



Fishlake, Fosterhouses & Sykehouse Community Profile

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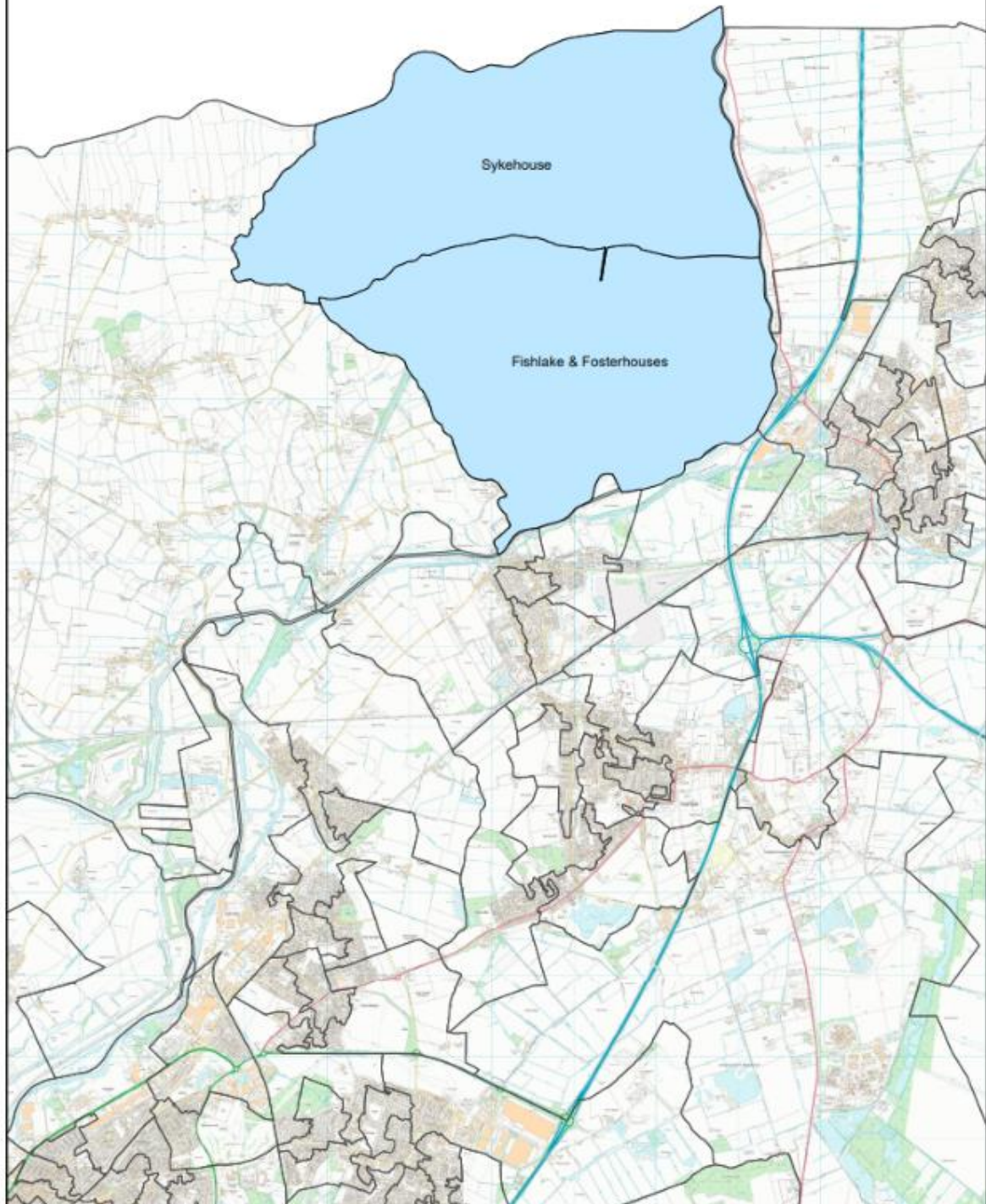
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This Report

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 communities of Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse, part of the Askern and Norton 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.



Fishlake, Fosterhouses & Skyehouse



27.1% of children at reception age are overweight (including obese)



Isolated communities with limited public transport



Significantly high levels of respiratory diseases and higher rates of lung cancer



52.6% of residents in Fishlake, Fosterhouses own their property outright – significantly higher than Doncaster



65.4% of residents in the ward are registered as disabled



High hospital admission rates for coronary health

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One Page Summary

Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse are rural villages and hamlets that fall within the Norton and Askern ward of the City of Doncaster. They have a population of 1400. Due to their unique rural location a lot of the ward level data is not typically representative of this area. The area was greatly impacted by the floods of November 2019.

The figures show an ageing population as of much of England however the data for Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse shows that there is a significantly higher percentage of people age between 50 and 54 at 9.8% compared to England at only 6.9%.

Within the communities, there are higher hospital admissions for heart disease, strokes, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) linked to lifestyle factors. Smoking rates in the wider ward are high, and physical inactivity remains an issue for some households.

Young people's eating habits are significantly positive within the ward. However, childhood obesity (27.4%) rates for the ward are above the national average (22.3%).

Alcohol intake and smoking levels are significantly high, meaning many residents face lifestyle challenges around choosing a healthy active lifestyle.

There are very limited local access points to healthcare within Fishlake, Sykehouse and Fosterhouses. Residents must travel out of the villages to access healthcare services and residents have raised the needs around improved connectivity and access to services and support as a key issue.

Key Priorities

- Aging population in isolated communities
- Hospital admissions for those living with limiting illnesses or health conditions largely associated with poor lifestyle choices including coronary heart disease (CHD), Myocardial Infarctions, Stroke and COPD.
- Obesity levels amongst school aged children and reception and year 6
- Alcohol intake and hospital admissions associated with alcohol consumption

Assets

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

Asset Maps

The maps below show different types of assets across the communities of all three communities.

Sykehouse:

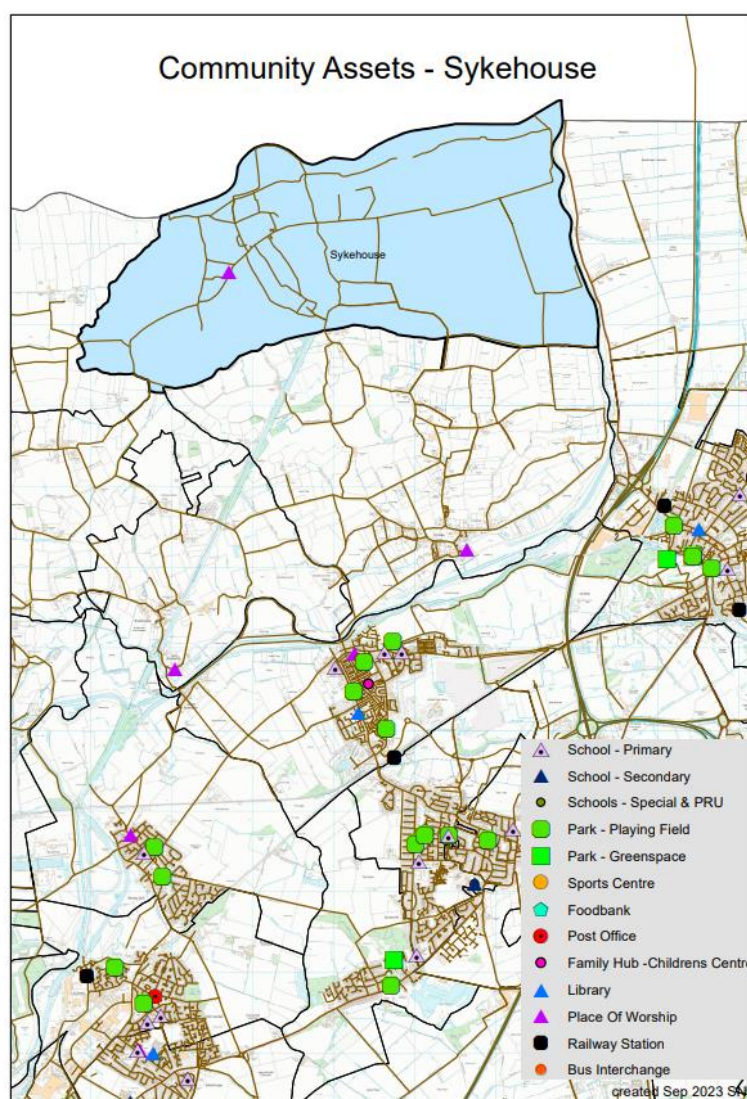


Figure 1. Community Assets in Sykehouse (2024)

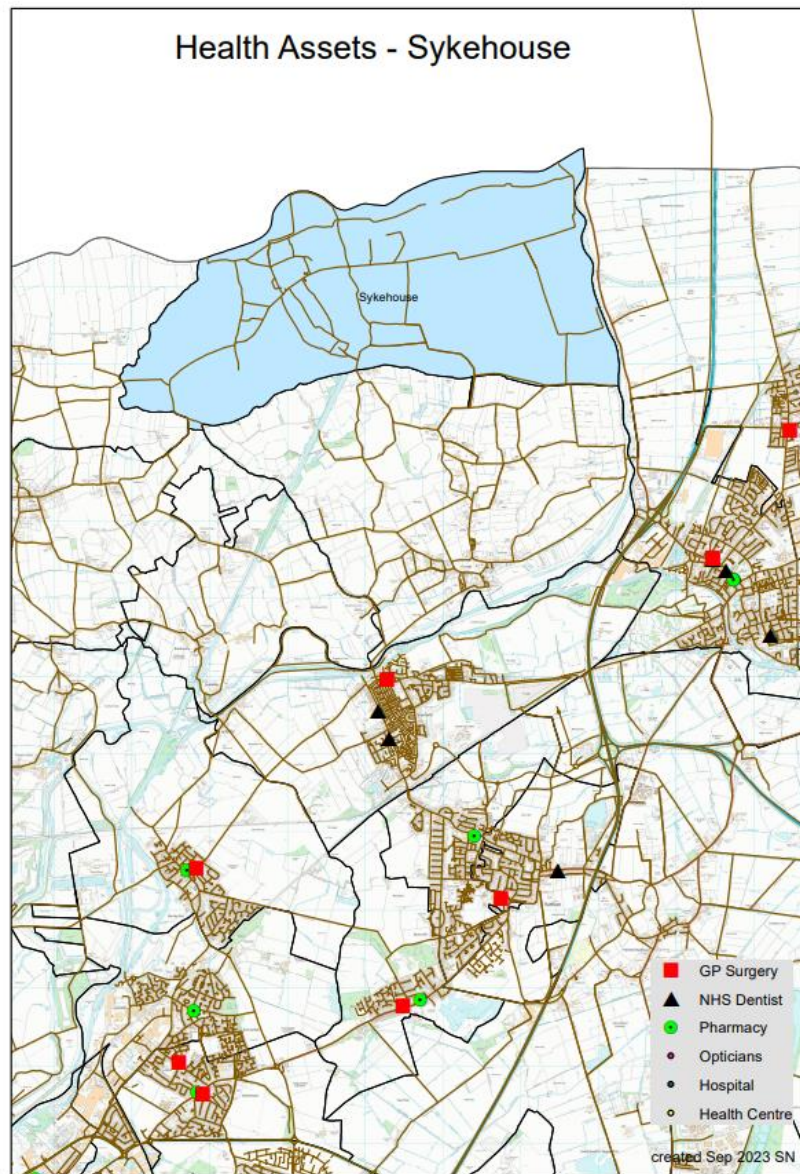


Figure 2. Health Assets in Sykehouse (2024)

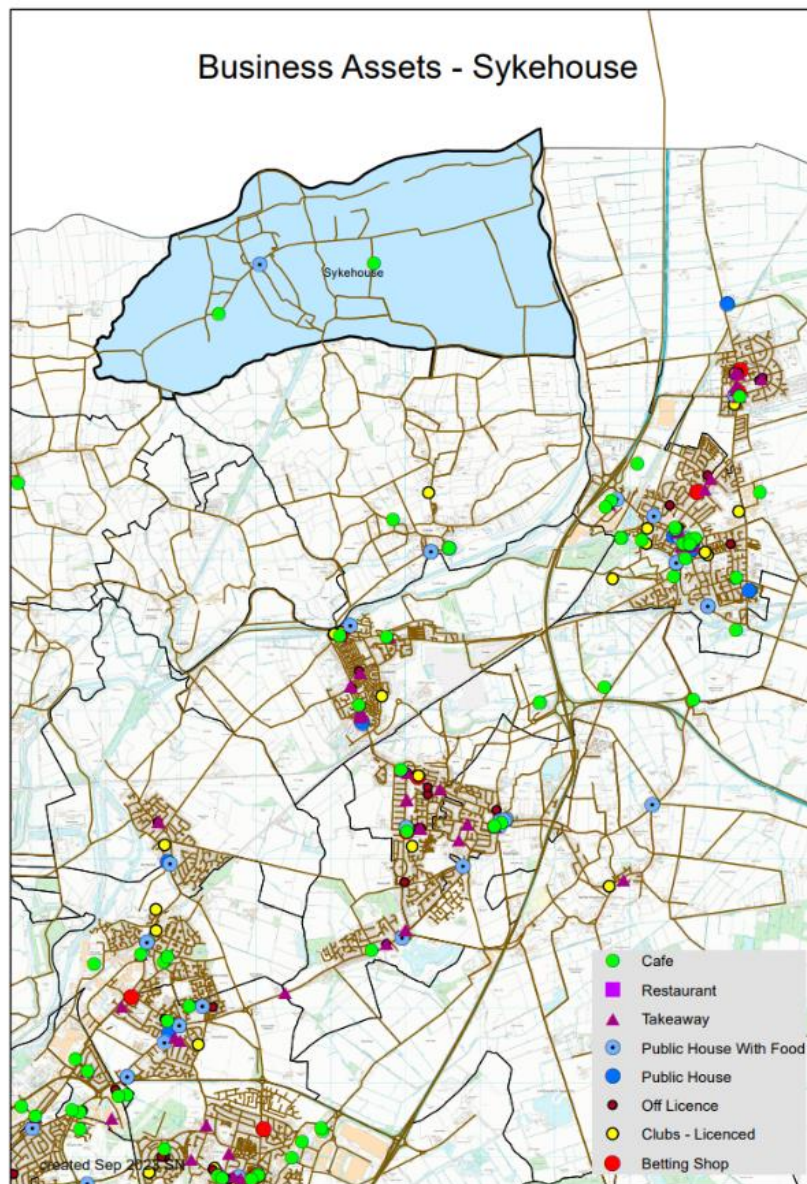


Figure 3. Business Assets in Sykehouse (2024)

Fishlake and Fosterhouses

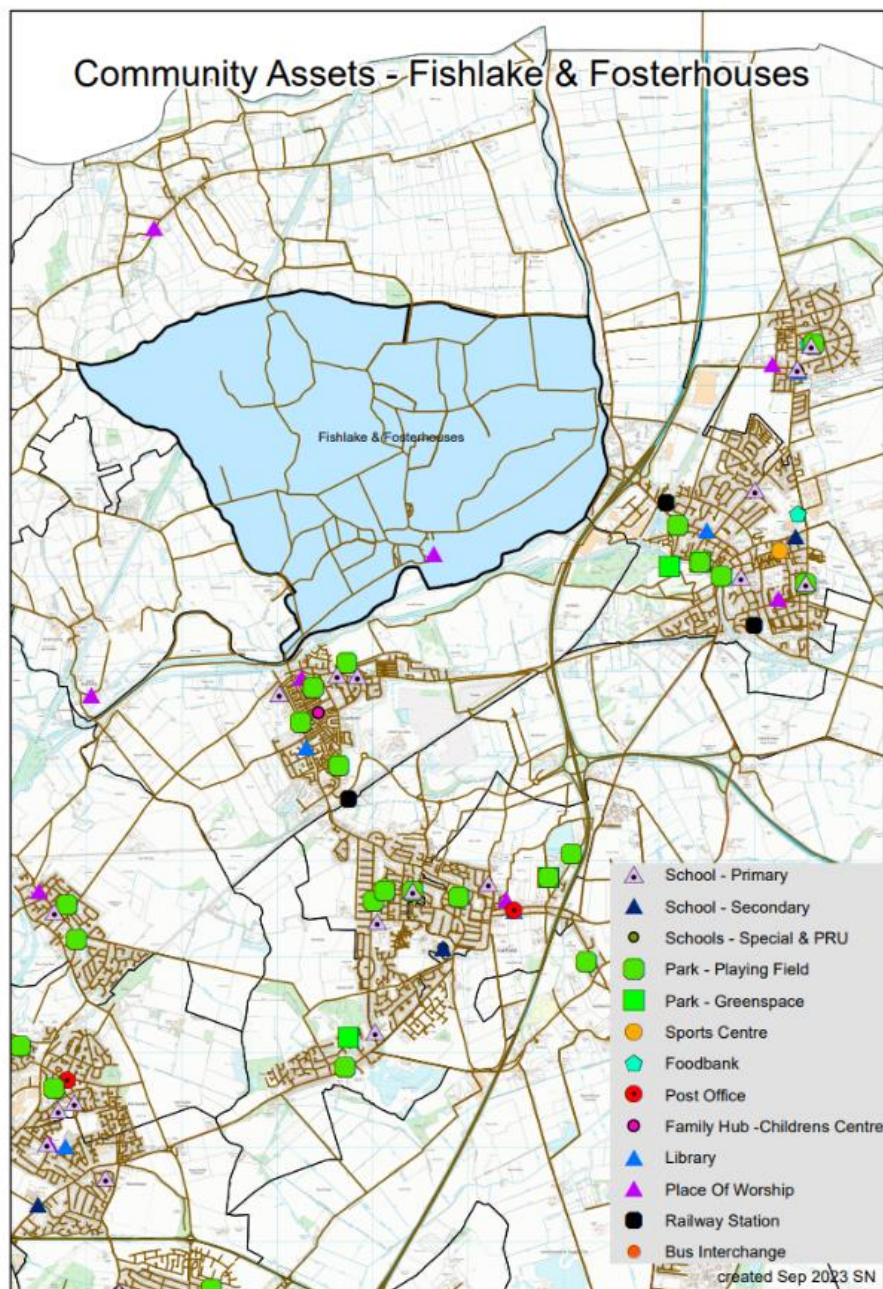


Figure 4. Community Assets in Fishlake and Fosterhouses (2024)

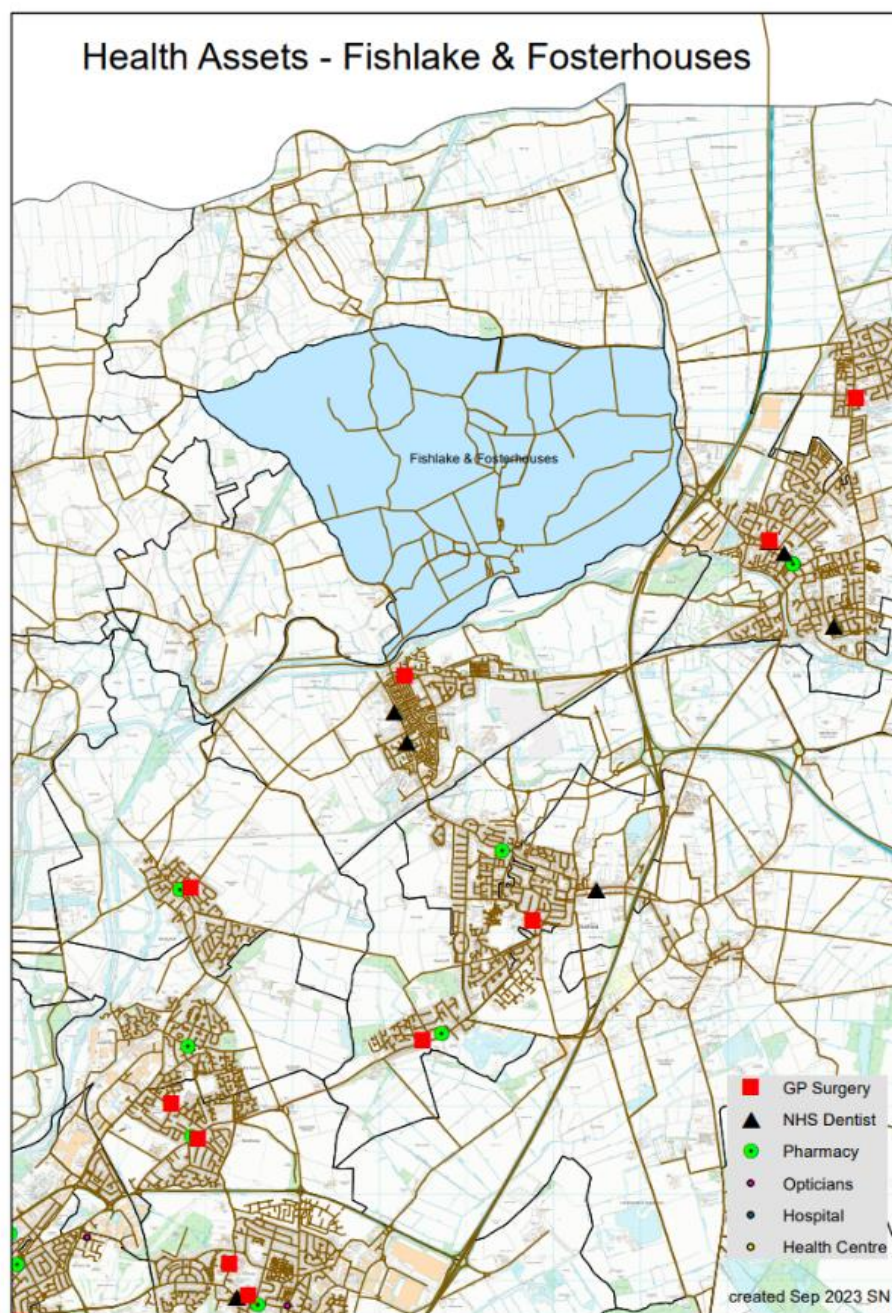


Figure 5. Health Assets in Fishlake and Fosterhouses (2024)

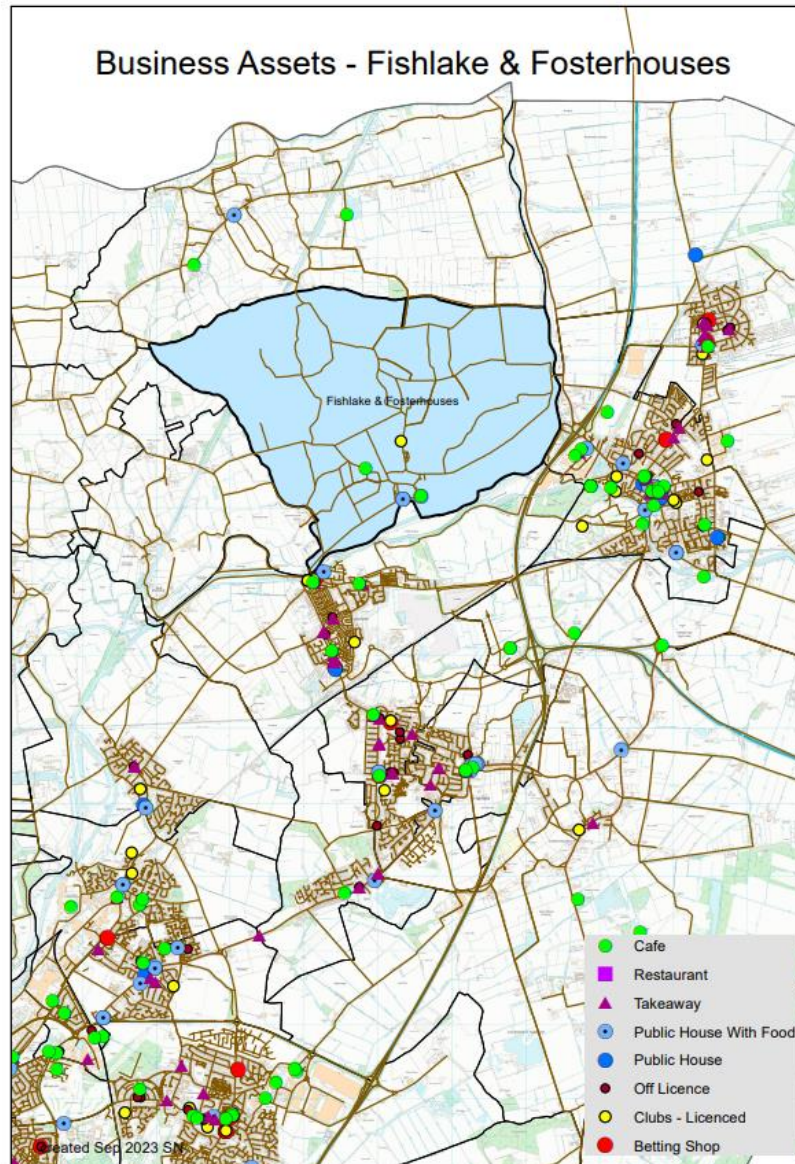


Figure 6. Business Assets in Fishlake and Fosterhouses (2024)

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 more appropriate and effective responses to community needs.

Assets in the Community

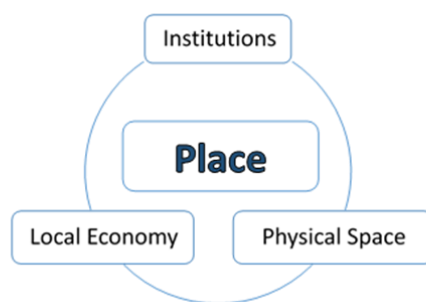
Population Health Management

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 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 Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse, 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

As part of a population health management approach, the following assets have been identified and themed around places and people for all 3 communities.



INDIVIDUALS (Key Individuals within the community and why)	ASSOCIATIONS Local Groups/Clubs
Fishlake	
Ward Members Frank Jackson Vicky Lawson Gerald Squire	Support: Church services Physical Activity/Sports: Cricket and Bowling Club Trundle Lane Riding School
Sykehouse	
Ward Members Frank Jackson Vicky Lawson Gerald Squire	Physical Activity/Sports: Sykehouse Cricket club Sykehouse Arena (Horse Riding) Organisations: Parish Council Sykehouse Village Hall Youth Club Holy Trinity Church



Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical space (Parks, car parks etc.)	Local Economy (Local profit businesses)
Fishlake		
	Fishlake Playing Fields Playground	The Old Butchers Café Hare and Hounds Pub Trundle Lane Riding School Sheepish Productions Theatre Company (Fishlake Film) Truffle Lodge Spa Fishlake Mill Wedding Venue
Sykehouse		
	The Sykehouse Show – Horse Riding Field	Sykehouse Fishery – Fishing Pond Wheels Cafe

Table 1. Assets of People and Place in Fishlake and Sykehouse, (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)

Community Insight

Appreciative Inquiry

The Well Doncaster Team undertake an Appreciative Inquiry 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.

The Appreciative Inquiry will include the following steps:

1. **Discovery** – This will involve engagement with the residents of Norton and Askern Ward 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 the actions from the previous phase.

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

It should be noted that insight is captured as ‘Norton and Askern Villages’ and data may include the seven outer lying villages. Well Doncaster continue to capture insight to fully understand Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse as a community.

Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Community	Felling safe Sense of belonging Community spirit Familiarity	<p>“People feel safe” AN15 23</p> <p>‘Nice Village for my children to grow up in.’ AN1265 24</p> <p>‘My children are safe here. And can socialise with their friend as they live close by.’ AN1265 24</p> <p>‘I’ve always lived here it’s a nice place to live’ AN621 25</p> <p>‘Being friendly with nice people’ AN289 25</p> <p>‘It’s a nice quiet area, safe place to live’ AN841 25</p> <p>‘Has a nice village feel’ AN742 25</p>	<p>Residents who live within Askern and Norton villages feel safe within the village they live in. This is a key reason as to why they choose to live in these communities. Some residents feel that this feeling of safety is closely linked with having such a close-knit community. This sense of safety creates a feeling of a thriving community where residents have opportunities available to them.</p> <p>This has stayed consistent throughout the years in Askern surrounding villages. Residents feel like the areas are safe and do sometimes make a comparison to Askern. Residents feel like it is a ‘nice’ place to live, and that due to the small ‘village feel’ it creates a close-knit community; people feel as though the area is ‘friendly’.</p>
Community Amenities	Parks Library Leisure centre Schools Shops	<p>‘I like the country park I like the swimming baths a lovely church village hall;’ AN291 23</p> <p>‘Askern has a good leisure centre.’ AN842 24</p> <p>‘The schools are good at the moment’ AN842 24</p> <p>‘Country Park, pet shop and chemist. The coop.’ AN290 24</p>	<p>Residents in Askern surrounding villages have expressed throughout the years the value of community amenities; the leisure centre being a common subtheme as to what is important to residents; this aligns with the refurbishment of the leisure centre. Residents value schools and local shops, which could be related to the ruralness of the villages, and shops and schools being important community assets.</p>
Community Activities	Fishing Community Groups Walking	<p>“Fishing is something I do in my down time to chill out” AN3 24</p> <p>“The lake has an array of things to do.” AN4 24</p> <p>“I don’t drive so can’t get about further” AN2124</p> <p>‘I like the history community’ AN298 25</p> <p>‘we do bingo the coffee morning are great’ AN291 25</p>	<p>Within Askern and Norton villages residents are able to access community activities. These activities have health and social benefits which make them so important to the local community. Local history groups, coffee mornings are important parts of community activities in the Askern and Norton villages.</p> <p>Fishing is important to residents and is an activity that a number of residents regularly take part in.</p> <p>Walking routes and places to walk are easily accessible for residents in Askern, with access to Campsall country park and Askern Lake fairly easy. In the outer areas</p>

			such as Burghwallis, Fishlake many residents have highlighted that walking in particular, seeing wildlife and nature are something they really value.
Health and wellbeing			
Lifestyle	Physical activity	<p>'Keeping fit and healthy.' AN842 25</p> <p>'I walk the dog 4 miles every day to stay active I do Pilates I go to Askern gym' AN298 25</p> <p>'Going to the gym' AN842</p> <p>'I go to park 3 times a day' AN291</p>	For residents in Askern and Norton surrounding villages. Physical activity is an important part of keeping healthy and well. Residents use the gym facilities in Askern and enjoy walking in the local green space.
Healthcare	<p>Appointments</p> <p>Quality of service</p> <p>Localised healthcare</p>	<p>'Being taken seriously when you contact a service.' AN844 25</p> <p>Getting an appointment, communication, accountability, results and respect. AN841 25</p> <p>'Getting through to Dr's, being able to get an appointment, if you can't drive it's hard to get about so healthcare being localised' AN294 25</p> <p>'Good access to GP dentist and schools' AN742 25</p>	For residents in for residents in Askern and Norton surrounding villages, healthcare is an important part of health and wellbeing. Residents expressed importance of accessibility of appointments, as being from an isolated area localised healthcare appointments are important, for residents that don't drive. Residents value a high quality of health services and want to feel listened to and taken seriously.

Table 2, Community Conversations in Fishlake & Fosterhouses and Sykehouse (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 Norton and Askern 195 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:

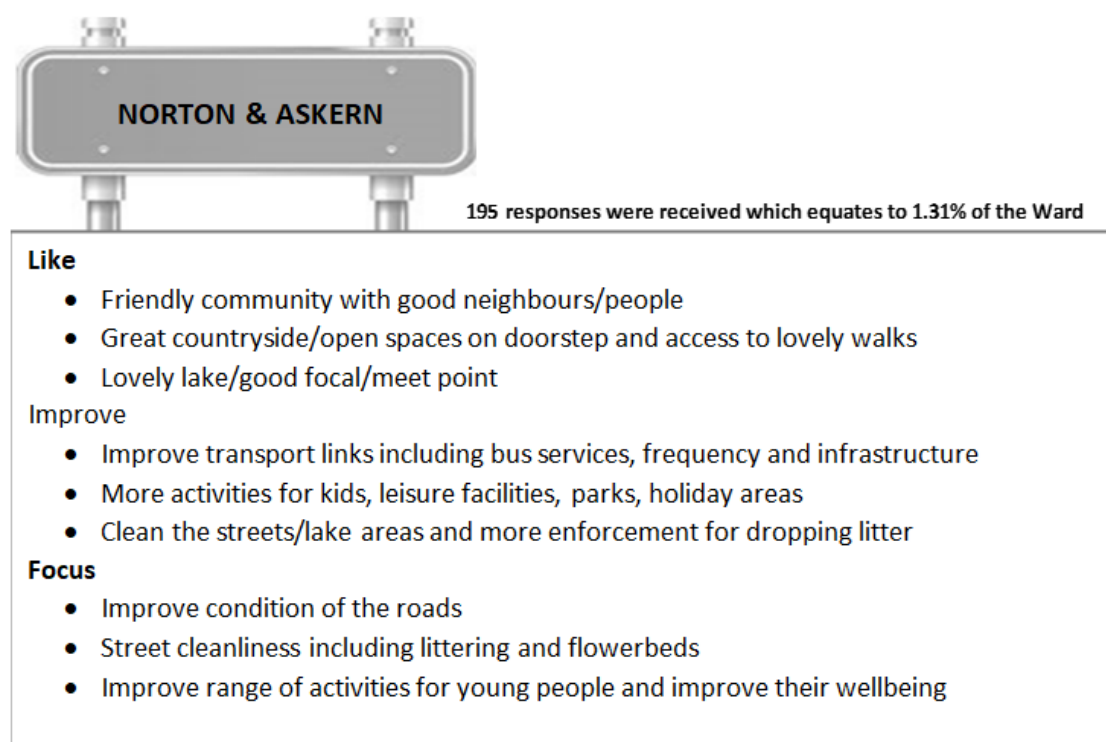


Figure 7. Doncaster Talks Survey (City of Doncaster Council, 2019)

Ward Members

There are three ward members for the Askern and Norton ward elected in the 2025 local elections.



[Councillor Frank Jackson](#)

Norton and Askern
Reform UK



[Councillor Vicky Lawson](#)



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[Councillor Gerald Squire](#)

Norton and Askern,
Reform UK

Health and Wealth

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

Deprivation

Evidence shows that people living in our most deprived areas face the worst 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). Fishlake & Fosterhouses (20.75) ranks just inside the top 50 most deprived communities in Doncaster (out of 88) by IMD rating at 49th. Sykehouse (20.75) also ranks in the top 50 at 50. Both communities have decreased in IMD rating since 2019 (21.75).

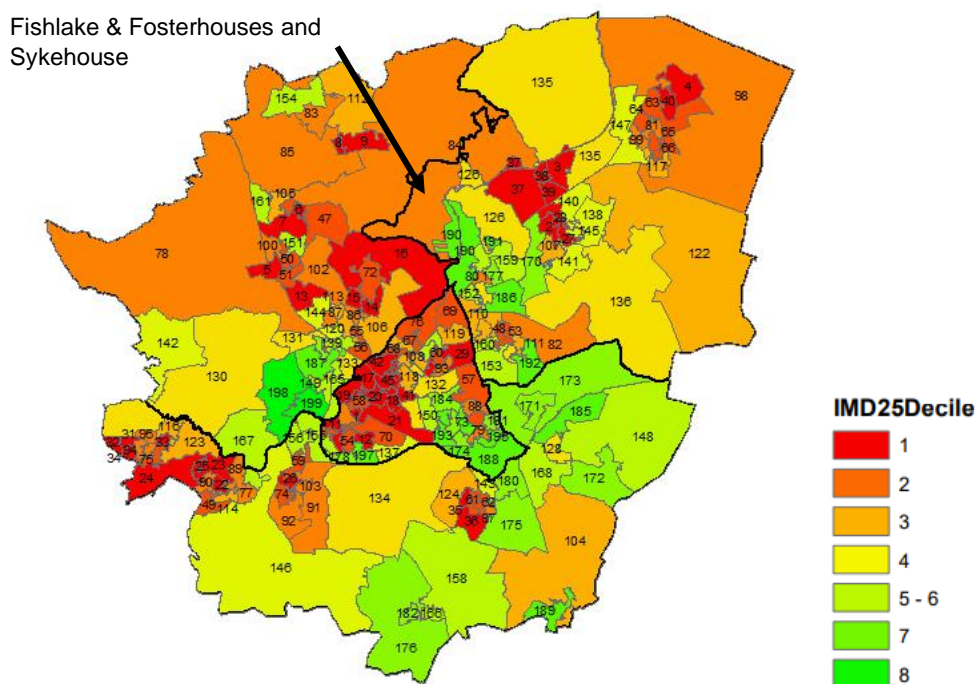


Figure 8: Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA 2025 – Doncaster (ONS 2025)

Wealth Inequalities

Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse sit within the Stainforth Middle-layer Super Output Area (MSOA). It should be noted that data presented at this level includes other areas and therefore not specific to the individual communities. Community data has therefore also been provided. In 2025, 44.8% of Stainforth MSOA residents are

experiencing poverty, higher than the Doncaster average of 29.3%. This is a significant increase from 2019, where 25.5% of residents were living in poverty.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Stainforth MSOA (29.8%) is higher than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), similarly to all people, this has increased (from 23.8%) since 2019.

Furthermore, 71.4% of children are living in poverty in Stainforth MSOA, higher than the Doncaster average, 47.1%, an increase from 35.8% 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 IMD. 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, with 11.7% of Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse residents experiencing poverty, 5.8% of older people and 27.8% of children.

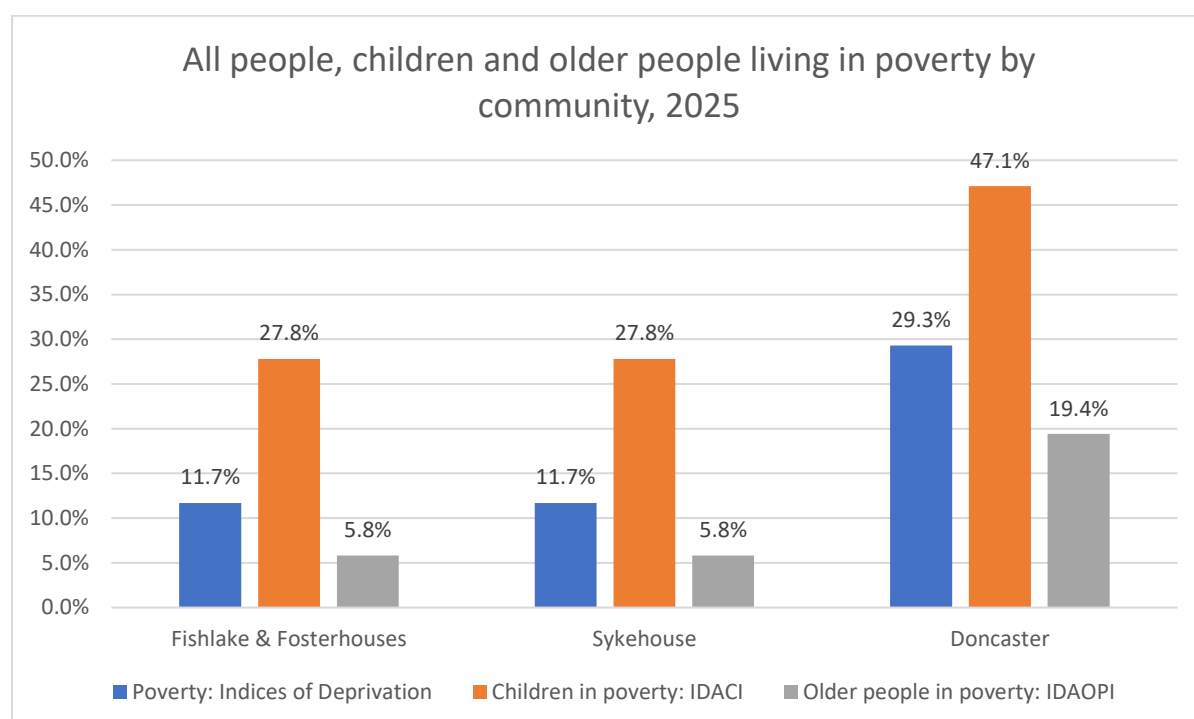


Figure 9: Poverty Prevalence using IMD25 (ONS 2021)

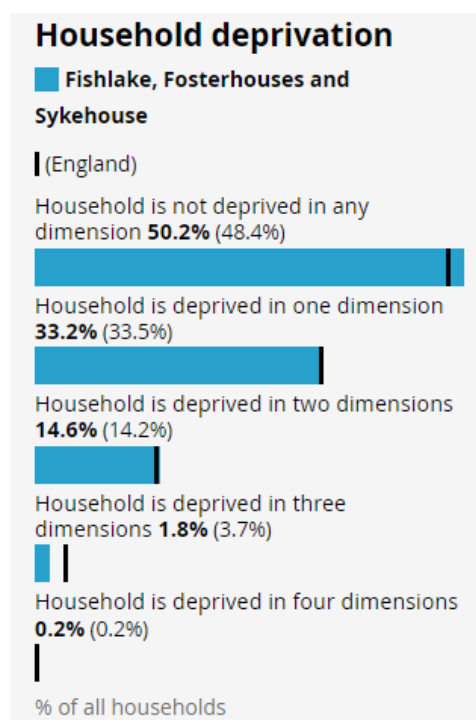


Figure 10. Household Deprivation in Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse (ONS 2021)

According to the 2021 Census, there are only 0.2% households within this specific geographical area that are classed as being deprived in four dimensions, which aligns with the rate for England. However, there are slightly more households that are not deprived in any dimension than that of England.

Fuel Poverty

Many residents are also 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%). According to the Office of National Statistics (ONS) (2022), Instoneville has the highest percentage of households living in fuel poverty when compared to other LSOA areas within the ward.

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Community Name	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Proportion of household's fuel poor (%)
E01007469	Doncaster 005B	Skellow Hall Area	539	71	13.2
E01007487	Doncaster 002A	Campsall	718	107	14.9
E01007488	Doncaster 002B	Moss and Kirk Bramwith	716	115	16.1
E01007489	Doncaster 002C	Askern Town North	957	162	16.9
E01007490	Doncaster 002D	Burghwallis	720	123	17.1
E01007491	Doncaster 002E	Instoneville	682	195	28.6

E01007492	Doncaster 002F	Askern Town South	747	151	20.2
E01007493	Doncaster 002G	Norton	735	95	12.9
E01007625	Doncaster 004A	Fishlake Forsterhouses	616	86	14

Table 3. Rates of Fuel Poverty at LSOA level in Norton & Askern ward (Office of National Statistics, 2022)

Employment

Most people in Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse are economically active. This is shown in the heat map below showing very low levels when compared to neighbouring Thorne.

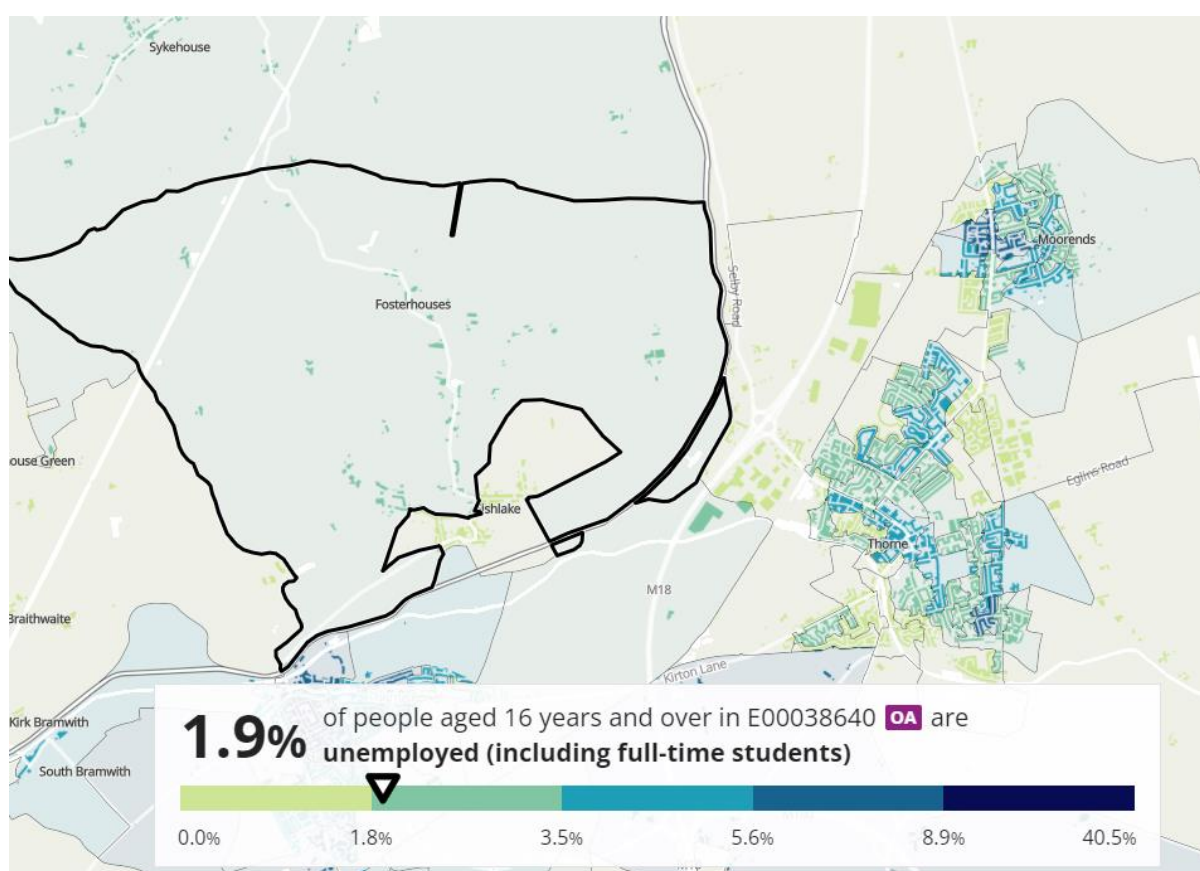


Figure 10. Unemployed residents over the age of 16 in Fosterhouses (ONS 2021)

However, when looking at the next graph, the figures shown for 'economically active' are slightly lower than that of the average for England, which could be impacted by a higher aging population. In Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse there are less residents who are economically active but unemployed (2.1%) than Doncaster (3.3%) and England (3.5%).

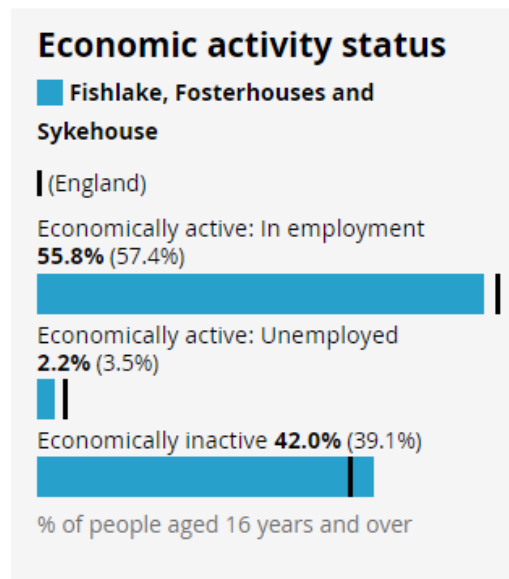


Figure 11. Economic Activity Status in Fishlake, Fosterhouses & Sykehouse (ONS 2021)

Data shows that high numbers of people in Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse work from home. Those that do travel for work, travel significantly further distances to get to work.

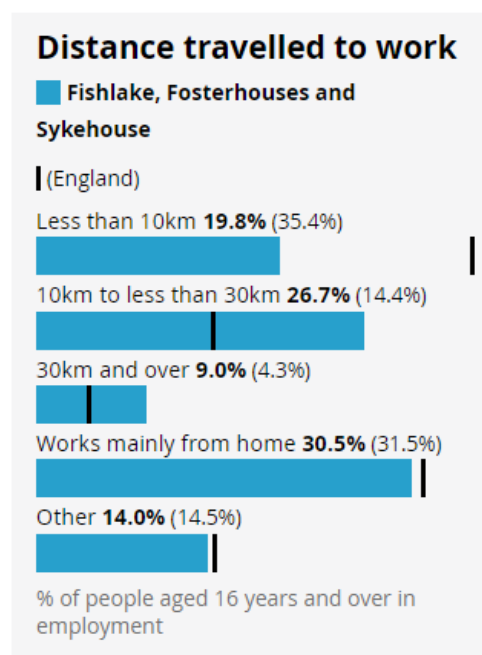


Figure 12. Distance travelling to work from Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse (ONS, 2021)

Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough

Citizen's 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 2024/25 fiscal year, CADB saw 159 clients from the Norton and Askern ward, with 641 new interactions in total. During

the 2024/25 fiscal year, Norton and Askern has the 3rd highest number of interactions with CADB in the North of Doncaster. Debt, Benefits and tax credits, utilities and communications, benefits and universal credits and consumer goods and services were the top 5 issues when seeking support.

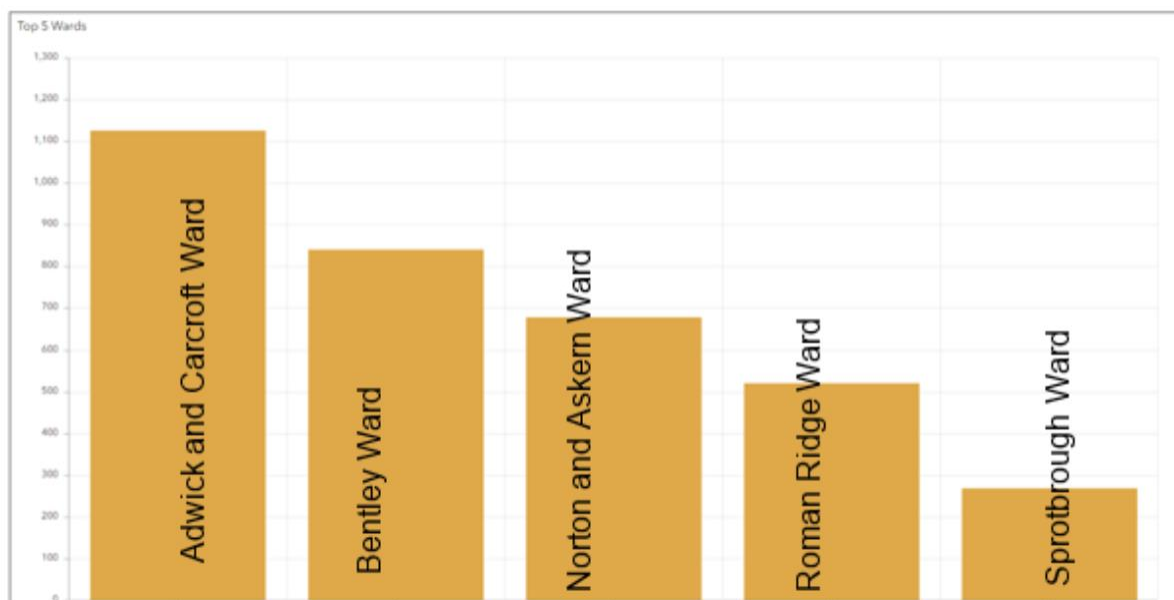


Figure 13. number of interactions with Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough (CADB) during fiscal year 2024/25 (Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025)

Food Poverty

There are 7 active foodbanks in the North locality of Doncaster. Askern CRY is the closest foodbank available for the Askern and Norton ward, including Skellow. Cost of Living Crisis, Low income, Benefit delays, Debt and Benefit changes are the top 5 reasons for residents accessing support from foodbanks across Doncaster. Figure 14 shows demand for food support increased from August 2022 till around May 2025, and since then the foodbanks have seen a small decrease in demand.



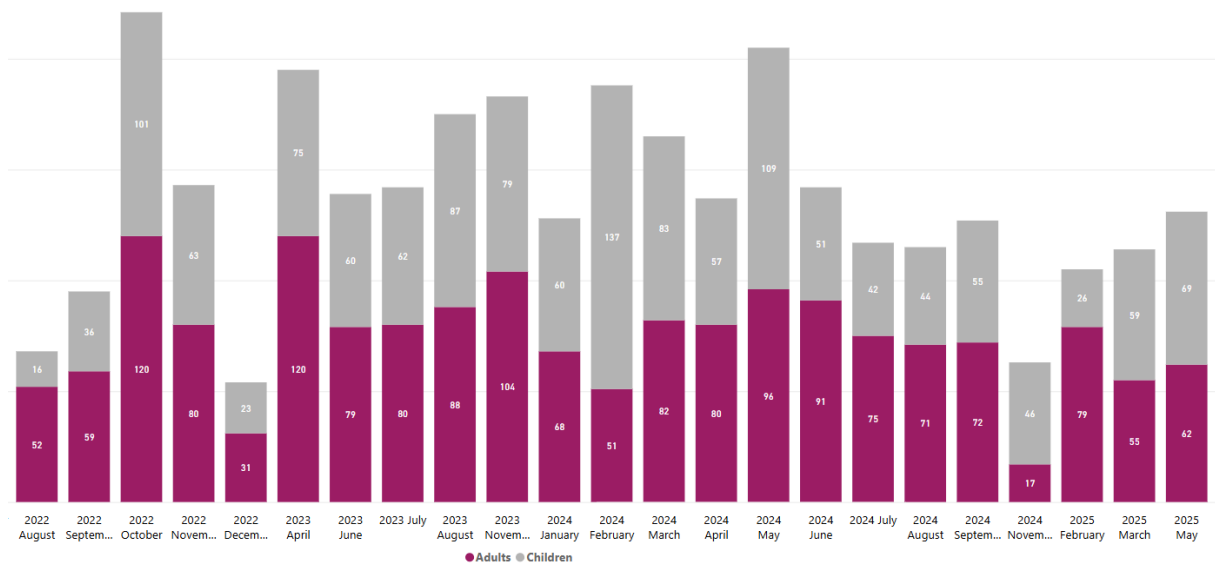


Figure 14. Number of Adults and Children Accessing Foodbanks in North of Doncaster (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)

The Bread-and-Butter Thing

The purpose of The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) addresses 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 starved of money, food, and resources. There is no eligibility, and parcels are based on a weekly shop, providing 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.

Health Inequalities

Life Expectancy

Norton and Askern ward has lower life expectancy in males (76.5 years) compared to England (79.5 years) and Doncaster (77.9). Life expectancy in females (81 years) is similar to England (83.2 years) and Doncaster (81.2 years). Healthy life expectancy is the number of years a person lives in good health, without a life limiting condition. Males in the ward have a healthy life expectancy of 59.3 years, which is higher than Doncaster (57.4) but lower than England (61.5) and females are expected to live 61.5

healthy years, significantly higher than Doncaster (56.1), but just slightly lower compared to the England average of 61.9 years (ONS, 2021).

Long-Term Health Conditions

The proportion of residents with poor health in Norton and Askern ward is considerably greater than the national average. 23% of residents are recorded as having a limiting health condition or disability compared to an average of 17.6% across England. In addition to this, residents have self-reported that their health is poorer than across Doncaster and England. That is, 20.5% of Norton residents, 24.3% of Askern residents and 21.8% of Campsall residents reported their health as fair, bad or poor whilst a total of 65.4% of residents are registered disabled under the Equality Act across Norton, Askern and Campsall.

Hospital admissions for those living with limiting illnesses or health conditions largely associated with poor lifestyle choices are significantly higher across Askern and Norton ward. Figure 15 shows the number of emergency admissions to hospital per 100 people for COPD, myocardial Infarction, strokes and CHD.

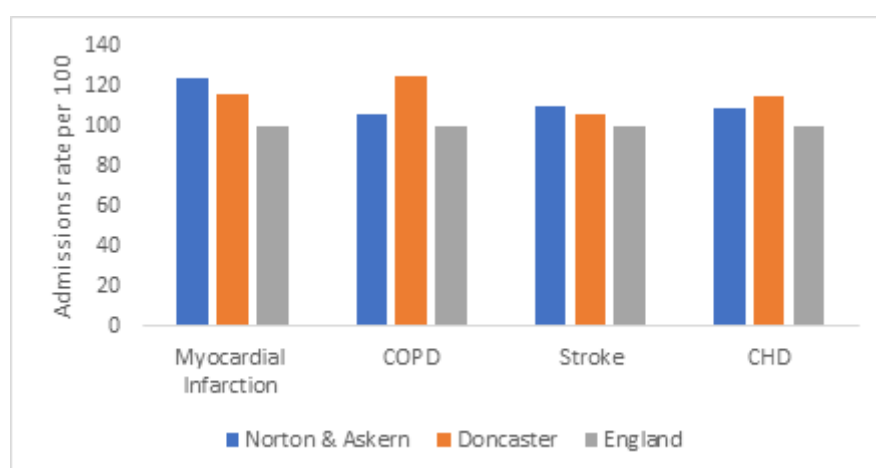


Figure 15. Comparison of Hospital Admissions across 2016/17-20/21 (ONS 2023)

Indices of Death

Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse exhibit high levels of mortality compared to Doncaster and England. The leading causes 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).

Preventable mortality overlaps with, but is not the same as treatable mortality, which includes causes of deaths that can be mainly avoided through timely and effective

healthcare interventions, including secondary prevention and treatment. Preventable mortality and treatable mortality are the two components of avoidable mortality, as defined by the Office for National Statistics.

Rates of deaths are significantly higher in Norton & Askern ward, particularly amongst those aged under 75 and considered preventable. Incidences of all cancers remains one of the leading health conditions residents are living with in Norton and Askern ward. Specifically, cancer is one of the leading causes of death in the ward. Norton and Askern ward possess the twelfth highest rate of deaths caused by cancers in Doncaster (127 per 100) when using ISR, compared to Doncaster (116 per 100) and England (100 per 100). Similarly, rates of deaths caused by respiratory conditions are high in Norton and Askern ward (142 per 100) when using ISR, compared to rates across Doncaster (125.3 per 100) and England (100 per 100).

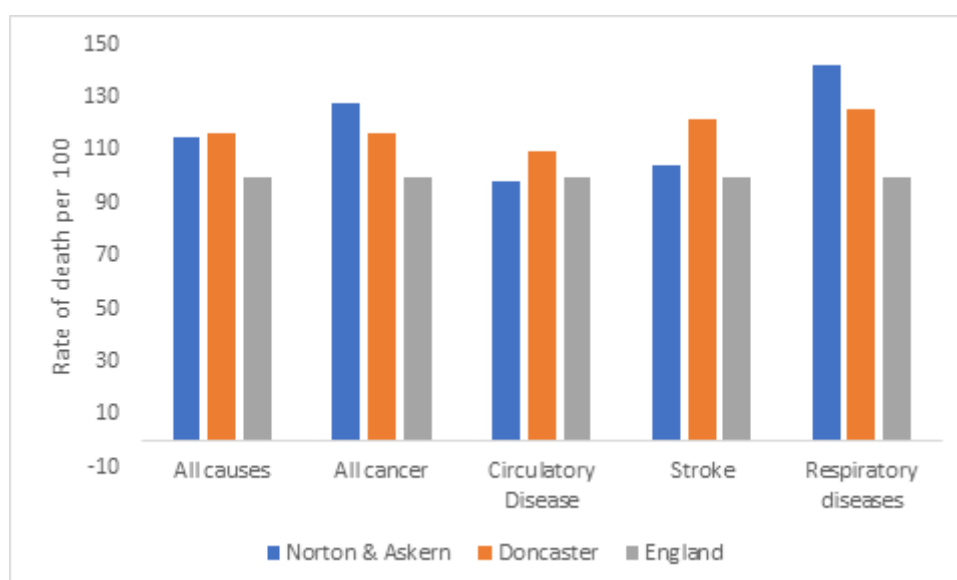


Figure 16. Comparison of Deaths from all Causes in Norton and Askern Ward, 2016-2020 (ONS 2023)

Alcohol

Hospital admissions associated with alcohol incidences in Norton and Askern are a cause for concern, with higher rates than Doncaster and England. Alcohol misuse and self-management of long-term poor lifestyle choices should be considered during preventative work to reduce the risk of such prevalence.

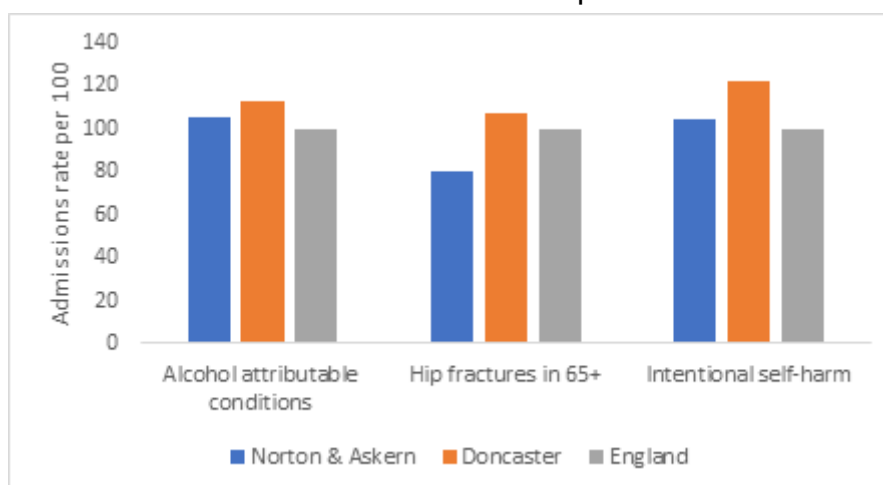


Figure 17. Comparison of Hospital Admissions across 2016/17-20/21 (ONS 2023)

More specifically, Figure 18 below shows data taken at Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) level and highlights discrepancies across communities when relating to alcohol incidences. There are considerably more issues related to alcohol in Campsall (137 per 100) than Norton and Askern. Campsall has the second highest rate of alcohol related incidences in North Doncaster. The lowest incidences are reported for Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse.

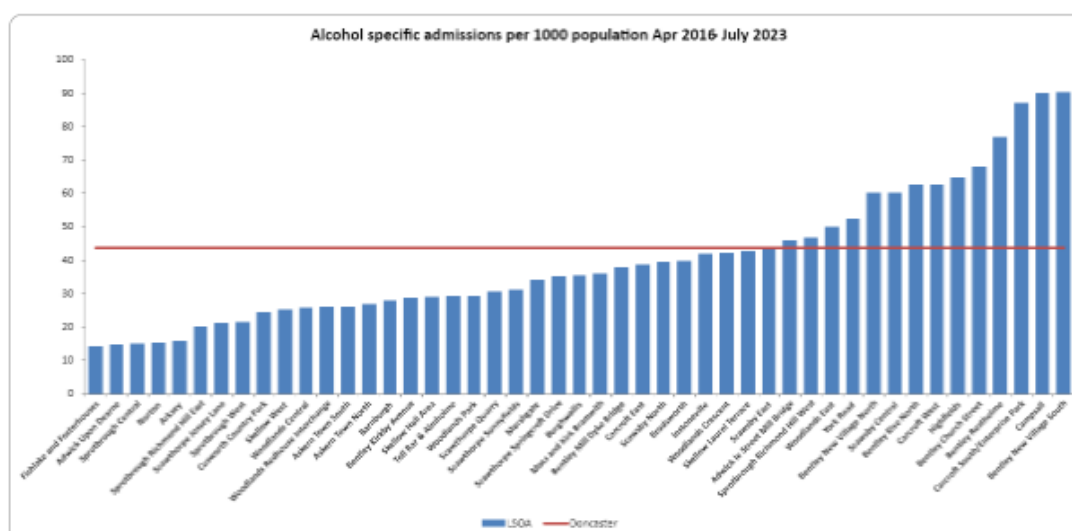


Figure 18. Alcohol Specific Admissions per 1000 Population April 2016-2023 (ONS 2023)

Smoking

9.9% of residents in the Norton and Askern ward smoke, which is lower than the Doncaster rate (14.1%) and also the England rate (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 Askern and Norton ward, the gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £9.54 million. An estimated £2.86 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 Askern and Norton ward the total cost due to lost productivity from smoking was estimated at £5.33 million which is lower than the borough average (£6.5M) (ASH 2024).

According to the Pupil Lifestyle Survey (2024) 36% of children surveyed in the Norton and Askern ward encountered smoking in the home, with a further 16% encountering smoking indoors and 13% encountering someone smoking in a car whilst they were a passenger.

Childhood Development

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

The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) measures the proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 living in income deprived families. In Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse, 27.8% of children are classed as living in child poverty, which is significantly lower than the Doncaster rate (47.1%).

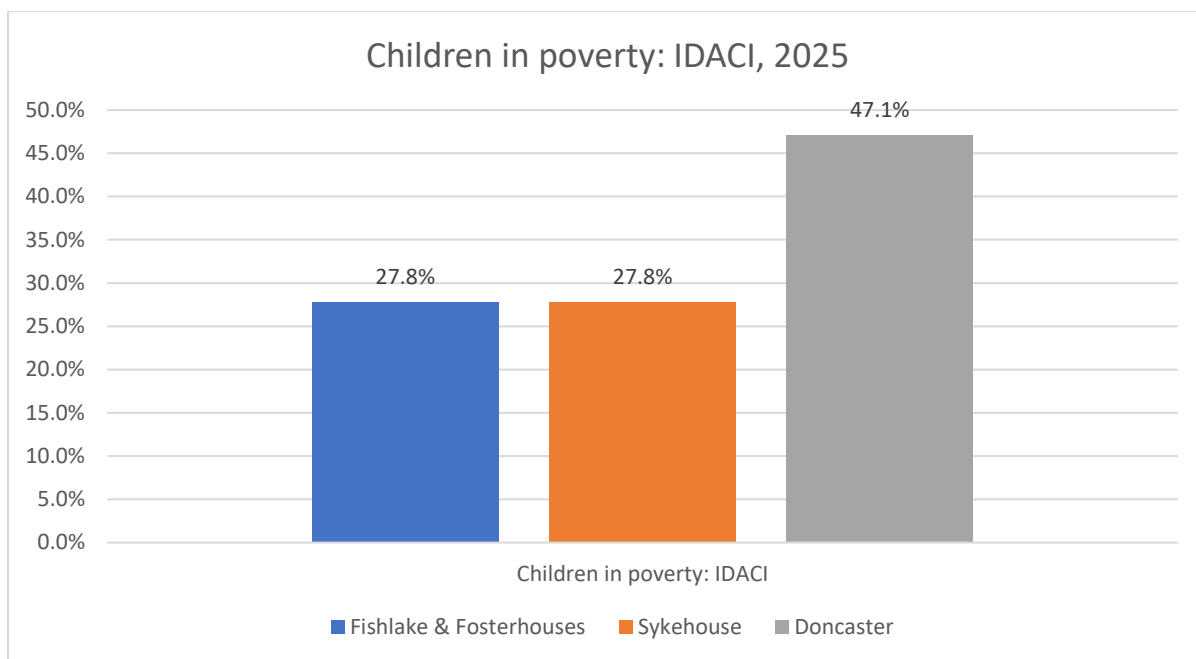


Figure 19: Children in Poverty: (aged 0 to 15) (Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index, 2025)

Childhood Obesity

Childhood obesity and inequality are closely connected. Children from families with less money often have fewer chances to eat healthy food or play outside safely. They 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.

Children classified as overweight (including obese) in reception are more prevalent in Askern and Norton ward (27.4%) compared to Doncaster (26.7%) and England (22.3%). This trend continues into year 6, where a significantly higher proportion of children are reported to be overweight including obese (44.4%) compared to the England (36.2%) and Doncaster (40.2%). The longevity and early onset of such health risks suggests public health interventions need to target families and children at a much earlier age to educate them on healthy lifestyle choices and the impact of poor choices on their health.

Data over the last 12 months from the Pupil Lifestyle Survey (2024) does suggest that school aged children do consume some form of healthy foods during the week. That is, 63% children reported to have eaten fruit and/or vegetables most or every day of the week in 2024. There are also a smaller proportion of pupils reported to consume takeaways most or every day of the week (6%) compared to Doncaster's 13% average. More specifically, public health interventions may need to focus on educating

school aged children and parents on food choices and eating balanced meals, incorporating fruit and vegetables.

Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) shows the rate of A&E admissions and emergency admissions in under 5s are both significantly lower in Askern and Norton ward (94.7 per 1000) than England (140.7 per 1000). However, the rate of emergency hospital admissions for ages 15 to 24 are significantly higher in Askern and Norton ward (164.8 per 1000) than figures reported for England (127.9 per 1000) and slightly higher for Doncaster (161.6 per 1000).

School Attainment

In 2024, 100% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics at Key Stage 2 (KS2) in Fishlake and Fosterhouses, higher than the national average (61%) and Doncaster (59%). However, in Sykehouse less children reached the expected standard (50%) lower than both the Doncaster and national average. In 2023, more students in Sykehouse (67%) reached the expected standard, however Fishlake and Fosterhouses does not follow this trend as less people in 2023 (75%) reached the expected standard.

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 Fishlake and Fosterhouses, pupils scored 49.4, which is a slight decrease from the 2023 score (49.7). Sykehouse sees an attainment score of 59.4, which is an increase from the 2022 score (46.8). It is important to note that 2023 data was not available for Sykehouse and both communities have 16 students at KS4 age in total. Both communities score higher than the 2024 scores for Doncaster (44.0) and England (45.9).

Family Hubs

There are three Family Hubs in the North locality of Doncaster, namely Adwick, Askern, and Bentley, therefore the Askern foodbank is the closest foodbank for Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse.

Family Hubs are local, community-based centres that offer integrated services for families from the early stages of life covering conception and early childhood up to adolescence, and up to age 25 for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Family Hubs offer early years and parental support including antenatal and postnatal care, baby and toddler classes, infant feeding, parenting programmes, SEND pathways and specialist support for mental health, domestic abuse, welfare and substance misuse. Family Hubs provide welcoming community spaces for families, bringing together education, health, social care, and wellbeing

services in one facility and cater for a broad spectrum of needs. There are twelve Family Hubs across Doncaster, with three located in the North locality: Adwick, Askern and Bentley Family Hubs.

Membership data shows the percentage of eligible children signed up to Family Hubs. In Q4 of the fiscal year 2024-2025, membership of children in Askern was 92%, and Campsall was 60% for children aged 0-8 weeks. There were no children in Norton aged 0-8, meaning data is not available. Askern rates remain the same (92%) for 0-1 year and 11-month-old children, with Campsall increasing (100%) and Norton following the same trend (100%). Askern then sees an increase for children aged between 0-4 years and 11 months (100%), Campsall sees a decrease (94%), whilst Norton remains the same (100%).

Access data includes the percentage of children using Family Hubs services once or twice and engagement figures indicate the number of children seen three or more times. Engagement in Askern is lower compared to the other communities in the ward, especially at age 0-1 years and 11 months (70%), compared to Campsall (97%) and Norton (100%). Engagement increases when including all ages up to 0-4 years and 11 months in Askern (95%), whilst Campsall sees a small decrease (92%) and Norton sees a decrease too (90%).

Physical Activity

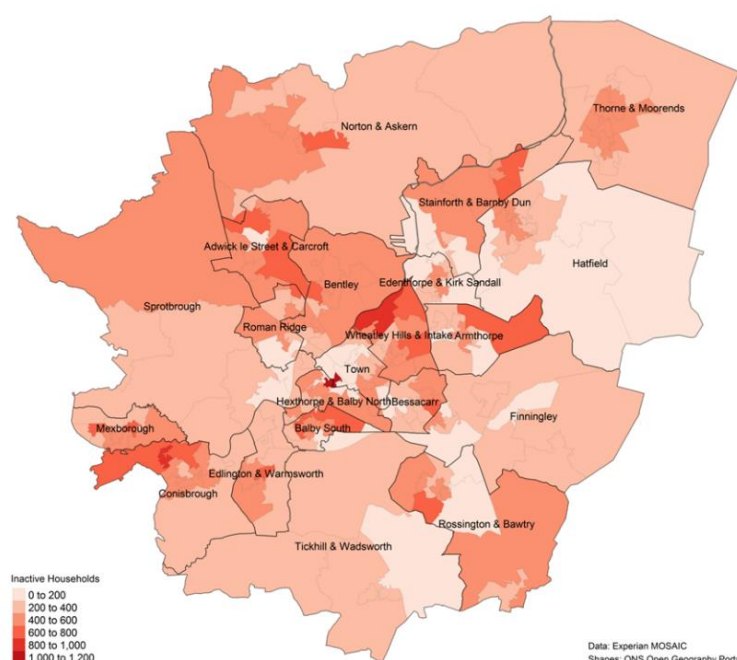


Figure 20. Inactive Households in Doncaster (City of Doncaster Council 2024)

Mosaic data shows that a percentage of Norton and Askern residents do engage in enough physical activity but there still remains a large proportion who are inactive.

Green Spaces & Parks

The residents of Fishlake have access to a playing field as well as toddler and junior play areas at Pinfold Lane Play Area, and residents are also able to use a local cricket/bowling green in Pinfold Lane.

Residents of Sykehouse are able to use a local green space behind the Village Hall on Broad Lane. The Village Hall grounds are home to a cricket pitch and children's play area.

Community Information

Population

1400

Age Profile

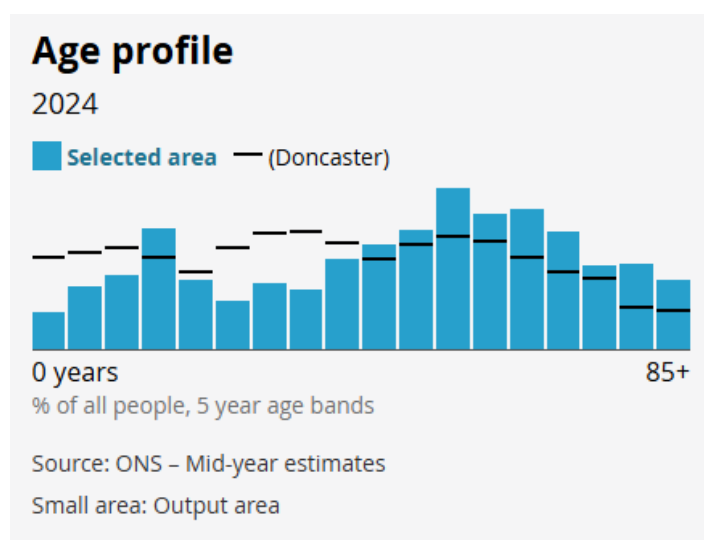


Figure 21. Age Profile Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse (ONS 2024)

The figure above shows that the average age of residents in Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse is higher than Doncaster. That is, 55.5% of residents are aged 50+ within these communities. 7.3% are aged 50-54 compared to Doncaster (6.4%), 9.8% are aged 55-59, significantly higher than Doncaster (6.9%). In the communities, there are less residents aged 25-29 (2.9%) than Doncaster (6.2%), further showing there is more of an aging population within these communities.

Ethnicity & Language

Using data from the 2021 Census it shows that 99.2% of the population of Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse consider themselves to be white this compares to 81% in England.

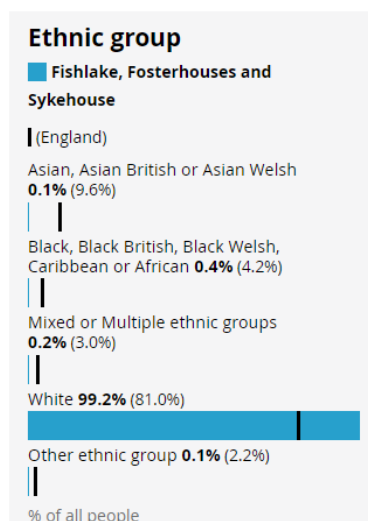


Figure 22. Ethnic Groups within Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse (ONS 2021)

Housing

Data shows that the majority of people living in Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse own their property (52.6%) outright. The figures are significantly higher than for England (32.5%) as shown below. The graph also shows a very low level of social housing, and a lower-than-average figure of homes in the private rental sector.

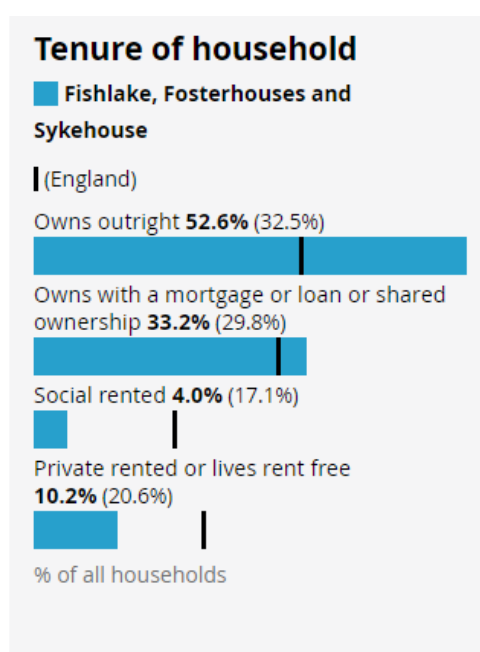


Figure 23. Tenure of Households in Fishlake, Fosterhouses and Sykehouse (ONS 2021)

Within Fishlake and Fosterhouses, St Leger Homes maintain 6 properties. Included in these properties are four 2-bed bungalows, one 2-bed house and one 3-bed house. Rent arrears in Fishlake and Fosterhouses have seen an increase since 2021/22, which stood at £826.00 and increased to £2413.00 in 2022/2023. Data from 2023 onwards was not available.

Sykehouse follows a similar trend as St Leger Homes maintain 9 properties within this community. This is made up of two 2-bed bungalows, two 2-bed houses and five 3-bed houses. Rent arrears in Sykehouse have decreased since 2021/22 at £525.00. In 2022/23 they decreased to £439.00, then again in 2023/24 to £121.47 and again in 2024/25 to £121.46.

The figure below also shows that in these communities, the majority of properties are houses or bungalows (99.3%), which is higher than Doncaster (90.7%) and significantly higher than England (77.4%). There are no flats, maisonettes or apartments in and only a very small number of caravans or other mobile or temporary structures (0.7%), which is higher than Doncaster (0.6%) and England (0.4%).

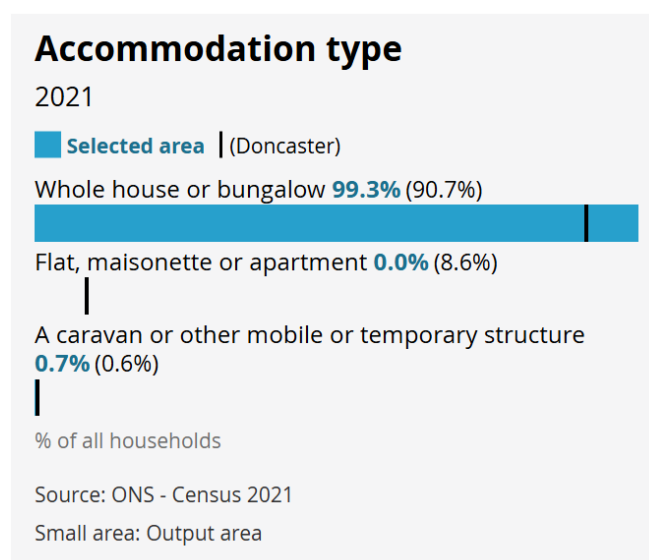


Figure 24. Accommodation Type in Fishlake & Fosterhouses and Sykehouse (ONS 2021)

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, crime, and perceptions of safety. People want cleaner, more vibrant and welcoming neighbourhoods, supported by effective policing, youth engagement, and thoughtful environmental design.

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

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership

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

- **Reducing anti-social behaviour (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

People in North Doncaster told us that ASB is one of their biggest concerns, especially where groups gather and cause disruption. Residents also feel that problems like littering and fly-tipping make some areas feel neglected. Many would feel safer with more visible policing and regular patrols to prevent issues before they escalate. While there's a strong sense of community and pride, people want to see practical changes—such as cleaner streets, better lighting, and more activities for young people—to keep the area safe and welcoming for everyone.

Anti-Social Behaviour

North locality reported the lowest number of ASB, hate crime and low-level crimes during the first 6 months of 2023/24. Figure 25 shows that Norton and Askern had one of the lowest rates of crime and ASB across the North Locality.

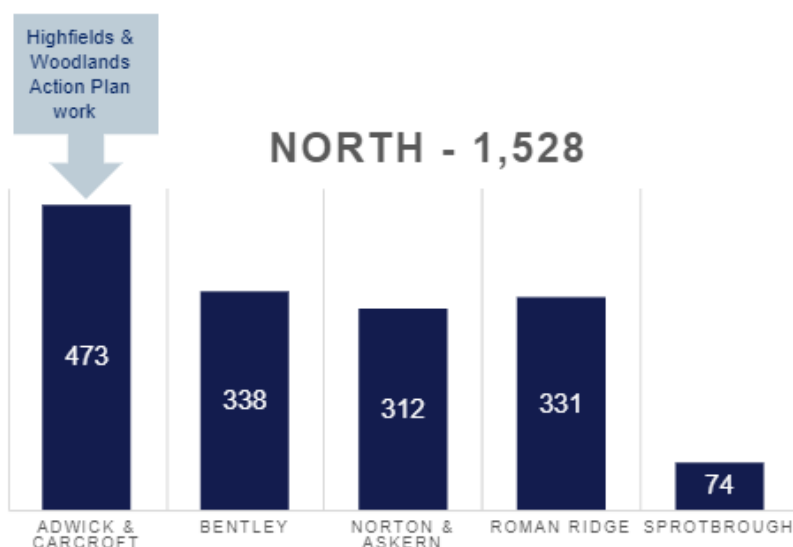


Figure 25. Number of Early Interventions, ASB, Hate Crime and Low-level Crime Issues Identified and Managed at Locality Level (City of Doncaster, 2024)

Wellbeing

This is one of the services delivered by City of Doncaster Council (CDC). The service covers helping 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 are in need of: 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, Q4 2024-25. (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)

Community investment

In the Askern and Norton ward, the sum of investment in through Doncaster Delivering together has been £227,947.01 as of July 2025 (Doncaster Delivering Together, 2025). The main types of investment have been 'Community Wealth Builder Support', followed by 'Locality Commissioning' and 'Active Communities Grant'. The top priority

for investment in the North was 'building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives', followed by 'nurturing a child and family borough', 'creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities' and 'tackling climate change'.

In the Norton and Askern ward, a total of 25 community organisations have received funding including Askern CRY foodbank, Breaking Beats Ltd, The Jackson hope Foundation and Askern Ward Community Partnership.

Community Priorities	Total Amount spent on priority	Funding Type	Total Amount by Ward
Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives	£155,373.80	VCFS, Ward Members, Barrier Buster, Community Booster, Active Communities Grant, Community Wealth Builder Support (X4), Locality Commissioning, Community Investment Fund, Community Wealth Builder Grants, Soup Dragon, Ward Members, Environmental Pride	£227,947.01
Nurturing a child and family Borough	£60,533.50		
Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities	£10,148.59		
Tackling climate change	£1251.12		
Promoting the Borough and its cultural, sporting and heritage opportunities	£640		

Table 5. Community Investment across North Locality (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](#)

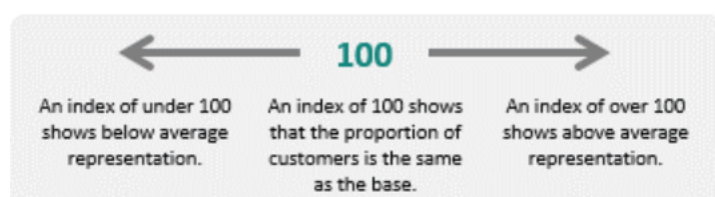
Acorn profiles

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).

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

Physical Activity

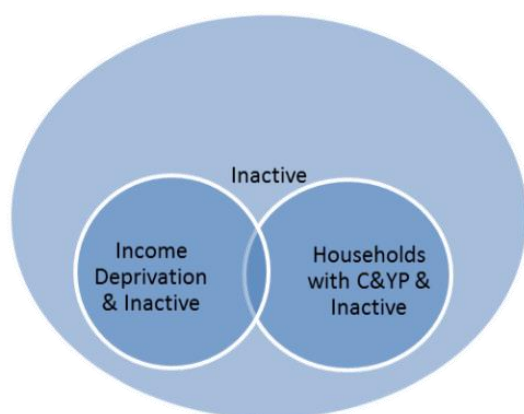
Get Doncaster Moving survey

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

Mosaic data

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

The Physically Inactive Population of Doncaster



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

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

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

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

Pupil Lifestyle Survey

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

Power BI – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

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

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

Community Safety

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

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

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

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

Community Investment:

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

Population Health Management

Interactive Map

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

map: <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/d/viewer?mid=17BayPsljJ1OUq6U4OFbk9FKLYL2-wDZN&ll=53.50909620569456%2C-1.1365028000000032&z=14>