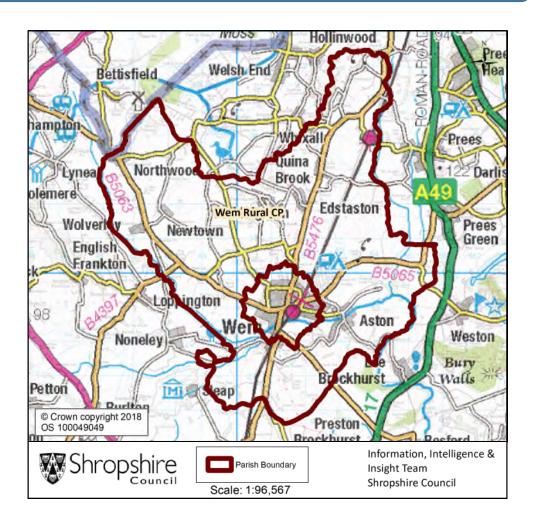
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| Key Facts:                              | Wem Rural Parish  |  |
|---|---|--|
| Area:                                   | 5107.1 hectares   |  |
| Population Density:                     | 0.30 persons per hectare  |  |
| Total Population                        | 1659 (822 males, 837 females)                                       |  |
| Household Population:                   | 1659 (100.0%)   |  |
| Households:<br>Dwellings:               | 602<br>630  |  |
| Communal Establishment no. / population | 1 Communal Establishments<br>0 residents (0.0% of total population) |  |



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### **Population Age Structure**

Table: Population by five year age group (2011 Census)

|          | % of Total Population |           |            |                    |         |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|---------|
|          | Total Population      | Wem Rural | Shropshire | West Mid-<br>lands | England |
| All ages | 1659                  | 100.0     | 100.0      | 100.0              | 100.0   |
| 0 – 4    | 74                    | 4.5       | 5.1        | 6.3                | 6.3     |
| 5 – 9    | 102                   | 6.1       | 5.1        | 5.8                | 5.6     |
| 10 – 14  | 137                   | 8.3       | 5.9        | 6.1                | 5.8     |
| 15 – 19  | 133                   | 8.0       | 6.2        | 6.6                | 6.3     |
| 20 – 24  | 71                    | 4.3       | 5.4        | 6.8                | 6.8     |
| 25 – 29  | 51                    | 3.1       | 5.1        | 6.5                | 6.9     |
| 30 – 34  | 69                    | 4.2       | 5.0        | 6.1                | 6.6     |
| 35 – 39  | 89                    | 5.4       | 5.8        | 6.4                | 6.7     |
| 40 – 44  | 135                   | 8.1       | 7.2        | 7.3                | 7.3     |
| 45 – 49  | 162                   | 9.8       | 7.7        | 7.2                | 7.3     |
| 50 – 54  | 134                   | 8.1       | 6.9        | 6.3                | 6.4     |
| 55 – 59  | 119                   | 7.2       | 6.6        | 5.7                | 5.7     |
| 60 – 64  | 108                   | 6.5       | 7.3        | 6.0                | 6.0     |
| 65 – 69  | 113                   | 6.8       | 6.2        | 5.0                | 4.7     |
| 70 – 74  | 74                    | 4.5       | 4.9        | 4.0                | 3.9     |
| 75 – 79  | 48                    | 2.9       | 3.8        | 3.2                | 3.1     |
| 80 – 84  | 28                    | 1.7       | 2.9        | 2.4                | 2.4     |
| 85 – 89  | 9                     | 0.5       | 1.8        | 1.5                | 1.5     |
| 90 Plus  | 3                     | 0.2       | 0.9        | 0.7                | 0.8     |

- Early years: 4.5% (74 children) of the population were aged 0 to 4 years in March 2011. This compares with 5.1% at County level, 6.3% regionally and 6.3% nationally.
- School age: 19.7% (326 children) of the population were aged 5 to 17 years in March 2011. This compares with 14.9% at County level, 15.8% regionally and 15.1% nationally.
- Working age: 59.3% (984 people) of the population were aged 18 to 64 years in March 2011. This compares with 59.3% at County level, 61.0% regionally and 62.3% nationally.
- Retirement age: 16.6% (275 people) of the population were aged 65 and over in March 2011. This compares with 20.7% at County level, 16.9% regionally and 16.3% nationally.
- Over 85 year olds: 0.7% (12) of the population were aged 85 and over in March 2011. This compares with 2.7% at County level, 2.2% regionally and 2.2% nationally.

#### **Diversity**

- The 2011 Census showed Wem Rural Parish had a black and minority ethnic group population of 24 (1.45%). The largest broad ethnic group is 'Mixed' (within this the largest group is 'White and Asian'). The 2011 Census showed Wem Rural Parish had a gypsy population of 4.
- When asked about their religion 28.0% (465 people) identified themselves as having no religion or did not state it on the form. The majority of people (71.1%) identified themselves as Christian and 0.9% (15 people) identified themselves as having an alternative religion.
- The 2011 Census showed that 5 people could not speak English well and 0 people could not speak English at all.

### **Car Ownership**

• The 2011 Census showed that 25 households (4.2%) did not own a car and subsequently are reliant on other forms of transport such as public transport services. In total 1289 cars are owned by households resident in the place plan area.

### Health

#### **General Health**

The 2011 Census asked three questions relating to health and the provision of unpaid care. The questions relate to whether people felt their general health was good, whether they looked after or gave help or support to other family members, friends, neighbours or others and lastly whether their day to day activities were limited because of a health problem or disability.

- At the time of the 2011 Census 52% of people in Wem Rural said that they felt they were in "Very Good Health", this compares to 46% for Shropshire as a whole.
- 0.9% reported that they were in "Very Bad Health". This is slightly less than the overall result for Shropshire (1%).

#### **Provision of Unpaid Care**

The question asked "do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either; a long term physical or mental ill health/disability? or because of problems related to old age?

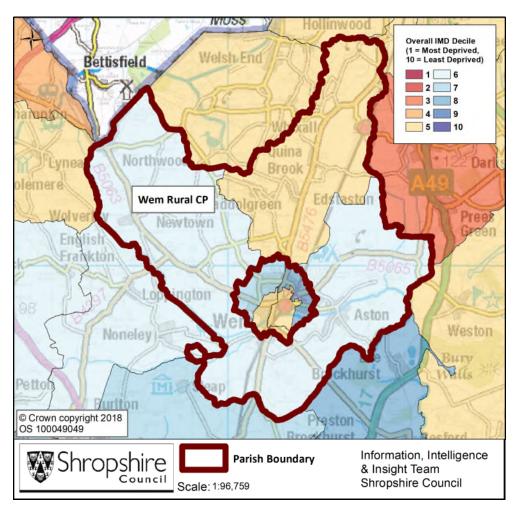
- At the time of the Census 8% said that they were providing 1 to 19 hours of unpaid care a week. This is slightly higher than the Shropshire figure of 7%.
- 1% said they provided between 20 and 49 hours per week unpaid care. This is in line with the Shropshire figure of 1%.
- 2% said they provided over 50 hours of unpaid care. This is in line with the figure for Shropshire as a whole (2%) and the figure for England & Wales (2%).

### **Long Term Illness or Disability**

The Census asked "Are your day-to-day activities limited a lot due to a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- 6% said that their day-to-day activities were limited a lot due to a health problem or disability. This is less than the County figure of 8%.
- The percentage who reported their day-to-day activities were limited a little was 10%. This is in line with the Shropshire figure of 10%.

# **Index of Multiple Deprivation**



The lower super output areas that cover Wem Rural Parish fall within Deciles 5 & 6 nationally.

Decile 1 is the most deprived nationally and Decile 10 the least deprived nationally.

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## Housing

- There were 602 households in Wem Rural at the time of the 2011 Census.
- The parish had 1659 usual residents and covers an area of 5107 hectares.
- 254 households were owner occupiers (owned outright) equating to 42.2% of all households. There were 232 households (38.5%) who owned their home with a mortgage or loan.
- There were 59 households (9.8% of all households) that privately rented their home from a landlord. There were also 10 households (1.7% of all households) who privately rented from a landlord classified as 'Other'.
- 9 households were renting social housing from the Council totalling 1.5% of all households. There were also 28 households (4.7%) renting social housing from 'Other' sources.
- In Wem Rural there were 428 detached dwellings representing 67.9% of all dwellings. There were also 158 semi-detached and 31 terraced dwellings equating to 25.1% and 4.9% respectively.
- 8.5% of all households were one person pensioner households.
- 33.0% of households in the area had dependent children. The number of married couple households with dependent children was 127 and the number of cohabiting couples with dependent children was 28.
- There were 21 lone parent households (with dependent children), which equates to 3.5% of all households.

# **Unemployment and Labour Market**

#### **Unemployment**

- At the time of the Census, there were 33 residents who were unemployed but available for work. This is 2.7% of the 16-74 year old population, compared to 3.3% for Shropshire.
- 11 young people (aged 16-24) were unemployed, plus a further 6 who were 50 to 74.
- Long term unemployment is also an issue 36.36% of all unemployed people were classed as long-term unemployed in 2011. This is the equivalent of 12 people.

#### **Labour Force**

- 916 Wem Rural residents aged 16-74 are economically active.
- 30.2% of the Wem Rural population has level 4 or above qualifications compared with 27.5% in Shropshire and 27.4% in England.
- The number with no formal qualifications at all stands at 249 people at 18.8% of the population (aged over 16), this compares with the county average of 22.5%.
- 43.8% of the population work in standard occupation classifications 1-3 (managers, directors and senior officials, professional, associate professional and technical) and 15.1% work in standard occupation classifications 8 and 9 (process, plant and machine operatives and elementary occupations).

#### **Travel to Work (Census 2011)**

- 22.2% of the population in Wem Rural are self-employed, and 10.6% work from home compared with 5.6% for Shropshire.
- The car is used as the main means of travel to work for 51.4%, while 1.3% use public transport.