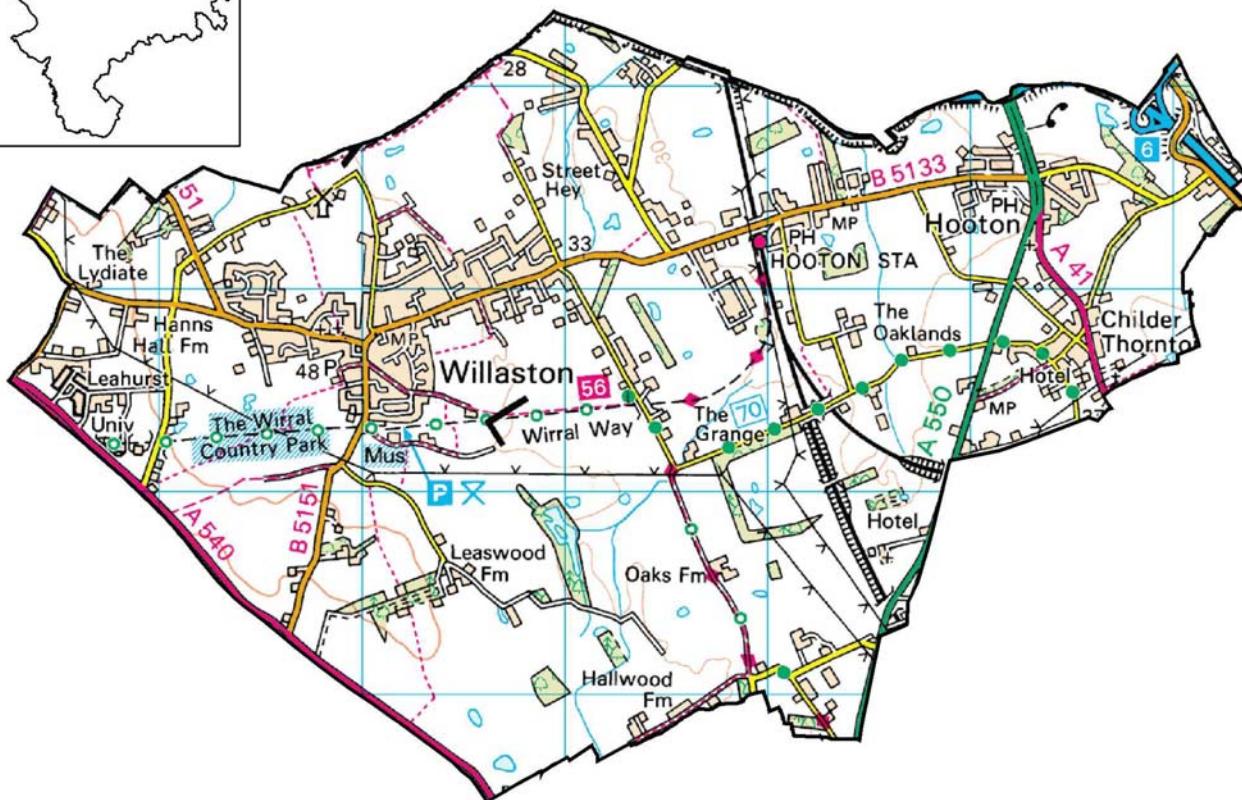
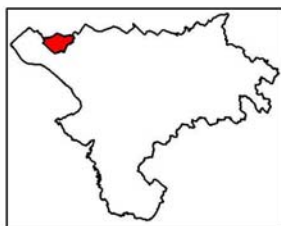


Ward Profile for Willaston and Thornton

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Introduction

This report is one of 46 profiles that provide key information and statistics about each of the wards that make up Cheshire West and Chester. The aim of the profiles is to provide useful background information to help us better understand our local communities. Recent changes to the wards in Cheshire West and Chester following the Boundary Commission review have meant that there are several gaps in the information usually available. As new information is released, the profiles will be updated and available on DORIC – www.doriconline.org.uk (the website will be fully functional in July 2011).



General Information

In 2009, there were 4,000 people living in Willaston and Thornton. This ward covers an area of 1,405 hectares, with 1,820 residential dwellings. The population density is 2.84 people per hectare, compared to 3.47 people per hectare for Cheshire West and Chester.

Population

Table 1: Population by age group, 2009

| Age group | Total number of people | | Percentage of population | |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester |
| 0-4 | 180 | 18,400 | 4% | 6% |
| 5-15 | 460 | 40,900 | 11% | 13% |
| 16-17 | 100 | 8,600 | 2% | 3% |
| 18-24 | 230 | 28,600 | 6% | 9% |
| 25-64 | 2,040 | 170,900 | 51% | 52% |
| 65-74 | 520 | 31,500 | 13% | 10% |
| 75+ | 480 | 27,600 | 12% | 8% |
| Total | 4,000 | 326,600 | 100% | 100% |

Ward population source: Cheshire West and Chester Council, Research, Intelligence and Consultation Team's Population Estimates. All figures have been rounded independently and may not sum to totals. All estimates are constrained to the Registrar General's Annual Estimates of Population for 2009. ONS Crown Copyright 2011.

Cheshire West and Chester population source: Office for National Statistics population estimates 2009. ONS Crown Copyright 2011.

Dwellings source: Cheshire West and Chester Council, Research, Intelligence and Consultation Team's Dwelling Estimates. These estimates have been calculated by counting the number of domestic properties in each area, from the LLPG (as at mid year 2009). This included communal establishment buildings but excluded industrial and commercial properties. Hotels and pubs are included. The estimates have been rounded to the nearest 10. These are only dwelling estimates and not actual counts. They are used to inform the small area population estimates.

Community Safety

Table 2: Local crime statistics, 2010 (January to December)

| | Number of crimes | | Crime rate (per 1,000) | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester |
| Burglary | 34 | 2,620 | 18.7 | 17.7 |
| Robbery | 0 | 18 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Violent crime | 18 | 3,989 | 4.5 | 12.2 |
| Vehicle crime | 30 | 1,600 | 7.5 | 4.9 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 87 | 16,305 | 21.8 | 49.9 |
| Other crime | 74 | 10,635 | 18.5 | 32.6 |

Source: Cheshire Constabulary March 2011. Note that figures relate to electoral wards and not police wards. Crime rates are calculated per 1,000 population or per 1,000 dwellings in the case of burglary.



Children and Young People

Free school meals

Table 3: Free school meals, 2011

| | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Percentage of pupils eligible for free school meals | 5% | 13% |

Source: Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC), Cheshire West and Chester Council 2011

Special Educational Needs

Table 4: Special Educational Needs, 2011

| | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Percentage of pupils with Special Educational Needs | 8% | 18% |

Source: Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC), Cheshire West and Chester Council 2011

Education attainment

Table 5: Education attainment at Key Stage 4, 2010

| | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Percentage of pupils achieving 5+ A*-C including English and Maths (by pupil residence) | 78% | 57% |
| Percentage of pupils achieving 5+ A*-C (by pupil residence) | 94% | 75% |
| Percentage of pupils achieving 5+ A*-G (by pupil residence) | 100% | 95% |

Source: Department for Education, adapted for wards by Cheshire West and Chester Council's Children and Young People Performance Team and Research, Intelligence and Consultation Team 2011.

The Local Economy

Number of business properties

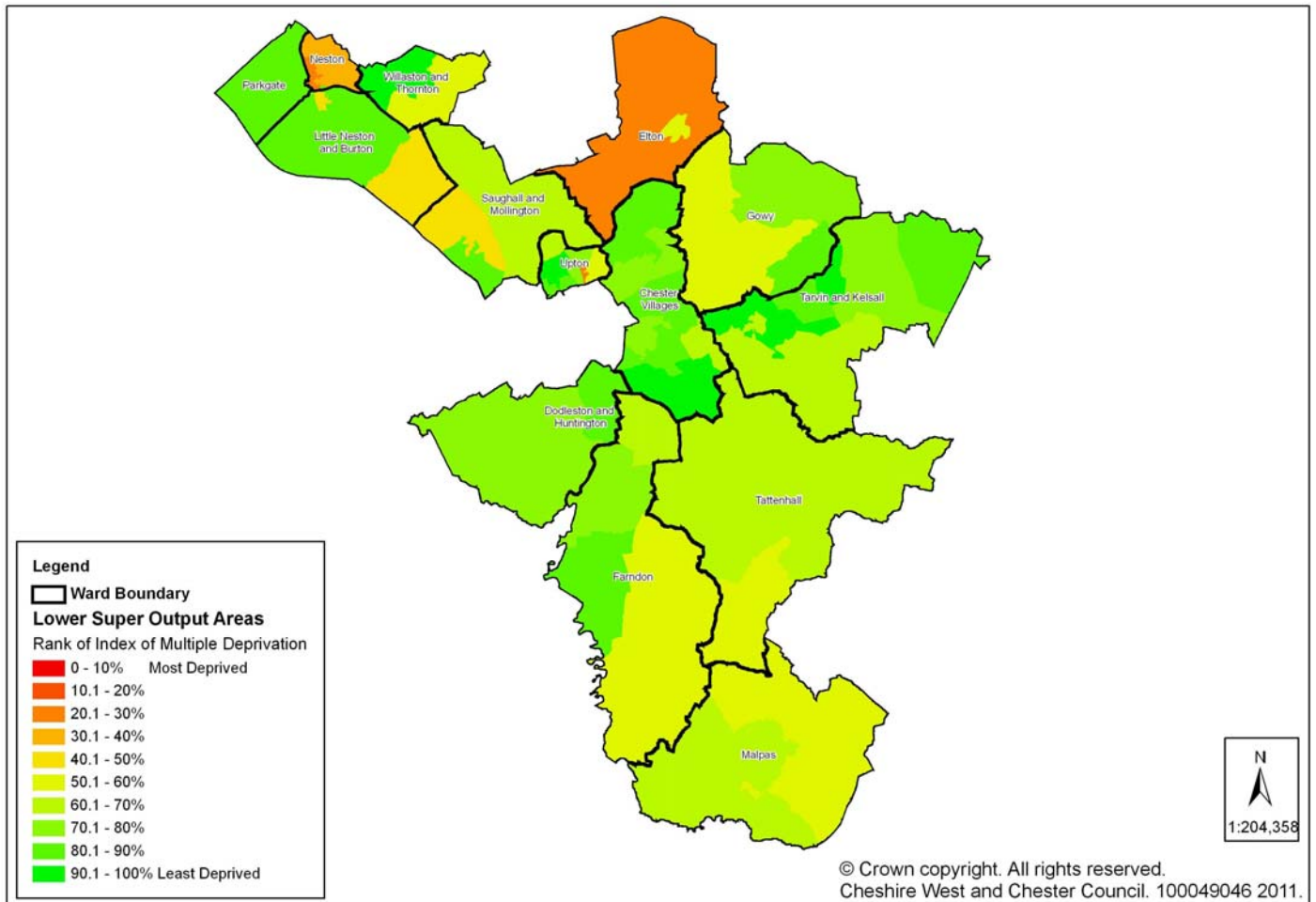
Table 6: Number of business properties by type, 2011

| | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Commercial and retail | 40 | 5,054 |
| Hospitality | 12 | 761 |
| Offices | 3 | 2,128 |
| Industrial | 22 | 1,361 |
| Other | 18 | 1,296 |
| Total | 95 | 10,600 |

Source: Non-Domestic Rateable Properties, Revenues and Benefits Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council 2011

Deprivation

Map of Willaston and Thornton and surrounding areas showing the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007



Source: Indices of Deprivation 2007: Index of Multiple Deprivation Domain – Department for Communities and Local Government.

Note: Small area boundaries (Lower Layer Super Output Areas) have been removed to make the maps clearer. The surrounding area approximates to Area Partnership Board boundaries.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 shows that this ward consists of two small areas ranked in the 20% least deprived areas nationally and one small area in the 50% least deprived areas.

Benefit claimants

Table 7: Council Tax and Housing Benefit Claimants, 2011

| | Number of claimants | | Claimant rate | |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester | Willaston and Thornton | Cheshire West and Chester |
| Council Tax Benefit | 127 | 26,669 | 3.8% | 10.0% |
| Housing Benefit | 84 | 21,019 | 2.5% | 7.9% |

Source: Revenues and Benefits Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council 2011. Claimant rates are calculated as a percentage of the population aged 16 and over.



Health Inequalities

In the 40% most deprived areas in Cheshire West and Chester, life expectancy is significantly lower and death rates are significantly higher than the national average for both men and women. Although life expectancy has been improving and death rates have reduced in the 40% most deprived areas, the rate of improvement has not been as fast as in the rest of Cheshire West and Chester, leading to widening health inequalities. In men, the gap between the most deprived areas and the rest of the population in Cheshire West and Chester is accounted for by coronary heart disease, lung cancer and digestive diseases. In women, the gap is accounted for by chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (chronic bronchitis and emphysema), coronary heart disease and lung cancer. Primary prevention measures to reduce smoking and heavy drinking of alcohol, improve diet and healthy weight and reduce the number of people with undetected raised blood pressure will have a big impact.

In comparison to the rest of England and Wales, Willaston and Thornton has pockets of low childhood obesity at reception year but average occurrence of childhood obesity at year 6. For those under 75, this ward has an average mortality rate for circulatory disease and cancer compared to the rest of England and Wales.

Sources:

Inequalities in all-age, all cause death rates in Cheshire West and Chester, NHS Western Cheshire, April 2011
Childhood Obesity Prevalence (Reception Year) 2007/08-2009/10, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, April 2011.
Childhood Obesity Prevalence (Year 6) 2007/08-2009/10, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, April 2011.
Under 18 Teenage Conceptions 2006-2008, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, April 2011.
Under 75 Cancer Mortality 2006-2008, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, April 2011
Under 75 Circulatory Disease Mortality 2006-2008, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, April 2011

Other sources of useful information

Research, Intelligence and Consultation Team webpage, where you can view our publications and access local data and statistics

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/research

DORIC, a Data Observatory and Research & Intelligence Collaborative for Cheshire, Halton and Warrington that contains reports and statistics from a wide range of local and national organisations (fully functional in July 2011)

www.doriconline.org.uk

Neighbourhood Statistics, an easy to use tool that allows you to find statistics and information about your local area

www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk

Office for National Statistics (ONS)

www.statistics.gov.uk



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