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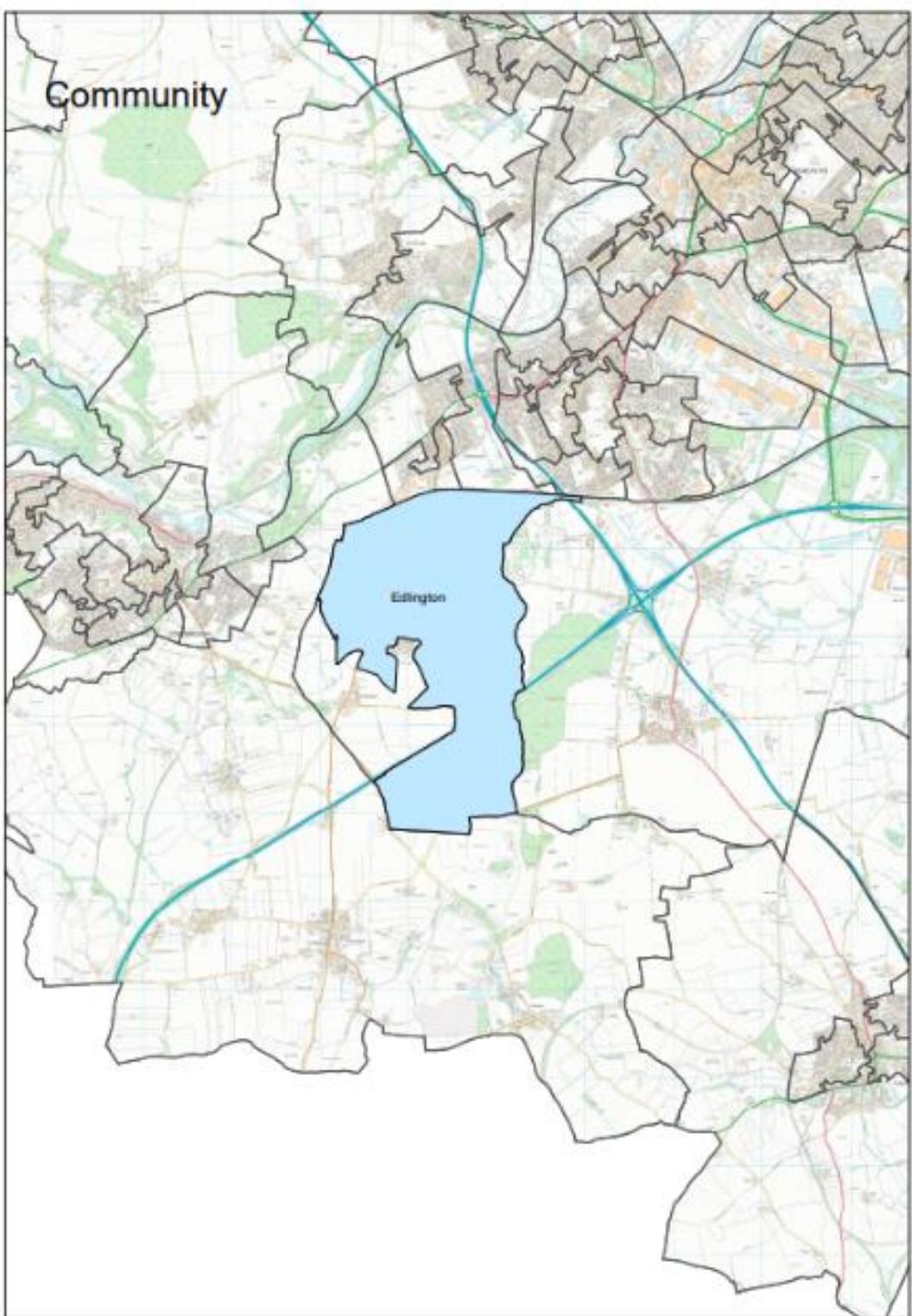


Figure 1. Edlington and Warmsworth Ward Boundaries, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

This Report

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

This report focuses on the community of Edlington, part of the Edlington and Warmsworth ward in the South 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.

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Edlington



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Men live on average to 76.4 years and women to 81.6 years in Edlington



Educational attainment is 30.6% of adults having no qualifications, and unemployment stands at 4.1%



Respiratory and circulatory conditions are major health concerns, with COPD admissions in Edlington



Adult obesity stands at 30.3%, and childhood obesity is 30.6% of Year 6 children obese



Physical inactivity is widespread, with 667 households identified as inactive

One page Summary

Edlington, located in the Edlington & Warmsworth ward in South Doncaster, is a former mining community with strong local assets and a vibrant voluntary sector. Edlington has a population of around 8,400, predominantly White British (96%). The ward ranks among the most deprived in Doncaster with an IMD score of 37.23. Poverty levels are high with 35.3% of residents living in poverty, including 54.9% of children and 25.7% of older people. Educational attainment is low, with 30.6% of over 16s having no qualifications, and unemployment stands at 4.1%, higher than borough and national averages.

Life expectancy here is significantly lower than England: men live on average to 76.4 years and women to 81.6 years, with healthy life expectancy at 59.2 years for men and 60.9 years for women. Respiratory and circulatory conditions are major health concerns, with COPD admissions nearly twice the England rate and lung cancer the most prevalent cancer. Smoking prevalence is high at 22.8%, contributing to poor health outcomes. Adult obesity stands at 30.3%, and childhood obesity is particularly concerning, with 30.6% of Year 6 children classified as obese. Physical inactivity is widespread, with 667 households identified as inactive, often overlapping with deprivation and families with children.

Despite the challenges faced by Edlington, the community has a strong foundation of local assets and social capital. There is a vibrant voluntary and community sector, with organisations such as Edlington Community Organisation (ECO) and Helping Hands providing essential support and opportunities for residents. The area benefits from active community groups, green spaces like Martinwells Lake and Pit Wood, and accessible facilities including schools, health centres, and communal halls. Strong community spirit, rooted in Edlington's mining heritage, continues to foster resilience, mutual support, and pride in place. These assets provide a platform for collaborative action and positive change, ensuring that local strengths are harnessed to improve health and wellbeing.

Key Priorities

- Low education attainment and high unemployment
- Poor healthy life expectancy and high rates of respiratory and circulatory conditions
- Effective self-management of long-term health conditions and appropriate use of health services
- Inactive and deprived households with children and young people
- High levels of childhood obesity (particularly as they enter Year 6)

Assets

Well Doncaster use a community centred approach which allows investment in supporting, working with, and empowering communities to facilitate a healthy community. The voice and role of our communities and taking a strength/assets-based approach is crucial to the achievement of our overall vision. It is recognised that work is needed in the community to expand the understanding of who, how and what is accessed in the area. Greater knowledge of the identity of each community/ward will allow a more appropriate and effective response to community needs.

Asset Maps

Edlington is a relatively rural, former mining community, and its assets are spread throughout the area. The maps below show different types of assets across Edlington. These have been developed using ward boundaries rather than Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs). Larger versions of these maps can be accessed in the [appendix](#).

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.



Business Assets

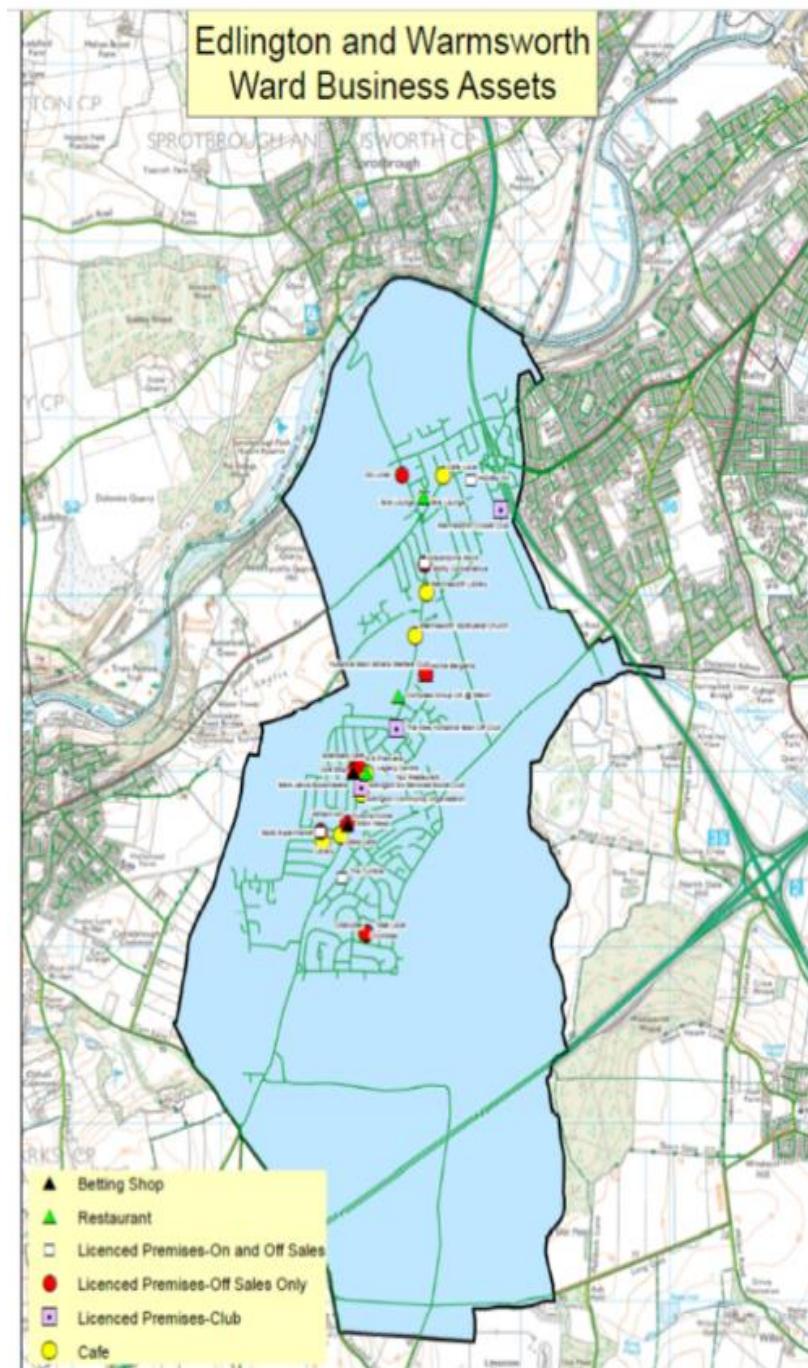


Figure 2. Business Assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Health Assets

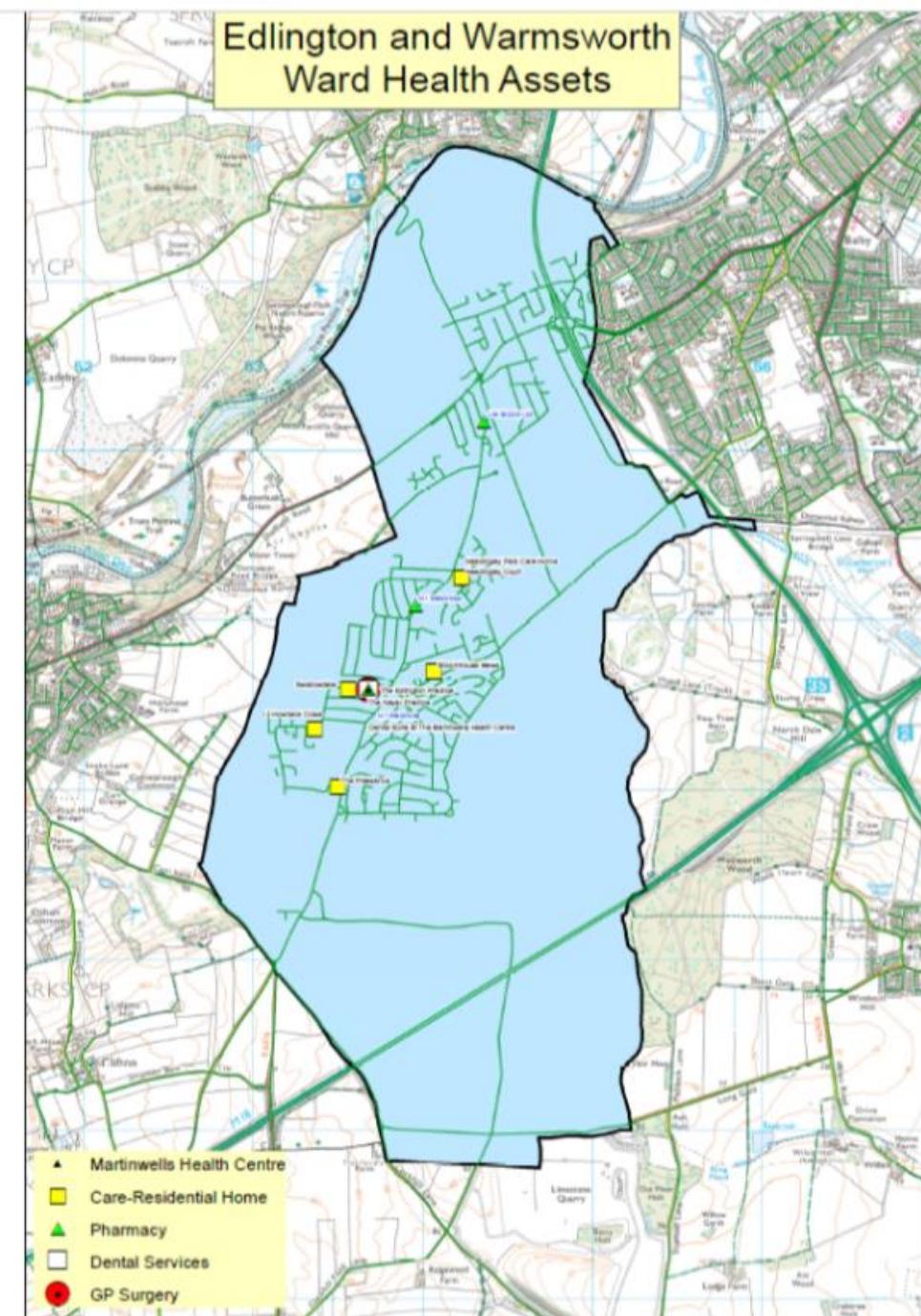


Figure 3. Health Assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Community Assets

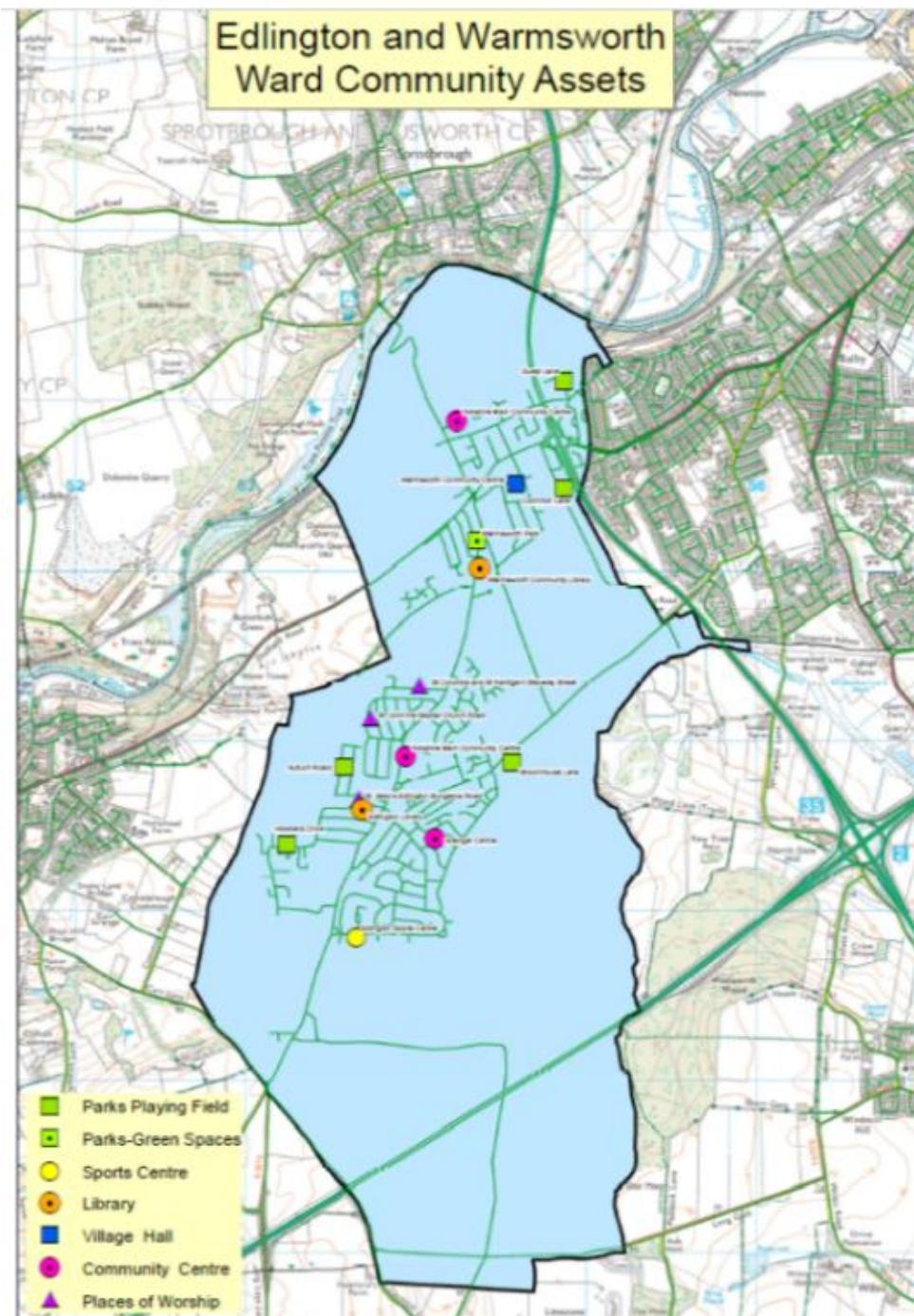


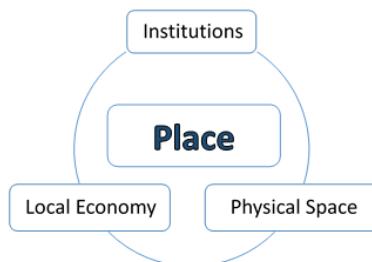
Figure 4. Community assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2024

Assets in the Community

Population Health Management

It is vital to understand the effect and direction the pandemic and cost of living crisis is having on community organisations in the ward so that appropriate and targeted support can be offered, and work can be implemented to manage any gaps or risks associated with changes. To support the former, Well Doncaster officers undertake regular population health management insight with community organisations in, identifying their current status and needs, and work with each group and partners to meet their goals. This is a living document and will be updated and adapted as needs are met and change. If you would like more detail on this, please contact welldoncaster@doncaster.gov.uk.

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



Institutions (Schools/colleges etc.)	Physical space (Parks, carparks etc.)	Local Economy (Local profit Businesses)
Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sir Thomas Wharton Academy• Hill Top Primary School• St Mary's Catholic Primary School• Edlington Victoria Academy• Buttons Nursery	Green space: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martinwells Lake – Has many family and children activities as well as outdoor gym• Pit wood• Edlington woods• Edlington Rec• Hilltop playground St Leger communal halls: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St Leger Howbeck drive – 50+, Bingo, tea, coffee, cake and a laugh• St Leger Hilltop crescent – Bingo clubs Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hilltop Centre – Home of Helping Hands• Church View Communal Hall• Yorkshire Main Community Centre – Home of ECO & Providing community events, meals for the elderly, drug and alcohol support group, IT training, exercise classes, children's activities	Food & Beverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fishbits• Greggs• Pizza King Express BBQ house• Ollies Café• Edlington Grill• Edlo Café• Hong Kong Delights• Kezzy Burger• Petes Plaice Shops/ Supermarkets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASDA• Edlington Convenience Store• Casa• Bella Sorella• Fresh Bakers and sandwich makers• Home bargain• Post Office• Cost cutters
Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Edlington Surgery – PPG• Nayar Surgery – PPG• Weldricks – in Martinwells Centre.• Dentist		
Emergency Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Edlington Fire Station		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edlington Police Station <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Swallow Dale – Assisted Living <p>Religious:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Johns Church – Family Hub Stay and Play sessions run on Fridays 09:15-10:45 Saint Marys Catholic Church The Orthodox Church of Saint Columba and Kentigern Warmsworth & Edlington Spiritualist Church Baitul Baseer Mosque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martinwells centre – Dentist, 2 GP surgeries, library, DMBc adults, children's communities Grainger Centre – Home of Edlington Town Council and Engage Day Centre <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edlington Cemetery Edlington Library at Martinwells Centre – runs the following clubs Shared Reading, Children Story Time, Rhymetime, Armed Forces Drop-in, EDIT Computer Class Royal British Legion - provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. New Edlington Branch the Secretary, Edlington Lane, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1AB Growing Together CIC, Providing the highest quality provision for students at secondary school age and young adults 16+ who require an individualised, inclusive experience. Has a shop and café that is open 9-5 on Fridays and Saturdays. Bridge Acre Nurseries, Broomhouse Ln, Doncaster DN4 9BW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spar One Stop Sewcute Fabrics Vape Edlington Boylan's TV Ltd Helping Hands Charity Shop Scarred for Life tattoo shop Applegreen Petrol Station Emms Transport and Training Edlington Post Office The Royal British Legion Laddas Authentic Thai Massage PB Beauty Time. Gee Gee Tanning Lounge The Grinch Shop <p>Fitness & Gym facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCLT Leisure centre <p>Care homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Howbeck care home The Pleasance Disability Services. Headingley Court Nursing Home • <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poly pipe Edlington Granby Road WMC Applegreen petrol station Edlington Motors HB Furniture clearance Walkers DIY
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Table 1. Place assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2025



INDIVIDUALS (Key Individuals within the community)	ASSOCIATIONS Local Groups/Clubs	STORIES (Good news stories)
<p>Cllr Joan Briggs Cllr Stephen Barnett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Explorer's St Johns Priest Friends of Martinwells Lake TARA ECO staff and volunteers. Helping Hands Staff and volunteers Growing Together GDM Community Connector (hosted by ECO) Edlington Town Council Pitwood community group Sew Mindful Crafts <p>Professionals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well Doncaster Team Public Health Improvement Officer Public Health Coordinator Family Hub sessions at St Johns Church and Helping Hands Centre and ECO. Town Council including Mayor Ward Councillors Neighbourhood Team. Regeneration Manager. PCSOs and Sgt. Fire Service St Leger staff <p>Individuals</p>	<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO – Works in active partnership with the community, substance misuse support, to regenerate Edlington and surrounding areas and improve the quality of life for all. ECO runs foodbank and other provision to support those in poverty, as well as delivering a range of activities for all ages and a youth club. They currently run the following groups and sessions: Dance on, Choir, Tai Chi, Jumble Sale, Food Bank, Bingo. Hilltop Centre (Helping Hands) – Helping hands supports the most vulnerable in the community by delivering a range of projects for all ages. Currently running the following groups and sessions, Foodbank, Bingo, All Together Autism, Craft and Meet, Edlington Heritage Group. Also has a computer suite which runs daily Firefly Support – supports cancer patients, driving them to and from hospital appointments Growing Together CIC – SEND education provision for 18+ for specialised support. A working farm, shop and café & wellbeing support. <p>SEW Mindful Crafts Sew Mindful Crafts is a non-for-profit company based in Doncaster,</p> <p>Our purpose is to support our community and the City of Doncaster to help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People connect Reduce isolation Build positive mental health and resilience 	<p>Helping Hands (Hilltop)</p> <p><i>45 food parcels 12 Smile packs 30 parent packs 75 calls over 1000 in food donations</i></p> <p><i>Overview of the last 10 weeks: 353 households supported with 875 individuals of all ages 75 regular befriending calls weekly 174 courtesy calls</i></p> <p>Gifted:</p> <p><i>Over £16000.00 in hygiene products over £1600.00 in food from Tesco over £1500.00 in food from Food Aware over £750.00 in food from Fair Share over £1000.00 in food from Morrisons over £20000.00 in food from Aldi Supermarket over £600.00 in food and cleaning products from the HUB</i></p> <p>Volunteer hours:</p> <p><i>1800 hours 120 Smile packs 30 parent packs 100 Easter activity packs 50 VE packs 15 Covid Time Capsule packs They have supported in the following areas: Edlington, Old Edlington, Warmsworth, Wadworth, Conisbrough, Hexthorpe, Intake, Denaby, Mexborough, Swinton, Wath, Balby, Loversall, Bessacarr, Scawsby.</i></p> <p>Children at Edlington Victoria Academy took part in a poster competition. The aim of the posters was for children to show how they would want 'their' Edlington to be. The prize per year group was a scooter. A thematic analysis of the posters was undertaken and informed the community priorities which is influencing investment and support in the community.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca Bewick, Kayleigh Holden and students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn new skills (including literacy and numeracy) Build confidence Promote independence Reduce costs and waste by having the skills to mend, repair and repurpose clothing/fabrics and accessories. <p>Making crafting more accessible to our community and the City of Doncaster by providing a well-equipped and specialist workshop area, we offer a wide range of crafting workshops for all ages. This removes some of the barriers people may experience when trying to engage in crafting activities</p>	 <p>IF I WAS THE QUEEN.....</p> <p>IF I was the king of Edlington I would.....</p> <p>Michael</p> <p>Michael attended a residents meeting at Swallowdale. He then presented to the group that he was going to start a craft club as people were saying there wasn't much to do. Michael also wanted to start the group to combat loneliness. Well Doncaster and Mindful Activities funded Michael £50 for art supplies and refreshments for the group. On the first meeting, 1 person attended the group, the second session 2 people attended – then the following weeks no one attended. Michael said he kept reminding himself "give it chance, don't give up". Michael now has 15 regular attendees each week! People as far as Conisbrough attend the Craft Club. Michael said he "doesn't mind anyone coming as long as they behave themselves. People can be together and class as one big community".</p>
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Table 2. People assets, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

Community Insight

Appreciative Inquiry

The Well Doncaster Team undertake Appreciative Inquiry (AI) within communities to gather insight to inform co-designed action plans with the community. Armstrong (2020) suggests in 'A changing world, again. How Appreciative Inquiry can guide our growth' that reframing the questions considering a crisis like Covid-19 and drawing on strengths and assets from past positive experience will help participants as they restructure their community. The AI questions are structured to pull out 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 Phase** – This will involve engagement with the residents of Hyde Park 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 to meet 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.

Insight included in this framework for Edlington covered the time periods of 2021-2025.

Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Safety	Regenerative Development Police Presence Trusted services Community Cohesion Perceptions of Safety Pride and Belonging	I feel safe where I live, it's quiet there. Ref: E3106 Royal estate has lots of boarded-up houses, they are doing them up. There's not as much destruction now that bad people have moved out – much quieter on there now. Police station has opened. See police officers walking around, it makes you feel safer. Need more cameras up to protect younger families. Ref: E4115 The police are very responsive here and I feel safe. Ref: E475	Safety remains a central theme within Edlington, reflecting both historical challenges and recent progress. Over the years, there has been a notable improvement in residents' perceptions of safety, largely attributed to regeneration initiatives and community-focused interventions. The ongoing regeneration of the Royal Estate has played a pivotal role in reshaping the area's identity. Previously associated with boarded-up properties and persistent antisocial behaviour, the estate is now experiencing visible improvements. Residents have

		<p>Good that police station is back open... Was better when there were more police. When everyone knew each other and doors were unlocked.</p>	<p>acknowledged these changes, noting that the departure of disruptive individuals has contributed to a calmer environment. This shift has enabled families and long-term residents to reclaim their neighbourhood, fostering a renewed sense of pride and belonging. Community-led activities, such as the "days of action" on the Royal Estate, have strengthened social ties and encouraged participation. These initiatives have not only improved the physical environment but also enhanced community cohesion—a critical factor in sustaining perceptions of safety. Despite societal changes, the desire for neighbourly connection remains strong, underpinning the community's resilience and identity.</p> <p>Residents consistently highlight the importance of visible policing in reinforcing feelings of safety. While there is an expressed need for increased police presence, the current visibility is appreciated and contributes to growing trust between the community and law enforcement. This relationship is essential for maintaining safety and addressing residual concerns. Although perceptions have improved, some residents continue to hold negative views of the Royal Estate, indicating that progress is ongoing rather than complete. Continued investment in regeneration, community engagement, and policing will be vital to sustaining and further enhancing safety in Edlington.</p>
Community Spirit	<p>Good Community</p> <p>Friends/People/Family</p> <p>Mutual Support</p> <p>Connections</p> <p>Heritage/Community Traditions</p> <p>Collective Responsibility</p> <p>Pride and Belonging</p>	<p>Lots of help from the community. I have nice neighbours. We are looking after each other. Feeling safe here. All of us living there for a while. If I need help or others need help, we are there.</p> <p>Ref: E3371</p> <p>Top end of the village is perfect.</p> <p>Ref: E300</p> <p>It's the community, friendliness, everyone helps each other.</p> <p>Ref: E442</p> <p>Makes you feel proud where you are from... connecting with other people.</p> <p>Ref: E475</p> <p>Mining heritage is still celebrated in Edlington.</p> <p>Galas, decorating floats, parades and kids' dance groups.</p> <p>Group has made me feel part of a family, new friends, meeting new people.</p> <p>Ref: E477</p>	<p>Community spirit emerges as a defining characteristic of Edlington, deeply rooted in the lived experiences and shared values of its residents. The voices of the community consistently reflect a strong sense of mutual support, care, and responsibility for one another. Residents frequently highlight the local support network within Edlington, describing a culture where help is readily offered and people feel reassured by the presence of caring neighbours. This collective responsibility fosters resilience and strengthens the social connections across the area. The friendliness of the community is a recurring theme, contributing to feelings of pride and belonging. Residents value kindness and meaningful relationships, which show a shared identity. Long-standing relationships and familiarity creates a sense of stability and trust across the generations.</p>

			Edlington's mining heritage plays a significant role in sustaining community identity. The respect people hold for the past is evident in traditions such as the Edlington Gala, which historically brought people together and continues to symbolize unity. These cultural practices serve as anchors for community pride and continuity. Groups and activities within Edlington provide opportunities for connection, fostering new friendships and strengthening existing ties. These initiatives extend support beyond individual households to the wider community, reinforcing inclusivity and shared purpose. The emphasis on kindness, shared identity, and collective responsibility reflects a community that values cohesion and resilience. While external changes may influence the area, the spirit of Edlington remains firmly grounded in its traditions and connectivity.
Assets and Amenities	<p>Schools</p> <p>Local Shops</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Community Organisations</p> <p>Social Inclusion</p> <p>Family Wellbeing</p> <p>Community Empowerment</p> <p>Proximity</p>	<p>Anchor</p> <p>ECO and Helping Hands are good to have in the community. Ref: E4224</p> <p>ECO and Helping Hands do summer programmes which are great for families as they're low cost, keep kids busy, and the trips are always very popular. Ref: E4641</p> <p>We have a lot of community groups that are trying their best for Edlington.</p> <p>Successful community projects empowering the community to grow and develop.</p> <p>White Star Football Club is a good asset. The youth club was good – it was near the One Stop, had a pool table and music etc.</p> <p>Everything at hand – schools, shops, doctors, transport. Ref: E471</p> <p>School close to walk. Easy access to the centre. Transport. Parks. Shops. ECO. Ref: E473</p> <p>Helping Hands/ECO – great for children, do events and activities with them. Charity shops. Having a petrol station close is very helpful. Schools here are good. Pubs are still active – places for people to socialise. Wish the swimming pool was still open. Utilise the library/doctors all in one building. Ref: E871</p>	<p>Community assets and amenities play a vital role in inclusion, opportunity, and quality of life in Edlington. Residents consistently express appreciation for local services and initiatives that enrich their daily living and support local families. Residents highlight the importance of well-used community assets, noting their positive contribution to social inclusion and family wellbeing. Initiatives such as summer programmes offering low-cost activities are praised for reducing barriers to participation and fostering engagement across age groups. Organisations like ECO and Helping Hands are regarded as more than service providers and are seen as catalysts for positive change and community empowerment. Their long-standing commitment to improving Edlington instils pride among residents and reinforces trust in local support networks.</p> <p>The former youth club is fondly remembered as a cornerstone of community life and responding to this need, community organisations have introduced a weekly youth club that provides young people with a safe space to connect, relax, and engage in positive activities. This project demonstrates adaptability and responsiveness to evolving community needs.</p> <p>Residents advise that they also value the proximity and integration of essential services. Having the library, doctors, and other facilities within one building is seen as highly convenient and reduces travel barriers by promoting accessibility for all. The collective efforts of community groups and the availability of inclusive</p>

			amenities provide a sense of pride and belonging. These assets are not only practical but symbolic of Edlington's commitment to resilience and shared progress.
Parks and Greenspaces	Physical Fitness and Health Mental Health Isolation Green Spaces Physical Activity Health and Wellbeing Regeneration Community Pride	<p>We need better parks. The park next to the woods (Granby Park) is too enclosed – needs opening up so it's safe to go to. Ref: E4620</p> <p>The nature reserve on the pit top wood is fantastic, and the Martinwells lake is a credit to the village. I remember the pit top wood just being a black mound of nothingness. The old railway cutting has been turned into a nice walk as well. There has been some positive change. There's so much history here both in Edlington and all the way across the borough. Ref: E9398</p> <p>Really nice walk around Martinwells lake and community woodland. Martinwells lake (bricky) used to be a no-go area in the village – I would not let my son go there at all. It's changed so much now. It's well looked after by the Friends of group and I now feel I can let my grandson run around with me there and feel safe. Over a decade ago I would not have done this. Ref: E4641</p> <p>I like going to the Pit wood for walks. Used to go to a Yorkshire Wildlife Trust site but Pit wood is just as good. Also go down to brickyard with family – family likes to use the exercise equipment. Ref: E4516</p> <p>Walks with dogs, brickyard – gotten a lot better over the years. Ref: E4315</p> <p>Improvements at Pitwood so I can start to enjoy walking there – although it does need to be changed to make the paths more accessible for disabled children.</p>	<p>Parks and green spaces in Edlington are important to community life, these areas offer residents opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and social interaction. These spaces are not only physical assets but also symbolic of environmental regeneration and collective pride. Residents speak with pride about the transformation of previously neglected areas into vibrant, welcoming spaces. Community-led efforts and environmental initiatives have successfully turned former industrial sites into cherished places, reinforcing a sense of ownership and achievement. There is an obvious call for further enhancements to ensure green spaces remain inclusive and welcoming to all. Recent projects, such as the Future Parks Programme and Positive Action Group's "Love Your Park" day, have improved both the physical appearance and accessibility of these areas, this also demonstrates the impact of collaborative action.</p> <p>Green spaces are strongly associated with healthier lifestyles. Residents enjoy walking and other forms of physical activity, highlighting the role of parks in promoting fitness and mental wellbeing. These opportunities serve as vital resources for reducing isolation and fostering community cohesion. Beyond recreation, parks provide opportunities to connect with nature and local history. The regular ongoing improvements and active use of green spaces provides evidence to Edlington's commitment to being sustainable and community growth. These areas are seen as essential for enhancing quality of life and supporting long-term community resilience.</p>
Accessibility	Transport Links Convenience Connectivity Services Independence Mobility	<p>It's got everything – doctors, natural green spaces, facilities such as gyms for young people. Ref: E22</p> <p>It's surrounded by a huge green belt of land which makes contact with nature really easy. It's on the crossroads of four major motorway arteries. It's close to large towns and cities.</p> <p>There is convenience, you've got everything you need here... It's local and accessible for everyone, you don't need to go too far. Ref: E475</p>	<p>Accessibility is a key strength of Edlington, consistently praised by residents for its convenience and connectivity. The ability to meet daily needs within close proximity reduces reliance on travel and enhances quality of life. Residents value the ease of accessing essential amenities, noting that services such as healthcare, libraries, and shops are located within close reach. This proximity fosters independence and supports families, particularly those with limited mobility or transport options.</p>

		<p>Local shops – don't have to go far. Ref: E13</p> <p>Need a bench halfway up Main Street for people to rest who have mobility issues. Ref: E4115</p>	<p>Edlington's location is regarded as an asset, offering good transport links to surrounding communities and the city centre. This connectivity broadens opportunities for employment, education, and leisure, reinforcing Edlington's role as a well-connected hub.</p> <p>While accessibility is widely appreciated, residents also provide thoughtful suggestions for improvement. These ideas reflect a proactive and engaged community committed to making Edlington more inclusive and age-friendly. Enhancements could include improved pathways, seating areas, and adaptations for those with mobility challenges. The combination of local convenience and strong transport links positions Edlington as a community with high accessibility. Continued investment in inclusive design and infrastructure will ensure these strengths are sustained and expanded, supporting long-term wellbeing and social inclusion.</p>
Health and Wellbeing			
Theme	Sub theme	Quotes	Commentary
Mental health and Wellbeing	GPs/ Pharmacy	<p>It's necessary for my health – emotional and mental. For me and my family. Ref: E3106</p>	Residents express a deep understanding of the importance of mental health. Wellbeing is not just about provisions from statutory health care services, but also about connection and enjoying activities that have a positive emotional and physical impact. There is a strong sense of motivation to stay healthy. The community values accessible ways to stay active which are inclusive, free-to-use facilities that support healthy lifestyles for all ages and incomes. While there is appreciation for existing services, there is also a clear call for improved access to healthcare. Residents consistently state that the need for access to GP appointments which is a concern across most communities in Doncaster and is a national issue.
	Mental and Physical Health	<p>Need to stay healthy so I can ensure I see my two boys grow healthy. Ref: E3361</p>	
	Physical activity	<p>Could do with a health bus in Edlington... doctors and dentist need improving, can't get face-to-face. Ref: E4621</p> <p>Exercise equipment, as well as play equipment in all parks. People need to get fitter and get healthy – not everyone can afford a gym. Good to walk out and get what you want on your doorstep. Ref: E648</p> <p>Being able to look after myself as well as possible. Making sure I'm taking my medication. Being able to go to the gym, walk, spend time with family. Enjoying the little things that people take for granted. Ref: E648</p> <p>Getting out and about, looking after yourself, socialising with others – important to your mental health. Ref: E1620</p>	

Table 4. Appreciative Inquiry thematic analysis, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

Doncaster Talks

In 2019 Doncaster Talks undertook insight across the borough of Doncaster. Responses were separated into wards and thematically analysed. Across Edlington and Warmsworth ward, 188 responses were received (1.59% of the Ward) 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. These responses have been included in the AI approach and the insight matches that of the AI conversations.

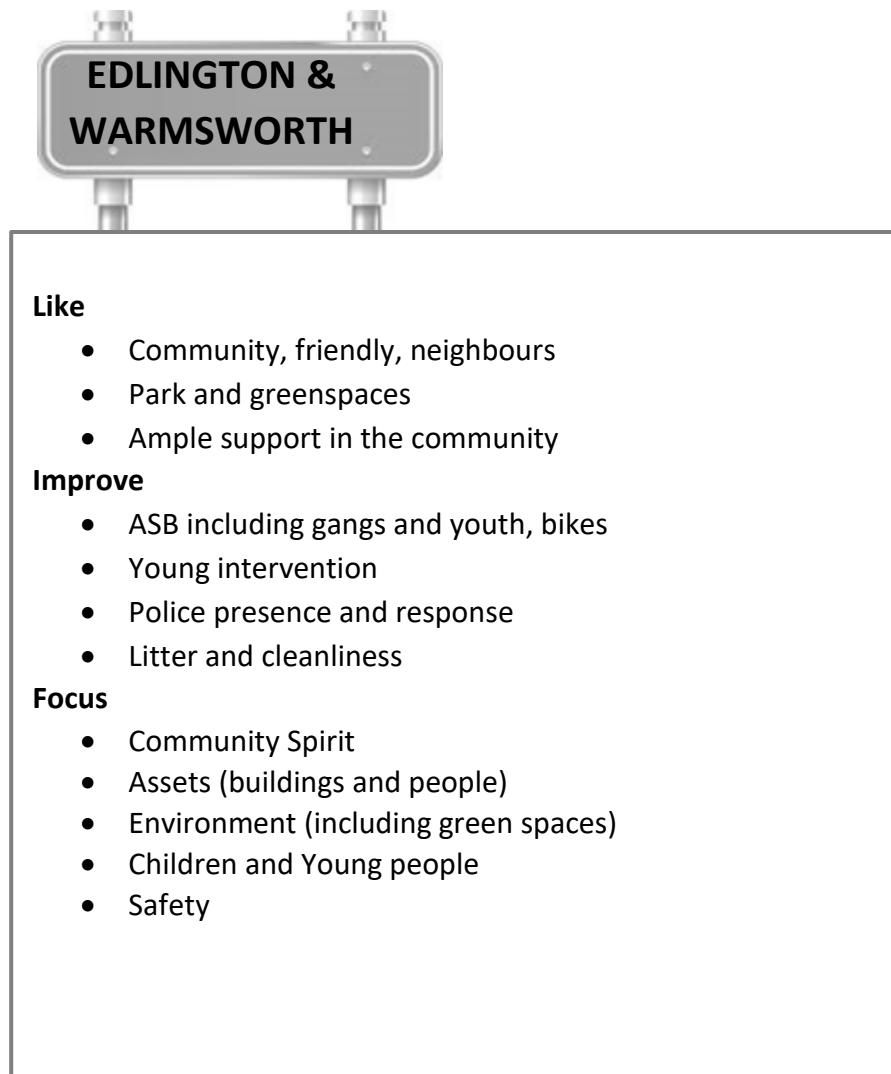


Figure 5. Doncaster Talks, City of Doncaster Council, 2019

Ward Members

The Edlington and Warmsworth ward has two ward members who were elected in 2025.



Councillor Stephen
Barnett
Edlington and
Warmsworth
Reform UK



Councillor Joan
Briggs
Edlington and
Warmsworth
Reform UK

Health and Wealth

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

Deprivation

Evidence shows that people living in our most deprived areas face the 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).

Doncaster is one of the 10% most deprived communities in England. New 2025 IMD data shows that Edlington has a score of 37.23 ranking 18th out of 88 communities in Doncaster for deprivation, and Old Edlington has a score of 32.21 ranking 23rd.

The 2021 Census reports on household deprivation and calculates according to four dimensions: Education, Health, Housing and Employment. The 2021 Census, states that households deprived in one dimension in Edlington is 35.8% compared Doncaster at 34.7% and England of 33.5%. However, the differences between Edlington, Doncaster and England become more significant as it moves into multiple dimensions. Households deprived in two dimensions for Edlington stand 20.5%, (Doncaster 16.7%, England 14.2%). Households deprived in three dimensions for Edlington stand at 6.1%

(Doncaster 4.6% and England 3.7%). Households in four dimensions for Edlington is 0.1% (Doncaster 0.2% and England 0.2%). This shows that 62.5% of residents living in Edlington households are living in one or more areas of deprivation, compared to 56.3% in Doncaster and England at 51.6%.

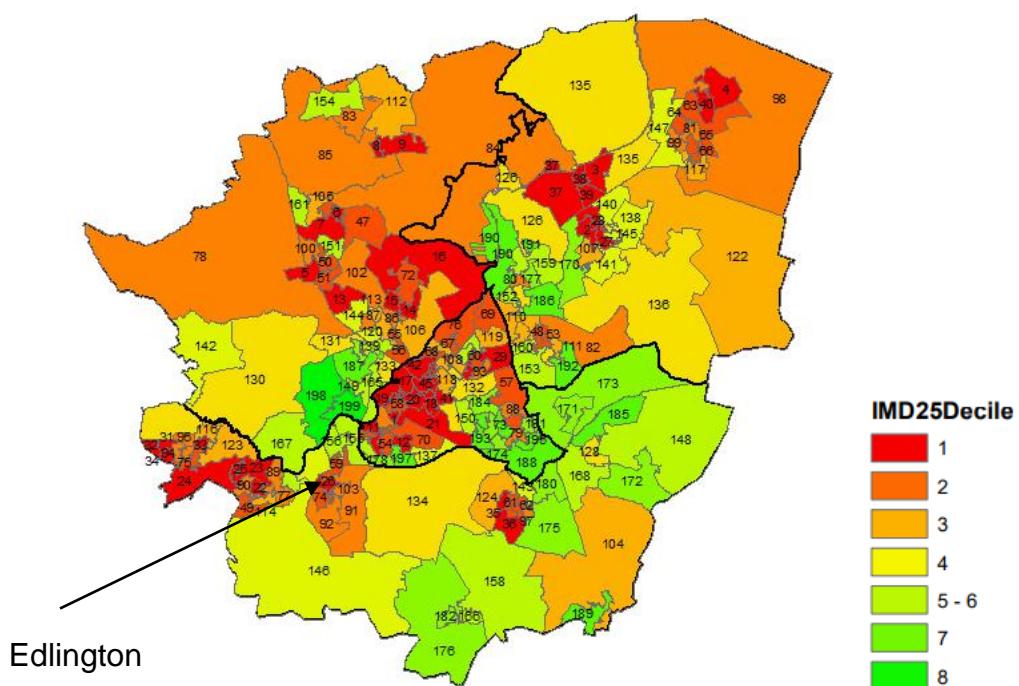


Figure 6. Index of Multiple Deprivation Deciles by LSOA in Doncaster, Office of National Statistics, 2025

Wealth Inequalities

In 2025, 35.3% of Edlington 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 21.9% of Edlington MSOA residents were living in poverty.

The proportion of older people in poverty in Edlington MSOA (25.5%) is higher than the Doncaster rate (19.4%), similarly to all people, this has increased (from 20.5%) since 2019.

Furthermore, 54.8% of children are living in poverty, higher than the Doncaster average, 47.1%, an increase from 32.2% 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 35.3% of Edlington residents experiencing poverty and 33.7% of Old Edlington residents.

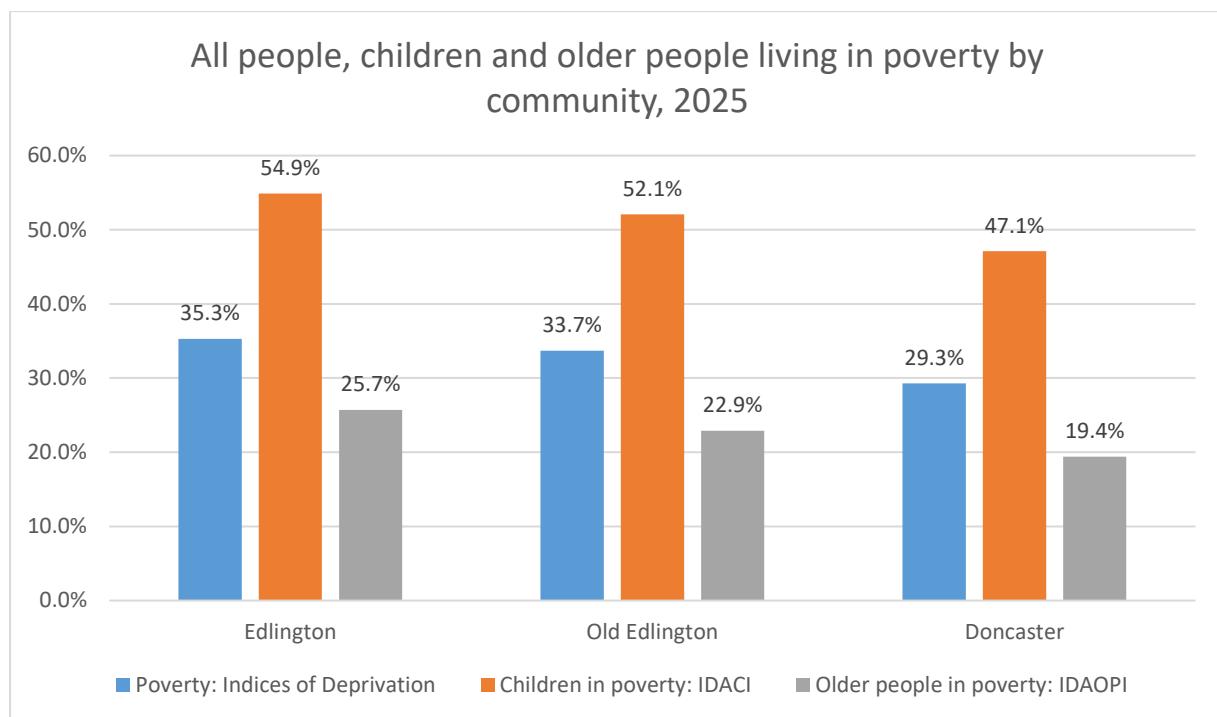


Figure 7. Poverty Prevalence, Office of National Statistics, 2025

Within the population in Edlington, 23.6% live in homes eligible for means-tested benefits. 17% of pupils are eligible for free school meals compared to the borough (16%). The percentage of 16-year-olds working full time hours is 62.4% which is in line with Doncaster. A significantly higher percentage are working low skilled jobs; process, plant and machine operatives (Edlington 14.9%, Doncaster 10.3%) and elementary occupations such as manual labour jobs (Edlington 19.7%, Doncaster 16.5%).

Fuel Poverty

Fuel poverty occurs when a household's income is insufficient to heat the home to a reasonable standard. In 2020, 18.8% of households in Edlington and Warmsworth were unable to keep their homes adequately warm, which is slightly higher than the Doncaster average of 18.8% and significantly above the England figure of 13.2%. The recent cost-of-living crisis, driven by rising energy prices and inflation, is likely to have worsened this issue, leaving many families struggling to maintain safe and comfortable living conditions.

Food Poverty

There are 6 foodbanks located in the South Locality, with Helping hands and Edlington Community Organisation both located in Edlington.

In 2025, the most common household types needing support are families, followed by individuals then single parents. These figures show the types of households accessing support and the numbers of adults and children per month. Across the two foodbanks, in 2025 the primary reasons residents accessing the support have been identified as cost of living and low income. Other quoted reasons have been changes and delays to benefits and debt. These findings are in line with the rest of the borough.

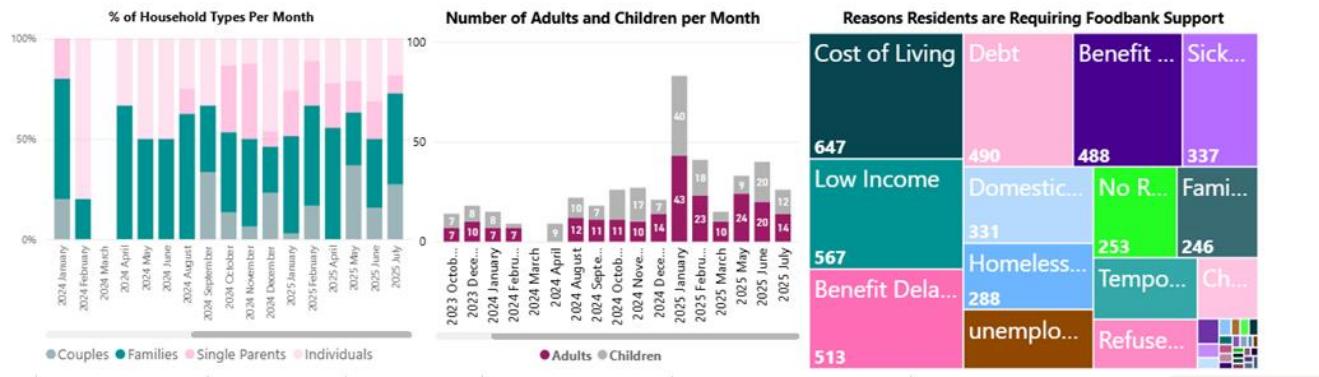


Figure 8. Helping Hands foodbank distribution, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

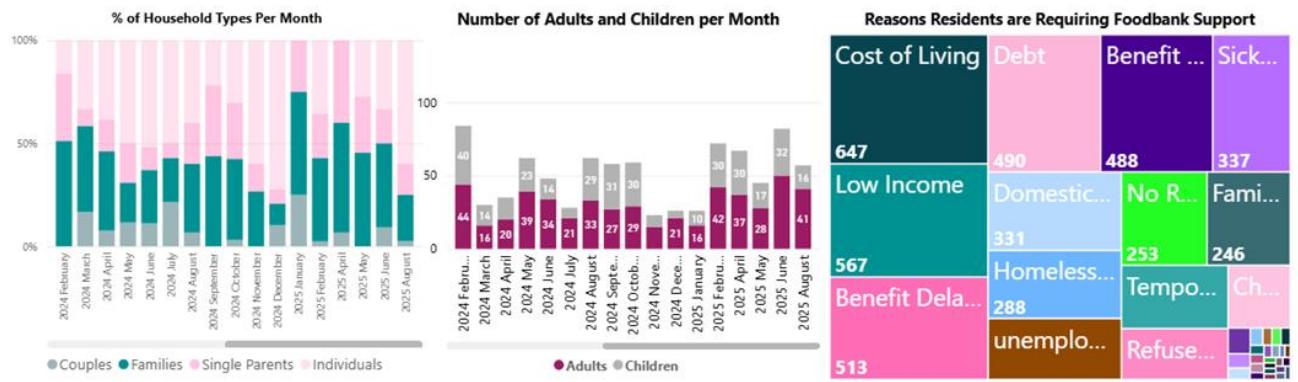


Figure 9. Edlington Community Organisation foodbank distribution, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

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.

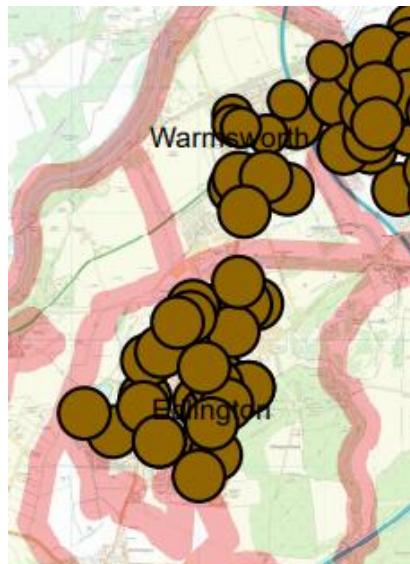


Figure 10. Postcode Map of Membership, The Bread and Butter Thing 2025

Citizens Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough (CADB) is a network of charities that gives people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward, whoever they are, and whatever their problem. There are currently a CADB outreach sites at Rossington Family Hub, The Rossington Practice, Edlington Helping Hands, The Stone Castle Centre Conisbrough, The Old Library Denaby, and the main Mexborough office. The figures for interactions, clients, postcodes covered, and total income gain can be seen from 2021/22 to 2024/25 in table 5. These numbers have increased since 2021, with a high in 23/24. Reasons for foodbank usage can be seen in figure 11. In 2024/25 fiscal year, the top issues for residents with postcodes within the Edlington and Warmsworth are Debt, Benefit and tax credits, utilities and communications, Benefit and universal credits, consumer goods and services.

Data collation information	Fiscal year 2021/22	Fiscal year 2022/23	Fiscal year 2023/24	Fiscal year 2024/25
Clients	133	141	186	140
New Interactions	483	574	1892	529
Postcodes covered	99	97	118	88
Repeat Interactions	81	68	169	104
Total Income gain	£18,159	£102,543	£293,635	£138,326

Table 5. Edlington and Warmsworth CADB Figures, Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025

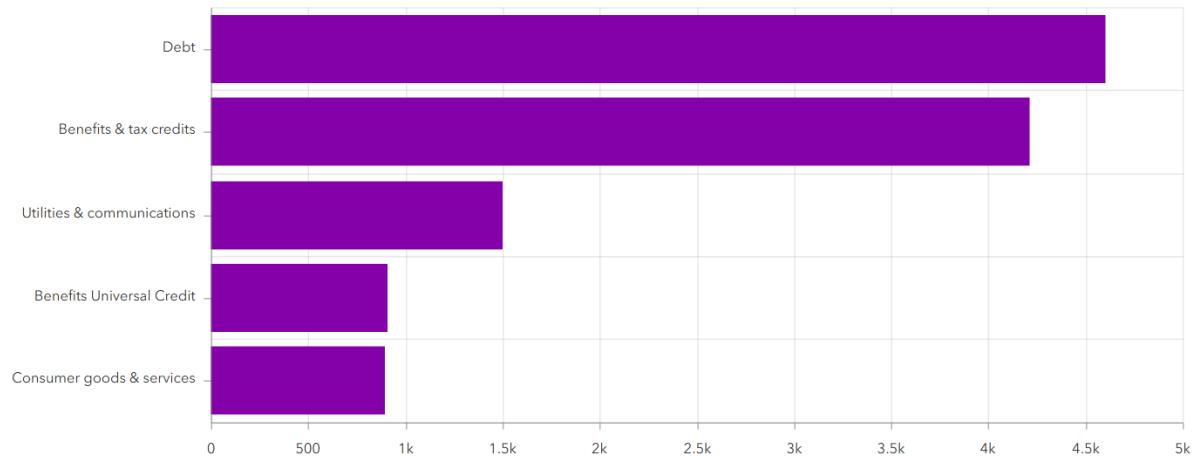


Figure 11. CADB Support Reasoning - 2024/25, Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025

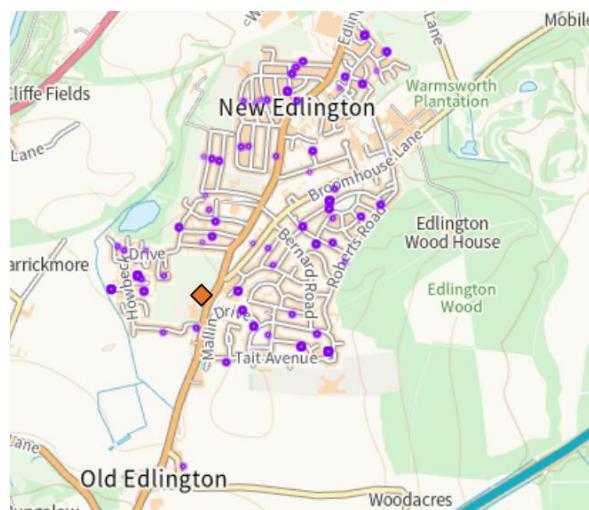


Figure 12. CADB Interactions - Edlington, Citizens Advice Doncaster Borough, 2025.

Employment

Edlington has a current unemployment rate of 4.1%, which is significantly higher than the borough (3.7%) and England (2.8%). However, it has decreased from 4.3% as reported in the 2019 Doncaster Joint Needs Assessment. Data from the 2021 Census shows that a significantly high percentage of residents in Edlington have never worked (31.3%, Doncaster 27.2%) and have not worked in the last 12 months (Edlington 56.9%, Doncaster 61.6%). The prevalence of long-term health conditions also affects economic opportunities, with 2.4% of residents providing 20–49 hours of unpaid care and 3.5% providing over 50 hours, both higher than national averages. This indicates a significant burden of illness and dependency within the community.

Edlington has an economically inactive population of 39.7%, slightly lower than Doncaster's 41.7%. The local age profile includes 4.9% aged 15–19 and 5.4% aged 20–24, within a total population of 8,400. These demographics shape labour-market participation and should be considered alongside ward-level employment and benefit data when planning employment support and skills offers.

A significantly lower proportion of Edlington, compared to Doncaster, work mainly from home (13.8%, 18.5% respectively). A higher proportion of people aged 16 years and over in Edlington travel less than 10km to work (46.7%) compared to the rest of Doncaster (41.7%). 2021 Census data also shows that there are a higher number of households with no car or van in Edlington (30.1%) compared to Doncaster (24.4%).

The rates in Edlington and Warmsworth of Universal Credit claims have reduced, in line with national and local rates and is back to pre-pandemic levels at 4.23%. The Edlington and Warmsworth ward has the 10th highest percentage of claimants in the borough.

It is noted that one lower super output area (LSOA) has significantly higher numbers of benefit claimants than the rest of the ward; at the end of February 2018 the number of claimants were four times the number of the lowest area. It would be useful to understand the composition of the population of this area, the conditions affecting people's ability to work and the accessibility to available support. This area is also the most deprived area of the ward.

The 2021 Census reports that qualification attainment is significantly low in Edlington, with 30.6% of people 16 years and over having no qualifications compared to Doncaster (24.6%) and England (18.1%) and the majority having level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications (43.5%) compared to Doncaster (43.1%) and England (39.9%).

Health Inequalities

Life Expectancy

People living in the Edlington and Warmsworth ward have a lower life expectancy and live more years in poor health in comparison to Doncaster and England. Life expectancy for men is significantly lower in Edlington at 76.4yrs (England 79.1yrs) and has decreased by 5 months since the last data reported in 2023. Life expectancy for women in Edlington was 81.9yrs, in 2021, data shows this is now reduced by 3 months to 81.6yrs which is lower than England (83.1yrs). This is also lower than the Doncaster rates of 77.8 for men and 57.4 for women.

Both men and women in Edlington and Warmsworth are experiencing significant inequalities in terms of their healthy life expectancy, the number of years living in good health. Men are expected to develop a health condition at aged 59.2 and women aged 60.9. This is lower than the England average of 61.5 years for Males and 61.9 Females.

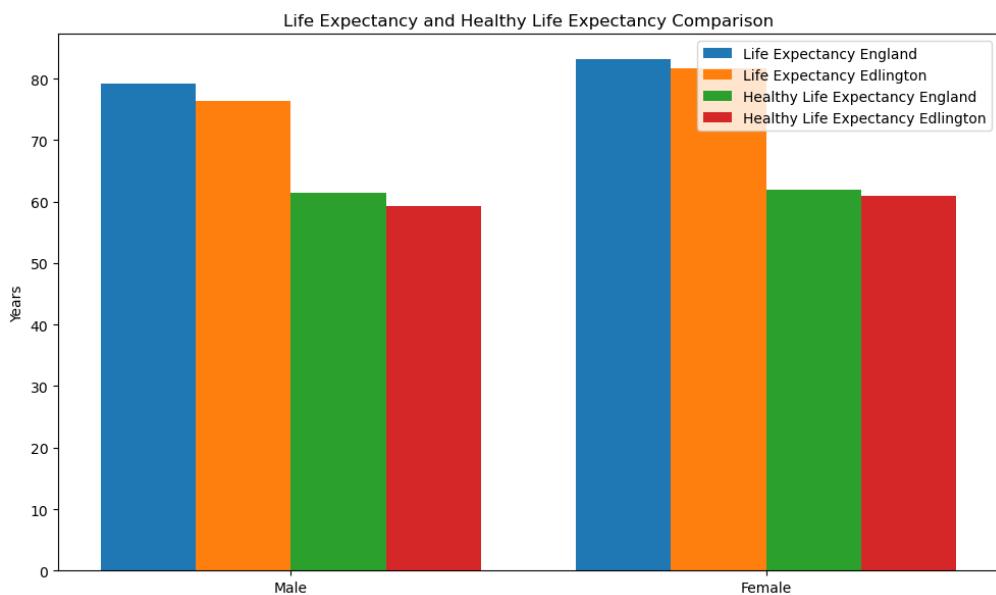


Figure 13. Healthy Life Expectancy in Edlington and Warmsworth, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Long Term Health Conditions

The proportion of residents self-reporting poorer health in Edlington is considerably higher than borough and national rates. Approximately 22% of the population reported living with a limiting illness or a long-term health condition. A key health priority for Edlington is the prevalence of respiratory and circulatory conditions. Emergency hospital admissions for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are nearly twice the figures for England. COPD is the leading cause of mortality in the area, and lung cancer is the most prevalent cancer. Respiratory conditions are largely caused by smoking, which has a prevalence of 22.8%, significantly higher than the borough average (19.7%). High numbers of emergency hospital admissions suggest challenges for patients in self-managing heart and respiratory conditions. Circulatory conditions, including coronary heart disease, are also a leading cause of premature death. Risk factors include 25.9% of adults binge drinking, significantly higher hospital admissions for alcohol-related harm, 30.3% adult obesity, and only 16.7% engaging in healthy eating. High rates of cholesterol and blood pressure further compound these issues. Poor lifestyle choices, such as low physical activity and unhealthy diets, contribute to these conditions.

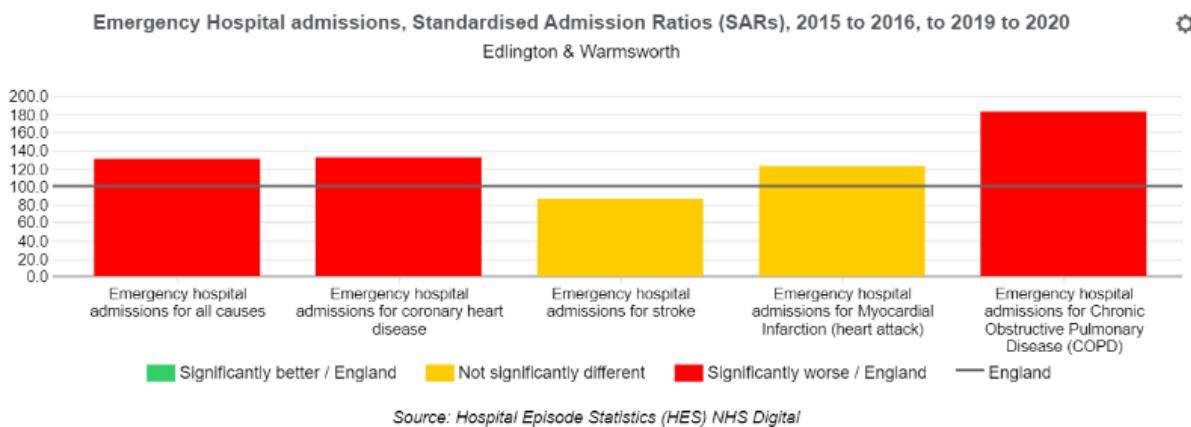


Figure 14. Emergency Hospital Admissions in Edlington and Warmsworth, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Incidence of Death

Figure 15 highlights that respiratory and circulatory diseases dominate mortality in Edlington, with COPD as the leading cause of death and lung cancer as the most prevalent cancer. Coronary heart disease is a major contributor to premature mortality. These patterns reflect the impact of smoking, obesity, and alcohol misuse on health outcomes.

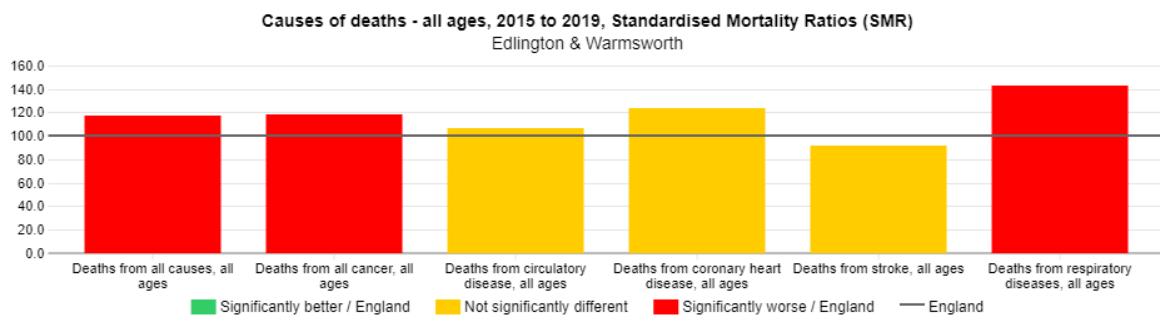


Figure 15. Causes of Death-All Ages - 2015-19, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Loneliness and Isolation

There is a high level of older people living alone in Edlington (33%) in comparison to 31% across Doncaster and England. Whilst this does not necessarily imply loneliness and/or isolation, it is an indicator to be considered alongside local intelligence.

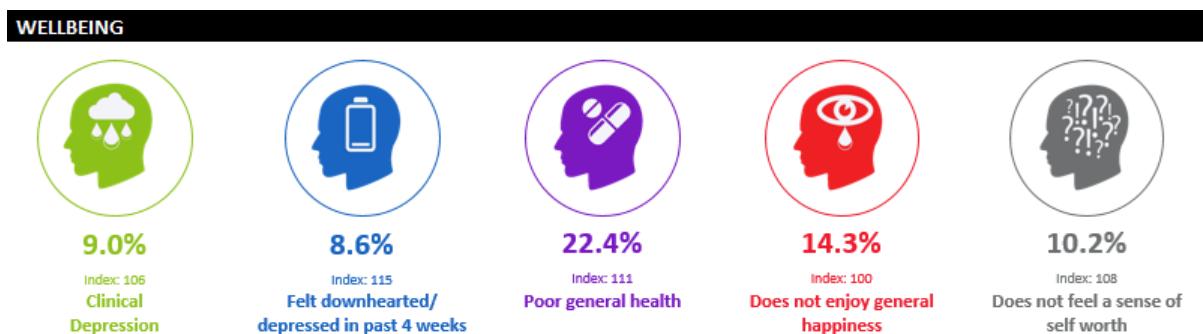


Figure 16. Wellbeing for residents in Edlington, Acorn, 2021

Alcohol Intake

Figure 17 shows the rate of alcohol-specific admissions per 1000 residents across the South of LSOA. The red line illustrates the overall rate across Doncaster at 43.7 per 1000 residents.

LSOAs in Edlington have a higher rate of admissions for alcohol-attributable conditions. Edlington Victoria has a rate of approximately 104 per 1,000 residents, while Edlington Central is 98 per 1,000 residents, both significantly higher than the Doncaster rate of 43.7 per 1,000.

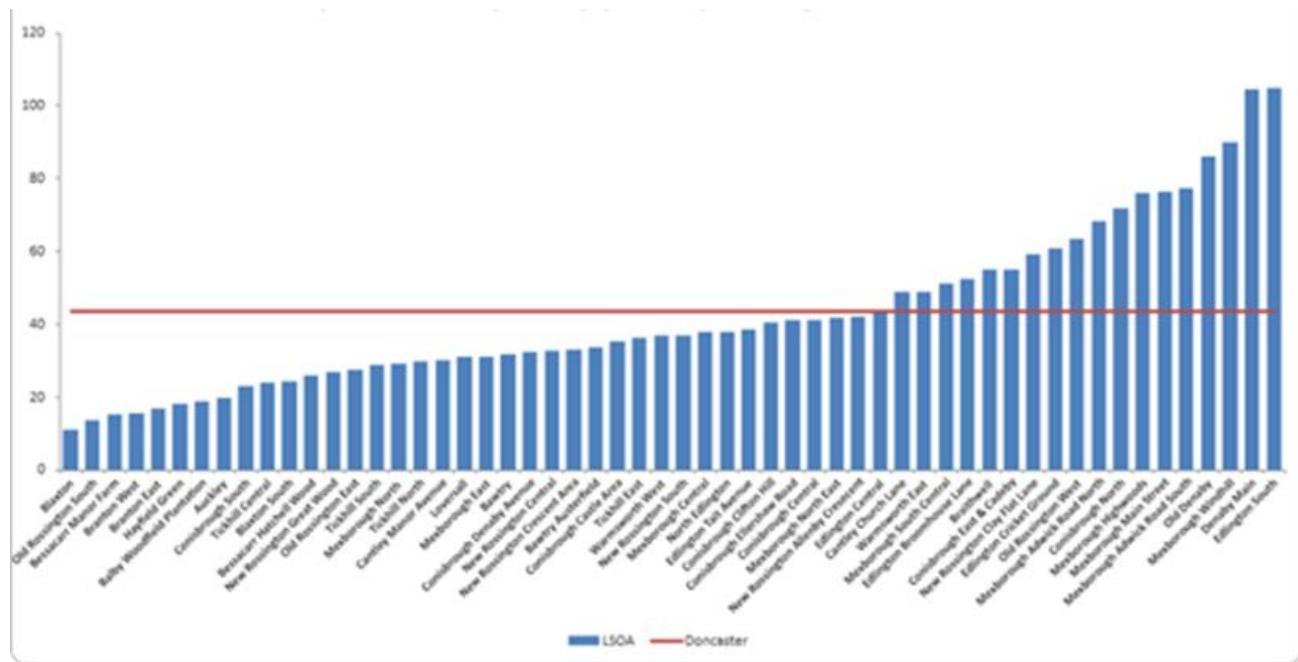


Figure 17. Alcohol specific admissions per 1000 population (April 2016-July 2023) by LSOA in South locality, Office of National Statistics, 2025

When evaluating alcohol specific admissions by General Practice (GP) across the South of Doncaster, GP practices in Edlington and Warmsworth ward report the highest rates for the South. Edlington Health Centre Practice have reported an admission rate of 63.84 per 1000 patients, the highest of all South practices. The Nayar Practice, located in Edlington have reported rate of 47.24 per 1000; the second highest in the South. This is significantly higher than the 37.4 per 1000 patients reported for all Doncaster practices combined.

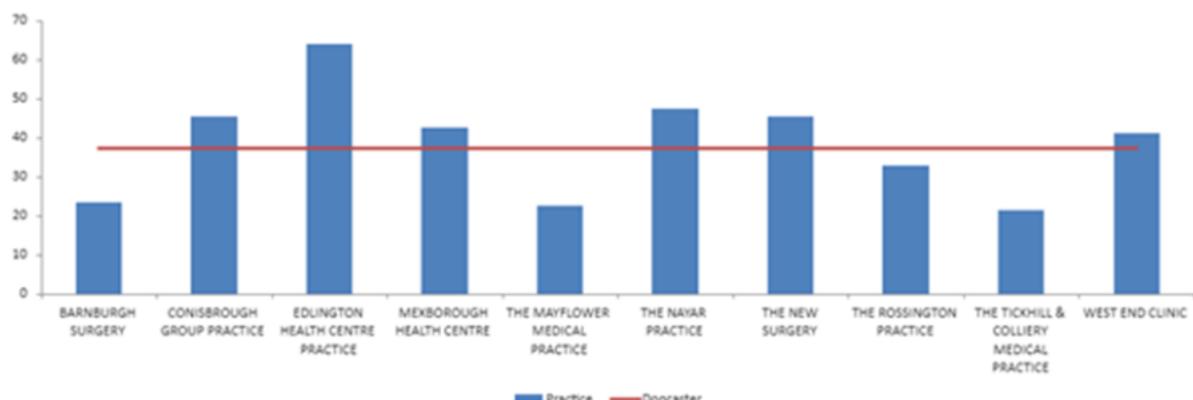


Figure 18. Alcohol specific admissions per 1000 population (April 2016-July 2023) per South PCN practice, Office of National Statistics, 2025

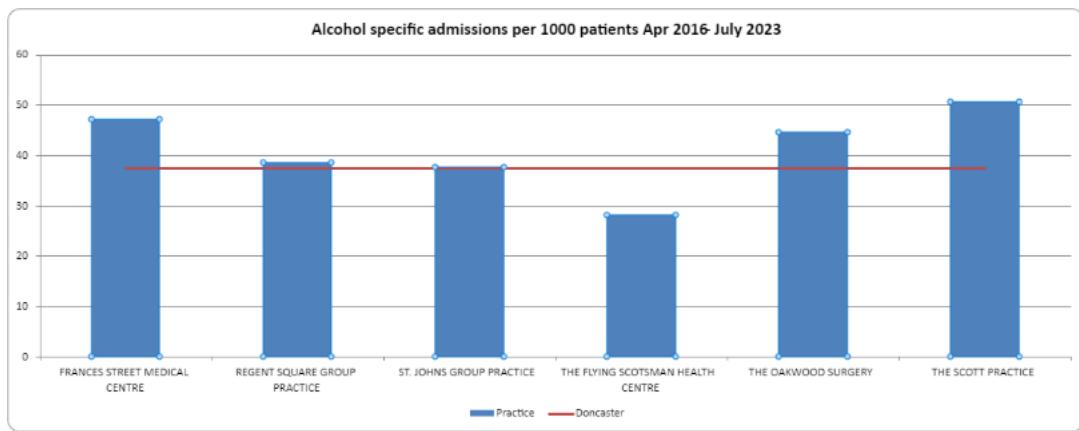


Figure 19. Alcohol specific admissions per 1000 population per Central PCN practice, Office of National Statistics, 2025

Smoking

In the Edlington and Warmsworth ward the smoking rate is 13.7%, lower than Doncaster's 17.96% and above the England average of 11.9%. 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 Edlington and Warmsworth Ward, the gross annual cost of smoking as of Spring 2024 was £9.76 million and 13.7% of the ward's population are smokers. An estimated £3.11 million is spent annually on Tobacco products in Edlington and Warmsworth and the national average spend on tobacco per smoker now stands at £2486. Smoking has a significant impact on employment and productivity, in Edlington and Warmsworth the total cost due to lost productivity from smoking was estimated at £5.78 million which is lower than the borough average (£6.5M).

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 Edlington 54.9% of children are classed as living in child poverty and 52.1% in Old Edlington, this is similar to the Doncaster rate (47.1%).

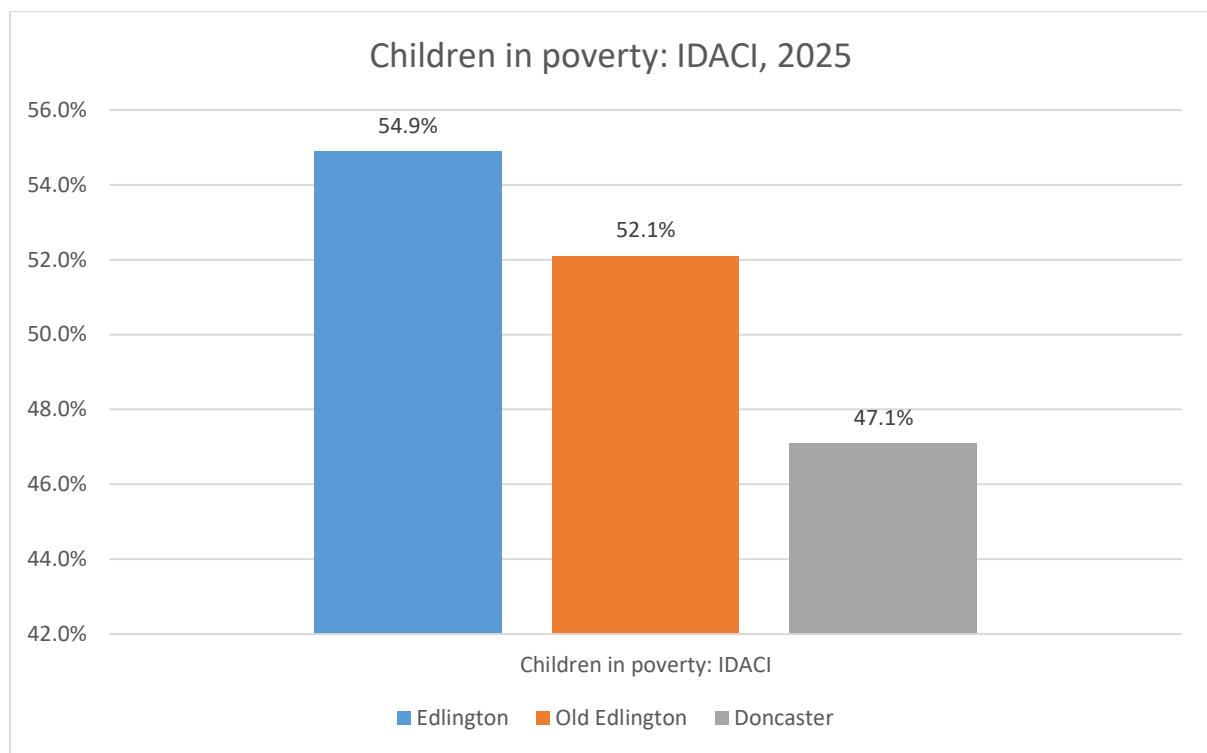


Figure 20: Children in poverty: Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) (aged 0 to 15), IMD, 2025

Education

At Key Stage 2 (KS2), each pupil is assessed in reading, writing, and maths. This shows the percentage of pupils who have reached the expected standard in all three subjects. In 2024, 66% of pupils who live in Edlington achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, and mathematics at KS2; this has increased from 2023 and returned to the 2022 level. This is higher than across Doncaster as a whole (59%) in 2024.

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, the average GCSE Attainment 8 score per pupils who live in Edlington was 43.7 (89 pupils); slightly lower than Doncaster at 44. This was slightly higher compared to 2023 (43.1).

	KS2 expected 2024	KS2 expected 2023	KS2 expected 2022	GCSE expected 2024	GCSE expected 2023	GCSE expected 2022
National	61	60	59	46	46	49
Doncaster	59	55	56	44	44	45
Edlington	66	61	66	43.7	43.1	39

Table 6. Attainment scores and KS2 scores in Edlington, Department of Education, 2025

Childhood Obesity

Childhood obesity and inequality are closely connected. Children from families with less money often have fewer chances to eat healthy food or play outside safely. They might live in areas without parks or easy access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables. These challenges make it harder for them to stay at a healthy weight. Because of this, childhood obesity is more common in deprived communities. Helping all children grow up healthy means making sure every family has access to good food, safe places to play, and support for healthy living.

Between 2022/23 and 2024/25, reception-age children in Edlington had an obesity prevalence of 13.1%, compared to 12.1% in Doncaster and 9.8% in England. The prevalence of overweight (including obesity) at reception age was 29.5%, higher than Doncaster's 26.7% and England's 22.3%. Among Year 6 children, obesity prevalence was 31.8%, above Doncaster's 26.3% and England's 22.3%, while overweight (including obesity) prevalence reached 45.5%, compared to 40.2% in Doncaster and 36.2% nationally.

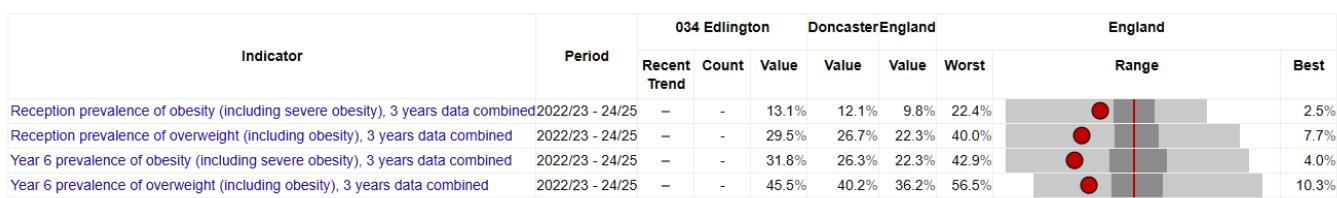


Figure 21. Childhood obesity 2022-25, Edlington, Office of National Statistics, 2025

Pupil Lifestyle Survey

The Pupil Lifestyle Survey is conducted by City of Doncaster Council to provide valuable data on children and young people's health-related behaviour, through an anonymous school-based questionnaire. Data from the survey has provided a set of Doncaster-wide figures at key points in children and young people's development (KS2, 3 and 4), and this analysis compares the Edlington and Warmsworth ward to Doncaster overall.

The Doncaster Pupils Lifestyle Survey conducted for the academic year 2023/2024 was completed by 3810 pupils in Doncaster overall, with 527 students from the Edlington and Warmsworth ward. 48% identified as male and 49% as female, while 3% preferred not to say or identified differently, consistent with previous years. Ethnicity remained stable, with 82% White compared to 81% in 2023 and 83% in 2022, and 12% ethnic minority, in line with Doncaster overall. English was a second language for 19% of pupils in Edlington and Warmsworth, slightly higher than 18% in 2023 and 17% in 2022, but still below the Doncaster average of 23%.

Prevalence of disability was 9%, unchanged from previous years, while long-standing illness was reported at 14%, similar to 2023 and slightly higher than 12% in 2022.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) was reported for 12%, up from 10% in 2023 and 2022, although extra help for SEN pupils dropped to 30%, compared to 39% in 2023 and 33% in 2022, and remains below Doncaster's 43%. Free school meal eligibility increased slightly to 21%, compared to 20% in 2023 and 19% in 2022. Young carers accounted for 8%, up from 7% in previous years. Wellbeing indicators show 64% of pupils were happy with life, down from 65% in 2023 and 67% in 2022, while feeling safe at home remained stable at 87% across all years.

Family Hubs

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 South locality including Denaby and Conisbrough, Mexborough and Rossington.

Membership data shows the percentage of eligible children signed up to Family Hubs. In Q4 of fiscal year 2024-2025 Edlington resident's Family hub membership was 28% for children aged 0-8 weeks, 52% for 0-1 year and 11-month-old children and 74% for children aged between 0-4 years and 11 months, Edlington has the second lowest population of eligible children at 0-8 weeks (28) signed up for Family Hub membership across all of South. There isn't a family hub in Edlington, the closest is Conisbrough and Denaby. Overall membership for South is 92%.

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 Edlington compared to other wards, especially at age 0-1 years and 11 months (37%). Engagement is also lower than other communities in South, 28% at age 0-1 years and 11 months. There are several factors that could contribute to membership, access and engagement figures which must be considered when interpreting data. A complex relationship exists between socioeconomic, cultural, education, deprivation and independence as well as other factors and indicators which can influence these rates. Data across all recorded age groups is available in the table below.

	0-8 weeks	0-1 year and 11 months	0-4 years and 11 months
Membership	28%	52%	74%
Access	NA	37%	66%
Engagement	NA	28%	61%

Table 7. Family Hub Data Edlington - Q4 2024-25, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

	South Family Hubs
Membership	92%
Access	80%
Engagement	68%

Table 8. South Locality Family Hub Data All Ages Fiscal Year 2024/25, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

Family Hubs facilitate 2-Year-Old Funding Entitlement for families which provides up to 15 hours of free early education or childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year. 64% of eligible children in Doncaster have taken up 2-year-old funding, this figure has dropped each term over the last year in all localities with the biggest decrease in Central and South localities. For Summer 2025 late starters, 2-year funding uptake is lower in Edlington (61.5%) compared with Doncaster (64%).

Physical activity

Levels of physical activity in Edlington are low compared to the rest of the borough as seen in the map below which identifies the areas with the highest number of inactive households:

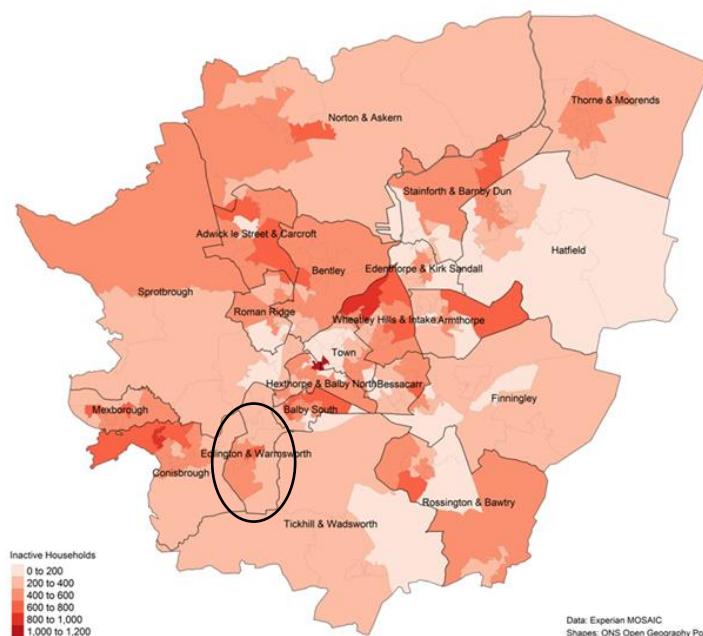


Figure 22. Levels of Inactivity across Doncaster, Get Doncaster Moving., 2023

Edlington has 667 households that are likely to have high levels of inactivity. This data has been matched with the number of children and young people and with deprived, inactive households. The former data positions Edlington as an area of focus and priority for the Get Doncaster Moving Strategy. The table below shows the number of households in the priority areas of inactive, low incomes and households with children and young people:

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

Table 9. Priority Communities, Get Doncaster Moving, Get Doncaster Moving, 2019

Sheffield Hallam University and The University of Manchester were commissioned by Get Doncaster Moving at City of Doncaster Council to analyse and evaluate the current levels of physical activity in the community, which were previously identified as low. A face-to-face household survey was completed in 2018 and collated in 2019 by 1,120 respondents across Doncaster using a questionnaire designed to (i) assess levels of physical activity in accordance with Sport England classifications and (ii) explore key issues around engagement in physical activity utilising the robust COM-B behavioural science approach (Michie et al., 2011).

In Edlington, 131 responses were collected from different households. The mean amount of time adults reported being active each week was 244 minutes which was the third highest level out of the eight communities. The physical activity classifications for Edlington are presented below.

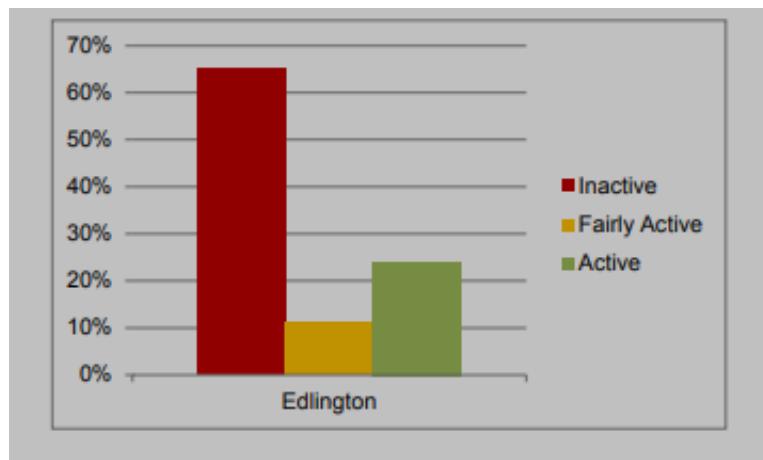


Figure 23. Adult Physical Activity Levels, City of Doncaster Council, 2019

In Edlington, the mean reported sitting time for participants was 243 minutes on a working day. On a non-working day, it was 364 minutes which was the 5th lowest level of sedentary behaviour out of the eight communities. 41 households reported having young people and the mean reported for physical activity time outside of school was 162 minutes a week. This was the 44th lowest amount of young people's activity over the eight communities analysed.

COM-B results below, present the Capability, Opportunity, and Motivation scores for participants based on the physical activity classification they are in. In Edlington, participants who were active rated their capability, opportunity and motivation as being higher than those who were fairly active and inactive. Participants in Edlington who were inactive gave particularly low ratings to automatic motivation (indicating that they did not have habits or routines for physical activity), reflective motivation (indicating that they had lower intentions to be physically active), and physical capability (indicating that they perceived fewer skills and/or less stamina to be physically active). These might be particular areas to focus on in terms of future interventions.



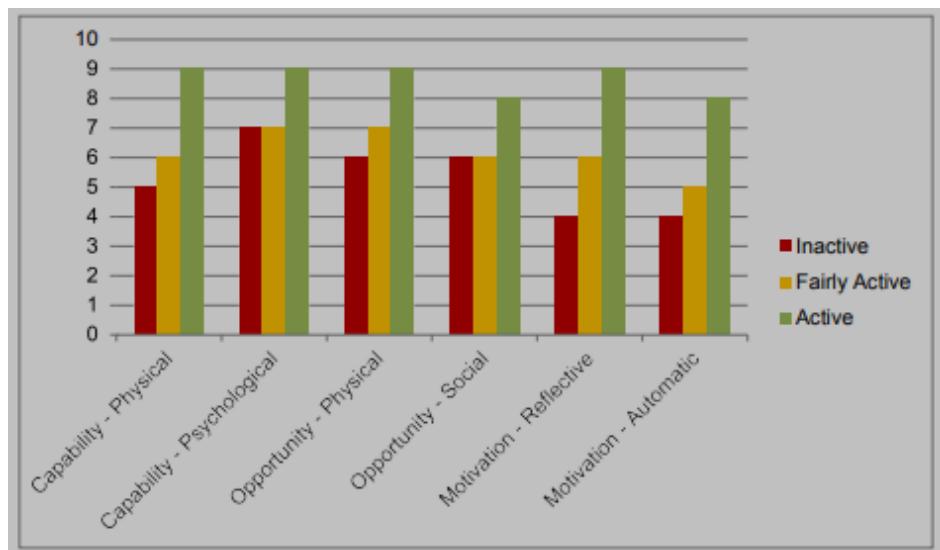


Figure 14. COM-B Scores per Physical Activity Classification for Edlington, City of Doncaster Council, 2019

Active Travel

In Edlington, 41 participants reported being employed or in education, with 14 (34%) actively travelling to their place of work or study, averaging 19 minutes daily and covering 85% of their commute. According to Census 2021, the most common mode of travel to work in the area was by car or van, while active travel accounted for a smaller proportion, with walking and cycling combined representing under 10% of journeys. Public transport, including buses and trains, is also used by a minority of commuters.

Active Travel and Young People

The 2024 Pupil Lifestyle Survey for Edlington has 527 responses to questions regarding physical activity. It is important to note that the Pupil Lifestyle Survey is self-reported and was not completed by all schools.

Of children surveyed, 35% walk to school, this is lower than Doncaster which stands at 39%. The survey shows 25% of children undertake physical activity one to two days a week (Doncaster 24%), 27% three to four days (Doncaster 26%) and 44% 5 or more days (47%). The reason for children not enjoying physical activity is due to getting hot and tired (57%) and they don't like being outdoors in bad weather or when it's cold (52%). When comparing the data from the 2022 survey it shows that there has been a decrease in children walking to school from 40% to 35%. It also shows that there is a decrease in children undertaking physical activity on one to two days a week from 32% to 25%.

Green Spaces and Parks

There are green space assets for the whole Edlington and Warmsworth ward available, and in close proximity to the communities of New Edlington, Old Edlington & Warmsworth. Old Edlington is adjacent to open countryside and has access to countryside footpaths, open spaces and has the benefit of being a conservation area with three listed buildings.

Green Space		
Asset	Name	Postcode
Play Park	Howbeck Drive	DN12 1PW
	Guest Lane	DN4 9NT
	Common Lane	DN4 9JY
	Broomhouse Lane	DN12 1EW
	Auburn Road	DN12 1DP
Park	Warmsworth Park	DN4 9LS
Green Space	Edlington Pitwood	DN12 1ES
	Martin Wells Lake	DN12 1PP

Table 10. Green spaces in Edlington, City of Doncaster Council, 2025

Martin Wells Lake (DN12 1PP) and Edlington Pitwood (DN12 1ES) provide the main form of green Spaces in the Edlington ward. Both are important assets to the community that can be used to promote health improvement. Martin Wells Lake has many activities for children and families, including an outdoor gym. It can enhance community cohesion and is overseen by Friends of Martin Wells Lake.

Future Parks

Edlington Pitwood has been named as one of the Future Parks in which involves a £1.8m investment from Sport England. Future Parks has been launched to maximise opportunities from the Local Delivery Pilot (LDP) to enhance green spaces in Doncaster. The Edlington Pitwood Group are working alongside City of Doncaster Councils (CDC) Future Park team along with a Community Connector who is has been funded by Get Doncaster Moving and are gaining insight into how the residents want to shape the future of the park.



Figure 25. Map of Edlington Pit Wood, Get Doncaster Moving, 2024

In February 2023, residents were invited to complete a survey about Edlington Pit Wood. Get Doncaster Moving and City of Doncaster Council wanted to know more about what local people wanted Edlington Pit Wood to look like in the future, and what the community would like to do within the space. There were 364 responses. Residents identified that reasons for visiting Edlington Pit Wood include enjoying wildlife and nature, exercise, relaxation, with the most common reason being exercising a pet.

3. Why do you visit Edlington Pit Wood?
(Choose as many as you like)

● To meet with friends	14
● Spend time with my family	49
● To take a short cut	3
● To enjoy wildlife & nature	106
● To relax	66
● Exercise (jogging/walking)	87
● To exercise a pet	118
● Sports (i.e. mountain biking)	21

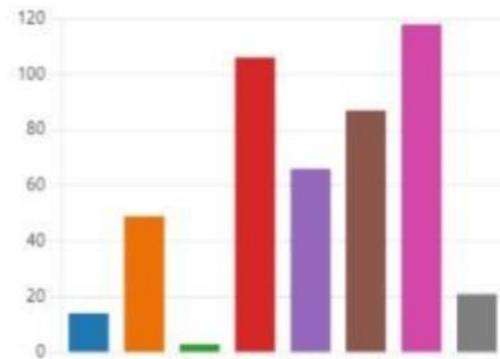


Figure 26. Reasons Residents Use Edlington Pit Wood, Get Doncaster Moving, 2023

Community Information

Population and Diversity

Edlington Population: 8400

Edlington has a population of 8,400 with 5493 people of working age in 2021. This has increased very slightly from 7,786 with 4,106 people of working-age in 2011.

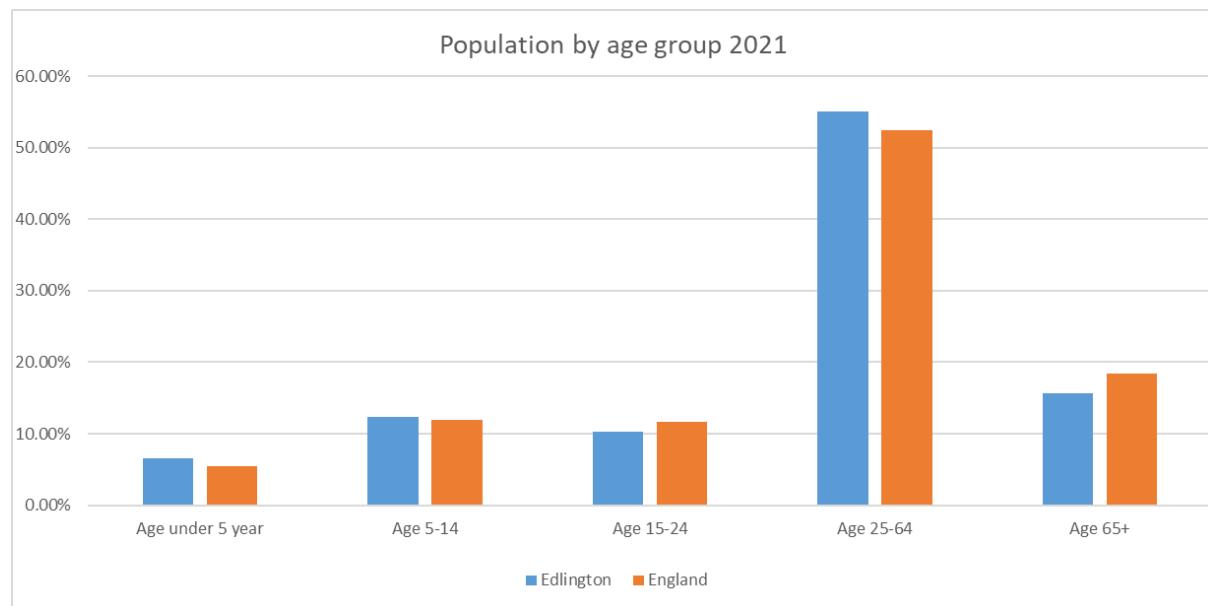


Figure 27. Population of Edlington, Office of National Statistics, 2021

Edlington is predominantly White British (96%), this is higher than the national make up (81%). 4% of the population are from a Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic (BAME) group. (Asian/Asian British/Asian Welsh 0.9%, Black, Black British/Black Welsh, Caribbean or African 1.3%, Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups 1%, Other ethnic 0.8%). The 2021 Census data reports that 11.7% of the population were born outside of the UK, slightly higher than Doncaster at 10.4%. in the 2021 Census, 91% reported English as their main language, slightly lower than Doncaster (92.8%). 1.6% reported not speaking English well (Doncaster 1.4%) and 0.2% reported they cannot speak English (Doncaster 0.2%).

Housing

Housing conditions and the surrounding environment can have profound impacts upon residents' health and exacerbate health inequalities. Housing data for the LSOAs that make up Edlington is available. This data explores several variables to analyse the housing stock.

The majority of housing within Edlington is owned with a mortgage, loan or shared ownership (30.3%). This tenure composition is significantly different to the Doncaster benchmark, for owning outright where Edlington has significantly lower numbers of outright homeowners (Edlington 25.3%, Doncaster 33.6% and England 32.5%) and significantly more social renters (Edlington 21.8%, Doncaster 17% and England

17.1%). There are 3,600 households in Edlington, the majority living in 3 bedoomed houses (59.8%), however the majority of those households are 1 person (31.9%) and 2 people (33.7%). This means that residents are living in bigger households than they need, this could lead to high levels of deprivation, fuel poverty and larger bills.

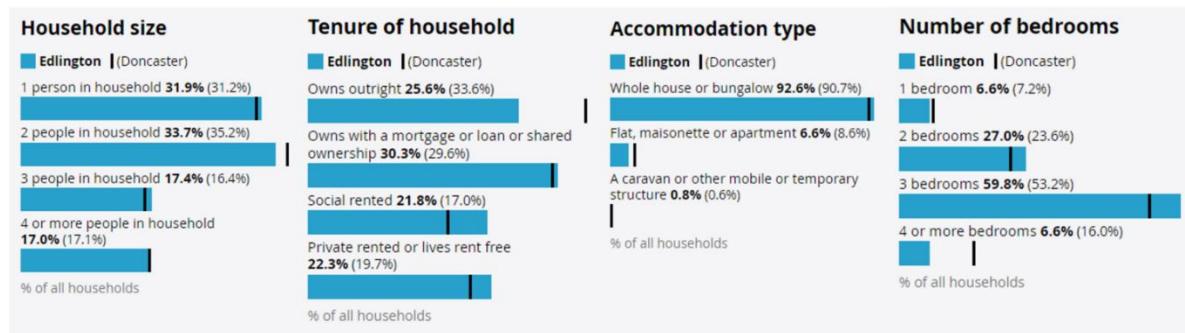


Figure 28. Housing status in Edlington compared to Doncaster, Office of National Statistics, 2021

St Leger Homes provide social housing services across Doncaster. They manage over 21,000 residences who are owned by the CDC. High levels of social housing, with a large proportion of bungalows and terraced housing are an indicator of deprivation and associated with overcrowding, low income and can consequently affect poor levels of childhood development. Edlington has a high number of bungalows, houses and flats, which can be seen in table 7. Table 8 shows the rent arrears in Edlington from 2021/22 to 2024/25.

Rent Arrears 21/22	Rent Arrears 22/23	Rent Arrears 23/24	Rent Arrears 24/25
£61,103	£71,331	£72,598	£56,164

Table 11. Rent Arrears from 21/22 to 24/25 in Edlington, St Leger Homes, 2025

Property Type	Total
Bedsit / Sleep Accommodation	2
Bungalow	200
Flat	139
Maisonette	0
House	313
Total SLHD Properties	654

Table 12. St Leger housing in Edlington, St Leger Homes, 2025

Community Safety

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

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

If you'd like to stay informed or take action, you can find detailed crime statistics for your neighbourhood at www.police.uk. To report issues or concerns, visit www.yourlifedoncaster.co.uk/safer-city-how-to-report-issues.

Key Community Safety Priorities

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

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

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

Community Voice / Key Safety Concerns

Residents in Edlington told us that anti-social behaviour and crime remain major concerns, despite some visible improvements in recent years. People spoke about intimidation, vandalism, and drug activity, alongside worries about gangs and repeat offending. Older residents and vulnerable groups said they often feel unsafe, particularly in certain public spaces. Environmental issues like fly-tipping and neglected areas add to these concerns, 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 strong 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 Edlington.

Crime and Antisocial 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.

South has the highest number of ASB and hate crime figures in the city. Of those 1657 cases across the South locality, 73 occurred in Edlington and Warmsworth, the second lowest in the locality.

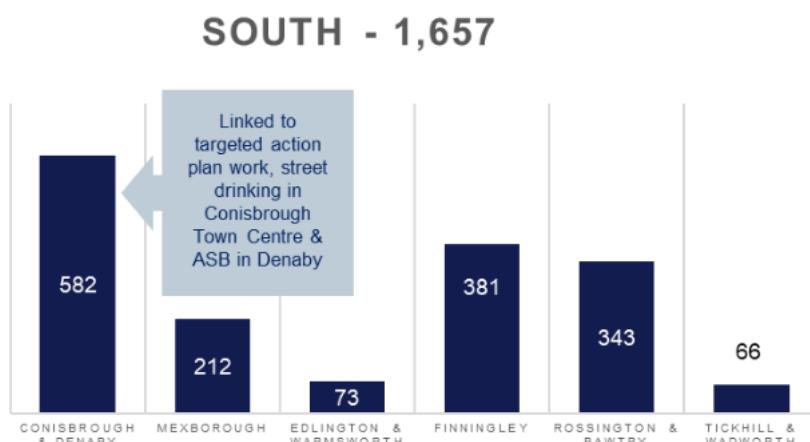


Figure 29. Number of early interventions, ASB, hate crime and low-level crime issues identified and managed at Ward level, City of Doncaster Council, 2023/24

Across the South locality there were only 8 cases of vulnerable people being supported. These numbers are linked to the number of closed cases in hotspot locations across the locality and particularly a reduction in the contact required through dedicated work in Mexborough. This has been done to help address inequalities and vulnerabilities experienced by those in need.

Wellbeing Service

This service is delivered by CDC, and 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 list below shows the most common themes residents are accessing the Wellbeing Service for support in Edlington and Warmsworth.

1. Housing & Living Environment

2. Mental & Emotional Health
3. Financial and Physical Health

Community Investment

Between March 2020 and July 2025 there has been £97,710.4 invested from Doncaster Delivering Together in Edlington and Warmsworth, across 14 spends. This investment has been successfully applied for by partners and Voluntary Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) groups. The top 3 priorities are increasing community spirit, financial security and mental health support & awareness.

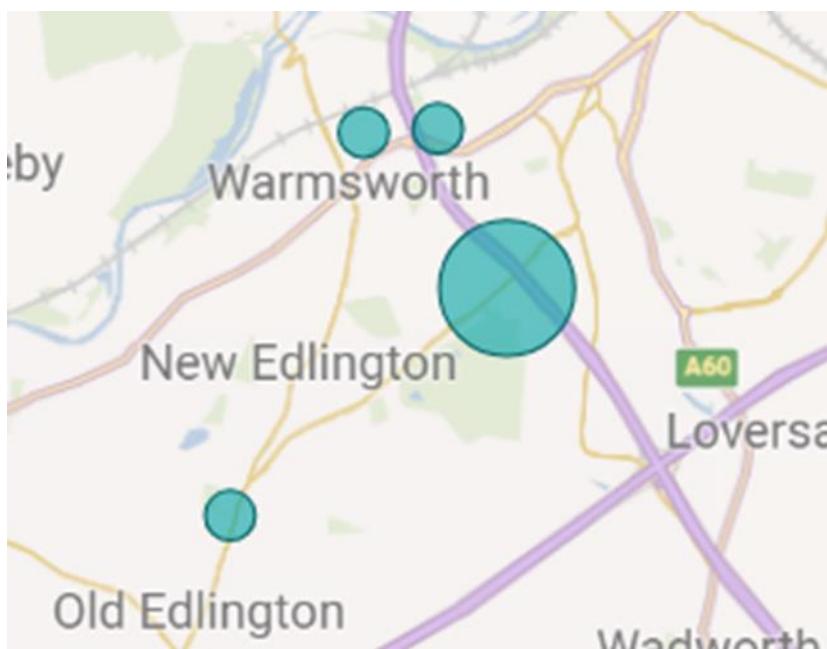


Figure 30. Heat map of investment distribution across Edlington and Warmsworth, Delivering Doncaster Together, 2025

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Appendix

Well Doncaster

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

[Home | Well Doncaster](#)

Census 2021

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

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

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

Public Health Data

Fingertips

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

Local Health contains indicators related to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acorn profiles

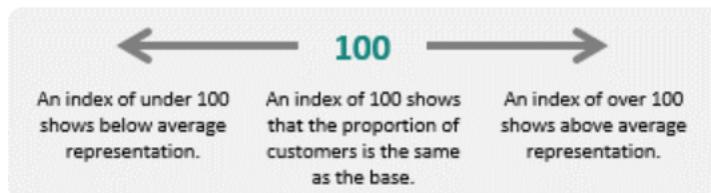
Wellbeing Acorn segments the population into 4 groups (Health Challenges; At Risk; Caution; Healthy) and 25 types describing the health and wellbeing attributes of each postcode across the country. By analysing significant social and health related behaviour, it provides precise

information and an in depth understanding of upstream issues affected by current lifestyle traits

INTERPRETING THE REPORT

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

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

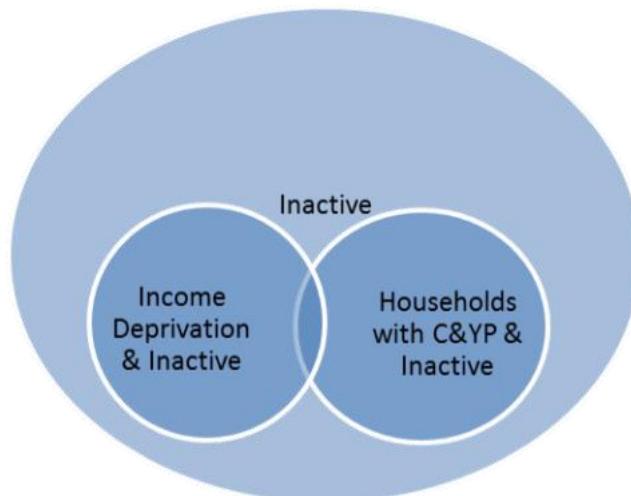
Get Doncaster Moving survey

<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](#)

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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-1.1365028000000032&z=14>