



# Scawsby, Scawthorpe & Cusworth

## Community Profile

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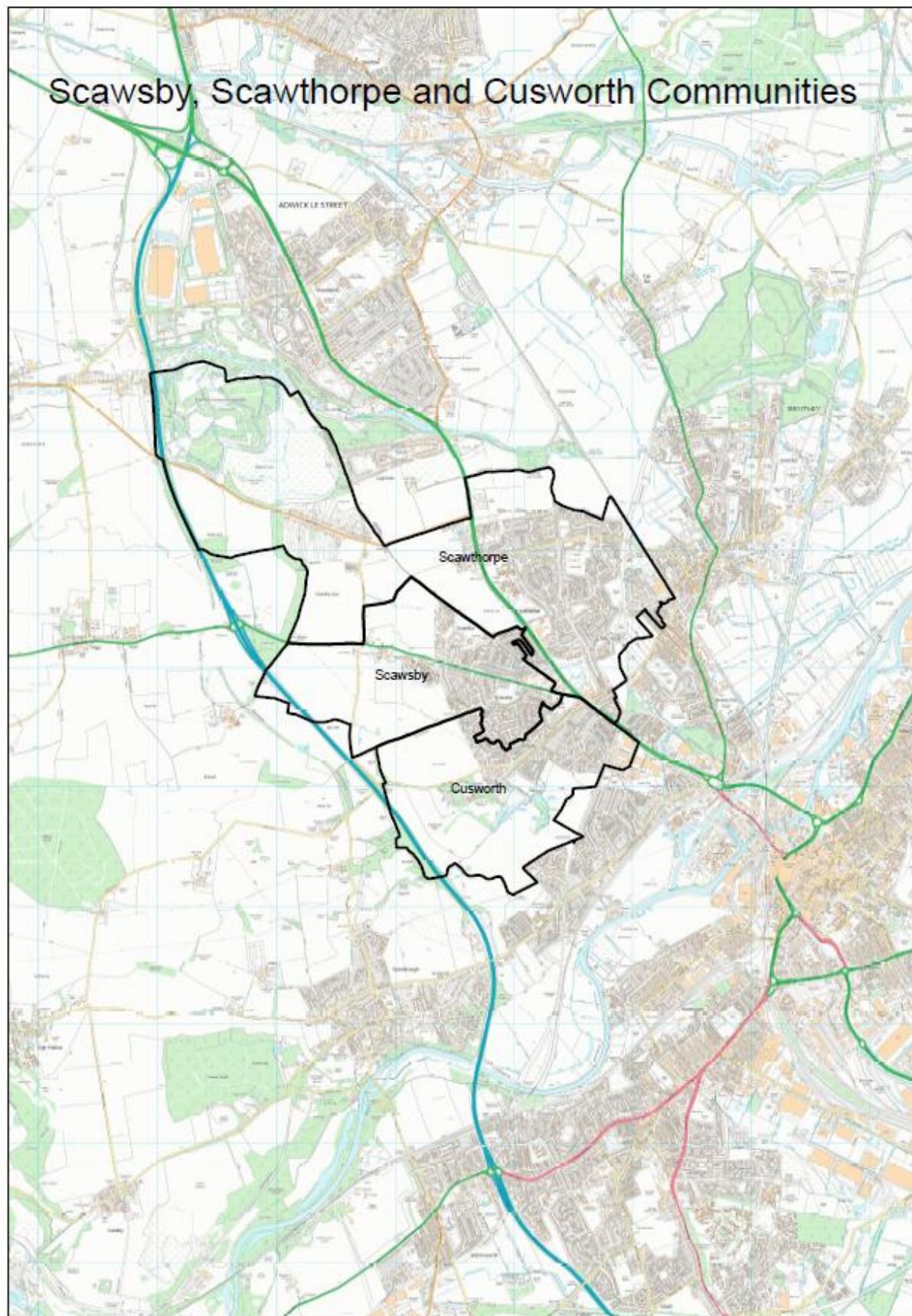
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## This Report

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 Scawthorpe, Scawsby and Cusworth, part of the Roman Ridge 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.

# Scawsby, Scawthorpe & Cusworth



**58% of pupils achieved the expected standard of reading, writing and mathematics at KS2**



**34.4% of children in Scawthorpe are living in poverty**



**Scawsby Central has the highest rate of alcohol specific admissions in the ward**



**31.5% of households in Cusworth are one-person households**



**Prostate cancer rates in Roman Ridge (110.1 per 100) are higher than Doncaster (97.2 per 100) and England (100 per 100)**



**37.3% of children in year 6 are identified as obese**

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## One page Summary

Scawsby, Scawthorpe, and Cusworth are all within the boundaries of Roman Ridge ward. Scawsby is a suburb of Doncaster, situated close to the west of the city centre and neighbours Cusworth and Scawthorpe. Scawthorpe is another suburb located in the North of Doncaster surrounded by Bentley, Cusworth, Scawsby, Sunnyfields and Highfields. Cusworth is a village located in the North of Doncaster. A semi-rural location and home to a historic cottage, it is surrounded by parkland.

People in Scawsby, Scawthorpe and Cusworth have a higher-than-average life expectancy and can expect to live longer than the average person in Doncaster. There is a moderate prevalence of long-term health conditions. Lung cancer is the leading cause of poor health for residents and significantly higher than the rest of Doncaster. Emergency admissions are related to heart attacks and alcohol related incidents.

Roman Ridge is one of the least deprived wards in Doncaster. A bigger proportion of residents own their house outright or with a mortgage in Roman Ridge ward compared to the rest of Doncaster. There are more socially rented properties in Scawsby compared to Scawthorpe and Cusworth. Scawsby and Scawthorpe have a slightly younger population when compared to Cusworth and Doncaster.

Cusworth Hall and Park are open to the public. Cusworth Hall Museum and Park is the venue for a varied program of seasonal exhibitions, events and activities linked to the history of the area. All are easily accessed by roads and cycle ways and are approximately two miles from the City Centre, making them popular housing areas. The areas are well served by regular buses and most amenities are within easy reach, including shops, health services, and community facilities.

## Key Priorities

- Alcohol misuse and its long-term effects on health outcomes and hospital admissions
- Long term health conditions derived from poor lifestyle choices, living conditions and physical inactivity are a cause for concern in Roman Ridge (heart attacks, coronary heart disease)
- Cancer awareness and prevention interventions targeting prostate cancer and lung cancer

## 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 the different types of assets across Scawsby, Scawthorpe and Cusworth. 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

Scawsby community and the tail end of Scawthorpe is rich in green space and when speaking to residents is one of the greatest assets they identify in their community.

## Scawsby

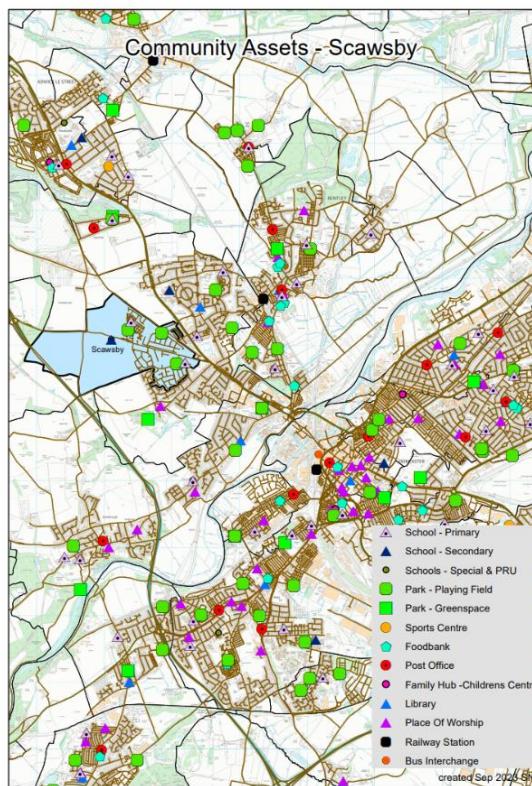


Figure 1. Community assets in Scawsby, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

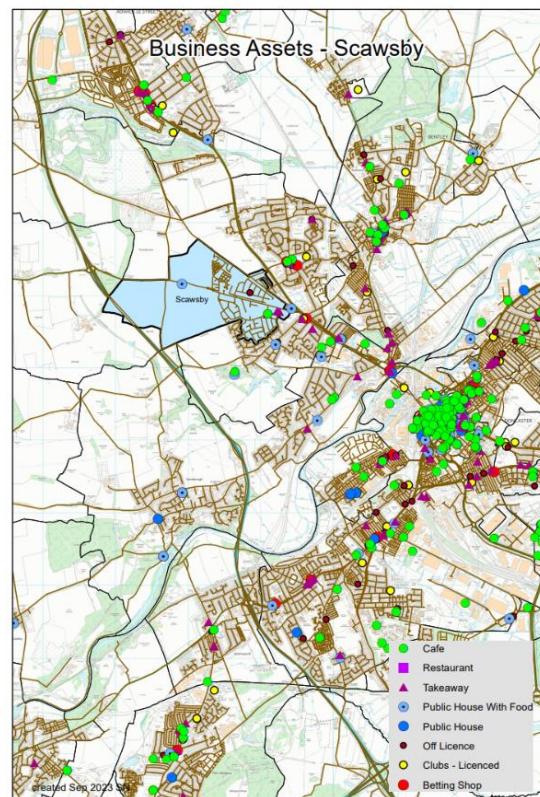


Figure 2. Business assets in Scawsby, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

## Scawthorpe

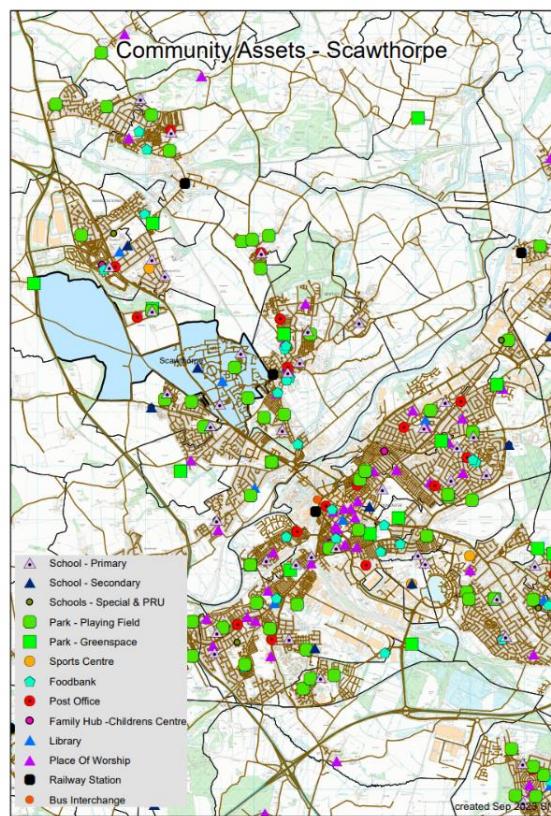


Figure 3. Community assets in Scawthorpe, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

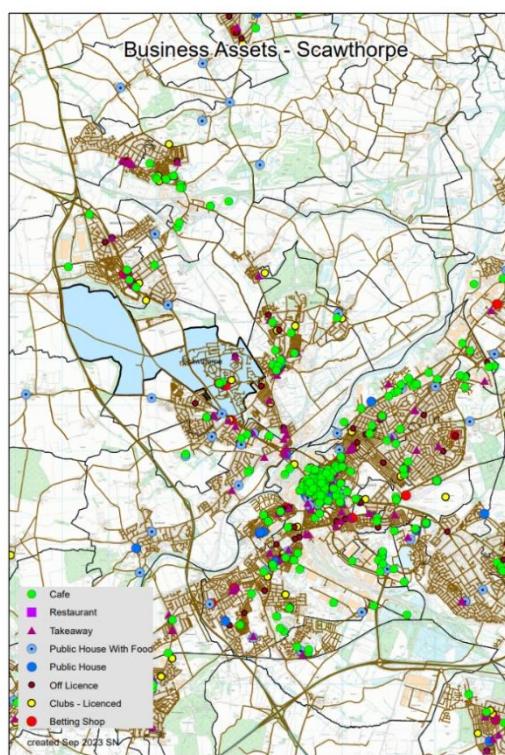


Figure 4. Business assets in Scawthorpe, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

## Cusworth

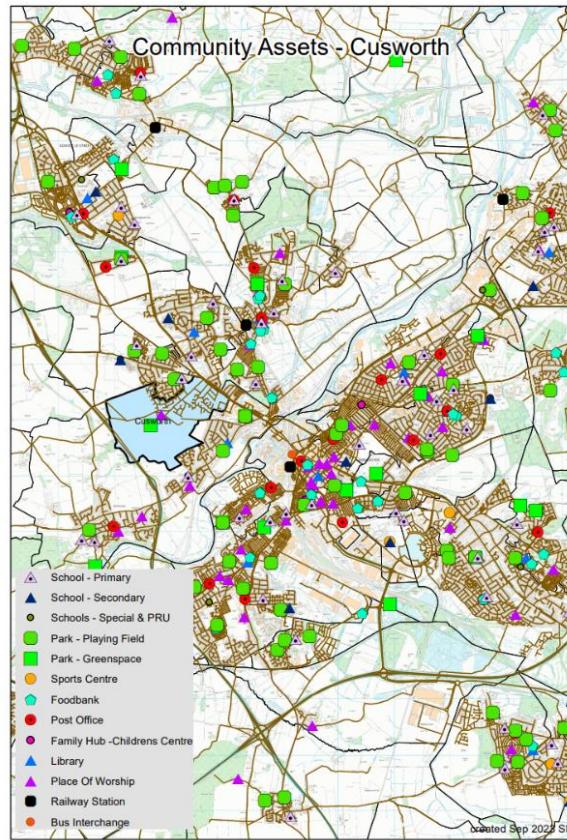


Figure 5. Community Assets in Cusworth, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

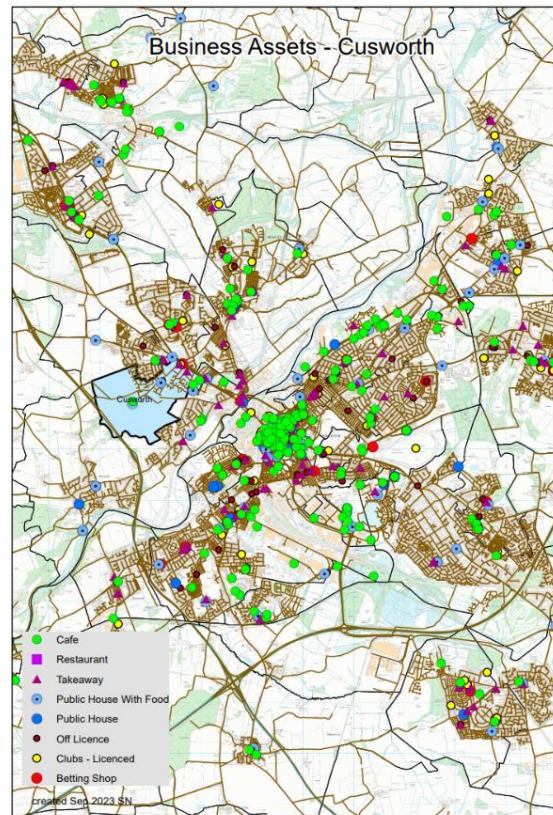


Figure 6. Business Assets in Cusworth, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

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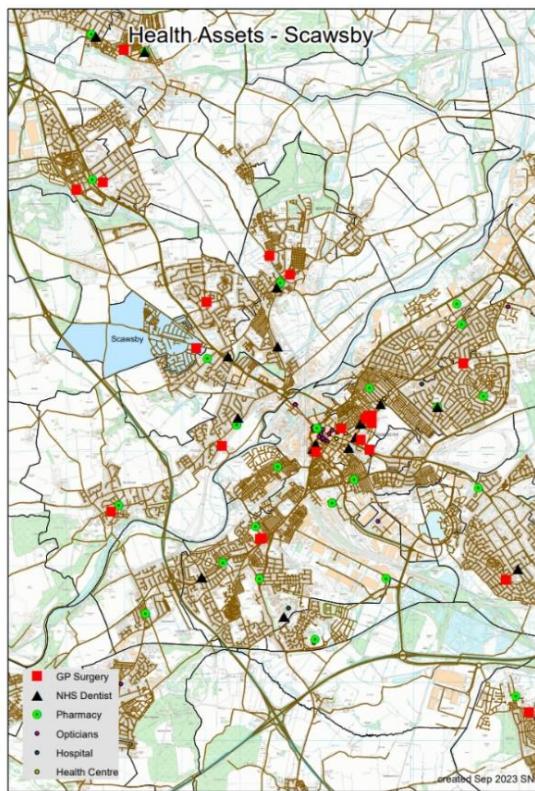


Figure 7. Health Assets in Scawthorpe, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

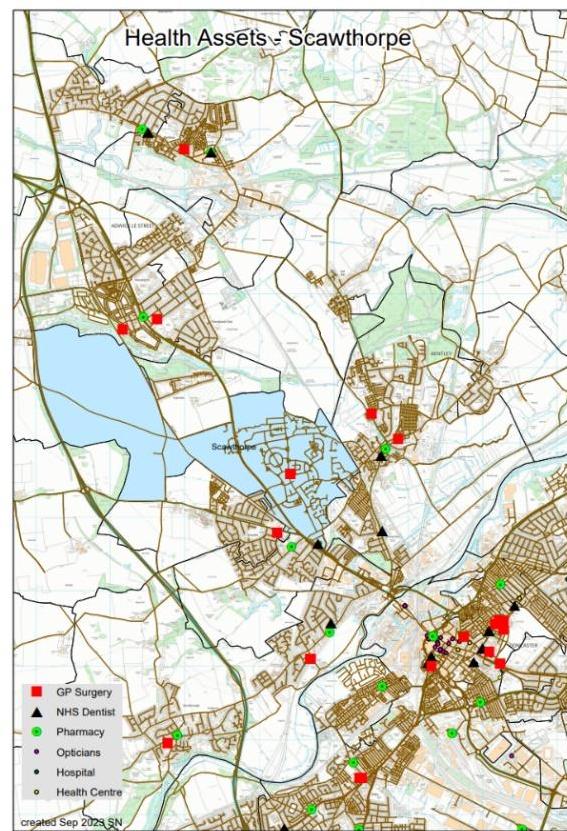


Figure 8. Health Assets in Scawsby, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

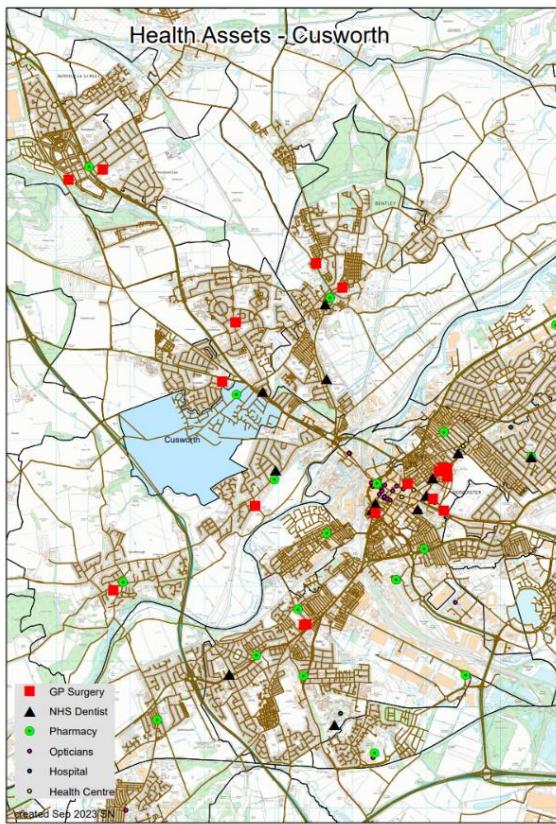


Figure 9. Health Assets in Cusworth

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. Roman Ridge remains a priority ward for North Doncaster and ongoing work will continue to support it.

## Assets in the Community

### Population Health Management

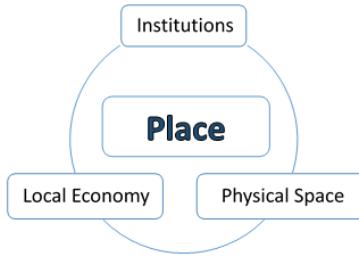
It is vital to understand the impact on the community of nationwide influencing factors such as the COVID19 pandemic and cost of living crisis as well as local and regional issues and opportunities. Understanding community organisations and other assets operating in the community helps up to ensure appropriate 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 the Roman Ridge Ward, identifying their current status and needs, and work with each group and partners to meet their goals. This is a living document and will be updated and adapted as needs are met and

change. If you would like more detail on this, please contact [welldoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:welldoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk)

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



INDIVIDUALS (Key Individuals within the community and why)	ASSOCIATIONS Local Groups/Clubs
Scawthorpe	
Ward Members Howard Rimmer: Craig Ward	Support: Weldricks Pharmacy
Community Members James Church Janice Jinks	Physical Activity/Sports: Langdale football pitches Woodside road playing field Woody Park  Community groups: Scawthorpe library Friendships for Wellbeing Scawthorpe Scorpions JFC Jackdaw Wood
Scawsby	
Ward Members Howard Rimmer: Craig Ward	Support: Scawsby Health Centre Pickfords Chemist St Leonard & St Jude Church
Community Members Barnsley Road Park keeper Brodsworth Parish Council	Physical Activity/Sports: Barnsley Road Playing Fields York Road Park
Professionals Daisy Joustra Well Doncaster Officer	Community groups: Friends of Barnsley Road playing field Scawsby social club 9 <sup>TH</sup> Doncaster scout group
Cusworth	
Ward Members Howard Rimmer: Craig Ward	Support: Church of St Mark & St Hubert Physical Activity/Sports: Cusworth Park Newlands Park  Community groups: Friends of Cusworth Park



Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical space (Parks, carparks etc.)	Local Economy (Local profit businesses)
Scawthorpe		
Health/Care Services: Weldricks Pharmacy The Nelson Practice Amersall Court nursing led care facility Petersgate Medical Centre  Places of worship: Scawthorpe Methodist church St Lukes Scawthorpe  Education: Castle Hills primary academy Don Valley Academy Sunnyfields	Parks: Woodside road playing field Petersgate Field Langdale Drive football pitches Jossey Lane playing field Queens Drive playing field  Public service buildings: Scawthorpe community library Scawthorpe Post office Scawthorpe community centre  Leisure:  Physical Activity/Sports Scawthorpe Scorpions JFC  Facilities: Don Valley academy Astro pitches	Shops: Stoneacre Doncaster York Road Premier Express Elliots fish bar The Salon Leah Bakes Card Shop Family Shopper William Hill New York Pizza Megabites café Heron Foods SPAR Scawthorpe Ruby Red hairstylist Star Wok Skanska Morrisons Daily Other: Scawthorpe Social Club
Scawsby		
Health/Care Services: Scawsby Health Centre Pickfords Chemist  Places of Worship: St Leonard & St Jude Church  Education: Rosedale primary school Scawsby Junior academy Saltersgate infant school Ridgewood Academy Post 16 Academy at Ridgewood Stone Hill School	Parks: Barnsley Road playing field York Road playing field Latin Gardens Park  Public service buildings: Scawsby Community centre Greenwood communal hall  Leisure:  Physical Activity/Sports  Facilities: Ridgewood academy sports hall and Astro pitch	Shops: Tesco Express One Stop First stop food and drink Costcutter Aldi Jewsons Scawsby MOT Barnado's Domino's pizza Subway ART Motor company The Sun Pub Scawsby Mill pub & Grill Scawsby Hall Nurseries Garden centre Bradsroom hair studio AboutFace boutique Welcome Homes Tyre King

Cusworth		
Health/Care Services: Revive Holistic therapy My Dentist, Dentists	Parks: Cusworth Park Newlands Park	Shops: Butlers team room The Old Brewhouse The Mallard pub Londis Cusworth The Sisterhood hair and beauty Ocean Chinese takeaway Marlene's gent's hairstylist Newscaster food and wine Mark Jarvis betting York Bar W.M.C Nigel Goodwin funeral services Bliss bridal wear Trattoria Toscana Italian restaurant TJ Snippers hair stylist Cusworth Pizza
Places of Worship: Church of St Mark & St Hubert	Public service buildings:  Leisure: Cusworth Pond	
Education:	Physical Activity/Sports  Facilities: Museum and Hall at Cusworth	



## 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 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 the actions from the previous phase.

Whilst the Roman Ridge ward is not one of the main priority areas for Well Doncaster, Appreciative Inquiry has been undertaken within its communities. At this time, responses have been combined with other non-priority communities to create an 'outer lying communities' analysis. As the number of community conversations increases, it may be possible in the future to undertake specific theming for each community within the Roman Ridge ward. The table below outlines the key emerging themes and sub themes identified during the thematic analysis of community conversations undertaken.

Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Community Spirit, Pride and Belonging	Friendliness Social support Familiarity Participation	There is a good sense of community. Things to do if you want to get involved in community. - OC-23-003  People get together especially when they are on their own. There is a lovely atmosphere - OC-23-41  Been brought up in the area so know a lot of people, know everyone. - OC-23-59	When asked what was good about the surrounding villages in North Doncaster, most residents suggested the type of people around them was key to having a positive experience. Many suggested that having a sense of community amongst friends, neighbours and family was the most important factor. Some

		<p>I like where I live because the people are lovely, supportive community in my area [...] brings everyone together, feels safer. Rely on each other. Look out for each other - OC-23-66</p> <p>Having lots of friends and socialising - being supported and being able to support other people in my community. - OC-23-72</p> <p>people are lovely and chatty, feel like i belong – OC-25-4824</p> <p>Good councillors...Having kind people in community helps me feel positive - OC-23-001</p> <p>Its a small quiet community, People don't often move out so everyone knows everyone - OC-24-130</p> <p>Scawthorpe has a great sense of community and I like knowing I live near lots of family and friends [...] It allows me to know support is available to me close-by. - OC-24-4559</p> <p>We have passionate people in our community - people who are looking out for the community and safety of residents. We have good communication within the village and a good Facebook page to share what's going on in the area. - OC-24-5098</p> <p>I have lived in Sprotbrough all my life, 58 years, I love it here. OC-24-5536</p> <p>I've lived here a long time, and I have friends [...] There is a good sense of community, and we are near family and get help caring – OC-25-147</p>	<p>suggested this came in the form of feeling like there was social support close by and there was always someone to talk to. Others suggested knowing everyone in a small village means everyone feels closer.</p> <p>Over time the sense of community spirit has evolved to encompass different meanings. Residents continue to discuss feelings of community, grounded in support they have from family and friends, and feelings of familiarity for having lived in their communities for a long time. Residents speak of a community spirit in the way local people look out for one another, but also in how they communicate and participate in local community life. Two residents refer to local sources of information sharing in a community Facebook page and a community newsletter. Participation is also mentioned, with a resident speaking about how volunteering in her local community makes her feel good to be able to give back.</p> <p>There has been a strong theme of community and spirit in the Other Communities since we have been having Community Conversations in 2023. Familiarity, people and a sense of belonging remaining prevalent, but with newer ideas around passion, pride, and participation.</p>
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		I enjoy doing my volunteer work and living in a good community [...] I enjoy giving back to where I live – OC-25-4543	
Perceptions of place and Environment	Perceived safety Quiet and Safe environment  Appearance of place	<p>No antisocial behaviour...Feel safe. - OC-23-010</p> <p>Knowing people in my community makes me feel safe - OC-23-38</p> <p>It's a safe area and environment, near to green spaces and the TransPennine trail [...] Safety is very important to me, and things being in walking distance. - OC-24-64</p> <p>It's a lovely community. We look after our properties and keep things tidy - OC-23-005</p> <p>quiet area...I prefer a quiet environment in general - OC-23-001</p> <p>Scawthorpe is also really clean and tidy [...] It makes us proud to live in our area and means the area we live in is nice and welcoming. - OC-24-4533</p> <p>It is quiet and peaceful, a nice place for children OC-24-4792 It's nice and quiet and there's no vandalism which makes it a nicer place to live. - OC-24-5242</p> <p>I like that there is low levels of ASB and it is peaceful. I can walk around to the shops. - OC-24-5477</p> <p>safer than other areas [...] For children growing up it's a better area. - OC-24-5608</p>	<p>Residents in the past make multiple references to a lack of antisocial behaviour in their areas contributing to being a good thing about where they live. This is perhaps due to the high prevalence of ASB in other local areas nearby, where residents in these communities feel luckier or happier than they can avoid this.</p> <p>Residents cite their communities as feeling safe due to being quiet, knowing people nearby, and knowing that people look after each other. Residents make frequent reference to their community being quiet and peaceful, noting low levels of ASB, and safety particularly for children.</p> <p>The peace and quiet, particularly in rural areas and on trails such as the TransPennine Trail, are a key contributor to feelings of safety. More recently, residents mention a sense of pride in their community, with people looking after where they live and the people around them. The area being both clean and well looked after by its residents is a key factor in why people like where they live.</p> <p>Residents tie this feeling of quietness, safety, and community pride, to having an overall better</p>

		<p>I like where I live - it's quiet and it's clean, people take pride in looking after the area. My neighbours - we look out for each other - OC-25-5534</p> <p>It's simple really...to have a good standard of living for myself and for my loved ones. - OC-25-5536</p>	<p>standard of living. The wider determinants of health here are noted to be of good quality, something which is referenced further in the Health and Wellbeing Framework below.</p>
Green Spaces	<p>Rural</p> <p>Parks</p> <p>Exercise</p> <p>Heritage</p>	<p>Has a countryside feel to where I live – OC-23-116</p> <p>Lovely peaceful, dog walks, people similar ages. close to fields and nice walks, family close by – OC-23-131</p> <p>There are local parks which are well maintained with things to do for children and its nice for adults to walk around – OC-23-133</p> <p>It's quiet, there are lots of green spaces about, close to nature – OC-23-142</p> <p>Green space is fantastic for exercising – OC-23-57</p> <p>Barnsley Road Park and Cusworth Park [...] parks mean places to get out and stuff for kids to do – OC-23-62</p> <p>There's nice clean parks which i use often to walk my dogs, the TransPennine trail is good, I've noticed there have been recent refurbishments on the walk to Cusworth - OC-24-4544</p>	<p>Throughout the last few years, for residents in the Other Communities, green spaces are mentioned much more frequently than in other areas where Community Conversations are carried out.</p> <p>Residents frequently make reference to living rurally or having very easy access to the countryside which they see as a big draw to living in their area. This rural living does not hinder residents' ability to access amenities, as residents mention they are still close to services and facilities which they need. Residents also cite living near green spaces such as parks, trails, and heritage sites. Residents use green spaces such as parks for walking and exercise, and for the children to use. Residents use the TransPennine Trail for walking and cycling, and mention attending cultural heritage sites such as Cusworth Hall to access green spaces there. Residents note</p>

		<p>I like that it has a bit of a rural feeling, but you are still very near to everything. - OC-24-5521</p> <p>I like that i live close to the countryside and it is rural – OC-25-274</p> <p>There is really easy access to the countryside [...] I enjoy walking and being outdoors, I really like outdoor life – OC-25-275</p>	<p>improvements to green spaces and links such as refurbishments on the TransPennine Trail and around Cusworth Hall.</p>
Things to Do		<p>There is lots of things for kids to do in Scawthorpe and the football club are fantastic [...] It means young people have things to do that keep them out of trouble – OC-24-4560</p> <p>we have tpt close which is good for bikes – OC-24-5598</p> <p>I like the walks and the countryside; you can walk or bike to other areas and it's a nice place to live. - OC-24-5626</p> <p>Access to Cusworth Hall, walks to Conisbrough viaduct via Sprotbrough flash (trans Pennine trail). OC5-24-472</p> <p>good decent walks, tracks, Cusworth. - OC-25-99</p> <p>easy access to scenic countryside, don gorge, Yorkshire wildlife trust etc – OC-25-280</p> <p>it's a lovely community with lots going on eg the library and social groups – OC-25-277</p>	<p>Activities and things to do, are mentioned regularly in Other Communities. Residents note that there is a lot for people to do in terms of activities in the local area. This is largely split into children's activities such as sports clubs, using the TransPennine Trail for walking and cycling, and accessing heritage opportunities such as Cusworth Hall. Residents in these communities are clearly active participants in local life and benefit from accessing activities outside of their day-to-day lives. These activities commonly involve physical exercise and accessing the outdoors in an interactive manner.</p>
Local assets and amenities	Local amenities Schools	<p>There is plenty of opportunities to access local sports - lots of teams close by, there are more camps available for kids. The</p>	<p>Residents in Other Communities regularly mention having good access to local amenities</p>

	Community Groups and Community Spaces	<p>council put on the HAF sessions which are well attended – OC-23-124</p> <p>Local shops and nice pubs for a meal...Good GP practice – OC-23-010</p> <p>Cusworth hall, schools [...]A nice place to visit. Good schools mean good education – OC-23-57</p> <p>Barnsley Road Park 5 min walk with the kids to Saltersgate Primary – OC-23-71</p> <p>Good access to Cusworth Park, have a good social life here, good schools and shops, many groups and activities. - OC-24-5524</p> <p>I can get out and about, I don't feel isolated. - OC-24-5538</p> <p>shops, Morrisons, cafes, The Range, craft shops, electrical stores, all these shops and they don't impact negatively on where we live. good services in Scawsby. - OC-24-159</p> <p>[I am] involved in two CICs...important for communities to have free access to sessions in the cost-of-living crisis – OC-23-011</p> <p>Sprotbrough library is fantastic [...], it's a refuge and a safe warm space– OC-24-418</p> <p>I love Sprotbrough. The library is amazing, it's not just about books it's about the community, they have all sorts of things going on in there. If you put in the effort, put yourself out there and look for things then there is such a lot going on in Doncaster. - OC-24-496</p>	<p>such as shops, community centres, and cafes. Multiple residents also speak about local schools being good and locally accessible. Residents link access to amenities to feeling less isolated and having a good impact on their day-to-day life. Residents in these communities discuss having an active social life, with plenty of activities locally as well as local amenities making life easier for them. Residents refer to local opportunities for community support, particularly during the cost-of-living crisis. It appears that access to local amenities is important in terms of things being convenient but is equally important for people to feel less isolated and have access to support.</p> <p>Community spaces have come up consistently in community conversations throughout the time we have been collecting data in Other Communities. Spaces such as Sprotbrough Library are cited as being community hubs, where groups can come, and community members get support. It is worth noting that Community Conversations are often carried out at community centres during social events and groups, so the weighting on these amenities may be heavier than in a more representative sample of the local population.</p>
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Accessibility	<p>Transport and transport links</p> <p>Bus is only one every hour, but we do use it and its reliable – OC-23-008</p> <p>Important for work purposes that I have easy A1 access, transport/infrastructure - this gives greater scope for work opportunities – OC-23-35</p> <p>Good access to main roads. Get on train at Bentley – OC-23-35</p> <p>I'm not particularly mobile, so am able to access things I need using the bus – OC-23-64</p> <p>easy to get to work, son can walk to school, can walk to pub instead of getting taxi – OC-23-126</p> <p>Don't drive so need things to be close by or have a good bus service – OC-23-70</p> <p>We can go anywhere with road access. Good to have things local - OC-23-72</p> <p>Jossey Lane is lovely, and we have great transport links to town and many other places. OC-24-4533</p> <p>It has a good connection to the town centre, which I often visit and have to travel through. OC-24-5097 (sprot)</p> <p>I like it you can get to the centre easy – OC-25-570</p> <p>It's quite central to trains and bus routes, well connected [...] so I can try to be less isolated – OC-25-40</p>	<p>Accessibility to key locations including work, train station and shops is important to residents living in the outer villages in North Doncaster. This is cited for various reasons including attending local social groups, getting into the city centre for shopping, getting out of the local area for work, or even simply knowing that you can get somewhere if needed for example in an emergency.</p> <p>There is a divide in responses here as the majority of responses make reference to accessibility of road transport in the area when you are able to drive – linking their communities to accessing the A1 and the city centre. Other residents discuss the importance of a strong public transport system due to either not being able to drive or not being able to walk far.</p> <p>There are mixed responses due to the mix of local areas covered in this framework. For example, residents in Sprotbrough and Scawsby discuss ease of access to the city centre but in other areas this is not necessarily the case. In multiple conversations residents have mentioned how bus services are not as frequent as they used to be, for some residents this is not an issue, but for others it has impacted their ability to get into the city centre.</p>	

		Its accessible to town and stuff that we need close to town easy bus route to town [...] Never know what's going to happen and needing to have access to things – OC-25-394	
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>			
Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Social Wellbeing	Socialising and getting out of the house	<p>Getting out and being social – OC-23-44</p> <p>My children being happy, and content means I am happy and content - OC-23-009</p> <p>To have a good quality of life and be able to support younger generations of family e.g. grandchildren – OC-23-010</p>	<p>Social Wellbeing is a key theme within the health responses in the Other Communities. This plays out in different ways but largely draws links between socialising and health, or between health and supporting others.</p>
	Family	<p>I like where I live - it's quiet and it's clean, people take pride in looking after the area. My neighbours - we look out for each other but aren't in each other's pockets...perfect! [...] Because it has a direct impact on my overall health and my happiness - OC-25-5534</p> <p>Having local groups that run near where you live, - OC-24-4793</p> <p>Getting out and socialising – OC-24-4543</p>	<p>Residents rely on getting out of the house and getting to social opportunities to contribute to their mental wellbeing, at local social groups for instance. Local groups and community spaces such as libraries contribute heavily to reducing social isolation, which people strongly link to wellbeing. Being able to access transport to these groups is crucial where residents are not able to drive.</p>
		<p>Socialising a lot, having access to green spaces, having transport to get to social groups and opportunities including buses. - OC-25-418</p>	<p>Residents also cite needing to have good health to be able to support family members such as children.</p>

		It's good for your mental health, stops you feeling isolated. Its (library) a kindly place with smiling faces. - OC-25-418	
Health as Personal Responsibility	Physical activity  Managing conditions  Proactive role in own health	being mobile and active [is important] - OC-23-008  I would like to be as healthy as I possibly could be with the cards that are dealt me. e.g. managing/preventing any conditions/illness that may occur – OC-23-35  passion for me as a parent, want child to be active. More active children have better attainment – OC-23-59  Gymnastics, athletics, basketball, parkour – OC-25-5102  To stay in control of your health, nowadays its so hard to see the health service you need to make sure you take control and do the best for yourself. - OC-25-5521  getting out, walks, eating healthy, supplements – OC-25-159  You've got to start thinking about it when you're young, things like healthy eating and exercise are really important to live a good healthy life. - OC-25-49	Residents in these communities identify health as being part of an individual's personal responsibility. They acknowledge the need to be proactive and engaged in managing long term conditions but also in having healthy habits such as eating well and exercising. Physical exercise has been mentioned throughout the community framework as residents often use green spaces to access opportunities for exercise such as walking and cycling. In the health responses, residents mention other ways they stay active, and the importance of passing on healthy habits to younger generations.   Residents have identified that it is not always possible to seek help from healthcare services, so it is important to take control and manage your own health where possible, starting this at a young age to be able to live a long and healthy life.
Services	Being listened to  Kindness  Efficiency	Everything, supported and listened too as well as fair and equal access to health services – OC-24-4893	When asked 'What does good quality healthcare look and feel like to you?' residents most commonly raised issues with accessing GP services – citing 'getting an appointment when

	<p>Access Community Healthcare</p>	<p>getting care when you need it, care is good where I am as it is a convenient location, multiple GPs in Cusworth – OC-24-547</p> <p>Being able to get an appointment in advance for less urgent matters. My practice has improved their process with appointment booking in recent years. - OC-23-35</p> <p>Ease of getting medical appointments - accessibility and availability. - OC-24-5097</p> <p>Always being able to get an appointment at the hospital and at the doctors, and in a reasonable time frame. To feel like I'm being listened to, that's really important to me. - OC-24-5534</p> <p>my pharmacy is good for easy access to care and gave my cousin antibiotics so is more easy access point than doctors you can just walk in and can speak to someone – OC-24-5569</p> <p>Husband is ill do travelling around a lot my Dr's is good on it straight away and had District nurses coming round and providing support – OC-24-5602</p> <p>Easy access and that it is there when you need it. Awareness of different people's circumstances and flexibility in people accessing appointments. Pharmacy provisions are great and not enough people know about them - when my son was poorly, they were fab and helped out straight away. - OC-25-64</p> <p>Healthcare brought into the community is a great idea. - OC-25-64</p>	<p>you need it' as extremely important. Residents are happy when services are responsive, efficient, and locally accessible. Residents have mentioned changes in booking systems in recent years which some appreciate but others feel alienated by due to technological barriers.</p> <p>Responses to this question did bring out a number of negative responses particularly around access, and some residents mentioned choosing to pay for private services in order to access care, where others simply stated they were grateful to not need to access healthcare services in the knowledge that there are barriers to access.</p> <p>Residents do feel that they receive a good standard of care once they are able to see a medical professional, with some mentioning good relationships with their GP and others noting community services such as District Nursing being a very good quality service.</p> <p>Residents express that kindness, care, and being listened to is very important. This spans from being listened to and treated with flexibility and compassion at the point of accessing services</p>
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		<p>being able to have preventative medical checks – OC-25-275</p> <p>Being able to get a GP appointment. Where a person answers the phone - not a machine. Caring, considerate and compassionate people who providing a efficient service. - OC-23-60</p> <p>holistic staff, staff having time to talk through health issues, not just one per appointment. need joined up working. - OC-25-362</p>	<p>with receptionists, to feeling heard and validated within appointments with doctors.</p> <p>Residents do note the need for preventative care, and a holistic approach in healthcare, with healthcare being brought into the community. This shows a level of health literacy and residents being active in their own health – seen as a separate theme in this framework.</p>
Environment and Health	<p>Safety</p> <p>Green Space</p>	<p>Having a safe environment to get fresh air and exercise. Healthy food and good mental health - OC-23-57</p> <p>Being outside makes me feel better, going for nice walks in the local area - OC-23-58</p> <p>Living in a quiet are helps with anxiety and mental health - OC-23-67</p> <p>watch the wildlife, mindfulness – OC-25-4824</p> <p>Access to fresh air and green spaces at any time of day and feeling safe at all times of the day so I can go for a walk before the sunrise or after the sun sets. - OC-25-64</p>	<p>In the Other Communities, a theme which came through strongly in regard to Health and Wellbeing was living in a good environment. Residents recognised the impact of the wider determinants of health and were able to identify factors in their local community which contribute to positive mental and physical wellbeing. Key examples mentioned were living somewhere safe and quiet and being able to access to green spaces to get fresh air and exercise.</p>
Representations of Good Health		Keeping well at my age, keeping mobile and active and still being able to work. - OC-23-36	Residents gave different examples of how they see 'good health' or what a healthy life looks like.

		<p>To live longer and have things/plans that I am able to do. I try to enjoy every day and make the best of life - OC-23-60</p> <p>To live a long and healthy life. - OC-25-5242</p> <p>For me, it's being and feeling healthy - looking after my physical health to keep my mental health strong. Living a happy and fulfilled life. - OC-25-5534</p> <p>I love to travel I do OK for my age going for it while I can think health – OC-25-325</p> <p>Balance, after a few weeks on dance on i now feel much better, like speaking to people there, like folk music, like swimming at Adwick – OC-25-362</p>	<p>For some this was linked to longevity, mobility and independence, and for others there were themes of happiness and fulfilment. Residents identified positive and hopeful examples involving being active in their health outcomes in order to lead a socially, economically, and emotionally successful life. These examples of good health encompass a number of the previous themes in this framework and reinforce the idea that local residents are proactive in having good health outcomes, recognising the importance of multiple different factors at play in their health and wellbeing.</p>
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Table 1. Key themes, subthemes, and supporting quotations from Appreciative Inquiry in 'other North communities'

## Doncaster Talks

In 2019, Doncaster Talks undertook insight across the borough. Responses were separated into wards and thematically analysed. Across Roman Ridge, 98 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:

### ROMAN RIDGE

#### Like

- Good transport links and close to amenities
- Quiet and peaceful
- Nice area with green/open spaces
- Nice places to visit

#### Improve

- Litter picking and grass cutting more regularly
- Reduce ASB and crime
- Improve state of roads and pathways
- Better facilities e.g. housing, parks and community facilities
- General improvement of town centre; more to do, better shops

#### Focus

- Improve town centre and its offer
- Improve road quality, cleanliness, public transport access and accessibility
- Focus on environment and sustainability e.g. green energy, electric cars and access to parks/open spaces
- More police & increased sense of public safety

Figure 10, Doncaster Talks Survey (City of Doncaster Council 2019)

## Ward Members

The Roman Ridge Ward has two ward members who were elected in 2025.



- [Councillor Howard Rimmer](#)

Roman Ridge

Reform UK



- [Councillor Craig Ward](#)

Roman Ridge

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## Health and Wealth

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

### Deprivation

Evidence shows that people living in our most deprived areas face the worse health inequalities in relation to health access, experiences and outcomes. Deprivation covers a range of issues and refers to unmet needs caused by a lack of resources, including but not limited to finances, housing and education. It is measured in different ways including the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). In the Roman Ridge ward, Scawthorpe falls within the decile of 7 and has the highest IMD rating in the ward (20.93). Scawsby has a decile of 8 and has the second highest IMD rating (16.86). Cusworth is the least deprived community within Doncaster on IMD rating (8.95) and is in the IMD decile of 10. Each community has seen a decrease in IMD rating since 2019, Scawthorpe (22.51), Scawsby (17.72) and Cusworth (10.29) have all decreased since 2019.

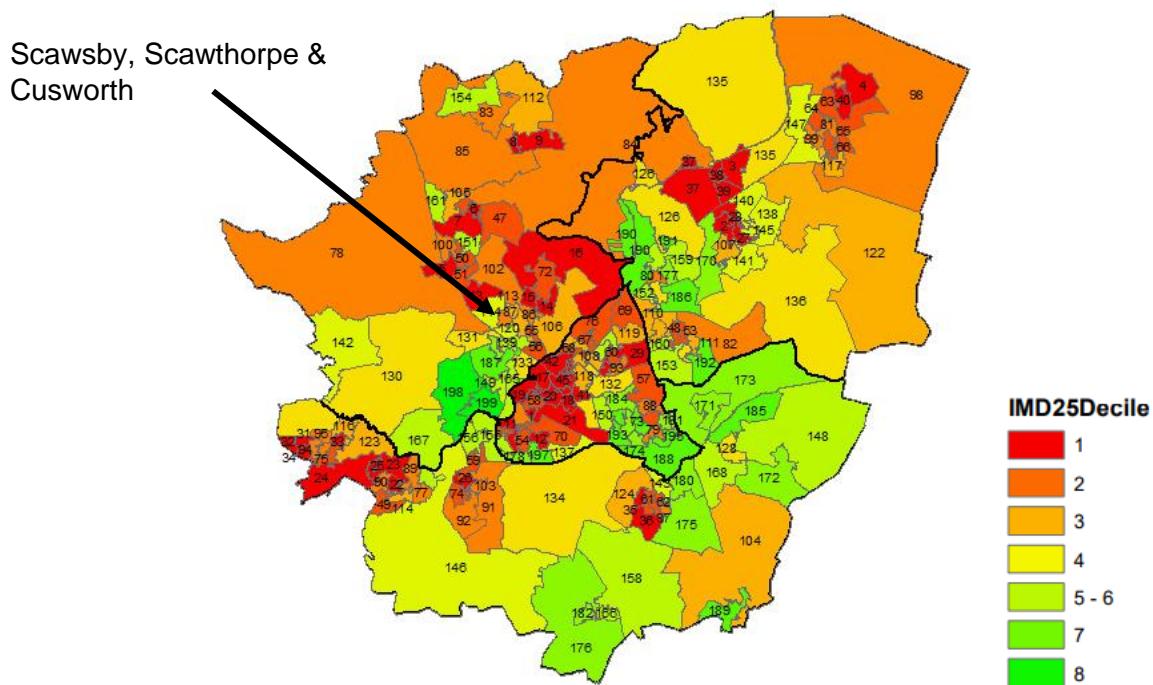


Figure 11: Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA 2025, Doncaster (Office of National Statistics, 2025)

However, this does not mean that deprivation does not exist within communities in Roman Ridge ward. Data taken from the Census (2021) suggests just this, with 34.3% of households deprived in one dimension, whilst 14.8% of households are deprived in two dimensions. 3.8% of households are deprived in three dimensions or more.

## Wealth Inequalities

In 2025, 23.5% of Scawthorpe Middle Layer Super Output Area (MSOA) residents and 13.2% of Cusworth MSOA residents are experiencing poverty, compared to the Doncaster average of 29.3%. This is a significant increase from 2019, where 12.2% and 7.6% residents were living in poverty.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Scawthorpe MOSA (19.9%) and Cusworth MSOA (8.2%) is similar and lower than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), similarly to all people, this has increased since 2019.

Furthermore, 34.4% of children are living in poverty in Scawthorpe MSOA and 23.6% in Cusworth, lower than the Doncaster average, 47.1%, an increase from 2019.

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

At community level, the data differs slightly, outlined in the figure below.

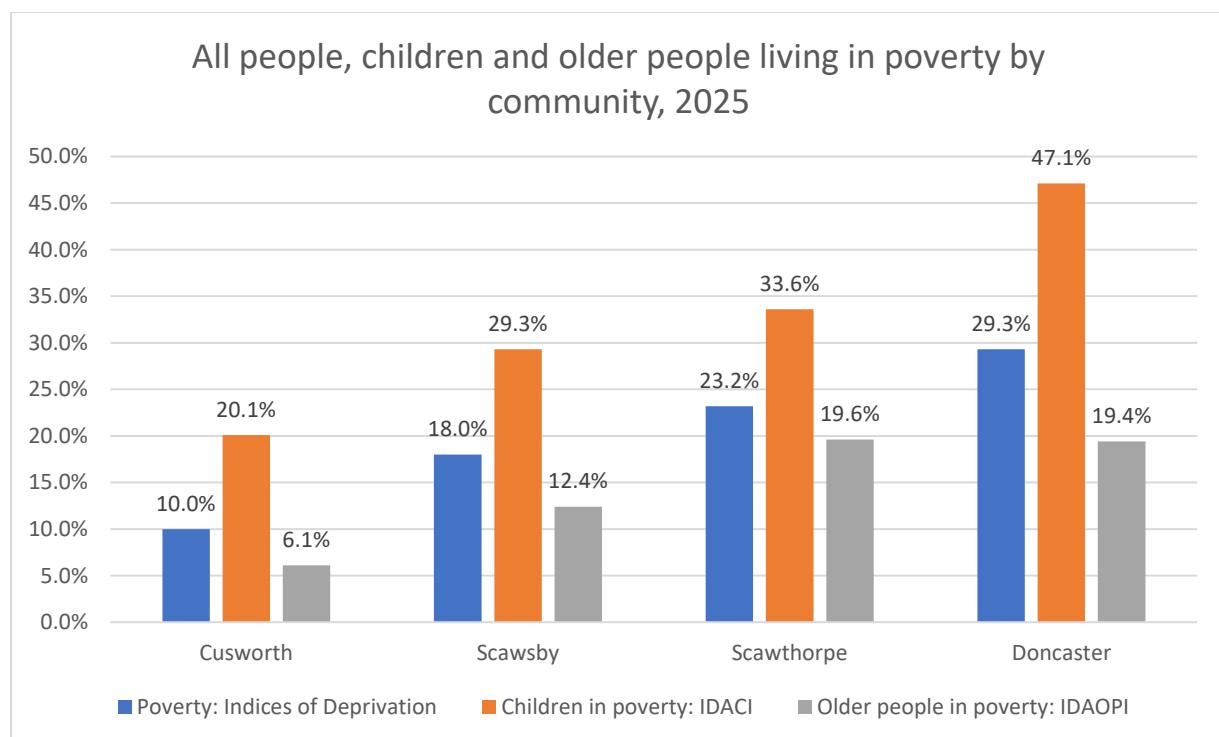


Figure 12: Poverty Prevalence Using IMD25, (Office of National Statistics, 2025)

## Fuel Poverty

Residents can often find themselves living in deprivation due to fuel poverty. Whilst there are fewer residents currently living in poverty in Roman Ridge, there does appear to be clusters of households that are facing income deprivation. Data taken

at LSOA level suggests residents living in Scawthorpe Sunnyfields are facing higher levels of fuel poverty than any other community in Roman Ridge 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 Village North	730	173	23.7
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
E01007584	Doncaster 021A	Marshgate	710	125	17.6

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

## Food Poverty

There are 7 active foodbanks in the North locality of Doncaster. There is no active foodbank within the ward boundaries of Roman Ridge. Seventh Day Adventist and Bentley Baptist Church are the closest foodbanks serving Roman Ridge ward. 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 5 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 not highlight where residents from these communities are accessing support.

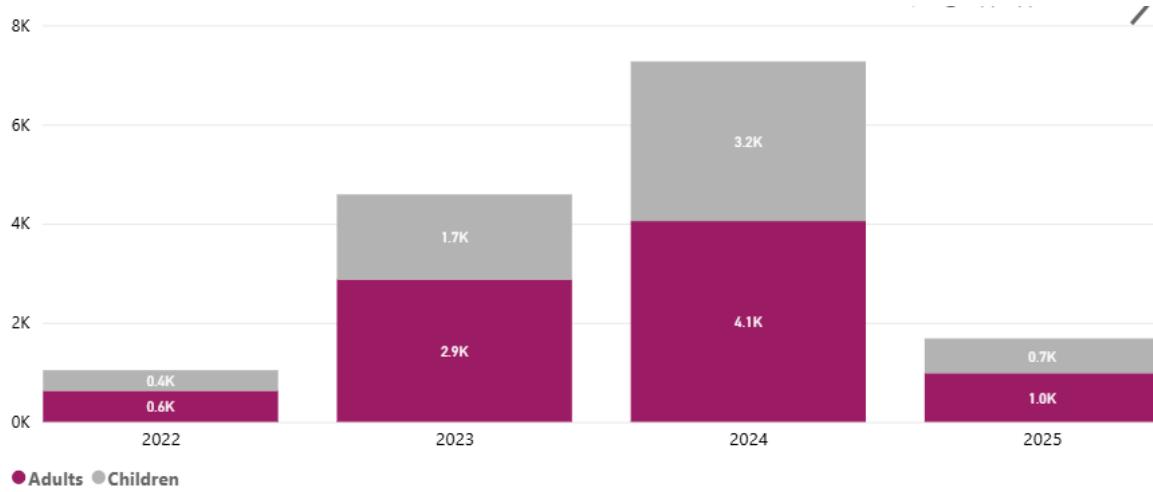


Figure 13. Number of Adults and Children Accessing Foodbanks in North of Doncaster (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)

## The Bread-and-Butter Thing

The purpose of The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) 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 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 ONS Census, in Cusworth, 23.2% of the population are not in employment and have never worked. Scawsby sees an increase (23.7%), with Scawthorpe see the highest rates of unemployed residents who have never worked (26.4%). Each community within the ward is lower with the Doncaster average (27.2%) and only Scawthorpe sees a higher number than England (25.6%).

However, the ward does see significant levels of economic inactivity. In Cusworth there are a higher number of economically inactive residents (40.5%) than England (39.1%). Scawsby also follows this trend (41.2%), but Scawthorpe sees a lower average (36.9%). Each community in the ward sees a lower average than Doncaster (41.7%). 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 Cusworth (14.9%) and Scawsby (13.2%), are employed in professional occupations, in which both are higher than Doncaster (12.8%) but lower than England (20.3%). In Scawthorpe, the highest proportion of residents are employed in elementary occupations (15.2%), higher than England (10.5%) but lower than Doncaster (16.5%).

A high proportion of residents in employment have less than 10km to travel to work in Cusworth (48.8%), Sacwsby (46.4%) and Scawthorpe (49.5%) compared to Doncaster (41.7%) and England (35.4%) average. Showing residents utilise local employment opportunities in and around the ward and the city of Doncaster.

### 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 fiscal year of 2024/25 there were 109 residents living in the Roman Ridge ward accessing CADB. During the 2024/25 fiscal year, there were 463 new interactions with CADB from residents in the Ward. 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.

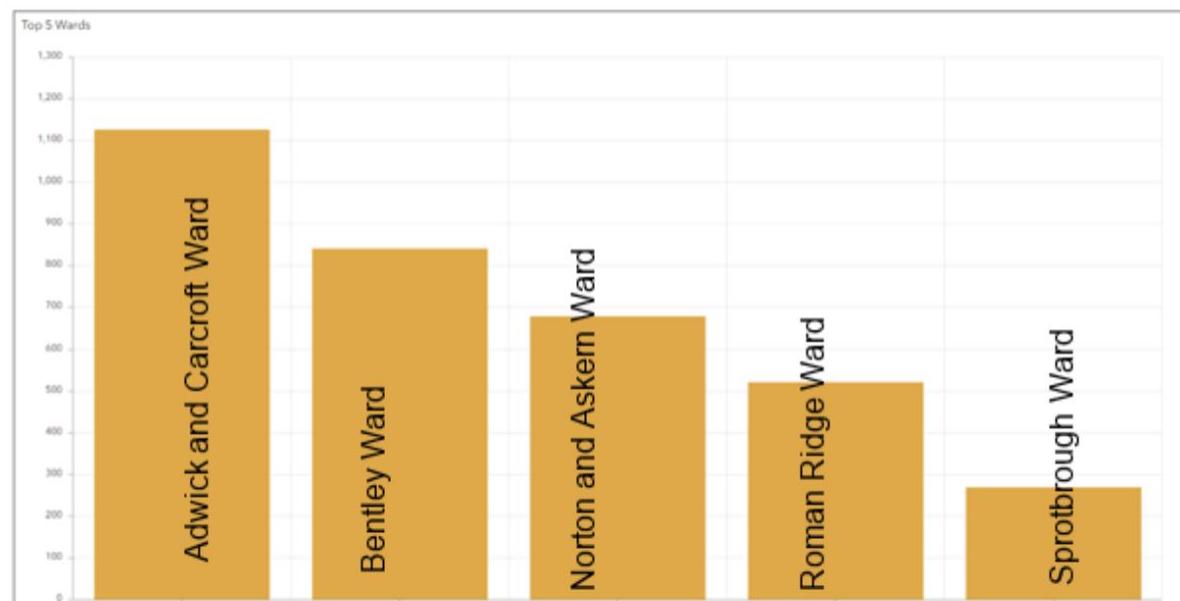


Figure 14. number of interactions with Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough fiscal year 2023/24, (Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025)

## Health Inequalities

### Life expectancy

Males have a life expectancy of 78.6 years of age compared to the average of Doncaster 77.9 years of age and England's 79.5 years of age. Female life expectancy is 84.6 years, compared to Doncaster's, 81.3 years of age and England's 83.2 years of age. Healthy life expectancy in males in the ward is high at 61.0 years, compared to Doncaster's average 57.4 years, but is in line with the England rate of 61.5. Healthy life expectancy in females follows this trend in the ward, as females can expect 64.2 years of healthy life, higher than the Doncaster average of 56.1 years and the England rate of 61.9 years.

### Long-Term Health Conditions

Long term health conditions derived from poor lifestyle choices, living conditions and physical inactivity are a cause for concern in Roman Ridge. Incidences of lung cancer are significantly higher in Roman Ridge residents (103.9 per 100) compared to England (100 per 100), but lower than Doncaster (137.1 per 100) when using ISR. Additionally, prostate cancer rates in Roman Ridge (110.1 per 100) are higher than Doncaster 97.2 per 100) and England (100 per 100) when using ISR. Hospital admissions for myocardial infarction (heart attack) is the leading cause of emergency hospital admissions amongst Roman Ridge residents (139.9 per 100) when using ISR. Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) is the second leading cause for emergency hospital admissions (123.6 per 100) when using ISR.

The proportion of residents with poor health in Roman Ridge is considerably greater than the national average. 21% of ward residents reported having poor general health compared to an average of 17.6% across England. A total of 19.4% of Scawsby residents, 20.7% of Scawthorpe residents and 17.4% of Cusworth residents reported their health to be fair, bad, or very bad health (ONS, 2021).

### Indices of Death

Scawsby, Scawthorpe and Cusworth exhibit 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).

These three communities all sit within the Cusworth and Scawthorpe MSOA. In Cusworth coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death (108.7 per 100), however this is lower than Doncaster (142.2 per 100) but higher than England (100 per 100) when using ISR. Mortality from respiratory diseases is the second highest cause of death in Cusworth (95.6 per 100) which is lower than both Doncaster (122.2 per 100) and England (100 per 100) when using ISR. Mortality from cardiovascular disease is the third highest cause of death in Cusworth (93.1 per 100) which again is

lower than both Doncaster (118.1 per 100) and England (100 per 100) when using ISR.

In Scawthorpe, rates of death caused by respiratory disease are significantly high (139.5 per 100) which is higher than Doncaster (122.2 per 100) and England (100 per 100) when using ISR. In addition to this, rates of death caused by cancer are also high within the community (98.9 per 100), however this is lower than both Doncaster (113.9 per 100) and England (100 per 100) when using ISR. Furthermore, deaths caused by cardiovascular disease are high within Scawthorpe (89.4 per 100) which however is lower than both Doncaster (118.1 per 100) and England (100 per 100) when using ISR.

## Alcohol Intake

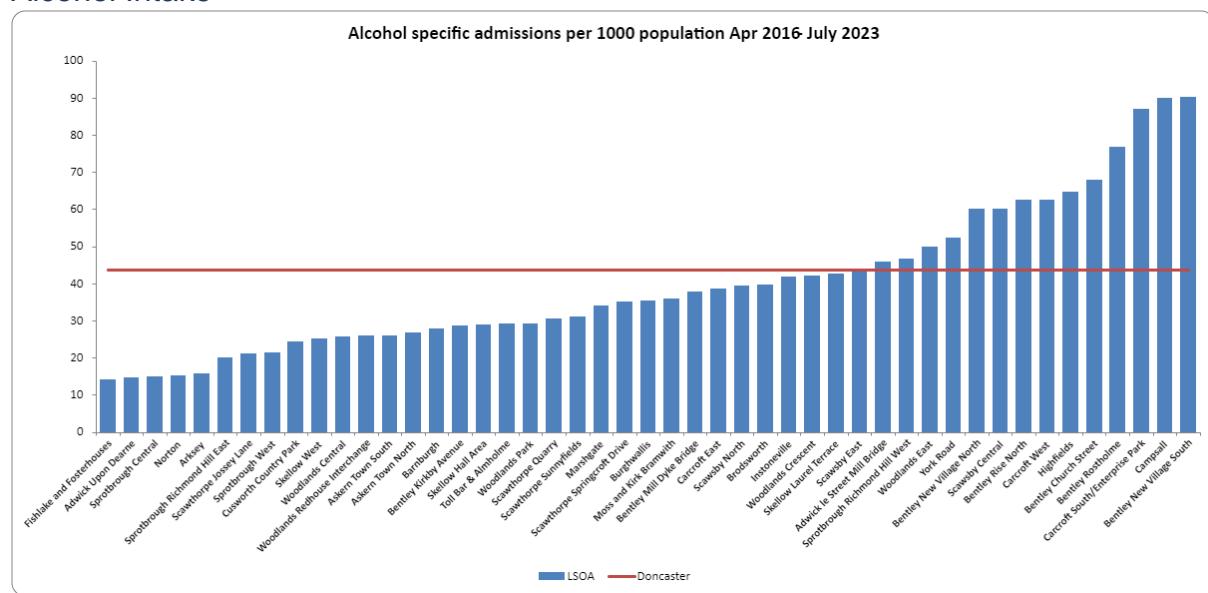


Figure 15. Alcohol Specific Admissions per 1000 Population April 2016-2023 (Office of National Statistics, 2023)

Scawsby Central has the highest rates of alcohol specific admissions amongst Roman Ridge communities (79.1 per 1000), nearly double that of Doncaster city (43.6 per 1000). Scawthorpe Jossey Lane (29.5 per 1000) is considerably lower than its neighbouring village and Doncaster, overall.

## Smoking

12.3% of residents in the Roman Ridge 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 Roman Ridge ward, the gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £8.43 million. An estimated £2.57 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 Roman Ridge ward the total cost due to lost productivity from smoking was estimated at £4.78 million which is lower 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. In Cusworth 20.1% of children are classed as living in child poverty, 29.3% in Scawsby and 33.6% in Scawthorpe, this is lower than the Doncaster rate (47.1%).

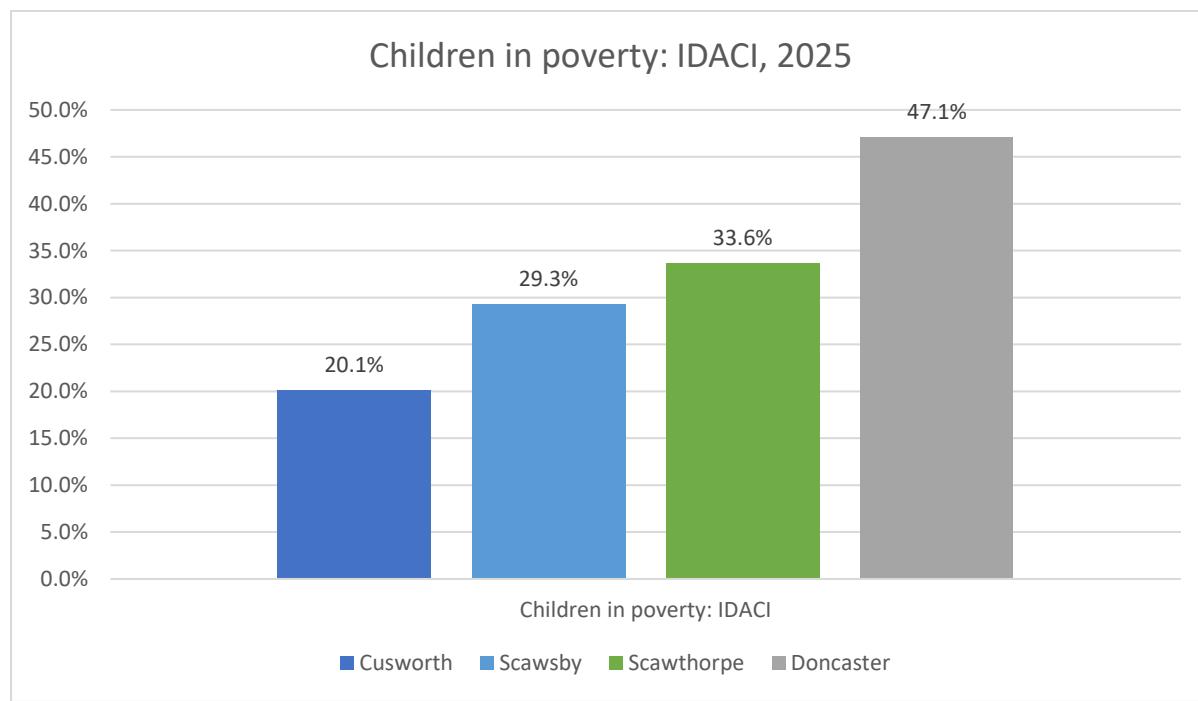


Figure 16: Children in poverty: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) (aged 0 to 15), (The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index, 2025)

## 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.

The 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey was completed by 439 pupils in the Roman Ridge ward, of which 84 were in Year 4, 104 in Year 6, 148 in Year 8 and 103 in Year 10. 49% of the pupils were boys, 47% were girls and 4% describe differently/prefer not to say. Only 12% of the pupils who took part has special educational needs (SEN) and 27% of pupils receive extra help at school.

Childhood obesity is lower in the Roman Ridge ward, with 24.2% of children classified as overweight (including obesity) at reception age compared to the average of Doncaster (25.8%). In year 6, the prevalence of overweight children (including obesity) for the Roman Ridge ward (37.3%) is again lower than the figure reported for Doncaster (40.3%). The Pupil Lifestyle Survey 2024 data shows food habits of school aged children in the ward are positive. That is, 64% of children reported to consume fruit and vegetables most or every day of the week. Furthermore, 10% of pupils reported to consume takeaways most or every day of the week compared to Doncaster's 13% average. 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 43% of school aged children encountered smoking in the home in Roman Ridge ward, which is higher than the Doncaster average of 35%. 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, 6% of year 8 and 11% of year 10 children reported they had tried cigarettes or smoking and 19% of secondary school pupils reported they have used or tried e-cigarettes in North locality.

## **Education**

In 2024, 73% of Cusworth pupils and 65% of pupils in Scawsby achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics at Key Stage 2 (KS2), both above the national average (61%), whilst there were fewer pupils in Scawthorpe (58%) achieving the expected standard compared to the rest of the ward. Scawsby has seen a slow increase in the percentage of children reaching the expected standard since 2022, as in 2022 55% of students reached the expected standard and then 57% achieved this standard in 2023. In 2022, 65% of students in Scawthorpe achieved the expected standard, which rose to 67% in 2023 and has now fallen significantly in 2024. Cusworth has seen an increase since 2022 (65%) and 2023 (65%) in the number of pupils reaching the expected standards.

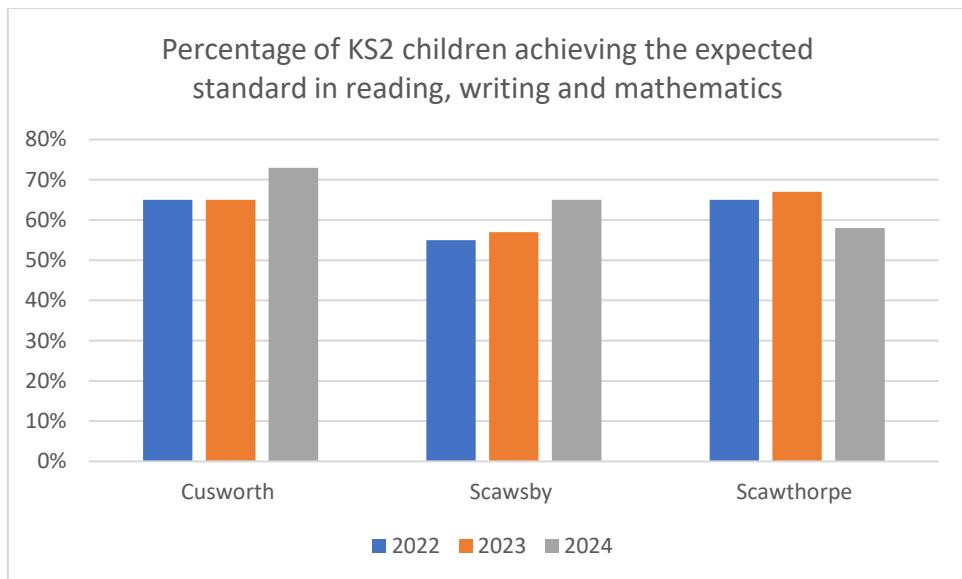


Figure 17, Percentage of KS2 Children Achieving the Expected Standard In Reading, Writing and Mathematics, (Department Of Education, 2025)

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 Roman Ridge. Cusworth (51.5) has the highest scores, closely followed by Scawthorpe (46.6) and Scawsby (40.3). Cusworth and Scawthorpe both scored above the Doncaster average (44.0) and national average (45.9). Since 2023, each community in the ward has seen a decrease in school attainment score as in 2023, Cusworth (52.5), Scawsby (49.6) and Scawthorpe (51.0) all scored higher attainment scores than in 2025.

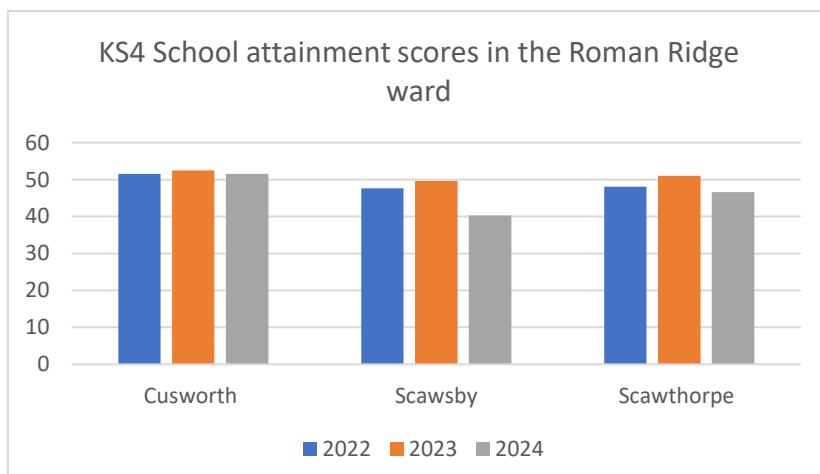


Figure 18, KS4 School Attainment Scores in the Roman Ridge Ward, (Department Of Education, 2025)

## Family Hubs

There are three Family Hubs in the North localities of Doncaster, namely Adwick, Askern, and Bentley, but none of these are in the Sprotbrough ward. Adwick and Bentley Family Hubs are the closest Hubs for Sprotbrough ward residents.

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 fiscal year 2024-2025 membership of children in Cusworth was 83% for children aged 0-8 weeks, 100% for 0-1 year and 11-month-old children and 88% for children aged between 0-4 years and 11 months. In Scawsby the data is fairly similar as, 100% of children aged 0-8 weeks were members, 100% of 0-1 year and 11-month-old children and 95% of children aged between 0-4 years and 11 months. In Scawthorpe, membership of children aged 0-8 weeks was 83%, 86% for 0-1 year and 11-month-old children and 89% for children aged between 0-4 years and 11 months.

Access data includes the percentage of children using Family Hubs services once or twice and engagement figures indicate the number of children seen three or more times. Engagement is lower in Scawthorpe (75%) compared to Scawsby (89%) and Cusworth (83%) especially at age 0-1 years and 11 months. Engagement increases to 91% when including all ages up to 0-4 years and 11 months in Scawthorpe, however this is still lower than Cusworth (99%), but higher than Scawsby (90%).



## Physical Activity

Levels of physical activity in Roman Ridge are higher 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.

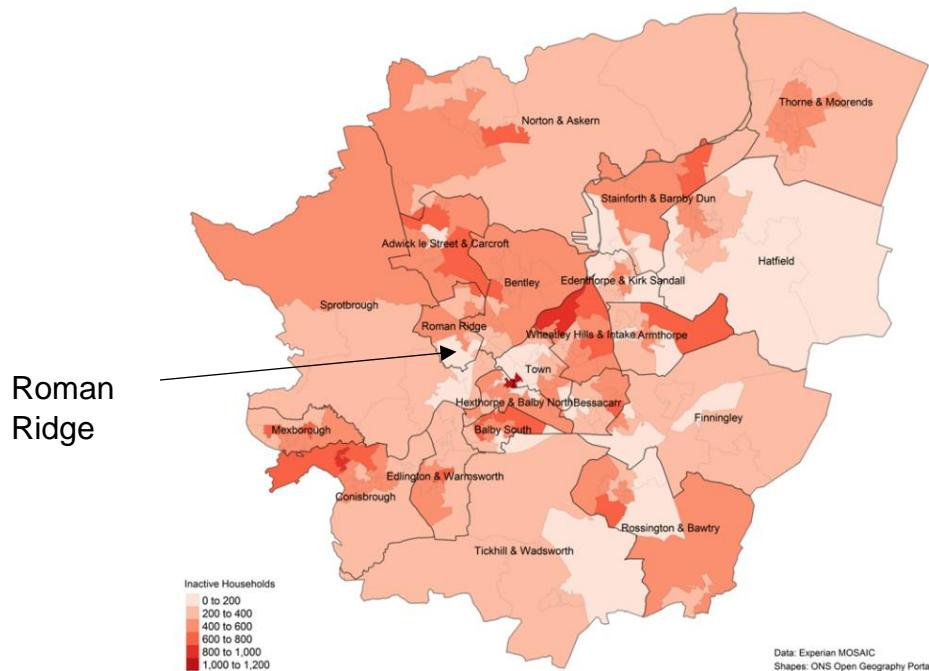


Figure 19, Inactive Households in the Roman Ridge Ward, (Get Doncaster Moving, 2023)

Data from the Pupil Lifestyle Survey (2024) indicated that 40% of school-aged children in Roman Ridge reported walking to school. This is higher than the average of Doncaster (39%). Engagement in physical activity via school clubs is 15% which is the joint-third lowest in borough. 75% of school-aged children reported enjoying physical activity which is 5% lower than the average of Doncaster. For those who reported not enjoying physical activity, the most common reason was 'getting hot and tired' (50%).

## Green Spaces and Parks

Roman Ridge benefits from green spaces. In nearby Cusworth, Cusworth Hall, Museum and Park a Grade 1 listed building surrounded by extensive parkland serves as an important heritage site for both Doncaster and Cusworth. The park offers a range of visitor facilities, including children's play areas and a large playing field.

Scawsby is home to Barnsley Road playing field offering a toddler and junior play area, multi-use games area, playing field and sheltered seating. In 2020, a cycle path was created to provide a safe space for those wanting to practice bike riding skills. Emely drive is also located in Scawsby, offering a toddler and junior play area and playing field.

Scawthorpe is home to woodside road/ Chatsworth Crescent, also known as "Woody Park", offering play areas, playing field and sports pitches. Scawthorpe is also home

to Langdale Playing fields, which is a large green space which has a number of football pitches, sports pavilion and plays host to Scawthorpe Scorpions JFC.

## Community Information

### Population

#### Population Size

Roman Ridge ward: 12,600

Scawsby: 3,400

Scawthorpe: 6,400

Cusworth: 2,800

### Ethnicity and Language

Roman Ridge ward does not appear to be very diverse in ethnicity or languages spoken. Over 97% of the population residing in this ward identify as 'White' and report that their main language spoken is English. Only 3.4% of residents in Scawsby and Cusworth identify as Black, Asian or Minority ethnic (BAME), whilst 2.7% of Scawthorpe residents identify as BAME.

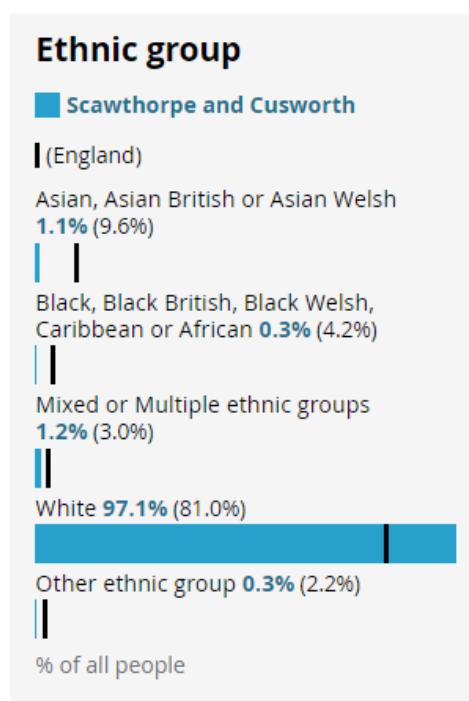


Figure 20. Ethnicity in Roman Ridge Ward (Office of National Statistics, 2021)

### Age Profile

Roman Ridge as a ward has an aging population compared to the rest of England. However, there are differences within each community. Figure 15 shows that there are more children aged 15 and under and working age adults in Scawsby and Scawthorpe. Cusworth has an older than average population, with a larger proportion of adults aged

50+ residing in the community. There are similar numbers of males and females within each age group category.

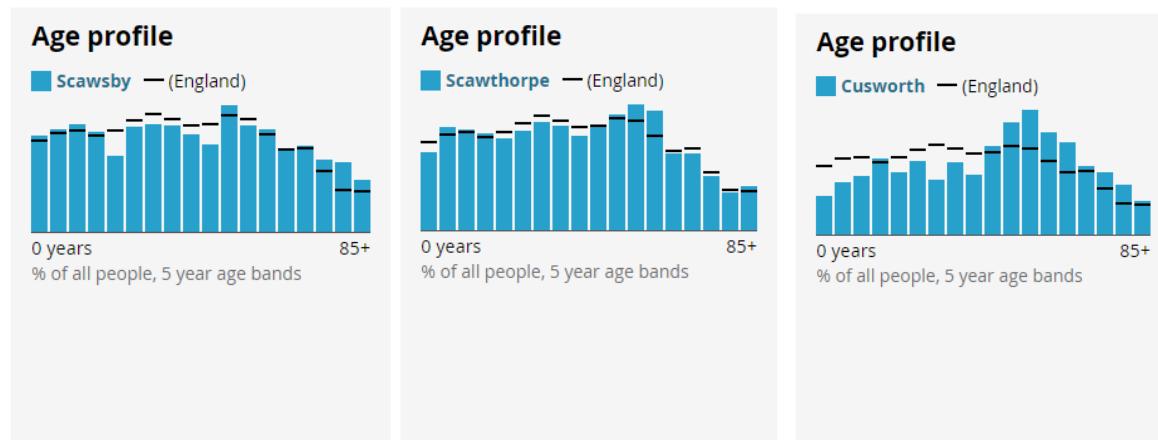


Figure 21. Age Profile in Scawsby, Scawthorpe and Cusworth (Office of National Statistics, 2021)

## Housing



Figure 22. Tenure of Households in Cusworth, Scawsby, Scawthorpe (Office of National Statistics, 2021)

A larger proportion of residents own their house outright in Scawsby (39.3%), Scawthorpe (33.9%) and Cusworth (43.6%) compared to the national average (32.5%). There are more socially rented properties in Scawsby and Scawthorpe (15.6%) than Cusworth (7.6%). However, all are lower than the rest of Doncaster (17.0%) and England (17.1%). There are considerably fewer properties that are privately rented in Scawsby (11.4%), Scawthorpe (11.6%) and Cusworth (11.9%) than Doncaster (19.7%) and England (20.6%). St Leger Homes manages the socially rented properties in Doncaster and have 819 properties in the Roman Ridge ward, 467 in Scawthorpe, 290 in Scawsby and 62 Cusworth, with 3 bed houses being the highest number of properties they own, followed by 1 bed bungalows.

The majority of households comprise of single-family units in Scawsby (67.7%), Scawthorpe (65.7%), and Cusworth (66.6%). There are smaller rates of one person households in Scawsby (29.2%) and Scawthorpe (30.9%) than Doncaster (31.2%). However, there is a small increase in Cusworth (31.5%) of one-person households. 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.

## 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.

## Key Community Safety Priorities

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership

We're working together to make Doncaster a safer, stronger place for everyone. The partnership focuses on six key priorities that tackle issues affecting our communities:

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

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

## Community Voice / Key Safety Concerns

People in North Doncaster told us that anti-social behaviour 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 18 shows that Roman Ridge had the third highest rates of crime and ASB across the North Locality.



Figure 23. Number of Early interventions, ASB, hate crime and Low-Level Crime Issues Identified And Managed At Locality Level 2023/24 (City of Doncaster Council,2024)

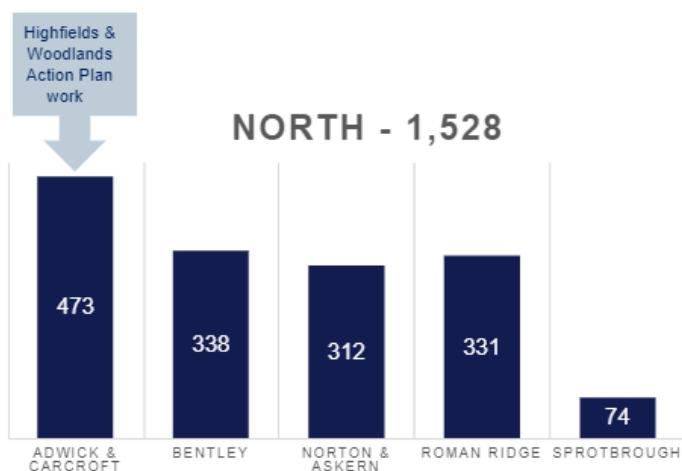


Figure 24. Number of Early Interventions, ASB, Hate Crime and Low-Level Crime Issues Identified And Managed at Ward level, 2023/24 (City of Doncaster Council,2024))

## Wellbeing

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 are in need of, social isolation, loneliness and recreation, work, education and training and mental/emotional health.

Area	Total Number of Engagements*	1 <sup>st</sup> Most Common Theme	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Common Theme	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 3, Number of Engagements WITH THE Well Being Service per locality, quarter 4 2024-25. (City Of Doncaster Council 2025)*

## Community Investment

In the North locality, the sum of investment is £1.79 million as of November 2025 (Doncaster Delivering Together, 2025). A key source has been grants has been investment in the Voluntary Community and Faith Sector. Financial support in the locality has focused on providing foodbank support, providing project resources, youth activities and supporting health and wellbeing in adults.

In the Roman Ridge ward, investment totalled £89,790.00 as of November 2025. In total, 14 community organisations have received funding including Friends of Barnsley Playing fields, Recipe 4 Change and Fashion Fusion CIC. The top priority for investment in the Roman Ridge ward was 'building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all.'

Ward	Total Amount by Ward	Funding Type	Total Amount by Locality
<b>Norton &amp; Askern</b>	£235,468.67		
<b>Adwick Le Street &amp; Carcroft</b>	£246,844.57	VCFS, Ward Members, Barrier Buster, Community Booster, Active Communities	
<b>Sprotborough &amp; Cusworth</b>	£180,580.00	Grant, Community Wealth Builder Support (X4), Locality Commissioning,	
<b>Roman Ridge</b>	£89,790.00	Holiday Activity Fund, LSCIF Round Two, Community Investment Fund, Community Wealth Builder Grants, Dragon's Den, Ward Members	£1,790,000
<b>Bentley</b>	£1,036,595.72		

Table 4. 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](#)

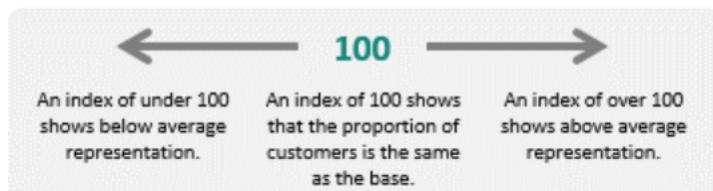
## Acorn profiles

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).

### INDEX



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

## Physical Activity

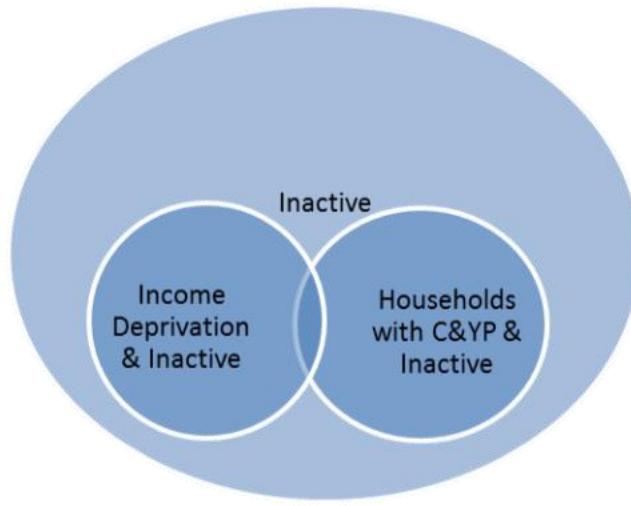
Get Doncaster Moving survey

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

Mosaic data

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

The Physically Inactive Population of Doncaster



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

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

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

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

### **Pupil Lifestyle Survey**

[Pupil Lifestyle Survey - Healthy Schools \(healthylearningdoncaster.co.uk\)](#)

### **Power BI – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

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

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

### **Community Safety**

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](http://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](http://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

Maps



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=17BayPsliJ1OUq6U4OFbk9FKLYL2-wDZN&ll=53.50909620569456%2C-1.136502800000032&z=14>