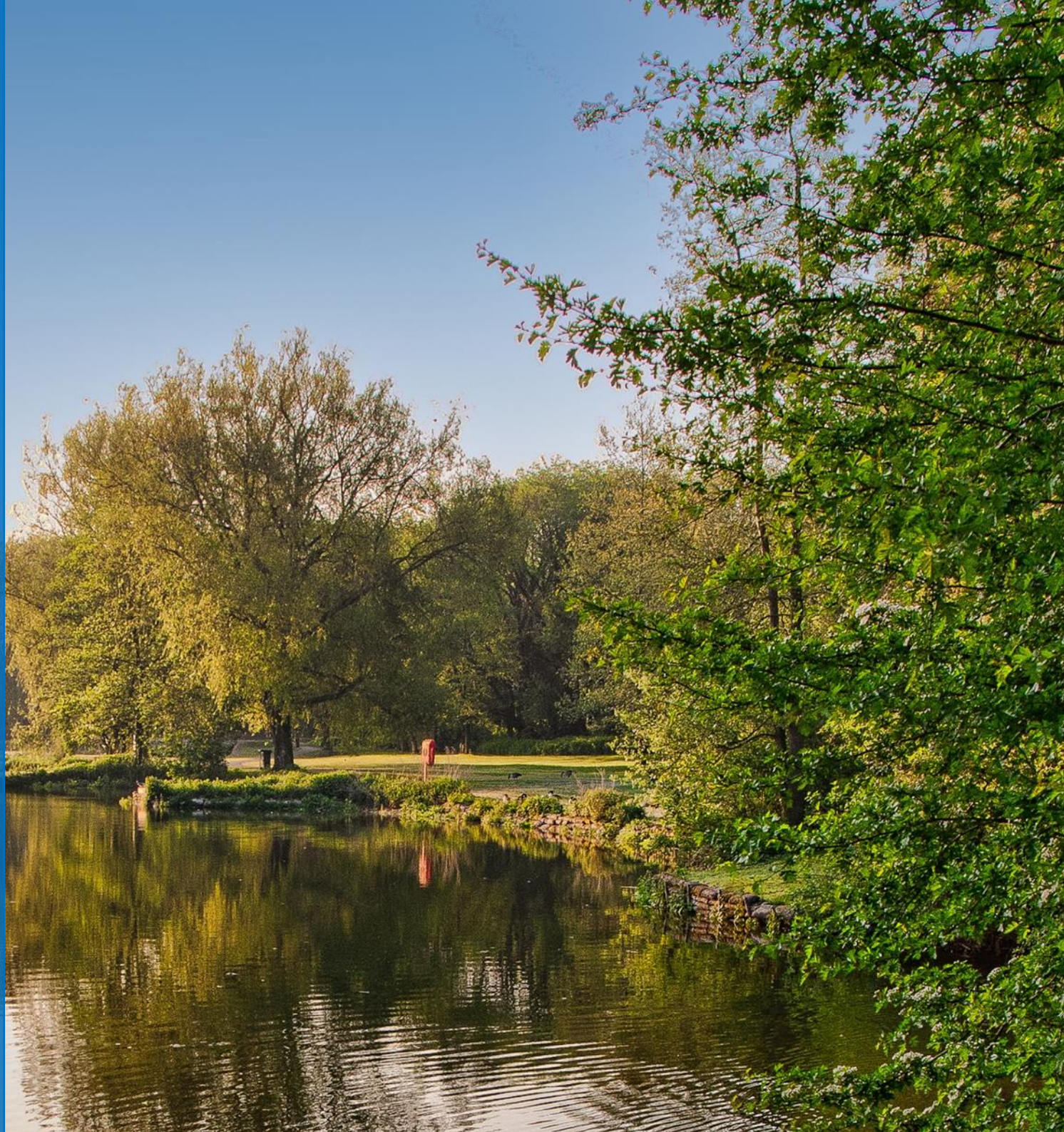


# Charlton and the Pentons

## Ward Profile



2023





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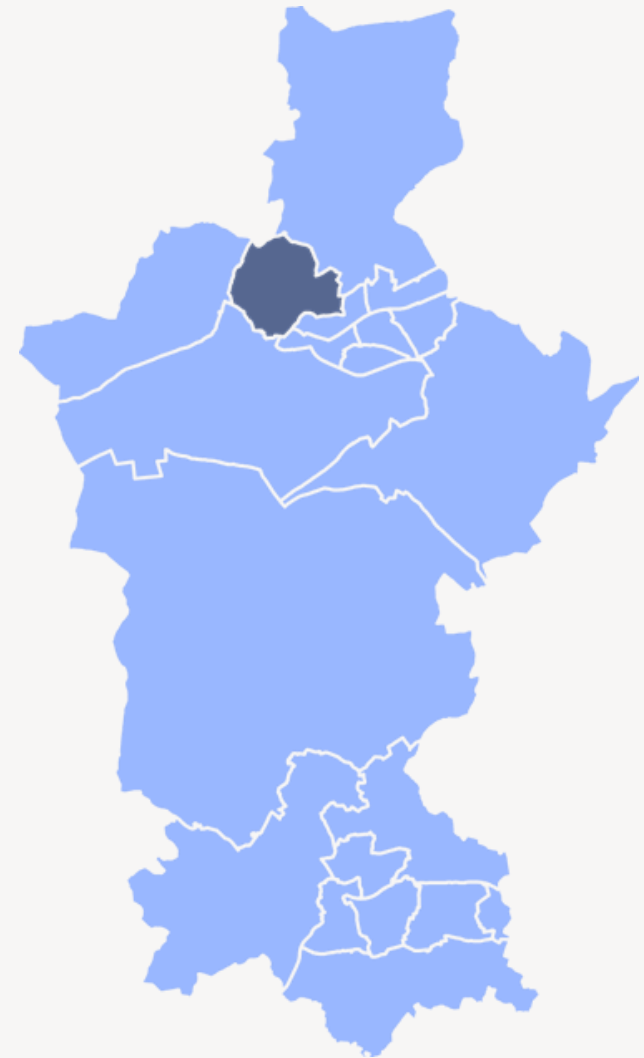
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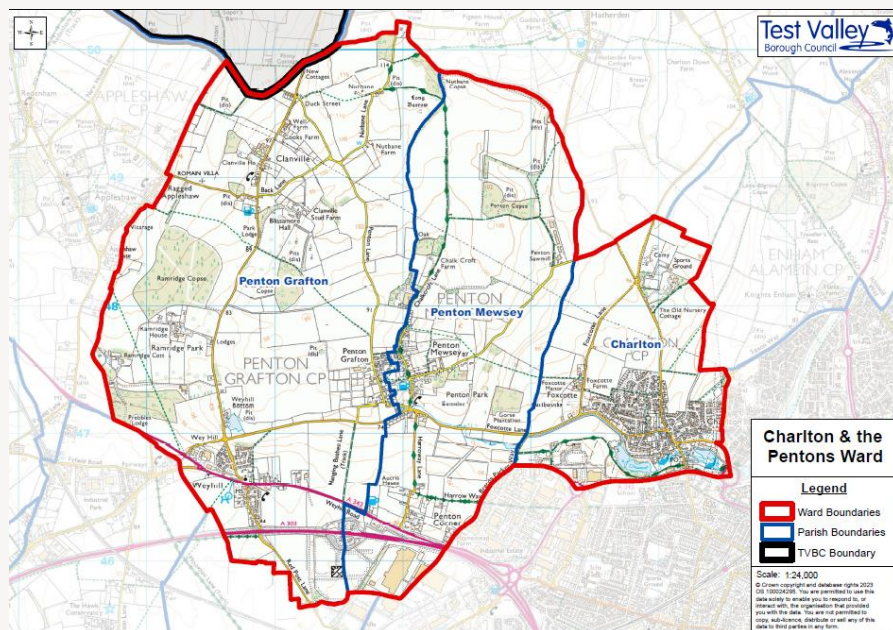
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# Charlton and the Pentons Ward Profile

This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the ward of Charlton and the Pentons within Test Valley. It looks at information on topics such as the population structure, economic, housing, health and educational information for the ward.

**Charlton and the Pentons** is one of the Test Valley's twenty wards. It has an area of **1,439.81** hectares which represents **2.3%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of area, Charlton and the Pentons is Test Valley's **ninth largest** ward. The ward's population is **3,214** and its population density is **2.23** people per hectare, which is higher than the borough's average population density of **2.15** people per hectare.



Charlton and the Pentons is a ward in the north-western part of Test Valley, lying northwest of Andover town and bordering Wiltshire to the West. The ward is rural in nature, containing open countryside, farmland, and number of small village communities. Most of the ward's population is concentrated in the eastern part of the ward, in and around Charlton.

## Elected Representatives

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### Parish Councils

Charlton and the Pentons ward includes parts of following parishes:

- **Charlton**
- **Penton Grafton**
- **Penton Mewsey**

Further information about this, and Test Valley's other parishes, can be found on the [council's website](#).

# Population



3,214

Population 2022



2.8%  
increase



3,305

Estimated  
population in 2029



6.9% of the population are military veterans  
14.1% of the population are school children

## Age breakdown

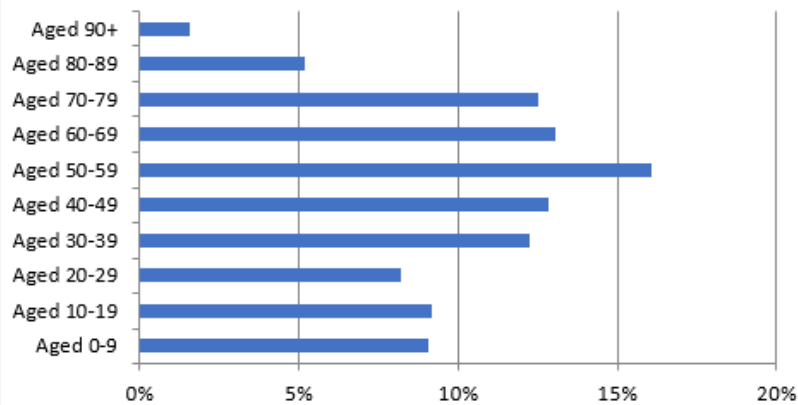
At 18.2% Charlton and the Pentons has a significantly smaller percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.6%. By 2029, the proportion of young people will increase to 19.1%, and will then be 2.5% lower than the borough average.

At 20.5%, Charlton and the Pentons has a higher percentage of **young adults** (aged 20-39) than the borough average of 19.5%. The proportion of young adults living in the ward is expected to decrease by 0.6% between 2022 and 2029, similar to the expected fall of 0.9% across the borough.

**Middle aged residents** (aged 40-69) constitute 42.0% of Charlton and the Pentons population, which is above the borough average of 40.0%. This is forecast to slightly increase by 0.5% between now and 2029, when it'll be 2.7% higher than the borough average.

At 19.3%, Charlton and the Pentons has a higher percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 1.4% above the borough average. By 2029 this percentage is forecast to decrease by 0.7%, slower than the forecast of 2.2% for the borough as a whole.

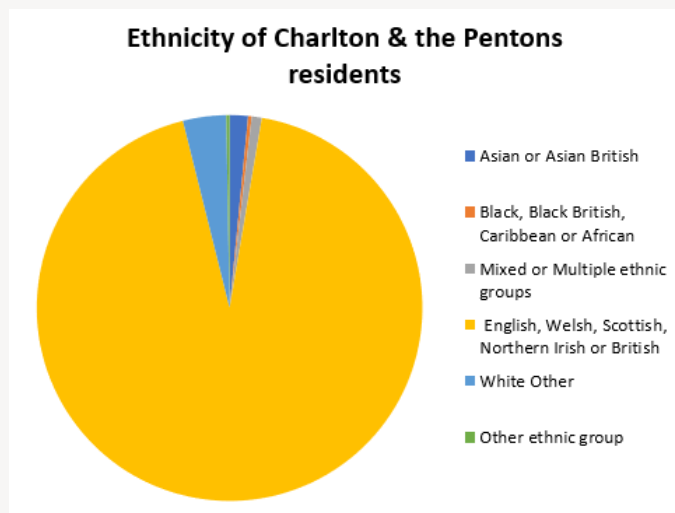
Percentage of the population by age group 2022



## Population Data

This population data is taken from the Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF), provided by Hampshire County Council. Further information on this is available online at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>.

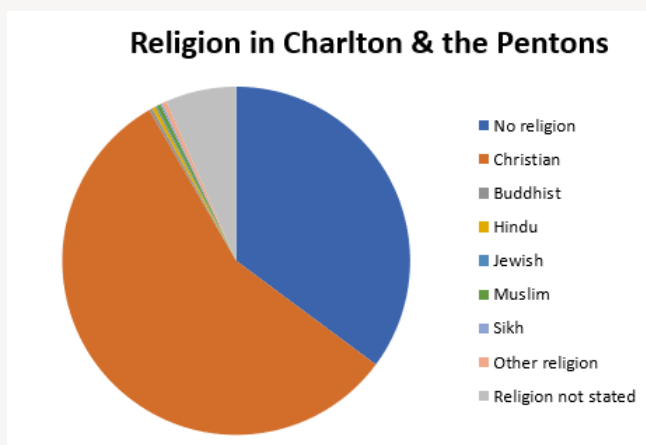
## Ethnicity



Asian or Asian British	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	White Other	Other ethnic group
1.5%	0.3%	0.8%	93.4%	3.6%	0.3%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Charlton and the Pentons by percentage. At the 2021 Census, 93.4% of Charlton and the Pentons population as White British. This is higher than the borough average of 88.8%. Charlton and the Pentons level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where only 73.5% of the population are White British.

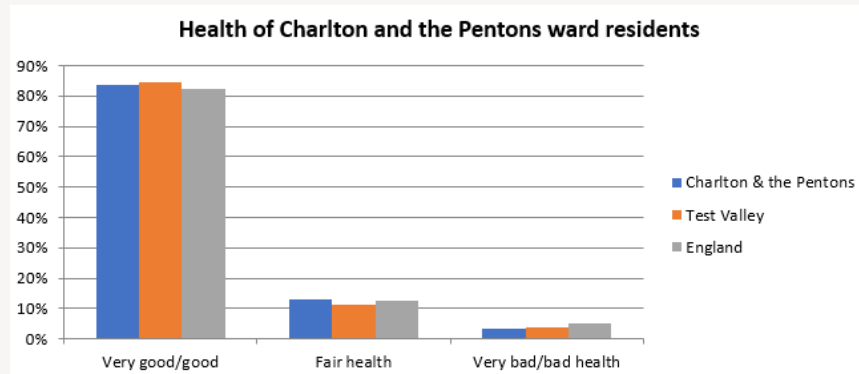
## Religion



No religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	Religion not stated
35.2%	56.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	6.6%

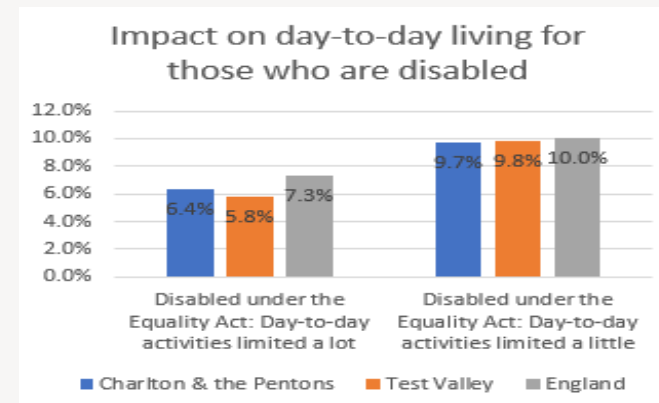
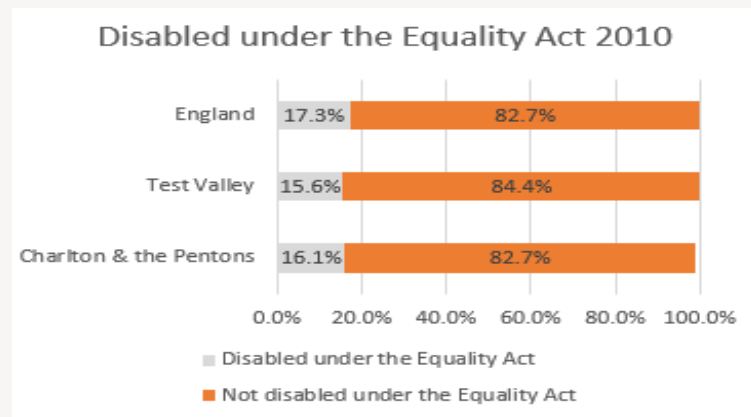
At the 2021 Census, the majority of Charlton and the Pentons residents (56.5%) classify themselves as Christian, which is higher than both the borough average of 50.5% and the English average of 46.3%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (35.2%) which is lower than both the Test Valley average (40.6%) and the English average (36.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, Islam is the second largest faith group, constituting 0.4% of the population of the ward. By comparison, 6.7% of England's population identify as being Muslim.

## Health



At the 2021 Census, 83.6% of residents in Charlton and the Pentons said they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is higher than both the average for Test Valley (84.7%) and the average for England (82.2%). 3.5% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is lower than equivalent figures for both the borough (3.8%) and England (5.2%).

## Disability



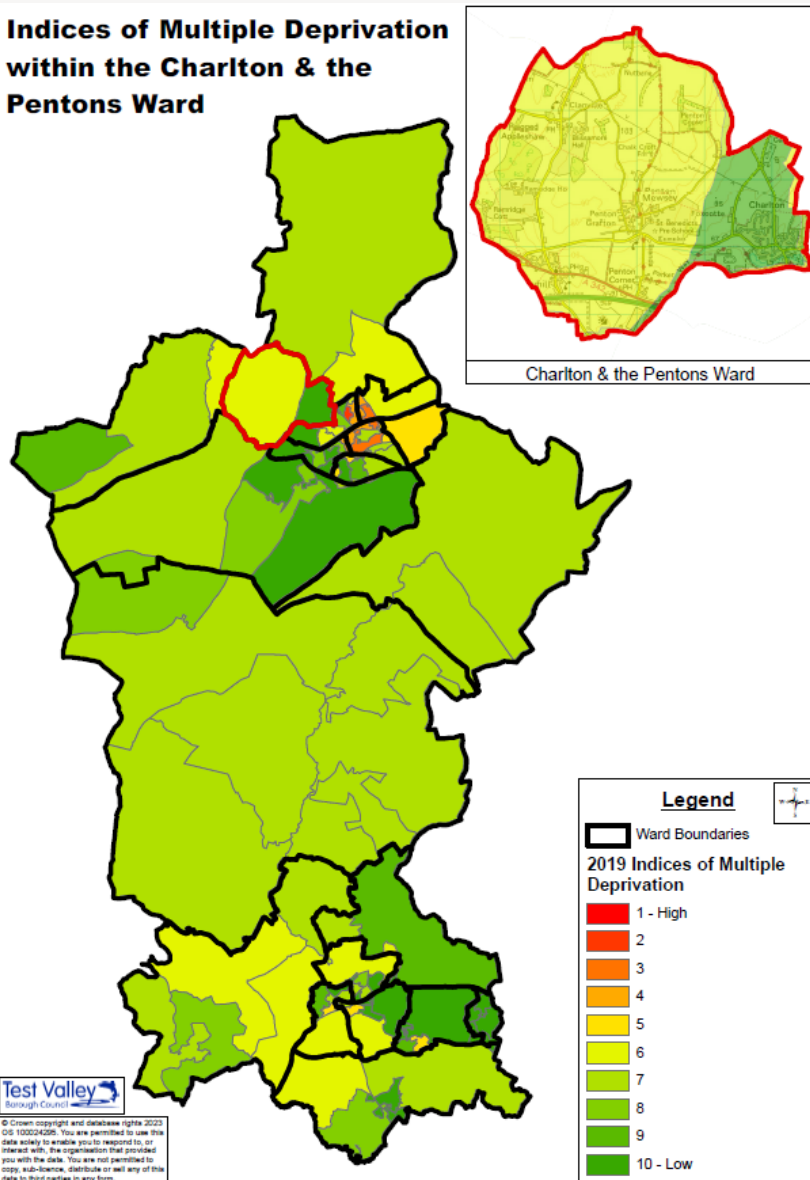
At the 2021 Census, 16.1% of Charlton and the Pentons population identified as having a disability, as defined by the Equality Act 2010. This is a higher proportion than the population of Test Valley as a whole, where 15.6% identified as having a disability, but lower than the proportion of people in England as a whole, where the figure was 17.3%.

Of this 16.1%, 6.4% of the ward's population said they had a disability that limited their day-to-day activities a lot, lower than the equivalent figure for Test Valley (5.8%) and England (7.3%). 9.7% said they had a disability that impacted them a little, lower than the respective figures for the borough (9.8%) and the country (10.0%).



# Deprivation

## Indices of Multiple Deprivation within the Charlton & the Pentons Ward



The English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 is designed to identify areas where communities lack resources and are in need. To do this, seven factors are considered, which are:

- income deprivation
- employment deprivation
- education, skills, and training deprivation
- health deprivation and disability
- crime
- barriers to housing and services
- living environment deprivation.

Areas are scored on each of these factors and ranked nationally from least deprived to most deprived.

This map shows the deprivation scores for Charlton & the Pentons against all areas in Test Valley. Valley. These are measured in Super Output Areas. Charlton & the Pentons falls within two LSOAs. Of these two, there are considerable differences regarding the indices of deprivation. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, areas of Charlton & the Pentons rank 19,664<sup>th</sup> and 31,029<sup>th</sup> this puts the ward in both the **60% of most deprived** areas in the country and the **10% of least deprived** areas in the country.

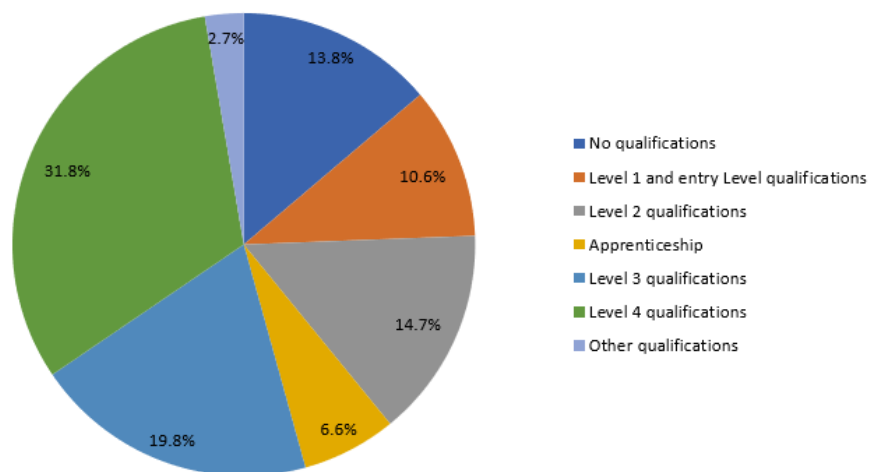
Despite the differences, there are some patterns, with the whole ward falling into the **20% least deprived** areas in regard to **crime**, and **30% least deprived areas** for **income deprivation affecting children**. Charlton & the Pentons also falls into the **30% most deprived areas** for **geographical barriers**.

Further information about the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities 2019 English Indices of Deprivation is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>

# Education and employment

## Qualifications

Percentage of people with qualifications in Charlton and the Pentons



The pie chart shows the qualifications gained by Charlton and the Pentons residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2021 Census.

83.5% of people living in Charlton and the Pentons have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is lower than the Test Valley average of 83.3% but higher than the English average of 79.1%.

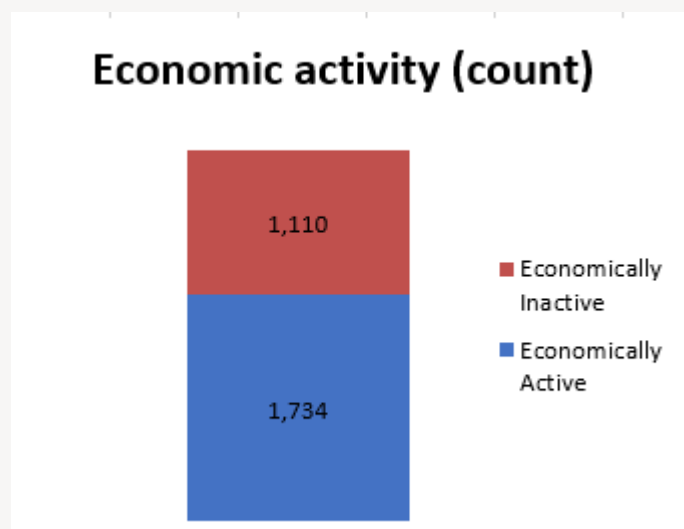
This means that 13.8% of Charlton and the residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational, or professional qualifications, which is 0.3% lower than the borough average and 4.3% lower than the English average.

In addition, 31.8% of Charlton and the Pentons residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is lower than the borough average of 35.7% and the English average of 33.9%. Similarly, 6.6% of the ward's population have undertaken an apprenticeship.

No qualifications	No academic or professional qualifications.
Level 1	any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate, one Advanced Subsidiary (AS) level, NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) level 1, Basic or Essential Skills, skills for life, literacy and numeracy, Level 2 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Level 2	five or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate, one A level, two to three AS levels, NVQ level 2, Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) General, City and Guilds Craft, Level 2 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Apprenticeship	Has completed any form of apprenticeship, at any level.
Level 3	two or more A levels, four or more AS levels, Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate, NVQ level 3, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, Ordinary National Certificate (ONC), Ordinary National Diploma (OND), BTEC National, International Baccalaureate, Level 3 Scottish Vocational qualifications
Level 4 or above	degree, foundation degree, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master's degrees, Higher National Diploma (HND) or Higher National Certificate (HNC), NVQ level 4 or above, professional qualifications (for example, teaching or nursing)
Other qualification	Any other qualifications, equivalent unknown



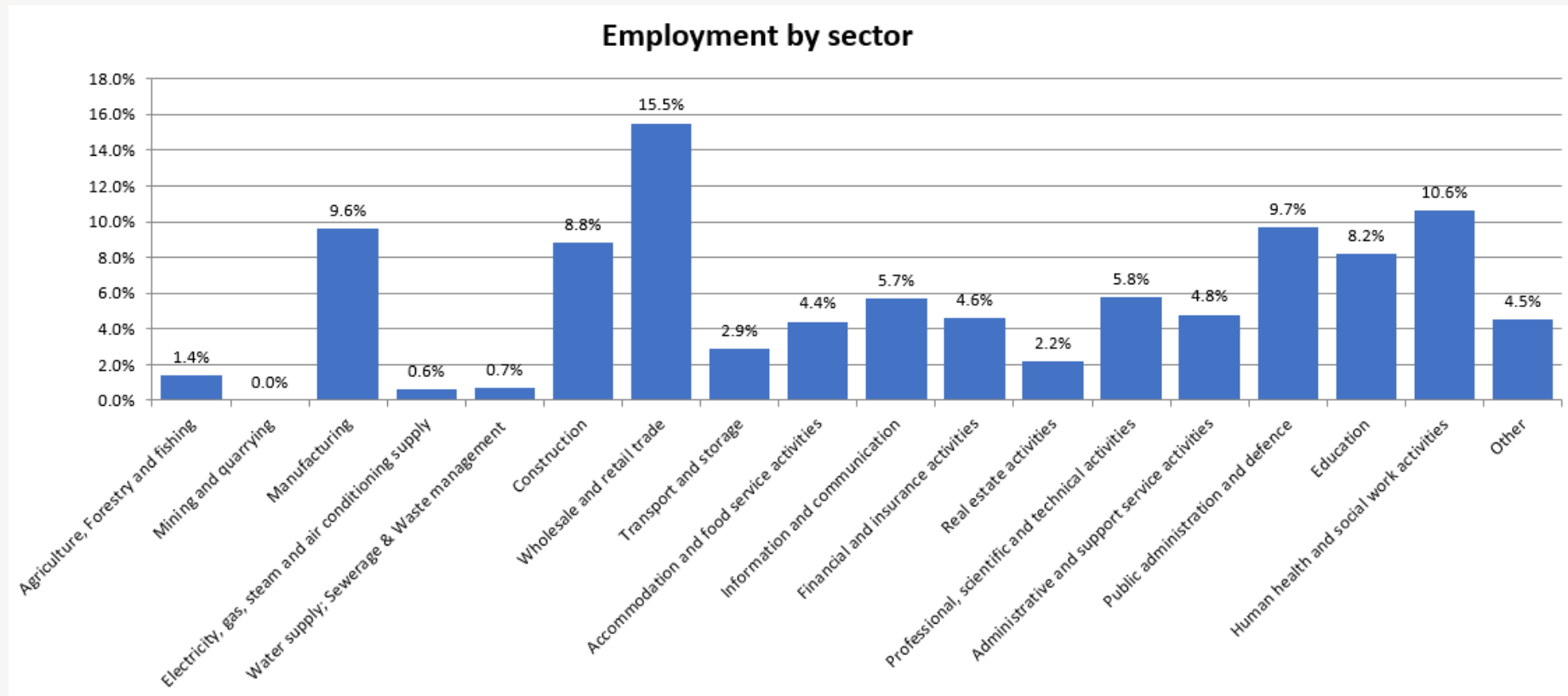
## Economic Activity



According to the 2021 Census, 59.9% of Charlton and the Pentons residents aged 16-74 are economically active, significantly lower than Test Valley as a whole where the figure is 63.8% of residents. This includes people in full-, part- and self-employment, those who are actively seeking a job, and full-time students.

The remaining 39.0% of residents aged 16-74 are economically inactive, compared to 36.1% of Test Valley residents. This includes people who are retired, long-term sick or disabled, or who look after the home and family.

## Employment by sector



This graph shows the different industries residents of Charlton and the Pentons ward work in, according to the 2021 Census. The largest sector employing people in Charlton and the Pentons is Wholesale and retail trade (15.5%), followed by Human health and social work activities (10.6%) and then by Public administration and defence (9.7%).

# Properties

Total number of properties

# 1,427

## Dwellings



**16.9%**  
*Terraced*



**28.2%**  
*Semi-Detached*



**47.0%**  
*Detached*

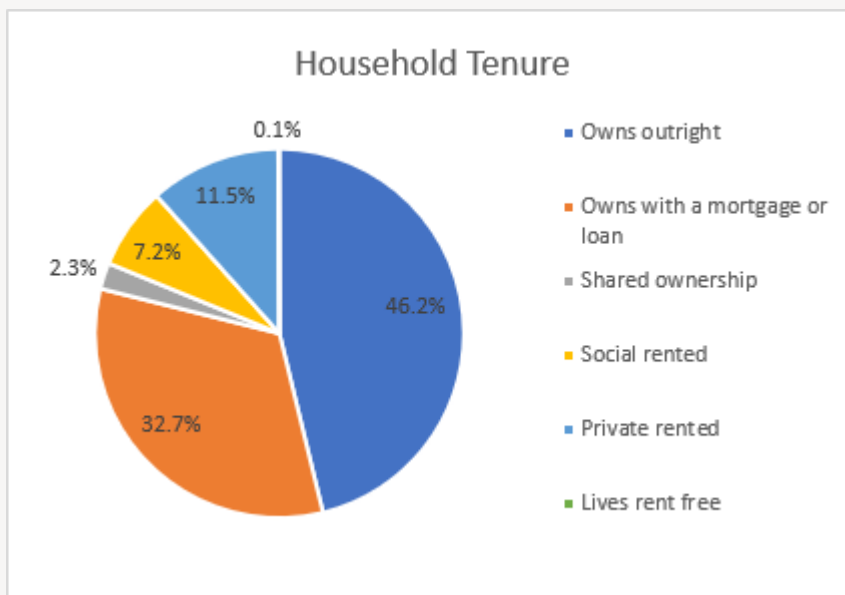


**5.6%**  
*Flat*



**2.5%**  
*Mobile or other*

## Household Tenure



Household tenure refers to the financial arrangements under which people occupy their homes and is taken from the 2021 Census.

This pie chart depicts the tenure of households in Charlton and the Pentons. 78.9% of people in the ward live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is higher than the average for Test Valley, which is 69.0%, and the average for England, which is 61.3%.

7.2% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, which is lower than the borough average of 14.3% as well as the English average of 17.1% 11.5% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is lower than the borough average of 14.8% and the figure for England of 20.5%.

2.3% of households are part of a shared ownership scheme whilst 0.1% live rent free.



## Community facilities

Located on the edge of Andover, Charlton and the Pentons contains a good number of facilities, spread across the villages that it's made up of. These includes a number of shops in Charlton, Fairground Hall in Weyhill and the Penton Hall.

For the villages across the wards, Andover is the closest location of most other facilities, like larger shops, schools, and GP surgeries. The closest railway station is located there too.



## Further Information

The Community Team at Test Valley Borough Council provide support to local councillors and communities. They are also able to signpost local organisations to grant funding and other resources that may be available. To contact them, please email:

[communityteam@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:communityteam@testvalley.gov.uk)

The information in this profile has been prepared by Test Valley Borough Council's Policy Team. If you have any further queries or would like to talk to us about other information you would like to see, then please contact one of the Policy Team who will be happy to help:

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