of the community</i></p> <p><i>HP23-When he moved here, he didn't know many people but he has made friends through speaking to people and trying to help them</i></p> <p>October-December 2023</p> <p><i>HP31- It is a very friendly I like the people in the area, I can approach anyone and not feel scared</i></p> <p><i>HP33-it is relaxed, it has good links with the mental health support</i></p> <p><i>HP34-Strong community bond</i></p> <p>February 2024</p> <p><i>"Good sense of community"</i> ID2368</p> <p><i>"I like to feel like I belong somewhere"</i> ID2368</p> <p><i>"Teachers at school are nice"</i> ID2405</p> <p><i>"Lots of trusted adults around and cousins live nearby"</i> ID2403</p> <p><i>"Likes that where she live has lots of people from different places"</i> ID2404</p>	<p>contacts of different institutions, like school, to find a Women Centre avoiding the loneliness, or to apply for St Leger Homes etc)</p> <p>Richard Iball (King's Cross Church) said financially supporting organisations such as TKCC would greatly benefit the area. Also engaging families and supporting them in bringing up children effectively.</p> <p>April-July 2023</p> <p>Residents are really positive about Hexthorpe, they talk about people being friendly and love the diverse community that they live in. Residents talk about working together to make a better and more positive Hexthorpe and attending the Hexthorpe PAG (Positive Action Group). They talk about how the community makes them feel that they belong and less isolated.</p> <p>The people in Hexthorpe are very friendly and often referenced for how nice and supportive they are.</p> <p>People like that they live in an area that is multicultural with people from lots of different backgrounds to learn from one another.</p> <p>There is a real community spirit in the area and Hexthorpe Primary School is a real central hub for the community coming together</p>
Accessibility	<p>Proximity to train station</p> <p>Proximity to amenities</p>	<p>August 2023</p> <p><i>HP20-Feels he has what he needs here and can drive to anything else.</i></p> <p><i>HP21-Good location wise to travel, usually works from home but has to go to London for work or to fly</i></p>	<p>August 2023</p> <p>Residents speak about being close to rail networks so that it is easy to commute.</p> <p>Others talk about it being easy to access other amenities from Hexthorpe.</p>

		<i>regularly, trains and station are good.</i>	
Local groups	Clubs Community Groups Sports Facilities	February 2024 <i>"Weekly walking group they are part of and the people who join that" ID2171</i> <i>"Bowling Club is lovely to meet and have a coffee" ID2171</i> <i>"Likes playing basketball with friends and cousins" ID2401</i>	February 2024 There are lots of local Community Groups that help people feel less isolated and enable them to engage with their community and make new friends.
Environmental Issues	Litter Fly Tipping	2021 <i>"Priorities are fly tipping..." HES1</i>	2021 The Communities team said the priorities are cleaning up the area and making people present their waste correctly. Street cleanliness also came up on SYP Facebook Q&A. Richard Iball (King's Cross Church) said priorities are making the areas cleaner, the litter problems, working with schools and enforcement. Top issues appearing on Hexthorpe & Balby Residents Group Facebook page: Back alley of Ellerker/Stone Close litter Fly-tipping General cleanliness Joanna (Community connector) said there is a huge problem with fly tipping and general litter in back alleys and streets. Especially, these closer to the bridge from town centre. The closer to the park the cleaner the area. Council is cleaning them regularly, but it keeps happening again and again
Community Safety	ASB Perception of safety Safety in parks and public areas Housing	2021 <i>"ASB, perceptions of safety..." HES2</i> <i>"Priorities are safety at the park, community conflict, rubbish, crowds of people" HES3</i>	2021 Communities Team said priorities are dealing with crime and associated ASB, and OCG increases in Hexthorpe 1001 days staff said housing situation needs addressing. Many of the families live in poorly maintained housing, often found to be unsafe. Opportunities to move to a better family home are limited and difficult to arrange Issues coming up on SYP Facebook Q&A were large groups gathering and parties

	Police visibility		<p>in the street despite PSPO, want more police visibility, safety concerns.</p> <p>Richard Iball (King's Cross Church) said priorities are dealing with anti-social behaviour, and demolition of some of the oldest and poor housing and rebuilding.</p> <p>Joanna (Community Connector) said the park is great through the day but it's very dangerous to walk after dark. Anti-social behaviour, from drinking and littering to fights and drug dealing happens very often.</p> <p>Safer streets survey – answer to question 'What would make you feel safer?' – Main Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Presence – needs to increase • Drugs / Crime • General Crime & ASB <p>Facebook feedback about Hexthorpe PSPO renewal - overwhelmingly negative about it and don't trust that it will work and do not trust police to enforce.</p>
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Doncaster Talks

In 2019, Doncaster Talks undertook insight across the borough of Doncaster. Responses were separated into wards and thematically analysed.

Across Hexthorpe and Balby North, 144 responses were recorded and the main themes on what people liked about the area, what could be improved, and what Doncaster should focus on in the future are displayed in the table below.

HEXTHORPE & BALBY
Like <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good access to town centre• Good areas of greenspace• Good community spirit• Lots of local amenities and groups
Improve <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaner streets and less fly-tipping• ASB in the local area• Local community services and more stuff for people to do
Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More activities to bring people together on leisure and culture• Cleaner streets and less fly-tipping• Better job opportunities• Invest in the town centre – too many empty shops

Figure 4. Doncaster Talks Insight, City of Doncaster Council, 2019

Ward Members

Below are the ward members for Hexthorpe and Balby North following elections in 2025.



Councillor Glyn Jones
Hexthorpe and Balby North

Labour

Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member
for Housing and Safer Communities



Councillor Russ Linley
Hexthorpe and Balby North

Reform UK



Health and Wealth Inequalities

Health inequalities are avoidable differences across the population and between different groups within society. Health inequalities arise from the conditions in which we live, work and play. These conditions influence our opportunities for good health, how we think, feel and act, therefore shaping our health and wellbeing.

Deprivation

Evidence shows that people living in our most deprived areas face the worse health inequalities in relation to health access, experiences and outcomes. Deprivation covers a range of issues and refers to unmet needs caused by a lack of resources, including but not limited to finances, housing and education. It is measured in different ways including the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).

The map below shows the national IMD Deciles across Doncaster by LSOA. Areas in red indicate higher levels of deprivation. New data for 2025 shows that the IMD score in Hexthorpe is 69.45 ranking 1st out of 88 communities in Doncaster for most deprived.

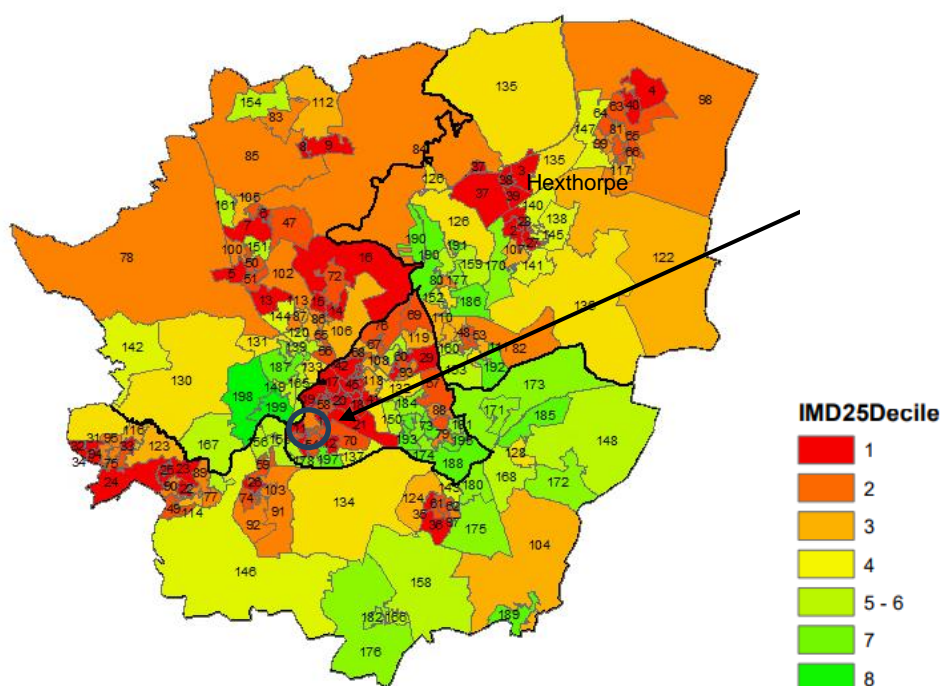


Figure 5. Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA 2025, Doncaster, Office of National Statistics, 2025

The 2021 Census data has produced estimates that classify households in England and Wales by four dimensions of deprivation: employment, education, health and disability, and household overcrowding. Hexthorpe has significantly lower proportion of households not in any deprived dimensions (29.4%) compared to Doncaster (43.7%) and England (48.4%). It also has significantly higher proportion of households in all other dimensions: one dimension: Hexthorpe (40.7%,) compared to Doncaster (34.7%) and England (33.5%). Two dimensions; Hexthorpe (22.2%) Doncaster (16.7%), England (14.2%). Three dimensions; Hexthorpe (6.8%) Doncaster (4.6%) and England (3.7%) and four dimensions: Hexthorpe (0.5%), Doncaster (0.2%) and England (0.2%).

Wealth Inequalities

In 2025, 58.1% of Central Doncaster & Hyde Park Middle-layer Super Output Area (MSOA) residents are experiencing poverty, significantly higher than the Doncaster average of 29.3%. This is a significant increase from 2019, where 26.4% of MSOA residents were living in poverty.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Central Doncaster & Hyde Park MSOA (41.7%) is higher than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), similarly to all people, this has increased (from 27%) since 2019.

Furthermore, 85% of children are living in poverty, significantly higher than the Doncaster average, 47.1%, an increase from 33.4% in 2019.

When considering the change from 2019 to 2025 data, it is important to note that there have been changes to the calculation of the source data, the income deprivation domain in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. While it can be inferred that there has been an increase in the proportion of people living in poverty, the changes in this indicator may contribute to the significance of this change.

At community level, the data differs slightly, with 69% of Hexthorpe residents experiencing poverty, 43.5% of older people and 92.1% of children.



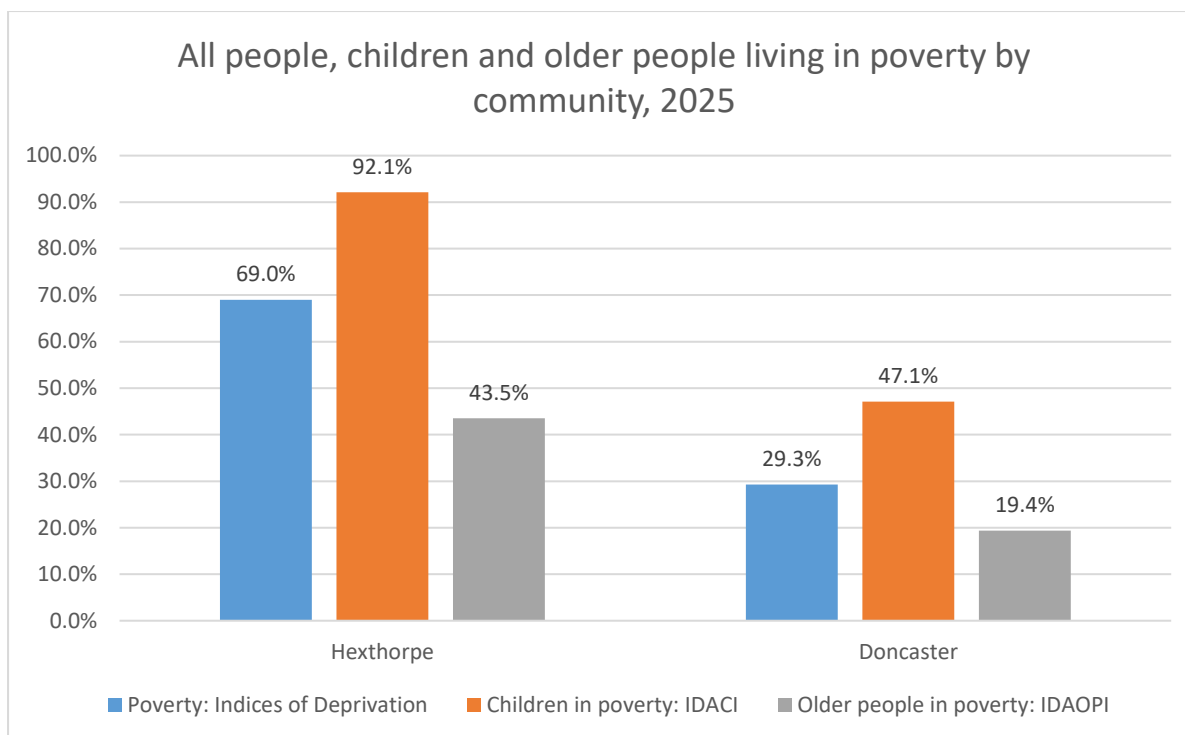


Figure 6. Poverty Prevalence Using IMD25, Office of National Statistics, 2025

Employment

Unemployment is significantly higher in Hexthorpe and Balby North at 12.6% which is more than double that of Doncaster (6.1%) and England (5%). Long term employment rates in 2021-22 was 2.8%, significantly higher than that of Doncaster (1.55%) and England (1.9%). The 2021 Census highlights that 14.7% were not in employment but had worked in the last 12 months, 47.7% were not in employment and had worked in the last 12 months and 37.6% had never worked. Census data indicates that 39.3% of residents in Hexthorpe are considered economically inactive, that is residents that are not in employment and not actively seeking employment. Hexthorpe and Balby North ward have the highest population of Universal Credit claimants in Doncaster (9.38%). When broken down by LSOA (Lower Super Output Area), two are in the top LSOAs in Doncaster with the highest percentage population of claimants; Hexthorpe 12.42% and Hexthorpe and St Sepulchre Gate West 11.72%. The majority of over 16-year-olds in work are working full time hours (59%) and are working low skilled jobs; process, plant and machine operatives (Hexthorpe: 14%, Doncaster: 10.3%) and elementary occupations such as manual labour jobs (Hexthorpe: 34.1%, Doncaster: 16.5%).

A significantly lower proportion of the community work mainly from home (10%), compared to Doncaster (18.5%). This is likely linked to the high proportion of low skill and elementary occupations in the community. A significantly higher proportion of people aged 16 years and over in Hexthorpe travel less than 10km to work (51.3%) compared to the rest of Doncaster (41.7%). 2021 Census data also shows that there are significantly more households with no car or van in Hexthorpe (50.9%) compared

to Doncaster (24.4%). Significantly higher proportion of residents in Hexthorpe travel to work by taxi (3.7%) bus, minibus, or coach (10.7%), bicycle (3.6%) on foot (9.7%) compared to Doncaster (1.1%, 4.6%, 1.8% and 7.1% respectively). This could be influenced by the central location of Hexthorpe and close proximity to public transport links.

Fuel Poverty

Fuel poverty is directly linked to energy efficiency, energy prices and household income. Fuel poverty is distinct from general poverty: not all poor households are fuel poor, and some households would not normally be considered poor but could be pushed into fuel poverty if they have high energy costs. Evidence shows that living in cold homes is associated with poor health outcomes and an increased risk of morbidity and mortality for all age groups. Furthermore, studies have shown that more than one in five (21.5%) excess winter deaths in England and Wales are attributable to the coldest quarter of housing.

Modelled estimates of the proportion of households in fuel poverty shows that 18.8% of households in Doncaster are living in fuel poverty. 24.6% of households in the Hexthorpe and Balby North ward are experiencing fuel poverty, higher than the Doncaster and England (13.2%) rate.

Figure 6 illustrates wards ranked by households in fuel poverty and shows that Hexthorpe has the second highest levels of fuel poverty.

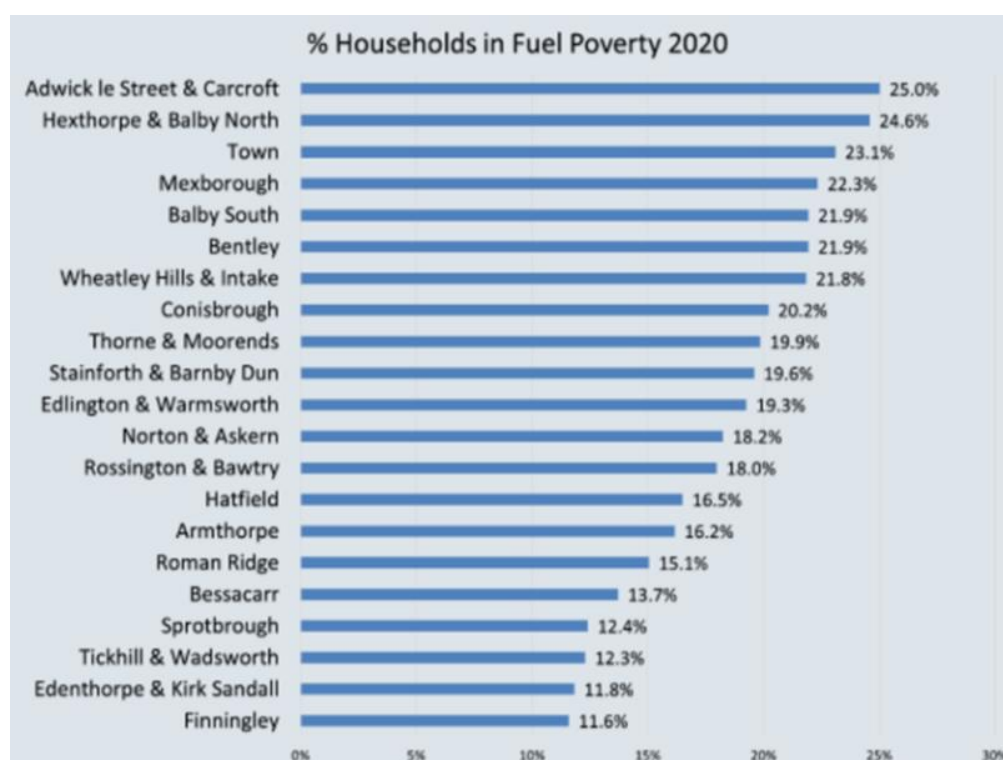


Figure 7. Households in Fuel Poverty Ranked by Ward), Office of National Statistics, 2020

Food Poverty

There are 7 active foodbanks in the Central locality of Doncaster. Across fiscal years 2024-2025, Central foodbanks supported 5102 individuals, 2333 single parents, 4170 families, 1488 couples and 91 'other', and ranked as the highest locality for relative level of foodbank support. The most recent data from 2025 shows that across the Central foodbanks the highest number of people supported by type were individuals and single parents. This has changed from fiscal year 2024-2025 data where there were significantly more couples seeking support. The closest foodbank to residents in Hexthorpe is Doncaster Foodbank at St James' Church.

The most recent foodbank data from 2025 shows the top five reasons for accessing foodbanks across the borough are: cost of living (602 residents), low income (524 residents), benefits delay (468 residents), debt (456 residents) and benefit changes (447 residents). The table below shows a tree map chart showing an overview of the reasons residents are requiring foodbank support.

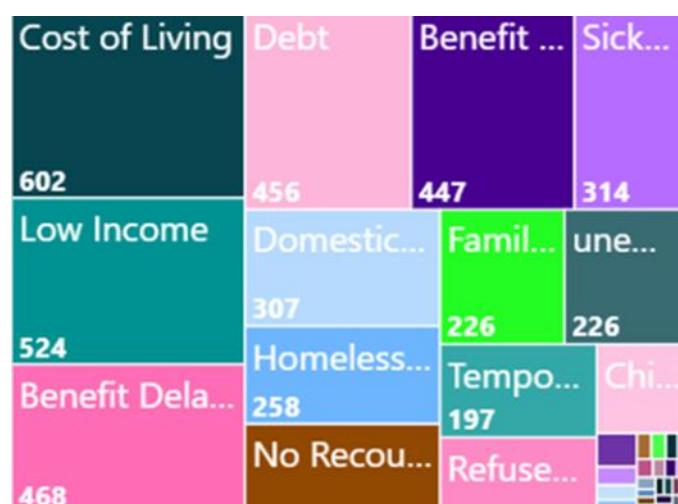


Figure 7. Reasons Residents are Accessing Foodbank Support, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

The Bread-and-Butter Thing

There are five The Bread-and-Butter-Thing (TBBT) Hubs based in the following communities across the borough: Mexborough, Rossington, Carcroft, Thorne and Hexthorpe. Each site offers 80 residents the opportunity to access affordable food, ensuring 400 residents per week get the help they need. The purpose is to reduce poverty premiums that families in low-income areas can face, to reduce waste by identifying edible surplus food in the UK food sector and redistributing it and to build resilience within the communities.

The mobile food hub gives access to nutritious and affordable food taken into the heart of communities starved of money, food, and resources. The food parcels are based on a weekly shop providing essential produce for families including fresh fruit and veg,

chilled goods and cupboard staples. By discounting a family's shopping, a members average weekly saving is £26.50.

The King's Cross Church in Hexthorpe operates the only TBBT hub in the central locality. TBBT provides residents with food parcels from surplus food at an affordable price and aims to help people move up the food ladder by acting as a financial bridge and helping with cost of living.

In 2024 across the five sites, 3241 residents accessed TBBT, and 1596 volunteering opportunities were filled. The map below shows the postcode areas of residents in Central Doncaster accessing TBBT throughout fiscal year 2024/25 and indicates dense clusters in areas of higher deprivation including Intake, Wheatley, City Centre, Clay Lane, Hexthorpe and Balby with some postcodes accumulated in less deprived areas such as Cantley and Bessacarr. The access data suggests residents from various areas in Central Doncaster are receiving support from discounted food parcels via TBBT, but particularly residents from more deprived communities.

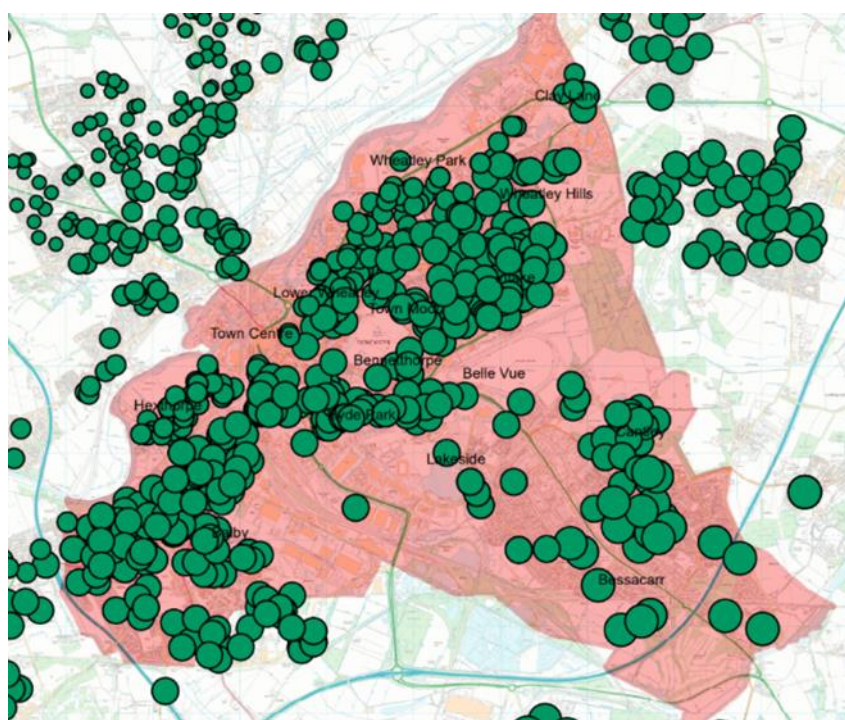


Fig 8. Postcode Map Showing Residents Accessing TBBT Throughout Fiscal Year 2024/25, The Brad and Butter Thing, 2025

Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough

Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough (CADB) is an independent, local charity and a member of the Citizens Advice network. They provide free advice and support to meet the needs of communities. This includes advice on a range of problems, such as with work, debt, benefits, immigration, housing and more.

In the fiscal year 2024/25 data shows that 349 clients were supported in Hexthorpe and Balby North ward across 142 postcodes. This has fallen from the previous year

where in fiscal year 2023/24 434 clients were supported by CADB services. The total income gain for the city, that is the amount of additional income that a client receives as a result of support or intervention from CADB, has increased to £20,616,502 as of 2025 with £284,999 generated in latest fiscal year (2024/25) in Hexthorpe and Balby North ward.

Figure 9 indicates where residents are accessing support from Hexthorpe and Balby North ward. The purple dots represent the postcodes of clients accessing support throughout fiscal year 2024/25 showing a relatively even spread across the whole ward.

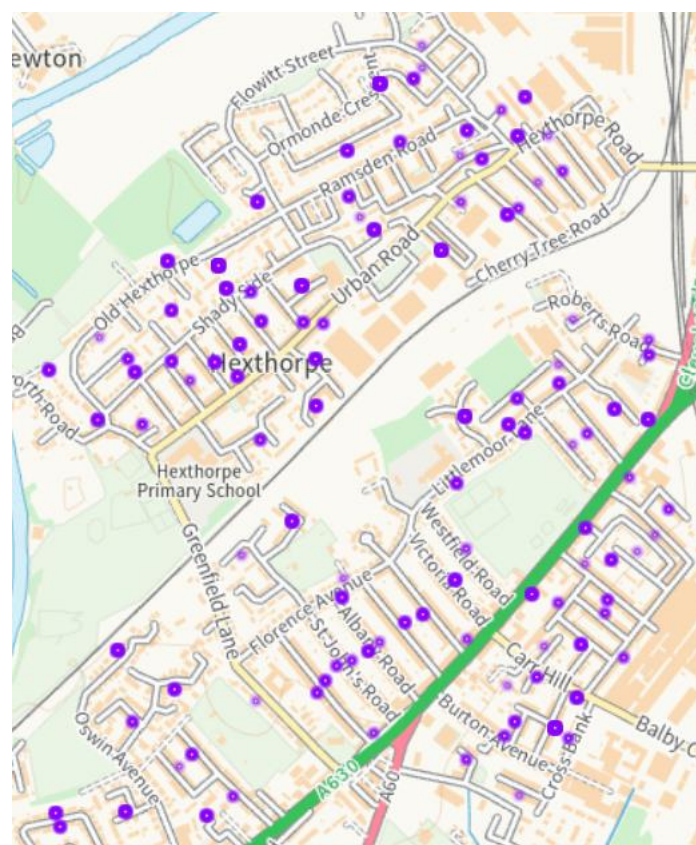


Figure 9. CADB Interactions Fiscal Year 2024/25, Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025

The most common reason for accessing support through CADB in Hexthorpe and Balby North ward between 2021 and 2025 was debt. Specifically, most residents requested support with a debt relief order up to year 2023. This has changed in the last couple of years (2023-2025) with residents now mostly seeking support with fuel payments covering gas, electricity, oil and coal.

Table 2 shows a breakdown of CADB data comparing Hexthorpe and Balby North ward to the other top 5 Central wards accessing support through CADB.

Data collation information	Town			Wheatley and Intake			Hexthorpe and Balby North			Bessacarr			Balby South		
Year	22/ 23	23/ 24	24/ 25	22/ 23	23/ 24	24/ 25	22/ 23	23/ 24	24/ 25	22/ 23	23/ 24	24/ 25	22/ 23	23/ 24	24/ 25
Clients	463	617	421	318	408	237	283	434	349	142	183	148	133	159	140
Postcode covered	230	272	228	181	197	152	133	174	142	93	115	108	80	102	79
Top Issue for advice/info	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt	Debt
Total Income gain	£239,509	£742,292	£333,828	£171,071	£589,869	£219,038	£243,610	£561,915	£284,999	£87,008	£270,573	£196,972	£63,323	£290,520	£302,413

Table 1. CABD Figures for Fiscal Year 2024/25 Showing the Top 5 Wards Seeking Support, Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025

Health Inequalities

Life Expectancy

Hexthorpe and Balby North ward life expectancy is significantly lower than the Doncaster average. Male life expectancy in Hexthorpe and Balby North ward is 74.5 years, with female life expectancy estimated at 80.3 years. Healthy life expectancy, that is the number of years living without the burden of disease, is estimated at 54.9 years for males and 57.9 years for females both of which are lower than the Doncaster and England average with the life expectancy inequality measured at 12.6 and 12.7 years for males and females respectively compared to England.

Long-Term Health Conditions

The proportion of residents with poor health in Hexthorpe and Balby North is considerably greater than the national average. Over 21.4% of residents reported having poor to very bad health compared to an average of 17.9% across England and 19.3% are living with a limiting long-term illness compared to 21.7% for Doncaster and is significantly higher than England (17.6%).

2021 Census data indicates Hexthorpe and Balby North's life expectancy is 76 and 79 for males and females respectively and ranks as the 5th and 3rd lowest life expectancy by ward.

In the 2021 Census, 19.6% of Hexthorpe reported having a disability under the Equality Act which is in line with Doncaster (20.3%) and slightly higher than England

(17.3%). Emergency hospital admissions from residents living in Hexthorpe and Balby North for life limiting health illness are all significantly higher than Doncaster and England. COPD has the highest value with a ISR of 191 per 100 compared to England (100/100), followed by Myocardial Infraction (heart attack) 161.7/100 compared to England as the reference population. There are significantly high rates of Lung cancer, with an ISR of 180.2 in Hexthorpe. Hospital admissions for harm and injury is also significantly higher with alcohol attributable conditions at a ratio of 143.1/100 compared to England (100/100) and intentional self-harm 194.7/100 compared to Doncaster 121.6/100 and England as the reference population (100/100).

Many engage in poor lifestyle choices, including smoking (24.0%). 7% of those smoking reported to smoke 20+ cigarettes a day. Increased alcohol consumption (15.8%) may also be a contributing factor.

Incidence of Death

Death rates from all causes and all ages across Hexthorpe and Balby North are greater than the average for England. Hexthorpe and Balby North has the highest ISR of deaths in under 75s across Doncaster (158.9 per 100), the majority of which are considered preventable with a ratio of 185.3 per 100 compared to England as the reference population.

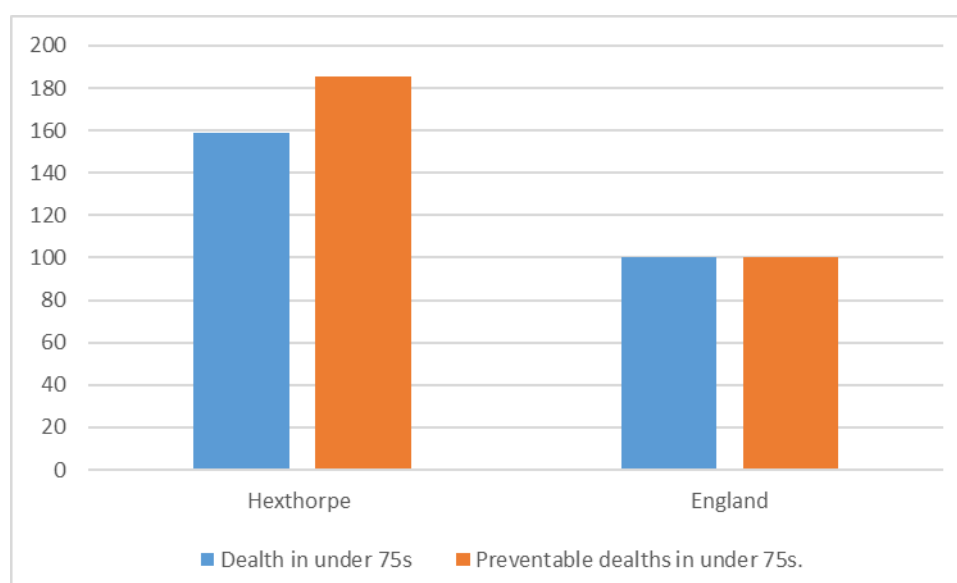


Figure 10. Comparison of Deaths in Under 75s and Preventable Deaths in Under 75s

Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), respiratory disease and circulatory disease are the leading causes of death in Hexthorpe and these diseases are closely linked with smoking and alcohol consumption (which are also higher in Hexthorpe compared to the Doncaster and national average) along with other lifestyle factors.

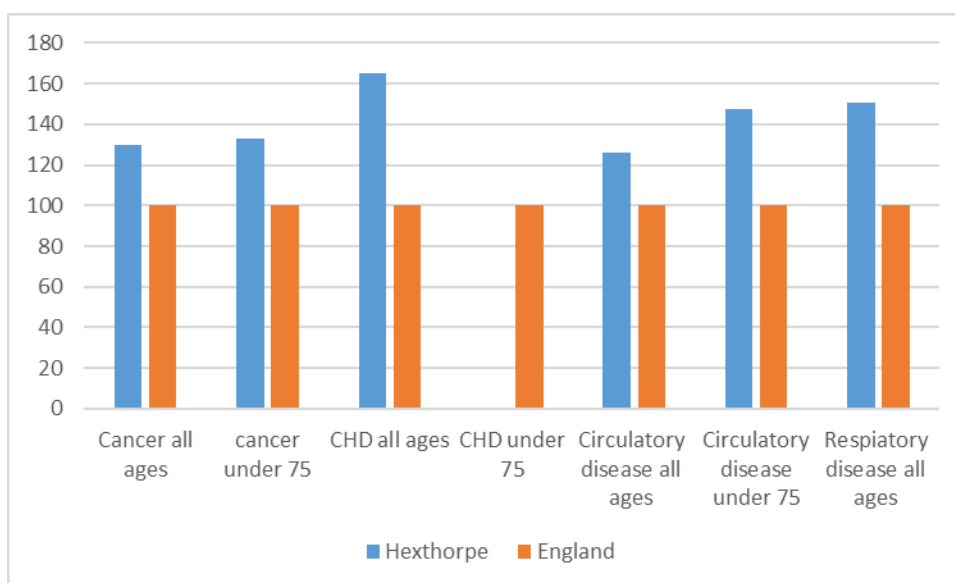
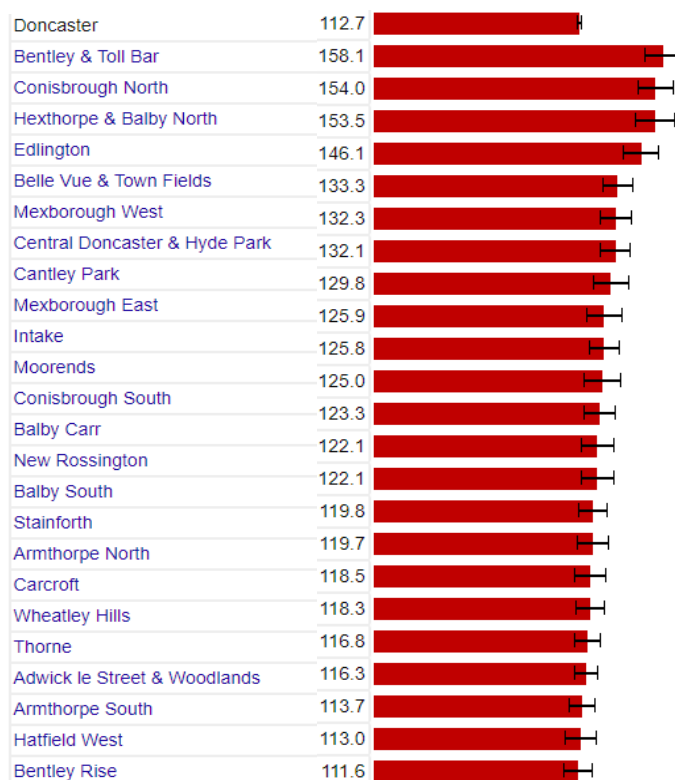


Figure 11. Deaths Caused by Preventable Health Conditions (All Ages) Standardised Mortality Ratio 2015-19, Office of National Statistics, 2023

Alcohol

The data supplied by Public Health Fingertips data shows that Hexthorpe ward is the 3rd highest population of Doncaster with hospital admissions for alcohol attributable conditions. Hexthorpe ward has a ISR of 153.5 per 100 compared to Doncaster at 112.7 per 100 and is significantly higher than England as the reference population.



Smoking

Data from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH, 2024), indicates smoking rates in Hexthorpe and Balby North ward stand at 14.5%. According to the latest data from the ONS, this is lower than the Doncaster (15.7%) rate but significantly higher than England (10.4%).

Smoking data is available across 37 General Practices (GP's) across the Central locality collated in 2023. GPs record the number of patients who are also registered as a smoker. Doncaster has 274,681 registered patients aged 15+. Of this 49,332 are registered smokers (17.96%).

ASH estimates smoking costs Doncaster £335 million per year. The combined cost of smoking-related medical treatment via hospital admission and primary care services is £16.5 million. Social care costs due to smoking amounts to an estimated £115 million annually in Doncaster with the majority being lost to informal care costs from friends and family (£64.3 million).

In Hexthorpe and Balby North, the gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £10.4 million, and 14.7% of the ward's population smoke. An estimated £3.68 million is spent annually on Tobacco products in the ward and the national average spend on tobacco per smoker now stands at £2486. Smoking has a significant impact on employment and productivity, in Hexthorpe and Balby North the total cost due to lost productivity attributed to smoking was estimated at £6.85 million. This is slightly higher than the borough average of £6.5M (ASH 2024).

Childhood Development

A child's early experiences are vital in providing the foundations for children to develop healthily and happily. Children being born into deprivation and living amongst deprivation in their early years are more likely to experience a wide range of health problems, fall behind their peers and face employment problems in adult life. The quality of early experiences is important as children develop, providing opportunity for motor (physical), intellectual (language and communication), cognitive and socio-emotional development.

The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) measures the proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 living in income deprived families. In Hexthorpe, 92.1% of children are classed as living in child poverty. This is significantly higher than the average Doncaster rate (47.1%).

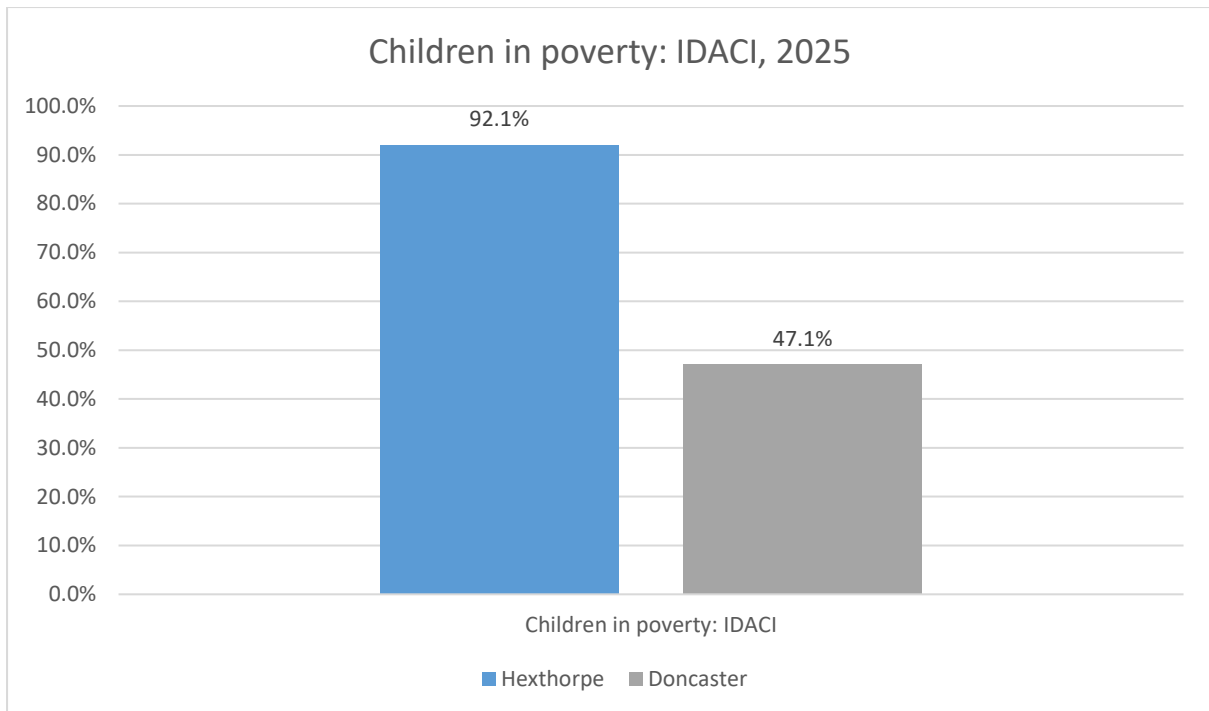


Figure 13. Children in Poverty: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (aged 0 to 15), Office of National Statistics, 2025

The percentage of children classified as overweight (including obese) in reception in Hexthorpe & Balby North has decreased in recent years from 27.6% across 2017/18-19/20, to 25.5% across 2021/22-23/24. Doncaster figures have risen slightly from 25.5% to 25.8% in the same years, whereas England sees a similar trend to Hexthorpe reducing from 22.6% to 21.9%.

Hexthorpe continues to see a reduction in overweight (including obese) Year 6 children from 49% across 2020/21- 22/23, to 45.7% across 2021/22-23/24, suggesting improvements in the number of overweight and obese reception age and Year 6 children.

Year 6 children who are classified as obese (including severely obese) remains similar to 2022/23 data, increasing from 34.7% to 34.8% in 2023/24, suggesting the rate of obesity and severe obesity is slowing down compared to previous years. It important to note that although the rates are generally reducing in these populations, they remain significantly higher than the borough average.

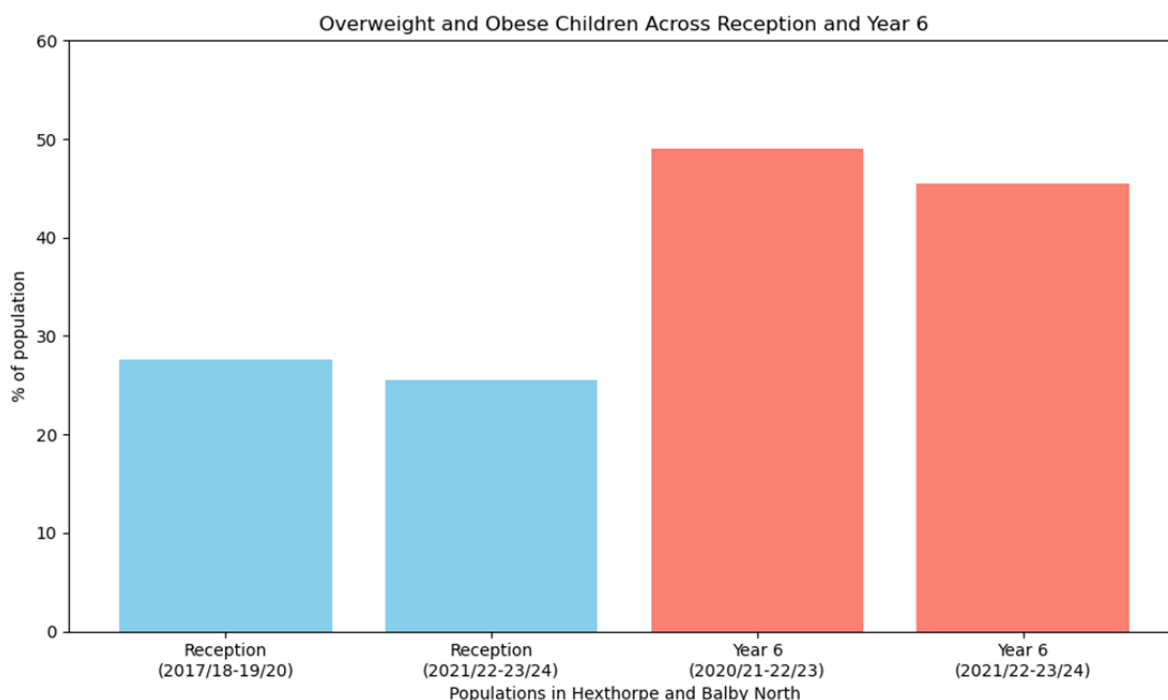


Figure 14. Average Levels of Obese and Overweight Children in Reception, Office of National Statistics, 2025

Family Hubs

Family Hubs are local, community-based centres that offer integrated services for families from the early stages of life covering conception and early childhood up to adolescence, and up to age 25 for individuals with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Family Hubs offer early years and parental support including antenatal and postnatal care, baby and toddler classes, infant feeding, parenting programmes, SEND pathways and specialist support for mental health, domestic abuse, welfare and substance misuse. Family Hubs provide welcoming community spaces for families, bringing together education, health, social care, and wellbeing services in one facility and cater for a broad spectrum of needs. There are twelve Family Hubs across Doncaster, with three located in the Central locality which include Central, Balby and Wheatley Family Hubs.

Membership data shows the percentage of eligible children signed up to Family Hubs. In Q4 of fiscal year 2024-2025 membership of children from the City Centre was 80% for children aged 0-8 weeks, 68% for 0-1 year and 11-month-old children and 74% for children aged between 0-4 years and 11 months. Average membership across all Family Hubs in Central across all ages for fiscal year 2024-2025 was 84%.

Access data includes the percentage of children using Family Hubs services once or twice and engagement figures indicate the number of children seen three or more times.

Engagement is significantly lower in the City Centre compared to other areas, especially at age 0-1 years and 11 months (29%). Engagement increases to 44% when including all ages up to 0-4 years and 11 months but stands as the second lowest figure for this category based on the most recent data from Q4 fiscal year 2024/25. When looking at the average yearly access and engagement figures from Central Family Hubs across Central communities (including all ages) shown in table 3; the data shows average yearly access (81%) and engagement (66%) is higher than the latest available Q4 data for City Centre service users.

	0-8 weeks	0-1 year and 11 months	0-4 years and 11 months
Membership	80%	68%	74%
Access	NA	54%	60%
Engagement	NA	29%	44%

Table 2. Family Hub Membership, Access and Engagement Figures from City Centre Q4 Fiscal Year 2024-25, City of Doncaster Council, 2025.

	Central Family Hubs
Membership	84%
Access	81%
Engagement	66%

Table 3. Central Locality Family Hub Children's Membership, Access and Engagement Figures Across All Ages Fiscal Year 2024/25, City of Doncaster Council, 2025.

Family Hubs facilitate 2-Year-Old Funding Entitlement for families which provides up to 15 hours of free early education or childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year. The latest data from Summer 2025 indicates 62.4% of eligible children in Doncaster have taken up 2-year-old funding when recorded at the start of term, this was 28.6% for City Centre. When looking at data including late starters for the same year, Doncaster saw 64% take-up in comparison to 28.6% for residents from the City Centre. 2-year-old funding uptake is lower across Central Family Hubs in Summer 2025 at the beginning of term (54.5%) and for late starters (56.4%) compared to Doncaster 62.4% and 64% respectively.

Pupil Lifestyle Survey

The Pupil Lifestyle Survey is conducted by Doncaster City Council to provide valuable data on children and young people's health-related behaviour, through an anonymous school-based questionnaire. Data from the survey has provided a set of Doncaster-

wide figures at key points in children and young people's development; KS2, 3 and 4. The 2022 Pupil Lifestyle Survey saw 176 pupils from Hexthorpe and Balby North from Years 4, 6, 8 and 10 complete the survey. Of the responses, 48% were boys and 47% were girls. 16% reported themselves as having a Special Educational Need which was the highest in the borough and significantly higher than Doncaster (10%). When asked if they receive extra help in school, 59% reported that they did, significantly higher than Doncaster (48%). The 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey saw a decrease in participation to 127 pupils from Hexthorpe and Balby North, 49% boys and 48% girls. 13% of students reporting themselves as having Special Educational Needs, a decrease from 16% in 2022 and now on par with the Doncaster average. When asked if they receive extra help in school, 72% of pupils reported they did, significantly higher than Doncaster 43%. This is particularly notable for Hexthorpe and Balby North as the Doncaster average has fallen from 48% to 43% whilst Hexthorpe and Balby North has still increased significantly. The 2021 Census reports that qualification attainment is significantly low in Hexthorpe, with 37.9% of people 16 years and over having no qualifications compared to Doncaster (24.6%) and England (18.1%) and the majority having level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications (36.4%) compared to Doncaster (43.1%) and England (39.9%).

Teenage pregnancies are considerably high in Hexthorpe & Balby North with 2.7% of new mothers being teenagers in 2015-19. This is more than double than across Doncaster (1.2%) and England (0.7%).

In the 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey, 13% reported having a long-standing illness, similar to the Doncaster average of 14% and 7% reported having a disability, which is lower than the Doncaster average of 9%.

Hexthorpe and Balby North has a significantly higher number of pupils where English is their second language (49%) compared to Doncaster (23%).

In 2022 when asked about healthy eating and wellbeing, 86% report having breakfast and school dinners, which is in line with Doncaster. In 2024, 94% of pupils reported to having a regular breakfast, higher than the Doncaster average of 86%. 61% have school dinners, with 34% receiving free school meals which is the second highest in the borough and significantly higher than the Doncaster average of 19%. Pupils receiving free school meals has risen from 30% in 2022. In 2024 96% of pupils in Hexthorpe and Balby North reported as having engaged in physical activity in the last 7 days, slightly lower than the Doncaster average of 97%. In 2022 96% reported feeling warm and comfortable at home, 88% feel able to clean themselves at home, and 80% reported having a restful night's sleep. These are all in line with Doncaster. When in 2024 pupils were asked about feeling safe at home, only 80% of pupils in Hexthorpe and Balby North reported feeling safe at home, the lowest in the borough and significantly lower than the Doncaster average of 88% This highlights safety for young people as a potential community priority.

School Attainment

The Department for Education supplies each local authority with the school attainment grades for those in KS2 and KS4.

In 2023 for KS2, 33% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics in Hexthorpe, a small rise of 3% since 2022. This is extremely low compared to Doncaster as a whole (55%, and the national percentage of 60%.

At KS4, each pupil is given an Attainment 8 score (a score out of 90) based on their 8 best GCSE grades including English, Maths and at least 3 other traditional academic GCSEs (sciences, languages, and humanities). Other qualifications at an equivalent level (e.g. BTECs) can also count towards the score. In 2019, average GCSE attainment 8 score per pupil (out of 90) was 26.2 in Hexthorpe, which is lower than both Doncaster overall (44) and nationally (46.7). In 2022 the results are slightly higher at an average of 30.1 for Hexthorpe, Doncaster at 44.9 and nationally at 48.8. In 2023 results remained similar for Hexthorpe at 30.2. However, both the national and Doncaster averages dropped to 46.3 and 44.4 respectively. The most recent KS4 averages from 2024 show slight improvements for Hexthorpe scores up to 31.8, but national and Doncaster averages continue to drop to 46.1 and 44.

There are 3 children recorded as receiving Elective Home Education and 37 recorded as missing education in Hexthorpe (City of Doncaster Council, 2023).

Physical Activity

Mosaic data shows a high percentage of the population in Hexthorpe does not engage in any moderate intensity physical activity. This falls in line with Acorn data which shows 42.9% of residents have reported never engaging in moderate to intense physical activity. Therefore, nearly half of the population are leading a sedentary lifestyle.



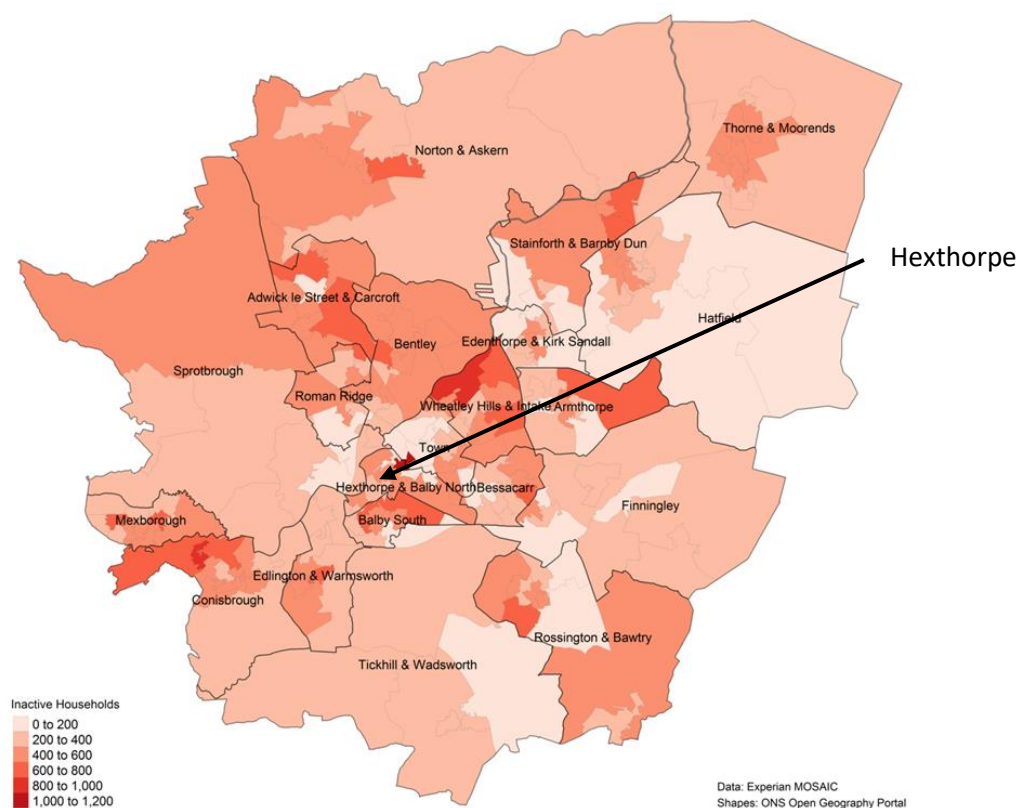


Figure 15. Levels of Inactivity Within Households Across Doncaster, Get Doncaster Moving, 2023

Physical Activity Children and Young People

Data from the Pupil Lifestyle Survey 2024 reports 35% of children are physically active one or two days a week, whilst 16% reported being active on three or four occasions. In 2020, 26% of pupils reported being physically active on five or more occasions. In 2022 this rose to 39% and continues to show positive trends in 2024, with levels increasing up to 45%. Getting hot, tired and not being very good at physical activity were the two most popular answers given by pupils when asked why they did not participate in physical activity.

Green Spaces & Parks

Hexthorpe park provides the main source of green space and is included in the Get Doncaster Moving Future Parks' scheme. Future Parks, via investment from Sport England, aims to work with residents to co-design development to make parks as accessible as possible. Mapping of a range community-based assets of both people and place has been undertaken for the borough which includes, walking leisure centres, walking and cycle routes and school activities.



Figure 16. Responses from Hexthorpe Future Parks Survey, Get Doncaster Moving, 2021

In November 2021 residents were invited to complete a survey about Hexthorpe Park to understand how the community would like to use the space and what development they would like to see. A summary of the key findings is below:

Hexthorpe Park was honoured at the Keep Britain Tidy Network Awards in January 2025 for the 'Green Space Innovation' award which recognises the community centred approach to increase opportunities available to residents to enjoy spending time at the park using insight to inform decision making on green space improvements. As a result of community engagement work through the Future Parks surveys, numerous investments are being made to the site including access paths, pétanque courts, signage, tennis court upgrades, active travel routes, social seating areas, park trails and solar lighting.

Community Information

Population size

The population of Hexthorpe is 3,700.

Demographics

The 2021 Census shows that 69.2% of the population in Hexthorpe identify as one or more UK identity, and 29.2% identify themselves as having a non-UK identity, which is significantly higher than Doncaster. A significantly higher proportion of the community were born outside the UK (37.6%) compared to the rest of Doncaster (10.4%). 4.7% of the population identify as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh, 3.4%

Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African and 5% mixed or multiple ethnic groups.

Many new arrivals into Doncaster reside in Hexthorpe, with 5.4% having resided in the UK for less than 2 years compared to 1.2% in Doncaster. Significant differences to Doncaster continue with those who have resided in the UK for 2 or more years, but less than 5 (7.8%) Doncaster (1.8%) and 9.2% have resided for 5 years or more but less than 10 years.

The area houses the largest ethnic population from the Eastern European countries many of which identify as part of the Roma traveller community. In terms of nationalities, Slovak, Czech and Romanians are understood to be the dominant ethnic Roma community groups in Hexthorpe. Most of whom arrived in Doncaster during 2014 and 2015 with 947 and 1,640 registering for national insurance numbers, respectively.

2021 Census data shows that 6.9% of the population of Hexthorpe's main language is English or Welsh, significantly lower than Doncaster (92.8%). Hexthorpe has significantly higher proportions of people who cannot speak English well (8.1%) compared to Doncaster (1.4%) and who cannot speak English (0.9%) compared to Doncaster (0.2%).

Age Profile

The age profile of Hexthorpe is slightly younger than England and Doncaster, owing to a high percentage of families residing in the local area having three or more children. The largest population group is 30-40 years old. It is expected that the number of children in Hexthorpe will remain comparable for the next few years. There are significantly fewer older adults (>65years) living in the area when compared to the Doncaster and England.

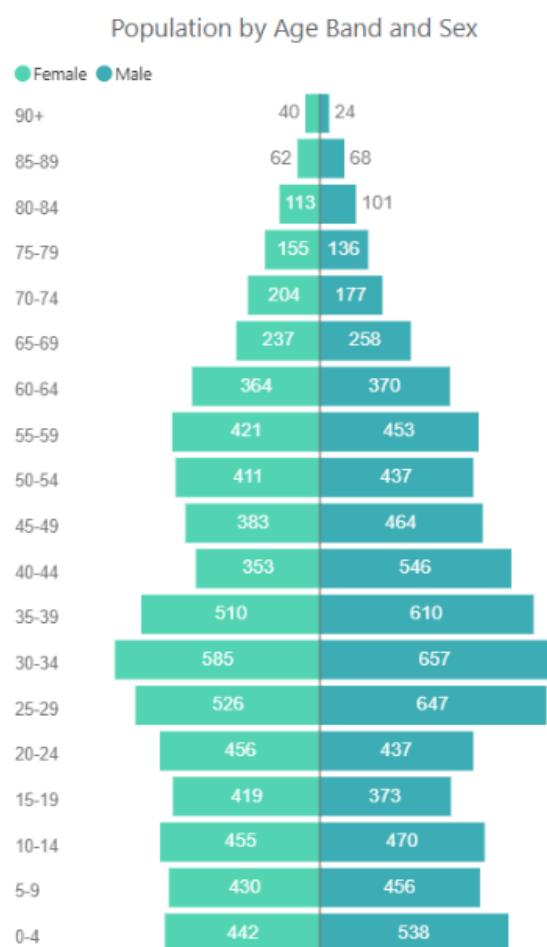


Figure 17. Hexthorpe and Balby Ward Population, Office of National Statistics, 2021

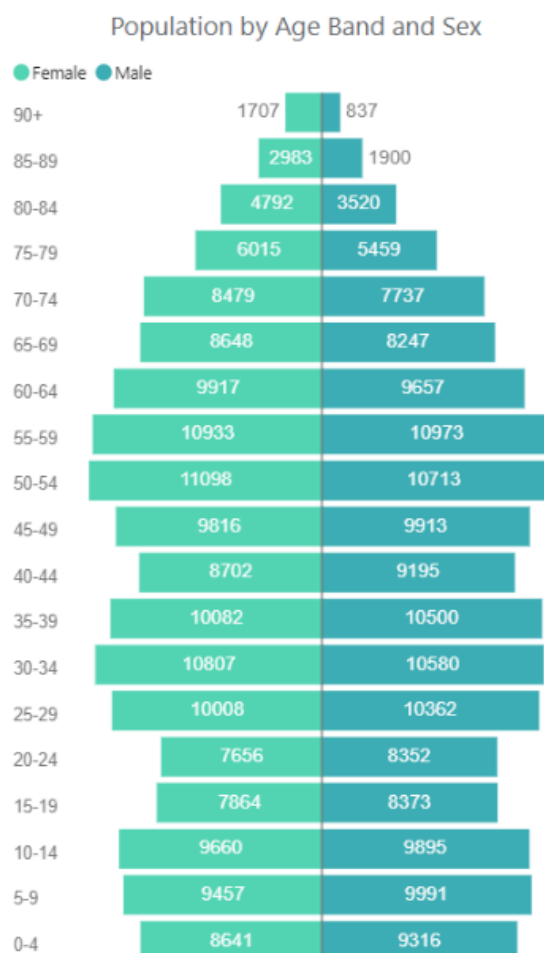


Figure 18. Doncaster Population, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Housing

The area has a high density of housing, standing at 1,700 households and has seen recent housing developments in Hexthorpe. A new housing development, called Pullman Green, has been granted planning permission to build 671 houses at the old Plant Works and the former Eden Grove Sports Ground.

There are significantly lower numbers of homeowners with a mortgage in Hexthorpe (14.9%) to Doncaster (29.6%). There is a significantly higher proportion of social renters compared to Doncaster (17%) and there are significantly more private renters (38.2%) compared to Doncaster (19.7%). Hexthorpe was the first place in Doncaster to have a selective licensing scheme. The scheme requires landlords to apply for a license, indicating that properties rented follow the minimum standards. It requires their tenants to sign documents relating to waste management and anti-social behaviour. This is still running on a two-tier system whereby Home Safe operate the self-managed tier and Doncaster Council run the other tier.

Terrace houses make up a substantial proportion (65%) of the housing stock in Hexthorpe, whilst semi-detached houses make up 21%. Of these houses, 39.8% of

the properties have 1 person in the household, significantly higher than Doncaster. Conversely there are more households with 4 or more people residing in them (19.4%) compared to Doncaster (17.1%). There are significantly more single-family households (51.7%) compared to Doncaster (64.1%) and 8.5% other household types compared to Doncaster's 4.7%. The number of bedrooms in the housing stock are all significantly different to Doncaster with more than double the percentage of 1-bedroom homes (16.4%, Doncaster 7.2%), 38.7% have 2 bedrooms compared to 23.6% in Doncaster. There are significantly fewer 3-bedroom households (39.6%) compared to Doncaster (53.6%) and 5.3% 4-bedroom households compared to 16% in Doncaster. This make up of housing stock does not match the household make up are larger families often leading to overcrowding.



Figure 19. 'Accommodation Type (Whole House or Bungalow) Heat Map,' Hexthorpe and Balby, Office of National Statistics, 2021

St Leger Homes is the main provider of Doncaster's social housing. St Leger Homes manage 289 properties in Hexthorpe and this comprises of 1 bed bungalows (112), 2 bed bungalows (26) 1 bed flats (55), 2 bed flats (1), 2 bed houses (15), 3 bed houses (78), 4 bed houses (1), 5 bed houses (1) and homeless family properties (2). The majority of the social housing renters are aged between 66+ years old and 46-65 years old.

St Leger Homes also have a large outstanding amount of rent arrears from those living in Hexthorpe. In 2021/2022 the amount owed was £16,023, and for 2022/2023 the amount increased to £18,832. In 2023/2024 rent arrears continued to increase to £20,300.41 and most recently in 2024/2025 rent arrears stands at £25,734.02.

Community Safety

Community safety remains a top priority for residents and stakeholders across Doncaster. Feedback from a range of engagement activities consistently highlights concerns around anti-social behaviour (ASB), crime, and perceptions of safety. People want cleaner, more vibrant and welcoming neighbourhoods, supported by effective policing, youth engagement, and thoughtful environmental design.

To help achieve this, we're committed to a city-wide approach that combines proactive and reactive measures through a layered crime prevention strategy—primary, secondary, and tertiary—designed to make every community safer.

If you'd like to stay informed or take action, you can find detailed crime statistics for your neighbourhood at www.police.uk. To report issues or concerns, visit www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/safer-city-how-to-report-issues.

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership is working together to make Doncaster a safer, stronger place for everyone. The partnership focuses on six key priorities that tackle issues affecting our communities:

- **Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB)** – making our streets and public spaces welcoming for all.
- **Reducing crime and re-offending** – supporting people to make positive choices and preventing repeat offences.
- **Tackling serious and organised crime** – protecting our communities from organised criminality and criminal networks.
- **Reducing substance and alcohol misuse** – helping people access support and reducing harm.
- **Tackling domestic and sexual abuse** – ensuring victims get the help they need and holding perpetrators to account.
- **Reducing violence and violent crime** – creating safer neighbourhoods for families and young people.

Together, these priorities aim to build a Doncaster where everyone feels safe and supported.

Community Voice / Key Safety Concerns

Residents in Hexthorpe told us that while there have been some improvements—such as better-maintained parks and community spaces—concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime remain. People spoke about issues like intimidation, vandalism, and visible drug use, alongside worries about repeat offending and property damage.

Poor lighting and neglected streets in certain areas add to feelings of insecurity, and many said they want more visible policing and quicker responses to incidents. Fear of reporting crime is common, with some residents believing nothing will change or fearing retaliation. There's also a call for more youth activities and safe spaces to reduce disruption and give young people positive options. Overall, the community wants cleaner streets, stronger enforcement, and opportunities to bring people together and build on the progress already made in Hexthorpe.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) can be defined as when someone acts in a way that causes trouble, fear, or upset to others. This can include things like being noisy late at night, vandalism, or being aggressive in public. Hate crime is when someone is hurt or targeted because of their race, religion, disability, gender identity, or sexuality. It's not just a crime against one person, it can make whole communities feel unsafe

Data provided by City of Doncaster Council (CDC) shows that the number of ASB, early intervention, hate crimes, and low-level crime in the Central locality is the second highest for Doncaster.



Figure 20. ASB Data 2023 Locality Level, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Upon further breakdown the data shows that from 1580 incidents/report 409 are recorded as being in Hexthorpe/Balby North ward

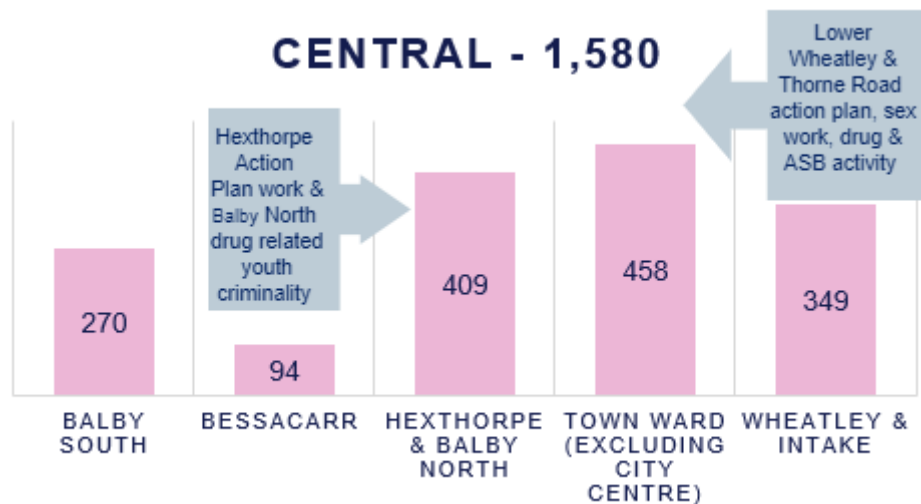


Figure 21. ASB Data 2023 Ward Breakdown, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Through partnership working with South Yorkshire Police data has been provided of ASB incidents reported to the police. The Central Locality currently has the highest ASB reports with 604 recorded.

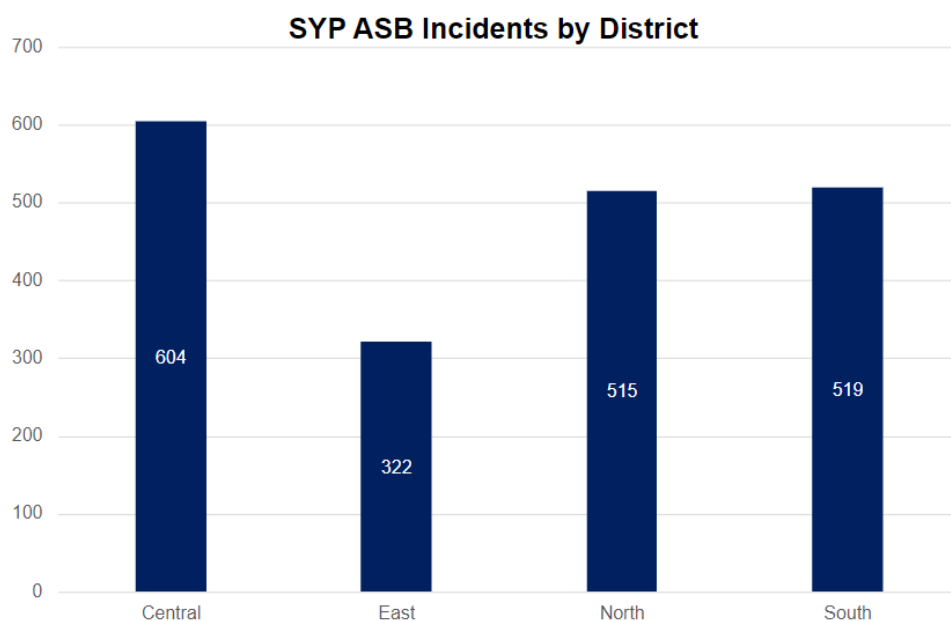


Figure 22. SYP ASB Incidents by Locality, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Vulnerable Victims

The number of vulnerable victims for each Locality is also recorded, figure 23 shows that Central is again the second highest area of Doncaster. East Locality (82) has double that of Central (41) but likewise Central has more than double of the North Locality (22).

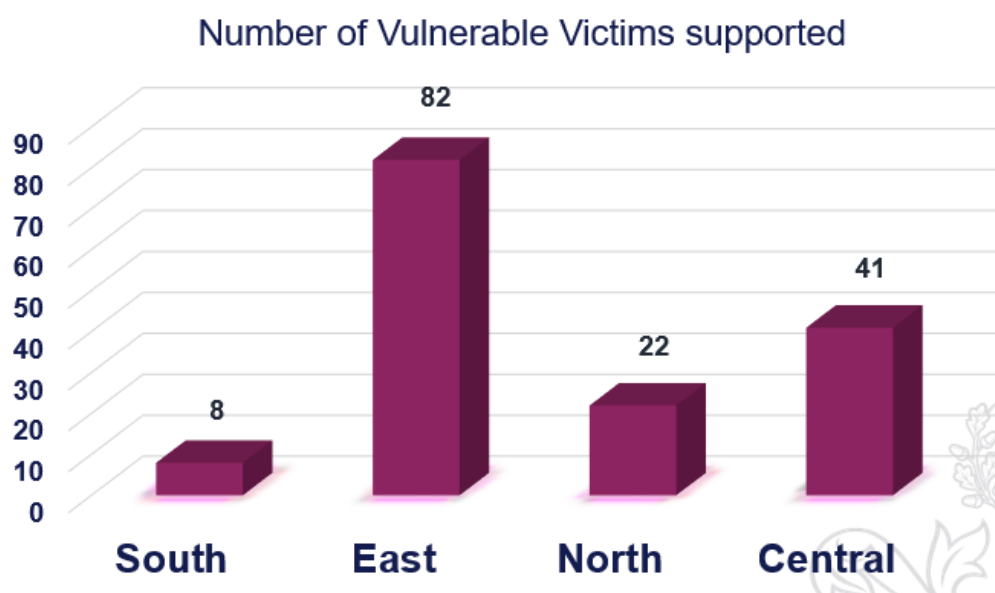


Figure 23. Vulnerable Victims by locality 2023, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Of the 41 vulnerable residents recorded in Central Doncaster, 12 of them are based in the Hexthorpe/Balby North ward.

Wellbeing Service

This is one of the services run by CDC. The service covers helping residents with financial support, physical health, housing, mental health and social isolation. Hexthorpe and Balby North ward moved into the top five wards in accessing support in 2023-23 and in 2024-25 ranked 2nd in the City for accessing support.

Community Ranking for using service	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025 Q4
1	Wheatley & Intake	Wheatley & Intake	Wheatley & Intake	Town
2	Rossington & Bawtry	Rossington & Bawtry	Bessacarr & Cantley	Hexthorpe and Balby North
3	Thorne & Moorends	Mexborough	Mexborough	Rossington
4	Adwick & Carcroft	Adwick & Carcroft	Hexthorpe & Balby North and Bentley	Thorne and Moorends
5	Town/City Ward	Bessacarr & Cantley	Rossington & Bawtry and Town/City Ward	Norton & Askern

Table 4. Top 5 Wards Using the Wellbeing Service, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

Hexthorpe and Balby North theme Ranking	Theme Supported
1	Housing and Living Environment
2	Physical Health
3	Financial

Table 5. Top 3 Most Common Themes Residents are Accessing the Wellbeing Service for Support, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

Waste Management

Waste management and fly tipping are ongoing challenges in Hexthorpe and there is much, long standing work underway from a partnership of stakeholders with the community. There is a Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) in place in Hexthorpe. PSPOs (Public Spaces Protection Orders) are one of the tools available under the Waste Regulations 2014 Act that give flexible powers for local authorities to prohibit specified activities and/or require certain things to be done by people engaged in particular activities, within a defined public area. Hexthorpe's PSPO has been renewed for another three years.

The partnership's approaches to supporting the community, and addressing anti-social behaviours is driven by the Hexthorpe Strategic Group which hosts a range of stakeholders utilising a range of approaches including prevention education and enforcement. Regular 'Days of Action' take place in the community where stakeholders are invited to come together work collaboratively in the community. The most recent took place in March 2023 and saw a total of 8 hours spent in the community. Below are some examples of the work that took place regarding waste and recycling:

Abbott Street, Hexthorpe

Letters sent to 6 premises with regards to leaving bins out before / after collection times allowed.

5 orphaned / contaminated bins removed.

Spansyke Street, Hexthorpe

Letters sent to 4 premises with regards to leaving bins out before / after collection times allowed.

6 orphaned / contaminated bins removed.

Ellerker Avenue, Hexthorpe

Letters sent to 2 premises with regards to leaving bins out before / after collection times allowed.

7 orphaned / contaminated bins removed.

Domestic 240 litre bin inked 42 on side also brought out 10 splitting bags (Photos taken and passed to Enforcement Officer for the Area).

Stone Close Avenue, Hexthorpe

Letters sent to 6 premises with regards to leaving bins out before / after collection times allowed.

1 orphaned / contaminated bin removed.

Community Investment

As of July 2025, there has been £12.3 million of investment into the Central Locality from Doncaster Delivering Together. This investment has been successfully applied for by partners and Voluntary Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) groups. The top 3 areas of funding spend has gone to increasing community spirit (£879,798.09), mental health support and awareness (£594,269.79) and using and improving community assets (£562,444.14).

The top 3 areas of spending in Hexthorpe are: building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives (£530,672.33), promoting the borough and it's cultural, sporting and heritage opportunities (£493,750) and creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities (£107,993.98).



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Appendix

Well Doncaster

More information about Well Doncaster can be found on our website:

[Home | Well Doncaster](#)

Census 2021

The census is undertaken by the Office for National Statistics every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales.

[Build a custom area profile - Census 2021, ONS](#)

[Census Maps - Census 2021 data interactive, ONS](#)

Public Health Data

Fingertips

This is a new fingertips profile that uses data from Local Health an existing PHE data tool. Local Health is a collection of quality assured health information presented for small geographical areas. By presenting data for small areas, Local Health provides evidence of inequalities within local areas. It supports targeted interventions to reduce such inequalities.

Local Health contains indicators related to:

Population and demographic factors

Wider determinants of health

Health outcomes

It presents data for middle super output areas (MSOA), electoral wards, clinical commissioning groups (CCG), local authorities, and England as a whole.

Please note, as the Local Health tool was designed to allow users to map small area data, a mapping option has not been provided in this profile.

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/local-health/data#page/0>

[Local Health - Public Health England - Reports: get a dashboard on a custom area](#)

Link to data- [Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy by ward: [Life expectancy by census ward](#)

Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2025 – statistical release, data files and reports: [English indices of deprivation 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

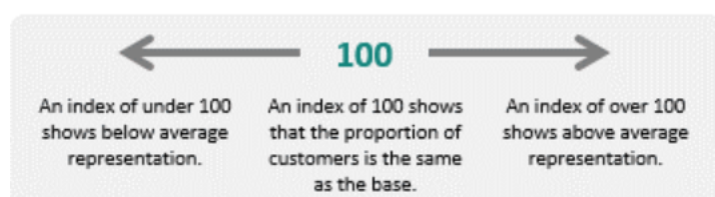
Acorn profiles

Wellbeing Acorn segments the population into 4 groups (Health Challenges; At Risk; Caution; Healthy) and 25 types describing the health and wellbeing attributes of each postcode across the country. By analysing significant social and health related behaviour, it provides precise information and an in depth understanding of upstream issues affected by current lifestyle traits

INTERPRETING THE REPORT

The Wellbeing Acorn profile report helps you understand the underlying demographics, lifestyle and health attributes of your customers and service users by comparing their Wellbeing Acorn profile to a base (e.g. UK population, area or other customer groups).

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The Wellbeing Acorn Profile contains 12 variables that are indicators of Disability or Infirmary in the population and 9 variables related to unhealthy Behaviours. The average score measured against the base profile of Yorkshire and the Humber is 100. A value above 100 indicates that the area population is overrepresented for this characteristic, below 100 the value is less than the average or underrepresented.

Physical Activity

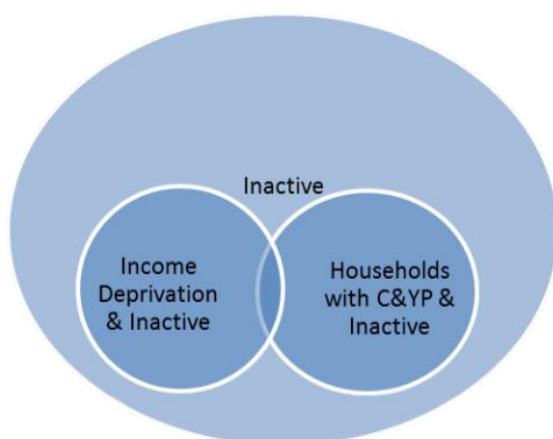
Get Doncaster Moving survey

<https://getdoncastermoving.org/uploads/behavioural-insight-phase-one-summary-report.pdf?v=1644581925>

Mosaic data

Mosaic Public Sector classifies the UK population into one of 66 types and 15 groups through a detailed and accurate understanding of each citizen's demographics, lifestyles, behaviours and location.

The Physically Inactive Population of Doncaster



The MOSAIC types who “Do not exercise” and “Do not take part in Sport” were searched and three priority groups have been identified through work with strategic partners as part of the development of Doncaster’s Physical Activity Strategy. The three priority groups are:

- The Inactive
- Families with children and young people
- People living in income deprivation

These groups are cross-referenced against the inactivity list allowing for the identification of MOSAIC types which are both likely to be inactive and living in deprivation as well as inactive and from households with children and young people.

Link to the Get Doncaster Moving strategy; [Let's Get Moving! | Get Doncaster Moving](#)

Pupil Lifestyle Survey

[Pupil Lifestyle Survey - Healthy Schools \(healthylearningdoncaster.co.uk\)](https://healthylearningdoncaster.co.uk)

Power BI – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a process that identifies the current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population. The dashboards show information about the employment, health, and wellbeing of people in Doncaster. We use this information to inform our policies and strategies to improve the lives of everyone in the Doncaster area.

[Joint Strategic Needs Assessments - Team Doncaster](#)

Community Safety

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership Community Safety Strategy can be found at - [The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership - City of Doncaster Council](#)

If you'd like to stay informed about crime and ASB in your community, you can find detailed crime statistics for your neighbourhood at www.police.uk.

If you would like further information about making Doncaster a Safer City, please see - [Making Doncaster a Safer City - YourLifeDoncaster](#)

To report issues or concerns, visit www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/safer-city-how-to-report-issues

Community Investment:

Investment Map: [Doncaster Delivering Together Investment Plan - Team Doncaster](#)

Population Health Management

Interactive Map

To access and identify assets at ward and locality level please use the following interactive

map: <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/d/viewer?mid=17BayPsliJ1OUq6U4OFbk9FKLYL2-wDZN&ll=53.50909620569456%2C-1.13650280000000032&z=14>