

Charnwood Community Profile 2005

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ◆ The population of Charnwood is 155,400
- ◆ 18.5% of the population are aged under 16 years, and 17.4% are of pension age
- ◆ There are 60,472 households in the Borough, with an average household size of 2.42 persons
- ◆ 10.8% of the population (16,573 people) are of Black and Minority Ethnic origin. The largest BME groups are Indian, Other White and Bangladeshi
- ◆ In Charnwood, 15% of the population have a Limiting Long Term Illness
- ◆ 9.9% of the population provide unpaid care to a relative or neighbour
- ◆ Overall levels of deprivation are relatively low, but there are small pockets of more severe deprivation in parts of Loughborough Hastings, Loughborough Storer and Loughborough Shelthorpe wards
- ◆ There are 3,525 children aged under 16 years and 3,673 people aged over 60 years living in income deprived households
- ◆ 24,261 pupils attend an LEA school in Charnwood
- ◆ 82.8% of the working age population in Charnwood are economically active
- ◆ There are 1,378 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance in the Borough
- ◆ 83.9% of businesses in Charnwood employ less than 10 people
- ◆ Average household income in the Borough is £31,234
- ◆ Offences recorded by the police in 2004/05 shows falling Vehicle crime and Burglary but Criminal damage remains high, and Assault offences continue to increase
- ◆ There are 60,472 cars and vans in Charnwood, and this is the most common method of travel to work (67.6%). 7.4% of the population travel to work by bus

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Charnwood Borough Council is in the process of reviewing the Charnwood Community Plan and the Charnwood Local Plan, the latter eventually being replaced by a Local Development Framework (LDF). It is therefore important that the Borough Council and the Local Strategic Partnership review the information available about the Borough to inform this process. This profile has been prepared to ensure the preparation of, and consultation on the Community Plan, Core Strategy and Statement of Community Involvement are well informed and based upon existing knowledge about the Borough. It will also support the development of an evidence base for the Leicestershire Local Area Agreement and future regional and sub-regional planning.

Data

A range of data from a variety of sources has been used in compiling this report. In all cases, the most up-to-date information has been included. Where relevant, historic data or projected information has also been included.

Geography

This report will include data at different geographical levels:

- Borough
- Ward – There are 28 wards in the Borough. Ward boundaries were changed in the Borough in 2001. Wherever possible, the new ward boundaries have been used in this report.
- Super Output Areas - lower level (SOA) – There are 100 lower level SOAs in the Borough, shown in appendix 1. This is a relatively new geography created by the Office for National Statistics. They are created by combining a number of Output Areas which were created for the 2001 Census. They are small areas of broadly consistent population size across the country, each containing approximately 1,500 people.
- Output Areas – There are 487 Output Areas in the Borough. These are small areas created for the 2001 Census each containing approximately 120 households.

Where possible, the data will be compared with the borough (and the group of 'most similar' local authorities*), the county, the region and the country.

* The Office for National Statistics has produced an Area Classification which groups most similar local authorities together using demographic, household composition, socio-economic, employment and industry sector indicators from the 2001 census - more information on the classification is available from www.statistics.gov.uk/about/methodology_by_theme/area_classification.