BECCELES

ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE 2017

This Division comprises Beccles North, Beccles South and Worlingham wards

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ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILES: AN INTRODUCTION

These profiles have been produced to support elected members, constituents and other interested parties in understanding the demographic, economic, social and educational profile of their neighbourhoods. We have used the latest data available at the time of publication.

Much more data is available from national and local sources than is captured here, but it is hoped that the profile will be a useful starting point for discussion, where local knowledge and experience can be used to flesh out and illuminate the information presented here.

The profile can be used to help look at some fundamental questions e.g.
- Does the age profile of the population match or differ from the national profile?
- Is there evidence of the ageing profile of the county in all the wards in the Division or just some?
- How diverse is the community in terms of ethnicity?
- What is the impact of deprivation on families and residents?
- Does there seem to be a link between deprivation and school performance?
- What is the breakdown of employment sectors in the area?
- Is it a relatively healthy area compared to the rest of the district or county?
- What sort of crime is prevalent in the community?

A vast amount of additional data is available on the Suffolk Observatory

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The Suffolk Observatory is a free online resource that contains all Suffolk’s vital statistics; it is the one-stop-shop for information and intelligence about Suffolk. Through data, reports and profiles, the Suffolk Observatory provides a comprehensive picture of the County. It is a great source for useful facts and figures that can be used for writing reports and presentations, informing strategic and business planning, preparing funding applications or supporting academic research. Data is presented around the key themes of education and skills, economy and employment, health and care, population, deprivation, housing, environment, transport and travel and crime. All areas of the county are covered, right down to district, ward and parish level, with information easily accessible in a variety of formats. You can also build your own reports by different themes and topics.

Technical Notes:
1. Where Electoral Divisions do not exactly match ward boundaries, we have adopted a “best fit” approach to produce a dataset.
2. District, county and national level data is provided where possible to provide a context for comparisons.
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE - AGE

In mid-2015, the population of Beccles stood at 15,067, an increase of 1.8% since the 2011 Census. The age structure of the component wards and the division as a whole is set out below.

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The table above provides the population breakdown by age group for Beccles Division, Beccles North, Beccles South, and Worlingham. The data shows the number of males and females in each age group, allowing for a comparison with the UK average.
• The age pyramid for Beccles shows a higher than average proportion of people over the age of 60
• The commonest age group in Beccles is 65-69, followed by 70-74
• There is a much lower than average number of people of working age, particularly 20-39 year olds

**ETHNICITY**

According to the latest data (2011 Census), 98.1% (14,512) of the population of Beccles are white, one of the highest percentages for a division in Suffolk. 511 people are non white British

There are 284 (1.9%) people of black or minority ethnic origin in the division, more than double the number at the time of the 2001 Census

Beccles has a similar diversity profile to Waveney district, and generally lower proportions of minority ethnic groups than Suffolk as a whole

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ECONOMY

There are around 5,700 people employed in Beccles.

- The key employment sectors in Beccles are manufacturing, wholesale, retail and motor trades, health and education.
- Manufacturing and wholesale, retail and motor trades are particularly important as the proportion of these sectors in Beccles is much higher than the national average. Almost half of employees in Beccles are employed in these two sectors.
- A greater proportion of employment is in lower skilled sectors.
Beccles has seen a general decline in Job Seekers Allowance rate over the past three years.

The latest data shows that the rate in Beccles is similar to the Waveney average, though historically the division has seen lower JSA claimant rates than the district, county and national averages.

In percentage terms, around 0.7% of the working age population (aged 16-64) are claiming JSA. This is similar to the district average, but considerably below the county and national levels.
# SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Schools in the Division

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Foundation Stage Profile (reception)
% pupils achieving Good Level of Development (GLD)

- Foundation Stage attainment at schools in Beccles has seen general improvement over the last three years
- These improvements culminated in all schools in the division reaching attainment levels above the county and national averages in 2016
- Ravensmere Infant school and the Albert Pye CP school have had consistently above average attainment results from 2014 to 2016
Key Stage 2 (age 11)
Pupil Achievement in all three subjects, Reading, Writing and Mathematics (2014–2015 as % Level 4 or better & 2016 % Expected Level or better)

In July 2016, there was a change in the way pupil achievement is measured at the end of KS2. Prior to 2016, pupils received National Curriculum Level grades for English and Maths, with L4 being the expected level at the end of Key Stage 2. In 2016 the measure scaled score and shows whether or not a pupil has achieved the national standard for that subject.

Key stage 2 attainment at schools in Beccles has fluctuated across the last three years

- 2016 attainment was below the Suffolk and national average at Beccles Primary Academy and St Benet’s Catholic Primary School
- Barnby and North Cove CP School had the highest attainment in 2016, with 75% of pupils achieving the expected level or better in reading, writing and mathematics compared to 49% across Suffolk as a whole and 53% nationally
**GCSE (Key Stage 4) (age 16)**

% pupils achieving five or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at A*-C including English and Mathematics

In July 2016, an additional measure of pupil achievement at Key Stage 4 was introduced but for the purposes of this profile and to demonstrate change over time, we have presented consistent data for the period 2014-2016 using the % pupils achieving five or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at A*-C including English and Mathematics.

- GCSE attainment at Sir John Leman High school has fluctuated somewhat in the last three years, but has remained above the Suffolk and national average (65% in 2016 compared to 60% in Suffolk and 63% nationally)
- Attainment at Beccles Free School was below average in 2015 and 2016 (no data is available for 2014)

**A Level (Key Stage 5) (age 18)**

Average point score per student

In 2016 there was a change in the way pupil achievement is measured at the end of KS5 and so the trend over time should not therefore be considered. The relative level of attainment at schools in the Electoral Division versus the Suffolk and National averages can still be seen.

- A Level attainment at Sir John Leman High School has been consistently slightly below the national average in the last three years
- In 2016, the average point score per student at the school was 30.81, above the Suffolk average of 30.4 but below the national benchmark of 32.1
NEET % (NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING)

- In January 2017 2.4% of 16-18 year olds in Beccles were classified as NEET (where current activity is known), significantly below the district and county average.
- Over the past three to four years, NEET levels in Beccles have generally been slightly below the district and county average.
INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (IMD) 2015 (SEE MAP OVERLEAF)

The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (Lower Super Output Areas, average population 1,500) are most usually described as being in 1 of 5 quintile bands. The bottom quintile represents the 20% of areas that are the most deprived in the country; these are shaded red on the map. The top quintile represents the least deprived areas in the country, and is shaded green.

The Index is widely used to analyse patterns of deprivation, identify areas that would benefit from special initiatives or programmes and as a tool to determine eligibility for specific funding streams.

- The IMD 2015 shows that deprivation levels in Beccles are quite varied, with the division distributed across all five deprivation quintiles
- Of the nine Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) comprising the division, one is ranked in the top 20% least deprived LSOAs in the country, four are in the next best quintile and one is in the mid quintile, whilst two are in the second most deprived quintile and one is in the most deprived quintile
HEALTH

The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH

- Estimates suggest that life expectancy in Beccles is above the Waveney and Suffolk average
- Life expectancy for females is estimated at 85.6 while for males the figure is 81.2
- In both cases this is at least two years better than the national average

DEATHS, UNDER 75 YEARS, STANDARDISED MORTALITY RATIO

- Estimates indicate that rates for deaths from circulatory disease and coronary heart disease are significantly below average in the division
- The standardised mortality ratio data shown here means that for every 100 early deaths from all causes across the UK as a whole, there are an estimated 81 comparable deaths in Beccles
- Deaths from cancer are slightly higher when compared to the district, county and national averages
Crime & Community Safety

- Crime levels in Beccles are low. Around 39 crimes per 1,000 residents were recorded in the division in 2015, compared to 64 in Waveney and 59 countywide.
- Criminal damage and “other theft” are the two most commonly committed crimes in the division.
- From this data, no type of crime stands out as being a particular problem in the division compared to rates seen across the county as a whole.

Additional Information

Parishes in Division
- Barnby
- Beccles
- North Cove
- Worlingham
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