

OXFORDSHIRE NEEDS ANALYSIS

Wantage Parliamentary Constituency

June 2020

This report was produced by Oxfordshire Community Foundation using community mapping and reporting tool Local Insight. This tool has been developed by OCSI and makes use of open data to help councils and community organisations make informed funding and policy decisions. It brings in up-to-date data drawn from the Census, the Department for Work and Pensions, deprivation indices and other sources.

Note that data will change regularly as information is updated on Local Insight. This report was correct at the date of publication.

Key to maps:

20% least deprived

20% most deprived

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Basic Statistics

As can be seen from the table below, overall Wantage Parliamentary constituency is not very deprived in comparison to the England averages.

 <p>Population</p>	<p>There are 120,335 people living in Wantage</p>	 <p>Education & skills</p>	<p>17% of people have no qualifications in Wantage compared with 22% across England</p>
 <p>Vulnerable groups</p>	<p>8% of children are living in poverty in Wantage compared with 17% across England</p>	 <p>Economy</p>	<p>46% people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment in Wantage compared with 39% across England</p>
 <p>Housing</p>	<p>2% of households lack central heating in Wantage compared with 3% across England</p>	 <p>Access & transport</p>	<p>12% of households have no car in Wantage compared with 26% across England</p>
 <p>Crime & safety</p>	<p>The overall crime rate is lower than the average across England</p>	 <p>Communities & environment</p>	<p>The % of people 'satisfied with their neighbourhood' (87.9%) is higher than the average across England (79.3%)</p>
 <p>Health & wellbeing</p>	<p>14% of people have a limiting long-term illness in Wantage compared with 18% across England</p>		

However, we can see from digging into the data that there are pockets of greater deprivation and there are significant number of individuals, both young and old, who require assistance.



Population

Age

Total Population	Aged 0-15	Working age population	Aged 65+	Dependency ratio
120,335	24,795	73,595	21,945	0.64
49.5% male; 50.5% female	20.6% (England average = 19.2%)	61.2% (England average = 62.6%)	18.2% (England average = 18.2%)	England average = 0.60

Source: Mid-Year Estimates (ONS) 2018

The age demographic of Wantage is very close to the England average. There are almost the same proportion of people aged over 65, but a slightly greater proportion of children aged 0-15.

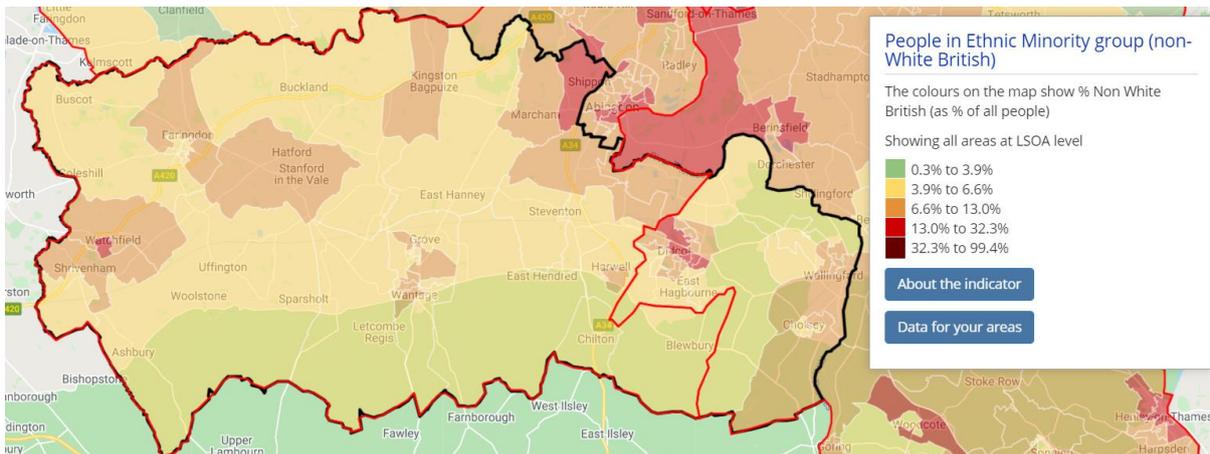
Ethnicity

White British	Non-White	White-non-British	Mixed
97,520	4,215	4,565	1,175
91.7% (England average = 79.8%)	4.0% (England average = 14.6%)	4.3% (England average = 5.7%)	1.1% (England average = 2.3%)

Asian	Black	Other ethnic group	Households with multiple ethnicities
1,865	915	260	3,150
1.8% (England average = 7.8%)	0.9% (England average = 3.5%)	0.2% (England average = 1.0%)	7.3% (England average = 8.9%)

Source: Census 2011

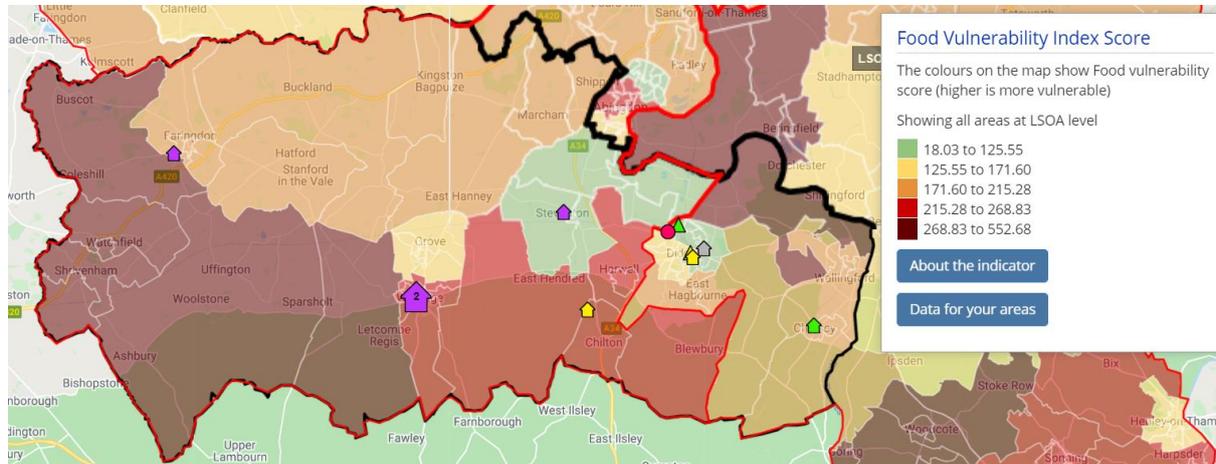
Wantage is not very diverse, although there is a population of non-white British people. It can be seen from the map below that there is a greater concentration of ethnic minorities in Didcot and Watchfield.



Covid-19 Vulnerable Groups

Food vulnerability

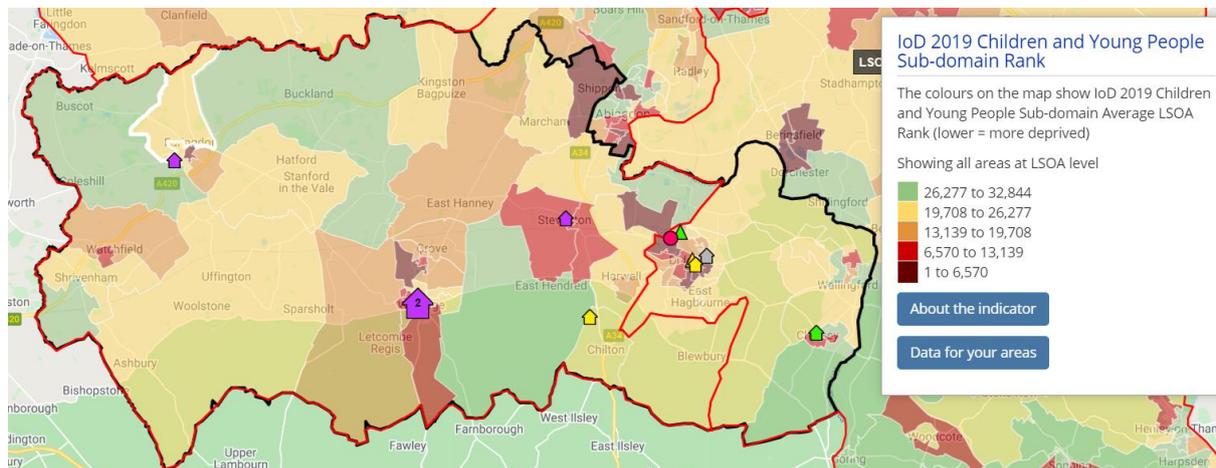
The Red Cross recently created the 'Food Vulnerability Index'. This map shows the vulnerability in Wantage.



On the map above there are two purple houses in Wantage (town). These are representing the grants that were paid to **Wantage and Surrounding Area CORONAVIRUS Support Group**, and **Sustainable Wantage**, both of which were, in part, responsible for the provision of food to some of the more vulnerable residents. This is also the case for the **Faringdon Volunteer Community Support** in Faringdon, and in Steventon, **Milton Parish Council**. The red circle in the North of Didcot represents **SOFEA** that was largely responsible for food distribution across Oxfordshire during the lockdown.

Education

This map shows the Indices of Deprivation Children and Young People sub domain of Education. It shows that there are particularly deprived areas in Didcot, Grove, Faringdon and Shippon.



During the lockdown, with the closure of schools, children, young people, and their families have also required additional support. Besides the food provision that has already been mentioned we should draw attention to **Didcot TRAIN** (yellow house in Didcot) supporting young people; **Be Free Young Carers** (yellow house near Harwell) supporting young carers across the county; and **Soundabout** (yellow triangle in Didcot) supporting people with learning difficulties; and **Oxfordshire Family Support Network** (grey house in Didcot) supporting vulnerable families. SOFEA is the **South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance** – we must not forget their contribution to the education of young people as well as their work in food distribution.



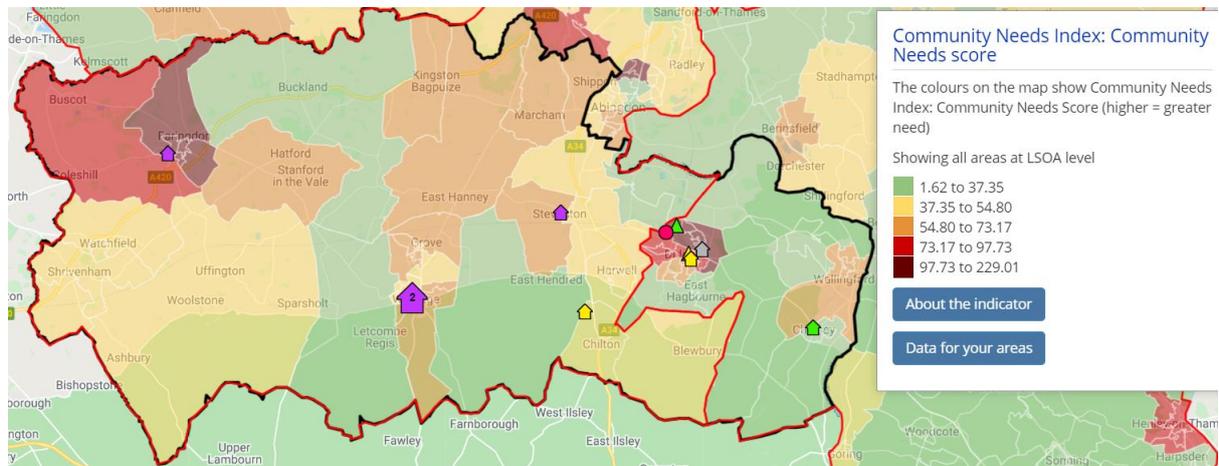
Older People

Many of the projects are helping all local residents, including the elderly. More specifically for the elderly, are two further projects we have awarded grants to. **Cholsey Day Centre Trust** has been supporting its residents and their families through these difficult times and **Enrych Oxfordshire** has been providing people with IT equipment and training to help them be less isolated.

Community

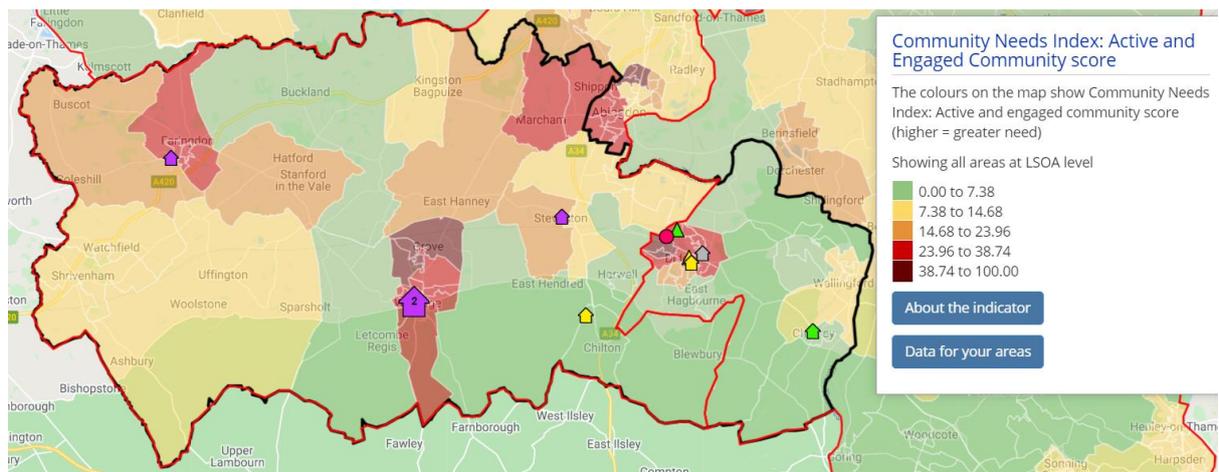
There has been an excellent pulling together of the community to deal with issues caused by the pandemic and the lockdown. This has been true of Wantage and required here too.

The map below shows the Community Index Score. This score has been developed by the Local Trust and OCSI to identify areas experiencing poor community and civic infrastructure, relative isolation, and low levels of participation in community life.



It can be seen from the map that there is a higher level of need in Didcot and Faringdon.

The Community Needs Active and Engaged Community score shows whether charities are active in the area, and whether people appear to be engaged in the broader civic life of their community. As can be seen from the map below Grove, Wantage and Shippon are added to Didcot and Faringdon as areas of need.



To carry on the current engagement and expand on it is of paramount importance to these areas.



Community Resilience Grants Awarded

Up to 16th June 2020

Group	Grant	Summary
Oxfordshire Family Support Network	£7,820	Advice & support - Meeting an unprecedented need for support from an incredibly vulnerable demographic by operating in an adapted way, without face to face contact - but continue to proactively support families.
Cholsey Day Centre Trust	£4,000	Advice & support - Responding to the needs of the local residents and changed their way of working to embrace this during the COVID19 lockdown.
Berinsfield Information and Volunteer Centre	£5,000	Advice & support - providing advice and help via telephone and email. Also shopping and delivery of food and medication.
Soundabout	£9,810	Advice & support - Children, young people and adults with severe or profound learning disabilities, and their families, will be able to participate in music making at home whilst isolated.
Didcot TRAIN Youth Project	£2,650	Advice & support - Provide online youth services for young people in a very disadvantaged area, supported by local volunteers, during this pandemic.
Sustainable Wantage	£3,500	Food distribution - delivery of food from community fridge.
Faringdon Volunteer Community Support	£600	Advice & support - By delivering essential food and provisions we are helping to tackle food poverty issues. Gives people hope that they are not alone
Wantage and Surrounding Area Coronavirus Support Group	£3,000	Distributing food, collecting, and delivering prescriptions and more acute needs to vulnerable individuals and families.
Milton Paris Council	£2,000	Food distribution - ensure our vulnerable residents can continue to access food and essential items
Be Free Young Carers	£11,277	Advice & support - Charity staff are home working, using social media to engage with young carers across southern Oxfordshire encouraging healthy activities in the home
South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance	£17,500	Food distribution - Supply food to the more vulnerable in our communities. provide food boxes to our Community Larder members in 12 locations across Oxfordshire at no charge = 39 tonnes of food each month, providing 97,500 meals.

