

OXFORDSHIRE NEEDS ANALYSIS

Witney Parliamentary Constituency

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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
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20% most
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Basic Statistics

As can be seen from the table below, overall Witney Parliamentary constituency is less deprived than England averages.

Introduction

 <p>Population</p>	<p>There are 109,800 people living in Witney</p>	 <p>Education & skills</p>	<p>18% of people have no qualifications in Witney compared with 22% across England</p>
 <p>Vulnerable groups</p>	<p>8% of children are living in poverty in Witney compared with 17% across England</p>	 <p>Economy</p>	<p>45% people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment in Witney compared with 39% across England</p>
 <p>Housing</p>	<p>1% of households lack central heating in Witney compared with 3% across England</p>	 <p>Access & transport</p>	<p>12% of households have no car in Witney 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' (90.2%) 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 Witney 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

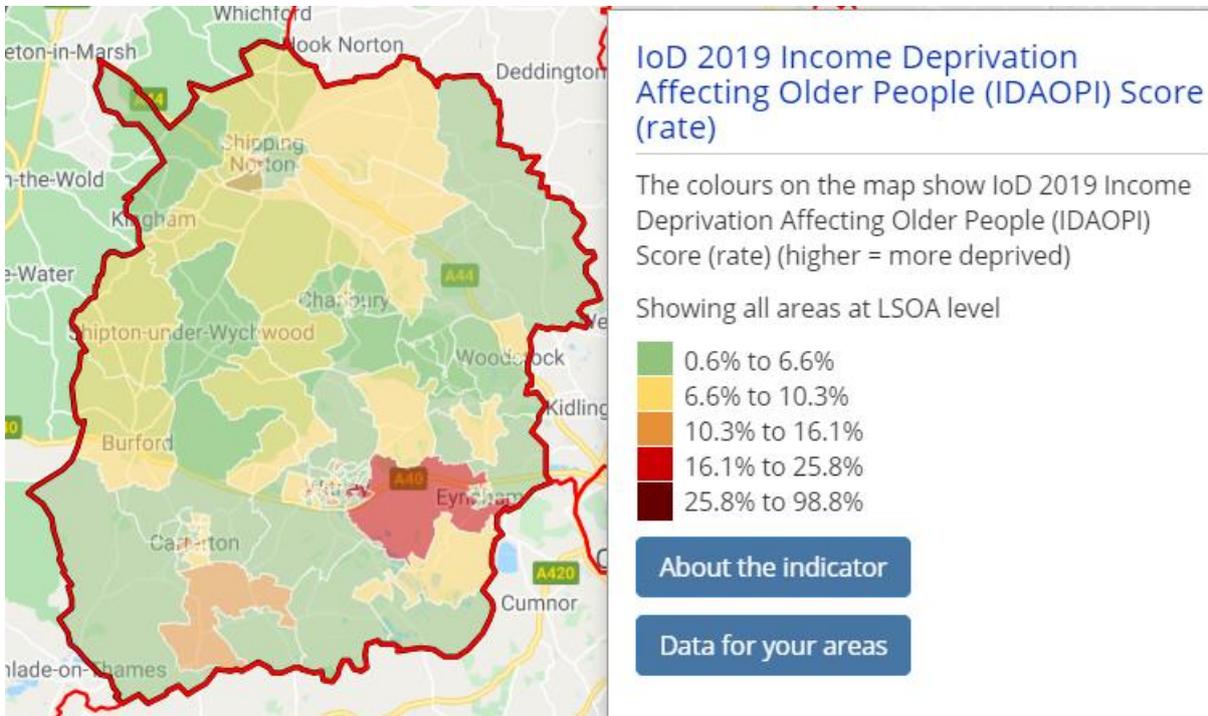
Age

Total Population	Aged 0-15	Working age population	Aged 65+	Dependency ratio
109,800	20,365	65,820	23,615	0.67
49.2% male; 50.8% female	18.5% (England average = 19.2%)	59.9% (England average = 62.6%)	21.5% (England average = 18.2%)	England average = 0.60

Source: Mid-Year Estimates (ONS) 2018

The age demographic of Witney is similar to the England average, but there is a noticeably older population. There is a greater proportion of the population aged 65+ and a lower proportion of working age or under 15 than the England average.

There is a higher proportion of older people in Witney, but a significantly smaller proportion of these are income deprived compared to the England average (14.2%). The areas in red, to the east of Witney (21.5%) and around South Leigh (17.3%) are greater than the England average.

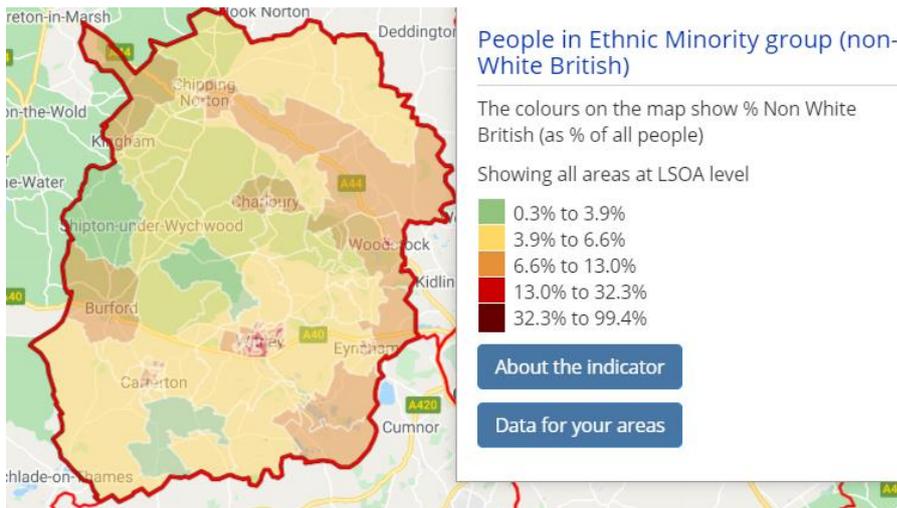


Ethnicity

White British	Non-White	White-non-British	Mixed
96,995	3,310	4,475	1,265
92.6% (England average = 79.8%)	3.2% (England average = 14.6%)	4.3% (England average = 5.7%)	1.2% (England average = 2.3%)
Asian	Black	Other ethnic group	Households with multiple ethnicities
1,425	435	190	3,045
1.4% (England average = 7.8%)	0.4% (England average = 3.5%)	0.2% (England average = 1.0%)	7.0% (England average = 8.9%)

Source: Census 2011



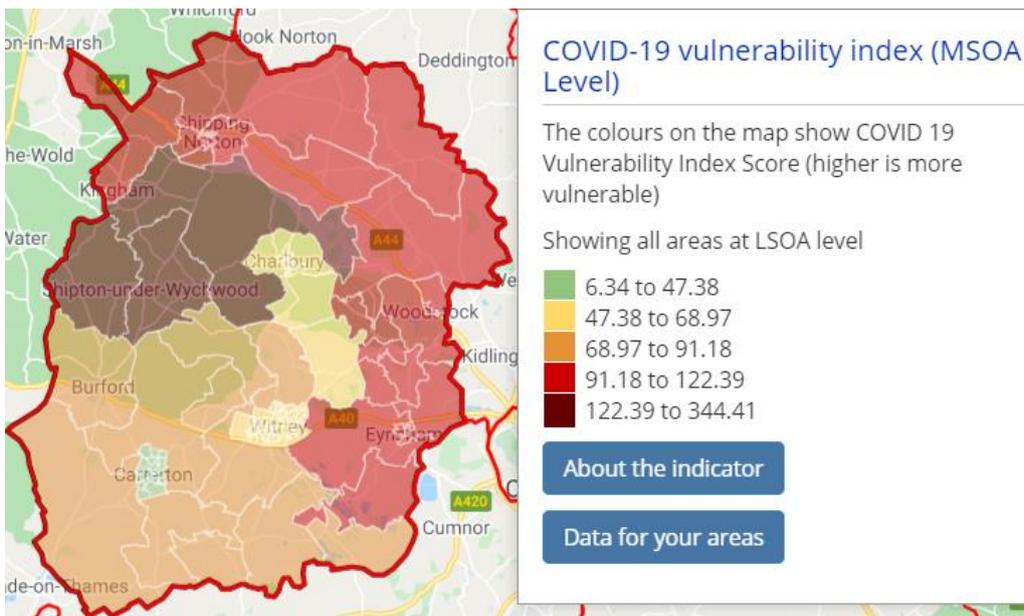


Witney is not very diverse, although there is a population of non-white-British people. It can be seen from this map that there are greater concentrations of ethnic minorities in a small area of Witney and in Woodstock.

None of these areas has a proportion of non-White-British equal to the England average of 20.2%, the highest being in Witney at 15.3%.

Covid-19 vulnerable groups

The Red Cross recently created the 'COVID-19 Vulnerability Index'. This map shows the vulnerabilities in Witney Parliamentary Constituency.



There do appear to be quite high levels of vulnerability in the Witney area. This can probably be attributed to the older population and the rural nature of the constituency. The COVID-19 vulnerability index does combine multiple sources of data including demographic data (over 70s) and isolation from services, including supermarkets and pharmacies.



Isolation

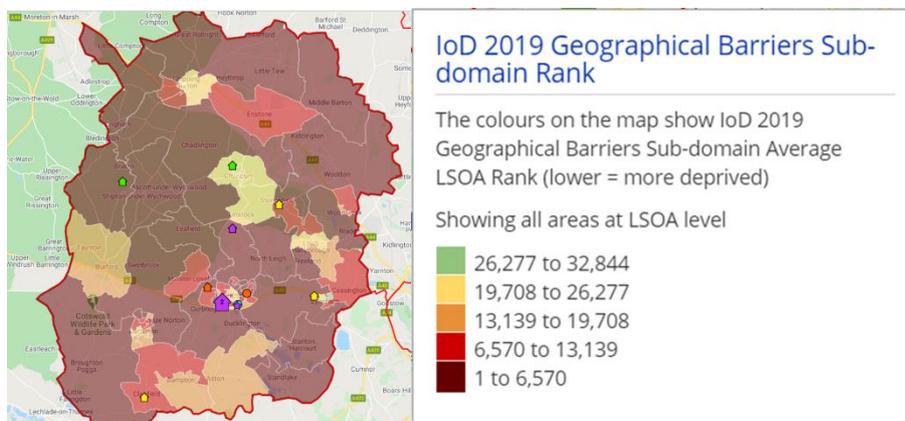
The rurality of the area can be seen in this table:

Average road distance from Job Centre	Average road distance from Secondary School	Average road distance from GP	Average road distance from Pub	Average road distance from Post Office
8.8km	3.5km	2.1km	0.9km	1.1km
England average = 4.6km	England average = 2.1km	England average = 1.2km	England average = 0.7km	England average = 1.0km

Source: Road distances - Commission for Rural Communities: Distance to Service dataset (2010)

The distance from a Job Centre, a secondary school and a GP are significantly more than the average distances for England. The average distance to a Post Office and a pub is slightly further than average.

The distance to services can be seen in the IoD 2019 Geographical Barriers Sub-domain Rank, which shows distance to services including: schools, doctors, supermarkets or general store. **Most places in Witney are in the most isolated 20% of the country.**



This distance from services can cause isolation, particularly in times like these. This isolation can lead to mental health issues. Over the lockdown period we have funded a number of projects that can help in the relief of isolation or with mental health problems.

On the map above the orange house in Witney is **Bridewell Organic Gardens**, maintaining a strong connection online and by phone for service users with a trusted team of staff and volunteers. Also based in Witney is **Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre** (orange circle) providing listening services (telephone, email and text), to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. The two purple houses in Witney are: **West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau**, providing additional resources in order to support vulnerable people with advice; and **West Oxfordshire District Scouts** who are helping people access pharmacies and providing support to many local residents of all ages.

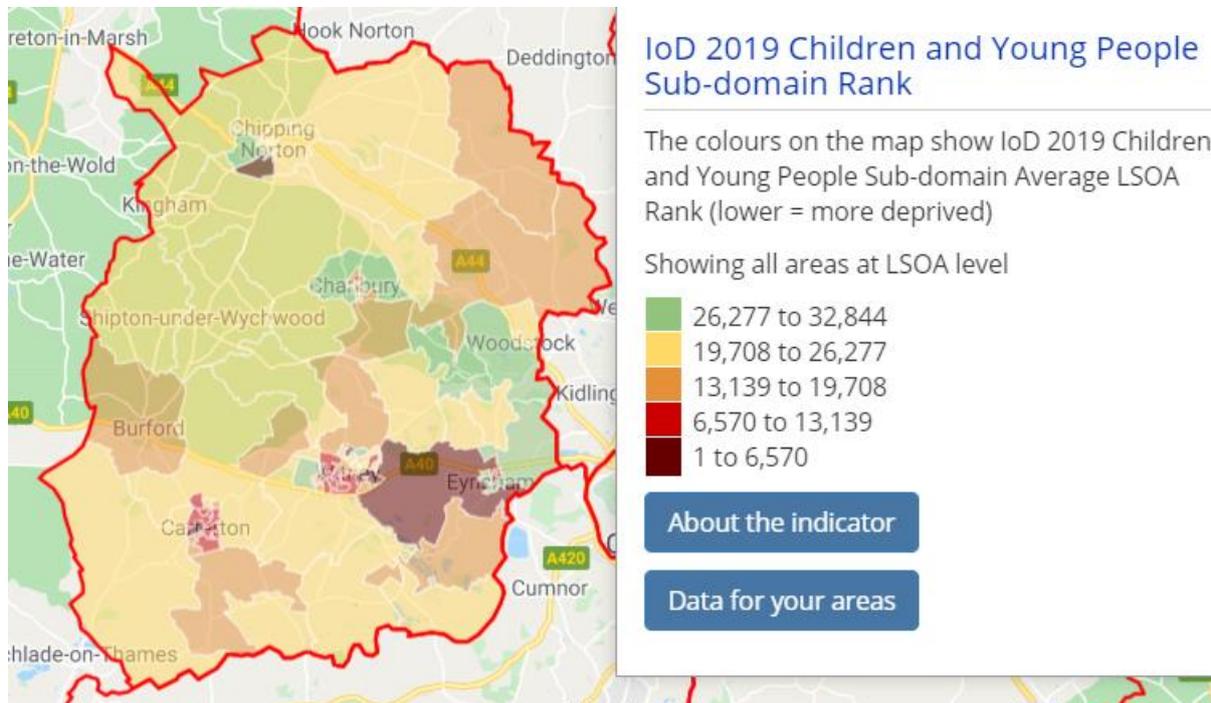
Also in Witney is the purple star representing **The Guidepost Trust**, who are working remotely to support and the health and wellbeing of vulnerable families and carers; and the blue dot that represents **Jewins women2women Ltd** who offer support to BAME women and deliver an online coaching service.

The two green houses represent help for the older population. In Wychwood, the **Wychwoods Day Care Centre** is providing support to vulnerable people self-isolating e.g. elderly, people with pre-existing medical conditions, as well as relieving pressure on statutory services; and in Charlbury, the **Thomas Giffords Trust** is distributing food serving self-isolated and vulnerable people in the community by shopping for food, personal necessities, and medicine and delivering the items to their homes. In Eynsham there is the yellow house representing **HENRY**, a larger charity improving family life for the most disadvantaged families with young children. And to the south of the area there is the yellow house representing **Adventure Plus** who have expanded provision for children and young people at risk, through their specialist Adventure Impact programme.



Education

On average the educational prospects for children and young people in Witney Parliamentary Constituency are not bad. However, there are areas in Witney, Eynsham, South Leigh, Carterton and Chipping Norton that are in the most deprived 20% of the country by the Indices of Deprivation Children and Young People education rank.

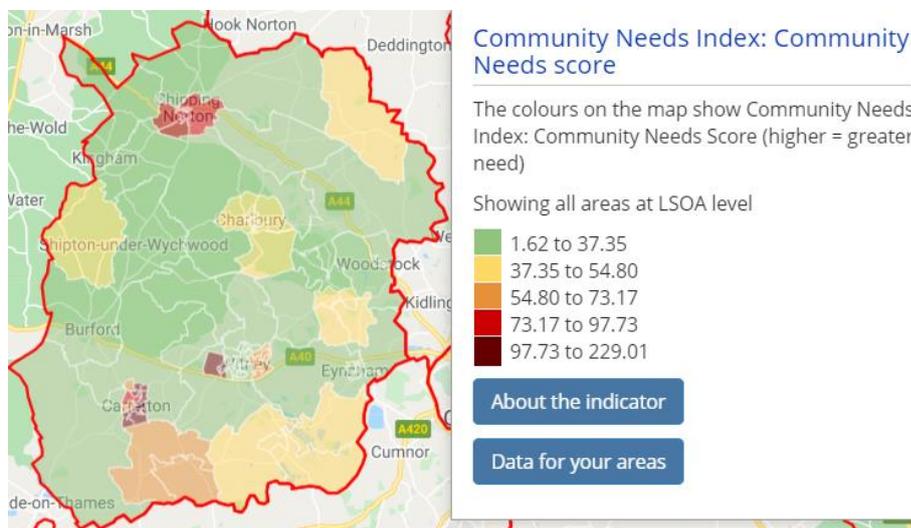


Education and opportunities for young people is certainly an area that OCF would like to support further in the Witney area. Educational inequalities are likely to be exacerbated by the COVID-19 lockdown.

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 Witney 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 Carterton, Chipping Norton and a part of Witney. It is very good to see that by this measure there is a strong sense of community in most of the constituency.

Community Resilience grants awarded

Up to 16th June 2020

Group	Grant	Summary
Thrive Northox	£1,500	Advice & support - delivery of toiletries and white goods to deprived families and survivors of domestic abuse.
The Wychwoods Day Centre Ltd	£2,900	Advice & support - Providing support to vulnerable people self-isolating e.g. the elderly, people with pre-existing medical conditions as well as relieving pressure on statutory services.
JEWINS WOMEN2WOMEN LTD	£3,000	Advice and support to BAME women. Online coaching service.
Guideposts Trust	£7,828	Advice & support - working remotely to support and the health and wellbeing of vulnerable families and carers.
Friends of Stonesfield School (FOSS)	£4,500	Advice & support - support needs of the most vulnerable and SEN pupils and parents through lockdown.
SERV OBN	£4,000	Advice & support - As result of demand to transport COVID-19 sample our operation is now 24/7. This in turn has caused an increase in our operating costs for fuel etc.
West Oxfordshire District Scouts	£1,500	Advice & support - Reducing the number of people accessing pharmacies and providing support to many local residents of all ages.
HENRY	£9,984	Advice & support - improve family life for the most disadvantaged families with young children.
Bridewell Organic Gardens	£10,000	Maintaining a strong connection online and by phone for service users with a trusted team of staff and volunteers.
Oxford Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre	£9,855.25	Advice & support - listening services (telephone, email and text), to provide support to victims of sexual abuse.
Rose Hill Junior Youth Club	£5,000	Advice and support - supplying activity packs to deprived children and young people.
West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£3,500	Advice & support - Providing additional resources in order to support vulnerable people with advice
Adventure Plus	£4,000	Advice & support - expand our provision for children and young people at risk, through our specialist Adventure Impact programme.
Thomas Giffords Trust	£6,000	Food distribution - serving self-isolated and vulnerable people in our community by shopping for food, personal necessities, and medicine and delivering the items to their homes

