



Bentley

(Including Bentley, Toll Bar, Arksey, Almholme & York Rd)

Community Profile

Well Doncaster

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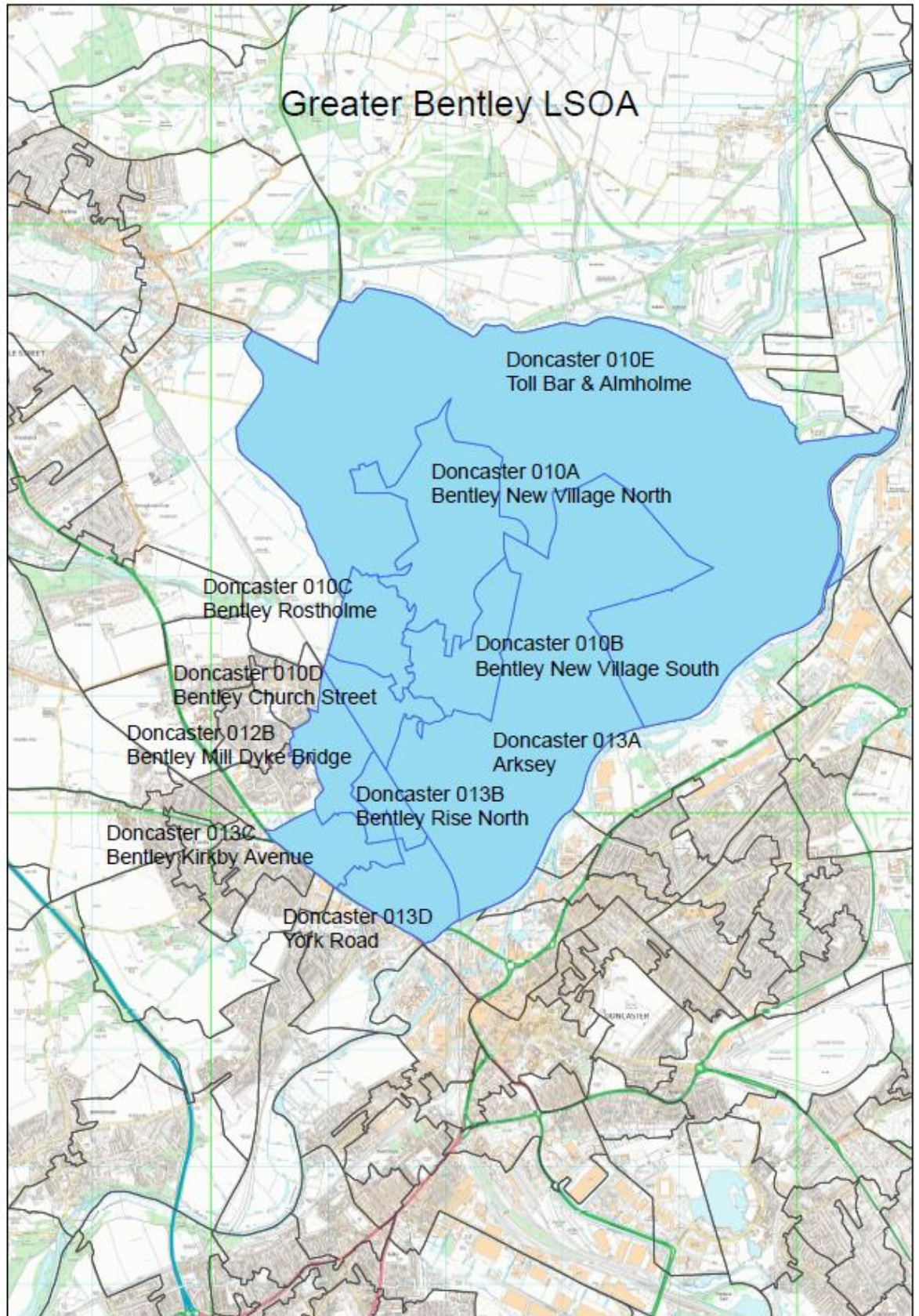
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This Report

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 Bentley, Toll Bar, Arksey, Almholme and York Road, part of the Bentley Ward in the North Locality of the City and begins with a summary outlining key information and priorities. This document includes conversations with communities, ward members, community organisations, faith groups, residents and other organisations who work in the area. This document is shared with the intention of supporting those conversations and sharing information that might not be readily available to local people.

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



Bentley



**GCSE
attainments
score of 45.4
out of 90**



**56.6% of
children living
in poverty in
Bentley**



**Cancer
incidence is
much higher
in Bentley (113
per 100)
compared to
Doncaster
and England.**



**High number
of Traveller
sites within
the ward**



**Over 95% of the
population
identify as
'White' and
report that their
main language
spoken is
English**



**34.3% of
year 6
children are
classified as
obese**

Toll Bar



Only 18% of children in KS2 achieved the expected standard of reading, writing and mathematics



86.1% of children living in poverty



24.3% of Toll Bar residents reported to have fair, bad or very bad health



High number of Traveller sites within the ward



37.8% of households are socially rented



41% of children encounter smoking within the home

Arksey



**School
attainment
score of
43.4 of 90**



**26.8% of
children
living in
poverty**



**27.7% of
Arksey
residents
reported to
have fair, bad
or very bad
health**



**29.8% of the
residents of
Arksey live
alone**



**Arksey has
an older
average age
of residents
than the rest
of the ward**



**26% of year
6 children
are
classified as
obese**

York Road



44.7 out of
90 GCSE
attainment
score



49.5% of
children
living in
poverty in
York Road



19.8% York
Road
residents
reported to
have fair, bad
or very bad
health



43.8% of York
Road
residents live
alone



18.95 of
households
are owned
outright



26% of year
6 children
are
classified as
obese

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One page Summary

Bentley community located in the North of Doncaster and consists of four smaller identifiable communities as Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA); Bentley, Toll Bar, Arksey, Almholme & York Rd.

Doncaster has seen an increase in diversity across the borough, however, Bentley continues to be predominantly white British. The age composition of the population of Bentley and Toll Bar is similar to the average of Doncaster. Bentley has a higher-than-average proportion of residents from the Gypsy Roma Traveller community.

The Bentley ward is rich in physical assets such as green spaces, community buildings and a thriving third sector, which includes sports clubs, faith groups, foodbanks and flood support groups.

People in Bentley ward have a lower life expectancy and spend more of their lives in poor health than the average person in England. There is a high prevalence of respiratory conditions, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer. Many residents are living with conditions related to poor lifestyle choices, including smoking (one in four residents smokes) and high levels of physical inactivity. However, many children in the ward regularly take part in physical activity compared to adults.

Mortality rates for respiratory diseases, lung cancer and coronary heart disease are higher than the national and borough rates. There are also significantly higher rates of emergency admissions associated with these conditions, which suggest residents face challenges in self-managing their conditions and rely on emergency care.

Poverty and deprivation are significant challenges in Bentley, as well as the higher proportion of unemployed residents. More significantly more children are reported to be living in poverty in Bentley in comparison of Doncaster. This could be a contributing factor to the lower school attainment and child development rates in the ward.

The area has a high density of housing, particularly of traditional terrace houses. There is a higher-than-average proportion of socially rented accommodation, and a lower proportion of owner-occupied housing in the area. Bentley has a high percentage of people over 65 years-old living alone compared to the average Doncaster and England. Whilst this does not necessarily mean they are experiencing loneliness, there is an increased risk of isolation.

Key Priorities

- Poverty, including child poverty, income deprivation, unemployment, and long-term unemployment
- High prevalence of respiratory conditions including COPD and lung cancer
- Higher mortality rates due to respiratory conditions which can be linked to poor lifestyle behaviours
- High number of residents who live alone compared to Doncaster and National averages.

Assets

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

Asset Maps

The maps below show different types of assets across Bentley ward. These have been developed using ward boundaries. Bentley has large areas of rural land; therefore, assets tend to cluster in the urbanised areas Bentley and York Road, with limited resources in the Toll Bar, Arksey and Almholme areas. 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.

Community Assets

Bentley community and the tail end of Toll Bar and Almholme is rich in green space and when speaking to residents is one of the greatest assets they identify in their community.

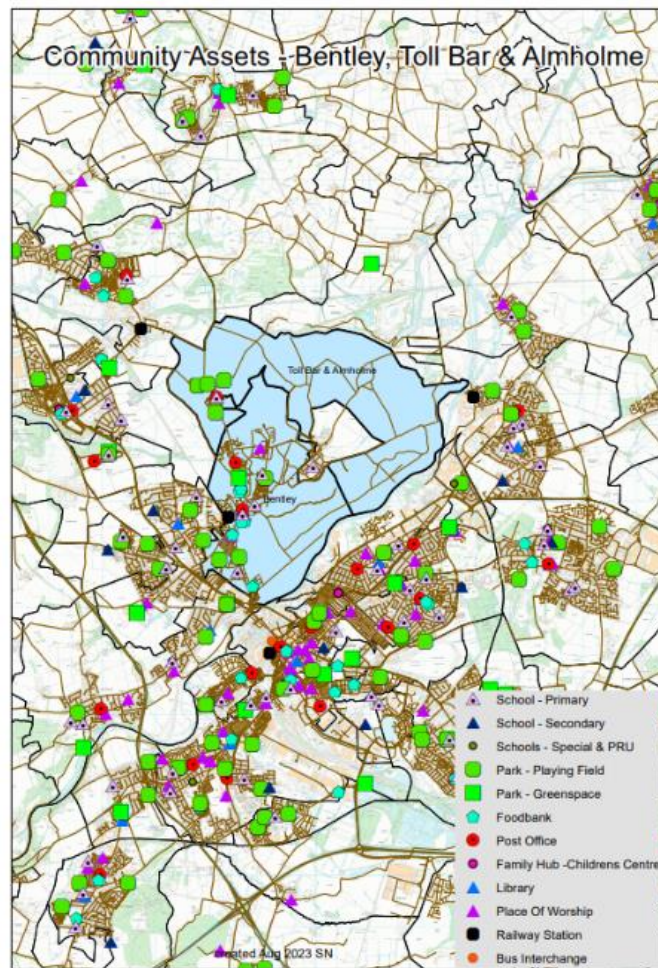


Figure 1. Community Assets in Bentley, Toll Bar and Almholme (2024)

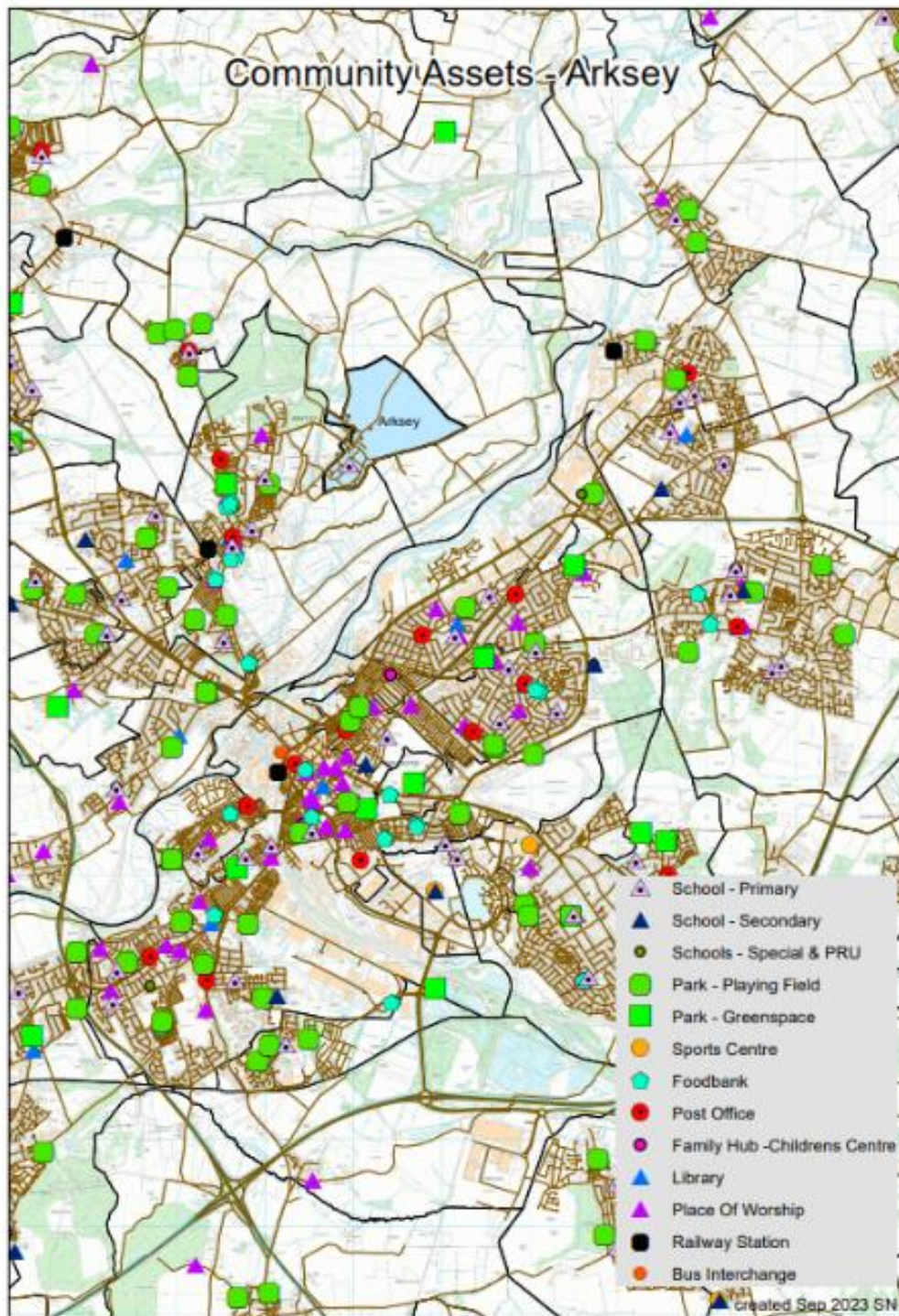


Figure 2. Arksey community assets (2024)

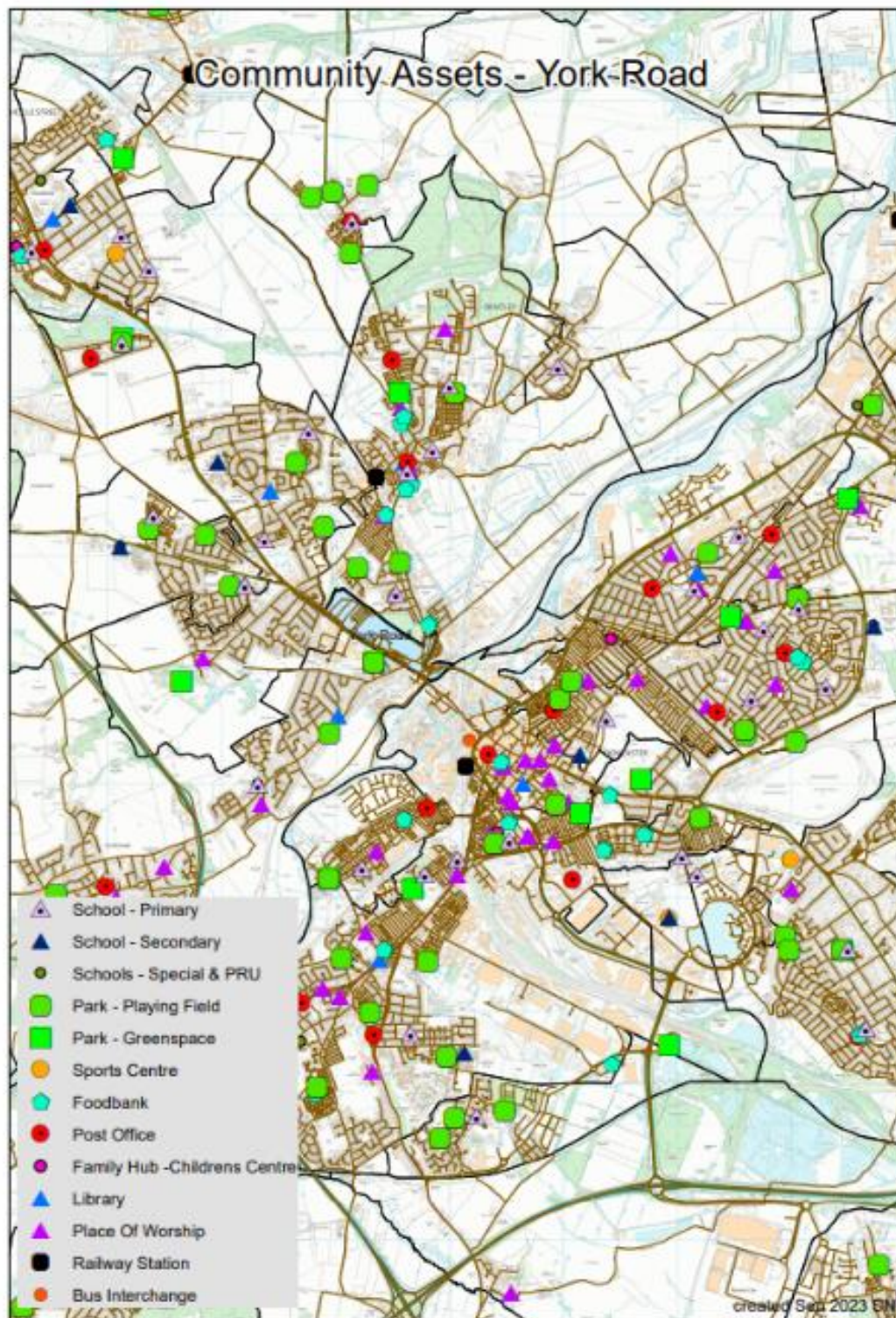


Figure 3. Community Assets in York Road (2024)

Business Assets

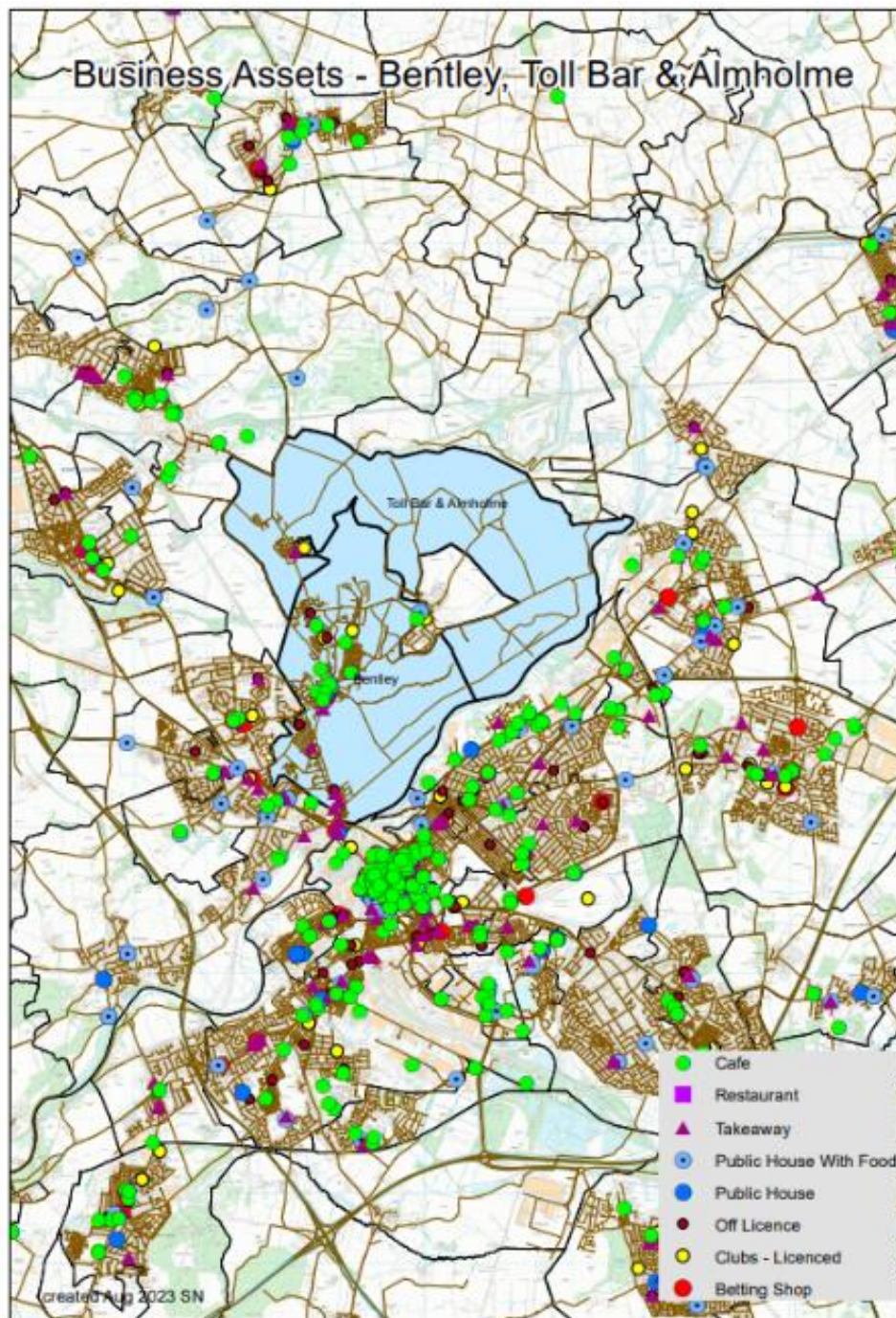


Figure 4. Business assets in Bentley, Toll Bar and Almholme (2024)

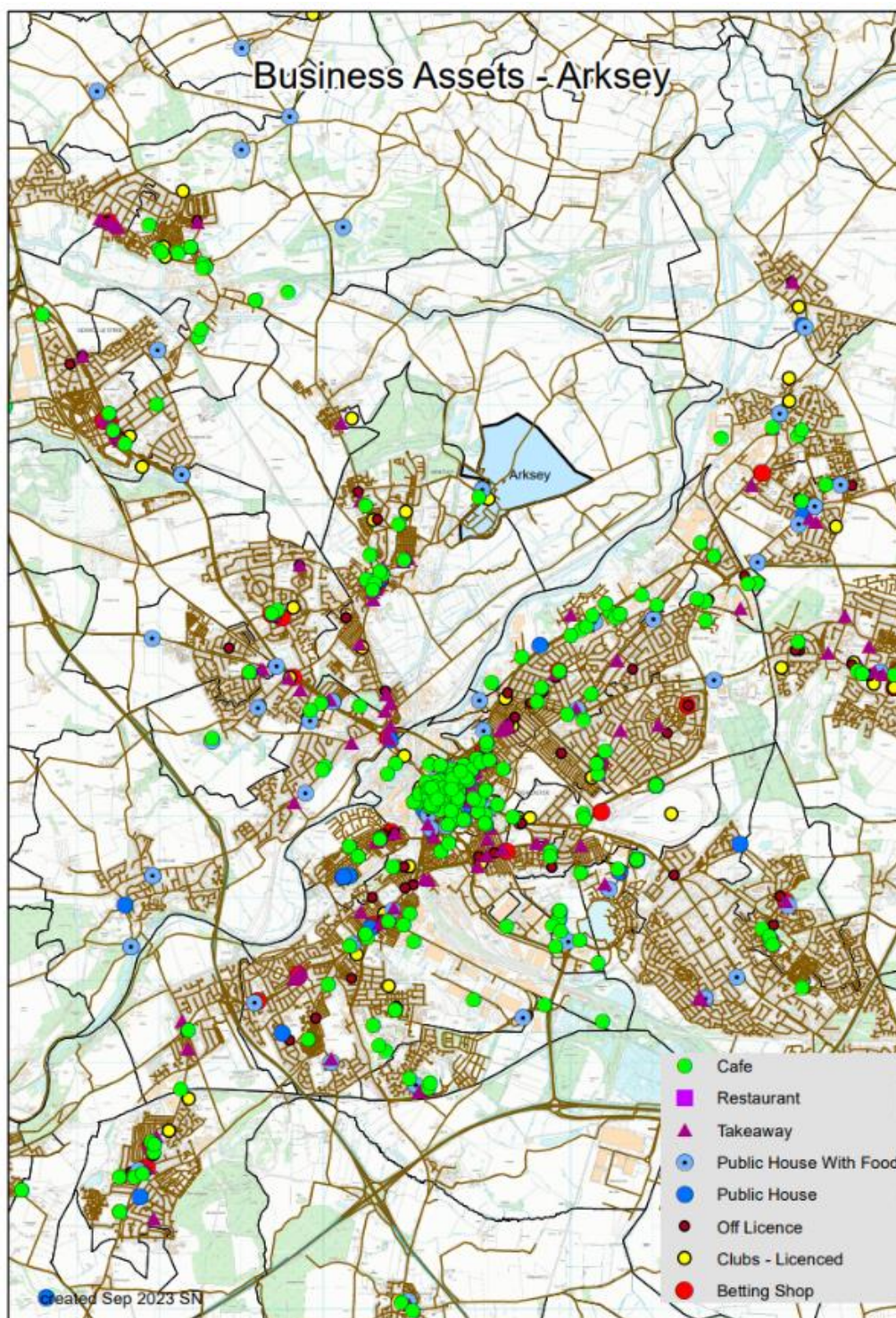


Figure 5. Business Assets in Arksey (2024)

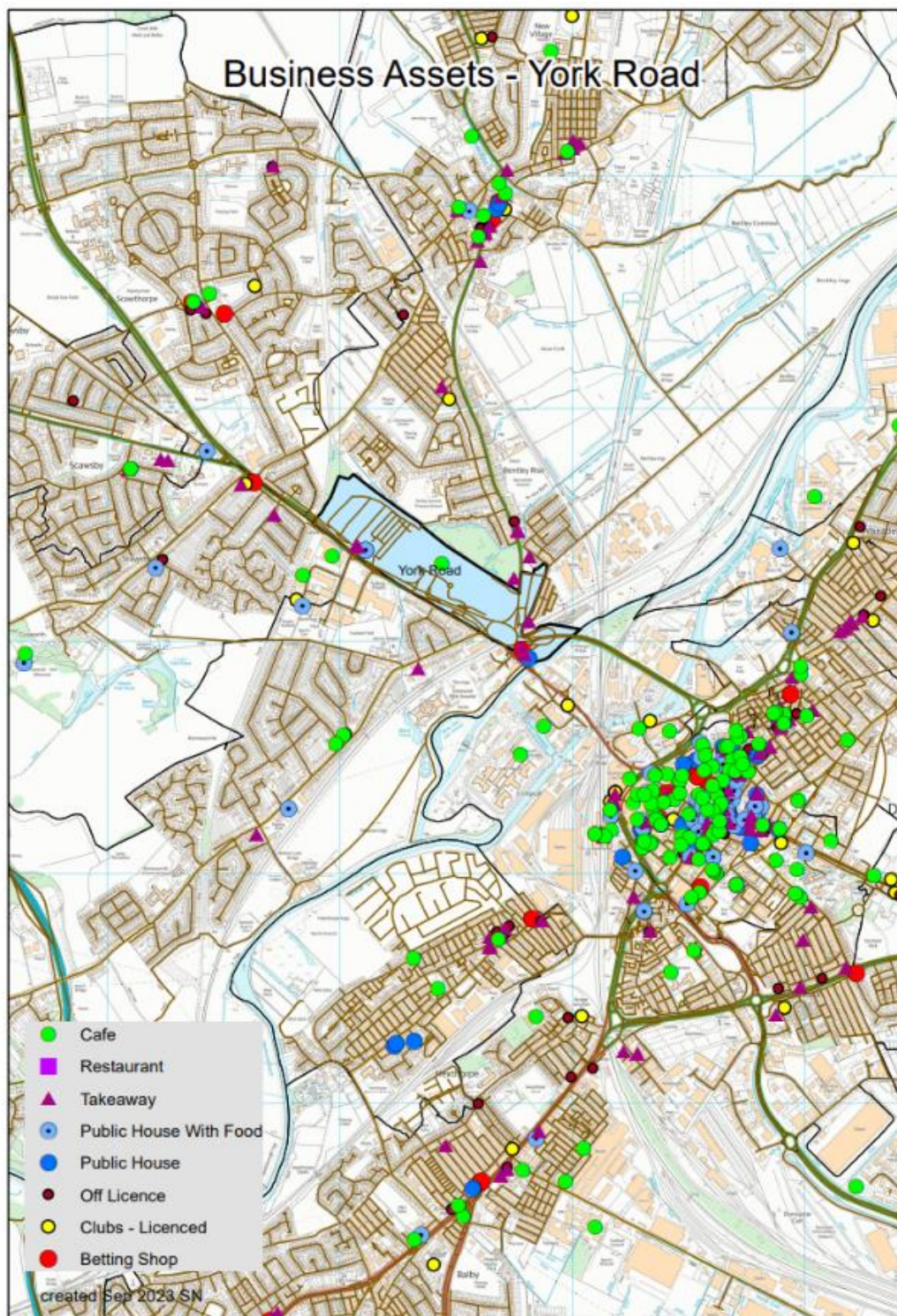


Figure 6. Business Assets on York Road (2024)

Health Assets

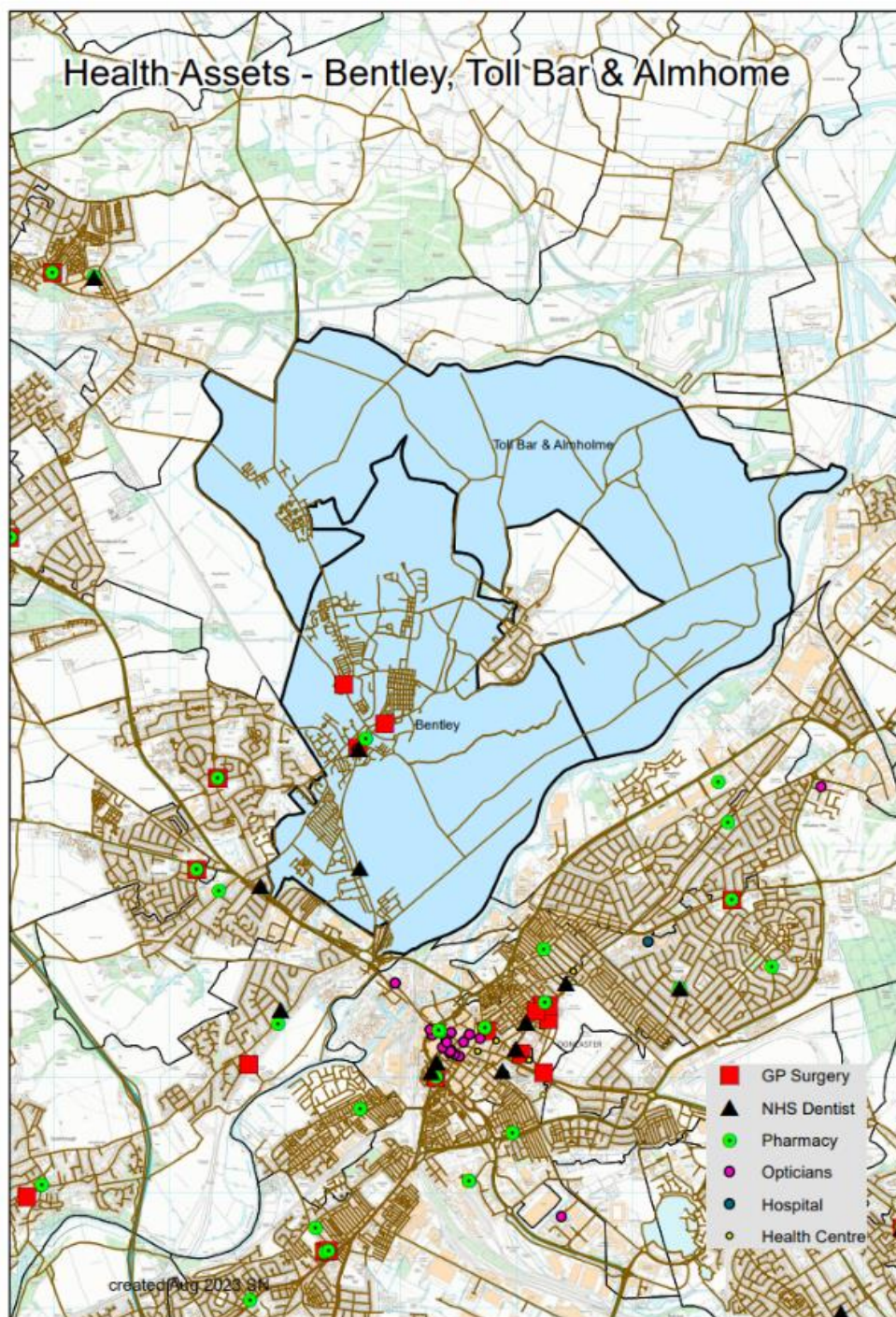


Figure 7. Health assets in Bentley, Toll Bar and Almholme (2024)

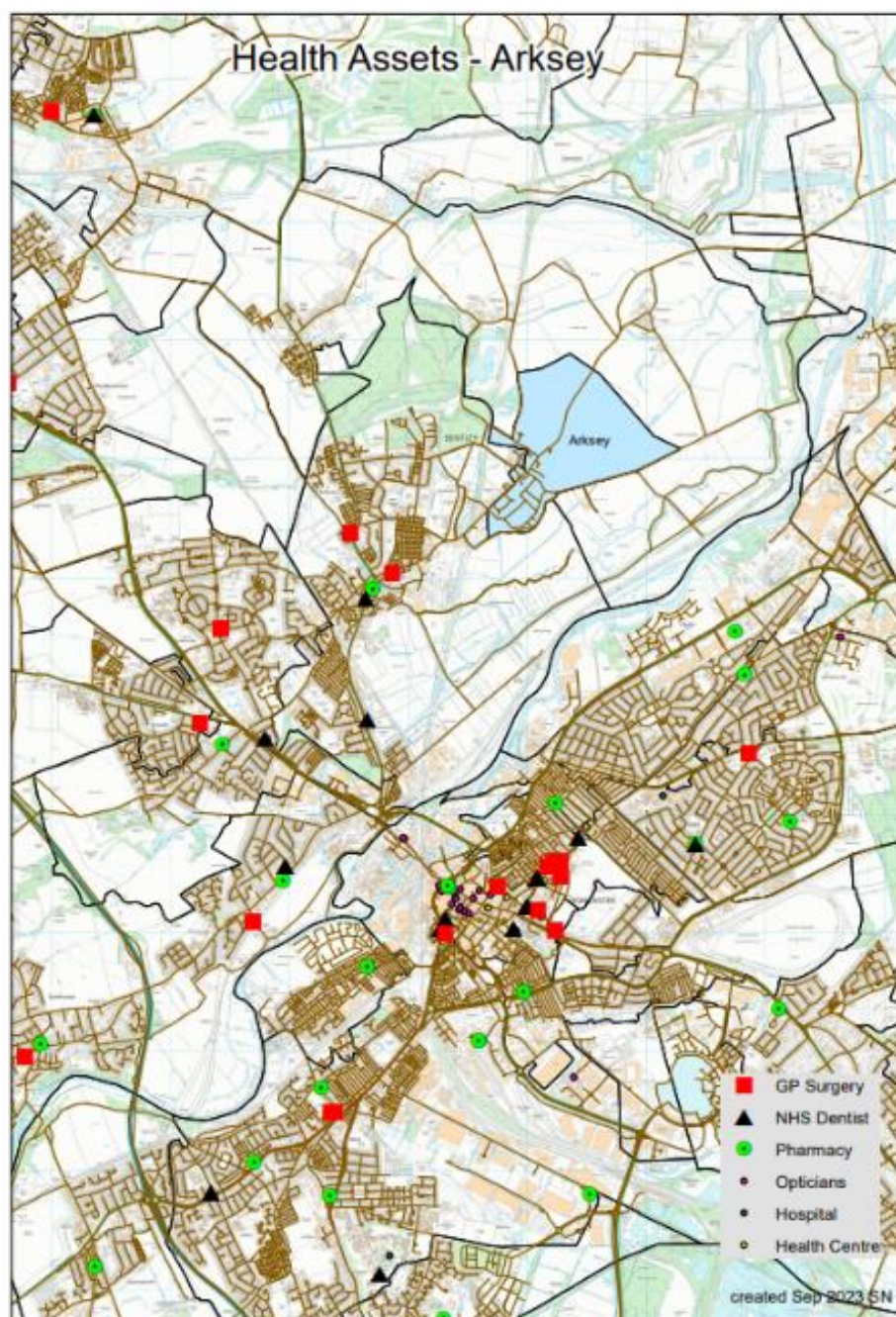


Figure 8. Health Assets in Arksey (2024)

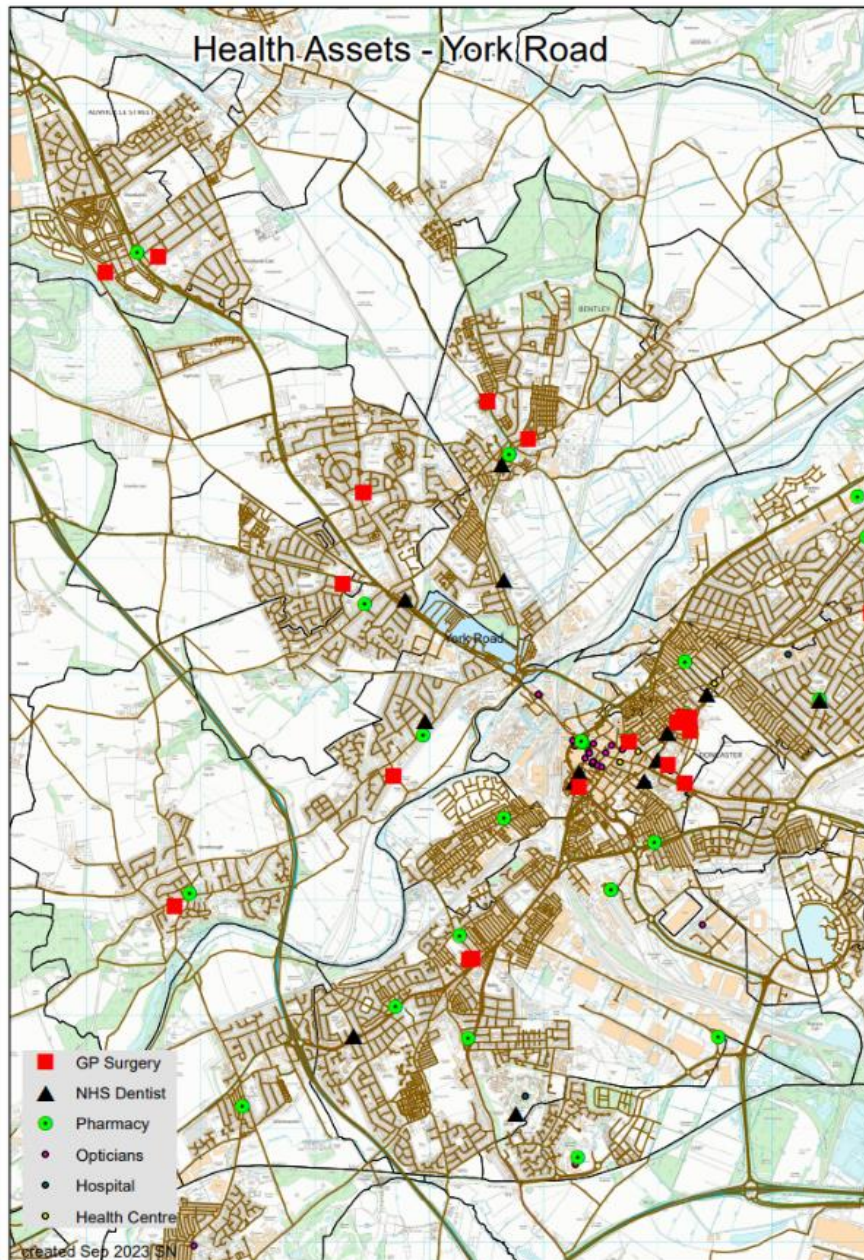


Figure 9. Health Assets on York Road (2024)

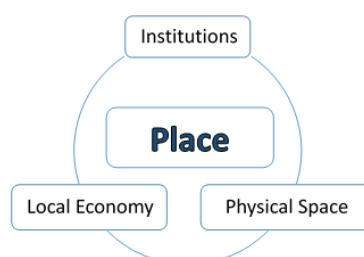
It is recognised that work is needed in the community to expand the understanding of who, how and what is accessed in the area. Greater knowledge of the identity of each community/ward will allow a more appropriate and effective response to community needs. Bentley and Toll Bar remain as priority areas for North Doncaster and ongoing work will continue to support it.

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 Bentley, 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

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



Bentley		
Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical space (Parks, car parks etc.)	Local Economy (Local Profitable Businesses)
Health/Care Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well Pharmacy D&R Sharp Chemists The Jade Centre Positive Step (Social Care Assessment Unit) Robinson Dental Brady Dental Practice Bentley Surgery Dr Sheikh's Surgery The Ransome Practice Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bentley Family Hub My Space (Youth Hub) Renew Wellbeing Centre Clouds Community Counselling Service Places of Worship:	Parks: Public service buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kirkstone Close Communal Hall Leisure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bentley Allotments, The Avenue Arthur Street Allotments Cawdor Street Allotments Bentley Urban Farm Physical Activity/Sports Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bentley Road Football Pitch AFC Bentley Football Pitch Bentley Colliery Cricket Club Field Bentley Social Welfare and Recreation Ground New Village MUGA Bentley Park MUGA Bentley Park Football Pitch Bentley Park Bowling Green 	Shops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Danum Home Hardware Lidl Tesco Express Bentley Bargain Booze Centurion Retail Park (Pets at Home, Morrisons, Maplin, Xercise4Less, SCS) Signline Bentley Food & Wine Big Day's Plus Size Bridal Pandr Heron Foods Premier Genius Tech M&M Food & Wine Geoff Happs Trophies Parkgate Mobility

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Peter's Church • St Phillip & St James Church • Bentley Baptist Church • Bentley Pentecostal Church • Our Lady of Perpetual Help RC Church • Doncaster Seventh Day Adventist Church • Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses • Doncaster Christadelphians • The Methodist Church in Bentley • Mount Hermon Community Church <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bentley High Street Primary School • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School • Bentley New Village Primary School • Kirkby Avenue Primary School <p>Care Homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel Garth EMI Residential Care Home • Positive Step, The Avenue • <p>GRT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockbridge Lane (Private) • Romany Way, Stockbridge Lane (Private) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My Place Sports Hall • KT Danz Studio • The MA Performing Arts Studio • Herco's Gym • PureGym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fusion Lamps • Clean as a whistle • Today's Local Mini Market • Queenies Shoes <p>Food/ Beverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish Bits • Moona Café • McDonalds • Khan's Balti House • Posh Pizza • China Garden • The Bay Horse • Rhinos Bar • Bentley West End Sports and Social Club • Bentley Top Club • Masala Restaurant • Little T's Café • Queens House • Lucky 6 Takeaway • Pizza Jim • Delicious • Big Dee • Country Kitchen • Panino • Poseidon • Munch Pizzeria & Grill • AJs café • Boston & Co Bentley Pavilion • Teasdale • Hank Marvin • Homies • Bentleys Fish Bar • Flames Grill • Tumminnose • Sizzlers
Toll Bar & Almholme		
Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical space (Parks, carparks etc.)	Local Economy (Local Profitable Businesses)
<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll Bar Primary School <p>GRT sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tilts Farm (Private) • Pony Paddocks, Hall Villa Lane (Private) 	<p>Parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northfield Avenue (DN5 0QY) • Linden Walk (DN5 0RN) • Hall Villa Lane (DN5 0LG) • Adwick Lane (DN5 0QZ) <p>St Leger Communal Halls:</p> <p>Toll Bar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll Bar Villa Gardens Communal Hall 	<p>Food/ Beverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll Bar Grill take away <p>Shops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll Bar Post Office • We Buy Any Caravan or Motorhome • A19 Laundrette • Adwick Caravans • Autopaint • Balloon Boutique • Oakwood Boarding Kennels and Cattery • Arundell Veterinary Care

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toll Bar Self Storage Ltd Davison and Co
York Road		
Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical space (Parks, car parks etc.)	Local Economy (Local Profitable Businesses)
Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scawsby Health Centre 	Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheatley Hills RUFC Rugby Pitches 	
Arksey		
Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arksey Primary School 	Parks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Station Road playing field (DN5 0SD) The old school bistro & tearooms 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willow Garth Fishery Marsh Lane Communal Hall



Bentley	
INDIVIDUALS (Key Individuals within the community and why)	ASSOCIATIONS Local Groups/Clubs
Ward Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Church Rebecca Booth Community Members Professionals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well Doncaster Team Communities Team Locality Team Neighbourhoods team Early Years Doncaster Children's Services Trust Family Hub St Leger PSCO Bentley Surgery Primary School Head Teachers Primary Care Network Social Prescribing Team Aspire The Conservation Volunteers 	Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Royal British Legion Social Club Dementia Support Group Bentley Diabetes Peer Support Group Bentley Fibromyalgia Peer Support Group Cancer Support Group MIND Social Group Making Space (Carers) Postnatal Support Group SEN/LDD Youth Group Flood Action Group Bentley Food Bank Physical Activity/Sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFC Bentley Bentley Baptist FC Bentley ARLFC Bentley Bowling Club Bentley Bowls Club/Social Bowling Bentley Colliery Cricket Club Martial Arts Doncaster Tai Chi Vital Strides

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Fit • KT Danz Studios • Line Dancing • Bentley Health Walk • Bentley Amateur Boxing Club • Ride, Stride and Thrive <p>Community groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Fishes • Toddler Group • Beavers, Cubs and Scouts • Stay and Play • Future Pathways • Bentley Area Community Partnership (BACuP) • Bentley Resilience Group • North Doncaster Development Trust (NDDT) • SMILE • Busy Needles • Craft Group • Readers Group • Art Club • Cake Icing Decoration Group • Bentley/Arksey Heritage Society • Bentley Community Choir • Luncheons – Pentecostal Church and Mount Hermon Church • Bentley Social Entertainment Group • Friends of Bentley New Village • Homestead Coffee Morning • Town end Community Flood Group • 61st Air Scouts Doncaster • Renew 127 • Doncaster Pathfinders • Bentley Urban Farm <p>TARAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll Bar TARA (1 o'clock club, exercise group, bingo/quiz, coffee mornings, children's dance)
Toll Bar & Almholme	
INDIVIDUALS (Key Individuals within the community and why)	ASSOCIATIONS Local Groups/Clubs
<p>Ward Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Church • Rebecca Booth <p>Community Members</p> <p>Professionals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well Doncaster Team • Communities Team 	<p>Sports Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll Bar ARLFC • Toll Bar Central Angling Club <p>TARA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toll Bar TARA (1 o'clock club, exercise group, bingo/quiz, coffee mornings, children's dance)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality Team • Early Years • Doncaster Children's Services Trust • Family Hub • St Leger • PSCO • Bentley Surgery • Primary School Head Teachers • Primary Care Network • Social Prescribing Team • Aspire • The Conservation Volunteers 	
York Road	
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Community Insight

Appreciative Inquiry

The Well Doncaster Team undertake Appreciative Inquiry (AI) within communities to gather insight to support co-designing action plans with the community. The AI questions are structured to pull on the successes of the past and present, to seek new potentials and possibilities and build on those through the Dream and Design stages. Data was analysed using a framework analysis approach (Ritchie and Lewis, 2003). Framework Analysis involves a systematic process of sifting, charting and sorting the material into key issues and themes allowing the integration of pre-existing themes into the emerging data analysis.

The Appreciative Inquiry will include the following steps:

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

Community insight is captured through community conversations in Bentley, Toll Bar, Arksey, Almholme & York Rd and is an ongoing process. Community conversations are had at various community events, meetings and through day-to-day interactions with residents and other key stakeholders in Bentley. A thematic analysis has been undertaken on community conversations had with residents and other key stakeholders of such areas thus far. Response have been developed into a thematic framework for Bentley, including Toll Bar and Almholme, York Road and Arksey. Work is underway in Arksey, Almholme and York Road to fully understand these as communities themselves and develop a thematic framework for each community. All

themes identified through this process inform community development and engagement activity moving forward.

Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Neighbourhood	People Friends & Family Quietness	<p>"My family are close by" (BEN2) 2020-2021</p> <p>"When you scratch the surface and you will find a sense of community and a concern for others. When someone is in real need, people come together" (BEN8) 2020-2021</p> <p>'In the past everyone knew everyone, fences were low and people would chat across the street. Now all the fences are high' (BEN9) 2020-2021</p> <p>"Family lives close" (BEN53) 23</p> <p>"Quiet, friendly people" (BEN65) 23</p> <p>"Friendly people" (BEN67) 23</p> <p>"Friendly environment" (BEN80) 23</p> <p>"such a difference in the community, it feels more neighbourly." (BEN83) 23</p> <p>"The people and the social life is great" (BEN1549) 23</p> <p>"Support in the community stops me feeling isolated" (BEN1739) 24</p> <p>"Make's you feel like you belong somewhere" BEN124 24</p> <p>"I like that I have my friends near me and I can hang out with them all the time" (BEN3105) 24</p> <p>"It is quiet and there is lots going on people are friendly" (BEN5565)24</p> <p>"Safety for the kids" (BEN5564) 24</p> <p>"Friends and family here which is nice lots of family close by" (BEN5633)24</p> <p>"My friend lives in Bentley and my son and grandson" (BEN5632)24</p> <p>"Important for wellbeing to have people close by" (BEN5592)24</p> <p>"Its nice and quiet, it feels safe where I live" (BEN284) 25</p>	<p>There is clear evidence for a feeling of comradery in Bentley. It was often the first thing that people mentioned when asked 'why do you enjoy living here'. It seems that the community spirit was stronger in years gone by when more people worked within Bentley and when the pits were open.</p> <p>Most people felt safe and felt that they could ask for help from a neighbour if they needed it. The majority of people knew their neighbours and had family and friends living close by. Many people had lived on the same street/area for all of their life and had no intention of moving.</p> <p>Having family and friends close by was extremely important for several residents. The type of neighbourhood in which people lives also has a big impact on how they view their community. Most prefer quite, friendly and welcoming communities and Bentley appears to provide that.</p> <p>People quote that Bentley is a quiet and friendly place to live, a common theme was being close to friends and family, and enjoying the time spent with them using the local amenities. The views above remained consistent and can be supported by updated quotes, with residents saying that Bentley is a friendly and welcoming place, and people value friendly neighbours and having people close by, as well as quietness and safety.</p>

		<p>"The neighbours are really friendly here and they are helpful if we need anything" (BEN184) 25</p> <p>"It's quiet and friendly" (BEN416) 25</p>	
Community Spirit	<p>Community events during flooding</p> <p>Community groups</p>	<p>"It is a way to combat loneliness and gives people opportunities to meet people" (BEN53)23</p> <p>"Very friendly, people get on with people." (BEN60)23</p> <p>"Lots of opportunities to volunteer and play a part in community" (BEN61)23</p> <p>"To see how everybody comes together for one another, when I reach out for support there is always somebody with a listening ear." (BEN64)</p> <p>"Community spirit feels high and there really are people who care" (BEN64)23</p> <p>"Close together, everyone helps when needed" (BEN74)23</p> <p>"The sense of community, everyone gets on"(BEN77)23</p> <p>"Good sense of community" (BEN77)23</p> <p>"Sense of community" (BEN80)23</p> <p>"When we do clean ups and litter picks children now help clean up." (BEN83)23</p> <p>"A couple who used to sit drinking and dropping their cans have now offered to help clean up and been gardening." (BEN83)23</p> <p>"People don't always come when the weather is cold but came for coronation and brought more families and friends, proper community feel." (BEN 83)23</p> <p>"Community spirit feels high and there really are people who care" (BEN64)24</p> <p>"Close together, everyone helps when needed" (BEN74)24</p>	<p>Community spirit is one of the most common themes in Bentley, with community events and community spirit during the flooding experiences being important to people. Renew 127 and other community groups are still a common theme of being important to residents and give them a sense of belonging. It is important to recognise that lots of conversations did take place with residents at Renew, which may account for the emphasis on there.</p> <p>Bentley also has many support networks which also include peer led networks that offer support to residents when in need.</p> <p>this theme remains as being one of the strengths of the village, as quoted by several residents. Villagers quoted using local support networks such as Renew 127, SMILE, Town End Flood Group and local Foodbanks. Many said they found the accessibility to free events for all really helped to build on the existing strength and pride in their community</p> <p>.Residents till quote Bentley to be a safe and quiet community, with community events and activities being important, especially to older residents and families with children. Most residents viewed the quietness as positive thing and enjoyed having people nearby.</p>

		<p>"The sense of community, everyone gets on" (BEN77)24</p> <p>"Good sense of community" (BEN77)24</p> <p>"I feel like where I live is a really good community village, everyone seems to look out for each other" (BEN4200)24</p> <p>"because everyone works together when the community is going through something" (BEN3249)24</p> <p>"the better we get on the better it is for everyone after flooding" (BEN5565)2024</p> <p>"If you have problems you can talk to people" (BEN5566)2024</p> <p>"The people, sense of community" (BEN5517)2024</p> <p>"It is quiet and there is lots going on people are friendly" (BEN5566)20</p> <p>"The older you get you need community" (BEN332)</p> <p>"renew 127 is a meeting place for people to talk and mix" (BEN259)</p> <p>"Because we have such a supportive community around us" (BEN186)</p> <p>"sometimes there is a fayre" (BEN567)</p> <p>"Being a part of a community and really having that inclusiveness." (BEN184)</p> <p>"Social groups get me out of the house and give me something to do" (BEN41)2025</p> <p>"we have had street parties in bentley which i like" (BEN567) 2025</p>	
Amenities	Recreational Spaces & Green Areas Local supermarkets Pavillion and cafe Churches	<p>"Good neighbours and family helping each other. Jet Club a good place for people." (BE39) 22</p> <p>"Been here all my life, shops here, family and friends." (BE72) 22</p> <p>"It has changed over time for the better. People in Doncaster are really nice and there is community spirit in Bentley. I like the area." (BE1)22</p>	<p>It is clear that the residents are happy with the diverse assets that Bentley has to offer – epically the shops. Many people commented about how great it is to have Lidl and how handy and accessible all the shops are on the high street. The bus route and the frequency of stops was seen as a really positive asset. Participants</p>

		<p>"Friendly town, good shops and good parks for walking"(BE18) 22</p> <p>"Got all shops you need, 5 min from town." (BE21)22</p> <p>"I know everyone here, everything you need is here doctors, chemist, shops, and good bus service." (BE73)22</p> <p>"Bentley has a good park, good school and shops." (BE75)22</p> <p>"Church does lots of good for people struggling." (BE61)22</p> <p>"Good links with bus service and hairdressers, people usually visit our cafe after their shopping or hair appointments. (Cafe situated next to local amenities) " (BE22)</p> <p>"I like Bentley, the park is lovely, the pavillion and lidl are great." (BEN419)25</p> <p>"like going shopping in bentley there are shops near by house" (BEN568) 25</p> <p>"i like bentley pit top, and the shops in bentley, and the nature there" (BEN581)25</p> <p>"i like the shops on Bentley highstreet, the nail salon" (BEN582)25</p> <p>"We have morrisons, Aldi nearby, its got everything you need, woodland" (BEN352) 25</p>	<p>were happy with the green space available commenting that there is a lot of places to go walking. Groups for mothers, babies and young children was a point that was raised many times. It seems there was more of these groups in the past and a lot have closed. Many people commented on the park being a great place for the kids but the types/range of play equipment could be improved. People reminisced about the organised community events that brought people together.</p> <p>Local community voluntary groups, library and other sessions are run regularly in Bentley and there are lots of community groups and sports clubs in the area. The library as since closed since previous theming.</p> <p>Residents commented on how they were fortunate to have so many local community assets such as the library, pavilion, shops, My Place and family hub to name just a few.</p> <p>Bus routes and their geographical location was mentioned, and they felt well connected to Doncaster and other surrounding villages.</p> <p>People in Bentley value the fact that there are shops and assets nearby. Bentley has community assets nearby where people can walk to nearby. Children can use the local assets, such as the supermarket. The local schools are important to the community, as well as local parks. The library is no longer operating, however residents stilll enjoy the pavilion.</p> <p>Local supermarkets, especially Lidl are consistently valued as an important amenity in Bentley- a low cost supermarket such as Lidl are important in providing access to affordable, good quality food.</p>
Green spaces	Bentley park Bentley Community Woodland Play Areas	<p>"Good location, enjoy going to Millgate WMC, and Bentley Park. Good walking area for dog" (BE14) 22</p> <p>"Good walking places for the dog." (BE15)22</p> <p>"Friendly town, good shops and good parks for walking" (BE18)22</p>	<p>Many residents said how they liked have lots of green spaces and parks on their doorstep for walking dogs, and general recreation.</p>

		<p>"Surrounded by green fields, trans Pennine trail, Bentley community woodlands, Bentley park." (BE49)22</p> <p>"Bentley Park kids enjoy."(BE65) 22</p> <p>"Park is good and improved, Everything is in the looks."(BE79) 22</p>	<p>The recent development of Bentley Park, TPT and the Community Woodland areas were also mentioned and people felt lucky to have these unique green spaces and the play equipment and facilities on them.</p> <p>The Pit and Mining heritage was spoken about a lot and how the village has developed since it closed.</p>
Community Activities	<p>Church</p> <p>Peer support groups</p> <p>Sports clubs</p> <p>Events in Bentley Park</p> <p>.</p>	<p>"The knitting group at the homestead has allowed me to get in contact with more residents... Having a community group to go to is important as it allows me to get out and speak with people who have similar interests and to also speak to more ladies." (BEN55)23</p> <p>"Renew 127 allows me to get out and speak to people" (BEN 60)23</p> <p>"community events such as fireworks," (BEN62)23</p> <p>"Church activities" (BEN6323)</p> <p>"I use the TPT for walks and like being out in nature." (BEN64)23</p> <p>"Play recreational football to keep moving and have a laugh" (BEN65)23</p> <p>"Friday social stroll,craft group on Thursday"... it allows you to speak to people and combats loneliness (BEN 68)23</p> <p>"Children play rounders (using equipment funded by ACG in 2020) and football on a weekend together even though they go to different schools." (BEN83)23</p> <p>"The church to set up a new coffee morning and provide chance for different ethnicities to mix together because Town End is a diverse community." (BEN 83)23</p> <p>"lots of events going on in the park" (BEN1703) 23</p> <p>Good to have free things for kids to do" (BEN122)24</p> <p>"These events are amazing and enjoyable, we bring our grandchildren and it is great. We've enjoyed speaking to everyone today and going to all the different stalls" (BEN46562) 24</p>	<p>There are a number of activities and social events that appear to make the biggest difference to Bentley residents' lives. Most suggested that this made the biggest difference to ensuring they did not feel isolated and had good mental health.</p> <p>There was a mixture of activities, but a high percentage suggested they liked to have walks on their doorstep and access to exercise or keep fit sessions.</p> <p>Free family events in Bentley Park are something residents speak highly of and are something residents look forward to.</p> <p>Due to the 'cost of living' crisis many family members have stated the importance of accessibility to free or subsidised events for the family (BEN 2882). Bentley Park events were shown to be especially popular in this time period. Whilst remaining active was also a common wellbeing theme, along with 'being able to care for my children' when people were asked "what is important to you about your health and wellbeing?" (BEN2880)</p>

		<p>"Events on a weekend and being free"(BEN2882)24</p> <p>"Looking after my children and doing day to day things" (BEN 2880)24</p>	
Accessibility	<p>Transport</p> <p>Walking distance</p> <p>Easy Access</p>	<p>"it is important to me that I can access services in Doncaster and in particular, in Bentley" (BEN 55) 23</p> <p>"Shops and other amenities in a close range." (BEN56)23</p> <p>"It is important that people can access things." (BEN56)23</p> <p>"bus services and train...makes better quality of life That you can access good quality food good shops" (BEN 57)23</p> <p>"Close to work" (BEN65)23</p> <p>"Need to live close to work and shops, drive but prefers not to need to go too far" (BEN65)23</p> <p>"I don't drive. Easy to get to town. Getting to work. Convenience. Public transport. Like walking." (BEN 70)23</p> <p>"Close to town, plenty to do" (BEN73)23</p> <p>"Easy travel and good for the kids, ease of access" (BEN74)23</p> <p>"I am really close to town, I am close by to the gym, everything is on my doorstep... Everything is within walking distance and easy to get to." (BEN75)23</p> <p>"You can pretty much get everything you need without travelling too far" (BEN1548)23</p> <p>"Easy access to shops" (BEN1795)23</p> <p>"Its only one road to town, which is nice" (BEN 2442)24</p> <p>"Its close to work, and has plenty of local shops and it also has good public transport" (BEN 2581)24</p> <p>"Close to town, close to work, you can walk everywhere" (BEN 2782)24</p>	<p>Most things appeared close enough for residents to enjoy things on their doorstep.</p> <p>A lot enjoyed the close proximity to the town centre. Many did not have access to a car and walking was their main form of transport, so having things as close as possible was definitely high on the agenda. All suggested Bentley was able to offer this, and they were pleased with the day-to-day necessities and access to these.</p> <p>– It is apparent that many people consider it to be advantageous that there are good transport connections in and out of the village. The proximity of the village to the city centre and other nearby settlements is also considered to be advantageous by many residents (BEN 2442). Many also report to be 'actively travelling' by walking to shops, schools and local amenities (BEN 2782), this is something that can potentially be built on in the next quarter. The newly updated Trans Pennine trail opening launch on 07/09/2024, will also promote the approach moving forwards.</p> <p>Bentley's proximity to town was important to residents. Doncaster city centre is easily accessible by bus and even walking to most residents, meaning shops, amenities and health services in town can still be accessed easily. Alongside that, there are shops and health services, including 2 pharmacies in Bentley, that residents reported as important being close by.</p>

		<p>"walking to the schools" (BEN 2882)24</p> <p>"walking, getting out in the fresh air and trying to maintain a worklife balance" (BEN3091)24</p> <p>"close to town and convenient" (BEN5486)</p> <p>"i can walk to town" (BEN 5488) 24</p> <p>"Easy access to town on the bus which is important" (BEN5590)24</p> <p>"Amenities in walking distance everything you need in Bentley" (5589)24</p> <p>"just being able to walk around the village to different places. Everything is so close and it is great" (BEN4574)24</p>	
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Table 1, Thematic Analysis of community conversations in the Bentley Ward (City Of Doncaster Council, 2025)

Doncaster Talks

In 2019, Doncaster Talks undertook insight across the borough. Responses were separated into wards and thematically analysed. Across Bentley, 136 responses were recorded and the main themes on what people liked about the area, what could be improved, and what the borough should focus on are displayed in the table below:

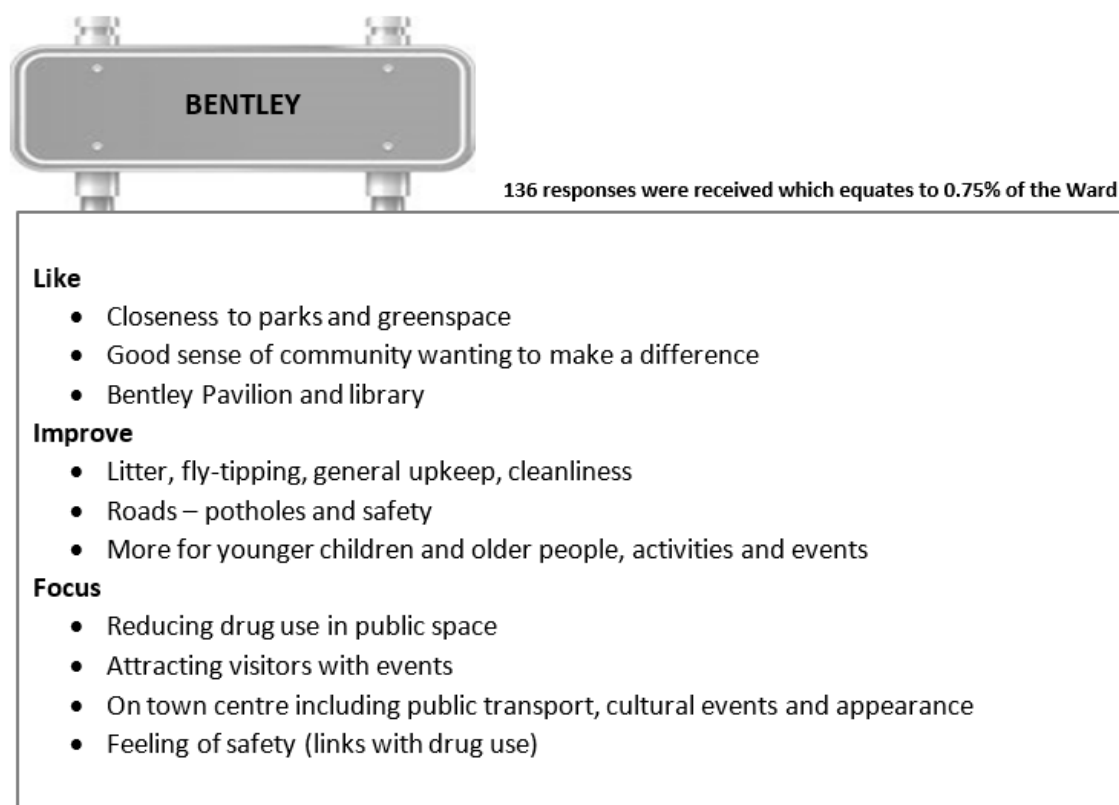


Figure 10, Doncaster Talks study (Doncaster Council 2019)

Ward Members

There are three ward members in Bentley ward elected in the 2025 elections.

Ward Members



• [Councillor Rebecca Booth](#)
Bentley- Reform Party



• [Councillor James Church](#)
Bentley- Labour Party
Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Public Health



Councillor Isaiah-
John Reasbeck
Bentley
Reform UK

Health and Wealth Inequalities

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

Deprivation

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

The map below shows that Bentley ward falls within the top 10 most deprived areas in Doncaster at ward level. IMD measures relative levels of deprivation in small areas, called Lower-layer Super Output Areas (LSOA). Data taken at LSAO level suggests deprivation varies considerably amongst communities with Bentley. Toll Bar and Almholme rank the most deprived community in Bentley ward and is the third most deprived community within Doncaster with an IMD score of 64.15, which is an increase from 2019 (49.87). This is followed by Bentley community itself, ranked 15th most deprived community overall in Doncaster with an IMD score of 41.14, an increase from 2019 (40.05). York Road (IMD score of 30.38) and Arksey (IMD score of 22.36) are both communities in the Bentley ward boundaries but with significantly lower levels of deprivation. Both communities, York Road (28.99) and Arksey (21.25) have seen slight increases in IMD score since 2019.

Bentley

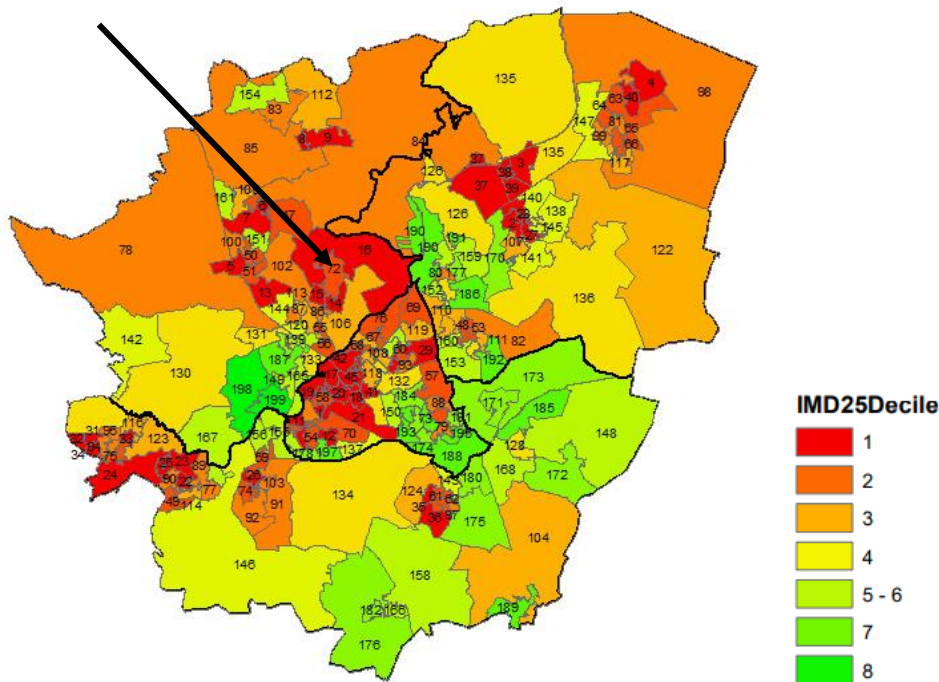


Figure 11: Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA 2025 – Doncaster, ONS, 2025

Wealth Inequalities

In 2025, 46.8% of Bentley & Toll Bar Middle-layer Super Output Area (MSOA) residents are experiencing poverty and 28.5% in Bentley Rise MSOA, similar to the Doncaster average of 29.3%. This is a significant increase from 2019, from 27.5% and 15.7% respectively.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Bentley & Toll Bar MSOA (39.5%) is higher than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), and the proportion in Bentley Rise MSOA (17%) is slightly lower. Similarly to all people, this has increased since 2019.

Furthermore, 63.9% of children are living in poverty in Bentley & Toll Bar MSOA, and 47.6% in Bentley Rise MSOA, higher than and similar to the Doncaster average of 47.1%.

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, outlined in the figure below.

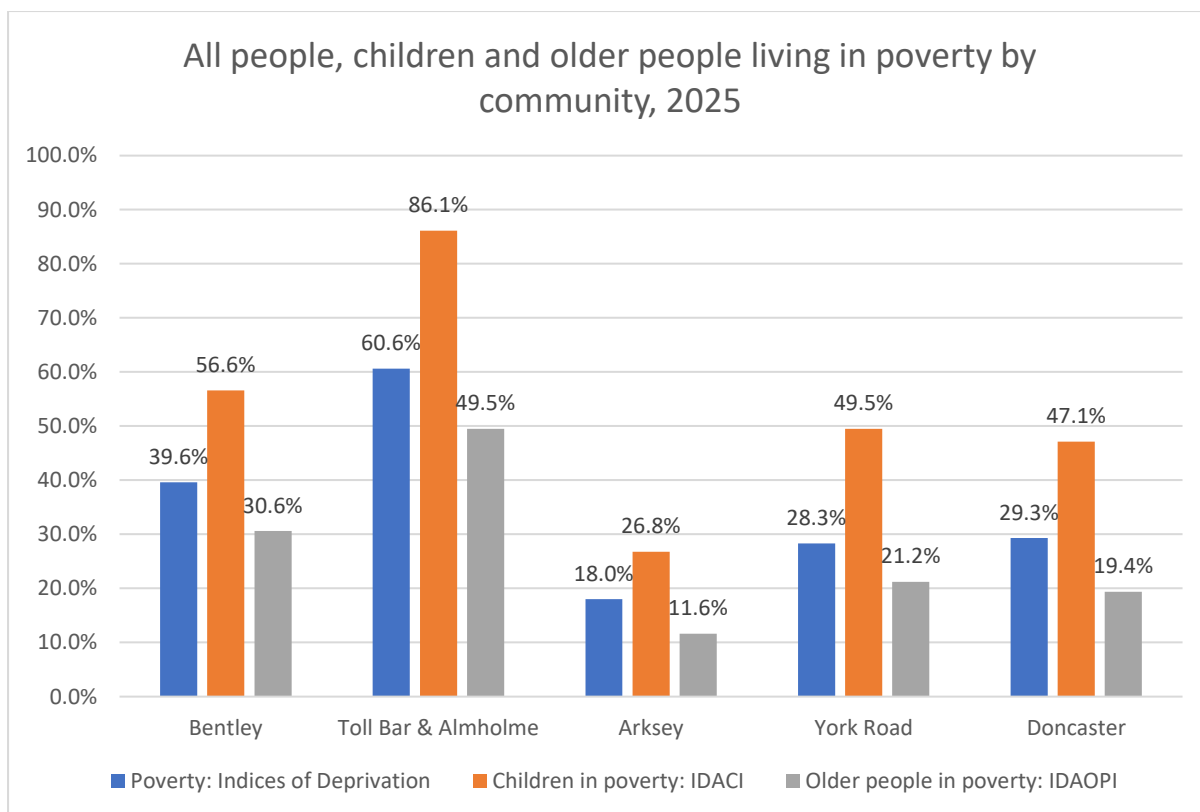


Figure 12: Poverty prevalence using IMD25 – Source IMD 2025

Fuel Poverty

Many residents are living in fuel poverty. Fuel poverty is defined as a household living on a lower income that is not deemed reasonable enough to warm a home sufficiently. According to fuel poverty by Parliamentary constituency, North Doncaster has the highest rates of fuel poverty (19.1%) in comparison to Don Valley (15.4%) and Central Doncaster (18.1%). In 2020, 21.9% of adults in Bentley ward were classed as living in fuel poverty and so were unable to warm their homes to a reasonable standard compared to Doncaster's average (18.8%). Data taken at LSOA level suggests residents living in Bentley Rise North and Bentley New Village South are facing significantly higher levels of fuel poverty than any other community in Bentley ward.

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Community Name	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Proportion of households' fuel poor (%)
E01007505	Doncaster 013A	Arksey	722	109	15.1
E01007506	Doncaster 010A	Bentley New	730	173	23.7

		Village North			
E01007508	Doncaster 010B	Bentley New Village South	700	232	33.1
E01007509	Doncaster 010C	Bentley Rostholme	823	239	29
E01007510	Doncaster 010D	Bentley Church Street	775	157	20.3
E01007511	Doncaster 010E	Toll Bar & Almholme	623	142	22.8
E01007512	Doncaster 012A	Scawthorpe Sunnyfields	895	121	13.5
E01007513	Doncaster 012B	Bentley Mill Dyke Bridge	703	115	16.4
E01007514	Doncaster 013B	Bentley Rise North	718	242	33.7
E01007516	Doncaster 013C	Bentley Kirkby Avenue	654	122	18.7
E01007517	Doncaster 013D	York Road	733	218	29.7
E01007518	Doncaster 021A	Marshgate	710	125	17.6

Table 2. Rates of Fuel Poverty at LSOA level in Bentley (Office of National Statistics, 2022)

Food Poverty

There are 6 active foodbanks in the North locality of Doncaster. Seventh Day Adventist and Bentley Baptist Church all provide foodbank support for Bentley residents. Cost of Living Crisis, Low income, Benefit delays, Debt and Benefit changes are the top 5 reasons for residents accessing support from foodbanks across Bentley. Figure 11 shows demand for food support has increased since April 2022 across North of Doncaster. From 2022 to 2024 demand has increased significantly for both adults and children across the locality, with 4100 adults and 3200 children being supported in 2024, which is a significant increase from 2900 adults and 170 children in 2023. It must be noted that this data does highlight where residents are accessing support, and therefore it is unknown where food poverty is more prevalent.

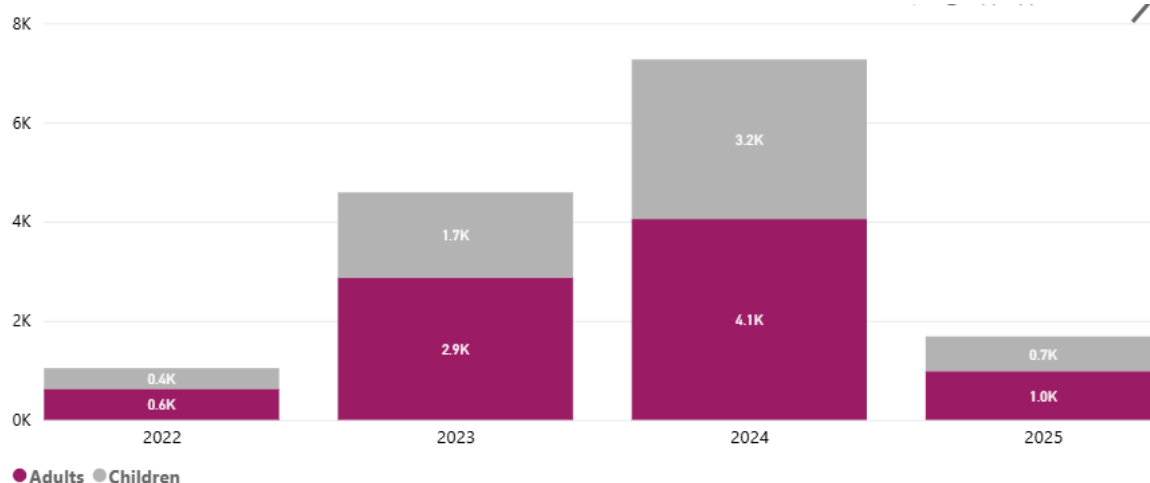


Figure 13. Number of Adults and Children accessing foodbanks in North of Doncaster (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)

The Bread-and-Butter Thing

The purpose of The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) is to address moderate food insecurity, helping minimise demand on crisis support i.e. foodbanks. They also reduce poverty premiums that families in low-income areas can face, reduce waste by identifying edible surplus food in the UK food sector and redistributing it, to build resilience within the communities. TBBT establish a mobile food club which gives access to nutritious and affordable food taken into the heart of communities with limited access to money, food, and resources. There is no eligibility, and parcels are based on a weekly shop and provides essential produce for family eating – fresh fruit and veg, chilled goods and cupboard staples. Deeply discounting a family's shopping and stretching their budget. A members average weekly saving is £26.50

Throughout the city there are five Hubs based in the following communities: Mexborough, Rossington, Carcroft, Thorne and Hexthorpe. Each site offers 80 residents the opportunity to access affordable food, ensuring 400 residents per week get the help they need. In 2024 across the five sites 1596 volunteering opportunities were accessed with 3241 residents accessing the support.

Employment

According to the 2021 Census, over half of the population of the Bentley ward (58.9%) are not in employment and have not worked in the last 12 months, with 28.7% of these residents having never worked. There is a significantly higher proportion of working age adults currently unemployed and claiming out of work benefits in Bentley ward (7.1%) in comparison to England (5%) and Doncaster (6.1%). This is also reflected in the high proportion of residents aged over 16 years of age (40%) who are economically inactive in comparison to England (39.1%). Given the coronavirus pandemic was

declared in early 2020 and this data was taken across 2021/22, rates of short-term unemployment may reflect the increased levels of job losses during this time.

Of those employed, the highest proportion of people in Bentley are employed in elementary occupations (19.1%), which is nearly double the amount of people when compared to England (10.5%). Those employed in highly skilled occupations such as managers, directors and senior officials are significantly lower across Bentley ward (8.3%) in comparison to Doncaster (10.2%) and England (12.9%). Additionally, there are very few people employed in professional occupations in Bentley (9.5%), which is significantly lower than England (20.3%). Skilled trades occupations (12.4%) make up the second largest proportion of employment rates in Bentley. This highlights the need for development in employment, skills and training opportunities available to Bentley residents.

A high proportion of residents in employment have less than 10km to travel to work (48.8%) compared to Doncaster (41.7%) and England (35.4%). However, a considerably higher proportion of adult's travel to work by car or van from Bentley (57.9%) compared to Doncaster (57.9%) and England and less than 10% of residents walk or cycle to work. This suggests public health interventions to improve active travel should be a priority in Bentley ward to improve physical activity levels and reduce carbon emissions.

Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough

Citizens advice Doncaster Borough (CADB) are an independent charity and part of the Citizens Advice Network across England and Wales. They provide free, confidential and impartial advice and campaign on money, benefit, housing or employment issues affecting people's lives. During the fiscal year of 2024/25 there were 218 residents living in Bentley ward accessing CADB. Debt, benefits and tax credits, utilities and communications, benefits and universal credits and consumer goods and services are the top 5 issues when seeking support.

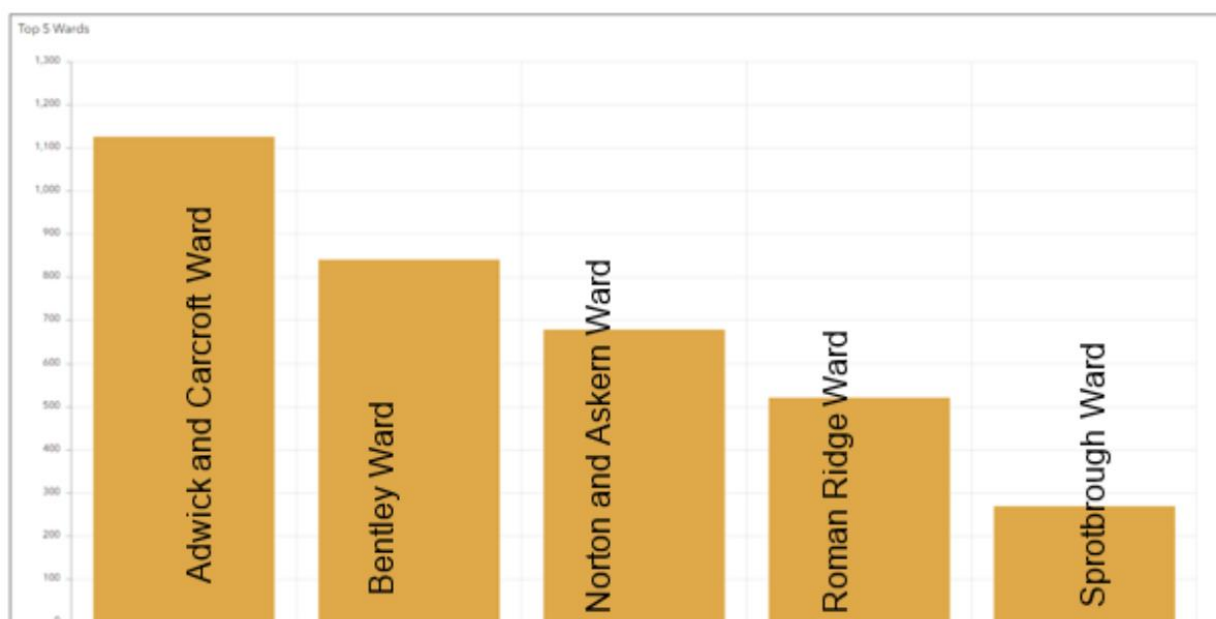


Figure 14. Number of interactions With Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough (CADB) during fiscal year 2023/24, (Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025)

Health Inequalities

Life expectancy

Residents of Bentley have a lower life expectancy and live more years in poor health in comparison to the averages of Doncaster and England.

Males have a life expectancy of 73.1 years of age compared to Doncaster rate of 77.2 years of age and England 79.1 years of age. Female life expectancy is 77.6 years, compared to Doncaster's 80.8 years and England's of 83 years of age. Females in the Bentley Ward are expected to have a healthy life expectancy of 58.9, compared to the Doncaster 57.7 and England 61.9, with males at 57.2 years, compared to Doncaster 57.3 and England 61.5

Long-Term Health Conditions

The proportion of residents with poor health in Bentley is considerably greater than the national rates. Over 21% of Bentley ward residents reported having poor general health compared to 17.6% across England. A total of 23.3% of Bentley residents, 24.3% of Toll Bar residents, 22.7% of Arksey residents and 19.8% York Road residents reported their health to be fair, bad, or very bad health (ONS, 2021).

Long term health conditions linked to poor lifestyle choices, living conditions and physical inactivity are a cause for concern in Bentley. Incidences of cancers are significantly higher in Bentley residents (113 per 100) compared to Doncaster (107 per 100) and England (100 per 100) when using ISR. More specifically, lung cancer rates

in Bentley (165 per 200) are the 6th highest rate in Doncaster and considerably higher than the national rates (100) when using ISR. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), another lung related illness, is also the 2nd leading cause of emergency hospital admissions amongst Bentley residents (123.0 per 100) when using ISR.

Strokes are the leading cause of emergency hospital admissions with a significant 134.7 per 100 occurring when using ISR. Additionally, deaths caused by conditions related to poor lifestyle choices are high, particularly deaths occurring in those ages under 75. Deaths caused by cancers (132.9 per 100), circulatory disease (119.2 per 100), coronary heart disease (CHD) (149 per 100) and respiratory diseases (153.1 per 100) when using ISR.

Indices of Death

Bentley exhibits high levels of mortality compared to Doncaster and England. The leading cause of death are those considered preventable. The basic concept of preventable mortality is that deaths are considered preventable if, in the light of the understanding of the determinants of health at the time of death, all or most deaths from the underlying cause could potentially be avoided by public health and primary prevention interventions (that is, before the onset of diseases or injuries, to reduce incidence).

In the Bentley ward, deaths caused by conditions related to poor lifestyle choices are high, particularly deaths occurring in those ages under 75. Deaths caused by cancers (132.9 per 100), circulatory disease (119.2 per 100), coronary heart disease (CHD) (149 per 100) and respiratory diseases (153.1 per 100) when using ISR.

Alcohol

Communities in Bentley have some of the highest rates of alcohol specific admissions in Doncaster (figure 6). Bentley New Village South (90.2 per 1000) has the highest rates in Doncaster, more than double that of Doncaster city (43.6 per 1000). Bentley Rostholme (76.8 per 1000) and Bentley Church Street (67.8 per 1000), are amongst the top 5 highest rates of alcohol related admissions in Doncaster. Bentley Rise North (62.4 per 1000) is placed within the highest 10, whilst York Road (52.2 per 1000) sits as 11th highest in Doncaster.

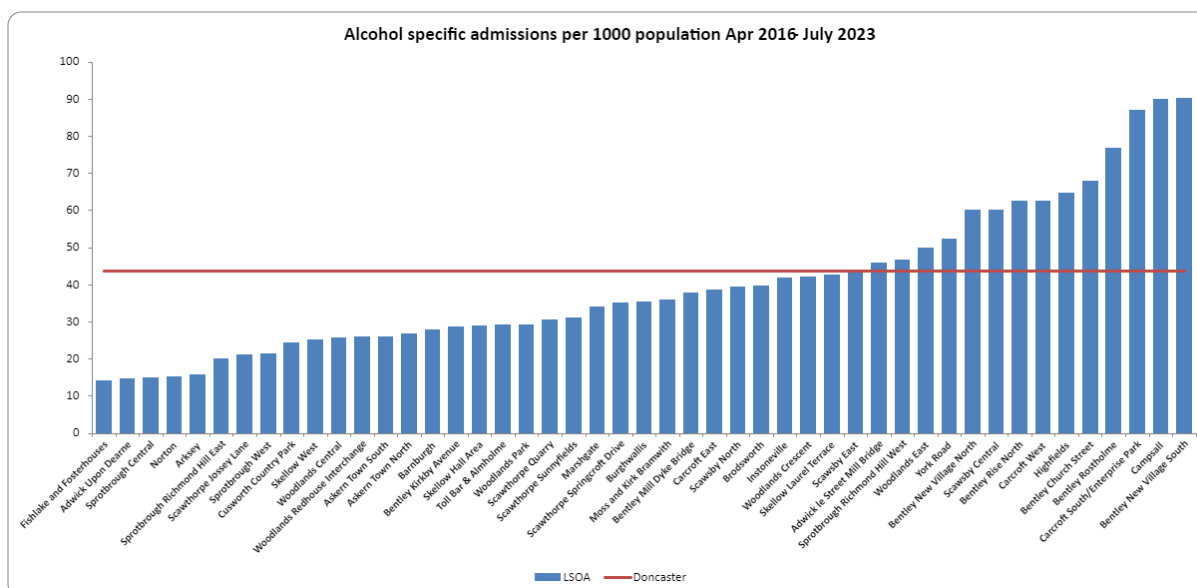


Figure 15. Alcohol Specific Admissions per 1000 population April 2016-2023 (Office of National Statistics, 2021)

Smoking

12.4% of residents in the Bentley ward smoke, which is lower than the Doncaster rate (14.1%), but higher than England (10.4%) 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).

In the Bentley ward, the gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £12.9 million. An estimated £4.22 million is spent annually on Tobacco products in the Bentley 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 Bentley ward the total cost due to lost productivity from smoking was estimated at £7.86 million which is higher than the borough average (£6.5M) (ASH 2024).

Childhood Development

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

The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) measures the proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 living in income deprived families.

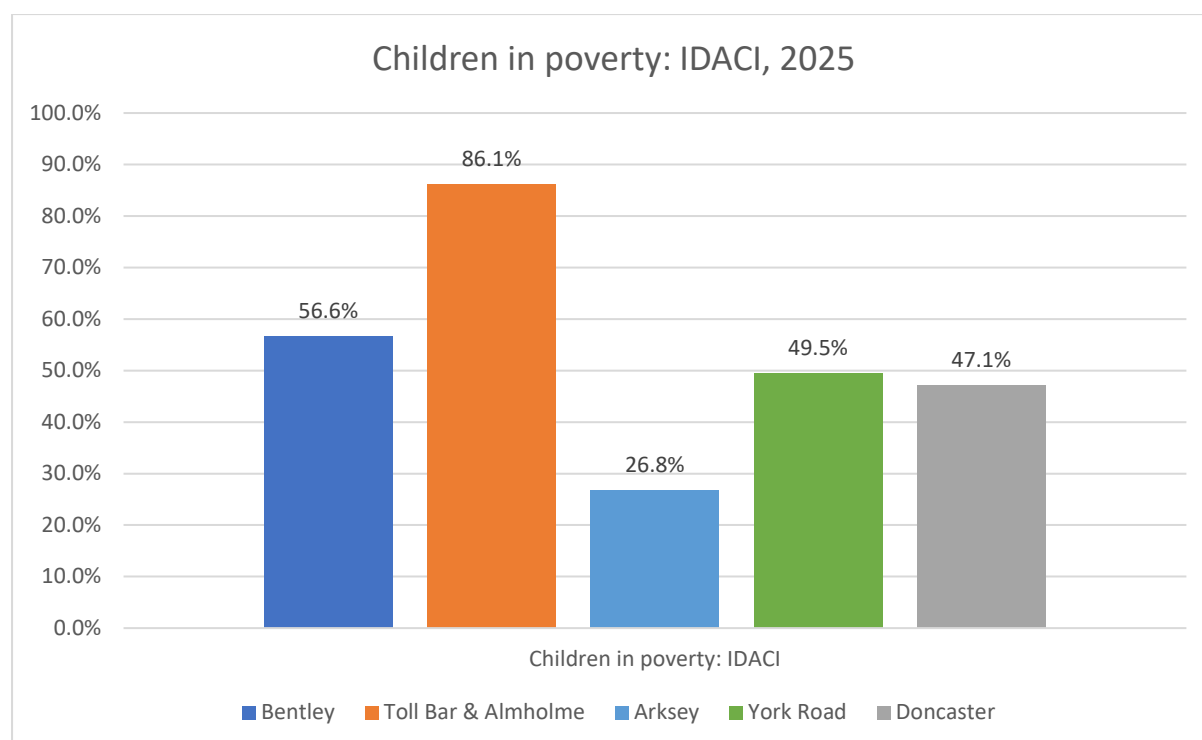


Figure 16:: Children in poverty: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) (aged 0 to 15) – Source: IMD 2025

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.

At reception age, the prevalence of obesity including severe obesity (14.9%) is higher than the Doncaster (12.1%) and England (9.6%). This figure increases to 34.3% at year 6 and is significantly higher than those reported for England (22.7%) and Doncaster (26.6%). However, data from the Pupil Lifestyle Survey (2024) shows food habits do include healthy choices as 68% of children in the ward consumer fruit and vegetables everyday/most days. However, 17% of pupils reported to consume takeaways most or every day of the week compared to Doncaster's 13%. This suggests public health interventions may need to focus on educating school aged children and parents on food choices.

Smoking Exposure

The 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey which included primary and secondary schools, reported that 41% of school aged children encountered smoking in the home in Bentley ward, which is significantly higher than the Doncaster's 36%. Evidence suggests growing up in a home where smoking occurs is one of the biggest risk factors to children becoming smokers themselves and may explain the high rates of children that have reported smoking at school-age. That is, 8% of all secondary school children reported they had tried cigarettes or smoking and 19% of pupils reported they have used or tried e-cigarettes.

Education

In 2024, 75% of Arksey pupils, 55% of Bentley, 18% of Toll Bar and Almholme pupils and 38% of York Road pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics at Key Stage 2 (KS2), all, except Arksey, are below the national average (61%). Arksey has seen a decrease in the rate of children achieving the expected standard since 2023 (100%), Bentley also follows this trend from 2023 (55%), Toll Bar and Almholme also see a decrease since 2023 (56%) and York Road also follows the same trend since 2023 (80%).

At Key Stage 4 (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, GCSE attainment scores per pupil (out of 90) were varied across Greater Bentley. Bentley students scored highest (45.4), a rise from 2023 (43.8), Toll Bar and Almholme (44.8) achieved the second highest scores, which was again an increase from 2023 (33.2) with Arksey (43.4) closely following, followed by York Road (38).

Pupil Lifestyle Survey

The Pupil Lifestyle Survey is conducted by the 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; KS2, 3 and 4.

In the Bentley ward, the survey was completed by 244 students with 110 from Year 4 and 134 from Year 6. Out of the 244 students who answered the survey, 48% were boys, 50% were girl and 2% described differently/prefer not to say. Only 6% of the students had a disability, with 12% having special educational needs (SEN) and of these students 48% receive extra help at school.

Family Hubs

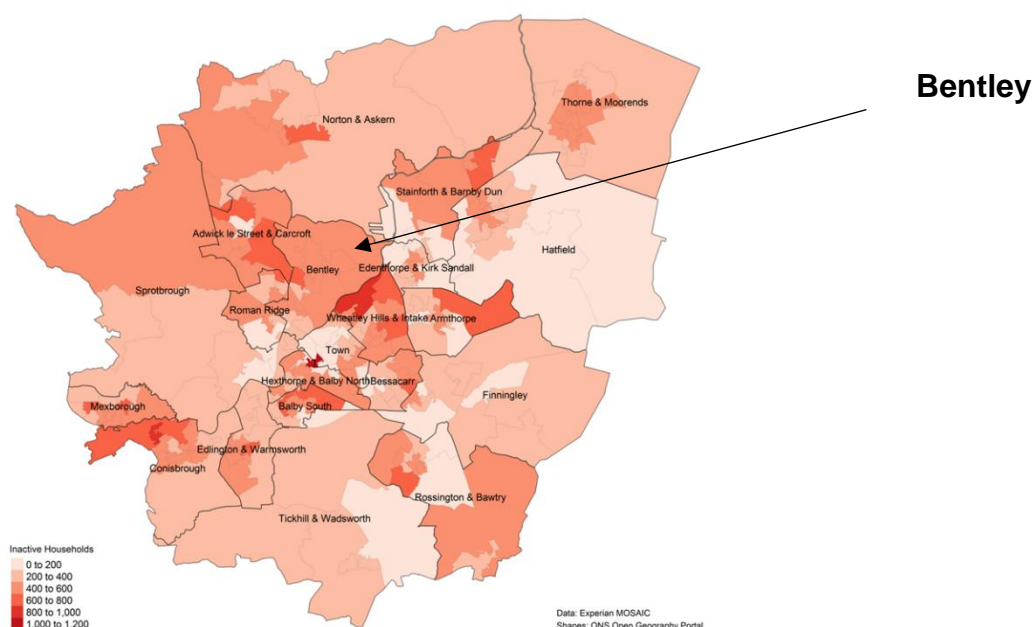
Membership across the whole North Locality is generally high for children aged 0-4 years and 11 months. In Bentley, 74% of children aged 0-8 weeks have membership at the Family Hubs, which is higher than Arksey (50%) and Toll Bar (25%).

Accessing (seen 1-2 times) across the whole locality is generally high for children aged 0-4 years and 11 months. In Bentley, 62% of 0-1 years & 11 months are seen as accessing, which is higher than Arksey (41%) but only slightly higher than Toll Bar (61%). There is an increase at 0-4 years & 11 months in accessing in Bentley, as rates increase to 77%, in which Arksey follows this trend (65%) and Toll Bar (84%).

Engaging (seen 3+ times) across the whole locality is relatively high for children aged 0-4 years and 11 months. There are several communities with lower engaging figures for children aged 0-1 year and 11 months. Arksey, Bentley, and Toll Bar are communities of concern however. A small percentage of 33% of 0-1 & 11 months aged children in Bentley are engaging with the Family Hubs, Arksey (30%) and Toll Bar (37%). Bentley does increase to 61% in 0-4 & 11 months, Arksey increases to 58% and Toll Bar (69%).

Physical Activity

Levels of physical activity in Bentley are lower compared to the rest of the borough. This is further illustrated in the map below, which identifies the areas with the highest numbers of inactive households.



Furthermore, the table below shows that Bentley has 883 households that are likely to have high levels of inactivity. This data has been matched to the number of children and young people living in deprived and inactive households. The former data positions Bentley as an area of focus and priority for the Get Doncaster Moving Strategy. The table below shows the number of households in the priority areas of inactive, low incomes and households with children and young people:

Community	Inactive	Low Incomes	C&YP	Total
Adwick le Street	883	877	920	2680
Denaby	951	913	514	2378
Wheatley Park & Wheatley Hills	802	885	667	2354
Bentley	883	692	773	2348
Edlington	667	858	726	2251
New Rossington	673	823	749	2245
Intake	651	781	668	2100
Skellow & Carcroft	594	892	563	2049
Stainforth	618	738	676	2032
Thorne	747	817	367	1931

Table 3. Get Doncaster Moving Priority communities, City of Doncaster Council. 2023

Data from the 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey indicated that 48% of school-aged children in Bentley reported walking to school. This is higher than the average of Doncaster (39%). Engagement in physical activity via school clubs is 22% which is the fifth highest in the Borough. 82% of school-aged children in Bentley reported enjoying physical activity which is 2% higher than the average of Doncaster (80%). For those who reported not enjoying physical activity, the most common reason was 'getting hot and tired' (57%).

Green Spaces and Parks

Bentley ward is rich in green spaces with Bentley Park having won the Green Flag Award for parks in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 and again in 2025. Facilities at the park include a playing field, multi-use games area, skate park, toddler and junior play areas, a bowling green and a Pavilion with a sprung dance floor.

Bentley is also home to a Community Woodland with various accessible tracks and a lake. In 2021, the Trans Pennine Trail stretch which connects the Woodland to Bentley Park received £400k investment to the surface. This funding has improved walking and cycling routes as well as horse riding access between Bentley, Toll Bar and the outside of the Bentley ward.

Within the Bentley Ward there has been significant investment in further active travel infrastructure. As a result of discussions in the Bentley Positive Action group, cycle storage has been installed in Bentley Park outside Bentley Pavilion, giving residents the opportunity to cycle in and around the park and lock their bike up safely. In addition to this, significant investment has been made to improve accessibility of the Trans Pennine Trail between York Road and Melton Road. Improvements have been made to access points at York Road and a new surface has been laid which allows the section to be accessible all year round. In addition to this, Well Doncaster has worked with Sustrans to develop and deliver an interactive family trail along the newly laid section of Trail. This comprises of 8 key points which teach residents about the area and show key points of interest.

Linden Walk Park in Toll Bar is included in the Get Doncaster Moving Future Parks work and it is expected in 2026/27 work will begin to co-design improvements to the park with residents.

Community Information

Population Size

Bentley ward: 18,200

- Bentley: 11,300
- Toll Bar & Almholme: 1200
- Arksey: 1200

- York Road: 710

Ethnicity and Language

The community of Bentley does not appear to be very diverse in ethnicity or languages spoken. Over 95% of the population residing in this ward identify as 'White' and report that their main language spoken is English. The Census (2021) reports Toll Bar community to have a slightly more diverse population with 3.1% of the community identifying as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh. It should still be acknowledged that this is significantly lower than the rest of England (9.6%).

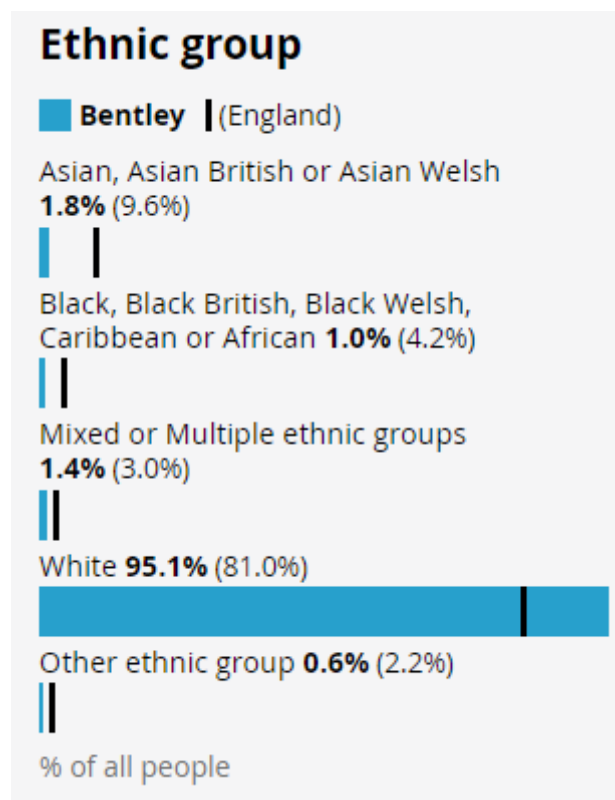


Figure 17. Ethnicity in Bentley Ward (Office of National Statistics, 2021)

Age Profile

Bentley as a ward has a similar aged population to the rest of England. However, there are differences within each community. Figure 15 shows that Toll Bar and York Road, have a significantly younger population. There are more children aged 15 and under in Toll Bar and working age adults in York Road contributing to this. Arksey has an older population, with a larger proportion of adults aged 55-85 residing in the community. There are similar numbers of males and females within each age group category.

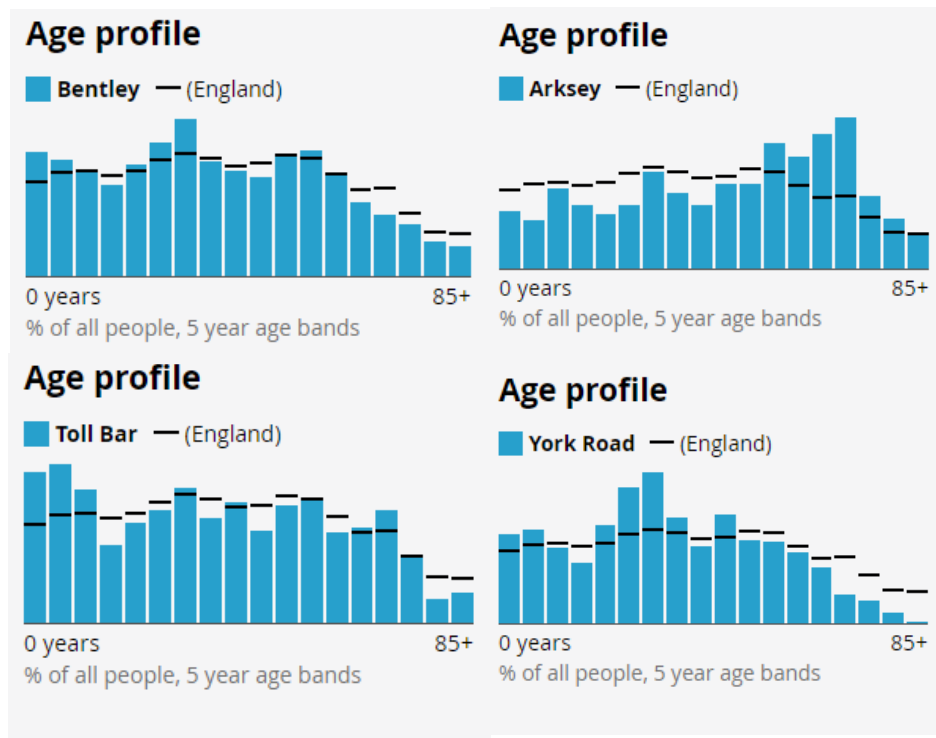


Figure 18. Age profile in Bentley ward (Office of National Statistics, 2021)

Housing

A larger proportion of residents own their house outright in Arksey (48.6%), compared to the national rate (32.5%). There are more socially rented properties in Toll Bar (37.8%), which is considerably higher than the rest of Doncaster and England. There are considerably fewer properties that are privately rented in Arksey, whilst York Road and Bentley have significantly more to the rest of Doncaster.

The majority of households comprise of single-family units in Bentley (58.6%), Arksey (66.3%), Toll Bar and Almholme (64.9%) and York Road (54%). However, there is a large proportion of one-person households in Bentley (36.2%) and York Road (42.8%). Whilst Toll Bar (28%) and Arksey (29.8%) have similar rates to the rest of Doncaster. Housing statistics align with the age profile of the ward as there are significant numbers of families with working age adults and older children residing within properties in the ward. High levels of one-person households in Arksey aligns with the fact the average age in the community is higher than in Bentley. This would suggest social isolation is a priority for Doncaster. Living alone can increase the risk of a number of physical and mental health issues and thus, ensuring these individuals have the support required to live a health and fulfilling life is important.

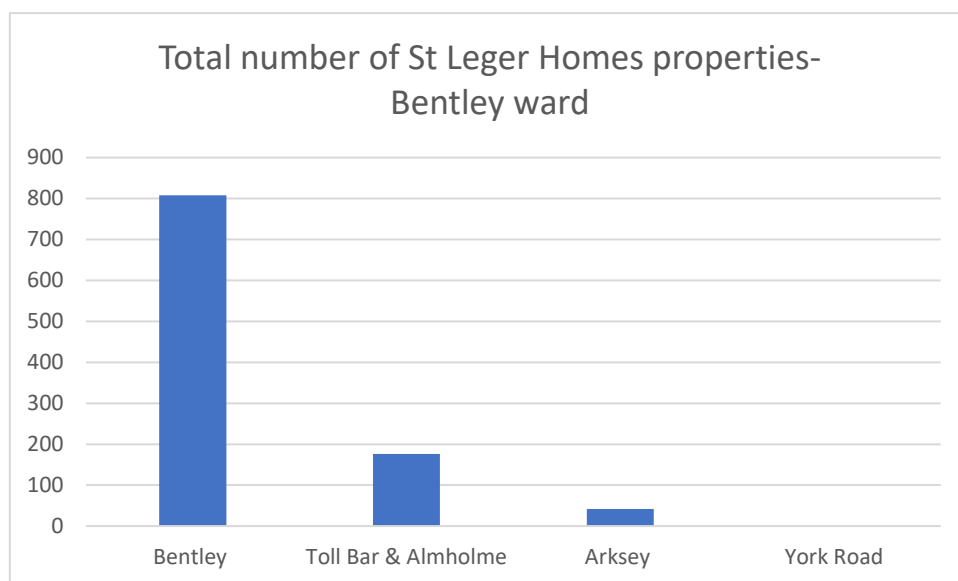


Figure 19, Total number of St leger properties per community in the Bentley ward (St Leger Homes Doncaster 2025)

St Leger Homes is the main provider of Doncaster's of social housing. St Leger Homes manage 808 properties in Bentley, 42 in Arksey and 176 in Toll Bar and Almholme, with 3 bed houses being the highest number of properties they own, followed by 1 bed bungalows. Figure 19 above shows the total number of St Leger Homes properties within the Bentley ward.

St Leger Homes rent arears in Bentley, Toll Bar and Almholme have increased from 2023/24 to 2024/25. In 2023/24 Bentley had £73,364.60 in arears, which has increased to £79,005.06 in 2024/25. Toll Bar and Almholme had £21,093.47 in 2023/24, which has increased to £22,332.92 in 2024/25. Arksey however, has seen a decrease in rent arears from 2023/24 to 2024/25. Arears have decreased from £2519.37 to £2101.38 respectively.

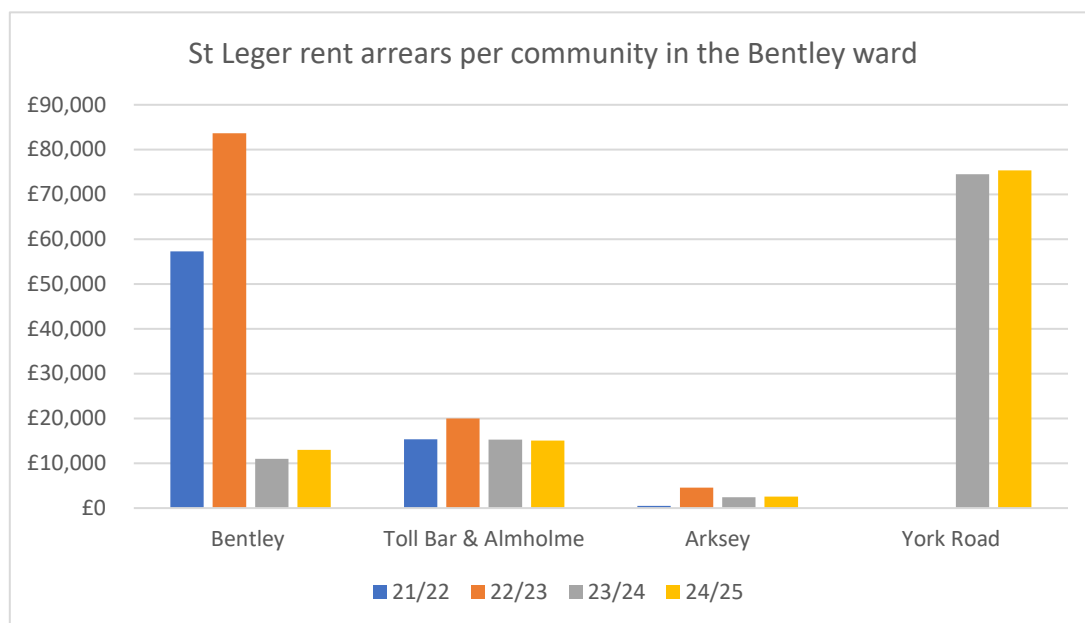


Figure 20, Total amount of rent arrears per community in the Bentley ward (St Leger Homes Doncaster 2025)

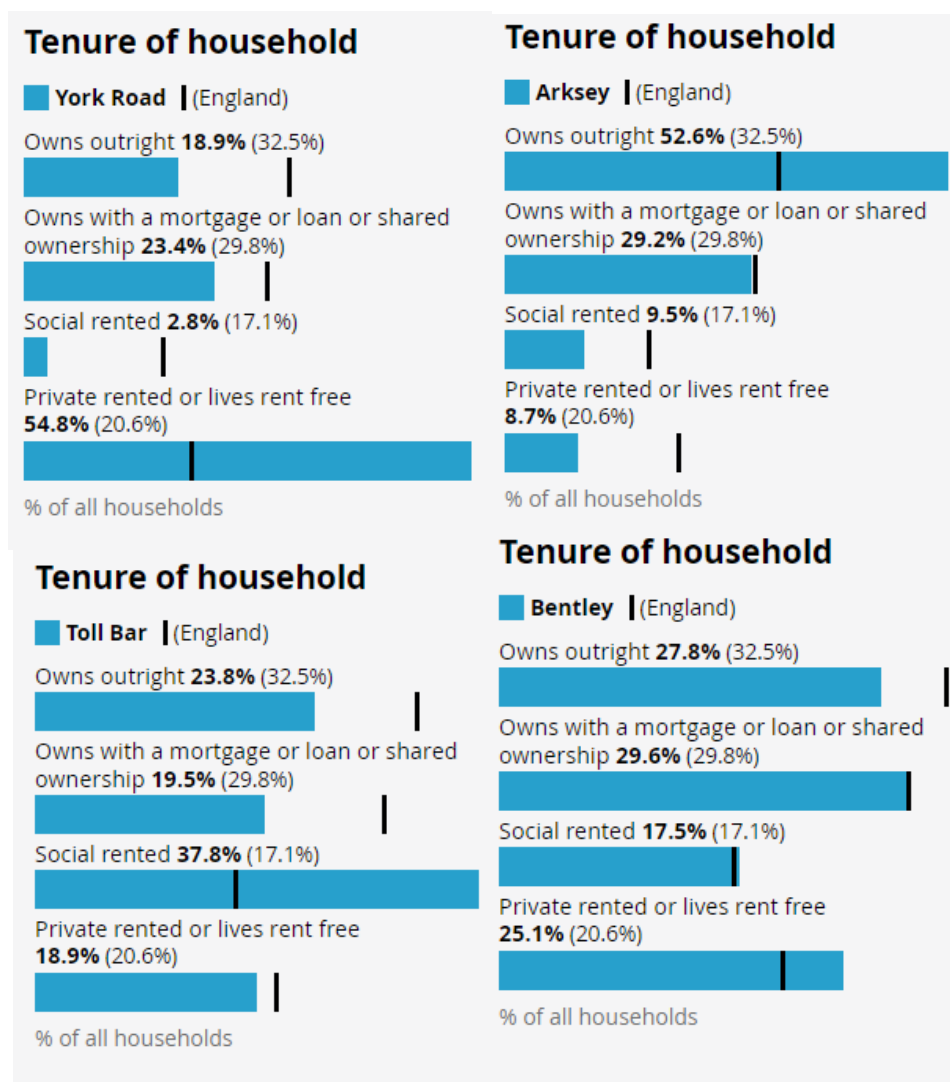


Figure 21. Tenure of Households in York Road, Arksey, Toll Bar and Bentley (Office of National Statistics, 2021)

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.

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.

Community Voice / Key Safety Concerns

Residents in Bentley told us they are worried about anti-social behaviour and crime, which they feel has become more noticeable in recent years. People spoke about issues like intimidation, vandalism, and visible drug use, alongside concerns about repeat offending and property damage. Poor lighting and neglected streets add to feelings of insecurity, and many said they want more visible policing and quicker responses to incidents. Fear of reporting crime is common, with some residents believing nothing will change or fearing retaliation. There's also a call for more youth activities and safe spaces to reduce disruption and give young people positive options. Overall, the community wants cleaner streets, stronger enforcement, and opportunities to bring people together and restore pride in Bentley.

Anti-Social Behaviour

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

North locality reported the lowest number of ASB, hate crime and low-level crimes during the first 6 months of 2023/24. Figure 17 shows that Bentley had the second highest rates of crime and ASB across the North Locality.



Figure 22. Number of early interventions, ASB, hate crime and low-level crime issues identified and managed at Locality level (Stronger Communities, Doncaster Council 2023/24)

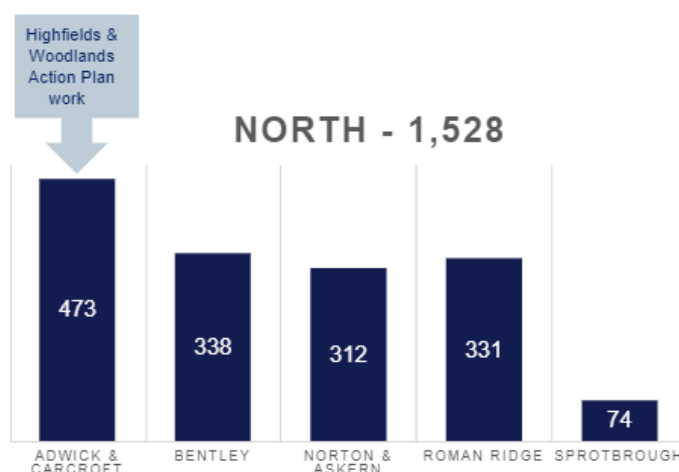


Figure 23. Number of early interventions, ASB, hate crime and low-level crime issues identified and managed at Ward level (Stronger Communities, Doncaster Council 2023/24)

Wellbeing Service

This is one of the services delivered by City of Doncaster Council (CDC), the service supports residents with financial support, physical health, housing, mental health and social isolation, and an early intervention to prevent moving to adult social care services. The North locality identifies 3 common themes for support that residents need, social isolation, loneliness and recreation, work, education and training and mental/emotional health.

Area	Total Number of Engagements*	1 st Most Common Theme	2 nd Most Common Theme	3 rd Most Common Theme
Borough wide	7,431	Social Isolation, Loneliness & Recreation	Mental & Emotional Health	Finances, Debt & Economic Wellbeing
North	2,383 (32.1% of Borough wide demand)	Social Isolation, Loneliness & Recreation	Work, Education or Training	Mental & Emotional Health
South	2,448 (32.9% of Borough wide demand)	Mental & Emotional Health	Social Isolation, Loneliness & Recreation	Physical Health
East	1,865 (25.1% of Borough wide demand)	Social Isolation, Loneliness & Recreation	Mental & Emotional Health	Finances, Debt & Economic Wellbeing
Central	735 (9.9% of Borough wide demand)	Finances, Debt & Economic Wellbeing	Social Isolation, Loneliness & Recreation / Mental & Emotional Health	Work, Education or Training

Table 4, *Number of engagements per locality, quarter 4 2024-25. (City Of Doncaster Council 2025)*

Community Investment

In the Bentley ward, investment totalled £1,258,442.16 as of July 2025 from across Doncaster Delivering Together. Figure 24 shows the map of investments within the Bentley Ward as of 2025. In the ward, there has been 165 investments in total, which has supported a vast number of projects. A significant sum of investment has been made into flood defences and prevention, due to the ward being at high risk of flooding and has flooded on a more than one occasion.



Figure 24. Map of investments in the Bentley ward, (City of Doncaster Council 2025)

Investment has included 36 community organisations receiving funding, including Bentley Baptist Church and North Doncaster Development Trust and Town End Flood Community Group. The main sources of grants have been Foodbank support grants, Environmental Pride, Youth activities and Community celebrations. The top priorities for investments were 'building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives', 'creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs', 'developing the skills to thrive in life and work', 'nurturing a child and family friendly borough' and 'promoting the borough and its sporting, cultural and heritage opportunities'.

Top 5 Community Priorities	Total Amount spent on priority	Funding Type	Total Amount by Ward
Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all	£994,800.16	VCFS, Ward Members, Barrier Buster, Community Booster, Active Communities Grant, Community	£1,258,442.16
Creating safer, stronger, greener, and cleaner	£109,226.98		

communities where everyone belongs		Wealth Builder Support, Locality	
Developing the skills to thrive in life and work	£55,326	Commissioning, Holiday Activity Fund,	
Nurturing a child and family friendly borough	£95,498	Community Investment Fund, Community	
Promoting the borough and its sporting, cultural and heritage opportunities	£3591.02	Wealth Builder Grants, Soup Dragon, Winter Warmth.	

Table 5. Community Investment across the Bentley Ward (Doncaster Council, 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](#)

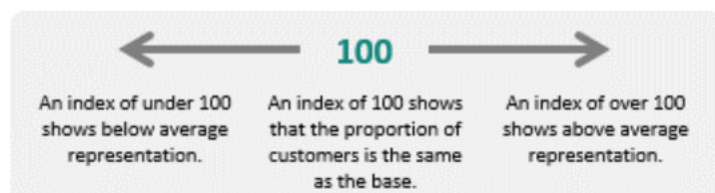
Acorn profiles

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

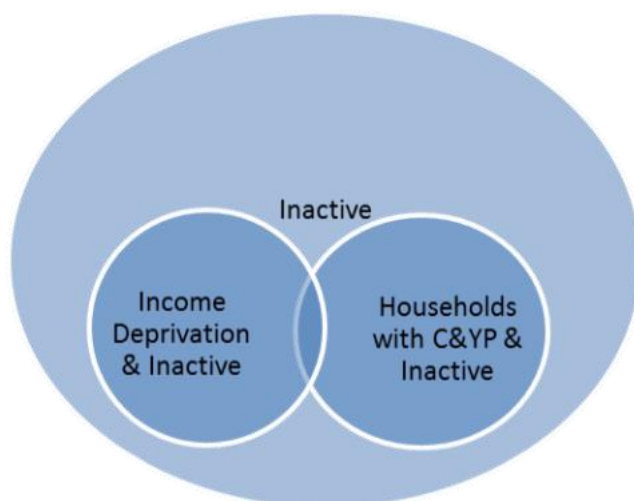
Get Doncaster Moving survey

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

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 Doncastr 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

Assets

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town centre business assets.pdf

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=17BayPsljJ1OUq6U4OFbk9FKLYL2-wDZN&ll=53.50909620569456%2C-1.1365028000000032&z=14>

