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Community Profile

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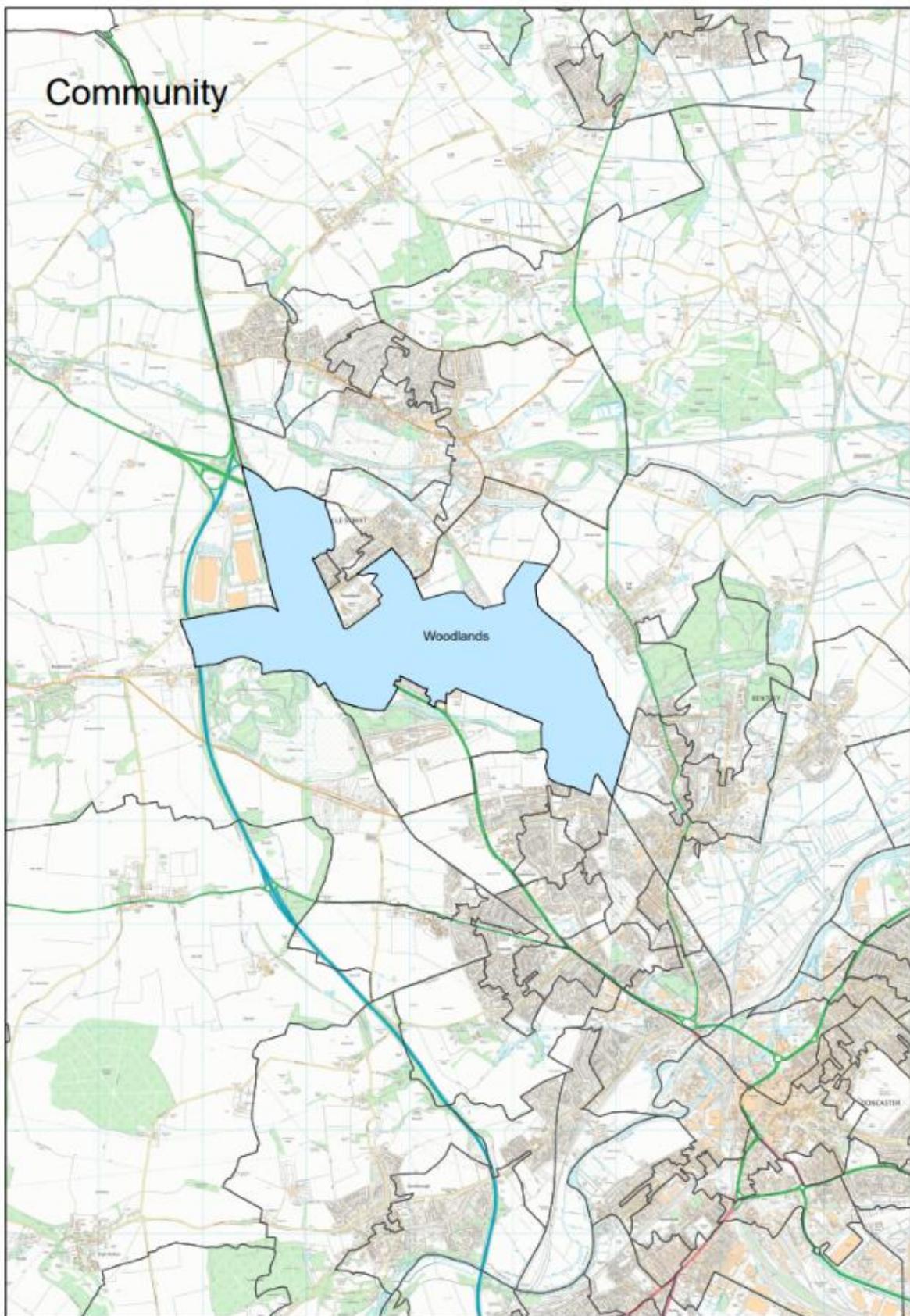
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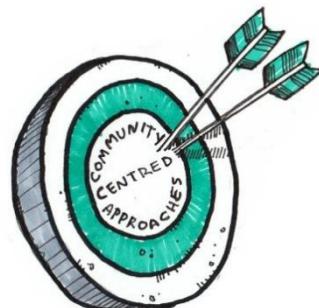


This Report

This report uses a population health management approach to look at the health of a whole group of people such as a town, neighbourhood, or community—instead of just focusing on one person at a time. It is designed to help community leaders, services, residents etc. understand the strengths of both people and place, whilst also looking into what health challenges are common in that group, what services are needed most, and where help is lacking. By using data and trends, this Community Profile can inform tailored ways to keep people healthy, prevent illness, and make sure everyone gets the care they need. By focusing on prevention, early intervention, and coordinated care, together we can build healthier communities and support long-term, sustainable improvements in public health. The first Community Profile was written in 2023 and has been refreshed in 2025 to reflect the current opportunities and challenges of the community.

This report focuses on the community of Woodlands, part of the Adwick and Carcroft 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.



Woodlands



26.9% of residents do not hold any qualification



59.5% of children are living in poverty



Lung cancer rates are the 3rd highest in Doncaster



54.75% of residents are unemployed and have not worked in the last 12 months



Woodlands Central has a high rate of hospital admissions due to alcohol consumption (38 per 1000)



High hospital admissions for intentional self-harm in the ward (153.3 per 100)

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One page Summary

Woodlands is located within the North locality of Doncaster and is in the Adwick and Carcroft ward. Woodlands is a very accessible community and has many routes which connect it to surrounding villages and towns. The community is closely located to the A1 motorway and is nearby to Adwick train station. Woodlands is also accessible by bus and by walking, wheeling and cycling as it has had significant investment in its cycle and walking routes.

Deprivation across Woodlands is high with many living with income and fuel poverty. Particular parts of Woodlands see greater fuel deprivation than others as Woodlands Crescent has 23.5% of households living in fuel poverty. There are high levels of unemployment and long-term unemployment amongst residents. Woodlands is a considerably younger than average population. 54.7% of Woodlands residents are not in employment and have not worked in the last 12 months.

The proportion of residents with poor health in Woodlands is considerably greater than the national average. Residents have self-reported that their health is poorer than across Doncaster and England. That is, 23.4% of residents in the ward reported their health as fair, bad, or poor. Incidences of all cancers remains one of the leading health conditions residents are living with, and the third highest in Doncaster. Respiratory diseases including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and lung cancer are the leading causes of death amongst Adwick Le Street and Carcroft ward residents. Incidences of lung cancer are considerably the highest (176.1 per 100) in the ward and the 3rd highest in Doncaster.

Woodlands sees significant levels of hospital admissions related to alcohol, Woodlands Red House Interchange has a rate of 35.4 per 1000 of the population, whilst Woodlands Central has a higher rate of 38 per 1000, meaning significant numbers of residents are being admitted to hospital due to alcohol consumption.

Mental health is another area of concern in the Adwick Le Street and Carcroft ward with considerably higher emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm reported. There are considerably higher emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm in the ward.

Key Priorities

- High levels of deprivation, unemployment and children living in poverty.
- Poor healthy life expectancy - it would be important to consider the prevalence of COPD and lung cancer and the high rates of emergency hospital admissions.
- High hospital admission rates due to alcohol consumption.
- Mental health and intentional self-harm, including emergency hospital admissions

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 strength/assets-based approach to work with individuals, families and communities is crucial to the achievement our overall vision.

Asset Maps

The maps below show different types of assets across Woodlands. These maps have been developed using Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) data and should highlight what each community has to offer. It should be noted that these maps are a starting point in understanding the community and that further work is needed amongst the community to understand all the assets and how they are used.

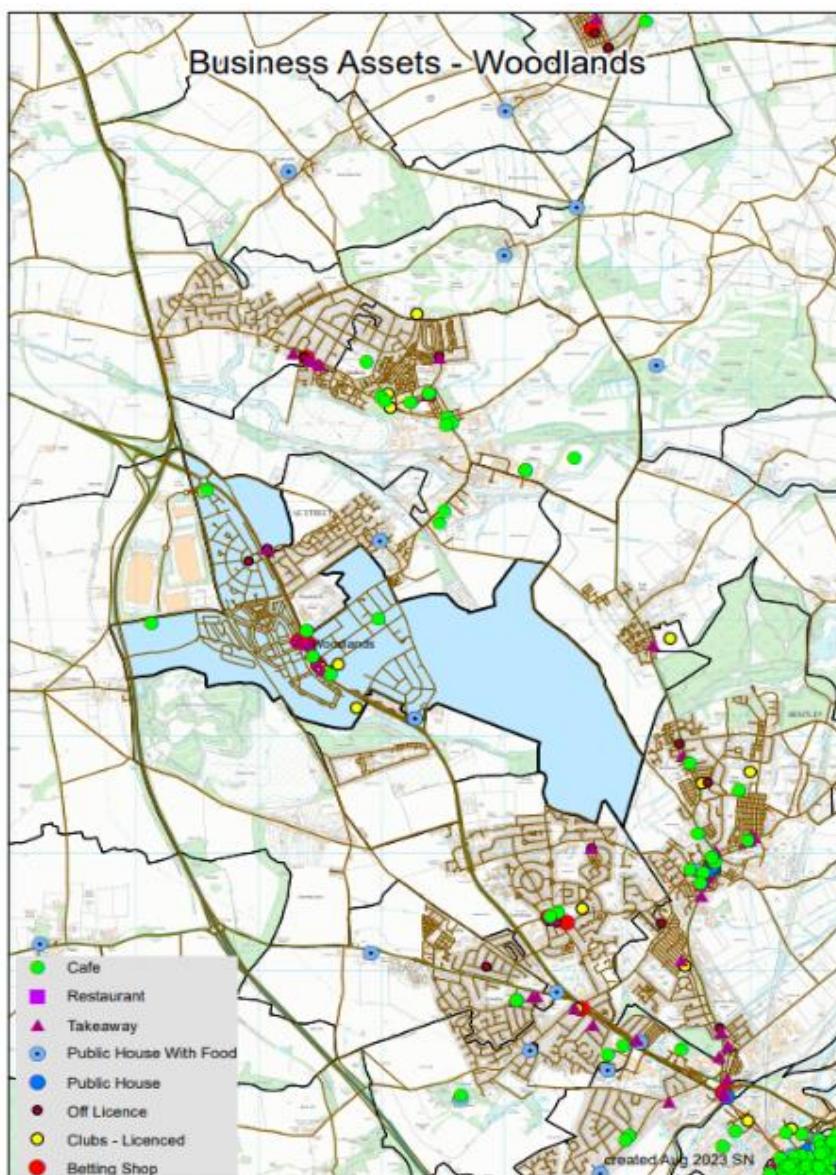


Figure 1. Woodlands Business Assets 2024

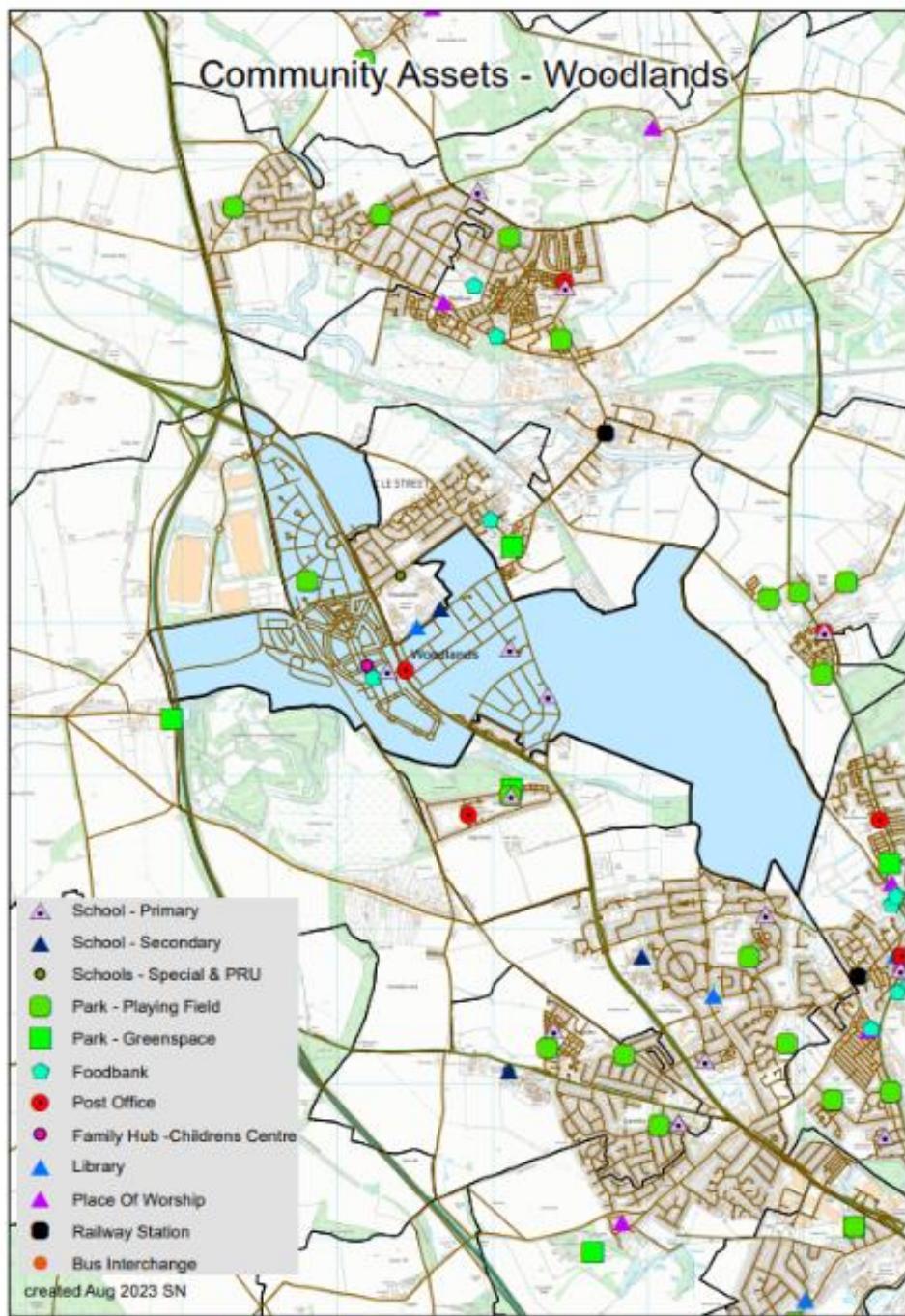


Figure 2. Woodlands Community Assets 2024



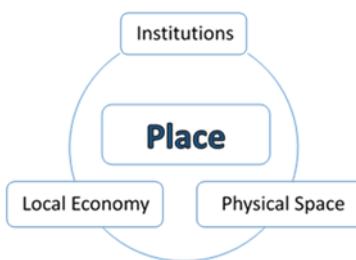
Figure 3. Woodlands Health Assets 2024

Woodlands is relatively limited in community and health assets as much of them are clustered in the adjoining wards, Highfields and Carcroft. There is a large number of cafes and takeaway shops making up what is available to residents.

Assets in the Community

Population Health Management

It is vital to understand the impact on the community of nationwide influencing factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis, as well as local and regional issues and opportunities. Understanding community organisations and other assets operating in the community helps us to ensure appropriate and targeted support can be offered, and work can be implemented to manage any gaps or risks associated with changes. Well Doncaster undertake regular population health management insight with community organisations in Woodlands, identifying their current status and needs, while working 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



Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical space (Parks, carparks etc.)	Local Economy (Local profit businesses)
<p>Health/Care Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodside Surgery • Princess Medical Centre • Elm Park Care Home • Albany House • Weldricks Pharmacy • Well Pharmacy <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodlands Community Library • Adwick Family Hub • Brodsworth Welfare Community Hub • Adwick Fire Station <p>Places of Worship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints Church • St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Church <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outwood Academy • Woodlands Primary School • St Joseph & St Teresa's Infant and Primary Catholic School • Adwick Infant & Adwick Primary School 	<p>Parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Park, Woodlands - Large greenspace surrounded by houses and used by Woodlands Primary School for PE lessons. • Fair View Park, Woodlands - Including play area, MUGA and greenspace • Central Avenue Play Area, Woodlands - Play area close to Family Hub and All Saints Church • Brodsworth Welfare Field, Woodlands - Cricket and Football Team base plus open public green space <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brodsworth Community Woodland - Redeveloped Pit Top area, managed privately however open to public for walking, cycling, horse riding and other activities • Steam Museum - Part of Markham Grange Garden Centre • Highfields Country Park and Lake 	<p>Shops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier • Co-op • Londis • Purrfect 4 Pets • From Fry Fish Farm • AW Motorcycle Parts • Home Computing Solutions Ltd • Al Murad Tiles and Decorating Superstore • Shay's Unique Boutique • Stafford Road Shop <p>Food/Beverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumaira • McDonalds • The Oval Fish Bar • Woodlands Snooker Club • Woodlands Rhinos Bar • Woodlands Park Club & Restaurant • Big Baps, Stafford Road • Mama Maribels Cakes • 5 Flavours <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DB Commercial Repairs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northridge Community School (SEN Provision) • Blossom Tree Day Nursery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodlands Allotments - Managed by DMBc for the community to grow fruit and vegetables • Adwick Park, Adwick - Home to football and cricket teams. Open green Space and play park. • Station Road Playing Field, Adwick - Large greenspace and football teams <p>St Leger Communal Halls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circuit House Communal Hall - Very well used community centre <p>Physical Activity/Sports Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adwick Leisure Complex - Includes swimming, bowling, gym, MUGA, Skatepark and other sports activities. Managed by DCLT • Brodsworth Main Football Club/Welfare - Privately Managed by a board of trustee's - Allan Bell is the chairman • Cllr John Mounsey Sports Centre - Within Outwood Academy Adwick, can be booked privately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Arthur Balloons Design • Aarons Travel • JBA Consulting • DFS Head Office • Clark Electrical • ASDA Warehouse • B&Q Distribution Centre • Next • Kevin Costello Driving School • Ian's Driving School • Arksey School of Motoring • Markham Grange • Markham Pet Centre • AVG Technic • Catmet Ltd • G&J Repairs • 4th Image Unisex Hair, Nail & Beauty Salon • Ultimate Motors and TY Caravans • JET Petrol Station • Danum Homecare
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INDIVIDUALS (Key Individuals within the community and why)	ASSOCIATIONS Local Groups/Clubs	STORIES (Good news stories)
<p>Ward Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Nicola brown • Cllr Steven Plater • Cllr Maria Hollingworth <p>MP: Ed Miliband</p> <p>Professionals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger Communities Team based at Adwick Town Hall • Early Years workers at Adwick Family Hub • St Leger Homes Staff • PCSO's • Great North Medical Group • Social Prescribers • Well Doncaster 	<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints Food Bank • Woodlands Library Foodbank • Woodlands Speaks • Woodlands Library Champions • Jackson Hope Groups running at Woodlands Library <p>Physical Activity/Sports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adwick Swimming Club • Broddy Pit Top Runners Group • Active Circuit (chair-based exercises at Circuit House with Fitness Doncaster) • Brodsworth Welfare JFC • Brodsworth Miners Welfare Cricket Club • Adwick Park Rangers JFC • Adwick Park Foresters FC • Adwick Walking Cricket Group <p>Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland's 5th (Doncaster) Scout Group - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts • First Friends (Adwick Family Hub) • After School Clubs (all schools) • PHAB Doncaster (SEND group) <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krafty Corner • Knit & Natter Groups • Coffee Morning (Woodlands Library) • Bead Group (Circuit House Communal Hall) • Woodlands Art Group • Woodlands Community Gardening Club Circuit House <p>Woodlands Library Veterans Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodlands Library Community Champions continue to host successful events and well attended community groups daily. The library serves as a community hub, hosting support services such as YourPlace, CAB and Employment Support. Woodlands Library have also supported Household Support Funding and have recently opened a new foodbank to serve the community. • Adwick Walking Cricket Group, a well-established local group, has gained many new members in recent months. They successfully hosted a summer event in 2025 raising money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance in conjunction with Great North Primary Care Network. This group is open to all and is an inclusive group welcoming members of all ages, genders and abilities. • Woodlands residents have worked successfully with their Well Doncaster Officer to set up a Positive Action Group for the community. This group is currently attended by local community groups and partners but is open to all residents and partners in Woodlands to work towards bringing positive change to the Woodlands Community.

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 Woodlands 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.

Community insight is captured through community conversations in Woodlands and is an ongoing process throughout the years from 2020-2025. Community conversations are had at various community events, meetings and through day-to-day interactions with residents and other key stakeholders. A thematic analysis has been undertaken on community conversations had with residents and other key stakeholders of such areas thus far. Response have been developed into a thematic framework for Woodlands. All themes identified through this process inform community development and engagement activity moving forward.

Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Neighbourhood/Community spirit	Friendliness and neighbours	I know everyone and it's a good community, we look out for each other-WD-20-22	NB codes in the 2020 framework refer to WD – Woodlands Discovery, and SW Stronger Woodlands Datasets.

		it is important for people to know where they can get help and knowing there is somewhere warm and welcoming they can come to - WD-25-43	
Assets	Amenities Local Facilities and support Supportive People	<p>The Library Hub provides other services that are helpful, such as Employment support and wellbeing services/ activities - SW-20-7</p> <p>We used to have yearly Gala's on and in the Brodsworth miners Hall and play area which had a band stand, also bowls and running and cycling around the cricket pitch - SW-20-6</p> <p>The priest at the church is great - Rev Stephen Gardner. He is very supportive of the community and everyone who lives in woodlands - WD-20-10</p> <p>In the past there was more of a social scene with the pubs and clubs which I think people miss - WD-20-7</p> <p>There's a really positive foodbank provision available - WD-23-137</p> <p>The library and what it offers is amazing - WD-23-141</p> <p>There are also lots of local amenities and schools that are close by which is good for those of us who have children - WD-24-5467</p> <p>Its local to everything like shops and community centres and the family hub. I have a car but I wouldn't need one to live here and get around to lots of different places easily. WD-25-499</p> <p>What it needs is more youth clubs, community halls or places, there's a lot of vandalism they need better places to hang out and play. - WD-25344</p>	<p>Residents have mentioned a variety of assets in Woodlands, from shops, local amenities, schools and leisure centres being easily accessible, to local avenues for support such as foodbanks and community spaces.</p> <p>Schools, green spaces and local amenities are something that is commented on positively in Woodlands. The high street itself is an asset to the local community which offers shops, support services, foodbanks but it also provides community members with an opportunity to leave the house and connect with the wider community catching up with other people. Local amenities are easily accessible for residents in Woodlands, one resident notes that though they have a car, they would not need it where they live as most things are in walking distance.</p> <p>Residents speak about local avenues for support such as local foodbanks and support from the staff at All Saints Church and Woodlands Library. From these conversations it is clear that residents in Woodlands feel they have assets they can rely on for support in difficult times, a theme continuing from the Community Spirit section.</p> <p>It is noted that there used to be more community events and opportunities for young people in the past, and there is a demand for this now particularly for young people as there is not a youth group locally.</p>
Community Groups		<p>The family hubs are vital, great for children to learn and play and for mums for support and advice - WD-22-79</p> <p>Community groups are accessible and inclusive. we need more outdoor facilities for children - WD-23-2683</p>	<p>In Woodlands, residents frequently mention Community Groups as an asset in themselves deserving a full theme. These groups, as previously discussed, are important to residents for their wellbeing and for feeling welcome and a part of something.</p>

		<p>Circuit house group really keep me going. helped me after I lost my husband and child and the support they've given me is amazing - WD-23-2686</p> <p>Lifeline against the breadline is good and being able to come to this zoo experience with the kids at Brodsworth community hub - WD-23-3233</p> <p>There used to be a lot going on within the community [...].These things bring the community together, informing others about what is going on was key - we used to have a village magazine - WD-23-136</p> <p>I like that I can go places and see people, things like Woodlands Library and a local meditation group. WD-25-243</p> <p>Library staff, volunteers and attendees all feel like a family – WD-25-258</p> <p>Places like the library bring people together, it's not a community without the people. You feel settled here. - WD-25-283</p>	<p>Residents speak of the importance of the Adwick Family Hub for mutual support among parents as well as for children's development. It appears that the benefit of attending community groups is not as simple as just reducing isolation and improving mood, but multiple residents give examples of how support from local community groups has helped them a great deal in times of crisis or great difficulty. Residents mention how attending groups after bereavement or major surgery has helped them immensely. Woodlands library is particularly highlighted for having friendly staff and volunteers, and being a very welcoming place – so much so that some residents feel they have a family at the library.</p> <p>Residents do often speak of how there was more choice of activities and community groups in the past which brought the community together, expressing that information and communication around these things was key. It would appear that now there are less groups, but the impact of attending is perhaps felt on a deeper and more profound level.</p>
Green Spaces		<p>Walking on the pit top you feel like you are in the middle of the countryside - SW-20-3</p> <p>The open spaces, Brodsworth Community Woodlands - WD-22-69</p> <p>Parks are good - WD-22-52</p> <p>Quiet area where I live. Fair View Avenue park on the New Estate is well maintained and I enjoy walking my dog there - WD-22-34</p> <p>Love walking round Highfields Country Park, so nice and scenic, always seems clean and tidy and full of friendly people - WD-22-84</p> <p>Like nature and used to walk a lot in the past so nice to have green spaces and nature around me.- WD-23-139</p>	<p>Throughout the time we have been carrying out community conversations in Woodlands, residents have referred to green spaces as something good about their community. They appreciate feeling like they live somewhere rural, and many residents spend time walking on the pit tops, in the local smaller parks and in Highfields Country Park.</p> <p>Residents appreciate where their estates are well maintained, and comment on the street structure, where the roads are lined with trees and are less busy with traffic.</p> <p>Residents frequently discuss walking with family or with dogs, and appreciate that the area is rural whilst still being well connected to the city.</p>

		<p>I love it here, it is a nice area, like the pit tops where you can walk your dogs - WD-25-258</p> <p>I really like the fact that we're on the edge of Doncaster and can get to the country park easily. - WD-25-243</p> <p>There are wide streets and tree lined avenues, and lots of open spaces. - WD-25-500</p>	
Safety		<p>I can get to the parks- better lighting would help - WD-20-18</p> <p>I feel safe living here - WD-20-7</p> <p>No trouble with drugs or antisocial behaviour - WD-20-13</p> <p>In the past there was more police presence which meant that there was more law and order - WD-20-12</p> <p>In the past people took more pride - WD-20-11</p> <p>It is quiet and feels safe, I wouldn't want to move - WD-25-244</p> <p>What it needs is more youth clubs, community halls or places, there's a lot of vandalism they need better places to hang out and play. - WD-25344</p>	<p>Safety has not been a concern for the majority of people living in Woodlands. The decline of police presence over the years was mentioned, and residents seemed to prefer the village when police would walk the streets. There are mixed responses around Antisocial Behaviour, with some stating that the streets are quiet and that there are no problems, but others have mentioned the lack of activity for local children leading to issues with ASB.</p>
Travel	Active Travel	<p>The cycling infrastructure on Doncaster Lane, Doncaster is forward thinking with cycling lanes and I use them regularly... I loaned a bike from Woodlands Library and think this is an absolutely fantastic initiative. - WD-23-134</p> <p>Good transport links, close to the A1 - WD-23-125</p> <p>It's good to have local businesses on the doorstep - WD-23-132</p> <p>Good access to motorway... Access other areas, shops etc. easily. Kids can walk to school - WD-23-127</p> <p>We have plenty of buses on the main road so we can get into town - WD-23-141</p>	<p>Residents in Woodlands have referred to active travel, and the connectivity in the area with road transport and public transport.</p> <p>Having services that offer the opportunity to access bicycles is important to residents who may not be able to afford a bicycle of their own, as one resident notes the use of a bike lending scheme at Woodlands Library. Walking along the pit top is also something that residents use to travel as a way of staying healthy which keeps them connected to their local surroundings. With the upcoming Ride, Stride, Thrive service from Get Doncaster Moving being based at Woodlands Library, this will hopefully encourage even more people to get walking whether for active travel or for pleasure.</p>

	Accessibility	<p>I don't like having to travel too far so being close to everything is good - WD-23-156</p> <p>Close to motorway - worked in Leeds so it was quick to get on the way to work - WD-23-164</p> <p>There is a bus stop outside my front door – WD-25-244</p> <p>There are good transport links, bus train and motorway. WD-25-258</p>	<p>Good transport, bus and road links are something the community value to get to work. Accessible employment is needed to thrive within the Woodlands community. The transport links also provide links to family and friends which contributes to the local support network and health. Residents appreciate that there are good transport links, with one resident having a bus stop outside their front door.</p>
Health and Wellbeing			
Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Healthcare Services	Accessible Healthcare Services	<p>Being able to access support services - WD-23-153</p> <p>Being fit to live long [...] having the right resources to be healthy, access to GPs - WD-23-160</p> <p>Having the chance to access free prescriptions so I can take my medication and being able to get out when I can and speak to people - WD-24-4529</p>	<p>Throughout the last few years of questioning, being able to access GP appointments when needed, and promptly, is the most prevalent theme which comes up first when asking the question 'What does good quality healthcare look and feel like to you?'. Residents would like to be able to access appointments with ease, without barriers such as technical systems, and would prefer to see clinicians face to face. Many residents feel that online booking systems are difficult to use and that they face waiting lists which are too long.</p>
	Free or affordable services	<p>Ensuring I am able to access the correct medications that I need, having free access to healthcare, free education and having access to nice areas to improve mental health - WD-24-4525</p>	<p>Residents speak about the importance of awareness of support options, such as accessing free prescriptions or specialist services.</p>
	Knowledge of Support on offer (2025)	<p>I've suffered with mental health so need accessible services for specialised counselling as the wait for this type of support is too long - WD-24-4485</p>	<p>Finally, residents feel it is important to be treated with dignity and respect. They would like to have their care explained to them at all stages of the process, and there to be open communication. Residents want to feel validated when they seek care, and want to be active members of their own care.</p>
	Dignity, respect and communication (2025)	<p>It would be good to be able to see a doctor, we need more appointments locally in terms of accessibility, sometimes face to face is more efficient. - WD-25-244</p> <p>People don't know about the services that are out there, but there is a lot of support available WD-25-44</p>	

		Having explanations for what is happening to me, having dignity and respect and validation of my experiences. WD-25-283	
Health outside of Medical / GP approach	Community Health Holistic Understandings of Health	Woodlands library has good activities, health screening, and the people here are very friendly. - WD-25-283 Healthcare which gives you strength to do all the activities that you need and enjoy like groups in the community for lifestyle medicine WD-25-446	Some residents made reference to health and healthcare outside of the traditional biomedical approach and outside of GP surgeries and hospitals. One makes reference to the health screening bus at Woodlands Library, bringing health into the community setting. Another resident brings in holistic understandings of health and the importance of lifestyle medicine, showing a degree of health literacy.
Health as Independence / Personal responsibility	Managing long term conditions Longevity Healthy Habits Exercise	I have Crohn's disease, so I make sure I eat healthily and attend appointments when I need to. WD-25-499 I feel very fortunate that I can walk about, i have good brain health, art groups keep my brain moving, the history group is good for this as well. WD-25-244 Staying fit and healthy - WD-23-117 Exercise, I like that I live in walking distance to the gym - WD-23-156 Managing my weight and being healthy is important - it affects wellbeing and mindset. you feel better doing things and getting about. - WD-23-157 I really enjoy the keep fit at circuit house, there is a good community feel, and I go to a walking group on Thursdays in the local area. It makes me feel fitter and gets me out seeing parts of the countryside. Its good to socialise and have a community – WD-25-497	Residents speak about having a personal responsibility for their health and its impact on their independence. One resident speaks of the importance of healthy behaviours for managing a long-term condition, recognising that the onus is not just on services but on patients to have their own responsibility over their health. Another resident speaks about maintaining their health for their independence, ensuring they stay active socially and physically for their longevity. Residents speak about keeping fit and active as a means to stay healthy. Some attend local groups to help with motivation, and others enjoy walking in the local countryside.
Socialising for Wellbeing	Mutual Support Combatting Isolation Mental Wellbeing	Having people to talk to keeps me going - W-23-119 To feel safe within my community - W-23-123	Socialising for wellbeing was the most prominent response when asked 'What is important about your health and wellbeing?'. This is key for mutual support, for combatting isolation, and for mental wellbeing. Residents also speak about maintaining their health so that they are able to support and care for loved ones. Socialising for wellbeing often happens at local community

	<p>After having a major surgery, I came to the activity groups at the library, I found people easy to talk to and found that the socialising helped in my recovery. - WD-25-283</p> <p>Taking time for others, sharing our problems and having conversations is good for your wellbeing to see other people WD-25-297</p> <p>Getting out the house and coming to places like this is good for my health and wellbeing because it has a positive impact on my mental health - WD-24-3973</p> <p>Mental health, getting out and meeting people. It is important that people know groups are on and that there are avenues of support they can access - WD-25-43</p> <p>It's important that people aren't left alone, it's good to come together as a group. - WD-25-243</p> <p>Social interaction, getting out of the house to somewhere that feels safe and welcoming - WD-25-258</p> <p>Good Mental health is important because if you have poor mental health, you are not going to be present in any aspect of your life - WD-23-151</p>	<p>groups, keeping group members both physically and mentally active. One resident notes that she recovered quickly from a major surgery thanks to support provided from attending a local group, motivating her to have a more active recovery process. Residents note how sharing troubles with others removes the burden on individual mental health, and helping others can improve wellbeing in itself.</p> <p>Getting out of the house and seeing different people is often mentioned, particularly to somewhere which feels safe and welcoming. Many responses from the most recent data are from people attending groups at Woodlands Library, a community space which makes attendees feel welcome with lots of community support offered and different social groups.</p>
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Doncaster Talks

In 2019, Doncaster Talks undertook insight across the borough of Doncaster. Responses were separated into wards and thematically analysed. Across the Adwick and Carcroft ward, 207 responses were received. 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:



Like:

- Good access to local amenities and lot of things to do
- Good community spirit/friendly people
- Good access to parks/greenspace

Improve:

- Cleaner streets – less litter and a better appearance for the area
- Invest in park and green space
- Reduce crime and ASB, in particular quad bikes

Focus:

- Cleaner Streets and less litter
- Tackle crime and ASB issues in the area
- Support services for vulnerable people
- Focus on more jobs and investment in the local area

Ward Members

The Adwick and Carcroft ward has three ward members who were elected in 2025.



- [Councillor Nicola Brown](#)

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- [Councillor Maria Hollingworth](#)

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Reform UK



- [Councillor Steven Plater](#)

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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).

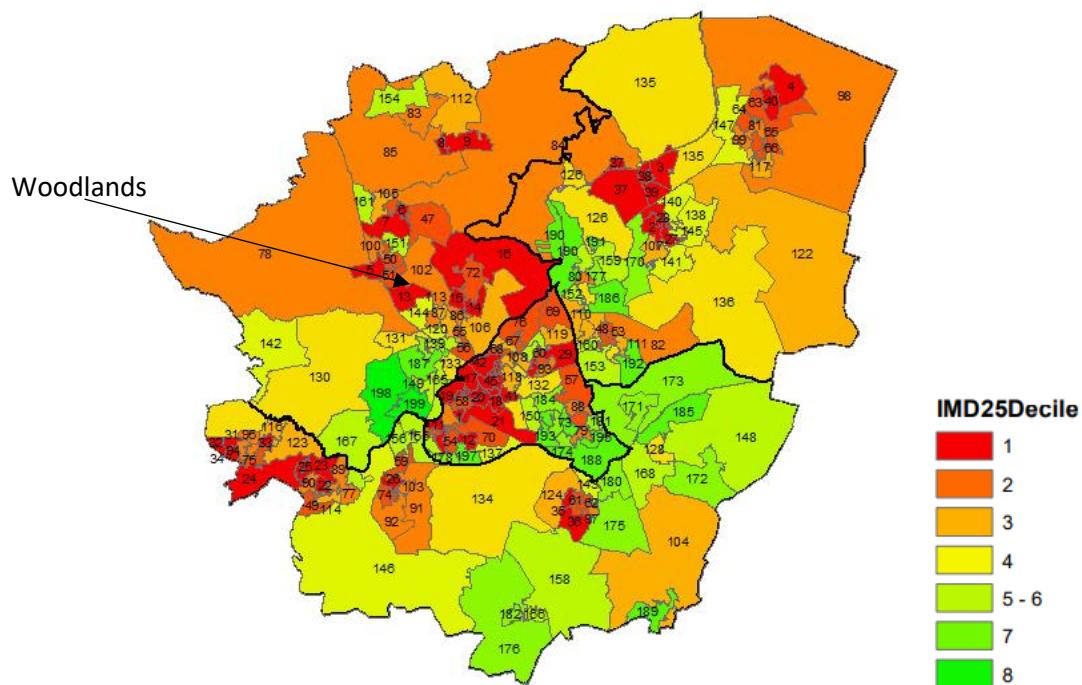


Figure 4. Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA 2025 – Doncaster (IMD, 2025)

The map above illustrates Woodlands as one of the most deprived communities in Doncaster. IMD data shows Woodlands (38.95) is now the seventeenth most deprived area in Doncaster, in which the communities IMD score has decreased since 2019 (41.68).

Wealth Inequalities

In 2025, 36.7% of Adwick Le Street and Woodlands Middle-Layer Super Output Area (MSOA) residents are experiencing poverty, higher than the Doncaster average of 29.3%. This is a significant increase from 2019, where 21.7% of residents were living in poverty.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Adwick Le Street and Woodlands MSOA (24.9%) is higher than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), similarly to all people, this has increased (from 18.8%) since 2019.

Furthermore, 58.6% of children are living in poverty in, higher than the Doncaster average, 47.1%, an increase from 30.4% in 2019.

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

At community level, the data differs slightly, with 37.9% of Woodlands residents experiencing poverty, 26.7% of older people and 59.5% of children.

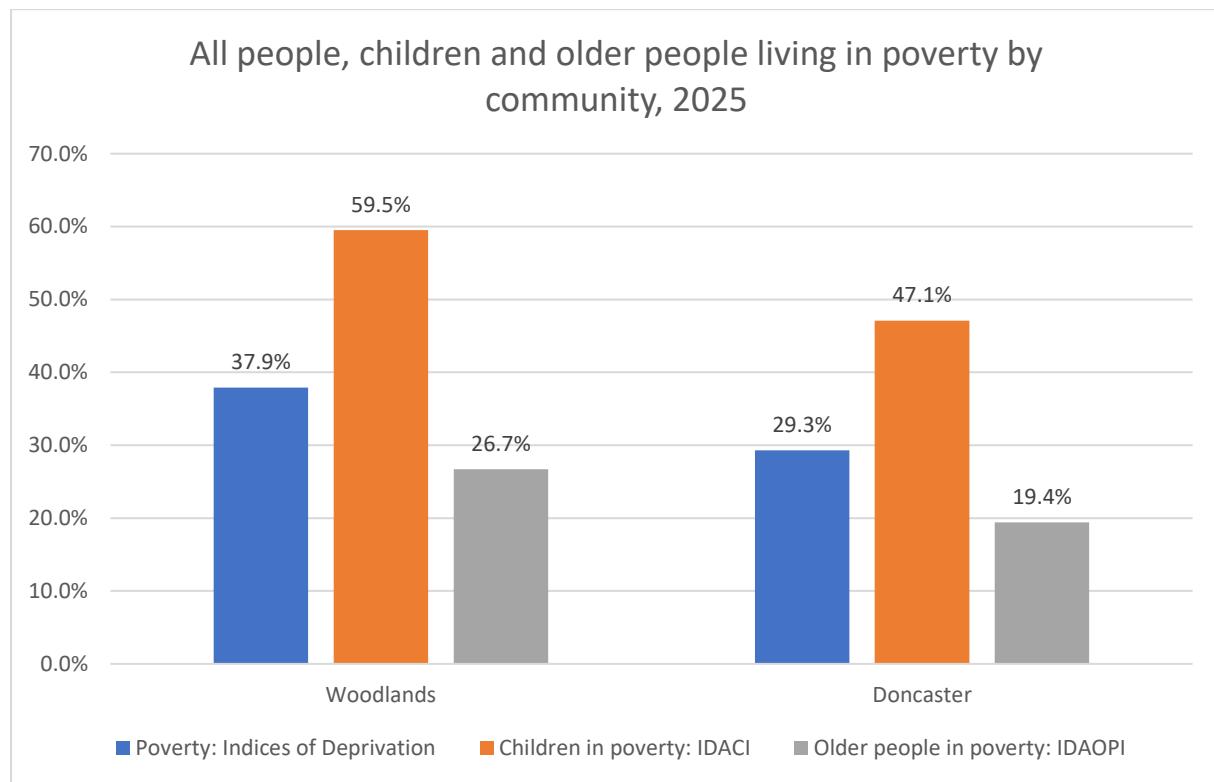


Figure 5. Poverty prevalence using IMD25 (IMD 2025)

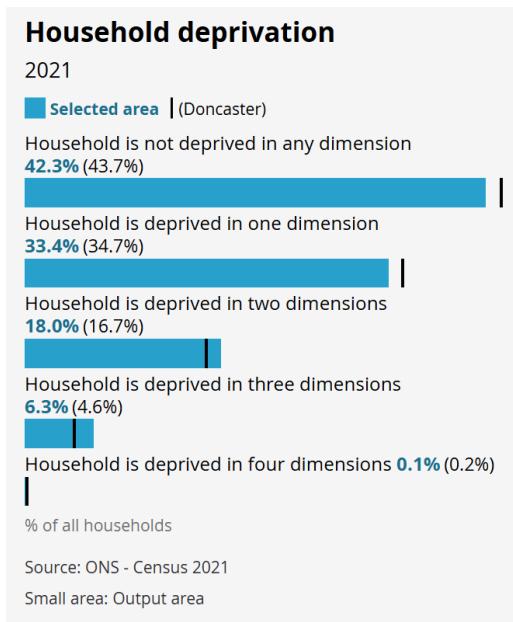


Figure 6. Household deprivation by dimensions in Woodlands (ONS 2025)

The figure above shows the level of deprivation by dimension within households in Woodlands.

- Within Woodlands there are 42.3% of households not deprived in any dimension, which is slightly lower than Doncaster (43.7%) and lower than England (48.4%).
- There are 33.4% of households that are deprived in one dimension, which is lower than Doncaster (34.7%) and in line with England (33.5%).
- Only 18.0% of households in Woodlands are deprived in two dimensions, which is higher than Doncaster (16.7%) and England (14.2%)
- A very small number of households are deprived in three dimensions in Woodlands (6.3%) which is higher than Doncaster (4.6%) and England (3.7%).
- Within Woodlands there are only 0.1% of households deprived in four dimensions, which is slightly lower than Doncaster (0.2%) and England (0.2%).

Employment

According to the 2021 Census, over half of the population of Woodlands (54.7%) are not in employment and have not worked in the last 12 months, with 32.3% of these residents having never worked in comparison to England's (25.6%) and Doncaster (27.2%). This is also reflected in the high proportion of residents aged over 16 years of age (38.5%) who are economically inactive in comparison to England (39.1%). Given the coronavirus pandemic was declared in early 2020 and this data was taken across 2021/22, rates of short-term unemployment may reflect the increased levels of job losses during this time. Work should be undertaken to increase residents' career aspirations and employability skill sets to improve employment chances.

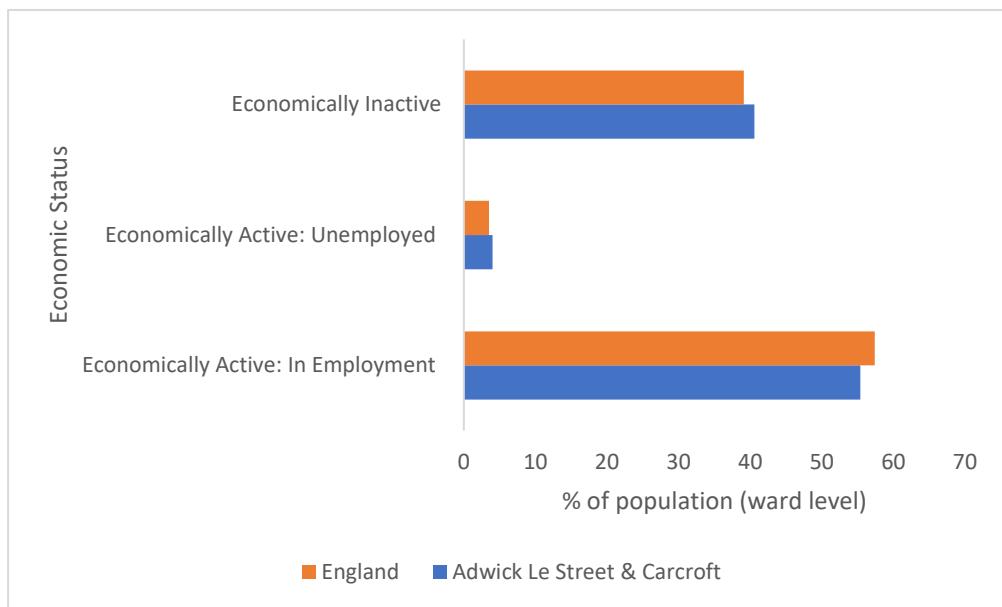


Figure 7. Economic Status of residents (ONS, 2021)

According to the 2021 Census, residents in Woodlands who have no qualifications (26.9%) is significantly higher than Doncaster (22.7%) and England (18.1%). 46.1% of residents hold a level 1,2 or 3 qualification. The percentage of residents holding a level 4 qualification or above sits at just 17.5%, significantly lower than the England (33.9%) and Doncaster (22.7%).

Of those in employment a high proportion are employed in elementary occupations (20.4%), which is higher than Doncaster (16.5%) and England (10.5%). Those working in high skilled occupations such as managers directors and officials (7.3%) and professional occupations (9.2%) is significantly lower than Doncaster (10.2%) and England (12.9%). This identifies an important part of childhood and adult development to ensure investment, skills/training and employment opportunities are accessible for this community.

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%). In 2020, 25% of adults were unable to warm their homes to a reasonable standard in Adwick Le Street & Carcroft ward compared to Doncaster's average (18.8%). This is the highest rate of fuel poverty in Doncaster. Rates across communities in the ward do differ. Data taken at LSOA level suggests Woodlands communities are affected by fuel poverty much more than any other areas in this ward (table 1).

LSOA Code	LSOA Name	Community Name	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Proportion of households poor (%)
E0100746 4	Doncaster 009A	Woodlands Central	623	126	20.2
E0100746 5	Doncaster 009B	Woodlands Red house Interchange	777	111	14.3
E0100746 6	Doncaster 009C	Woodlands Crescent	795	187	23.5
E0100746 7	Doncaster 009D	Woodlands Park	664	154	23.2
E0100747 0	Doncaster 005C	Skellow Laurel Terrace	557	117	21
E0100747 1	Doncaster 009E	Adwick Le Street Mill Bridge	620	41	6.6
E0100747 2	Doncaster 005D	Carcroft West	621	131	21.1
E0100747 3	Doncaster 005E	Carcroft East	612	149	24.3
E0100747 4	Doncaster 005F	Carcroft South/ Enterprise Park	632	155	24.5
E0100750 4	Doncaster 009F	Woodlands East	624	118	18.9
E0100750 7	Doncaster 009G	Highfields	498	153	30.7

Table 1. Rates of Fuel Poverty at LSOA level in Adwick Le Street & Carcroft (Office of National Statistics, 2022)

Food Security

There are 7 active foodbanks in the North locality of Doncaster. All Saints Church Foodbank and Foresters Foodbank are the closest foodbanks to Woodlands in which residents are able to receive support from. The cost of living crisis, low income, benefit delays, debt and benefit changes are the top 5 reasons for residents accessing support from foodbanks around Woodlands. Figure 6 shows demand for food support has remained at similar levels for a number of months in 2024 with a slight decrease in early 2025. As of August 2025 Woodlands has a new foodbank at Woodlands Library which can be accessed by residents for food support.

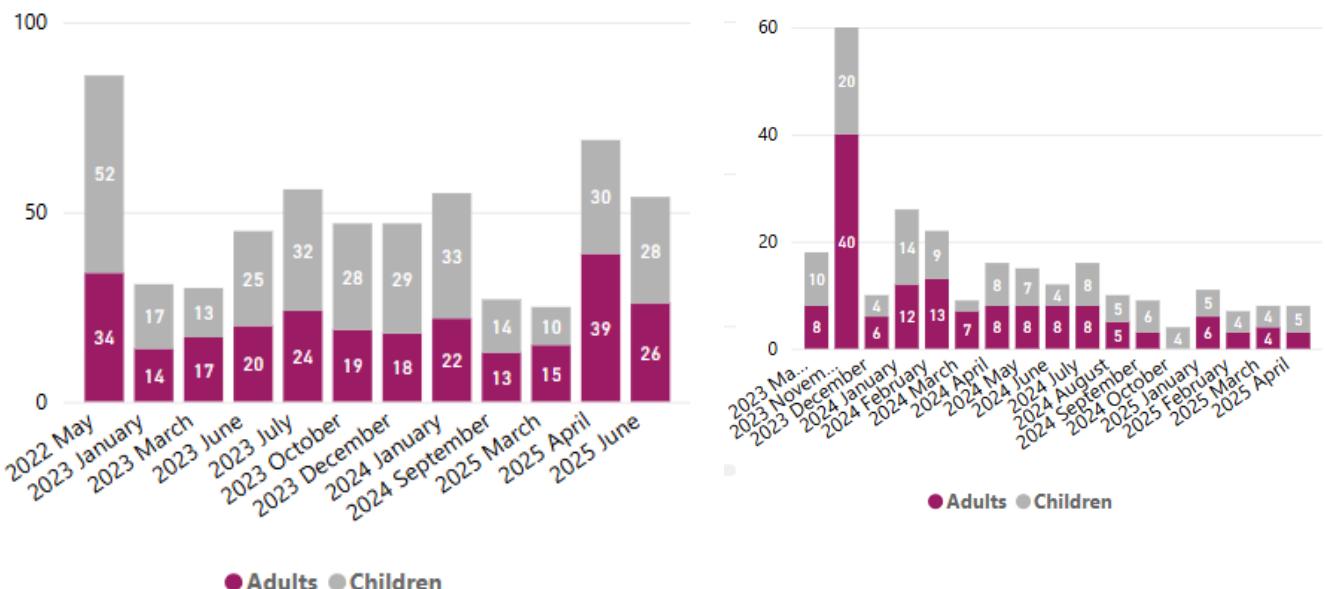


Figure 8. Number of Adults and Children accessing All Saints (Left) and Foresters (Right) foodbanks in North Doncaster (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)

The Bread And Butter Thing (TBBT)

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.

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. There were 216 residents living in the Adwick and Carcroft Ward accessing CADB during the 2024/25 fiscal year, with 739 users across the North locality. Adwick and Carcroft Ward had the 2nd highest number of interactions with CADB in the North of Doncaster in the fiscal year of 2023/24 with this increasing to the highest in the North in the fiscal year 2024/25. Benefits and tax credits, debt, utilities and communications, benefits and universal credits and housing issues are the top 5 issues when seeking support.

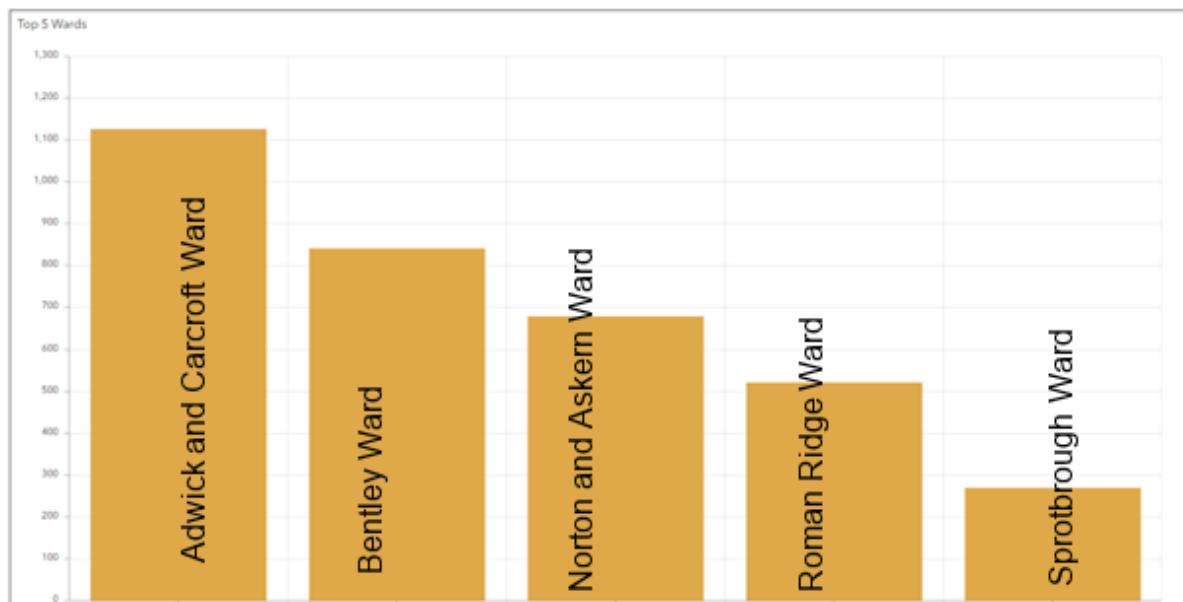


Figure 9. number of interactions with Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough (CADB) during fiscal year 2023/24, (Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025)

Health Inequalities

Life expectancy

Residents in the Adwick and Carcroft ward have a significantly lower life expectancy. Males have a life expectancy of 75.1yrs compared to Doncaster 77.9yrs and England 79.5yrs. Female life expectancy is 79.2yrs, compared to Doncaster's of 81.3yrs and England's of 83.2yrs. In the ward, males can expect to live 56.5 years of healthy life and females can expect 57.7 years of healthy life from birth.

Long-Term Health Conditions

The proportion of residents with poor health in Adwick Le Street and Carcroft is considerably greater than the national average. The Office for Health Improvement

and Disparities OHID reported 24% of residents 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, 23.4% of residents in the ward reported their health as fair, bad, or poor whilst 22.3% of residents are registered disabled under the Equality Act.

Hospital admissions for those living with limiting illnesses or health conditions largely associated with poor lifestyle choices are significantly higher across Adwick Le Street and Carcroft ward. Figure 8 shows the number of emergency admissions to hospital per 100 people for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Myocardial Infarction, Strokes and Chronic Heart Disease (CHD). Admissions associated with COPD are nearly double the national rate, suggesting challenges around self-management of the condition and long-term poor lifestyle choices.

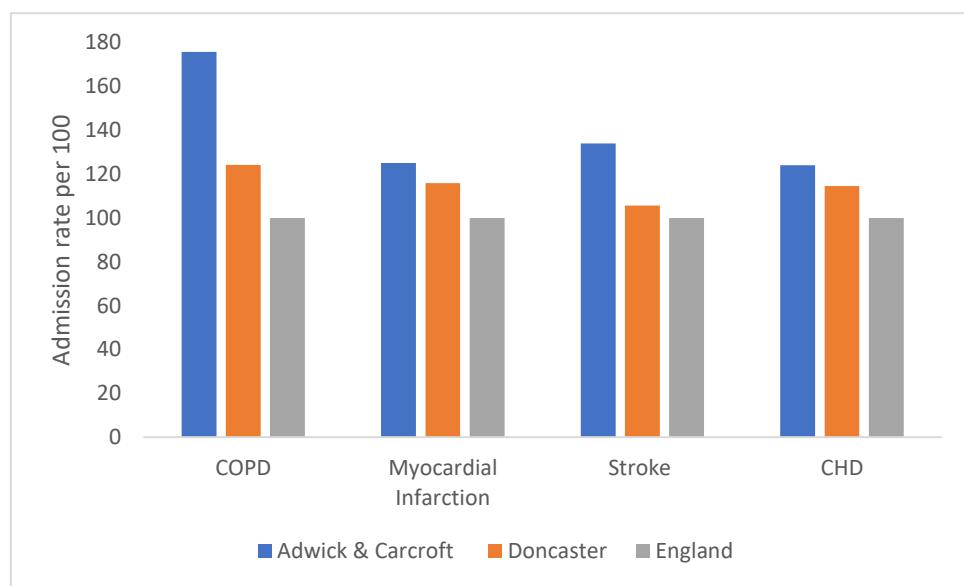


Figure 10. Comparison of hospital admissions across 2016/17-20/21 (ONS, 2021)

Cancer

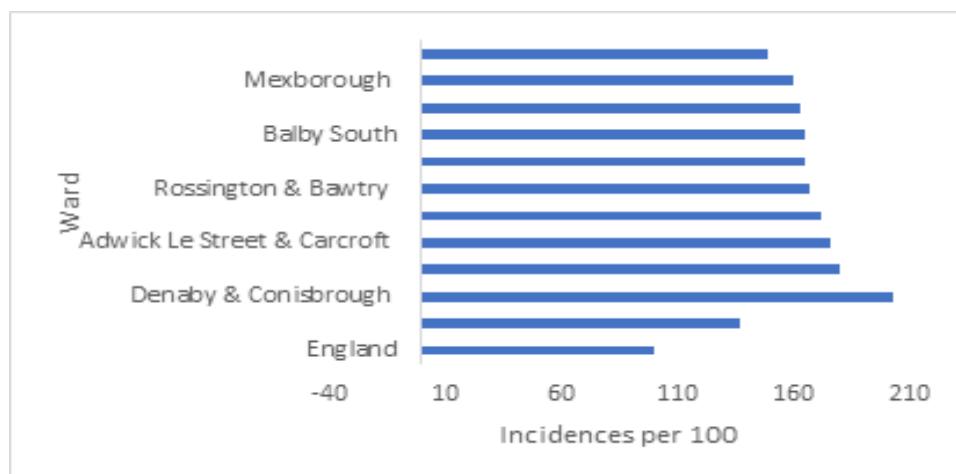


Figure 11. Comparison of incidences of lung cancer across Doncaster 2015-19 per 100 of population (ONS, 2023)

Incidences of all cancers remains one of the leading health conditions residents are living with in Adwick Le Street and Carcroft ward. Specifically, incidences of lung cancer are considerably the highest (176.1 per 100) in the ward and the 3rd highest in Doncaster. Both COPD and lung cancer are highly preventable diseases through lifestyle choices. Both are respiratory diseases that are associated with long-term smoking and possible job history. This suggests there are significant challenges around self-management, health literacy and appropriate uses of health services.

Indices of Mortality

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

Figure 14 shows that using ISR, respiratory diseases including COPD and lung cancer (175.8 per 100) are the leading cause of death amongst Adwick Le Street and Carcroft residents. The chances of such diseases occurring increases with the following factors: smoking, air pollution, allergens, and occupational risks. Stroke, CHD and All Cancers are also top causes of deaths in this ward.

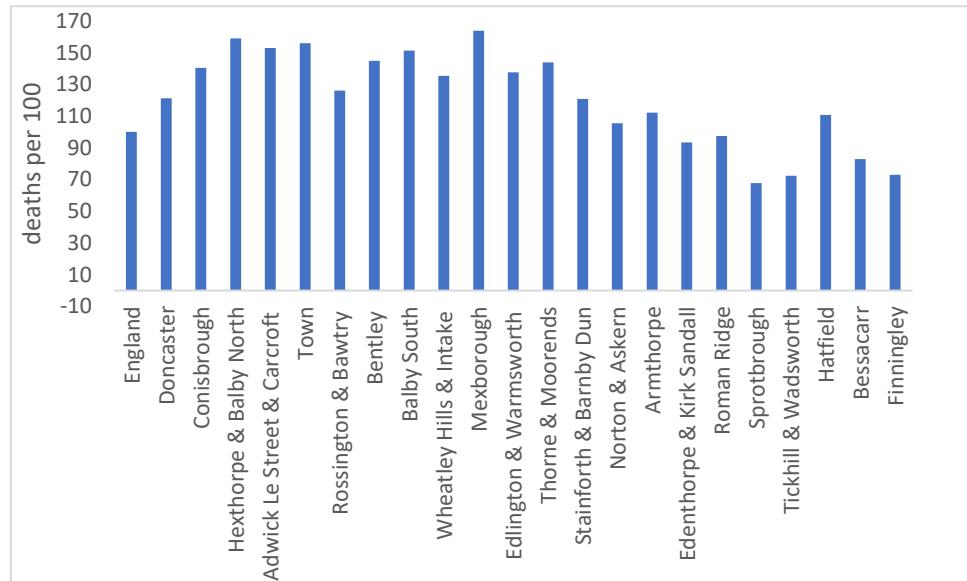


Figure 12. Deaths from all causes in under 75s (ONS, 2021)

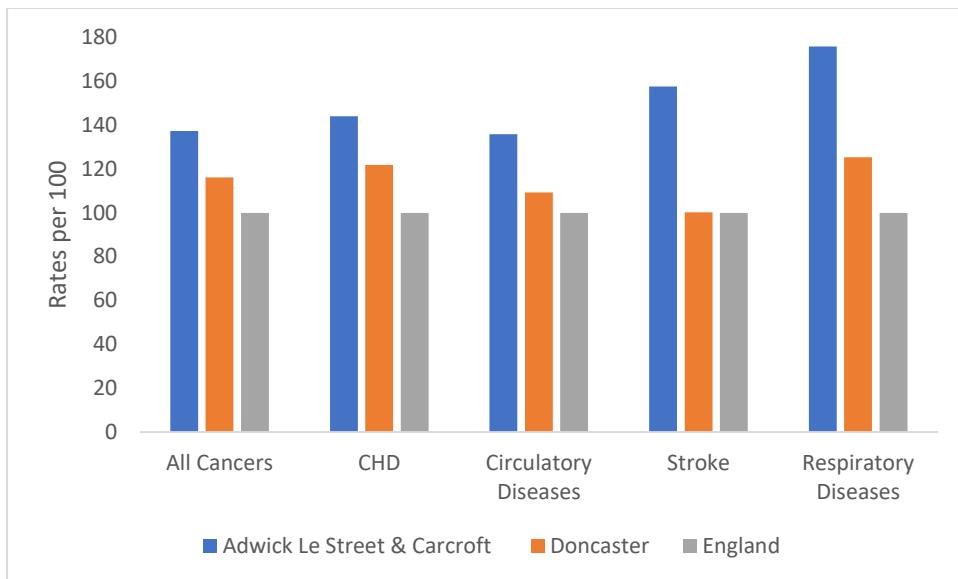


Figure 13. Comparison of deaths from all causes 2016-2020 (ONS, 2021)

Mental Health

Mental health is another area of concern in the Adwick Le Street and Carcroft ward. When using ISR, there are considerably higher emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm in the ward (153.3 per 100) than Doncaster (121.6 per 100) and England (100).

The graphic below highlights the percentage of residents in Highfields who have been diagnosed with clinical depression, as well as rates of other self-reported indicators of mental health and wellbeing. All of these are higher than Doncaster.

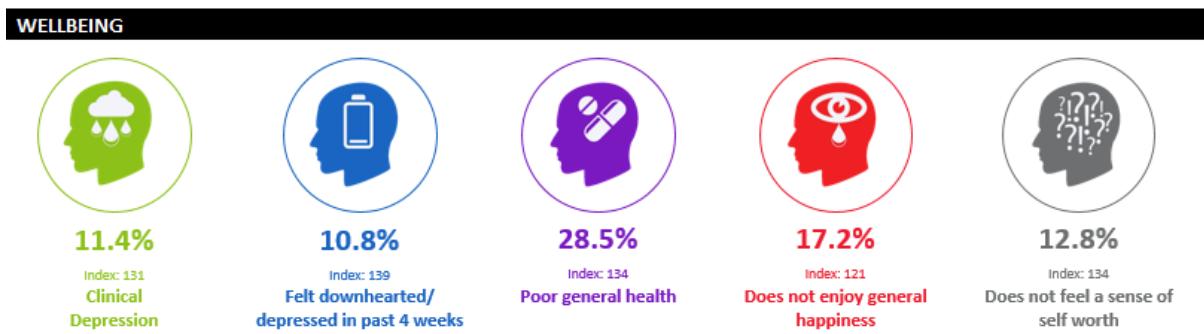


Figure 14. Wellbeing data for Highfields (CDC, 2021)

Alcohol

Figures taken from Alcohol admissions suggest alcohol consumption is not as high in Woodlands communities (figure 10) in comparison to Doncaster (59.8 per 1000) and neighbouring villages. That is, Woodlands Red house Interchange has a rate of 35.4 per 1000 of the population, whilst Woodlands Central has a lower rate of 38 per 1000, both falling well below some of the highest rates in the city.

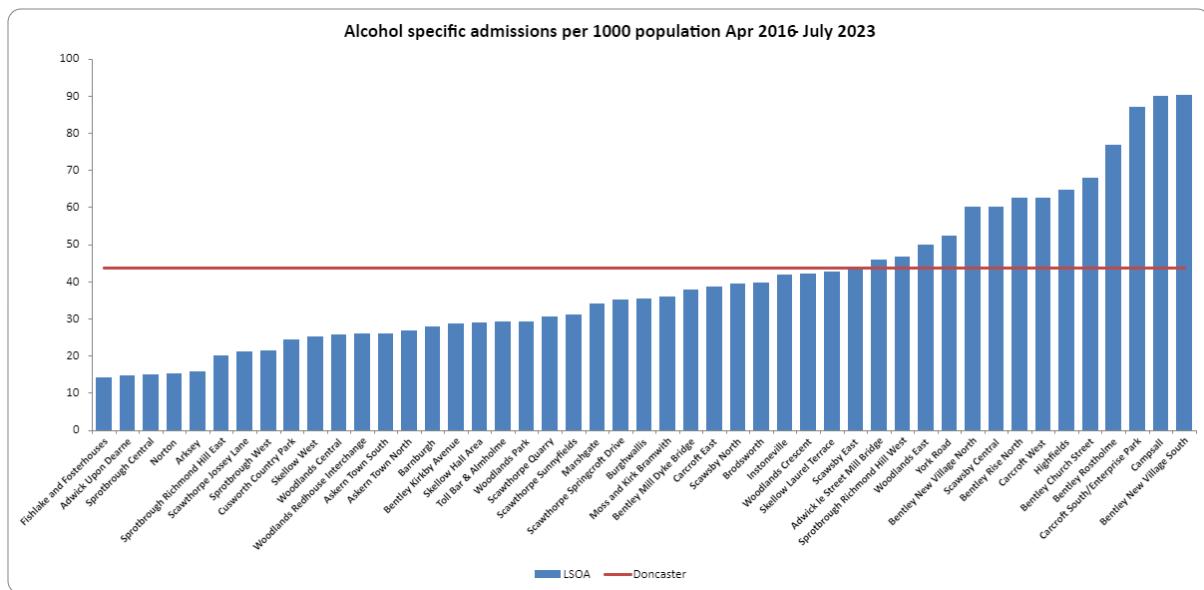


Figure 15. Alcohol Specific Admissions per 1000 population April 2016-2023

Smoking

13.9% of residents in the Adwick and Carcroft ward smoke, which is lower than the Doncaster rate (14.1%), but significantly 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 Adwick and Carcroft ward, the gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £13.0 million. An estimated £4.19 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 ward the total cost due to lost productivity from smoking was estimated at £7.79 million which is significantly higher than the borough average (£6.5M) (ASH 2024).

Childhood Development

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

The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) measures the proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 living in income deprived families. In Woodlands, 59.5% of

children are classed as living in child poverty, this is higher than the Doncaster rate (47.1%).

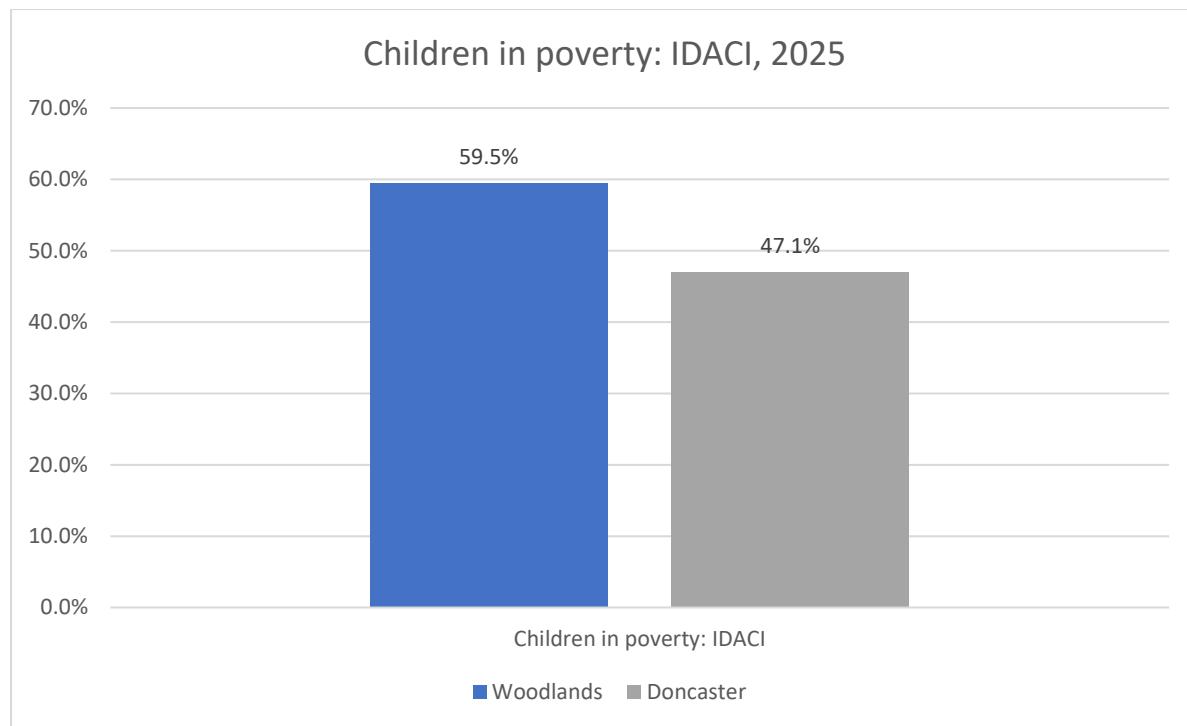


Figure 16. Children in poverty: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) (aged 0 to 15) (IMD 2025)

Obesity levels

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 in Adwick Le Street and Carcroft (24.7%) are lower than Doncaster rate (26.7%) but higher than the England rate (22.3%). This trend continues into year 6, where the number of children who are reported to be overweight (including obese) is Adwick Le Street and Woodlands (39.0%) is lower than Doncaster (40.2%) but again higher than England (36.2%). 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.

Fruit and Vegetable Intake

In the Adwick and Carcroft ward, 98 students took part in the Pupil Lifestyle Survey (PLS). The PLS looks at a number of aspects which affect a students life and their ability to learn. Of the 98 students, 1 was from Year 4 and 97 were from Year 6. 39%

Of those taking part were boy, 58% were girls and 3% describe differently/prefer not to say. 13% in total were disabled and 22% has special educational needs.

Data from the 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey found that 66% of children in the Adwick and Carcroft Ward eat fruit and vegetables every day/most days, which is just slightly lower than the Doncaster average of 67%. However, 20% of pupils reported to consume takeaways most or every day of the week 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 healthy meals on a budget.

Hospital admissions

Data shows the rate of A&E admissions and emergency admissions in under 5s are both significantly lower in Adwick and Carcroft (104.0 per 1000) than England (140.7 per 1000). However, the rate of emergency hospital admissions for ages 15 to 24 are significantly higher in Adwick and Carcroft (175.1 per 1000) than figures reported for England (127.9 per 1000) and slightly higher for Doncaster (161.6 per 1000).

Smoking Exposure

The 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey which included primary and secondary schools across Doncaster reported that children in Adwick and Carcroft Ward have higher than the Doncaster average rates of exposure to smoking in Doncaster, both in the home and in vehicles. That is, 44% of the children surveyed encountered smoking in the home, compared to Doncaster (36%), whilst 17% reported experiences of smoking indoors and as a passenger in a car, higher than Doncaster (16%). 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 smoking and smoking related health conditions in adult years. It is important to note that the Pupil Lifestyle Survey is self-reported and was not completed by all the schools.

Educational Needs

22% of pupils in the Adwick and Carcroft Ward have Special Educational Needs, higher than Doncaster (13%), however 73% of pupils receive extra help in school, which is significantly higher than Doncaster (43%) and is the highest in the borough.

Attainment Scores

In 2024, 54% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics at Key Stage 2, lower than Doncaster (59%) and England (61%). This is an increase from 2023 where 47% of students achieved this standard and also an increase from 2022 where 48% of students achieved this 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 2024, average KS4 attainment scores per pupil (out of 90) in Woodlands was 36.7, compared to 44.0 in Doncaster and 45.9 in England.

Family Hubs

There are three Family Hubs in the North locality 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 Woodlands was 80% for children aged 0-8 weeks, 100% for 0-1 year and 11-month-old children and 97% 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 in Woodlands at age 0-1 years and 11 months was higher than most Doncaster communities (82%). Engagement increases to 93% when including all ages up to 0-4 years and 11 months.



Physical Activity

Mosaic data shows that a high percentage of Woodlands residents to do engage in enough physical activity. Please see [appendix](#) for more information on mosaic data.

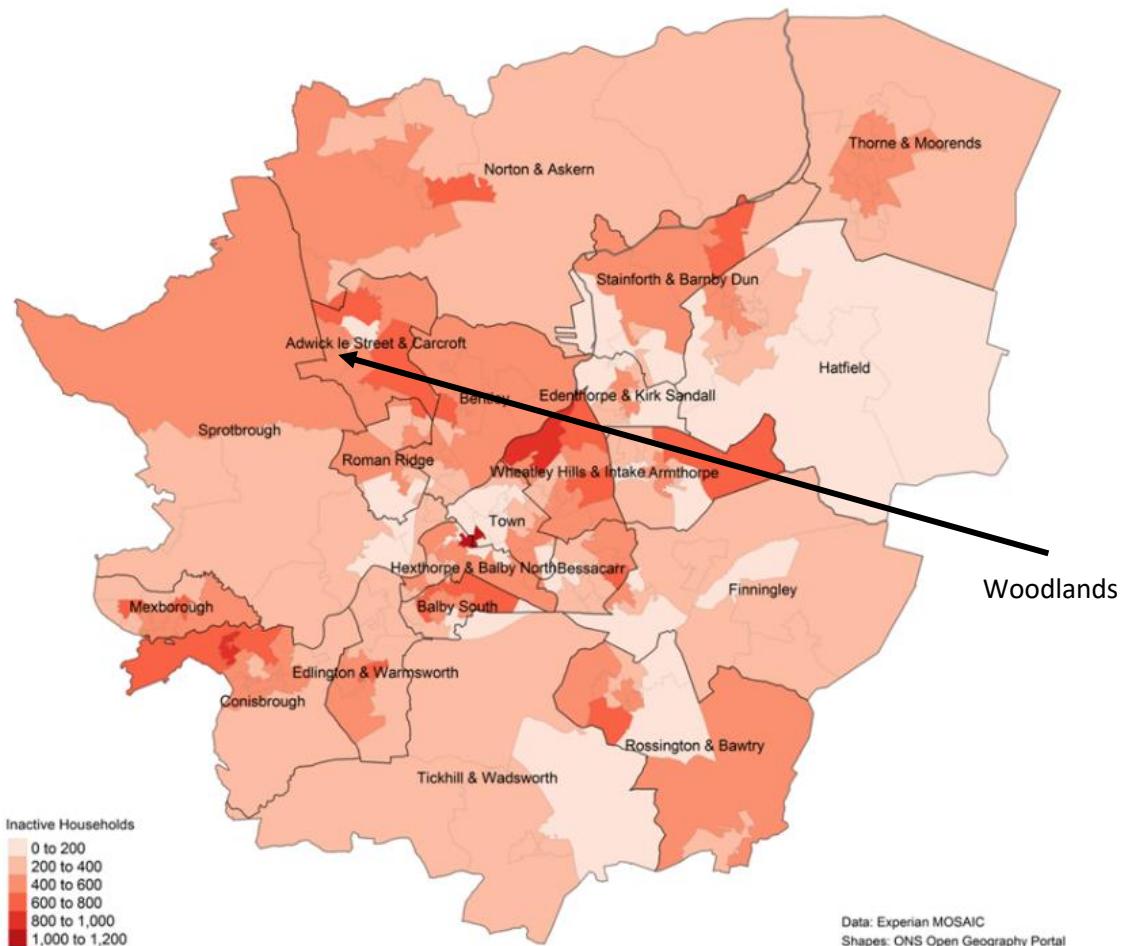


Figure 17. Levels of Inactivity across Doncaster (Mosaic, 2021)

Despite a high proportion of residents not engaging in the recommended physical activity levels, Woodlands does not fall within the top 10 inactive communities in Doncaster. It must be noted that inactivity levels remain a cause for concern across Doncaster and this only reflect the heightened levels of inactivity across the city. Physical Activity should remain high on the agenda for Woodlands.

Data from the Pupil Lifestyle Survey (2024) reports that in the Adwick and Carcroft Ward 18% of children were being physically active on only one or two days a week, 29% were said to be active on three or four days a week, and 51% on five or more occasions during the week. Getting hot, tired, not being very good at physical activity and preferring to do other things were the top three residing answers given by pupils when asked why they did not participate in physical activity. The Adwick and Carcroft

Ward has the highest number of children walking to school (59%) in the Borough and has the second most pupils participating in school clubs (26%).

A high proportion of individuals travel less than 10km to get to work (46.8%), when compared to Doncaster (41.7%) and England (35.4%). However, a high number of individuals travel by car or van to work (60.2%) than Doncaster (57.9%), and less people walk to work (7.1%). Projects promoting active travel to and from work should be considered to improve physical activity levels in the community.

Green Spaces and Parks

Fair View Avenue provides the main form of green Space in Woodlands. The park consists of multi-use games area, toddler and junior play areas, outdoor gym equipment and a playing field.

Central Avenue play area provides a small pocket of green space that has been utilised into toddler and junior play areas.

Residents also utilise The Park which is situated just off of Central Avenue. The Park is a large piece of green space which is encircled by houses on The Park street.

Residents are also able to access Highfields Country Park nearby and Adwick Park, with both assets in close proximity to Woodlands.

Community Information

Population

Adwick Le Street & Carcroft: 16,697

Woodlands: 7,100

Ethnicity and Language

Woodlands does not appear to be very diverse in ethnicity or languages spoken. In Woodlands 96.4% of the population residing in this community identify as 'White', whilst just under 95% report that their main language spoken is English. Only 7.6% of residents report to have been 'born outside the UK'. A total of 4.1% of residents identify as a 'Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority' group.

Age Profile

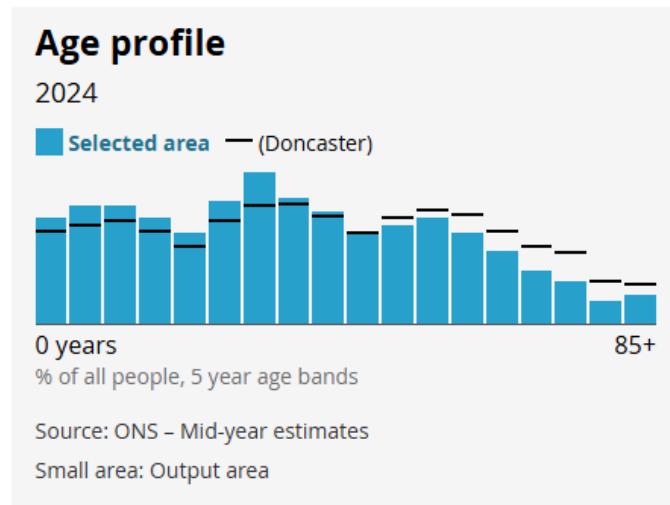


Figure 18. Age profile of Woodlands residents (ONS, 2021)

There are more school aged children in Woodlands than the Doncaster average, the proportion of working age adults also falls in line with the rest of Doncaster. There are fewer residents aged 60 years or older in Woodlands than the rest of the Borough.

Housing

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

A large proportion of housing in Woodlands are classified as houses and/ or bungalows (77%). A small percentage of accommodation are flats, maisonettes, or apartments (5.5%). Figure 15 shows the tenure of households in Woodlands. Households owned with a mortgage, loan, or shared ownership in Woodlands (33.5%) appears to be above Doncaster (29.8%), whilst just over a quarter of households are owned outright (26.5%). Higher than average numbers socially rent their households, whilst the smallest proportion of residents private rent or live rent free.

In Woodlands, St Leger Homes Doncaster manage 591 socially rented properties. These are predominantly 3-bed houses (408) and 1-bed flats (93). Rent arrears in Woodlands have also increased from £73,364.60 in 2023/24 to £79,005.06 in 2024/25. Woodlands has the highest number of rent arrears in the Adwick and Carcroft ward.

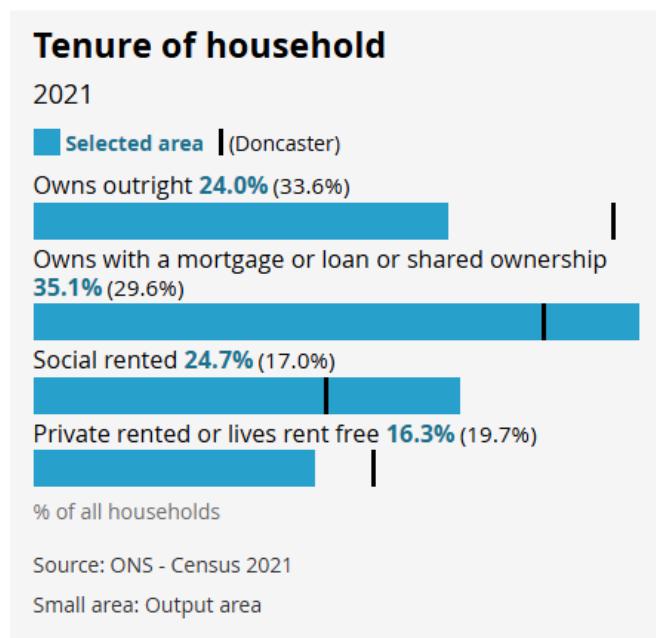


Figure 19. Tenure of households in Woodlands (Census, 2021)

Household Characteristics

A substantial number of residents in Woodlands are currently living alone (26.4%), which is lower than the Doncaster average (31.2%). As less than a third of residents are aged 60 years of age or older and life expectancy is low, it would suggest adults are dying younger, whilst those adults that are living tend to be living alone. Such data would suggest future projects should look at engaging with those at risk of isolation. There are similar amounts of households with 3 or more people (18.5%) living when compared to Doncaster (16.4%). Given that the age cohort is predominately school aged children and working age adults, it would suggest a high proportion of household are young families. This should be taken into consideration when targeting community projects.

Community Safety

Community safety remains a top priority for residents and stakeholders across Doncaster. Feedback from a range of engagement activities consistently highlights concerns around anti-social behaviour (ASB), crime, and perceptions of safety. People want cleaner, more vibrant and welcoming neighbourhoods, supported by effective policing, youth engagement, and thoughtful environmental design.

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

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership

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

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

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

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

North locality reported the lowest number of ASB, hate crime and low-level crimes during the first 6 months of 2023/24. Figure 18 shows that Adwick and Carcroft ward had the highest rates of crime and ASB across the North Locality.



Figure 20. Number of early interventions, ASB, hate crime and low-level crime issues identified and managed at Locality level (City of Doncaster Council 2024)

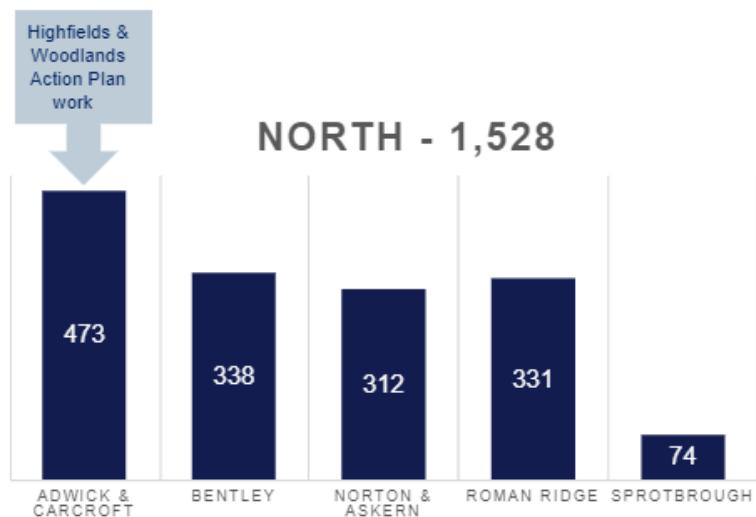


Figure 21. Number of early interventions, ASB, hate crime and low-level crime issues identified and managed at Ward level (City of Doncaster Council 2024)

Vulnerable Victims

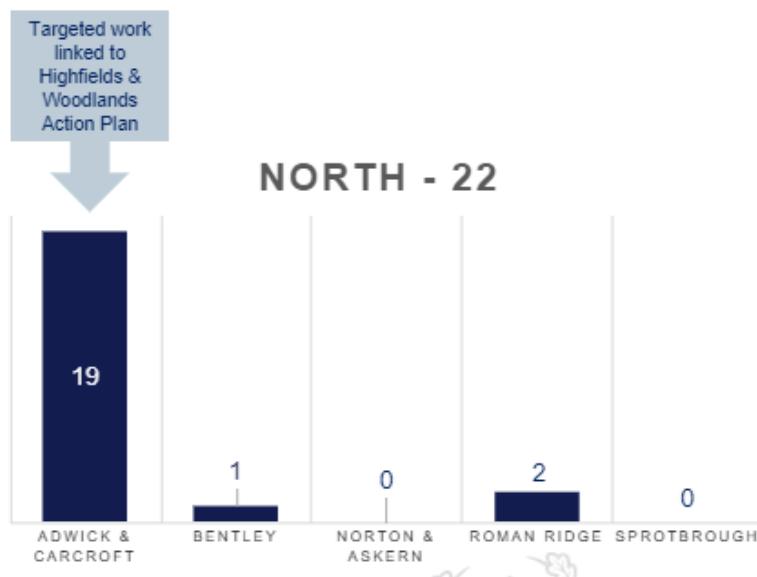


Figure 22. Vulnerable Victims Ward Breakdown (City of Doncaster Council 2024)

Adwick and Carcroft have the second highest number of vulnerable victims living within the ward boundaries, the largest number across the North of Doncaster. It must be noted this data only reflect the residents that have been identified and supported by the Stronger Communities team at Doncaster Council, and there may be more residents that have not been identified or supported but fall within this bracket.

Community Investment

In the Adwick Le Street and Carcroft ward, investment totalled £246,844.57 as of June 2025 as part of Doncaster Delivering Together. In the community of Woodlands, the sum of investment in community organisations was £93,667.31 as of October 2025 (Doncaster Delivery Together, 2025). The top community priorities investment had supported in Woodland 'building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all', 'nurturing a child and family-friendly borough and 'developing the skills to thrive in life and work'.

Residents of Woodlands venture out into the community to a number of assets such as Woodlands Library who have received £14,517.86 to put on a range of provision from community celebrations, to providing a warm welcome space and holding youth activities for local young people in the Library. Furthermore, in Woodlands, foodbanks have received financial support, totalling the sum of £38,000 to put together food parcels on a weekly basis, supporting residents in need of food support.

Ward	Total Amount by Ward	Funding Type	Total Amount by Locality
Norton & Askern	£235,468.67		
Adwick Le Street & Carcroft	£246,844.57	VCFS, Ward Members, Barrier Buster, Community Booster, Active Communities Grant, Community Wealth Builder Support (X4), Locality Commissioning, Holiday Activity Fund, LSCIF Round Two, Community Investment Fund, Community Wealth Builder Grants, Dragon's Den, Ward Members	£804,160.00
Sprotborough & Cusworth	£195,584.38		
Roman Ridge	£80,267.19		
Bentley	£1,036,595.72		

Table 4. Community Investment across North Locality (City of Doncaster Council, 2025)



Figure 23. Community Investment in Woodlands (City of Doncaster Council 2025)

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Appendix

Well Doncaster

More information about Well Doncaster can be found on our website:

[Home | Well Doncaster](#)

Census 2021

The census is undertaken by the Office for National Statistics every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales.

[Build a custom area profile - Census 2021, ONS](#)

[Census Maps - Census 2021 data interactive, ONS](#)

Public Health Data

Fingertips

This is a new Fingertips profile that uses data from Local Health an existing PHE data tool. Local Health is a collection of quality assured health information presented for small geographical areas. By presenting data for small areas, Local Health provides evidence of inequalities within local areas. It supports targeted interventions to reduce such inequalities.

Local Health contains indicators related to:

- Population and demographic factors
- Wider determinants of health
- Health outcomes

It presents data for middle super output areas (MSOA), electoral wards, clinical commissioning groups (CCG), local authorities, and England as a whole.

Please note, as the Local Health tool was designed to allow users to map small area data, a mapping option has not been provided in this profile.

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/local-health/data#page/0>

[Local Health - Public Health England - Reports: get a dashboard on a custom area](#)

Link to data- [Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy by ward: [Life expectancy by census ward](#)

Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2025 – statistical release, data files and reports: [English indices of deprivation 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

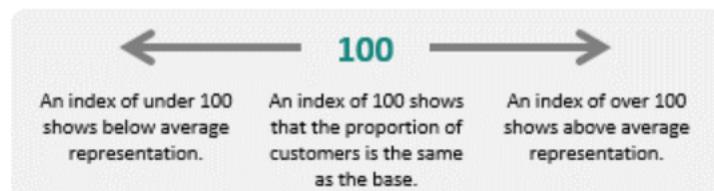
Acorn profiles

Wellbeing Acorn segments the population into 4 groups (Health Challenges; At Risk; Caution; Healthy) and 25 types describing the health and wellbeing attributes of each postcode across the country. By analysing significant social and health related behaviour, it provides precise information and an in depth understanding of upstream issues affected by current lifestyle traits

INTERPRETING THE REPORT

The Wellbeing Acorn profile report helps you understand the underlying demographics, lifestyle and health attributes of your customers and service users by comparing their Wellbeing Acorn profile to a base (e.g. UK population, area or other customer groups).

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

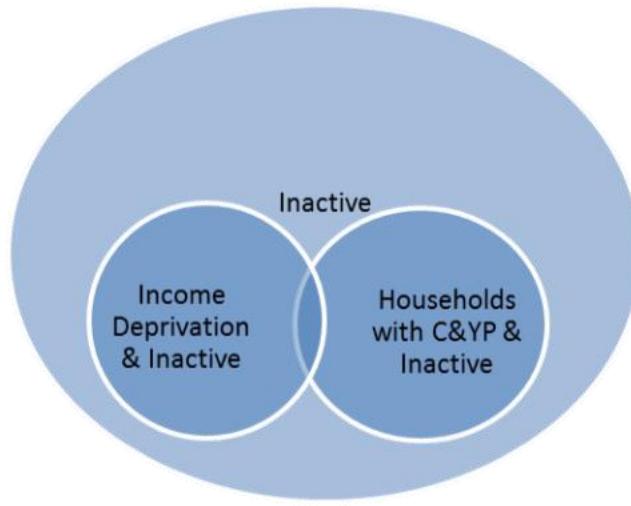
Get Doncaster Moving survey

<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](#).

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

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

Community Investment:

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

Population Health Management

Interactive Map

To access and identify assets at ward and locality level please use the following interactive map: <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/d/viewer?mid=17BayPslJ1OUq6U4OFbk9FKLYL2-wDZN&ll=53.50909620569456%2C-1.136502800000032&z=14>