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## Community Profile

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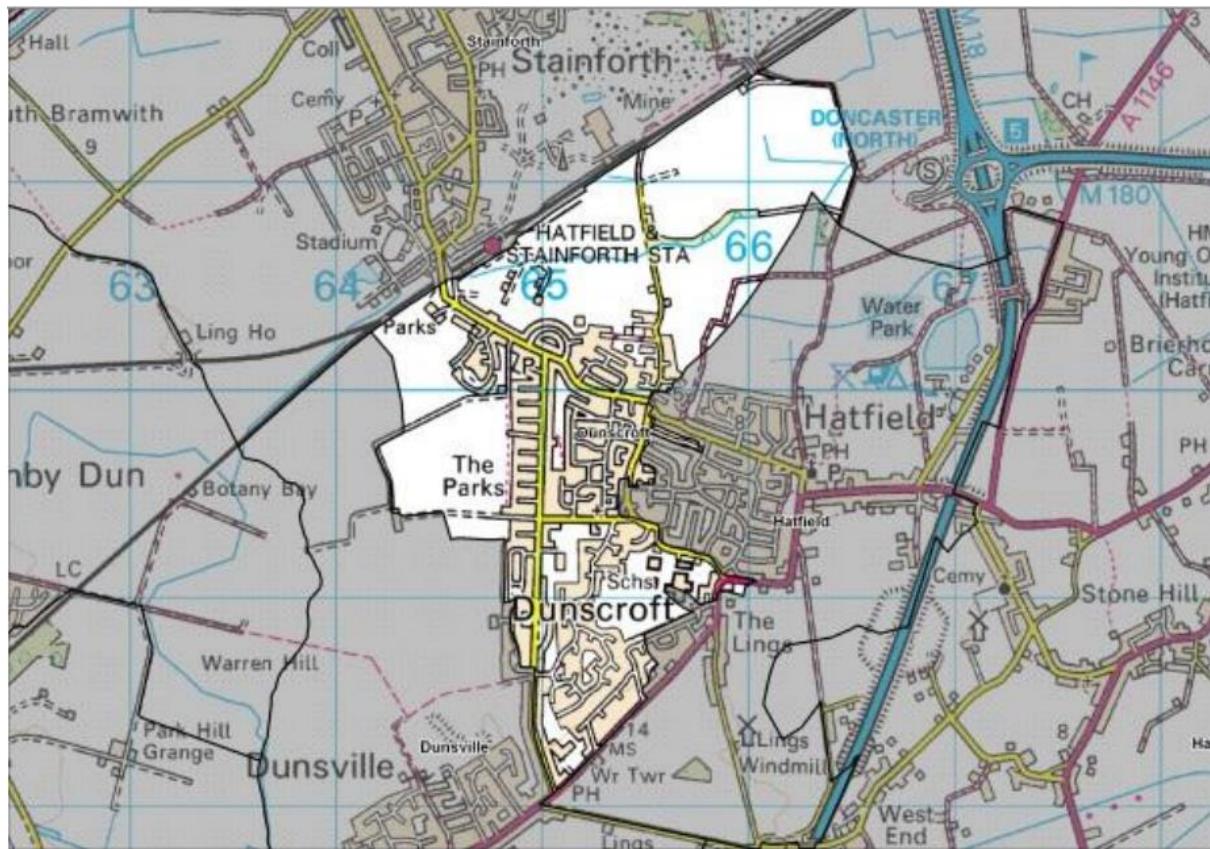
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## This Report

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 Dunscroft, part of the Hatfield Ward in the East of the City. The report begins with a one-page summary outlining key information and priorities. This document shows 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.

Where specific data for Dunscroft is unavailable, data for the Hatfield Ward or Medium Super Output Area (MSOA) data has been used from both Hatfield West and Hatfield East, both of which include parts of Dunscroft. 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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# Dunscroft



**30% of the population over 16yrs have no qualifications**



**1 in 3 people are not in employment and have never worked**



**31.5% of residents living in Dunscroft are living alone**



**24.6% of housing are social rented properties**



**High proportion of children in the community and lone parent households**



**42.9% of children are obese by Year 6**

## One Page Summary

Dunscroft is part of the Hatfield ward which consists of five communities: Dunscroft, Dunsville, Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme. It is located in the East of the City, approximately 6 miles from the centre of Doncaster and has a population of 5,600 (Census 2021).

Dunscroft has an Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) score of 37.03 compared to Doncaster's 30.5. This ranks Dunscroft as the 19th most deprived community in Doncaster (out of 88) and is the most deprived community within the Hatfield ward.

Dunscroft has a predominantly working age population, with an average age of 42 years. There are a significantly higher proportions of children and young people aged 0-19 years in Dunscroft, fewer people own their home (29.3%) compared to Doncaster (33.6%) and the percentage of social rented households is significantly higher in Dunscroft (24.6%) than Doncaster (17%). The prevalence of socially rented properties is particularly high on Station Road and Broadwater Drive, with a large number also on Durham Road, Lichfield Road and Winchester Road. The most prevalent number of people per household in Hatfield West MSOA (including Dunscroft) is 2 people (36.3%) similar to Doncaster (35.2%).

The leading cause of death in Hatfield West which covers Dunscroft is deaths from causes considered preventable (the underlying cause of death could potentially be avoided by public health and primary prevention interventions). Emergency hospital admissions for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is significantly high in Hatfield West with an ISR of 150.2/100. Emergency hospital admissions are also high, particularly in Hatfield East for self-harm with an ISR of 181.6/100 compared to Doncaster 121.6/100 and England as the baseline (100/100). Alcohol specific admissions show significantly high rates in Dunscroft Central and high rates in Dunscroft Station Road and Dunscroft East.

Dunscroft has a high proportion of economically inactive people (45.3%) and lower rates of economically active individuals currently in employment compared to Doncaster (58.3%) with 57.5% of residents economically active in Hatfield West and 46.5% in Hatfield East MSOA's. The number of individuals who are not in employment (have not worked in the last 12 months) is also significantly high in Dunscroft (58.8% Hatfield West and 69.2% Hatfield East MSOAs) compared to Doncaster (61.6%). The highest prevalence of residents not in employment that have never worked is around Station Road, York Road, and Menson Drive.

28% of children are overweight or obese at reception age in Hatfield Ward compared to Doncaster's 26.7%. This increases to 41.8% among Year 6 children in Hartfield, higher than Doncaster (40.2%). Figures at both age groups are significantly higher than England with 22.3% overweight or obese at reception and 36.2% of children overweight or obese at Year 6 nationally.

## Key Priorities

- Preventable deaths are the leading cause of death
- Significantly high rates of obesity in children and young people
- High rates of economic inactivity and unemployment, with lower levels of qualifications and skills
- High emergency hospital admission rates for COPD, self-harm and all causes

## 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 to work with individuals, families and communities 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.

## Asset Maps

The maps below show the different type of assets found across Dunscroft. 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. These maps will be updated to highlight any changes.

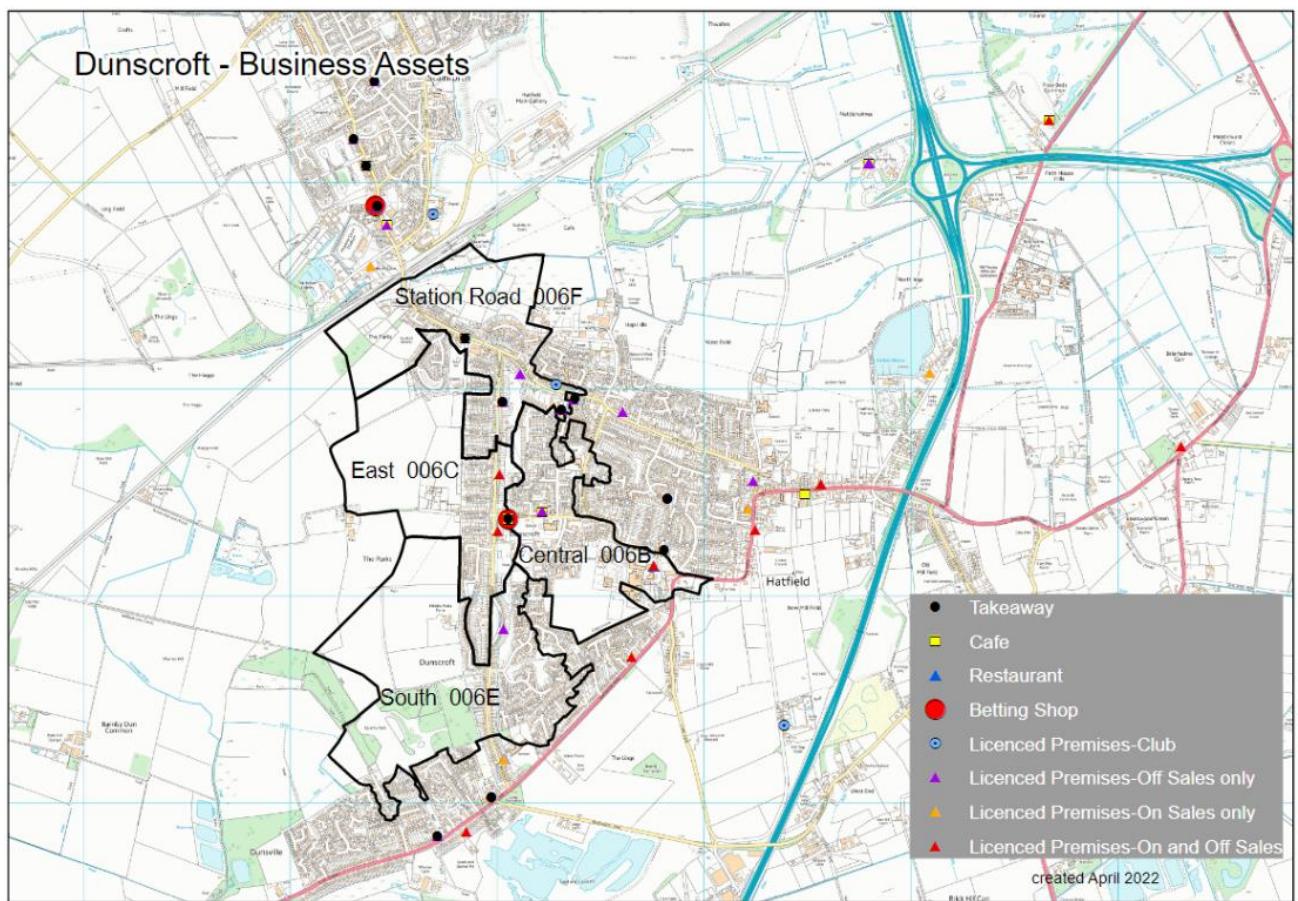


Figure 1. Business assets in Dunscroft, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

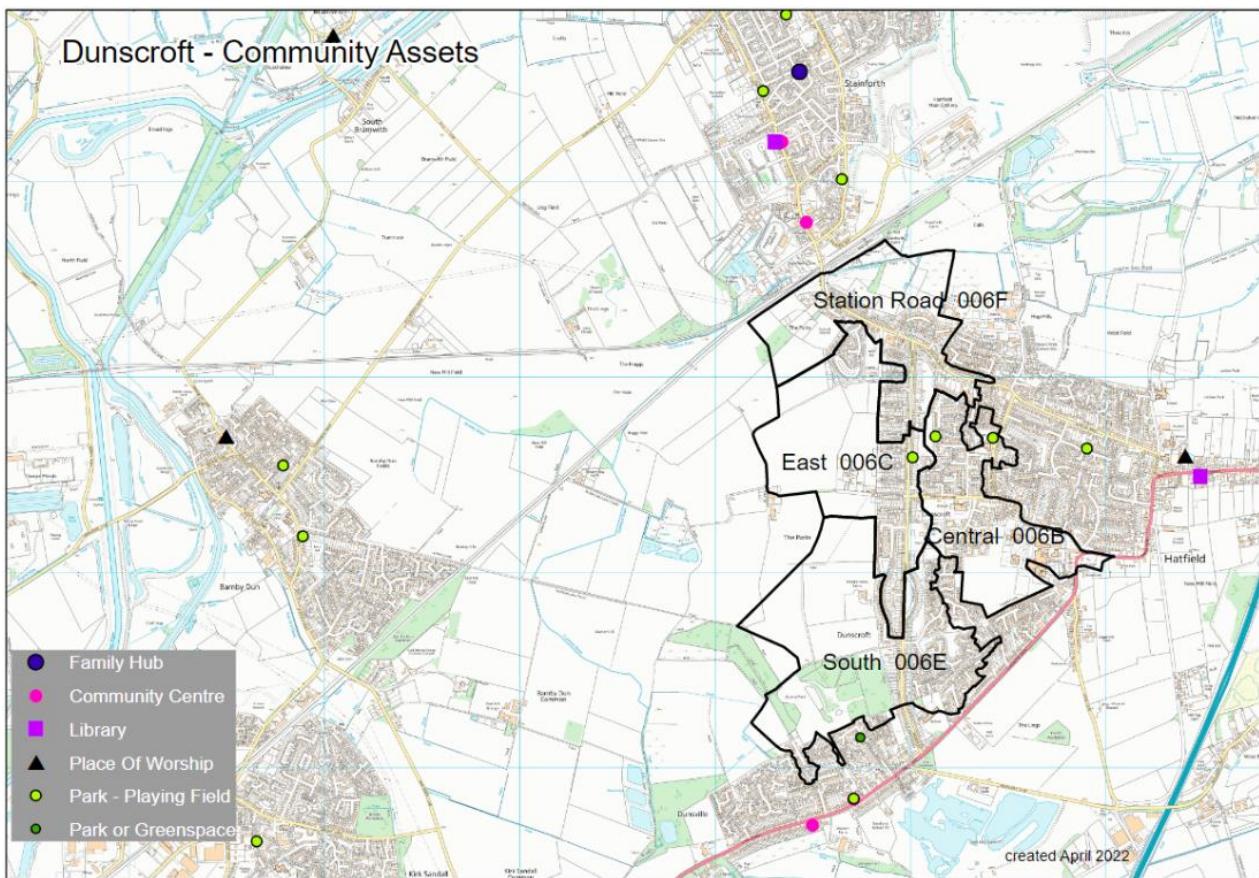


Figure 2. Community Assets in Dunscroft, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

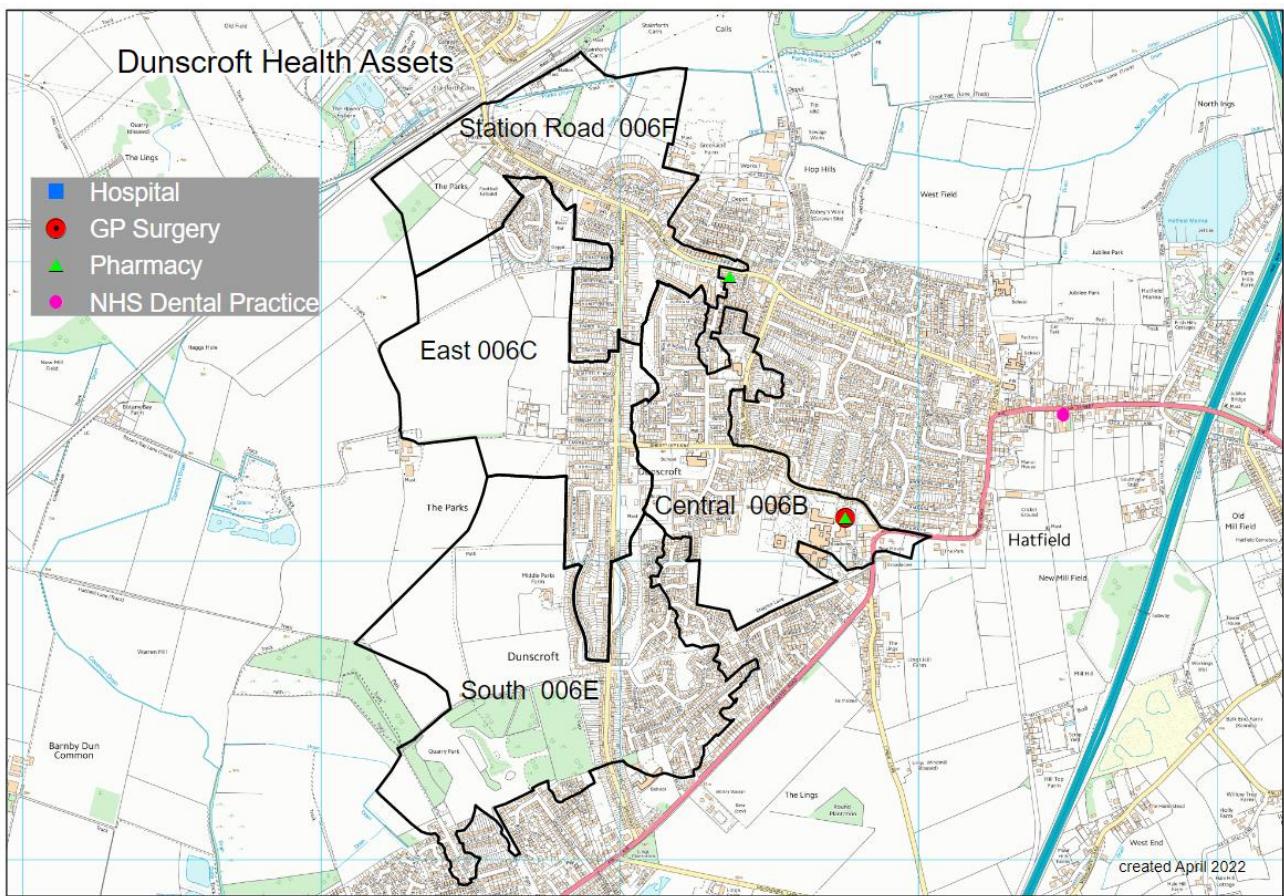


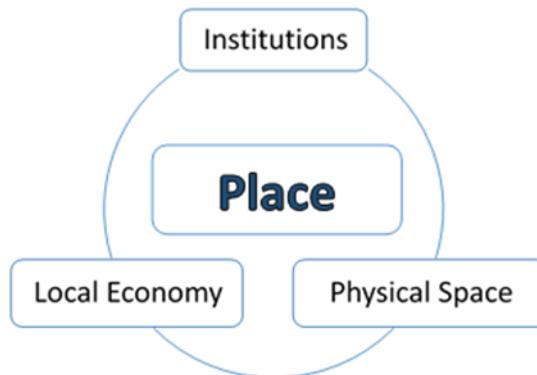
Figure 3. Health Assets in Duncroft, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

## Assets in the Community

### Population Health Management

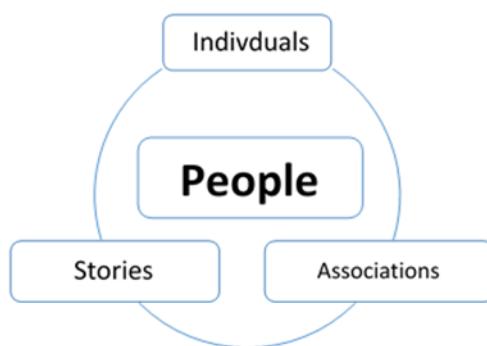
It is vital to understand the impact on the community of nationwide influencing factors such as the COVID19 pandemic and cost of living crisis as well as local and regional issues and opportunities. Understanding community organisations and other assets operating in the community helps us to ensure appropriate 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 Dunscroft, 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](mailto:welldoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk)

As part of a population health management approach, the following assets have been identified and themed around people and places:



Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical Space (Parks, car parks etc.)	Local Economy (Local profit businesses)
<p>Schools/Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sheep Dip Lane Primary School</li><li>• Crookesbroom Primary Academy</li><li>• Dunsdale Primary School</li><li>• Ash Hill Academy</li><li>• Coppice School</li></ul>	<p>Parks/Green Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• York Road Recreational Ground</li><li>• Quarry Park</li><li>• Abbey Playing Fields</li><li>• Dunscroft Welfare Park</li></ul> <p>Community Venues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dunscroft Together</li><li>• Kinsbourne Green Communal Hall</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smokie Jim's Convenience Store</li><li>• Refurnish Dunscroft</li><li>• Body Blitz</li><li>• Imperial Hair and Beauty</li><li>• Blossom Tanning</li><li>• Co-op</li><li>• Banados Charity Shop</li><li>• WerkHaus Fitness</li></ul> <p>Pubs/Restaurants</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Broadway Hotel</li> <li>• Dunscroft Social Working Men's Club</li> <li>• Dunscroft Welfare</li> <li>• The Sandwich Bar Café</li> <li>• Lotus Garden Chinese Takeaway</li> <li>• Broadway Chippy</li> <li>• Em's Cafe</li> <li>• Dolphin Pizza</li> <li>• Mellors Fish and Chip Shop</li> </ul>
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Individuals (Key individuals in the community)	Associations (Local Groups/Clubs)	Stories (Good news stories)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward Members</li> <li>• Hatfield Town Council Councillors</li> </ul> <p>Community Leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers in VCFS Sector</li> </ul> <p>Professionals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well Doncaster Officer</li> <li>• Be Well Officer</li> <li>• CDC Neighbourhoods Team</li> <li>• Police Community Support Officer</li> <li>• St Leger Homes</li> </ul>	<p>Dunscroft Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch Club</li> <li>• Youth Club</li> <li>• Arts and Craft Session</li> <li>• Bingo</li> </ul> <p>Kinsbourne Green Communal Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bingo</li> <li>• Social Club</li> <li>• Angling and Fishing</li> </ul> <p>Friends of Quarry Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering Group</li> </ul> <p>Dunscroft 'N' Friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee mornings</li> <li>• Angling and Fishing</li> <li>• Toddler Group</li> </ul> <p>East Doncaster Development Trust</p>	<p>In June 2023, Dunscroft Positive Action Group (PAG) focussed on delivering a Community Fun Day in August to utilise green spaces and build on community spirit. The PAG which is a collaboration between residents and professionals including Well Doncaster, Hatfield Town Council and Ward Members met bi-weekly to plan, organise and deliver a fun day for the whole community to enjoy.</p> <p>In April 2025, Dunscroft PAG was focused on the planning of a community clean-up day. Residents linked in with the local Well Doncaster Officer to facilitate a community litter pick in Dunscroft, which was well attended by residents, partner</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support with jobs, forms and benefits</li> </ul> <p>Dunscroft Warriors FC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football club for children and adults</li> </ul>	<p>organisations, Ward Councillors and children and young people.</p> <p>In December 2025, Dunscroft PAG was a Dream and Design session that created an action plan to improve and update the Dunscroft Welfare Park by making it more accessible for residents with disabilities and SEND families.</p>
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## Community Insight

### Appreciative Inquiry

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) is a strength-based approach to understanding what is working well. It involves asking a series of structured questions which are analysed to identify themes that can be used to create positive change. The questions seek to understand past and present successes to help plan and create a bright and positive future. Used in a community setting, the process consists of four phases:

- 1) **Discovery Phase** – This will involve engagement with the residents of Dunscroft 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 for community action.
- 4) **Deliver** – A collaborative way of working and investing resources in working towards the actions from the design phase.

The Well Doncaster Team undertake Appreciative Inquiry every year to ensure the voice of the community is heard and understood. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, this is more important than ever. As Armstrong (2020) demonstrates, through appropriate questioning, appreciative inquiry can help us move away from focusing on

what is wrong, to capitalising on what is right to help strengthen and restructure communities. As communities look for the positives in their future, we hold up a mirror that shows them where the positive future lies –with them and their community.

The table below outlines the main themes identified during the thematic analysis following 278 conversations with residents from 2022-2025.

Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
<b>Community Spirit</b>	<p>Belonging &amp; Togetherness</p> <p>Mining Heritage</p> <p>Social Opportunities &amp; Reducing Social Isolation</p> <p>Support Networks</p> <p>Inclusion</p> <p>Mutual Aid</p>	<p><i>"There is a strong community in Dunscroft. People are friendly and say hello when you are out"</i> (DC12) <b>2022</b></p> <p><i>"There is a sense of belonging and inclusion"</i> (DC11) <b>2022</b></p> <p><i>"It's an old pit village, it's an old mining community. Everyone knew everyone and it was a close-knit community, the social aspect of the community"</i> (DC55) <b>2023</b></p> <p><i>"People look out for each other and help out when needed. Nobody is left behind"</i> (DC20) <b>2023</b></p> <p><i>"Cheers you up living in a lovely community, I suffer from anxiety - speaking to people makes you feel better"</i> (DC29) <b>2023</b></p> <p><i>"Our friends all live near us and we have a really good sense of community... We would love to get the LGBTQ+ community more involved in our local area in Dunscroft"</i> (DC4990) <b>2024</b></p> <p><i>"The presence of Well Doncaster - they have worked in partnership with many local organisations I deal with. Health and Information events are great for community spirit - I attended the Hatfield Woodhouse</i></p>	<p>Residents display a strong sense of community spirit in Dunscroft, which is supported by residents' feelings of belonging and inclusive nature of their support networks consisting of friends, families and neighbours.</p> <p>Residents feel that they belong and are part of the Dunscroft community. There is a strong sense of inclusion, and willingness to support neighbours, and many residents talk fondly of being part of a strong community that looks after one another. Many feel that as a community, Dunscroft has 'been left behind' and residents have taken it upon themselves to ensure that nobody feels isolated or forgotten.</p> <p>There is strong community spirit and praise for inclusion that can be utilised to introduce new projects or reintroduce previous ideas such as the Dunscroft Gala. Dunscroft Warriors are looking to host the annual gala again in July 2025.</p> <p>The Mining heritage and sense of history surrounding the mining community in Dunscroft is evident and is shared with nearby Stainforth.</p> <p>Many feel that as a community, Dunscroft has 'been left behind' and residents have taken it upon themselves to ensure that nobody feels isolated or forgotten.</p> <p>It is imperative that services and agencies support the community to ensure that nobody is socially isolated.</p>

		<p><i>Community Information Day event and made new connections/contacts and engaged with many local residents about the work I do - thank you" (DC5470) 2024</i></p> <p><i>"Some of us have lived here all our lives and built up some great friendships with the people here. Everyone is so supportive, helpful and accepting and are willing to help. The community really looks out for each other. I have dementia so struggle with names, but I recognise everybody, and they are all lovely with me and help me by taking care of me and making sure I am safe. I've still got my independence, and this is so important to me because it is really possible because of the people around me (DC5547) 2024</i></p> <p><i>"I used to like it a lot, there's good community spirit, neighbours come and check on me, supportive around my health issues, look out for me" (DC439) 2025</i></p> <p><i>"It's good, everyone pulls together. we have good mining culture here... It's important because it's who we are. Our heritage is important to us" (DC992) 2025</i></p> <p><i>"I'm a new member of the community, having only lived here for 3 years but I've moved here from the South. I feel people have more old school values here and everyone looks out for each other." (DC1526) 2025</i></p>	
<b>Community Cohesion</b>	Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) & Safety  Transport Links & Amenities	<i>"It was safe but no longer feels safe, it feels that this part of Doncaster is forgotten about" (DC8) 2022</i>	Insight in 2022 residents spoke strongly about feeling unsafe due to frequent reports of ASB. There is a sense from older residents that younger members of the community (teenagers) are causing ASB within Dunscroft. A clear progression has

	<p>Green Spaces</p> <p>Community Assets</p> <p>Groups &amp; Activities</p>	<p><i>“Being near to the bus is good, as I have cheap fares due to my age, I can get the food I need for my dinners” (DN49) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“People use the local amenities and transport links regularly and this is important to use for socialising and be present in the community. Places are easily accessible by train too” (DC4990) 2024</i></p> <p><i>“New youth club gets the kids off the street and gives them something to do” (DC21) 2022</i></p> <p><i>“There are a few fields, which are great to take my kids and dogs, they can run around there” (DC38) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“I haven’t been here too long, but we’ve got some good shops, and the golf course is nearby.” DC2740 2024</i></p> <p><i>“Close to local amenities i.e shops, petrol stations, activities. and its easily accessible via motor way links” (DC2046) 2024</i></p> <p><i>“I enjoy socialising with my friends out at the Kinsbourne green community centre. The bingo group are great and really welcoming which is really nice. I visit the bingo regularly as this gets me out of the house” (DC5532) 2024</i></p> <p><i>“Dunscoft and the Dunscoft Together Community Centre is a place for all, no one is turned away and all needs and abilities of everyone are met. It’s so inclusive and diverse” (DC5545) 2024</i></p> <p><i>“Dunscoft Together Community centre does a</i></p>	<p>been noted by residents in response to reports of ASB, as residents from 2025 onwards are praising the increased police presence and it's positive impact on improving resident safety.</p> <p>Towards the end of 2022, Well Doncaster supported Dunscoft Together with setting up a now thriving Youth Club that sees more than 100 children per evening, which provides opportunity to reduce youth-related ASB and support the centre to introduce new projects to the area that empower younger residents. Through 2023 to present, residents have praised the Youth Club for reducing ASB caused by younger people, as this gives them something to do and reduces boredom, keeping them off the streets and mitigating issues caused. The Youth Club has been praised by parents and elderly members of the community for fostering a safe and supportive environment for the young people to thrive.</p> <p>Prior to the establishment of Dunscoft Together Lunch Club, the community raised feelings of being forgotten and highlighted how they have policed the community from within to address ASB and crime. Through 2023-2025, residents have more recently talked highly of the opportunities available to elderly residents which are accessible and affordable to meet the needs of the aging population and thus reduce social isolation in Dunscoft.</p> <p>Transport links are often mentioned in community conversations, including both buses and trains, which makes the community more accessible and is convenient for residents to travel to local assets including both community centres, Dunscoft Together and Kinsbourne Green and local shops and amenities. Buses were highlighted as a positive in the past, with recent changes meaning less frequent services and therefore impacting resident's ability to feel connected to the community. Transport by train has often been highlighted as a positive and seen as an asset to the community as this enables residents to feel more connected to the city of Doncaster.</p> <p>There are many community assets within Dunscoft, which are well utilised by the residents, including 2 community centres; Dunscoft Together and Kinsbourne Green; numerous parks and green spaces; local shops and a golf course.</p> <p>Community venues including Dunscoft Together, Kinsbourne Green, Hatfield Library &amp; St Lawrence Church were highlighted as being integral to many residents, for reducing social isolation and providing opportunities for social engagement.</p> <p>Groups and activities that take place in the venues above were outlined as being important to residents and helping to build community spirit and friendships.</p>
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Health & Wellbeing	Keeping Active & Being Healthy	<p><i>"Eating healthy and to do some walking" DC2750 2024</i></p> <p><i>"I try to pass it on to my children and to be active. I would like my children to be more active, but it scares me with them being safe" DC2752 2024</i></p> <p><i>"We have a number of sports clubs within our community, we don't play at the sports clubs ourselves but are able to recognise that this is important to our young people... We have a couple of parks which are nice green spaces - Quarry Park in particular we like." (DC1108) 2025</i></p> <p><i>"The pharmacy is important because I need to collect my medication, they are so</i></p>	<p>Health is an emerging theme through 2024 onwards, particularly with parents who recognise the importance of encouraging their children to be active and participate in physical activity for health and wellbeing benefits whilst ensuring that safety is paramount.</p> <p>C&amp;YP frequently praise the variety of activities and opportunities available to them which support them to feel healthy, exercise regularly and maintain social interactions as part of enhancing their wellbeing. Many C&amp;YP recognise the popularity of Quarry Park, with mixed opinions on the safety in local parks.</p> <p>Older residents link the access to health amenities to improved mental wellbeing and thus, reducing social isolation amongst the elderly.</p>

		<p><i>reassuring and put my mind at ease and make things easier with my medication and controlling it, they are 'on it'. The flexibility and ease, and those social connections. I value the in-person support."</i></p> <p><b>(DC1280) 2025</b></p> <p><i>"The parks suitable for children can essentially create a circle of friends, preventing loneliness which I find important."</i></p> <p><b>(DC1419) 2025</b></p> <p><i>"I believe the Dunscroft Community is good because it offers a variety of parks for kids and teenagers whilst including a positive and friendly environment."</i></p> <p><b>(DC1420) 2025</b></p>	
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#### Health and Wellbeing

<b>Overall Wellbeing</b>	Physical Health	<i>"Staying well for as long as possible into older age"</i> (DC380) 2023	Residents of Dunscroft have reported that overall wellbeing is of importance to them, which is characterised by residents wanting to feel well and healthy, both physically and mentally and being able to prolong this into older age. Some residents have also recognised the wider physical and wellbeing benefits of volunteering in more recent conversations.
	Mental Wellbeing	<i>"Mental health benefits of reading"</i> (DC443) 2023	
	Social Interactions	<i>"Feeling well and having a very good health centre"</i> (DC604) 2023	
	Volunteering	<i>"Volunteering was helped my physical and mental wellbeing, makes you feel wanted, make connections, combats loneliness"</i> (DC439) 2025	Conversations in 2025 further strengthen the need for social interactions and connections with friends, family and others to support wellbeing in the community. Many residents have praised the plethora of opportunities available in Dunscroft including at the two community centres, local parks and groups such as the memory club.
	Ageing Well	<i>"Being able to get out to things like the memory club so we get a break and a change of scenery."</i> (DC1966) 2025	
		<i>"Going out and socialising in the village I live in ultimately is significant as it improves</i>	

		<p><i>my wellbeing, overall making me feel comfortable where I live.” (DC1280) 2025</i></p> <p><i>“Social time - with friends and family. Taking part in activities and keeping our minds and body engaged.” (DC1604) 2025</i></p> <p><i>“Walking, good diet, getting to meet others and socialising. Making new friends and connections and having the centre is so important. We have regular groups here which keeps us busy and out of the house multiple days a week and this is an outlet and opportunity to mix with others and socialise.” (DC2532) 2025</i></p>	
<b>Physical Activity, Exercise and Movement</b>	<p>Physical Fitness</p> <p>Weight Management</p> <p>Being Outdoors</p> <p>Social connections</p> <p>Children &amp; Young People</p>	<p><i>“I want to be able to [go] out easily and be fit so I can enjoy it. Losing weight is important to my lifestyle. Be able to walk round and enjoy things” (DC259) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Having a safe place to exercise and socialise for kids and dogs is really important too” (DC350) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Convenient access to parks and open spaces” (DC443) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“My weight is important. Movement makes me feel better” (DC810) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“At the moment being more physically active. Taking part in hobbies and activities such as crafts, baking etc is good for mental health and wellbeing” (DC811) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Being able to go on safe walks through the parks and Broadway to get my kids” (DC1715) 2025</i></p>	<p>Many residents have explained the importance of having access to green spaces for engaging in physical activity and exercise, which is supported by the need for being able to walk regularly and get out of the house, which also comes with the added benefits of social interactions and increasing opportunities for children. Similarly, many residents identified weight management and losing weight to be a way of improving their wellbeing, which has also been linked to residents understanding and feeling of being well.</p> <p>Residents have also recognised the need to prolong life expectancy and take care of themselves in order to support their children and grandchildren for as long as possible.</p>

<b>Healthcare System</b>	GP Appointments Continuity of Care Healthcare Professionals Accessibility & Understanding	<p><i>“The ability to access services I need due to health conditions” (DC781) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Personalised care. Seeing the same professional on an ongoing basis, makes me feel like seeing a friend as you know each other” (DC160) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“People that care - whether you’re a doctor, nurse, external service like Be Well. Somebody there to listen to what I’m saying and not be dismissive” (DC235) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Getting some good quality health care now - due to seeing Be Well and going to a diabetes support group and being able to get an appointment at my doctors, which I usually can. Seeing a professional in person or a phone call” (DC259) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Good health care not just available but readily accessible for people to utilise when needed. Having to wait week isn’t good it should be same day appointments and mental health provision shouldn’t be a long wait either. Immediate access for people struggling should be part of good health care...” (DC350) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Face to face appointments where a GP listens to me” (DC377) 2023</i></p> <p><i>“Being able to get a face-to-face appointment with your own GP would be nice” (DC2553) 2024</i></p> <p><i>“Appropriate responses to issues i.e. time restraints and appointment availability” (DC2046) 2024</i></p>	Many residents suggest that the importance of having access to frequent and regular GP appointments with healthcare professionals is essential for keeping well and healthy. Despite often struggling to get GP appointments, residents have expressed praise for some healthcare professionals who are supportive of their care. Residents also explain their preference for face-to-face, in-person appointments with healthcare professionals which are more accessible and accommodating for the residents of Dunscroft. This is further emphasised by the residents wanting more consistency and better continuity of care when seeing medical professionals, as they often feel dismissed, but are keen to engage with healthcare professionals who are understanding, inclusive and are good listeners.

		<i>Being able to be seen if needed. Same day appointments are great because we can call up in a morning and we always get through. It's so important to be listened to as well. (DC5402) 2024</i>	
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## Doncaster Talks

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

Across the Hatfield ward 111 responses were received which equates to 0.62% of the ward. This was amongst the lowest response rate per ward. An overview of responses can be seen below.

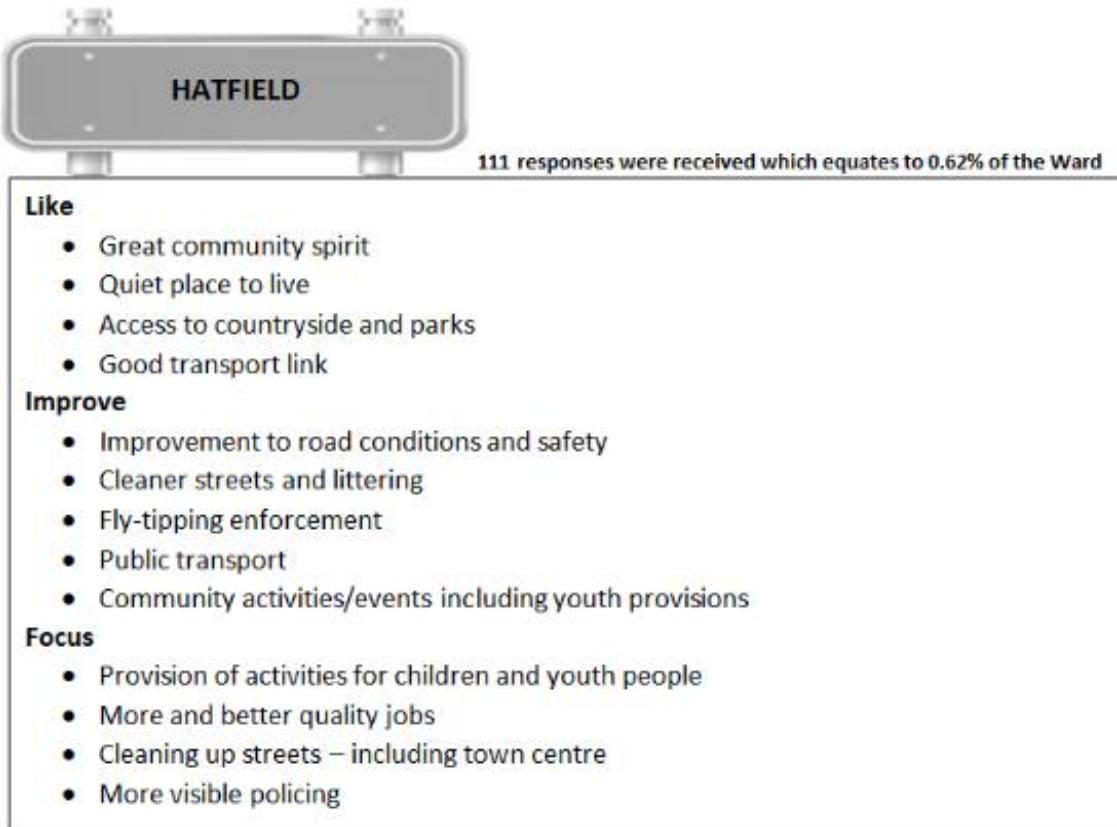


Figure 4. Hatfield ward responses

## Ward Members

The Hatfield ward has three ward Reform Councillors when they were elected in May 2025.



Councillor Mark Broadhurst

Hatfield  
Independent



Councillor Dan Dawson

Hatfield  
Reform UK



Councillor Nick Smith

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Dunscroft also has several serving Town Councillors from Hatfield Town Council, which reflects the strong governance and community links between the areas. This overlap in representation means that local priorities and decisions made at Hatfield level often have a direct influence on initiatives within Dunscroft.

## 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 greatest 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.

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 Dunscroft is 37.03 ranking 19<sup>th</sup> out of 88 communities in Doncaster for most deprived.

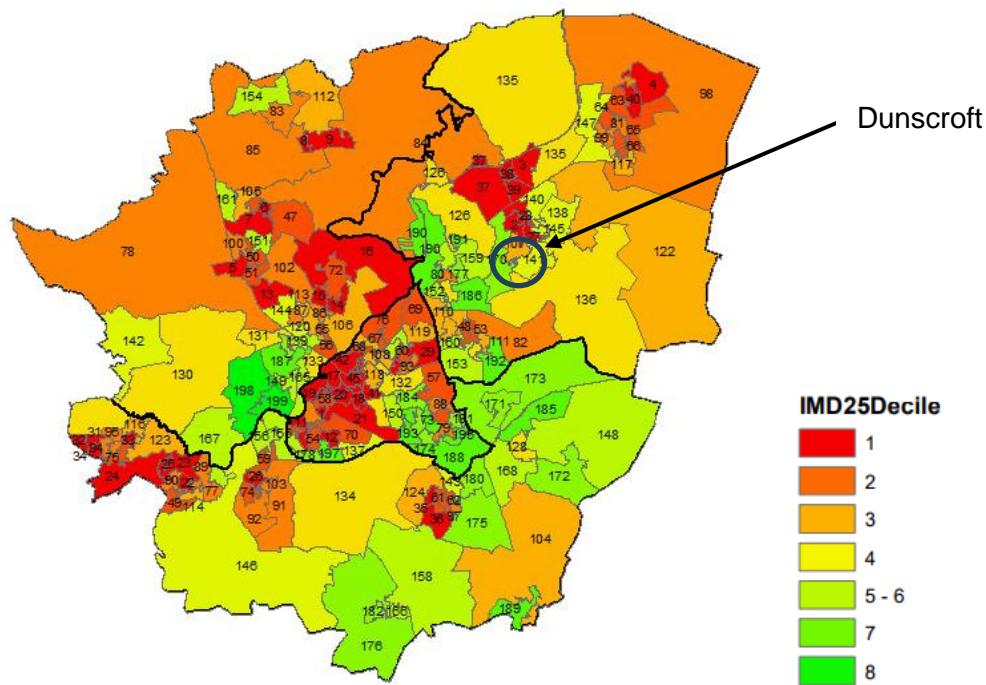


Figure 5. Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA 2025 - Doncaster

The 2021 Census data has been used to produce estimates that classify households in England and Wales by four dimensions of deprivation; Education, Employment, Health and Housing. This information is then broken down into household deprivation within Duncroft compared to England. As demonstrated in the infographic below, Duncroft has higher rates of households deprived in one, two and three dimensions than England, with lower rates of households not deprived in any dimension.

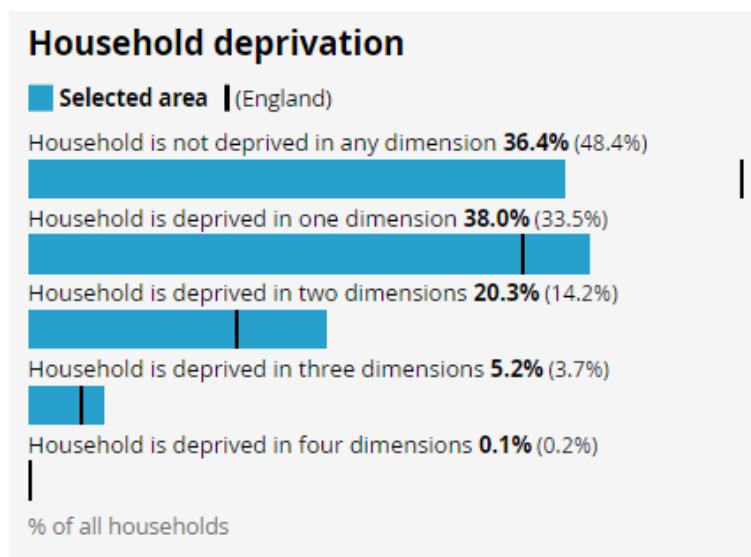


Figure 6. Household deprivation in Duncroft (Census 2021)

## Wealth Inequalities

In 2025, 31.7% of Hatfield West Middle-layer Super Output Area (MSOA) residents are experiencing poverty, higher than the Doncaster average of 29.3%. This is a significant increase from 2019, where 17.2% of MSOA residents were living in poverty.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Hatfield West MSOA (22.2%) is higher than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), similarly to all people, this has increased (from 15.8%) since 2019.

Furthermore, 52.4% of children are living in poverty, higher than the Doncaster average, 47.1%, an increase from 24.6% 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 37.2% of Duncroft residents experiencing poverty, 26.2% of older people and 57.5% of children.



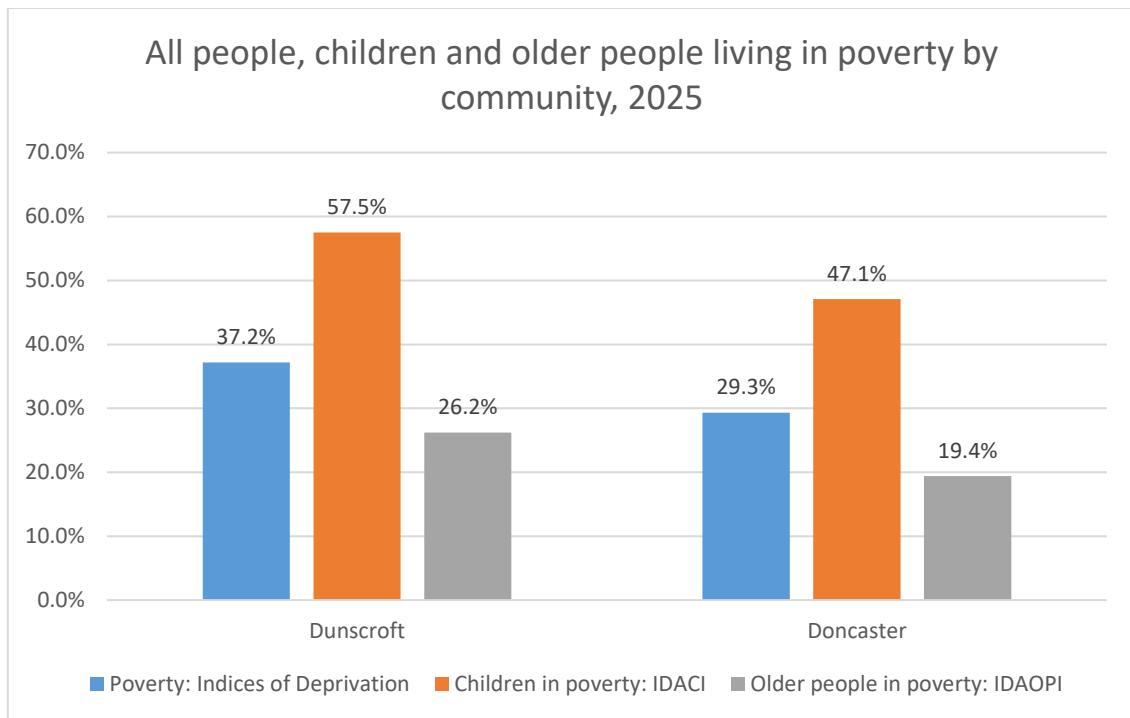


Figure 7. Poverty Prevalence Using IMD25 – Source IMD 2025

## Employment

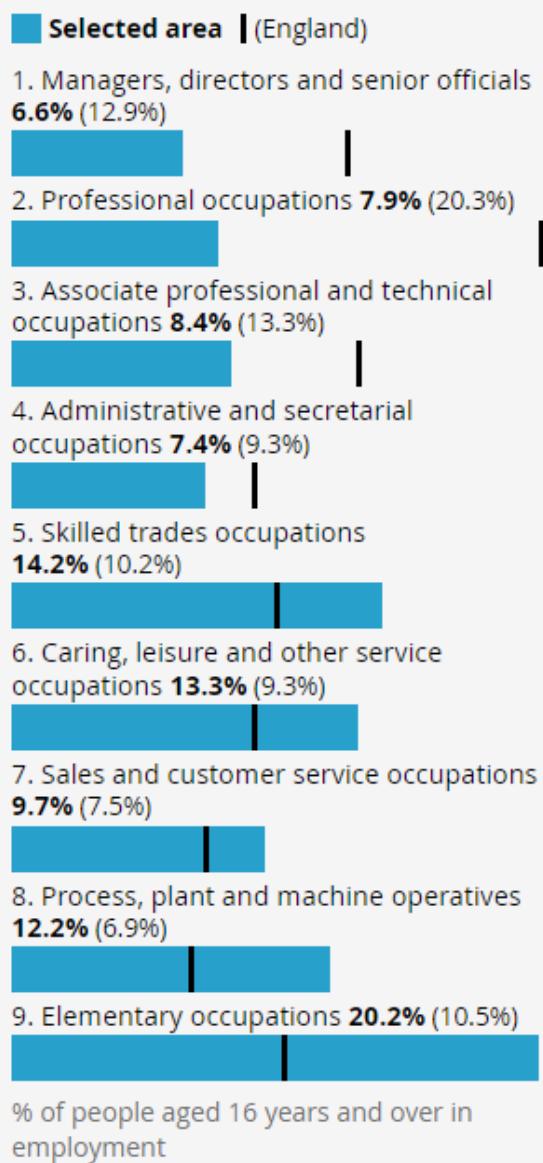
Dunscroft has a higher proportion of economically inactive people (45.3%) than England (39.1%) and Doncaster (41.7%). Alongside this, there is lower rates of economically active individuals currently in employment within Dunscroft (50.6%) than in England (57.4%) and Doncaster (54.9%). Economically inactive are those aged 16 years and above who did not have a job, and had not looked for work, this can include retired individuals and students. The number of individuals who are not in employment: Never worked in Dunscroft is significantly high at 29.1% compared to England (25.6%) and Doncaster (27.2%). The highest prevalence of residents not in employment that have never worked is around Station Road, York Road, and Menson Drive.



Figure 8. Not in employment or never worked (Census 2021)

Those that are in employment in Dunscroft are more likely to be in elementary occupations and lower-skilled work, and less likely to be in senior or professional roles, as demonstrated in the infographic below.

## Occupation



## Employment history



Not in employment: Worked in the last 12 months **11.6%** (13.2%)

Not in employment: Not worked in the last 12 months **57.1%** (61.1%)

Not in employment: Never worked **31.2%** (25.6%)

% of people aged 16 years and over not in employment

## Economic activity status



Economically active: In employment **51.6%** (57.4%)

Economically active: Unemployed **4.4%** (3.5%)

Economically inactive **44.0%** (39.1%)

% of people aged 16 years and over

Figure 9. Occupation, Employment History and Economic activity status in Dunscroft (Census 2021)

Furthermore, the number of residents living in Dunscroft that have no qualifications is significantly high at 30.8%, this is higher than the Doncaster and England rate, at 24.6% and 18.1% respectively. Alongside this, the number of residents that have a Level 4 qualification and above is significantly lower at 14.6%, in comparison to the Doncaster (22.7%) and England (33.9%) rates. Within Dunscroft, the highest rates of people aged 16 years and over with no qualifications are around Station Road, the northern part of Broadway, York Road, Winchester Road, Lichfield Road, Durham Road, and Sheep Dip Lane. This can be seen on the map below; the darker colour represents higher levels of individuals with no qualifications.

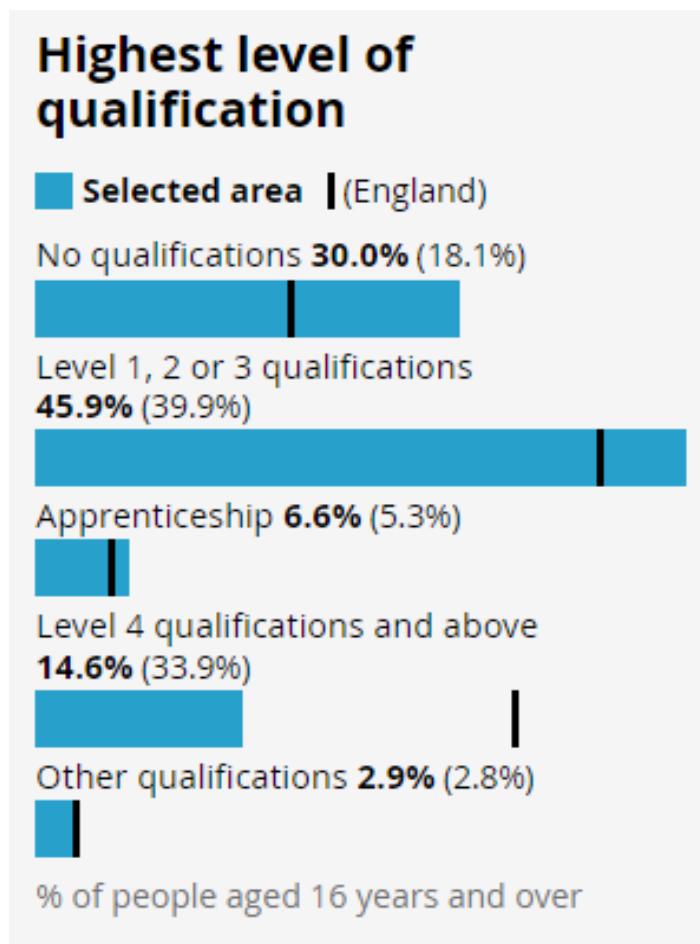


Figure 10. Qualification levels in Dunscroft (Census 2021)



Figure 11. Qualification level by street in Dunscroft (Census 2021)

## Citizens Advice Doncaster

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 24-25 Hatfield ward data shows 269 clients seeking support. In the Fiscal Year 2024/25 data shows that 140 clients were supported in Dunscroft across 74 postcodes. Those accessing the service were predominantly residents of Dunscroft, particularly those living on or around Station Road (including The Crescent), Broadway and Abbey Road. This can be seen on the map below; the purple dot highlights an interaction by postcode. The leading issues for requiring support are debt, benefits advice and Universal Credit Support and Utilities.

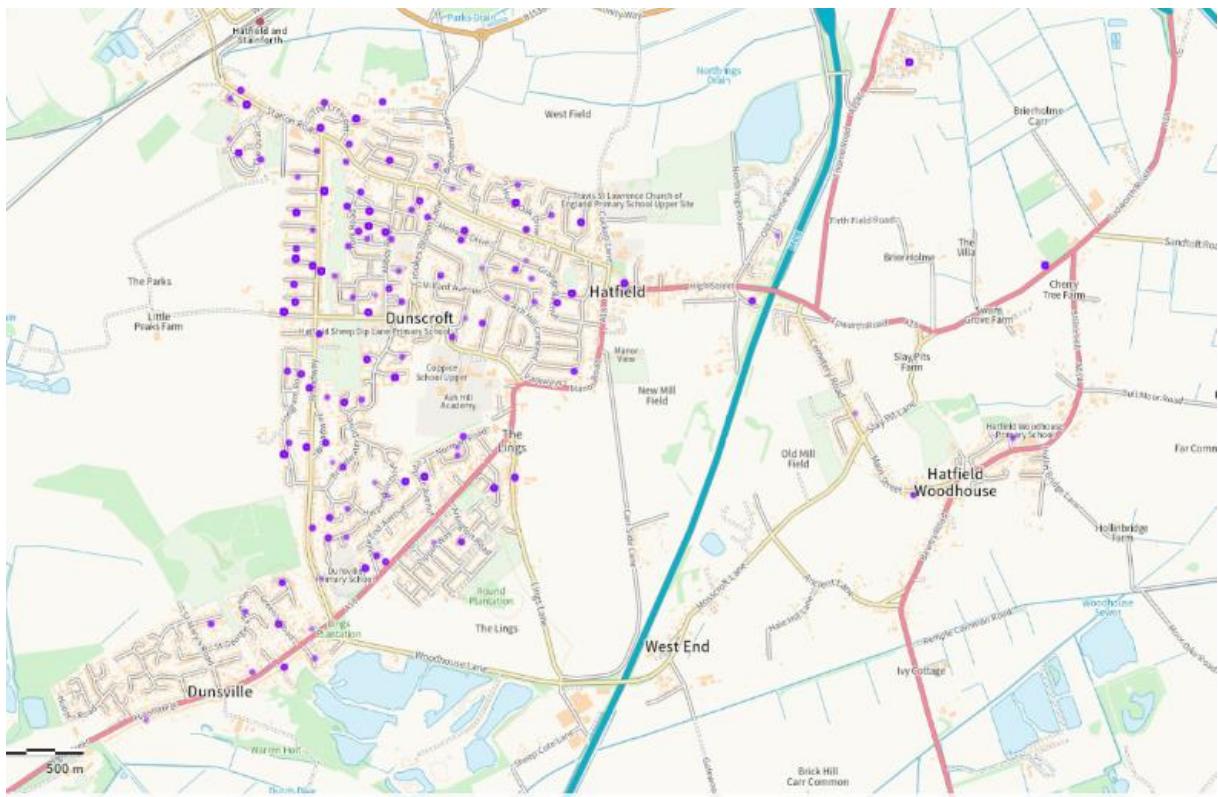


Figure 12. Postcode Map of interactions with Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough 2024-25, Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025

## 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. This is higher than the Hatfield ward, at 16.5%. The percentage of households experiencing fuel poverty by LSOA are shown in the table below.

Area (LSOA)	Proportion of households in fuel poverty (%)
Dunscroft Station Road	26.3%
Dunscroft East	21.8%
Dunscroft Central	19.6%
Dunscroft South	11.6%

Area (LSOA)	Proportion of households in fuel poverty (%)
Dunscroft Station Road	26.3%
Hatfield Ward (Ward)	16.5%
Doncaster (City)	18.8%

Table 1. Fuel Poverty Comparisons by LSOA, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

## Food Poverty

There are 4 active foodbanks in the East locality of Doncaster (equivalent to 15.8% of foodbanks across the city), namely Armthorpe Food Project, DN7 Foodbank, Moorends Miners Welfare, and Thorne and Moorends Foodbank. One of these is located in Stainforth which covers Dunscroft community: DN7 Foodbank.

The figure below displays the percentage of household types supported by DN7 Foodbank. Individuals and single parents are most commonly supported by the foodbank.

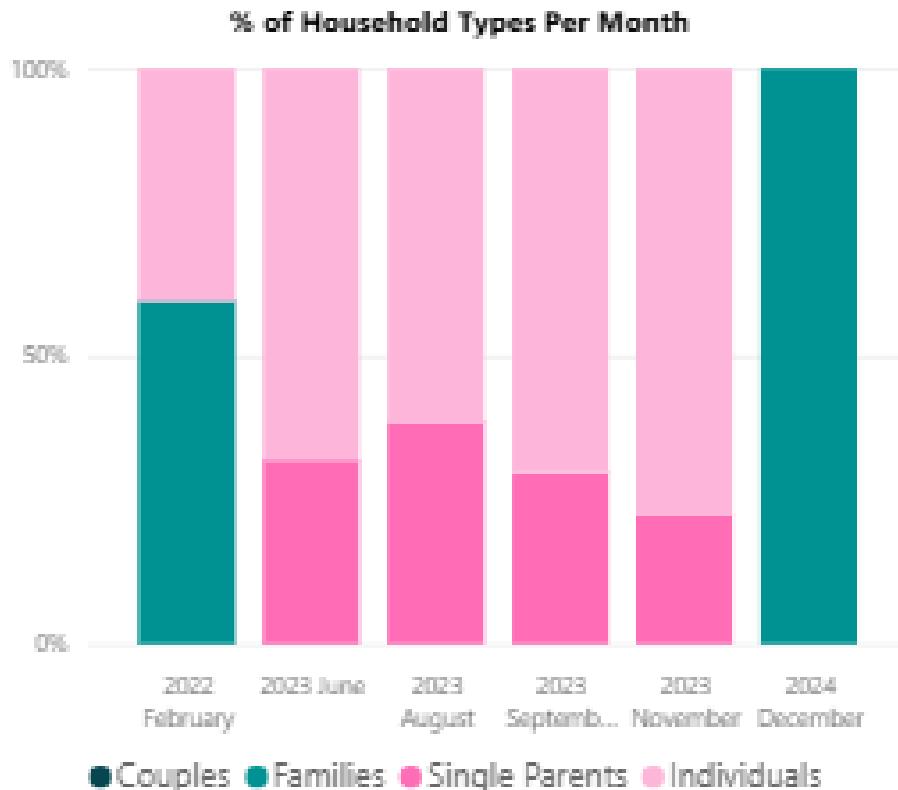


Figure 13. Percentage of household Types Supported by DN7 Foodbank Per Month, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

The figure below displays the reasons given by residents requiring foodbank support at DN7 Foodbank. The top reasons given for needing support were cost of living, benefit changes, benefit delays, debt, low income, and sickness.

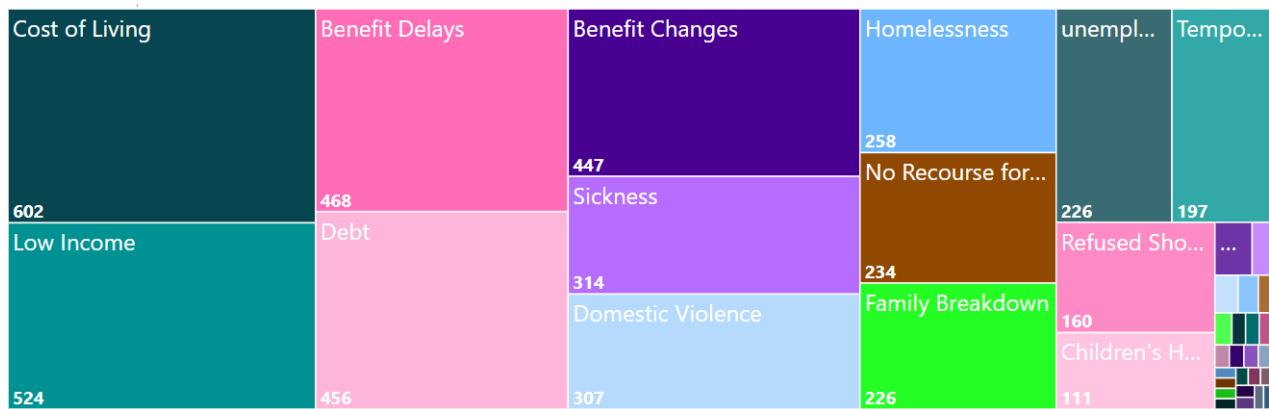


Figure 14. Reasons for Accessing DN7 Foodbank 2025, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

## The Bread-and-Butter Thing

The Bread-and-Butter Thing (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.

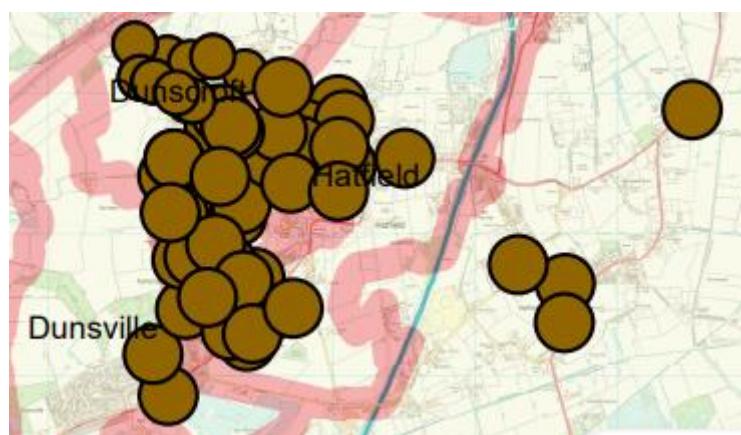


Figure 15, Postcode Map of The Bread-and-Butter Thing Members in Hatfield Ward, The Bread and Butter Thing, 2025

# Health Inequalities

## Life Expectancy

Life expectancy at birth in Hatfield Ward is 78.6 years in men, which is lower than Doncaster (77.9 years) and England (79.5 years). Life expectancy for females in Hatfield Ward is 82.2 years, this is lower than both Doncaster (81.3 years) and England (83.2 years).

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, this 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 Dunscroft, healthy life expectancy for males is 61.3 years, higher than Doncaster (57.4 years) and higher than national average of 63.1 years. Females in Hatfield are expected to live 61.8 years in good health, higher than the average across Doncaster (56.1 years) and higher nationally (63.9 years). The main contributors that impact healthy life expectancy are clinical care (20%), lifestyle and behavioural factors (30%), socio-economic indicators (40%) and the built environment (10%).

## Long Term Health Conditions

In Hatfield West MSOA the number of people who reported having a limiting long-term illness or disability is significantly higher than the England rate, at 21.9% and 17.6% respectively (Office for Health Improvement & Disparities 2023). In Dunscroft 22.4% of residents classify as being Disabled under the Equality Act, this is higher than England (17.3%). Alongside this, there is a higher number of residents who describe their health as “very bad” or “bad”, coupled with significantly lower rates who report being in “very good health”. This is illustrated in the infographics below.

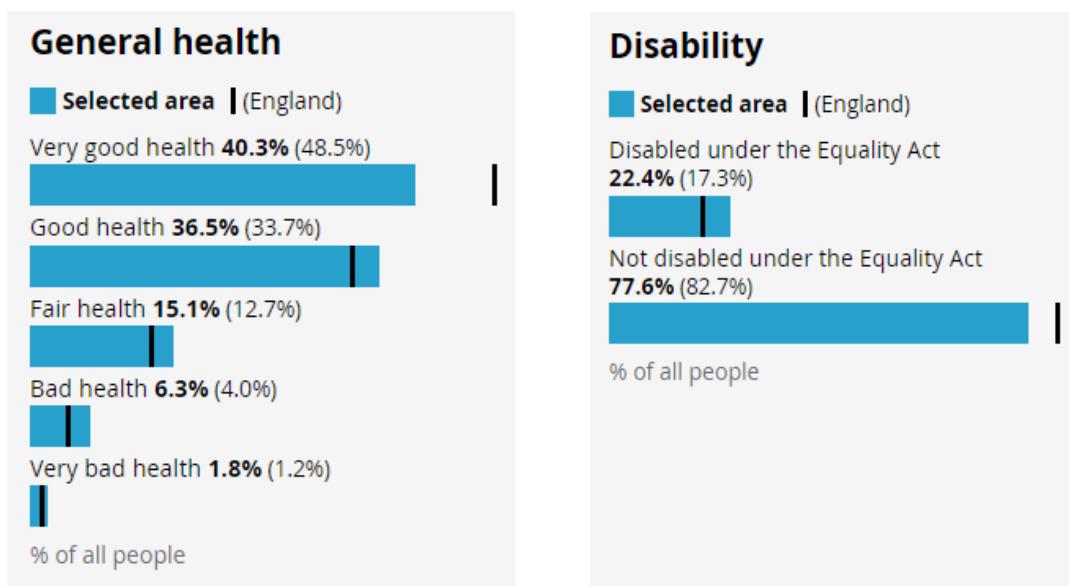


Figure 16. Health status in Dunscroft (Census 2021)

Emergency hospital admissions for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is significantly high in Hatfield West MSOA with an ISR of 150.2/100 using England as the comparator. Hatfield East MSOA has a much lower ISR for COPD emergency hospital admission at 76.9 / 100.

Hatfield East MSOA has significantly higher rates of emergency hospital admissions for self-harm compared to England. The ISR is 181.1/100 meaning there are 81.1% more cases than England. In comparison, the Doncaster ISR is 121.6/100 and Hatfield West MSOA has a ratio of 94.8/100.

Emergency hospital admissions for all causes, across all ages are also higher in Hatfield West MSOA (112.7/100) compared to Doncaster (112.5/100) and England (100/100).

## Incidence of Death

The leading cause of death in Hatfield West MSOA which covers Dunscroft is deaths from causes considered preventable with an ISR of 140.6/100, this assumes that the underlying cause of death could potentially be avoided by Public Health and primary care prevention interventions (that is, before the onset of diseases or injuries, to reduce incidence).

## Smoking

Data from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH, 2024), indicates smoking rates in Hatfield ward stand at 12.8%. According to the latest data from the ONS, this is lower than the Doncaster (15.7%) rate but higher than England (10.4%).

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 Hatfield ward, the gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £13.7 million, and 12.8% of the ward's population smoke. An estimated £4.42 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 the Hatfield ward the total cost due to lost productivity attributed to smoking was estimated at £8.24 million. This is slightly higher than the borough average of £6.5M (ASH 2024).

## Alcohol

Data suggests high rates of alcohol consumption in Dunscroft, with 14% consuming > 5 alcoholic drinks per day (Acorn 2021). Alcohol specific admissions per 1000 population for the period April 2016 – July 2023 show that Dunscroft Central had a significantly high incidence rate at 60.08/1000, ranking amongst the highest in the East locality and higher than the Doncaster rate of 43.67/1000. Dunscroft Station Road also

had high rates at 48.01/1000, followed by Dunscroft East at 44.88/1000. Incidence rates in Dunscroft South (14.90/1000), which has the lowest levels of deprivation within Dunscroft, were amongst the lowest in the East locality. Alcohol specific admissions per 1000 can be seen in the infographic below, comparing LSOA's across Doncaster.

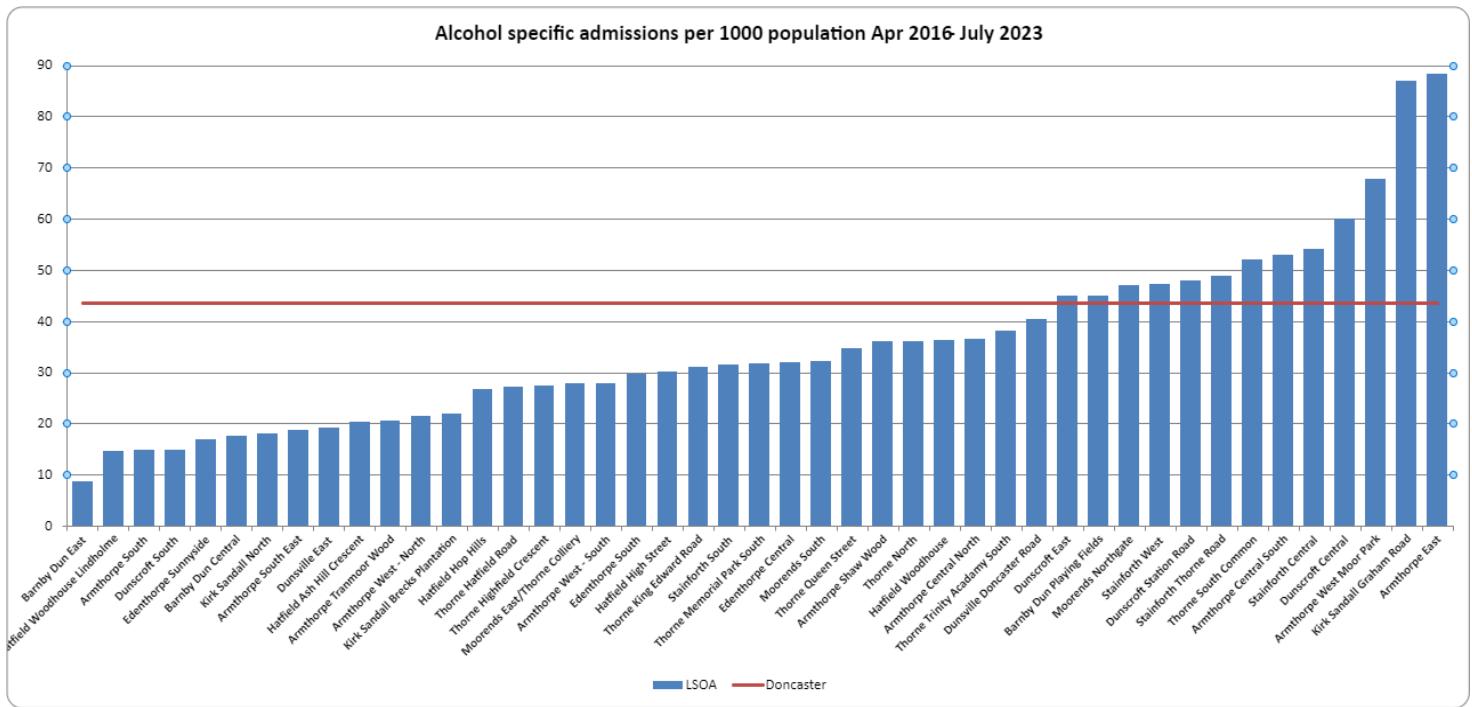


Figure 17. Alcohol specific admissions for East locality

## Loneliness and Isolation

Approximately one third of people live alone in Dunscroft (31.5%) compared to 31% in Doncaster and 30.1% in England. Similarly, 64.7% of households in Dunscroft are made up of single-family households, higher than the England rate of 63.0%. Whilst this does not indicate loneliness and/or isolation, it is an indicator to be considered alongside local intelligence.

Loneliness and isolation are associated with mental health and wellbeing. There is currently work being undertaken to develop a more in depth understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of residents in the Hatfield ward.

Data shown below highlights the percentage of residents in Dunscroft estimated to have clinical depression, as well as predicted rates of other self-reported indicators of mental health and wellbeing. Almost 10% of residents are believed to have clinical depression, this figure is 21% greater than the average for Doncaster. There are also higher levels of all other mental health and wellbeing indicators in Dunscroft, including feeling downhearted/depressed in the past 4 weeks and having no sense of self-worth.

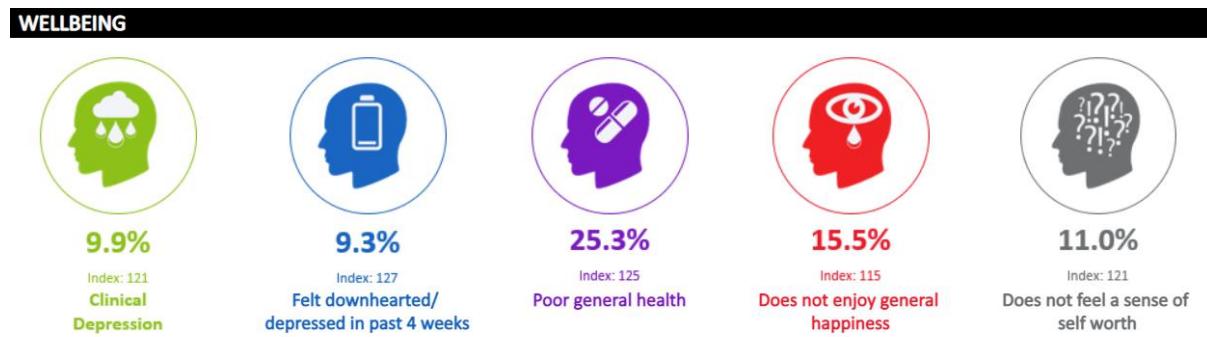


Figure 18. Indicators of mental health and wellbeing for residents in Dunscroft (Acorn 2021)

## Child 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 Dunscroft 57.5% of children are classed as living in child poverty. This is higher than the average Doncaster rate (47.1%).

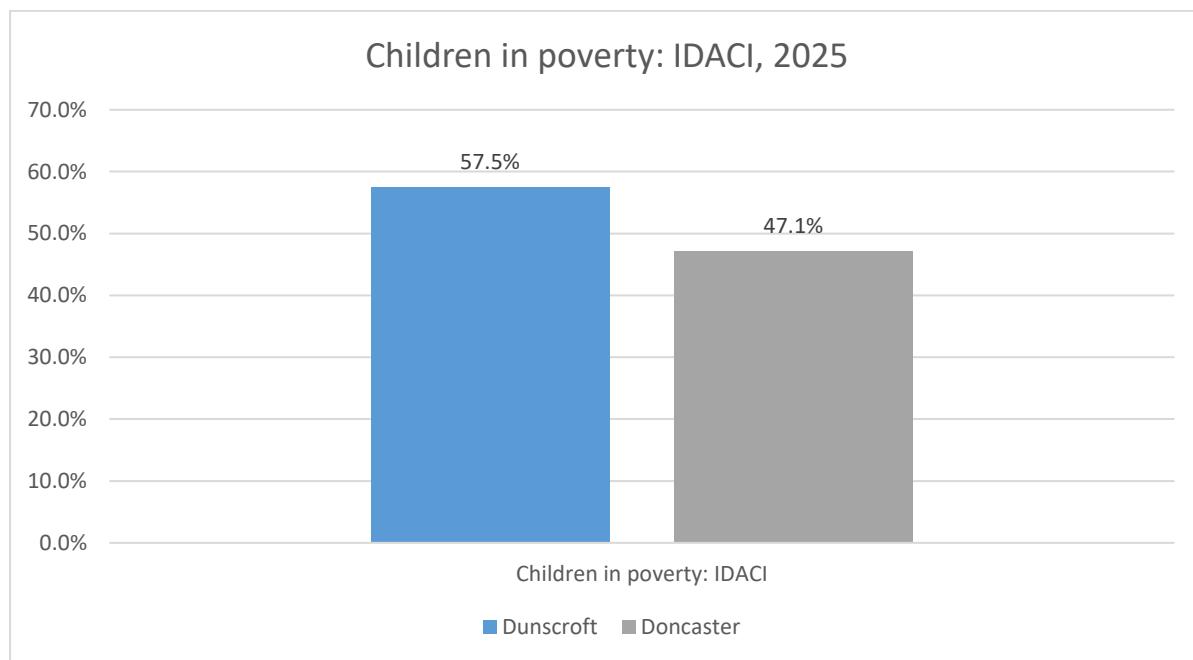


Figure 19. Children in Poverty: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (aged 0 to 15) – Source: IMD

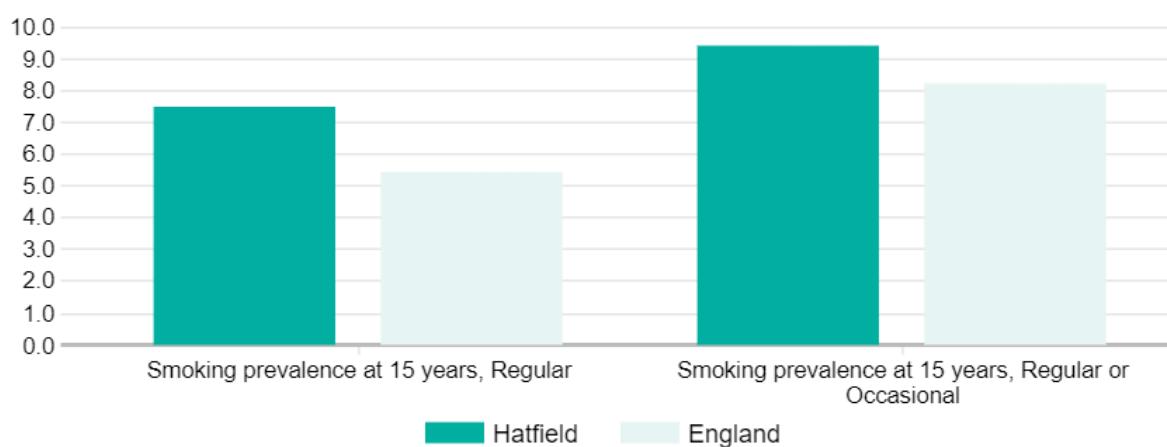
Childhood obesity and inequality are closely connected. Children from families with less money often have fewer chances to eat healthy food or play outside safely. They might live in areas without parks or easy access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables. These challenges make it harder for them 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.

When looking at three-year combined data 2022/23-2024/25, 28% of children are overweight or obese at reception age in Hatfield Ward compared to Doncaster's 26.7%. This increases to 41.8% among Year 6 children in Hartfield, higher than Doncaster (40.2%). Figures at both age groups are significantly higher than England with 22.3% overweight or obese at reception and 36.2% of children overweight or obese at Year 6.

Emergency hospital admissions for injuries in under 5-year-olds in Hatfield West is amongst the highest rates in Doncaster (132.7). Emergency hospital admissions for injuries in under 15 years old is also high at 98.5, compared to Doncaster (88.8) and England (92.0). Statistics for both age groups are again higher in Hatfield West compared to Hatfield East.

Additionally, 24% of Year 8 and Year 10 pupils reported that they have consumed alcohol in the past week, an increase of 4% from 2020 and slightly higher than the Doncaster rate of 22%, whilst 11% have tried cigarettes or smoking (FSM 2021). Data from the Office for National Statistics (2020) highlights smoking prevalence at age 15 years (regular and regular or occasional) is higher in the Hatfield ward compared to England, as shown in the table below. 13% of Year 8 and Year 10 pupils reported that they have been offered cannabis and 10% have been offered other drugs (FSM 2021).

**Smoking prevalence, %, 2014. (Modelled estimates)**



*Source: Department of Geography, University of Portsmouth and Department of Geography and Environment, University of Southampton; Mid year population estimates, Office for National Statistics.*

*Figure 20. Smoking prevalence at 15 years in Hatfield ward*

## Family Hubs

Doncaster Family Hubs are the 'place to go' for families. They work with other providers to offer a range of activities, services and information for families and welcome families with children of all ages from conception through childhood to adolescence. There are 3 family hubs within the East locality, these are located in Armthorpe, Moorends and Stainforth. Family Hub membership in Duncroft is 79% this is average compared to other communities in the East locality. Although membership is average continued engagement lowers of children from 0-1 years & 11 months which is 49%.

Part of the role of Doncaster Family Hubs is to provide support to families accessing two-year-old funding (a government scheme funded entitlement to childcare). The number of eligible children living in Duncroft taking up their funding entitlement to Two Year Funding is 35 and 34.3% children are taking this up. The total number of open families that are working with family hub services is 5. The total number of children aged under 5 years who are receiving targeted support with their development is 18. These statistics are similar to neighbouring wards in the East locality.

## School Attainment

The Department for Education supplies each local authority with the school attainment grades for those in KS2 and KS4. 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 2024, average GCSE attainment 8 score per pupil was 43.2 in Duncroft, this is lower than both Doncaster (44) and England (45.9). Results in 2024 are higher than 2022 42.7 in Duncroft but were still lower than Doncaster (45.2) and England (48.8).

18 children in Duncroft have been recorded as receiving Elective Home Education and 9 are known to be missing education (City of Doncaster Council 2023). 2025 figures show an increase in children home education to 41.

## Pupil Lifestyle Survey

The Pupil Lifestyle Survey is conducted by City of Doncaster 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 from 2024; KS2, 3 and 4. 376 pupils participated in the Hatfield ward, consisting of children

in Year 4 and Year 6. No Children from KS4 within the Hatfield ward participated. It is important to note that the Pupil Lifestyle Survey is self-reported and was not completed by all the schools.

The Hatfield ward children visit the dentist within the last 12 months, at 51% which is the same as Doncaster rate. This has increased from 2022 which report at 45% of children visiting the dentist.

13% claimed to consume takeaway food most or every day (vs 13% across Doncaster). However, daily fruit consumption is 67%, same as Doncaster (67%).

77% of participants reported that they get love and support at home, this was amongst the highest figures, and which is the same as Doncaster rate of 77%. Similarly, 86% of participants reporting feeling safe at home, higher than the Doncaster rate of 88%.

The Hatfield ward ranked amongst the highest for feeling able to get involved in the community (outside of school) at 60%, this is higher than Doncaster at 59%.

## Physical Activity

It is known that Doncaster has are more physically inactive adults, and fewer physically active adults than the national average. 28.9% of adults in Doncaster are physically inactive, this is significantly higher than the England rate (23.4%). Alongside this, the number of physically active adults in Doncaster is lower than the England rate, at 59.3% and 65.9% respectively. Nearly half (47%) of residents in Dunscroft are estimated to never do moderate intensity sports (Acorn, 2021).

The Mosaic map below shows where there are high numbers of inactive households across Doncaster. Data is mapped to LSOA however wards are shown and labelled for orientation. This data has been matched to the number of children and young people living in deprived and inactive households. It is known that Dunscroft has a moderate number of inactive households.

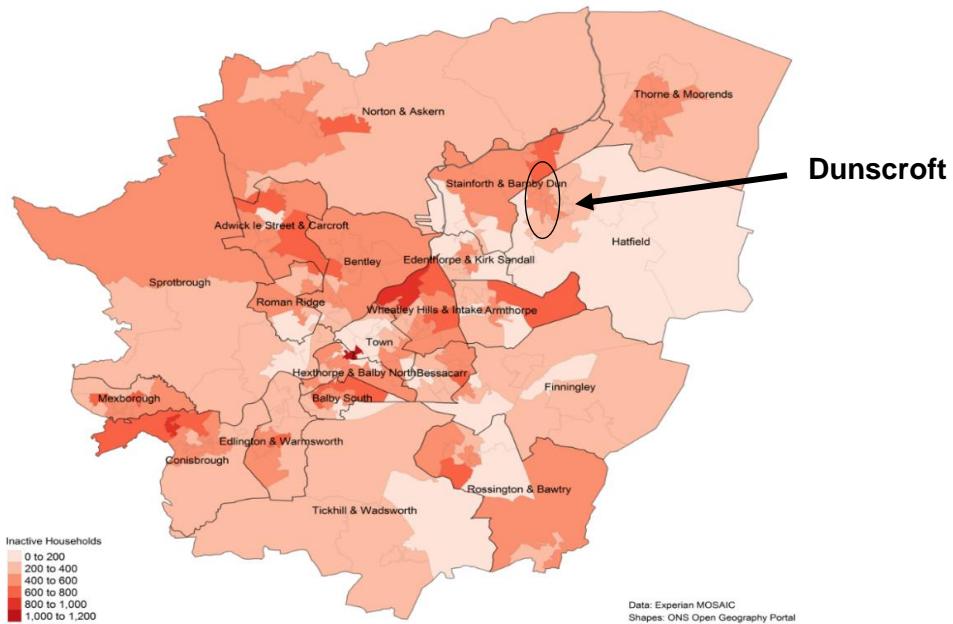


Figure 21. Mosaic map of household physical activity levels in Doncaster.

Additionally, only 51% of children reporting partaking in exercise that shows physical signs, this is lower than the Doncaster rate of 56% and again ranked amongst the lowest in Doncaster.

## Active Travel

Census data (2021) shows that the majority of residents aged 16 years and over in employment in Duncroft travel less than 10km to a place of work (41.0%), with 23.3% travelling 10-30km. The leading method of travel to the workplace is driving a car or van (64.6%) or being a passenger in a car or van (8.2%). The number of residents in Duncroft that travel by active travel modes such as bicycle or walking (7.5%) is lower than the England (9.7%) and Doncaster (8.9%) rate.

Furthermore, the Pupil Lifestyle Survey showed that only 33% of children in the Hatfield ward reported walking to school, this is significantly lower than the Doncaster rate of 47% and ranked amongst the lowest across the city.

## Community Information

### Population Size

5600 (Census 2021)

### Demographics (Ethnicity, Language, and Religion)

Duncroft is predominantly White British (97.4%), higher than Doncaster (93.1%) and England (81.0%) figures. 0.3% of the population identify as Black, Black British or

Black Welsh, Caribbean or African, this is lower than Doncaster (1.2%) and England (4.2%) figures. 1.0% identify as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh, lower than Doncaster (2.9%) and England (9.6% figures). In addition, only 1.0% of residents are from mixed or other ethnic groups, again significantly lower than Doncaster (2.7%) and England (5.2%) figures. The predominant language in Dunscroft is English, with 97.0% using this as their main language.

Just over half of residents in Dunscroft are of Christian religion (51.4%), this is higher than the England rate of 46.3%. 41.5% of residents are of no religion, and only 1.3% of residents classify as being Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim or other.

## Age Profile

The population of Dunscroft on average has higher numbers of children aged 5-19 years, and adults aged 50-79 years. With a lower-than-average number of working-age adults aged 20-49 years compared to the England average. This is demonstrated in the infographic below which outlines age composition.

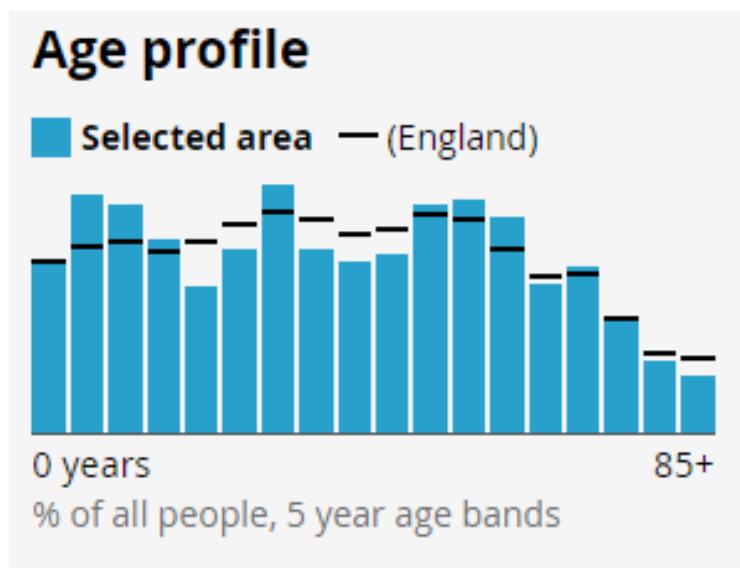


Figure 22. Age profile of Dunscroft

The infographics below, outline the number of people by age and sex in Dunscroft and the Hatfield ward. In Dunscroft the data indicates a higher proportion of children and young people aged 0-14 years along with a smaller proportion of middle and working age residents 25-50 years old.

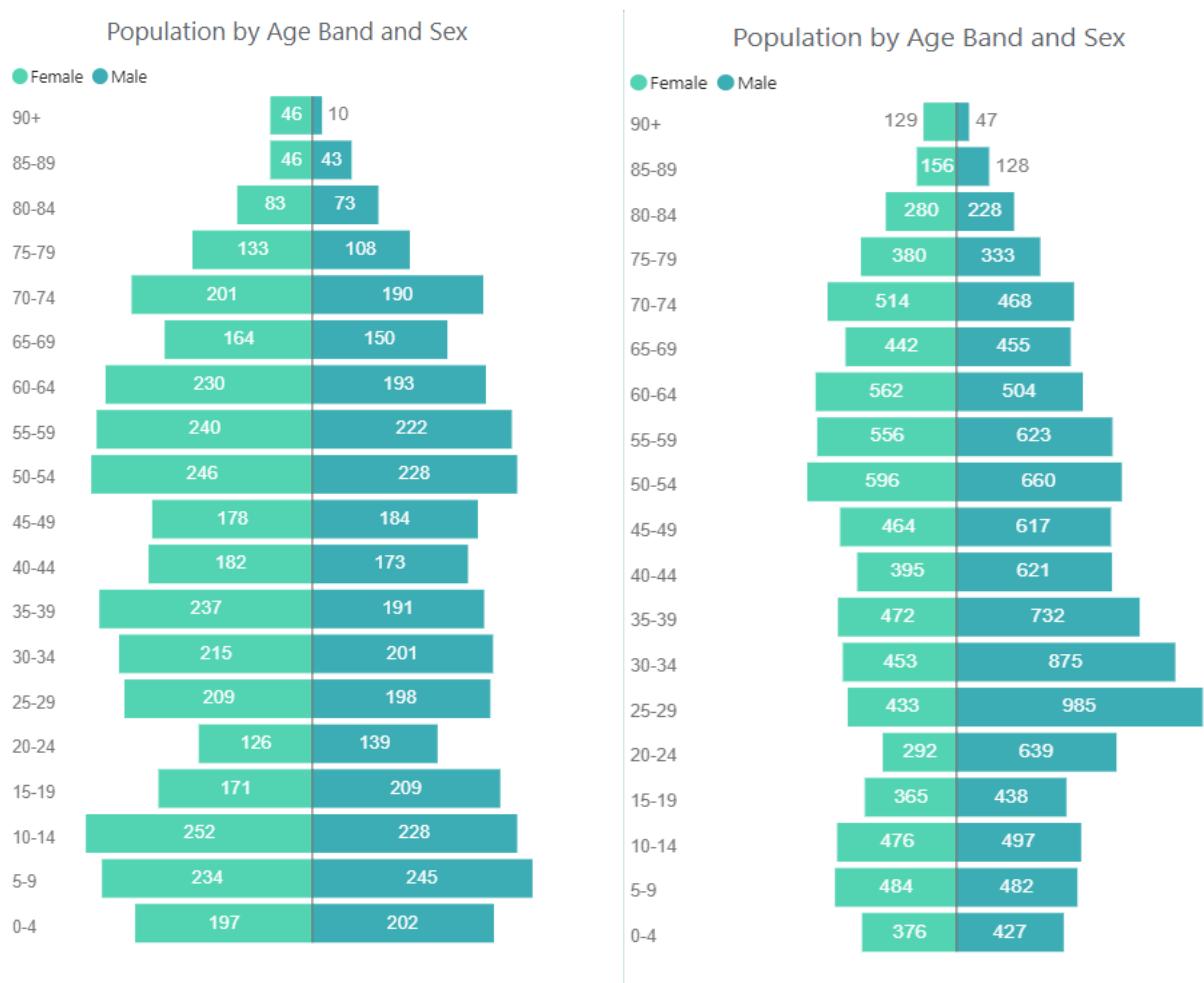


Figure 23a. Dunscroft Population, Office of National Statistics, 2024 and Figure 23b. Hatfield Population, Office of National Statistics, 2024

## Housing

Housing conditions and the surrounding environment can have profound impacts upon residents' health and exacerbate health inequalities. The data below explores several variables to analyse the housing in Dunscroft.

There are 2,500 households in Dunscroft. Data shows that 24.6% of houses are socially rented, this is significantly higher than Doncaster (17.0%) and England (17.1%). The prevalence of socially rented properties is particularly high on Station Road and Broadwater Drive, with a large number also on Durham Road, Lichfield Road and Winchester Road. Alongside this, there is a lower amount of owned outright, mortgaged, or privately rented accommodation as shown below.

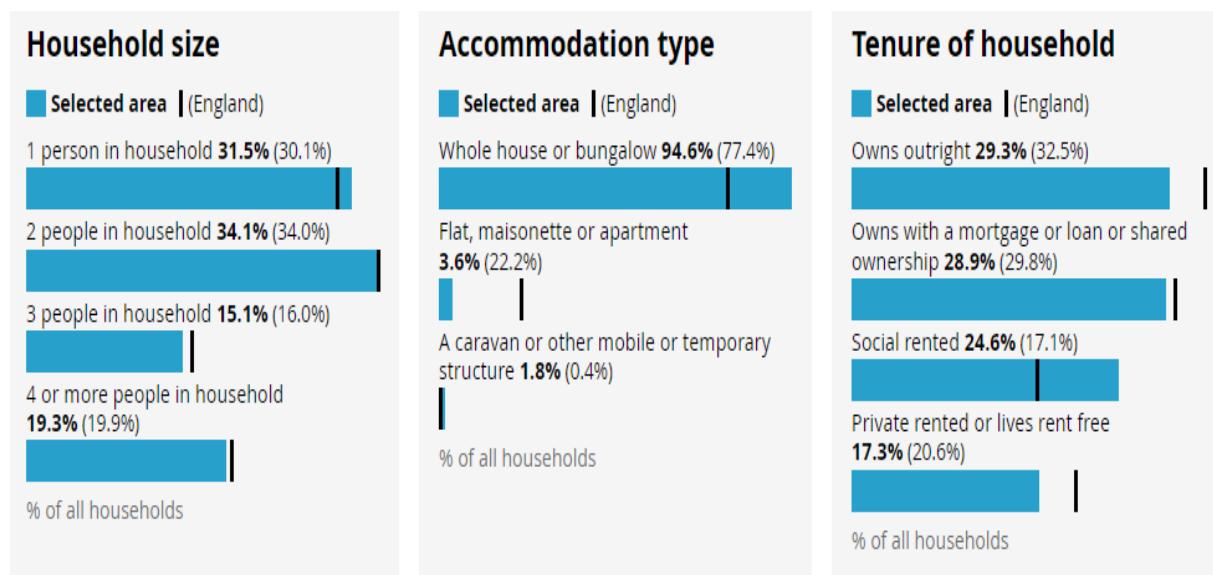


Figure 24. Household statistics in Dunscroft (Census 2021)

The most frequent number of people per household in Dunscroft is 3-4, similar to Doncaster. However, the percentage of households with 5+ people is higher Dunscroft at 9%. At ward level, the number of overcrowded houses is 2.70%, this is higher than the Doncaster rate of 1.20% (a household is overcrowded if it has fewer bedrooms than it needs to avoid sharing, based on the age, sex and relationship of household members). This could be amplified in Dunscroft given the significantly high rates of children and young people in the community, alongside the low number of households that have 4 or more bedrooms.

St Leger Homes is the main provider of Social Housing in Doncaster in 2024/25. St Leger homes own 625 properties in Dunscroft. This compromises of 185 bungalows, 30 flats, 410 houses. Those who rent these properties are aged 26-45 years, 46-65 years and 65 years and above.

The total rent arrears from those living in St Leger properties in Dunscroft was £60,264 in 2022/23, this increased from £51,887.00 in 2021/22. In Fiscal year 2023/24, a significant amount of rent arrears was paid leaving £336.40 in outstanding rent arrears that year and in the latest fiscal year 2024/25, the figure was reported as zero.

## 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](http://www.police.uk). To report issues or concerns, visit [www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/safer-city-how-to-report-issues](http://www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/safer-city-how-to-report-issues).

### Key Community Safety Priorities

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership

We're 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.

**East Doncaster – (in Armthorpe, Barnby Dun, Duncroft, Dunsville, Edenthorpe, Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse, Kirk Sandall, Lindholme, Stainforth)**

### Community Voice / Key Safety Concerns

People in East Doncaster feel that anti-social behaviour is their biggest worry. Things like groups hanging around, street drinking, and feeling intimidated 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.

### Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

Data on the number of early interventions, ASB, hate crime and low-level crime issues identified and managed in the East locality show 1551 cases, of these 336 incidents were in the Hatfield ward. These are issues that are purely dealt with by Stronger

Communities Officers prior to any other agency/multi-agency involvement in the true sense of early intervention and thus preventing escalation and involvement from other, more costly services.

Antisocial behaviour incidents by ward highlighted Hatfield as having the highest rate in the East locality at 110. This is shown in the infographic below.

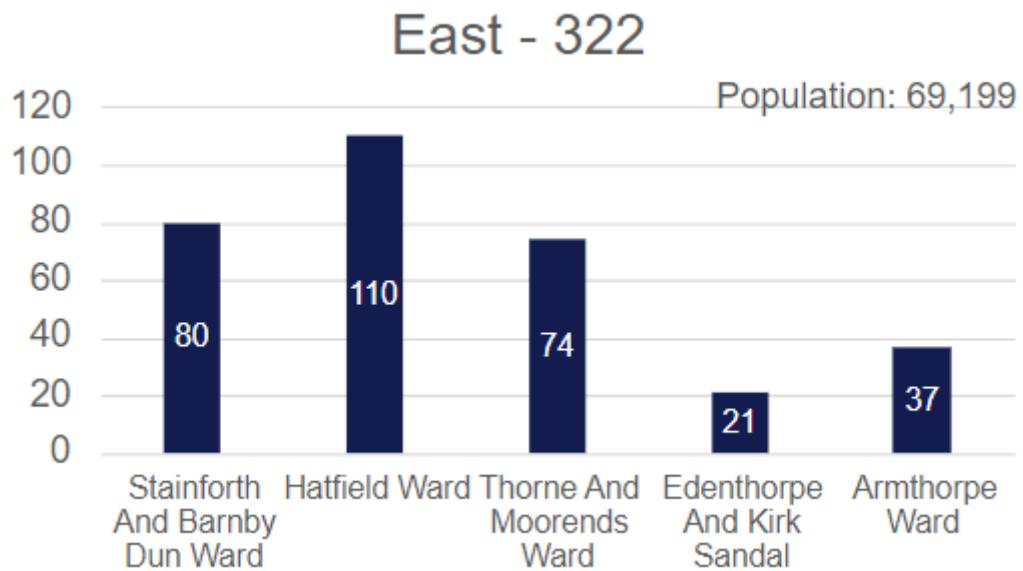


Figure 25. ASB Incidents by Ward 2023/24, (City of Doncaster Council, 2024)

## Vulnerable Victims

The number of vulnerable victims for each Locality is also recorded. These figures represent individuals affected by repeat incidents of ASB. The below shows that the East locality had the highest rate of vulnerable individuals, at 82. However, of these only 8 were in the Hatfield ward. With highest figures being in Stainforth & Barnby Dun (36) and Thorne & Moorends (17).

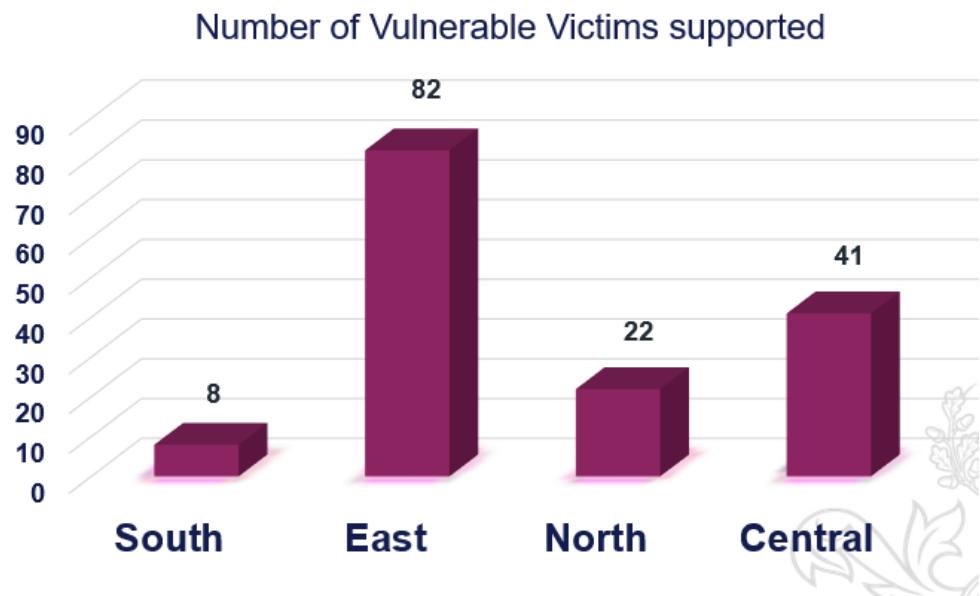


Figure 26. Vulnerable Victims by Locality 2023/24, (City of Doncaster Council, 2024)

## Wellbeing Service

This is one of the services run by City of Doncaster Council and supports residents with financial support, physical health, housing, mental health and social isolation to reduce escalation into social care services. Hatfield ward has not featured in the top five wards receiving support from the Wellbeing Service. The most common theme the service supported residents with, in fiscal years 2024/25 was physical health.

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

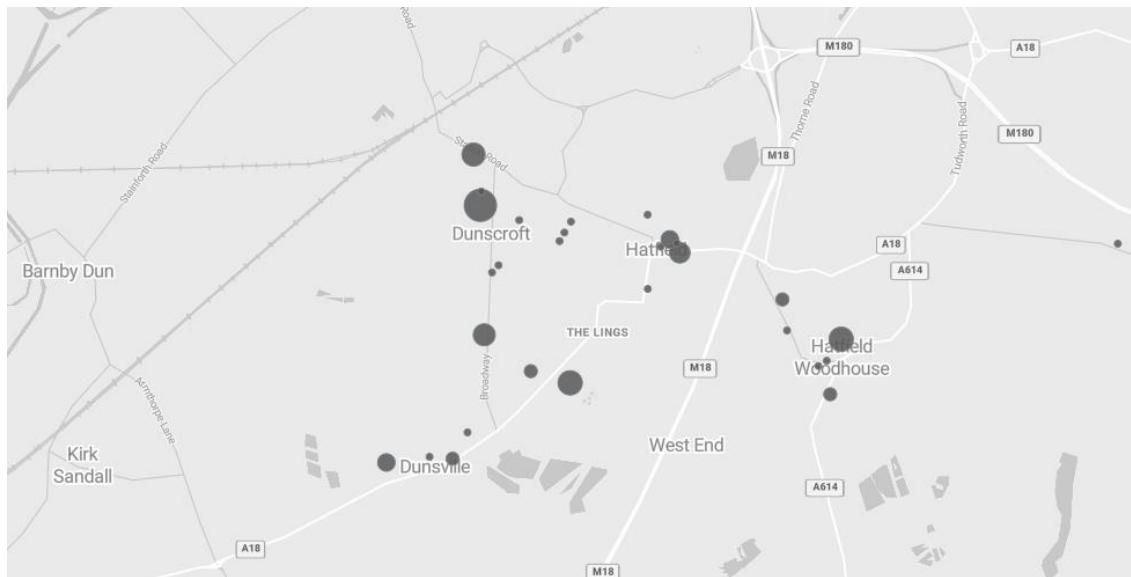
Table 4. Top 5 Wards Using the Wellbeing Service, (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)

Hatfield Ward Theme Ranking	Theme Supported
1	Physical Health
2	Financial
3	Social Isolation and Mental & Emotional Health

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

## Community Investment

In Hatfield ward, the sum of investment was £331,060, as of May 2025 (Doncaster Delivering Together, 2025). The top three priorities for investment in Hatfield ward are 'Increasing community spirit', 'Children and young people provision' and 'Using and improving community assets.



*Figure 26. Postcode Map of Investment in Hatfield Ward, (Doncaster Delivering 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](#)

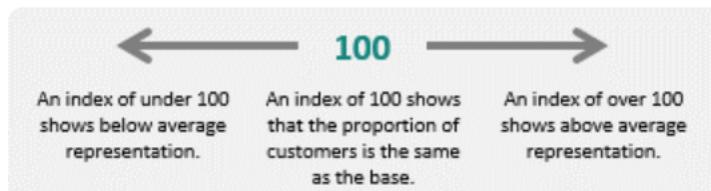
## Acorn profiles

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).

## INDEX



The Wellbeing Acorn Profile contains 12 variables that are indicators of Disability or Infirmity 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

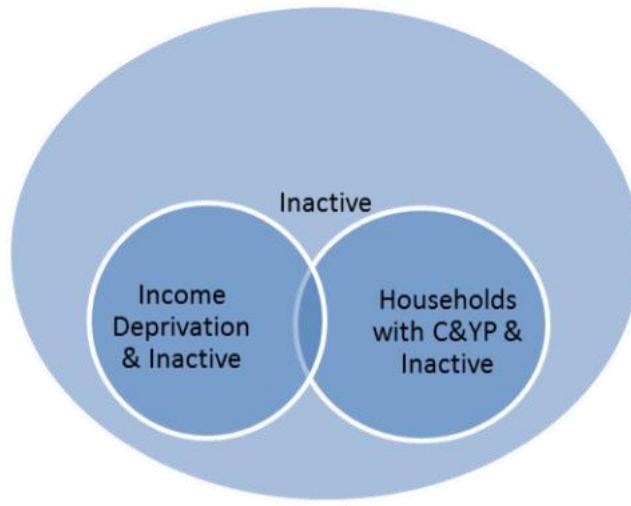
Get Doncaster Moving survey

<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 \(healthylearningdoncaster.co.uk\)](#)

### **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**

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### **Community Investment:**

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

### **Population Health Management**

### **Interactive Asset 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-1.1365028000000032&z=14>