

# Bishop's Castle Place Plan



# Bishop's Castle Key Facts

Located in the southwest of Shropshire and is the largest area in size at over 52,000 hectares.

It is the most sparsely populated area in Shropshire, with a population of around 11,000 residents and a population density of 0.2 persons per hectare.

The population grew from 6,903 to 10,856 (2002 - 2020) a rise of 57.3%. There were over 1,300 births between 2001 and 2019 (2.5% of all live births in Shropshire during the same time period), with 50 births in 2019 (1.9% of all births across Shropshire).

Higher life expectancy for both males (81.0) and females (85.6), compared to Shropshire (80.5 and 84.1 respectively)

More people aged 65+ compared to Shropshire overall (2020):

- 13.8% aged 0-15, lower than 16.3% in Shropshire
- 55.5% of working age (16-64), lower than 58.7% in Shropshire
- 30.7% aged 65+, higher than 25.0% in Shropshire
- Average age of residents is 49 years old, higher than Shropshire (45 years old)

Has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest overall deprivation score out of all 18 place plan areas, behind Craven Arms.

Median gross household income is £31,849, below the Shropshire average of £32,808 and ranking 13<sup>th</sup> lowest out of the 18 place plan areas.

Majority of Bishop's Castle's residents registered at English GP practices (9,000+) are registered at Bishop's Castle Medical Practice (46%, July 2021). however, a significant percentage of patients are registered at practices in other place plan areas including Pontesbury Medical Practice (25%).

Longest average journey time in minutes to a GP and also to a hospital in Shropshire

# Health and Wellbeing Index Overview and Detailed Domains

The Health and Wellbeing Index (HWI) is our way to summarise the large amount of local and national data used for each place plan area (PPA). The data is placed into different themes to give an overall score for health and wellbeing for each PPA. The three overarching themes are Healthy People, Healthy Economy and Health Environment (“Healthies”) and can be seen in the diagram below.

As more data is gathered in future such as school attainment levels, it will feed into these themes and the overall score for each plan each.

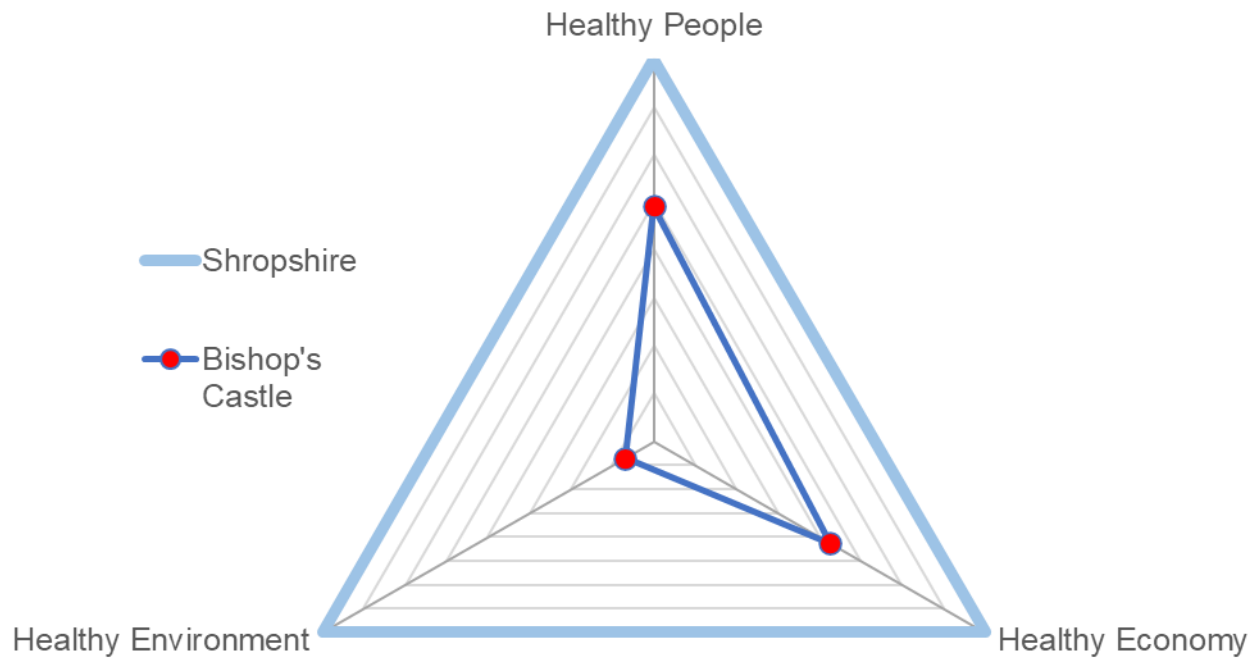
Health and Wellbeing Index Overview	Healthy and Wellbeing Index Detailed Domains
Healthy People	Education and Learning Access
	Health
	Relationships and Trust
Healthy Economy	Equality
	Economy, Work and Employment
	Cost of Living Vulnerability
Healthy Environment	Transport, Mobility and Connectivity
	Housing and Occupancy
	Environment

The diagram on the next page shows the Health and Wellbeing Index scores for the 3 “Healthies” for Bishop’s Castle and how they compare to Shropshire as a whole.

The second diagram includes the detailed themes to provide a richer picture of the Health and Wellbeing status compared to Shropshire:

- Healthy People includes Education and Learning Access, Health and Relationships and Trust.
- Healthy Environment includes Transport, Mobility and Connectivity, Housing and Occupancy and Environment.
- Healthy Economy includes Equality, Economy, Work and Employment and Cost of Living Vulnerability.

# Health and Wellbeing Index Overview



The Health and Wellbeing Index Overview for Bishop's Castle is worse than the Shropshire average for each of the "Healthies".

# Health and Wellbeing Index: Detailed

This diagram tells us where Bishop's Castle is **better**, **worse** and **equal** in the specific themes within the three "Healthies".

**Better:**

**Environment**

**Equality**

**Relationships and trust**

**Worse:**

**Transport, Mobility and Connectivity**

**Education and learning access**

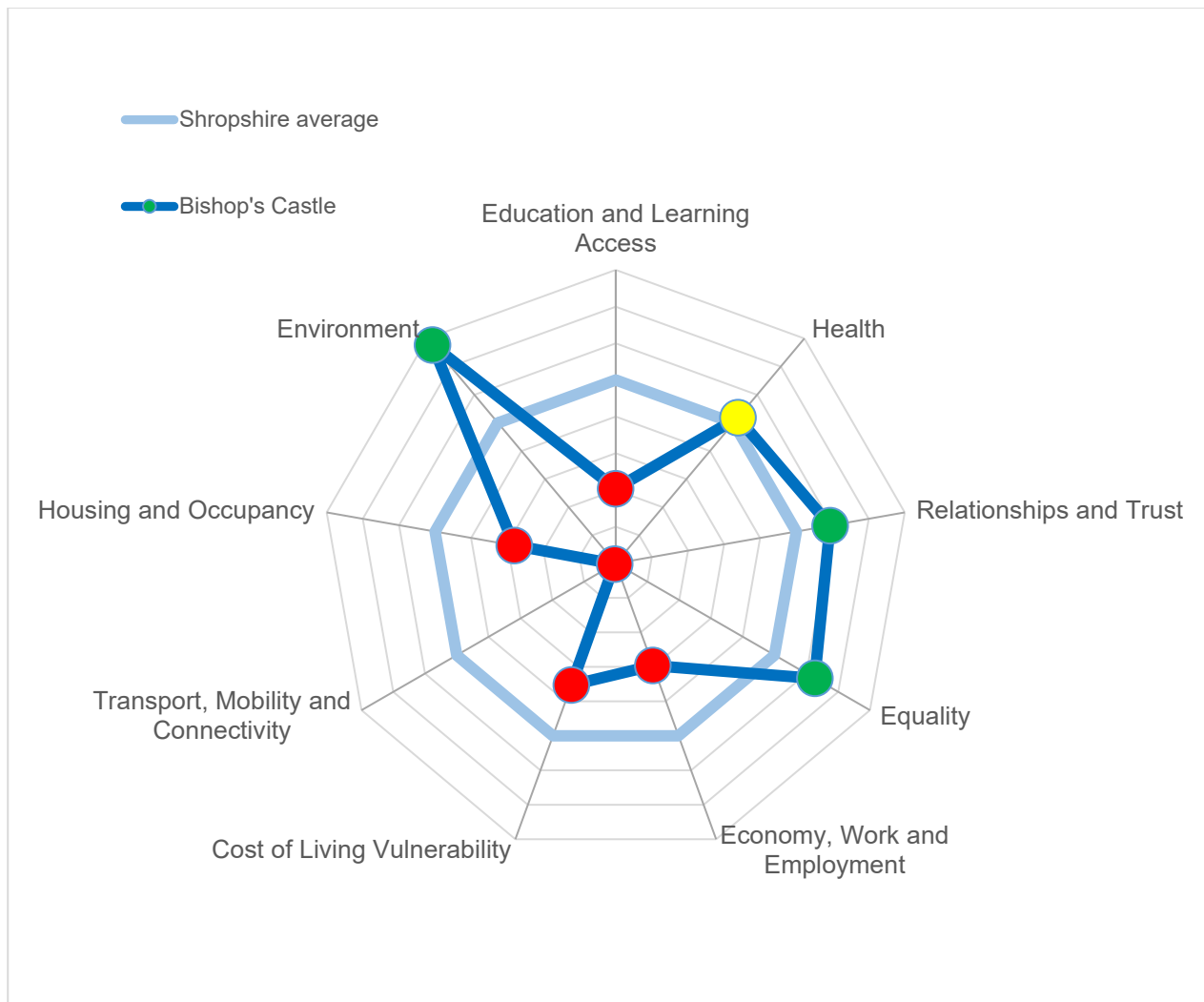
**Housing and occupancy**

**Cost of living**

**vulnerability Economy, work and employment**

**Equal:**

**Health**



# HWI Overview: Ranking comparison against 18 PPA's: 1 = best, 18 = worst.

Rank of Bishop's Castle compared to Shropshire's 18 Place Plan Areas (1 = best, 18 = worst)



## Top Strengths:

Environment  
e.g. Air Quality

Equality  
e.g. Affordability

## Top Challenges:

Education and Learning  
e.g. Average Journey time to Further Education

Economy, Work and Employment  
e.g. Median Income

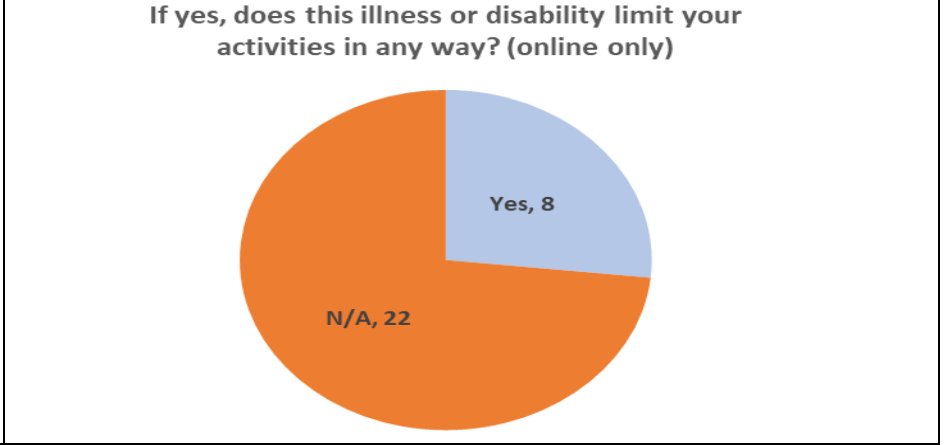
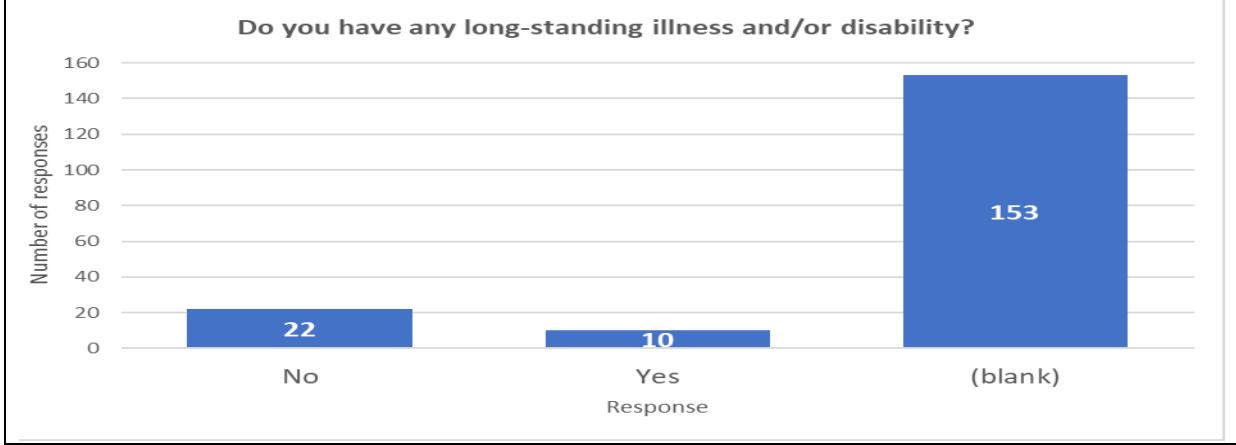
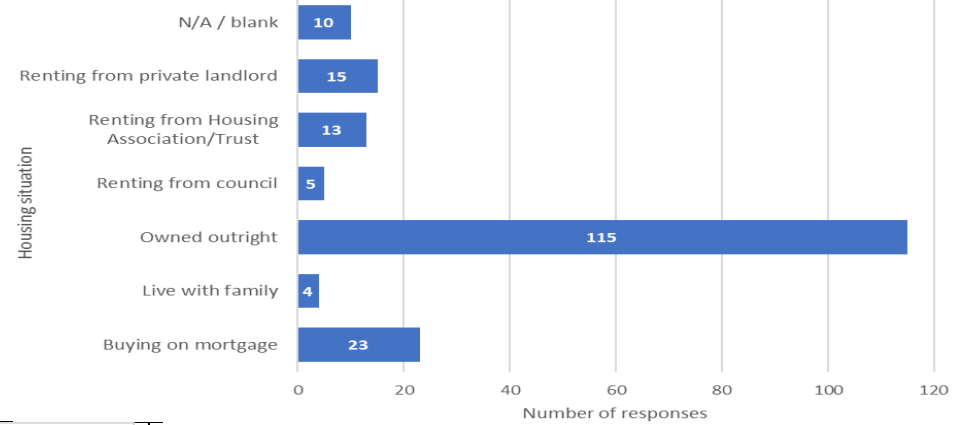
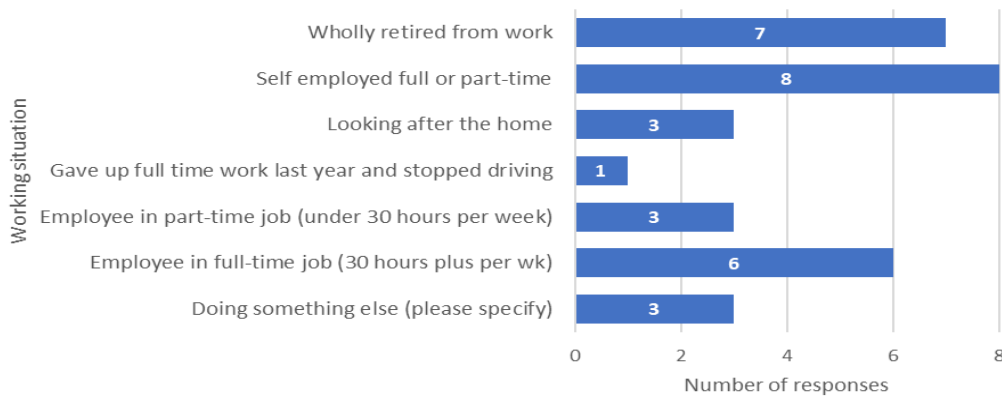
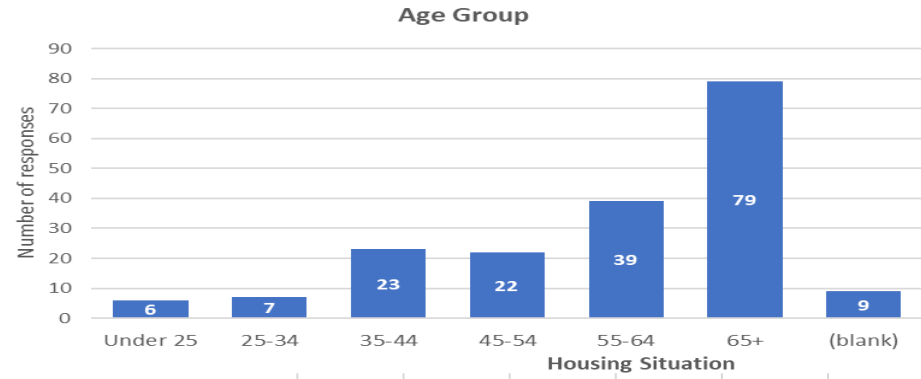
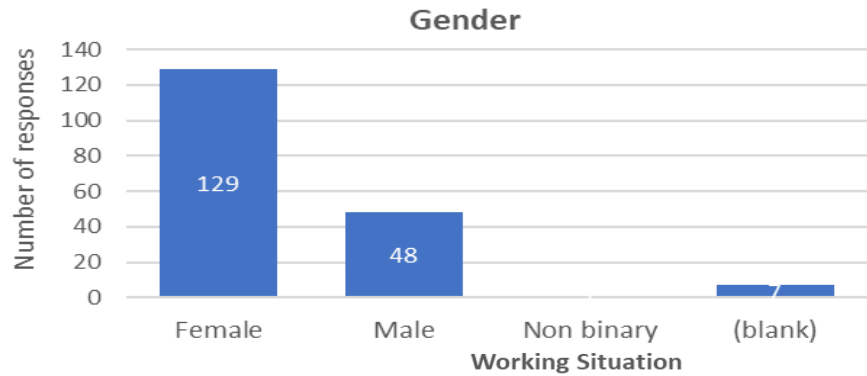
Cost of Living Vulnerability  
e.g. Fuel Poverty

Transport, Mobility and Connectivity  
e.g. Local Geographical barriers

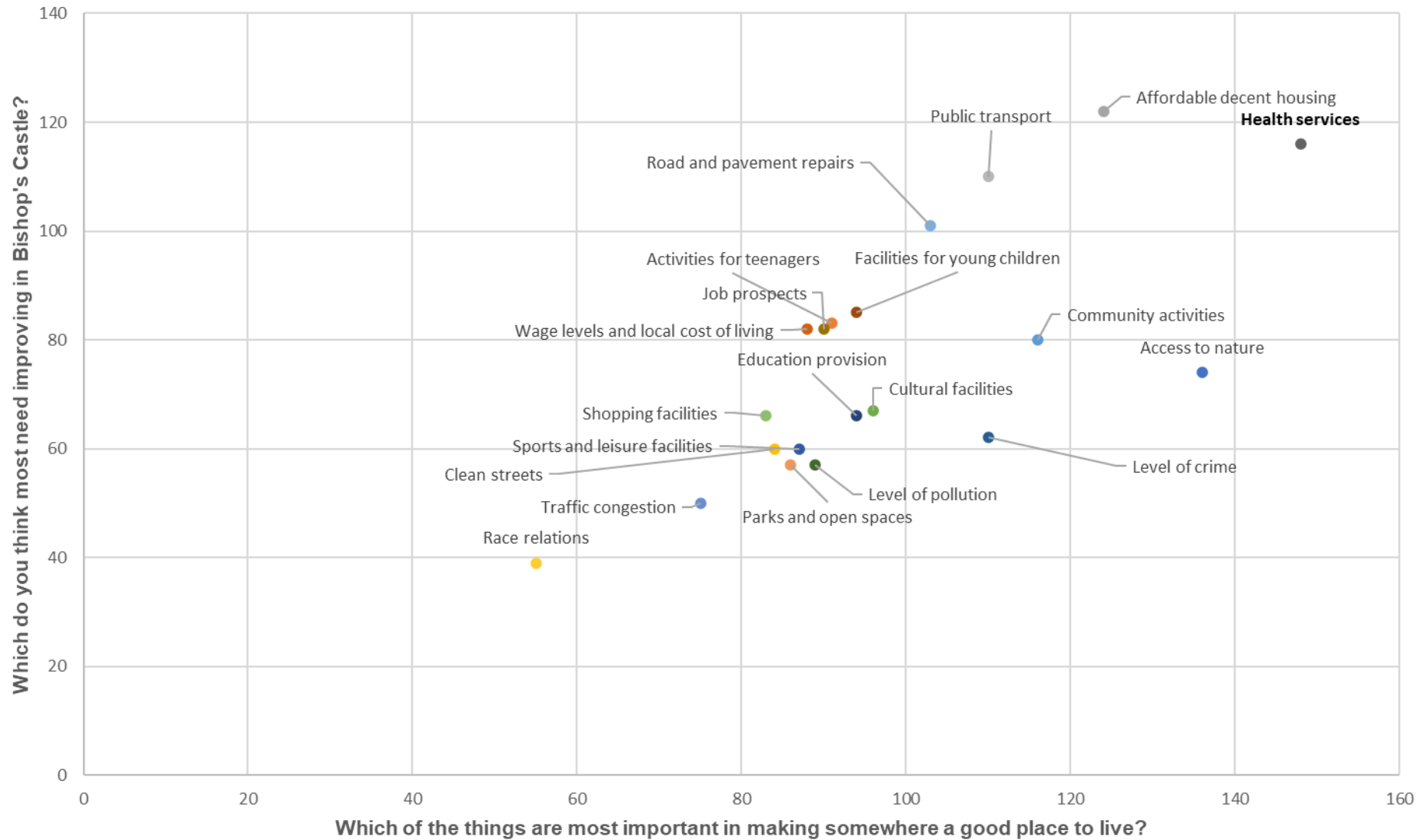
Housing and Occupancy  
e.g. Affordability

# Bishop's Castle Community Engagement Survey Results

- 185 survey results from the Bishop's Castle area - 146 responses completed in person, 39 completed online

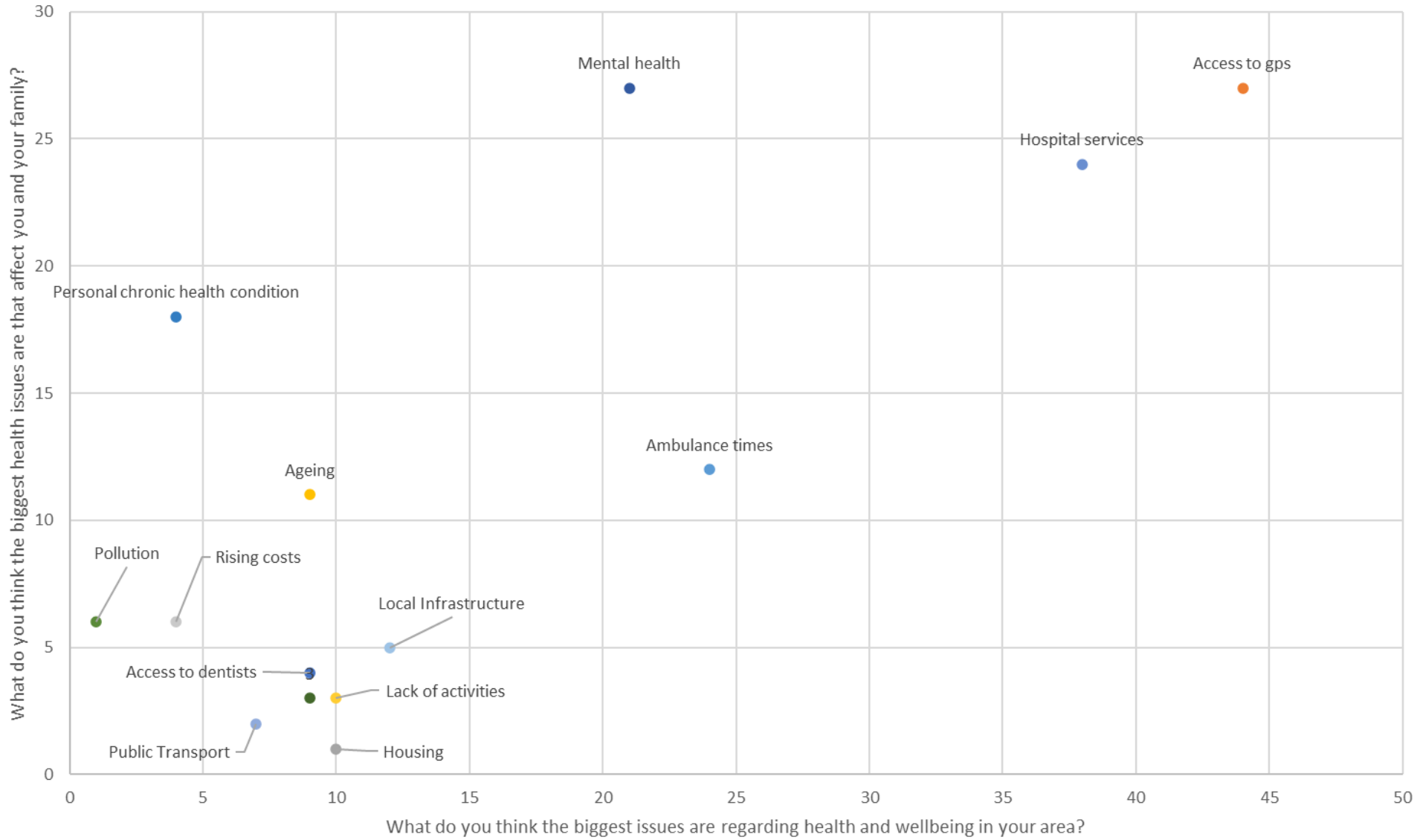


# What makes a good place to live Vs What needs improving in Bishop's Castle

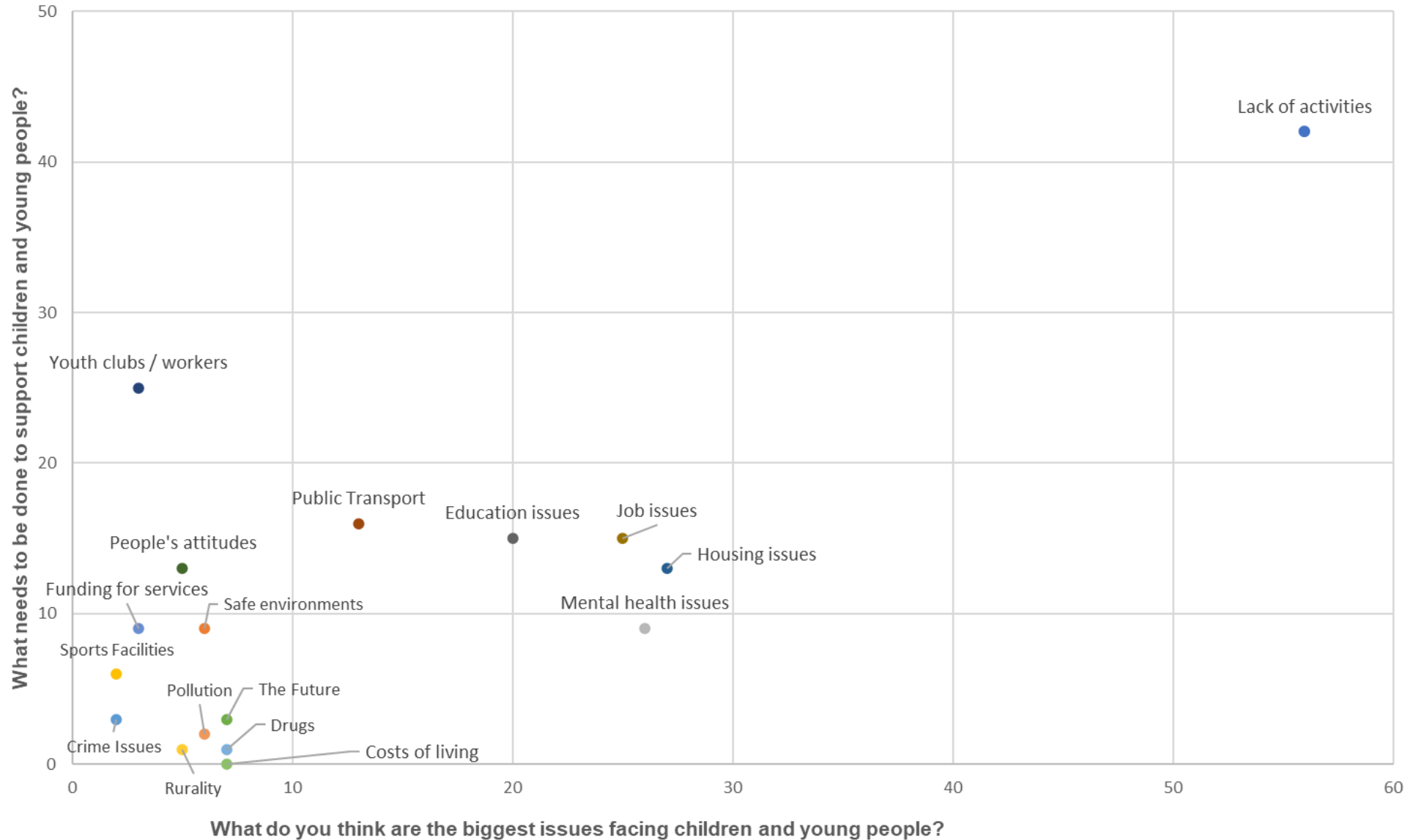




# Biggest health and wellbeing issues: Bishop's Castle Vs You and your family



# Biggest issues facing Children and Young People Vs What needs to be done in Bishop's Castle



# Focus Theme 1 – Health and Access to Health Services

- Health Services was the most important theme for making an area a good place to live. It was also the second top theme for what can be improved. Improvements can focus on working with the community on how the wider determinants of health, such as housing, environment, and education also have a significant impact on improving health and wellbeing.
- Public Transport was ranked high for makes a good place to live and what needs improving.
- Access to GP services was the most frequent issue followed by accessing hospital services for both community and personal/family level needs.
- The closure of the local hospital and the long distance in order to get to the nearest hospital and ambulance times were also common issues.
- Mental health issues featured significantly in the biggest health and wellbeing issues.
- One of the biggest issues affecting young people was mental health issues.
- Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> best place plan area for health in Health and Wellbeing Index overview.

*"Closure of local hospital due to staff shortages delays & access to hospital services in Shrewsbury distance from Bishops Castle to hospital services lack of local mental health services"*

*"Distance from services. Too many retirees moving into the area putting pressure on health services and housing for young people "*

## Focus Theme 2 – Housing and Cost of Living

- Rated 17<sup>th</sup> out of 18 PPA for “housing and occupancy” and “cost of living vulnerability” (page 6).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest (worst) deprivation score of the 18 PPA’s in the index of multiple deprivation (IMD) domain around barriers to housing and services.
- It is both more expensive to buy a house and less affordable for local people due to average house sale price (£310,000) compared to gross household income (£31,849): 3<sup>rd</sup> highest median affordability ratio (9.7) and the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rank for lower quartile affordability ratio.
- Housing was identified as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most important issue affecting younger people, including additional comments of housing prices being too high for younger people to be able to buy or even rent in the area.
- At 29% of households are one person households - the 4<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of the 18 place plan areas. Of these one person households 14.4% are aged 65 or over and is the 7<sup>th</sup> highest percentage of the 18 place plan areas.
- It has the highest percentage of households without central heating at 6% compared to 3.2% in Shropshire.
- 20.3% of households were fuel poor, the highest PPA in Shropshire and Shropshire overall was 12.3%.

*“No “affordable” housing being built driving people out into the towns and cities when we don’t want to.”*

*“Cannot afford to live here”*

*“My four children are grown up and have left the area (and country) because work is very limited and housing too expensive.”*

## Focus Theme 3 – Lack of Activities

- Activities for Teenagers was the 5<sup>th</sup> most selected theme for what most needs improving.
- Lack of activities and things to do was the overwhelming response for the biggest issue facing children and young people.
- Lack of out of school activities, youth clubs / youth workers, safe places to go and lack of support were frequently mentioned.
- Youth services were the most common area of focus on what needs to be done to support children and young people.
- Respondents also mentioned that boredom led to unsociable / criminal behaviour.
- Other concerns included lack of activities in their rural area, issues with accessing sport / leisure facilities and travelling long distances to access things.
- 66% of all respondents said they did not face challenges to being active in their daily life. However, for those who did face challenges they faced barriers including lack of local facilities or transport issues or the time it takes to get to local facilities.

*Access to a space, just to meet and talk. Promotion of affordable, accessible activities. Education looking at a more child/young person approach rather than results driven. Lack of facilities and activities. There is nothing at all in our village and we are wholly reliant on schools for activities.”*

*“Time as you often have to travel to Shrewsbury for decent facilities“*

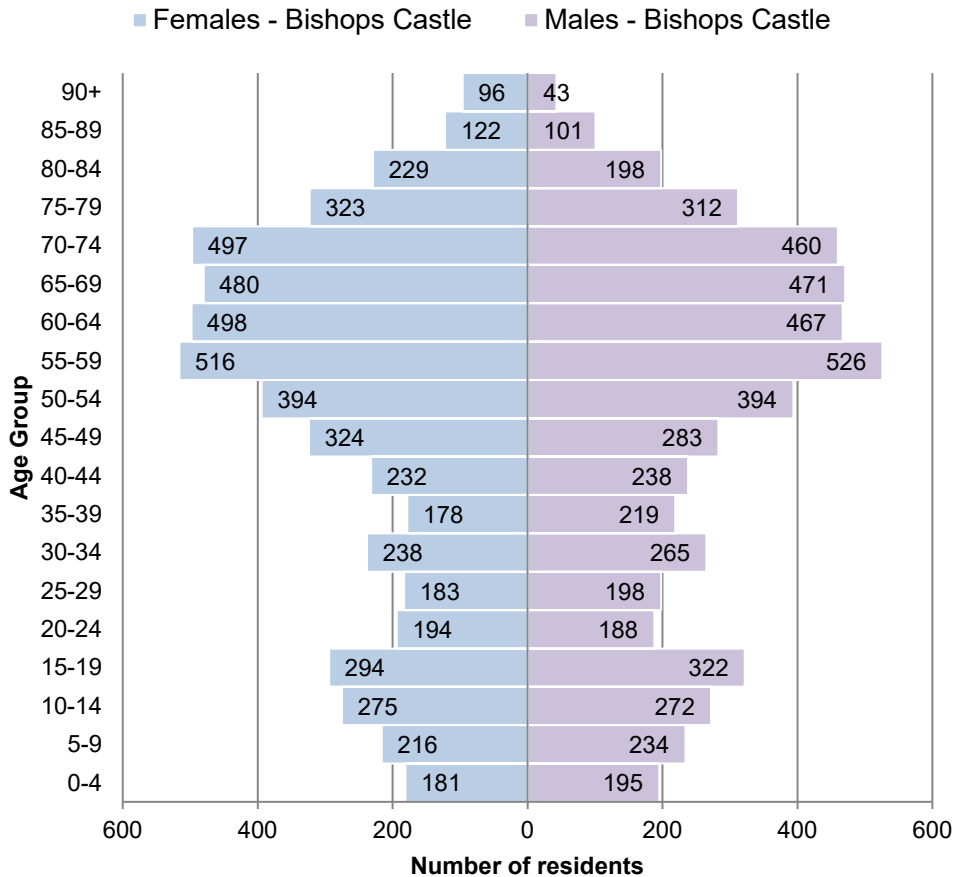
*“Yes, nothing easy to get too, having to fit your exercise around the school commitment at the sports centre also not enough activities for older people. No safe places to cycle“*

*“Apart from walking, cycling, running and horse riding there really isn’t anything to do with out travelling 10 miles or more“*

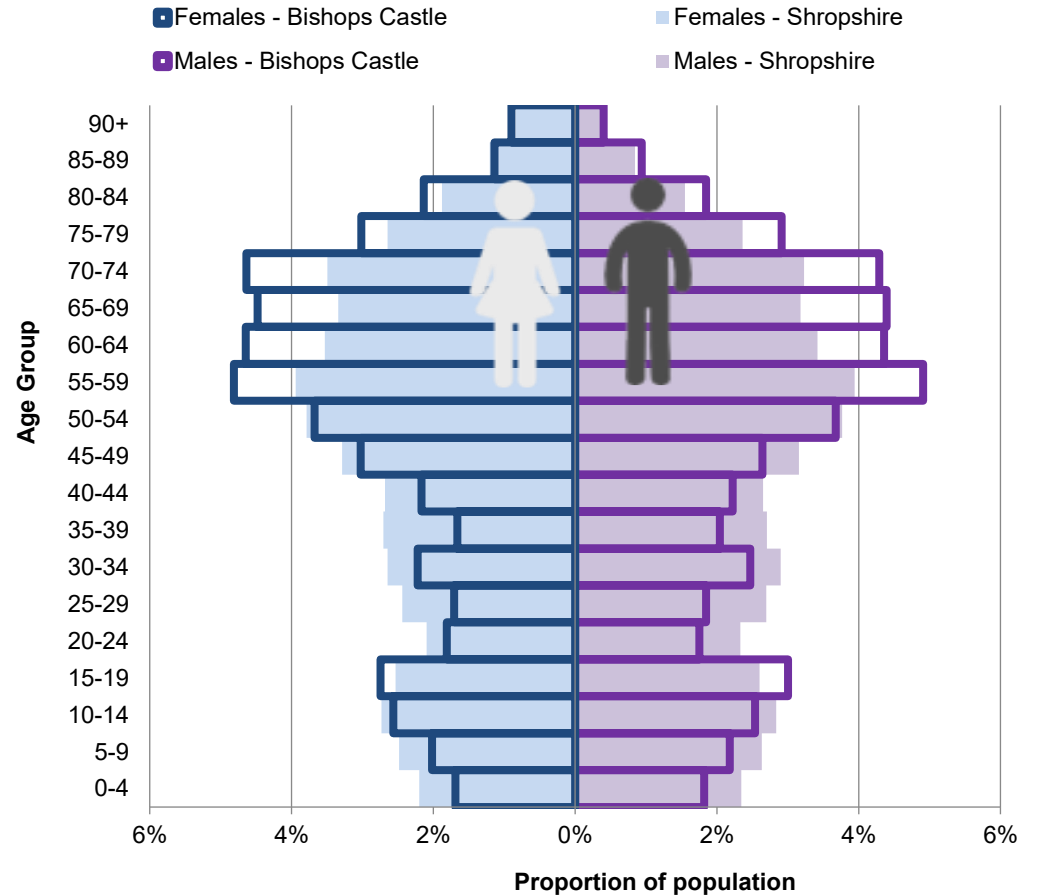
*“Youth workers in BC. Using funding from Sport England or similar to provide a better range of clubs”.*

# Bishop's Castle Place Plan Area 2020 Mid Year Population Estimate Pyramids

Population: Bishops Castle, 2020



Bishop Castle's population compared to Shropshire



<b>INDICATOR</b>	<b>Bishop's Castle PPA</b>	<b>Shropshire</b>
<b>Demographics</b>		
Resident population	10,856	325,415
% Population aged 16 to 64 males/59 females	50.9	53.7
% Population aged 65 and over for males and 60 and over for females	35.3	30.5
Mean age	45	43.4
IMD: Overall – score (High = worse)	21.46	17.0
Average household size	2.32	2.4
2020 Dependency Ratio (0-15s and 65+ / 16 to 64 pop)	0.8	0.7
Patients at Shropshire practices 2021	9,058	302,749
Area - hectares	52,416	319,728
2020 Population Density	0.2	1.0
Pensioners living alone - %	26.5	27.6
% population aged 0-15	13.8	15.8
<b>General Practice Mental Health Prevalence from QOF</b>		
Mental health and neurology group, dementia %	1.1%	0.9%
Mental health and neurology group, learning disabilities %	0.7%	0.5%
Mental health and neurology group, mental health %	0.9%	0.8%
Mental health and neurology group, depression (18+) %	12.2%	14.5%
Mental health and neurology group, epilepsy (18+) %	0.7%	0.9%
<b>Business</b>		
Ratio Median/Mean RV	0.465	0.369
Rateable Businesses - August 2022 - Count of Property References	132	5624
Total Sum of all Current Rateable Value	£1,718,590.00	£149,334,721.00
Average of Current Rateable Value	£13,019.62	£26,553.12
Median average of Current Rateable Value	£6,050.00	£9,800.00
<b>Work</b>		
Working age unemployment (% , monthly average)	31.03	27.5
Median Income	£33,023	£33,337
Lower Quartile	£19,428	£19,089
September 2021 Claimant Count ONS / DWP	2.9%	3.3%
Claimant Count April 2023 16+	95	
Median Gross Household Income 2021	£31,849	£32,808

Lower Quartile Gross Household Income 2021	£18,480	£18,602
<b>Housing</b>		
House prices / affordability (household income) - Lower Quartile (year-end 24th August)	10.28	9.4
Median Affordability Ratio	9.7	7.4
Median House Prices Paid (year-end 24th Aug)	£310,000	£241,500
Lower Quartile House Prices Paid (year-end 24th Aug)	£189,950	£175,000
Proportions of households which are fuel poor 2019, BEIS	20.3%	12.3%
Occupancy rating -1 (%)	2.6	2.8
Occupancy rating -2 or less (%)	0.7	0.6
Households with no central heating - percent	6	3.3
IMD: Barriers to Housing and Services – score (High = bad)	38.5	26.6
<b>Carers</b>		
Total number of claimants of Attendance allowance - Quarter Feb 21 (DWP)	282	8742
Total number of persons 16+ in receipt of carers allowance - Quarter Feb 21 (DWP)	93	3404

### Carers Data

This data is from the 2021 census, and while carers data is available at Local Authority Level it is not yet available at a lower level. However, if the Shropshire figures are extrapolated for the population in the Bishop's Castle place plan area, this could give a potential estimate of numbers in the meantime.

<b>Under the equality act</b>	<b>% of Shropshire</b>	<b>Number of Bishop's Castle Place Plan Area residents if Shropshire figures extrapolated</b>
People that are disabled - day to day activities limited a lot	6.7%	727
People that are disabled - day to day activities limited a little	10.2%	1,107
People that not disabled	83%	9,010
<b>Of people aged 5 years and over in Shropshire</b>		
People that provide no unpaid care	90.9%	9,868
People that provide 19 or less hours unpaid care a week	4.9%	532
People that provide 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	1.7%	185
People that provide 50 hours or more unpaid care a week	2.5%	271



## Housing Data

This data is from the 2021 census, and is for the Bishop's Castle Place Plan Area.

Accommodation Type	Total Households	No People in Household	All Households with People
Total	5,230	525	4,705
Whole house or bungalow	4,959	446	4,513
Whole house or bungalow: Detached	3,274	260	3,014
Whole house or bungalow: Semi-detached	1,241	105	1,136
Whole house or bungalow: Terraced	444	81	363
Flat, maisonette or apartment	223	63	160
A caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	48	16	32

## Employment by Industry Sector for Bishop's Castle Place Plan Area (Rounded Numbers) – Business Register and Employment Survey 2021

### Definintions:

- Employees: anyone aged 16 years or over that an organisation directly pays from its payroll(s), in return for carrying out a full-time or part-time job or being on a training scheme. It excludes voluntary workers, self-employed, working owners who are not paid via PAYE
- Full-time employees: those working more than 30 hours per week.
- Part-time employees: those working 30 hours or less per week.
- Employment: includes employees plus the number of working owners. BRES therefore includes self-employed workers as long as they are registered for VAT or Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) schemes. Self-employed people not registered for these, along with HM Forces and Government Supported trainees are excluded.

Employment by sector (numbers are rounded)	Employees	Full-time employees	Part-time employees	Employment
1 : Agriculture, forestry & fishing (* These figures exclude farm agriculture)	40	35	5	100
2 : Mining, quarrying & utilities	10	10	0	10
3 : Manufacturing	300	300	25	300
4 : Construction	250	225	45	300
5 : Motor trades	35	30	5	40
6 : Wholesale	125	100	30	200

7 : Retail	175	75	100	175
8 : Transport & storage (inc postal)	75	75	10	125
9 : Accommodation & food services	300	100	175	300
10 : Information & communication	75	75	15	75
11 : Financial & insurance	10	0	0	10
12 : Property	75	50	25	100
13 : Professional, scientific & technical	175	125	50	250
14 : Business administration & support services	30	25	5	35
15 : Public administration & defence	20	0	20	20
16 : Education	400	150	225	400
17 : Health	400	300	75	400
18 : Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	100	50	35	100

