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Community Profile

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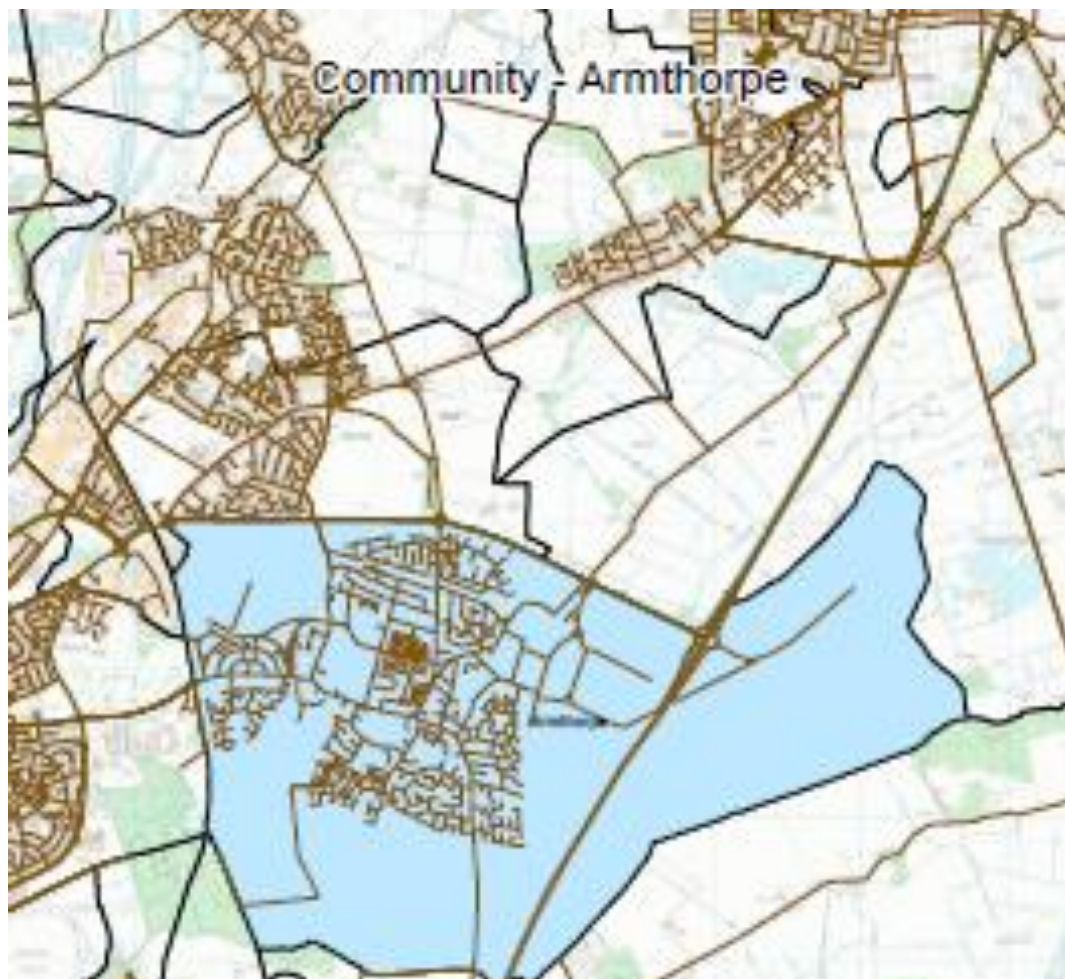
This Report:

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 2026 to reflect the current opportunities and challenges of the community.

This report focuses on the community of Armthorpe in the east of the city and begins with a summary outlining key information and priorities. This document builds on the initial conversations with communities, including ward members, community organisations, faith groups, residents and other organisations who work in the area. Communities' knowledge of their own areas enables them to identify their strengths and the assets on which they can build on. This document is shared with the intention of supporting those conversations and sharing information that might not be readily available to local people.

Armthorpe community is represented as accurately as possible in this report, and 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.





Armthorpe



16.2% of children are living in poverty



43.1% of Year 6 children are overweight or obese



Significantly high emergency hospital admissions for COPD



35.4% of households are deprived in one or more dimensions



24.6% of residents have no qualifications



Respiratory and coronary diseases are leading causes of premature mortality

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One Page Summary:

Armthorpe, a ward in East Doncaster with a population of 14,200, faces mixed health and socio-economic challenges alongside notable community strengths.

While employment rates are relatively strong at 57.2% (above the Doncaster average), 35.4% of households experience deprivation, and 24.6% of residents have no qualifications, limiting opportunities for higher-paid work.

Health inequalities remain significant with 21.8% of residents living with a long-term limiting illness, life expectancy is shorter than national averages, and healthy life expectancy is notably low. Respiratory and coronary diseases are leading causes of premature mortality, compounded by high smoking prevalence. Obesity rates are high with 43.1% of Year 6 children overweight or obese, well above England's average. Alcohol-related hospital admissions and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) rates are also high, indicating lifestyle-related health risks.

Despite these challenges, Armthorpe benefits from strong community assets, including green spaces, leisure facilities, schools, and active local groups, which foster social connection and resilience. Community feedback highlights pride in the area, good access to amenities, and a sense of safety, though concerns persist around anti-social behaviour and cost-of-living pressures.

Key Priorities:

- The high rate for emergency hospital admissions for COPD and Alcohol.
- Significantly high rates of children living in poverty.
- The high prevalence of overweight or obese children at reception age across the city of Doncaster.

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 strength/assets-based approach is crucial to the achievement of our overall vision. It is recognised that work is needed in the community to expand the understanding of who, how and what is accessed in the area. Greater knowledge of the identity of each community/ward will allow a more appropriate and effective response to community needs. Armthorpe remains a priority area for the East locality and ongoing work will continue to support it.

Asset Maps:

The maps below show the different type of assets found across Armthorpe. These have been separated into Business, Community, and Health assets. It should be noted that these maps are a starting point in understanding the community and that further work is needed amongst the community to understand all the assets and how they are used.

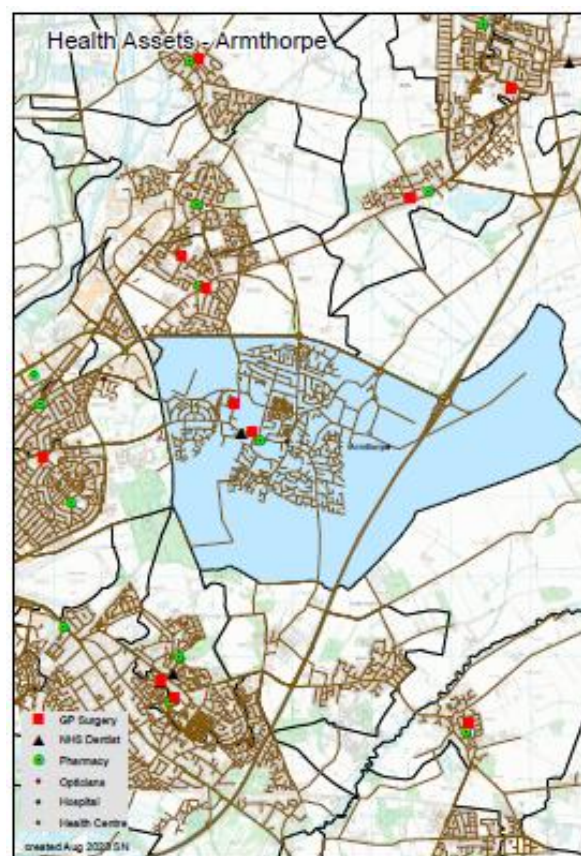


Figure 1: Armthorpe Ward Health Assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

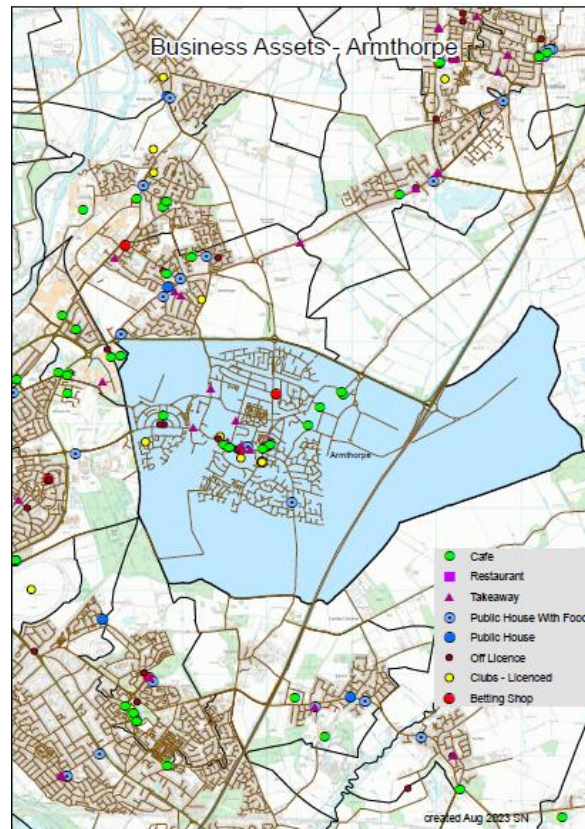


Figure 2: Armthorpe Ward Business Assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

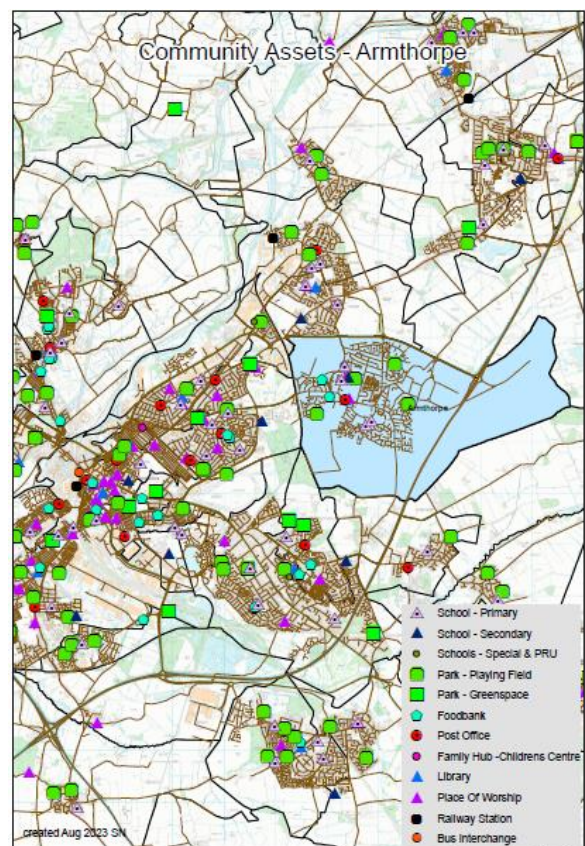
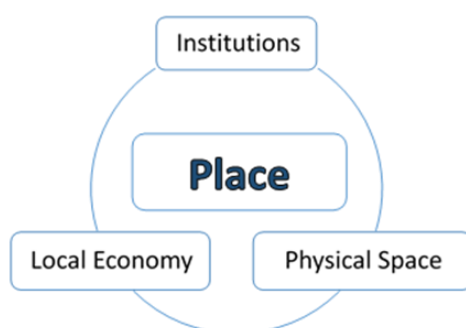


Figure 3: Armthorpe Ward Community Assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Population Health Management:

It is vital to understand the impact on the community of nationwide influencing factors such as the COVID19 pandemic and cost of living crisis as well as local and regional issues and opportunities. Understanding community organisations and other assets operating in the community helps up to ensure appropriate and targeted support can be offered, and work can be implemented to manage any gaps or risks associated with changes. Well Doncaster undertake regular population health management insight with community organisations in Armthorpe, identifying their current status and needs, and work with each group and partners to meet their goals. This is a living document and will be updated and adapted as needs are met and change. If you would like more detail on this, please contact: welldoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk

Assets in the Community:



INSTITUTIONS (Schools/colleges etc.)	PHYSICAL SPACE (Parks, car parks etc.)	LOCAL ECONOMY (Local profit Businesses)
Schools/Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaw Wood Academy Armthorpe Academy Our Lady of Sorrows R C Primary School Armthorpe Southfield Primary School – Tranmoor Primary School - 	Parks/Green Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miners Memorial Garden Markham Main Armthorpe Pit Top Mercel Avenue Briar Road Wickett Hern Road Moore Park Sports Halls/ Community Venues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armthorpe community Centre Castle Park Armthorpe Leisure centre Armthorpe Welfare FC Walbank Road Communal Hall Maple Grove Communal Hall 	Pubs and Restaurants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armthorpe Social Armthorpe Coronation Club La Fiesta The Wheatsheaf Elachi Indian JJ Food Service Next Warehouse Supanova Studios Aldi Morrisons B&M Post office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armthorpe post office

Table 1: Community Assets, Physical space and Local Economy Armthorpe



INDIVIDUALS (Key individuals within the community)	ASSOCIATIONS (Local Groups/Clubs)	STORIES (Good news stories)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward members • Town Councillors • East Family hub staff • Community volunteers • East Stronger community team • Well Doncaster officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armthorpe Food Project • Armthorpe Library • Coffee morning- community centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armthorpe has a memorial garden for the miners. Volunteers raise money for this garden and other projects in the community.

Table 2: Community Assets - Individuals and Associations Armthorpe

Community Insight

Appreciative Inquiry

The Well Doncaster Team undertake Appreciative Inquiry (AI) within communities to gather insight to support code signing action plans with the community. Armstrong (2020) suggests in '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 out the successes of the past and present, to seek new potentials and possibilities and build on those through the Dream and Design stages.

Appreciative Inquiry will be conducted in Armthorpe from July 2021. The Appreciative Inquiry will include the following steps:

Discovery Phase – This will involve engagement with the residents of Armthorpe to find out what is working well in the community. Responses will be themed to allow priorities of the community to be established.

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.

Design – All attendees are invited back for a second workshop to develop an action plan to direct work for the community.

Deliver – A collaborative way of working and investing resources in working towards to the actions from the previous phase.

Well Doncaster is starting to work in Armthorpe from 2023. Well Doncaster officers have been going into community assets and having strength base conversations with residents throughout the Armthorpe ward.

Conversations were gathered between August 2023 to April 2025. Throughout the 3 three years there were 136 conversations. These conversations were conducted with residents of all ages. The key hot spots for the conversations where Armthorpe Family hub and Sandringham primary.

THEME	SUB THEME	QUOTES	COMMENTARY
Community Spirit and Social Connection	<p>Friendliness and Social Interaction</p> <p>Supportive and Caring Community</p> <p>Reducing Isolation and Promoting Mental Wellbeing</p>	<p><i>“Everybody talks to everybody here – they are friendly, they say hello or smile.” (AR563)</i></p> <p><i>“If you needed anything your neighbours/community would support you.” (AR2946)</i></p> <p><i>“Connecting with people and places. It’s important as I enter this next phase of my life that I feel safe.” (AR563)</i></p> <p><i>“Feeling part of a community and not feeling alone – it reduces isolation.” (AR563)</i></p>	<p>The analysis of the conversations from Armthorpe residents paints a picture of a thriving, self-sufficient, and socially connected community. The dominant theme is a strong sense of community spirit, where friendliness, mutual support, and social engagement are deeply valued. Residents describe a place where people look out for one another, and where community groups and activities play a vital role in reducing isolation and supporting mental wellbeing.</p> <p>In 2024, residents began sharing that they felt that Armthorpe had everything it needs to be a community to live in.</p>
Access to Local Amenities and Services	<p>Self-Sufficiency and Proximity to Shops, Restaurants, and Takeaways</p> <p>Community Facilities and Events</p>	<p><i>“Everything is in walking distance!” (AR563)</i></p> <p><i>“It’s a village but it’s huge and has so many shops.” (AR563)</i></p> <p><i>“Community library which is also a warm space... coffee morning where anyone can attend. (AR2946)</i></p> <p><i>“You don’t have to leave Armthorpe to get what you want. Shops, banks, petrol stations, doctors, pubs.” (AR1136)</i></p>	<p>Accessibility of local amenities is another key strength that has gotten stronger as a theme since 2024 and continues into 2025. With shops, restaurants, and services all within walking distance, residents feel that their daily needs are easily met. Community facilities such as the library and community centre are not only practical resources but also social hubs that foster inclusion and togetherness. In 2025 residents feel that still remains and is exactly what makes a community.</p> <p>Residents in 2025 suggest that the growth and development of Armthorpe both by improved infrastructure and access to amenities has created a village that is well equipped and accessible for most residents who feel like they have everything they need here.</p>
Green Spaces and Physical Activity	<p>Access to Nature and Walking Routes</p> <p>Fitness and Group Activities</p>	<p><i>“Open spaces we have and the walks.” (AR3130)</i></p> <p><i>“There is lots of nature and it’s calm and spacious.” (AR1032)</i></p> <p><i>“We come to the Phab group together, [we] enjoy</i></p>	<p>In the Armthorpe conversations of 2024-25 green spaces and opportunities for physical activity are also highly appreciated. Whether through walking routes, fitness classes, or martial arts groups, residents value the ability to stay active in a safe and pleasant environment. residents felt that this was a common positive.</p>

		<i>coming here. A lot of green space around, pit top and Cantley park, can go for a run.” (AR1241)</i>	In 2025, residents have emphasised the importance of keeping active to support with maintenance of long-term health conditions, praising the benefits of engaging with local community groups and support sessions.
Safety and Quality of Life	Low Crime and Safety Pride and Care for the Community Overall Satisfaction	<i>“There’s pride throughout the village – residents take care of it.” (AR563)</i> <i>“Low crime in Armthorpe compared to other areas.” (AR2897)</i> <i>“I feel safe, I do here.” (AR563)</i> <i>“Good community, not much crime, not many bad people.” (AR2342)</i>	Throughout the conversation between 2024-2025, the sense of safety and pride in the area contributes to a high quality of life. Low crime rates, well-maintained surroundings, and a general feeling of security reinforce the idea that Armthorpe is not just a place to live, but a place to belong.

Table 3: Community Conversations in Armthorpe (City Of Doncaster Council, 2025)

Ward Members:

The Armthorpe ward has three ward members. All three were elected in May 2025.



Councillor Christopher Marriott

Armthorpe Independent



Councillor Tim Needham

Armthorpe Labour and Co-operative Party Civic Mayor



Councillor Nick Pritchard

Armthorpe Reform UK



Health and Wealth

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). Doncaster is within the 10% most deprived communities in England.

Figure 4 shows the national IMD deciles across Doncaster by lower super output area (LSOA). Areas in red indicate higher levels of deprivation. New data for 2025 shows that the IMD score in Armthorpe is 22.72, ranking 43rd out of 88 communities in Doncaster for deprivation.

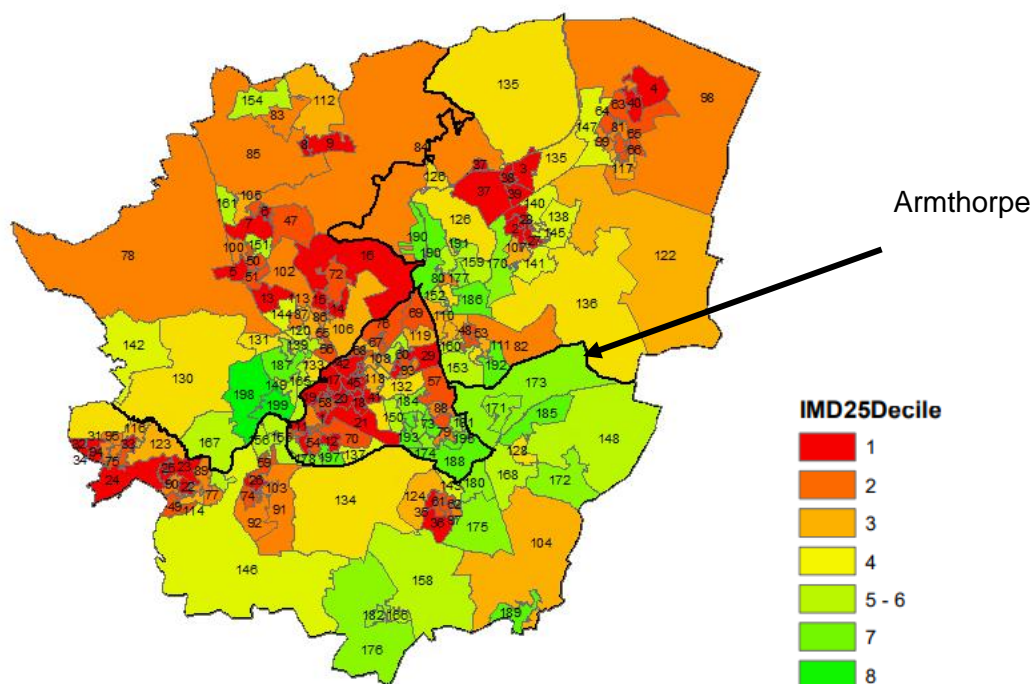


Figure 4: Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA, Office of National Statistics, 2025

Wealth Inequalities

In 2025, 28% of Armthorpe North Middle-Layer Super Output Area (MSOA) residents are experiencing poverty and 14.8% of Armthorpe South MSOA, similar to and lower than the Doncaster average of 29.3%. This is a significant increase from 2019, from 14.8% and 8.1% respectively.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Armthorpe North MSOA is 26.7%, higher than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), and 10.5% in Armthorpe South.

Furthermore, 38.5% of children are living in poverty in Armthorpe North MSOA, and 27.4% in Armthorpe South MSOA, lower than the Doncaster average, 47.1%, an increase from 2019.

When considering the change in data from 2019 to 2025, 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 22.6% of Armthorpe residents experiencing poverty, 17.8% of older people and 35.3% of children.

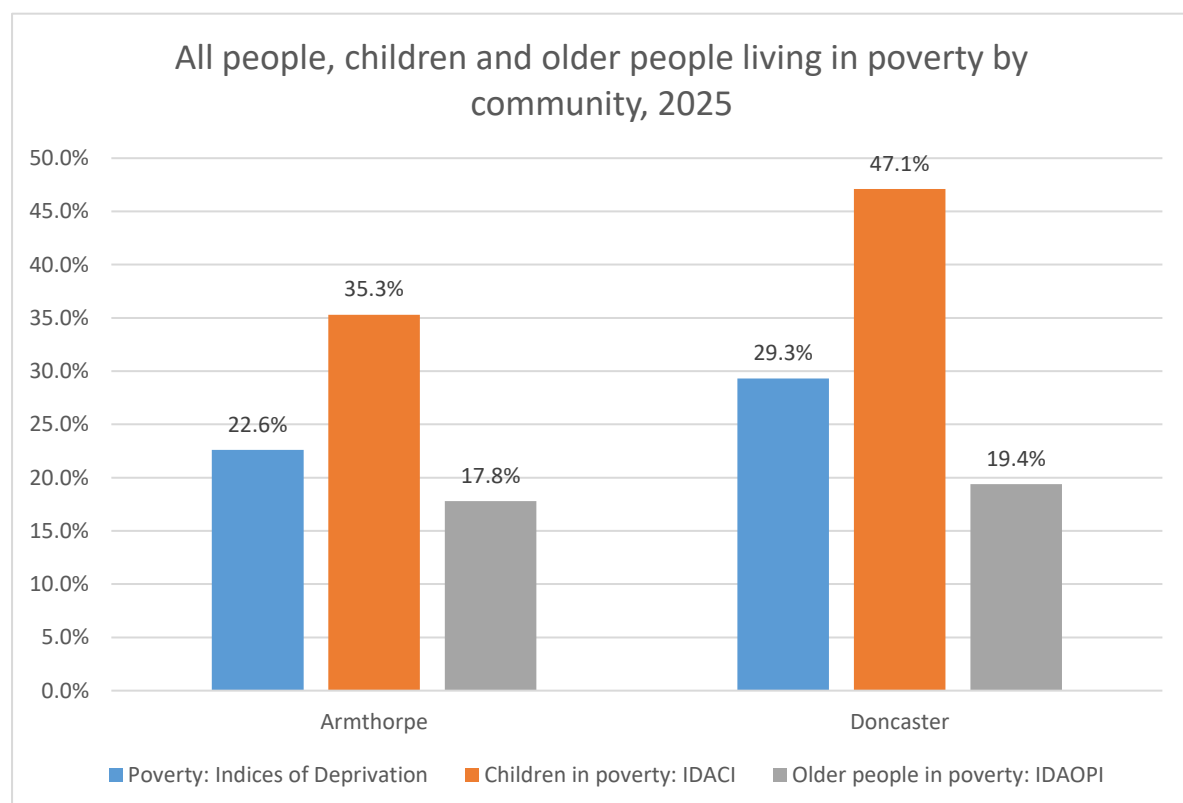


Figure 5: Poverty prevalence in Armthorpe, Office of National Statistics, 2025

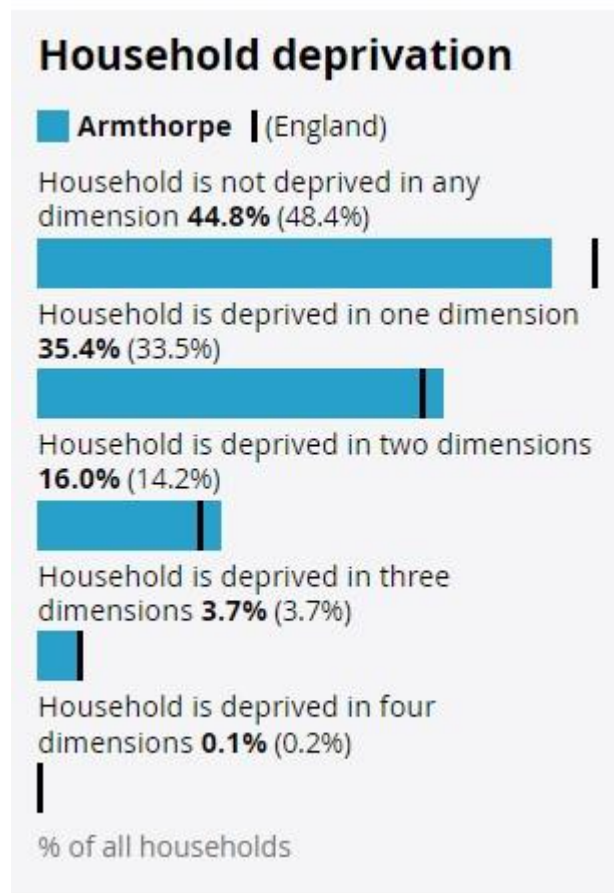


Figure 6: Household Deprivation in Armthorpe, Office of National Statistics, Census 2021

The 2021 Census data has been used to produce estimates that classify households in England and Wales by four dimensions of deprivation: employment, education, health and disability, and household overcrowding. The 2021 Census data breaks down this information into household deprivation within Armthorpe area compared to Doncaster and England.

44.8% of households in Armthorpe are not deprived in any dimensions which is lower than Doncaster (43.7%) and England (48.4%).

Similarly, 16.0% of households are deprived in two dimensions, higher than Doncaster (16.7%) and England (14.2%), and households deprived in three dimensions (3.7%) are significantly higher than Doncaster (4.6%) and England (3.7%).

Figure 7 illustrates the differences between Armthorpe. Armthorpe has a significantly higher prevalence of output areas that are deprived in 3 dimensions. The darker the area signifies the more deprived.



Figure 7: Household Deprivation (Three-dimensions) Armthorpe – Office of National Statistics, 2021

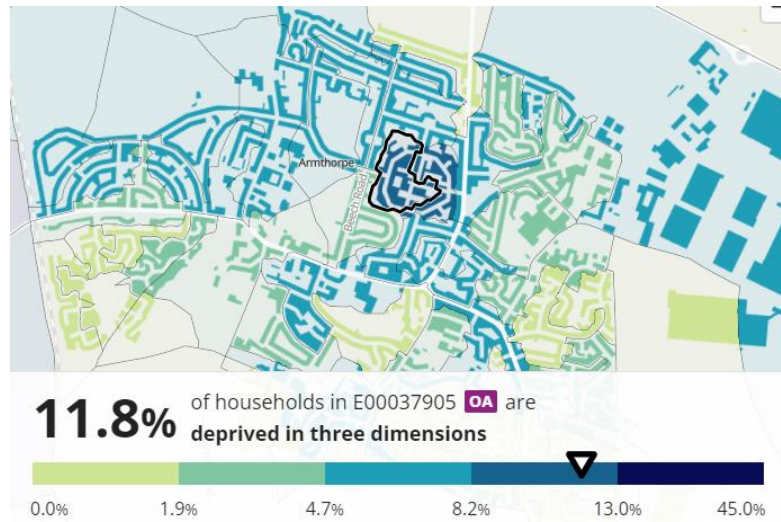


Figure 8: Household Deprivation (three-dimensions) Armthorpe – Office of National Statistics, 2021

Employment

Armthorpe has been separated into Armthorpe North and Armthorpe South MSOA. In Armthorpe North there are 28.3% of residents aged 16 and over who are not in employment and have never worked, significantly higher than Doncaster (27.2%) and England (25.6%). This is particularly high in the Hatter Close area where 28.3% of residents aren't in employment and have never worked.

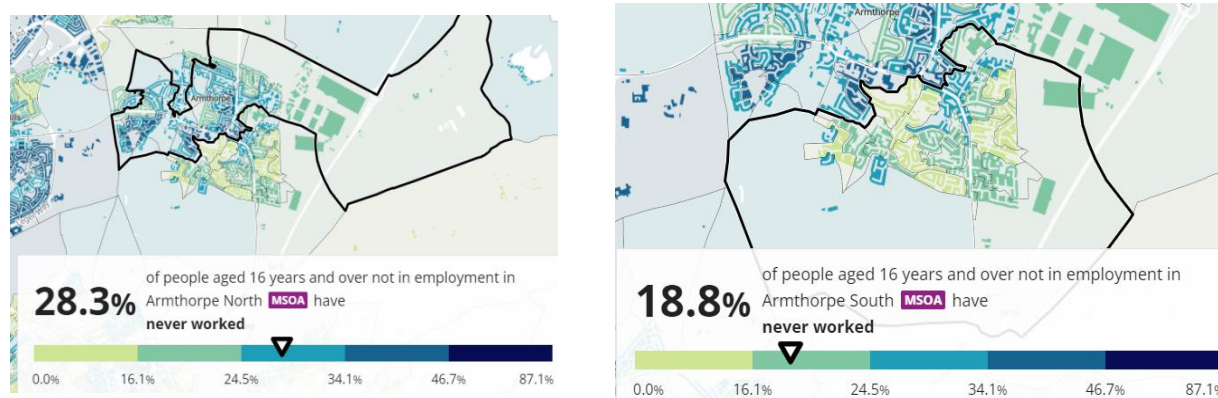


Figure 9: Adults Unemployed & Never Worked Armthorpe, Office of National Statistics, 2021

In Armthorpe, of those who are in work, the majority work full time (61.0%), which is similar to figures for Doncaster (60.7%) and England (59.1%). 21.2% of workers work part-time, less than Doncaster (28.9%) and England (29.8%). Elementary occupations (15.4%) are lower than Doncaster (16.5%) and England (10.5%). However, skilled trades occupations (12.9%), are higher than Doncaster (11.7%) and England (10.2%). Furthermore, 11.4% are employed in Professional occupations, lower than Doncaster (12.8%) and England (20.3%). These roles usually require higher skill levels and education as well as receiving higher pay.

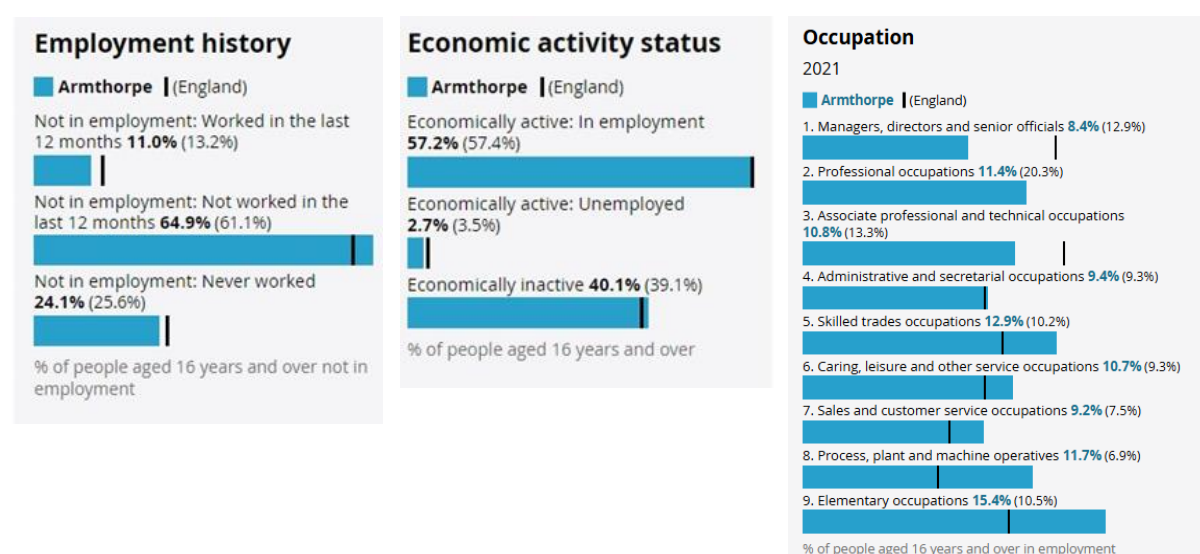


Figure 10: Employment History, Occupation & Highest level of Qualification for Armthorpe Compared to England: Office of National Statistics, 2021

24.6% of people aged 16 years and older in Armthorpe North have no qualifications, which is in line with Doncaster (24.6%) and higher than England (18.1%). Streets such as Lime tree (43%), Cow Lane (33.8%) and South Field Road (26.6%) have particularly high levels of residents with no qualifications. This could be due to the area being comprised of mainly bungalows, housing residents from the older generation. Furthermore, residents who are qualified to Level 4 and above in Armthorpe South (20.6%) is lower than Doncaster (22.7%) and England (33.9%).

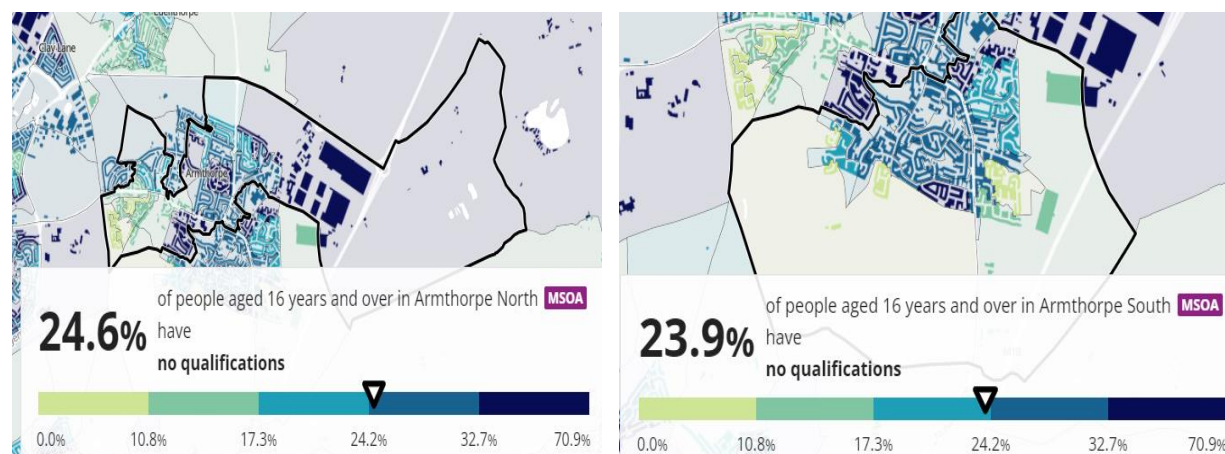


Figure 11: Map of People Aged 16 and Over with no Qualifications Armthorpe – Office of National Statistics, 2021

Another measure which may indicate deprivation is the number of cars in each household, as seen in Figure 12. There are significant differences across Armthorpe. This should also be considered when considering health interventions between the communities as it may be a barrier to accessing services.

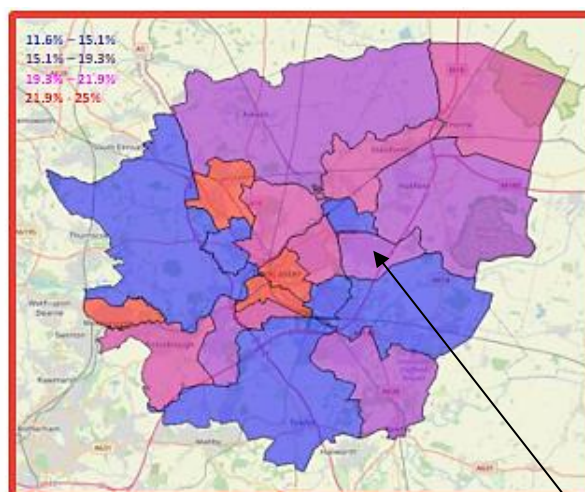
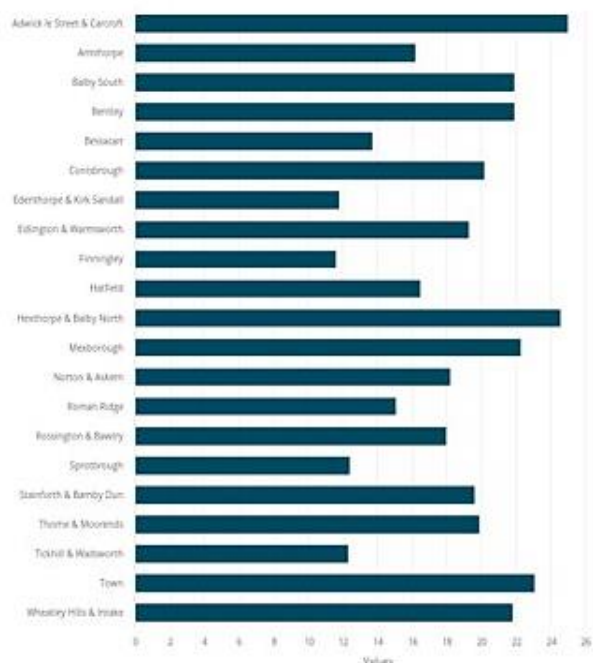


Figure 12: Census data for households who have no cars or van in Armthorpe - Office of National Statistics, 2021

Fuel Poverty

Fuel poverty is defined as a household living on a lower income which is not deemed reasonable enough to warm a home sufficiently. In 2020, 16.2% of adults in Armthorpe were unable to warm their homes to a reasonable standard, which is lower than Doncaster (18.8%), yet significantly higher than England (13.2%). The recent cost of living crisis, rising fuel costs and inflation may be a contributing factor.

% households in fuel poverty 2020 for Wards of Doncaster



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Figure 13: Deprivation indicators, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Food Poverty

There are 4 active foodbanks in the East locality of Doncaster, with one active foodbank operating in Armthorpe. A range of household types of access both foodbanks, the most common at Armthorpe being individuals. The main reason for residents requiring food support is high cost-of-living, followed by low income and debts.

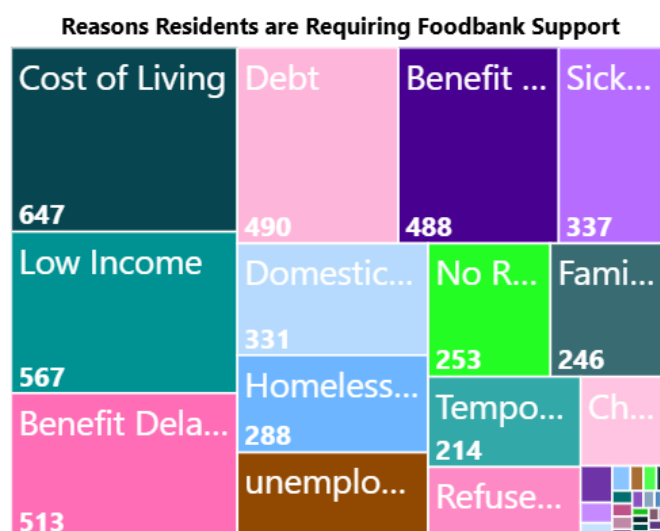


Figure 14: Foodbank Support Reasoning, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

The Bread-and-Butter Thing

The Food Ladder structures how food security impacts a community. Families can be thought to be on one of three levels. At the top-level people are food secure and can exercise choice about their lives. These communities are able shop independently at supermarkets. In the middle, families are “just about managing”. They may have enough food and funds most weeks although nothing spare and might be coping without help until unexpected expenses arise. The Bread-and-Butter Thing operates at this middle tier, building resilience in communities, addressing moderate food insecurity helping to minimise the demand on crisis support such as foodbanks.

The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) operates on a membership-based model, providing communities access to low-cost, nutritious food through the redistribution of surpluses. 80% of a Bread-and-Butter shop is made up of fruit, vegetables and chilled produce.

TBBT operates five community hubs in Mexborough, Rossington, Carcroft, Thorne, and Hexthorpe, supporting 400 residents weekly with affordable, nutritious food to reduce poverty premiums and food waste while building community resilience. The mobile food club offers fresh fruit, vegetables, chilled goods, and cupboard staples at a deeply discounted rate, saving members an average of £26.50 per week, with no eligibility criteria and a flexible membership model costing £8.50 per shop (Healthy Start vouchers accepted). TBBT addresses moderate food insecurity, helping families who are “just about managing” avoid falling into crisis and food bank reliance. In 2024, 3,241 residents accessed the service, and 1,596 volunteering opportunities were created, with 80% of each shop comprising fresh produce. Operating 51 weeks a year, hubs are run by local volunteers and provide a vital push up the food ladder for communities coping with the cost-of-living challenges.

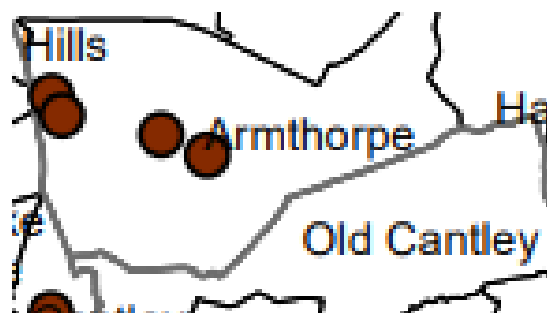


Figure 15: Armthorpe Ward TBBT Interactions, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

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Citizen's advice Doncaster Borough

Citizens Advice Bureau Doncaster (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. There is currently a CADB outreach site at The Bridge Centre in Thorne, and a permanent office located in Stainforth.

In Armthorpe ward there were 221 residents seeking support during the 2023-24 fiscal year, and this decreased to 155 residents in the 2024-25 fiscal year. Figure 16 shows the areas where residents seeking the support in 2024-25 are from, as signified by the purple dots.

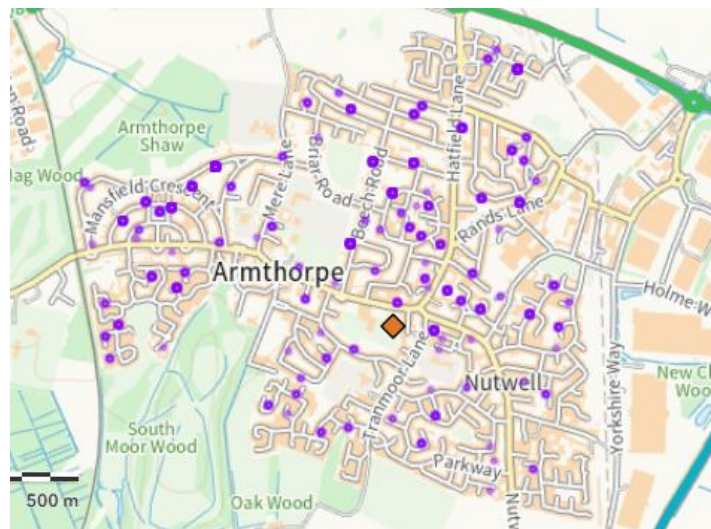


Figure 16: Postcodes Accessing Services, Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025

There are 5 predominant issues that residents in the Armthorpe ward have been accessing CABD to request support for, these can be seen in figure 17. These issues have been consistent since 2021/22.

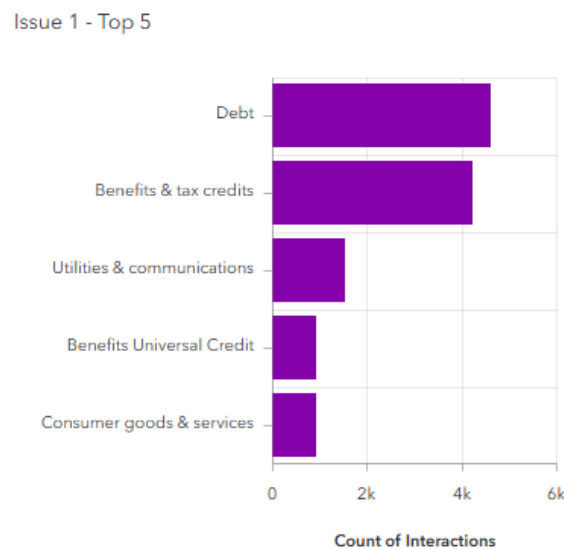


Figure 17: Reasons for Support, Citizens Advice Borough Doncaster, 2025

Health Inequalities:

Life Expectancy

Residents in Armthorpe ward have a mixed life expectancy. Life expectancy for males in Armthorpe (77.7yrs) is in line with Doncaster (77.2), and slightly below England (79.1yrs). Life expectancy for females in Armthorpe (80.7yrs) is in line with Doncaster (80.8) and slightly below England (83.0).

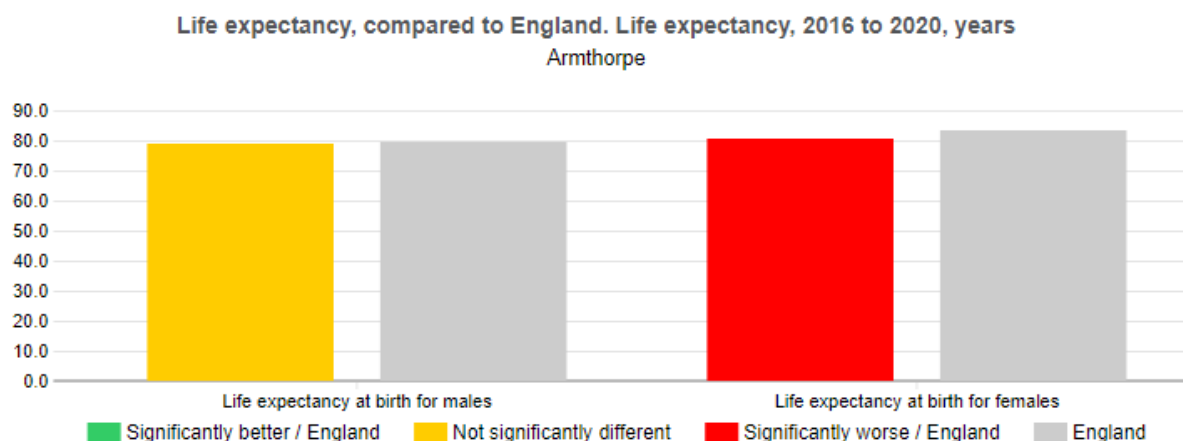


Figure 18 – Life Expectancy Compared to England, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Healthy Life Expectancy

Healthy life expectancy is defined as the number of healthy years someone is expected to enjoy before they experience a health condition which affects their daily life, which adds a quality-of-life dimension to life expectancy. The aim is to close the gap between healthy life expectancy and life expectancy as this difference is the number of years spent in poor health. In Armthorpe healthy life expectancy for males is 59.8 years, higher than Doncaster (57.4 years) yet significantly lower than the national average of 63.1 years. Females in Armthorpe are expected to live 61.3 years in good health, significantly higher than the average across Doncaster (56.1 years) yet lower than the national average (63.9 years). The main factors contributing to healthy life expectancy are clinical care (20%), behavioural factors (30%), socio-economic factors (40%) and the built environment (10%).

Long Term Health Conditions

In the Armthorpe ward, the number of people who report to be living with a long-term limiting illness (21.8%) in line with the Doncaster levels (21.7%) but is significantly worse than the levels across England (17.6%).

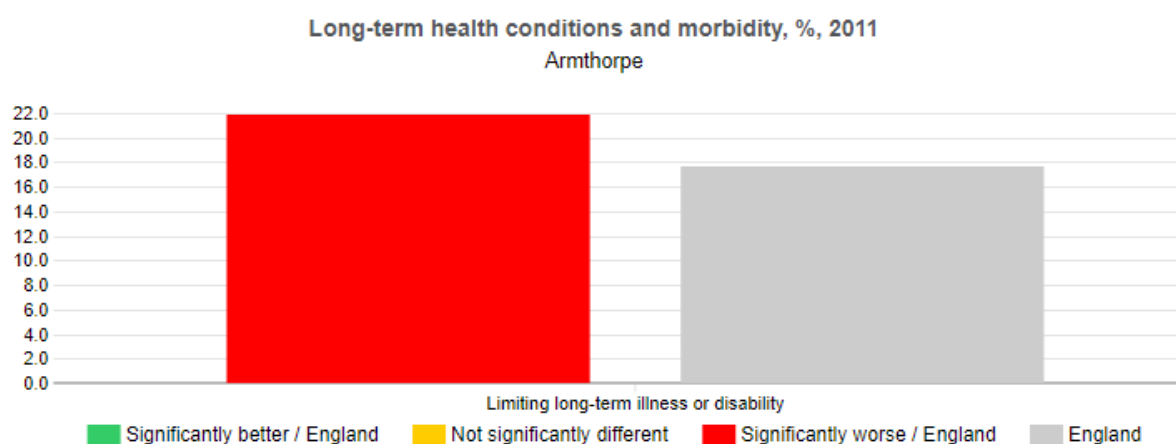


Figure 19: Long term conditions from the Local health, Office of National Statistics, 2011

The 2021 census data shows that 43.3% of residents in Armthorpe have very good health which is lower than England (48.5%). The percentage of residents with bad health is 5.3%, higher than England (4.0%).



Armthorpe has high levels of hospital admissions for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) (133.8 per 100.0) when using ISR, 10th highest in Doncaster. Incidences of lung cancer (134.7 per 100.0) when using ISR and a smoking prevalence of 8.5% is lower than Doncaster (19.7%). The Armthorpe ward has significantly high rates of emergency hospital admissions for COPD (133.8 per 100.0) when using ISR, compared to Doncaster (124.2 per 100.0) and England (100.0 per 100.0) when using ISR, indicating residents are struggling to manage their condition.

Another key health priority for Armthorpe is the prevalence of heart disease. Circulatory Disease, Strokes and Chronic Heart Disease (CHD) are the leading causes of all age and premature deaths in the community. Risk factors for heart disease, such as obesity and alcohol consumption, are also high. Hospital admissions for alcohol attributable conditions in Armthorpe are 116.4 per 100.0 which is higher than Doncaster 112.7 per 100.0 when using ISR.

Cause of Death

Armthorpe experiences significantly higher premature mortality rates than Doncaster, driven mainly by respiratory diseases linked to smoking, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. Emphysema and respiratory-related deaths are notably high, while alcohol-related harm in Armthorpe East is the highest in the borough. Cardiovascular mortality in Armthorpe North is a major concern, far exceeding local averages, alongside elevated cancer deaths. These patterns highlight urgent priorities around smoking cessation, alcohol misuse, and prevention of heart disease and cancer.

The significantly high level of emphysema, coupled with the significantly higher proportion of deaths from respiratory diseases, highlight the need to tackle the high rates of smoking within the Armthorpe ward.

Mortality rates from all causes (age under 75) in the Armthorpe North MSOA are 144.8 per 100.0, which is higher compared to Doncaster (123.3 per 100.0) when using ISR. Mortality rate from cancer in the Armthorpe North MSOA (122.4 per 100.0) is higher compared to Doncaster (113.9 per 100.0) when using ISR. Mortality rates from cardiovascular disease (aged under 75) in the Armthorpe North MSOA (171.0 per 100.0) is significantly higher compared to Doncaster (125.8 per 100.0) when using ISR.

Smoking

The smoking rate for the Armthorpe ward is 12.3%, which is lower than the Doncaster rate of 17.96% and higher than England 11.6%.

Action on Smoking and Health (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).

The gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £11.1 million in Armthorpe ward. An estimated £4.42 million is spent annually on tobacco products in Armthorpe ward. The national average spend on tobacco per smoker now stands at £2,486. Smoking has a significant impact on employment and productivity, and in Armthorpe ward, the total cost due to lost productivity from smoking was estimated at £8.24 million which is significantly higher than the city average (£6.5M).

Alcohol Consumption

Figure 20 shows the rate of alcohol-specific admissions per 1000 residents across the East locality of Doncaster by LSOA. The red line illustrates the overall rate across Doncaster at 43.7 per 1000 residents when using ISR. For LSOAs covering Armthorpe, Armthorpe East MSOA has a rate of 88.30 per 1000 residents, Armthorpe South-East MSOA has a rate of 18,78 per 1000 residents, and Armthorpe South MSOA has a rate of 14.65 per 1000 residents when using ISR. All these LSOA rates are above the overall rate across Doncaster.

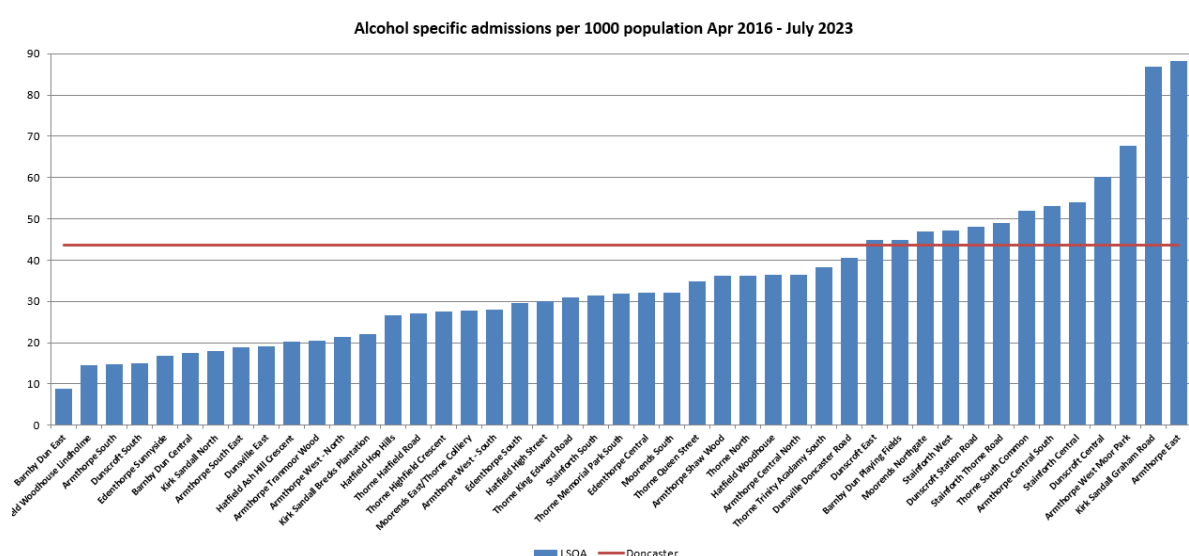


Figure 20: Armthorpe Alcohol Specific Hospital Admissions, Office of National Statistics, 2025

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 Armthorpe, 35.3% of children are classed as living in child poverty, which is lower than the Doncaster rate (47.1%).

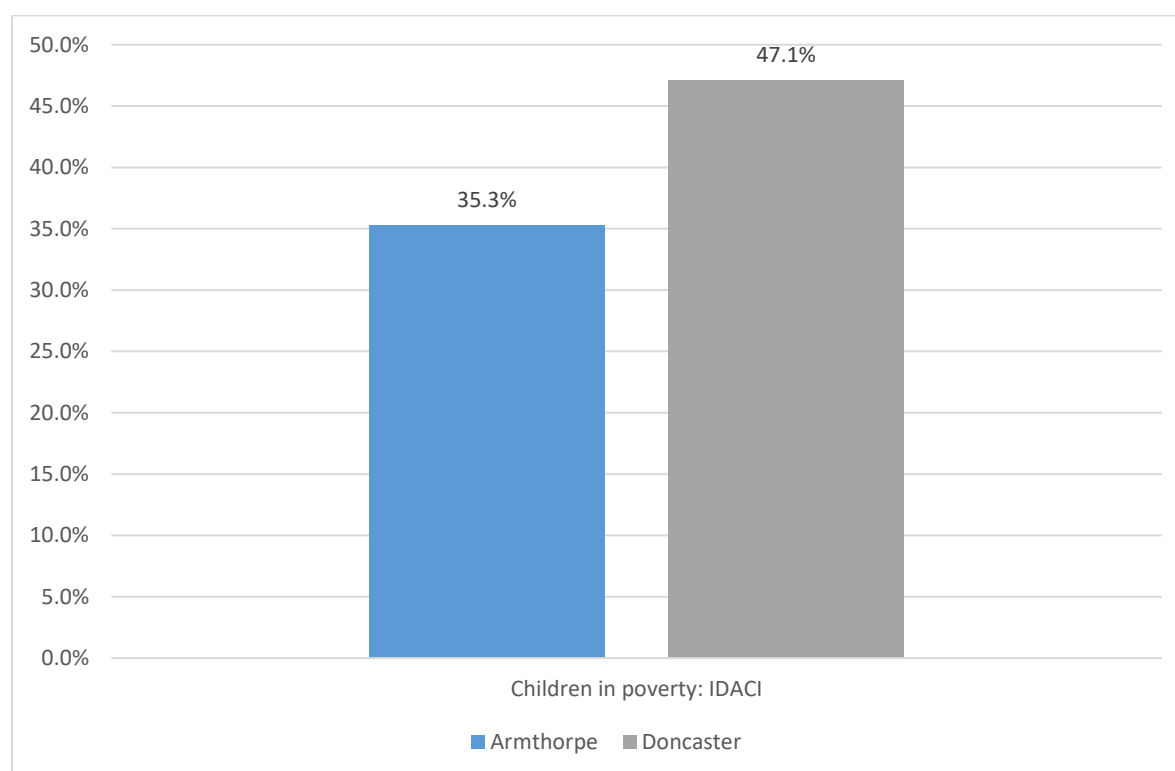


Figure 21: Children in Poverty: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) (aged 0 to 15) Office of National Statistics, 2025

Childhood Obesity

Childhood obesity and inequality are closely connected. Children from families with less money often have fewer chances to eat healthy food or play outside safely. They may live in areas without parks or easy access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables. These challenges make it harder for them to stay at a healthy weight. Because of this, childhood obesity is more common in deprived communities. Helping all children grow up healthy means making sure every family has access to good food, safe places to play, and support for healthy living.

Between 2022-25, data shows that 28.1% of children are overweight or obese at reception age in Armthorpe which is higher than Doncaster (26.7%) and is significantly higher than England (22.3%). This increases to 43.1% in Year 6 which is higher than Doncaster (40.2%) and England (36.2%).

Childhood Health

In Armthorpe the prevalence of regular smokers at age 15 (8.5%) is higher than Doncaster (6.8%) and England (5.4%). The general fertility rate, which is live births per 100.0 women aged 15-44 is higher (63.3) than Doncaster (62.4) and England (59.2).

In 2020/21, emergency admissions in under 5s is higher in Armthorpe North MSOA (130.7 per 100.0) than Doncaster (112.5 per 100.0), yet lower than England (140.7 per 100.0) when using ISR. Emergency hospital admissions for Armthorpe North MSOA for under 15-year-olds (84.1 per 100.0) is lower than Doncaster (88.8 per 100.0) and England (92.0 per 100.0) when using ISR.

Pupils Lifestyle Survey

The Pupil Lifestyle Survey is conducted by City of Doncaster Council (CDC) 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. This profile will compare the previous 2022 data with that collected most recently in 2024.

In Armthorpe 222 pupils participated in 2024. 84% of participants have breakfast, which is lower than Doncaster (86%). The survey also indicated that 58% of school-aged children in Armthorpe have school meals, this is higher than Doncaster (52%). 17% Armthorpe school aged children have free school meals which is lower than Doncaster (19%). 55% of children in Armthorpe say that they have fruit and vegetables, and 20% claimed to consume takeaway food most days or every day (vs 13% across Doncaster).

87% of children reported that they feel safe at home which is just below the Doncaster figures (88%). 83% of children in Armthorpe reported that they get love and support at home compared with 77% in Doncaster. 45% of children in Armthorpe reported that



they have visited a dentist within the last 12 months, which is lower than Doncaster (51%). 60% of school children in Armthorpe surveyed reported that they feel able to get involved in the wider community which is just above Doncaster (59%).

It is important to note that the Pupil Lifestyle Survey is self-reported and was not completed by all the schools.

School Attainment

The Department for Education supplies each local authority with the school attainment grades for those in Key Stage 2 (KS2) and Key Stage 4 (KS4).

In 2024 for KS2, 54% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics in Armthorpe, which is lower than Doncaster (59%), and the England rate of 61%.

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.

School attainment in Armthorpe for GSCE in 2024 was 43.5 which is lower than Doncaster (44.0) and England (45.9). The data show the school attainment has been relatively consistent since 2022 in Armthorpe for GSCE with 43.5 in 2023 and 43.9 in 2022.

There are 5 children who have been recorded as receiving Elective Home Education, and 39 pupils recorded as missing from education or receiving Elected Home Education in Armthorpe (City of Doncaster Council, 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, to adolescence, and up to age 25 for individuals with special educational needs and 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 Family Hubs in the East localities of Doncaster, namely Armthorpe, Moorends, and Stainforth.

Membership in Armthorpe is generally high for children aged 0-4 years and 11 months and children aged 0-1 year and 11 months. Accessing (seen 1-2 times) in Armthorpe is generally high for children aged 0-4 years and 11 months.

Engaging figures (seen 3+ times) in Armthorpe are generally high for children aged 0-4 years and 11 months. Armthorpe has lower engaging figures for children aged 0-1 year and 11 months. Armthorpe is amongst the communities that are a concern for the East Family Hub.

	0-8 weeks	0-1 year and 11 months	0-4 years and 11 months
Membership	65%	89%	97%
Access	NA	68%	84%
Engagement	NA	41%	69%

Table 4: Family Hubs Membership, Access and Engagement Data for Armthorpe

As of Summer 2025, 64.0% of children in Doncaster who are eligible for two-year funding are taking up their place. This figure has dropped each term over the last year in all localities, with the biggest drops seen in Central and South localities.

Armthorpe 2 year take up is in line with the Doncaster rate.

East Family Hubs 2-year funding take-up	
Spring 2025	67%
Spring 2025 (late starters)	69.5%
Summer 2025	64.3%
Summer 2025 (late starters)	67.1%

Table 5: 2-Year Funding Take-Up in Armthorpe

Physical Activity

Figure 22 shows where there are high numbers of inactive households around the borough. Data is mapped to Lower Super Output Areas, but wards are shown and labelled for orientation. Figure 22 identifies areas with the highest number of inactive households. This data has been matched to the number of children and young people living in deprived and inactive households. People living in income deprivation means not only people living on social benefits but also in low income and/or precarious work.

Armthorpe has a lower proportion of inactive people when compared to the other areas' populations.

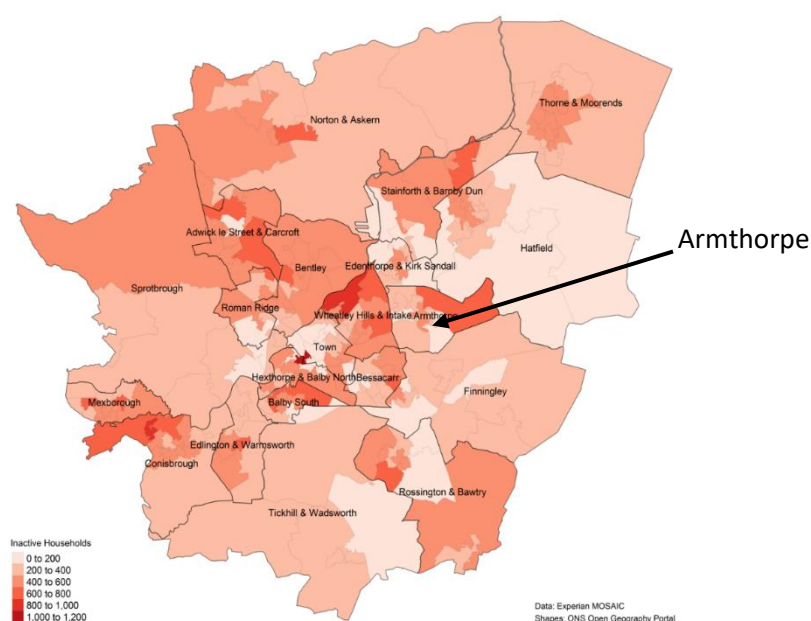


Figure 22: Inactive Households in Doncaster, Office of National Statistics, 2025

170 pupils answered The Pupil Lifestyle Survey in 2021 regarding physical activity from Armthorpe schools. In 2024, 222 pupils answered the same questions. The Pupil Lifestyle Survey showed in 2021 that 51% of Armthorpe school children reported walking to school, slightly higher than the Doncaster average of 46%. In 2024 this increased to 59% in Armthorpe and 39% Doncaster. Physical activity via school clubs in 2021 was 7%, which was lower than to the Doncaster of 11%. This has improved in 2024 to 15% in Armthorpe which is just below Doncaster average of 18%. 82% of school children in Armthorpe who took part in the survey reported that they enjoyed physical activity (Doncaster 76%), an improvement on 74% in 2021.

Community Information

Population

Armthorpe: 14,200 (ONS – Mid-year estimates).

When comparing the age distribution in Armthorpe ward to the wider Doncaster area, overall, the proportions are quite similar, but there are a few notable differences. Armthorpe has slightly fewer young people aged 15–19 compared to Doncaster (4.09% vs. 5.2%) and more older adults aged 60–64 (7.0% vs. 6.4%). Conversely, Armthorpe has a slightly higher proportion of children aged 10–14 and adults aged 30–34. The older age bands (70+) show only minor differences, suggesting both

areas have a comparable aging population. These patterns may influence local service needs, such as youth engagement or support for working-age adults.

Armthorpe		Doncaster	
Age Band	Proportion	Age Band	Proportion
4 & under	5.3%	4 & under	5.5%
5 - 9 years	5.6%	5 - 9 years	5.9%
10 - 14 years	6.1%	10 - 14 years	6.0%
15 - 19 years	4.09%	15 - 19 years	5.2%
20 - 24 years	4.94%	20 - 24 years	5.3%
25 - 29 years	6.0%	25 - 29 years	6.6%
30 - 34 years	7.0%	30-34 years	7.01%
35 - 39 years	6.5%	35-39 years	6.7%
40 - 44 years	5.4%	40-44 years	5.8%
45 - 49 years	6.0%	45 - 49 years	6.01 %
50 - 54 years	6.6%	50 - 54 years	7.1%
55 - 59 years	7.3%	55 - 59 years	7.1%
60 - 64 years	7.0%	60 - 64 years	6.4 %
65 - 69 years	5.9 %	65 - 69 years	5.4 %
70 - 74 years	5.8%	70 - 74 years	5.3%
75 - 79 years	4.0 %	75 - 79 years	3.7%
80 - 84 years	2.9 %	80 - 84 years	2.6 %

Table 6: Population by Age in Armthorpe Census 2021

Age pyramid: male and female numbers per five-year age group, 2020



Figure 23: Age Profile of Armthorpe Compared to Doncaster, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Ethnicity and Language

The Armthorpe ward continues to be predominantly White British (95.6%), higher than Doncaster (93.1%) and England (81.0%). 0.8% of the population identify as Black, Black British or Black Welsh, lower than Doncaster (1.2%) and England (4.2%). 0.6% identify as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh, lower than Doncaster (2.9%) and England (9.6%) In addition, 1.7% of residents identify as from mixed or other ethnic groups, significantly lower than Doncaster (2.7%) and England (5.2%). This aligns with a low number of residents in Armthorpe that cannot speak English well or at all (1.6%), equal to the Doncaster proportions (1.6%) and slightly lower than England (1.9%).

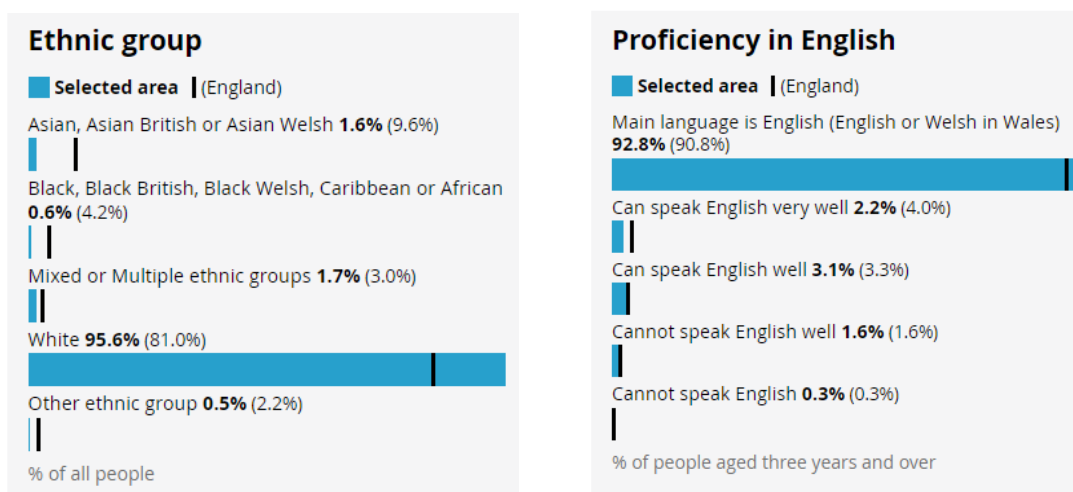


Figure 24: Ethnicity & Proficiency in English Profiles, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Housing

Housing conditions and the surrounding environment can have profound impacts upon residents' health and exacerbate health inequalities.

There are 6,100 households in Armthorpe. 2021 census data shows that 12.3% of houses in Armthorpe are socially rented, which is lower than Doncaster (17.0%). Residents who own their homes with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership is at 32.4%, which is higher than Doncaster (29.6%). 90.9% of homes in Armthorpe are a whole house or bungalow, which is higher than Doncaster-wide figures. 64.6% of Armthorpe residents are living in a single-family household which is higher than Doncaster (64.1%) and England (63.0%).

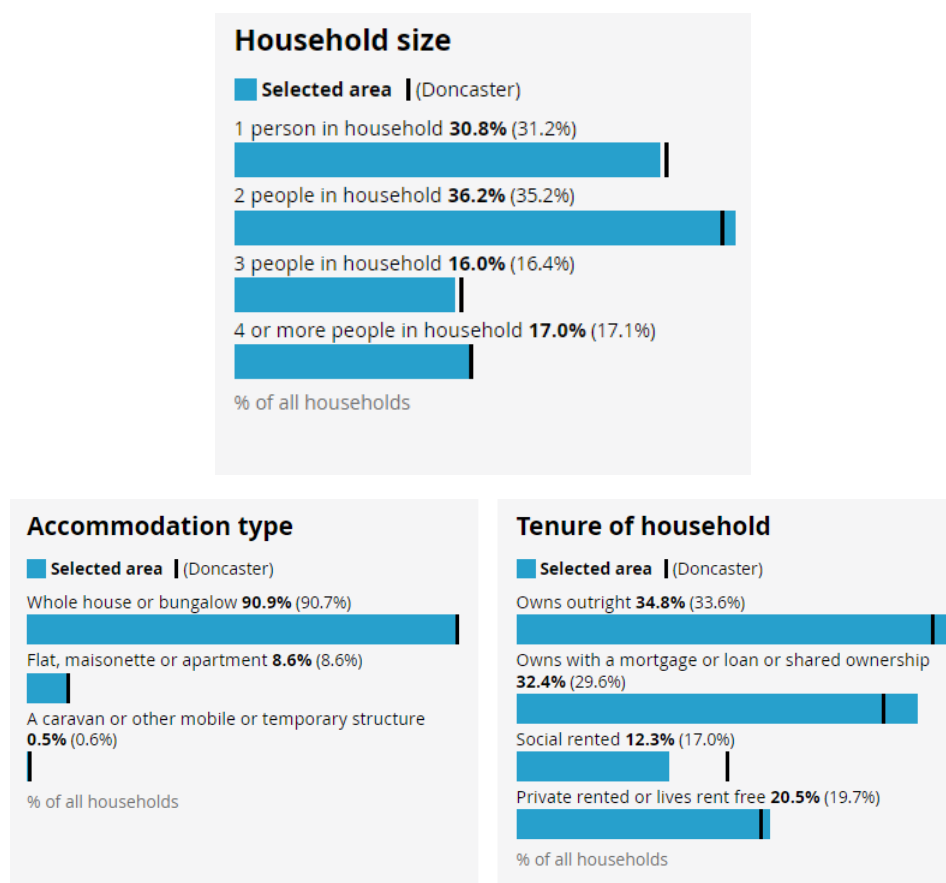


Figure 25. Housing Profiles in Armthorpe, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded, ideally occupied or under-occupied is calculated by comparing the number of bedrooms the household requires to the number of available bedrooms.

An occupancy rating of:

- -1 or less implies that a household's accommodation has fewer bedrooms than required (overcrowded).
- +1 or more implies that a household's accommodation has more bedrooms than required (under-occupied).
- 0 suggests that a household's accommodation has an ideal number of bedrooms.

Armthorpe South has 3.0% of houses that are overcrowded, higher than Doncaster (2.5%), whereas Armthorpe North has 9.2% of houses that are overcrowded which is lower than Doncaster.

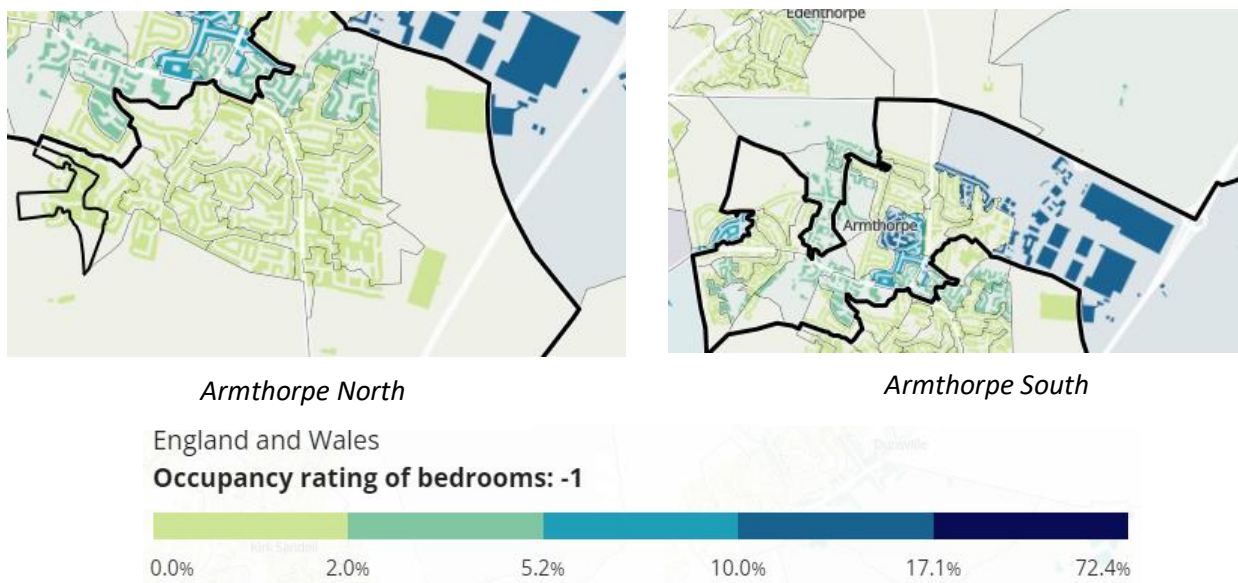


Figure 26: Occupancy Rates in Armthorpe, Office of National Statistics, 2021

The proportion of older people living alone in Armthorpe (32.0%) is higher than 31.6% across Doncaster and 31.5% England. Whilst this does not indicate loneliness and/or isolation, it is an indicator to be considered alongside local intelligence.

In Armthorpe 30.9% of residents live with 1 person in a household compared to England (30.1%). 36.3% of people live with 2 people within a household compared with England (34.0%). 15.9% of residents live with 3 people which is slightly higher compared to England (16.0%). In the household composition in Armthorpe, 64.5% of residents live in a single-family household which is higher than England (63.0%).

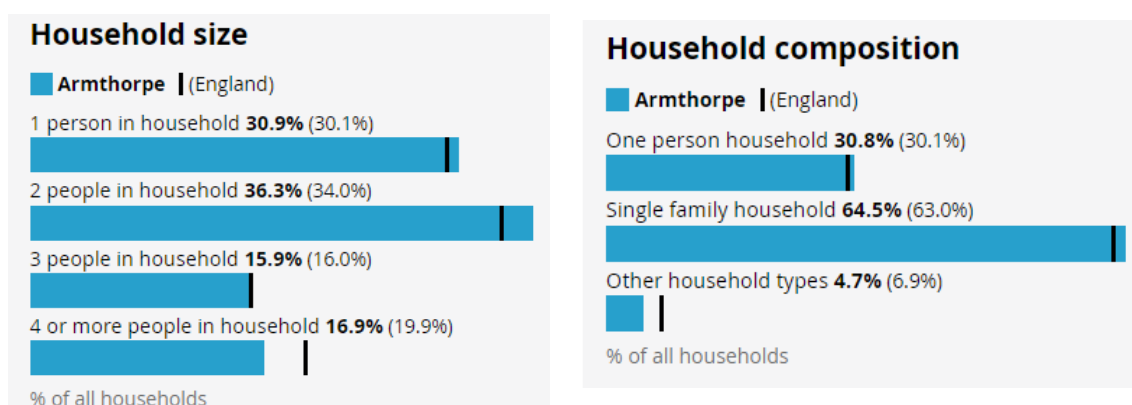


Figure 27: Armthorpe household size/household composition, Office of National Statistics, 2021

St Leger Homes is the main provider of Social Housing in Doncaster. In Armthorpe there is a high number of 1 bedroom St Leger bungalows 146- and 1-bedroom St Leger flats (83). Most of these properties will sit in line with the 30.9% of residents that live with a household who has 1 person or the 36.3% in a 2 people household.

There are 668 St Leger Homes properties in Armthorpe. 214 of these are 3 bed houses and 155 are 2 bed bungalows. Table below shows rent arrears from 2021-2025, arrears significantly decrease over the years. The rent arrears over the years between 2021-23 was during Covid-19 period.

Year	Rent arrears
21-22	£50,218.00
22-23	£59,364.00,
23-24	£1,791.85
24-25	£2,612.14

Table 7: St Leger Rent Arrears from 2021-2025

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, 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.

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** – 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.

People in East Doncaster feel that anti-social behaviour is their biggest worry. Things like groups hanging around, street drinking, and being intimidating make some public spaces feel unsafe. Many residents are also concerned about fly-tipping and neglected areas, which add to the sense that the environment isn't cared for. There is a lack of confidence in reporting problems to the police because they fear nothing will change—or worse, that there could be retaliation. Despite these challenges, there's a strong sense of pride and resilience in the community. Residents want to see more visible action: quicker clean-ups, more patrols, and better communication so everyone feels listened to and supported.

Vulnerable Victims

Figure 28 shows the vulnerable victims in the East area of Doncaster. East area of Doncaster has the highest number compared to the other localities. 11 of these vulnerable victims are from Armthorpe, this could be related to ASB or early intervention and prevention



Figure 28: Vulnerable victims in East Doncaster, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

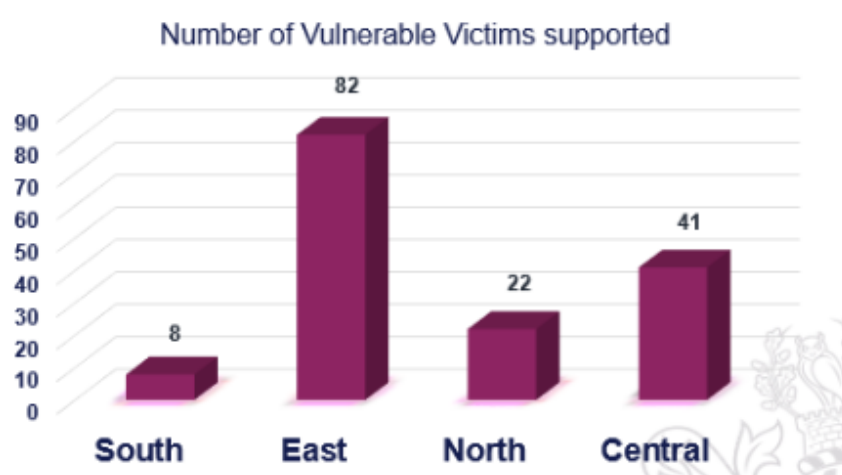


Figure 29: Vulnerable Victims Supported Across Doncaster, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Wellbeing

The table below shows the data for Armthorpe ward from the Wellbeing Service delivered by City of Doncaster Council. The service supports residents with a range of

issues to prevent escalation into adult social care. In 2024/25 the common themes presented for Armthorpe were housing and living environment (ASB), financial support and mental health.

Quarter	Number of Referrals	Male	Female	Top 3 themes each quarter
1	27	8	18	1.Physical Health 2.Mental & Emotional Health 3.Financial, Housing & Living Environment
2	26	7	19	1.Housing& Living environment/ Financial/ Physical Health 2. Mental Health 3. Environmental (ASB)
3	21	11	13	1.Housing & Living Environment/ Mental Health 2.Physical Health 3.Financial
4	20	10	10	1.Housing & Living Environment/ Mental & Emotional Health 2.Physical Health 3.Social Isolation/Financial

Table 8- Table Wellbeing Service referrals 2024/25

Community Investment

The East locality has received £7.85m of community investment through Doncaster Delivering Together. Of this, £6.76m has been directly invested in the Armthorpe ward. From this £32,440 has been investing into community groups to meet community priorities.

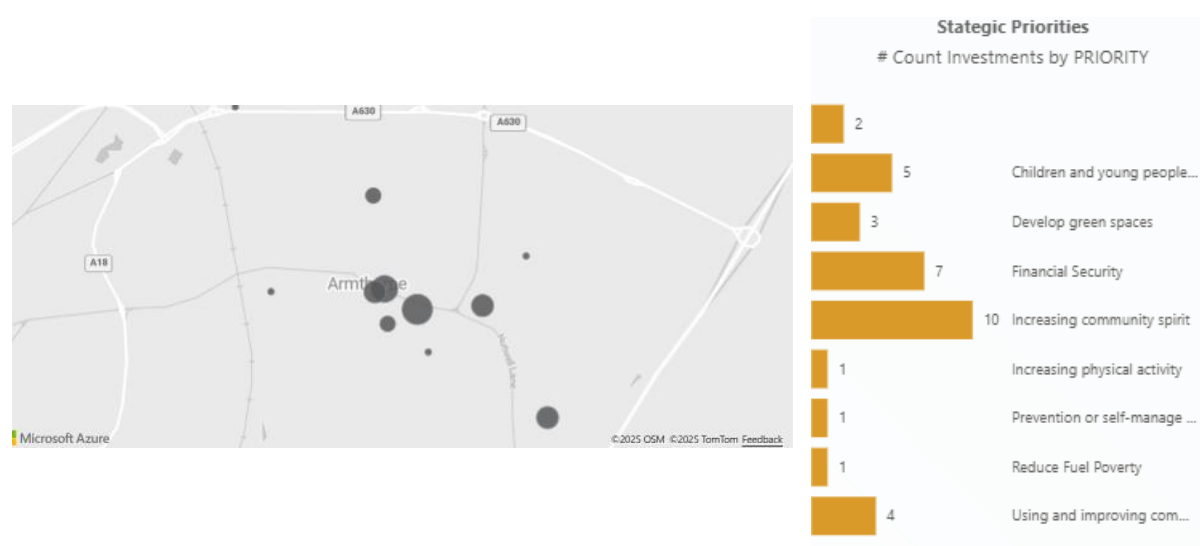


Figure 30 – Community Investment, Delivering Doncaster Together, 2025

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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](#)

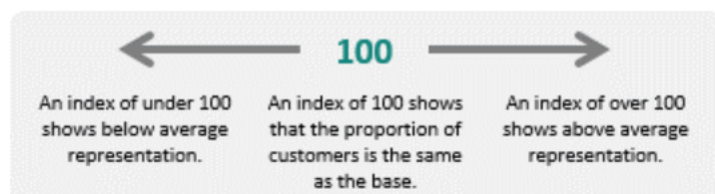
Acorn profiles

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

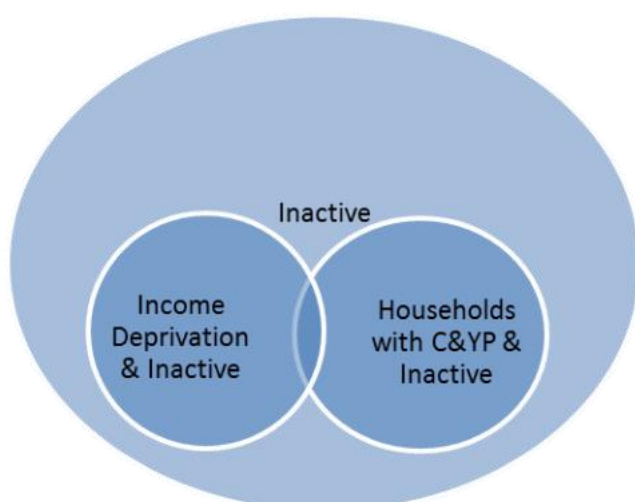
Get Doncaster Moving survey

<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 \(healthylearningdoncaster.co.uk\)](http://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=17BayPslj1OUq6U4OFbk9FKLYL2-wDZN&ll=53.50909620569456%2C-1.1365028000000032&z=14>

