

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Community Profile 2005

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ◆ The population of Hinckley and Bosworth is 101,500
- ◆ 18.6% of the population are aged under 16 years, and 19.2% are of pension age
- ◆ There are 41,085 households in the Borough, with an average household size of 2.42 persons
- ◆ 3.5% of the population (3,535 people) are of Black and Minority Ethnic origin. The largest BME groups are Other White and Indian
- ◆ In Hinckley and Bosworth, 16% of the population have a Limiting Long Term Illness
- ◆ 11% 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 Earl Shilton and Hinckley Trinity wards.
- ◆ There are 2,046 children aged under 16 years and 2,335 people aged over 60 years living in income deprived households
- ◆ 16,701 pupils attend an LEA school in Hinckley and Bosworth
- ◆ 84.1% of the working age population in Hinckley and Bosworth are economically active
- ◆ 1.3% of the working age population claim Job Seekers Allowance
- ◆ 85% of businesses in Hinckley and Bosworth employ less than 10 people
- ◆ Average household income in the Borough is £28,012
- ◆ Offences recorded by the police in 2004/05 shows that vehicle crime, burglary and theft are falling, but that the number of assaults continues to rise
- ◆ There are 55,100 cars and vans in Hinckley and Bosworth, and this is the most common method of travel to work (72%). Only 3% of the population travel to work by bus

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council is in the process of reviewing both the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Plan and the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Plan, the latter eventually being replaced by a Local Development Framework (LDF). Initial consultations to inform these reviews is due to take place from June 2005. It is therefore important that the Borough Council and the Hinckley and Bosworth Local Strategic Partnership (Activ8) 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.

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:

- District
- Ward – There are 16 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 66 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 336 Output Areas in the Borough. These are small areas created for the 2001 Census which each contain approximately 120 households.

Where possible, the data will be compared with the district (and the group of ‘most similar’ local authorities*), the county and England.

* 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.