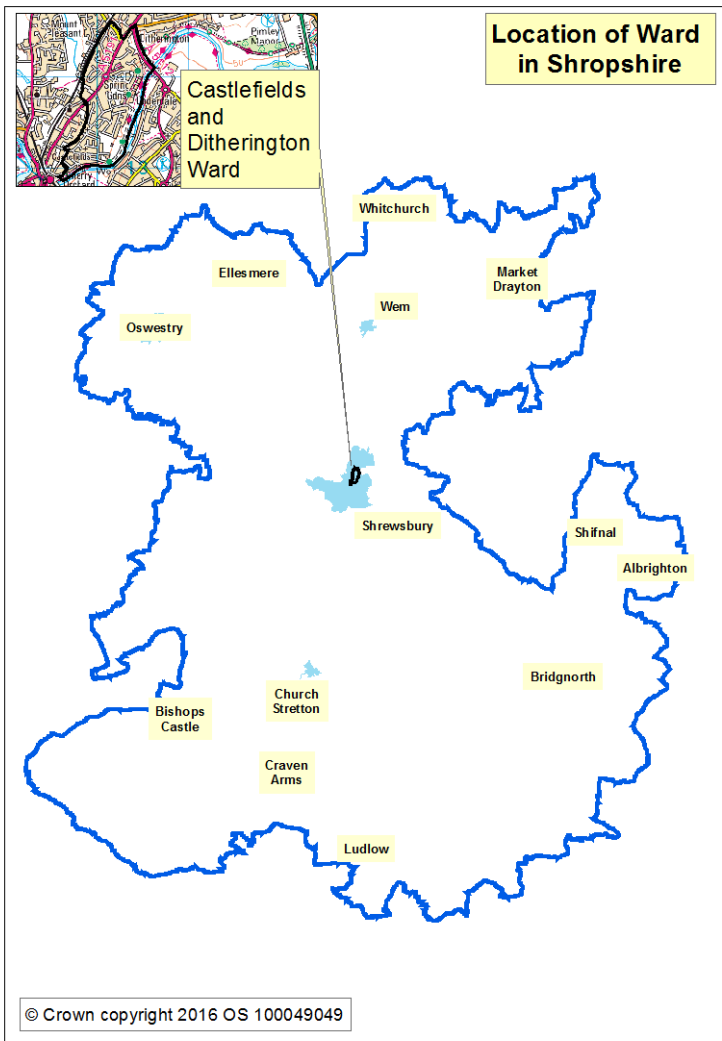


# Castlefields and Ditherington Ward



**Key Facts**

- Total Population **4,630**
- Area **86** hectares
- Population Density **53.7** (Shropshire average **0.96**)
- Average Age - **38.4**
- Total Households **1,993**
- Total Dwellings **2,059**

Source: 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics © Crown Copyright 2016

**Ward Councillor - Alan Mosley**

**Labour**  
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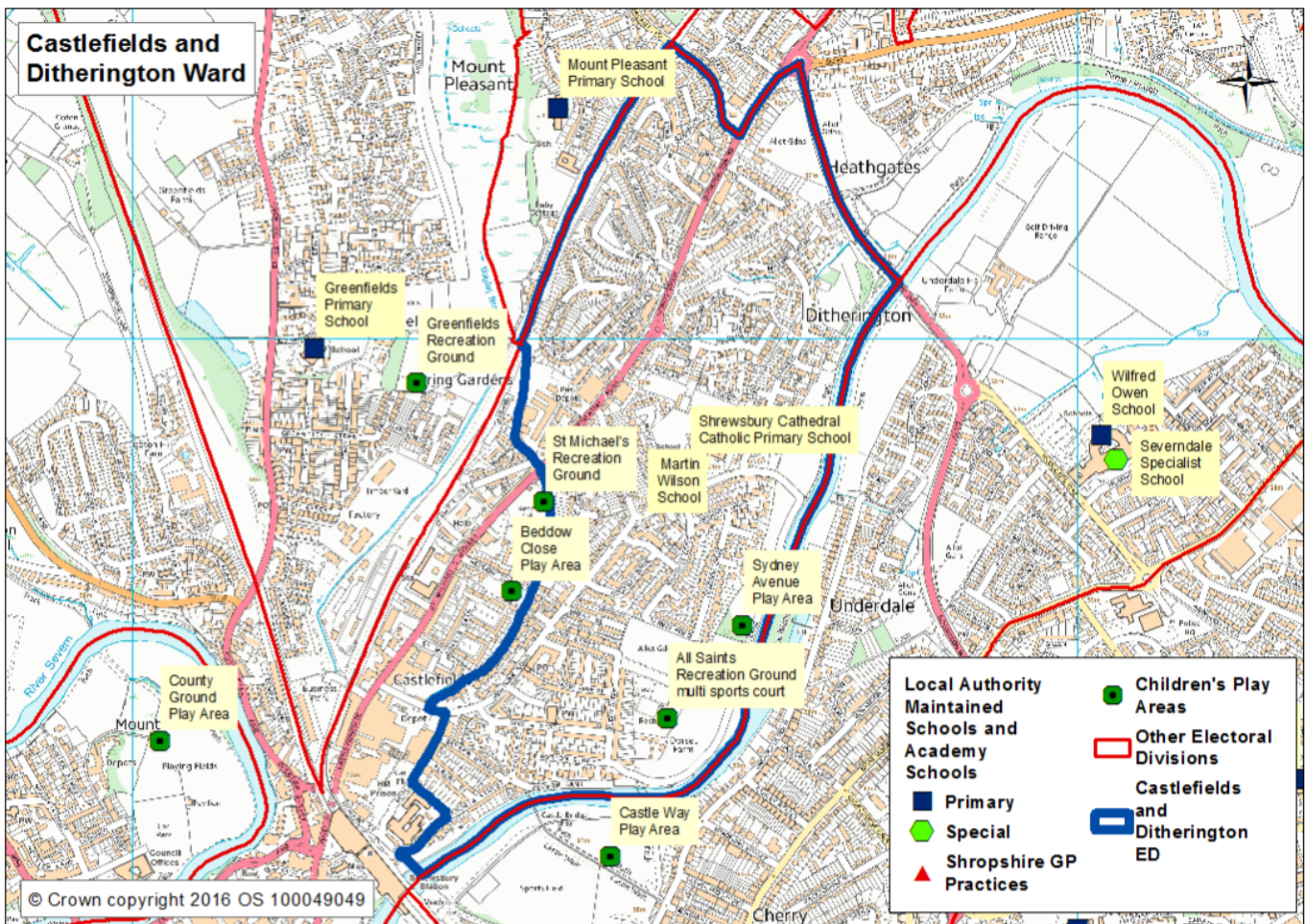
**Election Results - May 2013**

| Name     | Party        | Votes |
|----------|--------------|-------|
| A Mosley | Labour       | 937   |
| J Hodges | Conservative | 108   |
| J Clarke | Lib Dem      | 43    |

**Parliamentary Constituency** - Shrewsbury & Atcham

**MP** - Daniel Kawczynski, Conservative

# Population and Diversity



Castlefields and Ditherington Ward is located in the north of Shrewsbury town. The ward is predominantly urban in nature and contains a mixture of housing in terms of age and type and it is densely populated. Local roads provide access to the A49 which then provides access to the A5 and M54 towards the West Midlands. The area is well served for shops and other amenities and is in close proximity to the town centre.

For more information and interactive maps please visit Shropshire Council website :

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/maps](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/maps)

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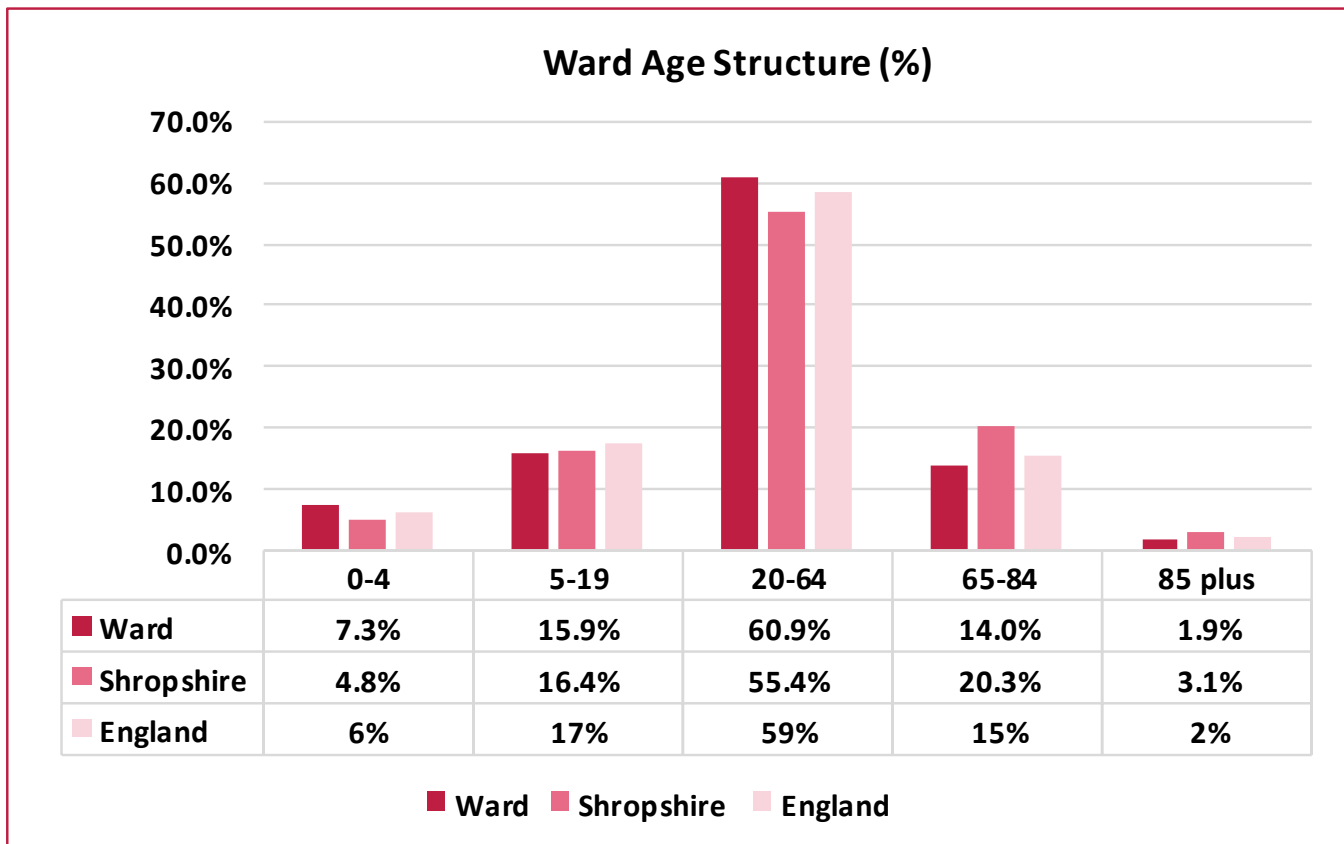
Other useful websites:

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# Population and Diversity

## Age Structure



Source: Office of National Statistic (ONS) Mid Year Estimates, 2015 - Ward Level Mid Year Population Estimates, Experimental Statistics 2016.



Mid year estimates for **2015**

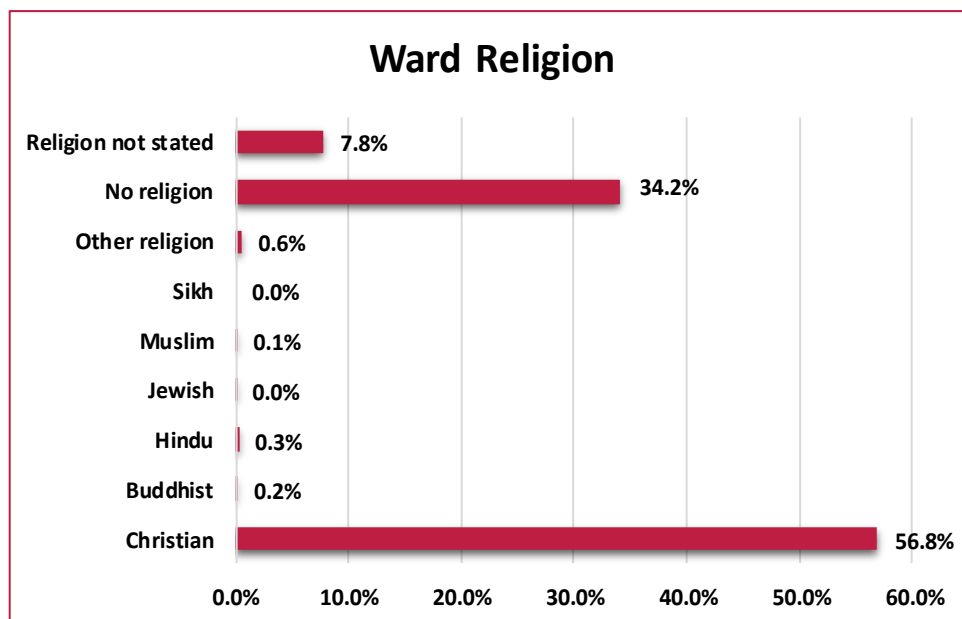
**50.8% female** and **% 49.2% male.**

Castlefields and Ditherington has more **people aged 0- 4** compared to both **Shropshire** and **England**.

Castlefields and Ditherington has a **lower rate of older people**, 65-84 and 85 plus, **compared to** both Shropshire and England.

# Population and Diversity

## Religion



56.8% of people were Christian. 34.2% had no religion.

In general, percentages of other religions were low and similar to Shropshire.

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics, Office for National Statistics (ONS).

|            | Christian | Buddhist | Hindu | Jewish | Muslim | Sikh | Other religion | No religion | Religion not stated |
|------------|-----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Shropshire | 68.7%     | 0.3%     | 0.1%  | 0.0%   | 0.3%   | 0.1% | 0.4%           | 22.8%       | 7.3%                |
| England    | 59.4%     | 0.5%     | 1.5%  | 0.5%   | 5.0%   | 0.8% | 0.4%           | 24.7%       | 7.2%                |

## Ethnicity

92.5% of People were White British, lower than Shropshire but higher than England.

Fewer people from minority groups compared to England, higher levels than Shropshire. Higher percentage of Asian groups than for Shropshire as a whole.

| Area                        | White | White: British | Mixed/multiple ethnic groups | Asian/Asian British | Black/African/Caribbean/Black British | Other ethnic group | BME Total |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Castlefields & Ditherington | 96.9% | 92.5%          | 1.0%                         | 1.7%                | 0.3%                                  | 0.1%               | 3.1%      |
| Shropshire                  | 98.0% | 95.4%          | 0.7%                         | 1.0%                | 0.2%                                  | 0.1%               | 2.0%      |
| England                     | 85.4% | 79.8%          | 2.3%                         | 7.8%                | 3.5%                                  | 1.0%               | 14.6%     |

For further information on population or other Census data please visit:

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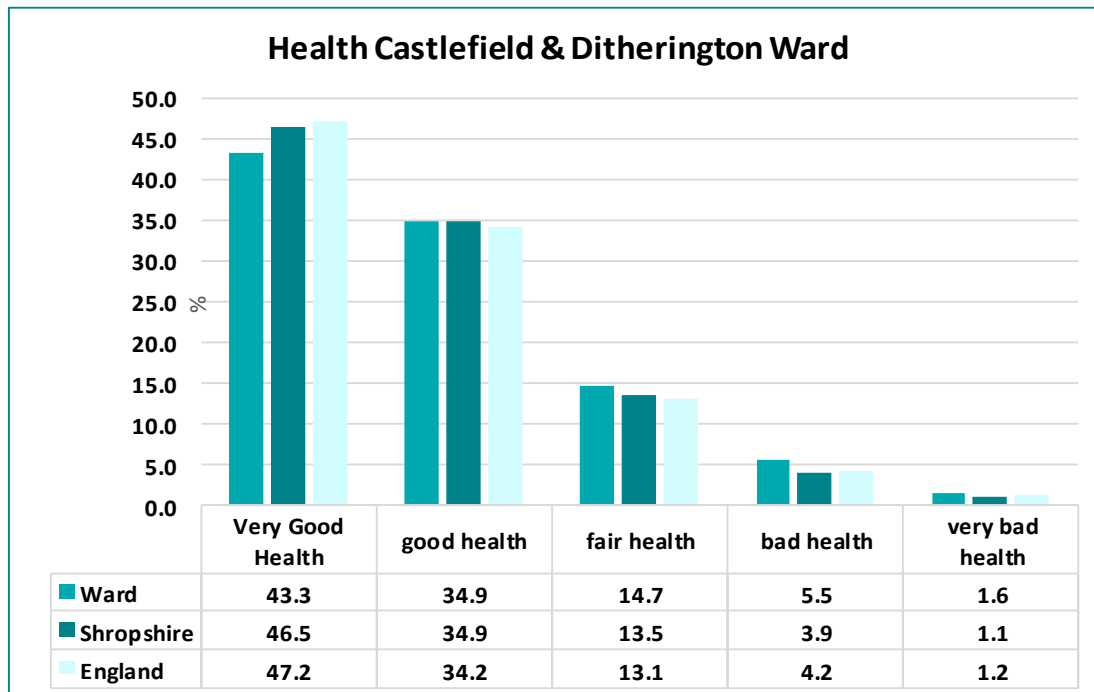
# Health

## Long Term Limiting Illness

**9.7 %** of People had a **Long Term Health Problem or Disability** which Limited their Life a lot. **Higher** than the **Shropshire average of 8.4%**.

Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics, Office of National Statistics (ONS).

## Health Condition



At the time of the 2011 Census, **78% of residents** in Castlefields and Ditherington Ward, said that they felt they were **in very good or good health**. This was **Lower** than the Shropshire and England **average of 81%**.

## Provision of Social Care

|                  | Provide 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week | Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week | Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| Castlefields and | 5.3%                                     | 1.8%                                       | 2.8%   |
| Shropshire       | 7.5%                                     | 1.3%                                       | 2.4%   |
| England          | 6.5%                                     | 1.4%                                       | 2.4%   |

**5.3%** of people provided in Castlefields and Ditherington Ward **unpaid care for 1-19** hours per week, this was **lower** than **Shropshire as a whole**.

# Qualifications and Jobs

## Qualifications

| Qualifications       | Ward | Shropshire | England and Wales |
|----------------------|------|------------|-------------------|
| Level 1              | 16.5 | 15.4       | 15.2              |
| Level 2              | 18.2 | 19.4       | 17.2              |
| Level 3              | 13.7 | 14.7       | 14.5              |
| Level 4/5            | 23.7 | 29.4       | 29.7              |
| Other qualifications | 8.3  | 7.1        | 8.6               |
| No qualifications    | 19.6 | 14         | 15                |

According to the Census 2011, **23.7%** of residents had a level 4 qualification or above, lower than Shropshire average of **29.4%**. There were more residents with low level qualifications than for Shropshire as a whole. **19.6%** had no qualifications compared to Shropshire figure of **14.0%**.

Source: 2011 Census, ONS, Highest Level of Qualification Population aged 16-64.

For further information on qualification levels and definitions visit Office of National Statistics (ONS) <http://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/qualificationsandlabourmarketparticipationinenglandandwales/2014-06-18#background-notes>

## Economic Activity

The employment status of Castlefields and Ditherington residents at the time of the 2011 Census showed **79.7%** of residents were economically active (this includes people who are both employed and actively seeking employment), this was similar to the Shropshire figure of **80.1%**. Of those who were economically active **72.2%** were in employment, **7.2%** were self-employed and **7.5%** were unemployed. This is compared with **75.8%**, **13.5%** and **5.4%** respectively for Shropshire.

**20.3%** of residents were economically inactive (these are people who are not seeking a job, and include those who are retired, full time students, looking after family or long term sick). This figure was similar to the Shropshire level of **19.9%**.

## Unemployment

The Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) is payable to people under pensionable age who are available for, and actively seeking work. In October 2016 **2.0%** of resident people aged 16-64, were claiming JSA, this was notably higher than the Shropshire figure of **1.1%** and slightly lower than the **1.8%** for Great-Britain.

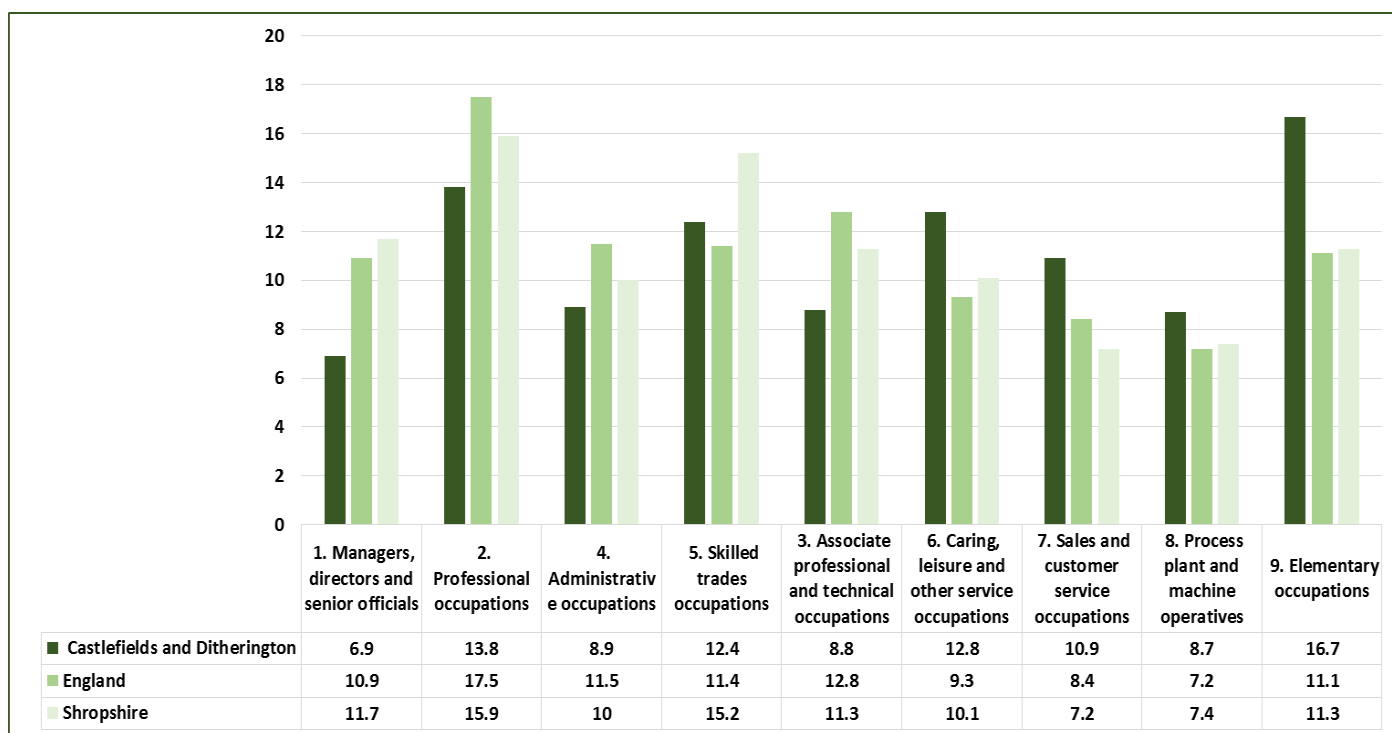
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# Qualifications and Jobs

## Employment by Occupation



## Business and Employment

- **300** jobs in the ward
- **86 businesses** (Source: Mint 2015)

- **16.7%** of residents were employed in Elementary occupations (greater than for Shropshire as a whole **11.3%**)
- Fewer people work as Managers, directors and senior officials, **6.9%** compared to **11.7%** for Shropshire

## Travel to Work

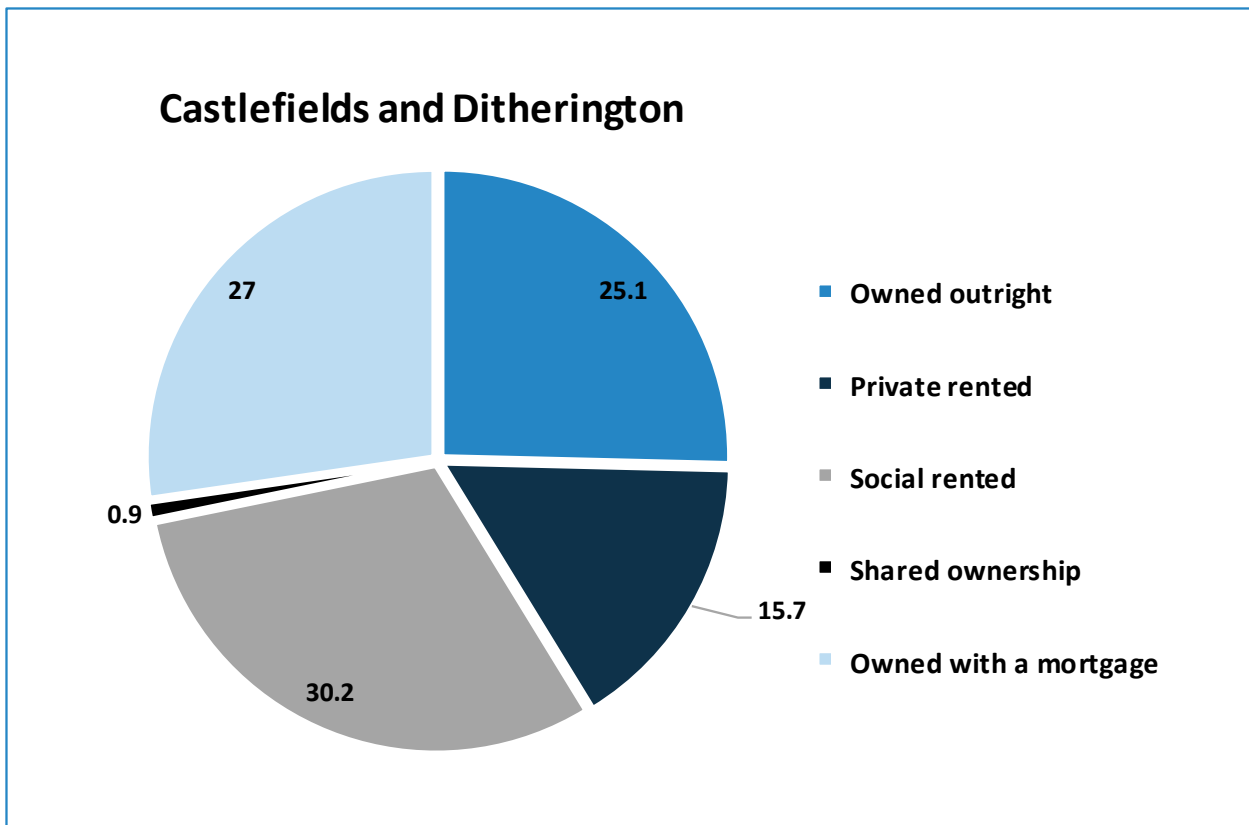
- **6.7%** of residents were self employed
- **2.1%** work from home (compared to **5.6%** for Shropshire)
- **37.8%** use the car as main travel mode to work
- **4.4%** used public transport

# Housing

**2,059 Dwellings and 1,993 Households**

**0 Communal Establishment**

## Housing Tenure



Source: 2011 Census, Key Statistics, Office for National Statistics, © Crown Copyright 2017.

The largest proportion (**30.2%**) of houses in Castlefields and Ditherington Ward were social rented. This was greater than Shropshire (**13.5%**) and England (**17.7%**). **25.1%** of households were owned outright, this was fewer than for Shropshire as a whole (**38.6%**) and fewer than for England (**30.6%**). A greater number of households in Castlefields and Ditherington Ward were private rented (**15.7%**) compared to **15%** for Shropshire.

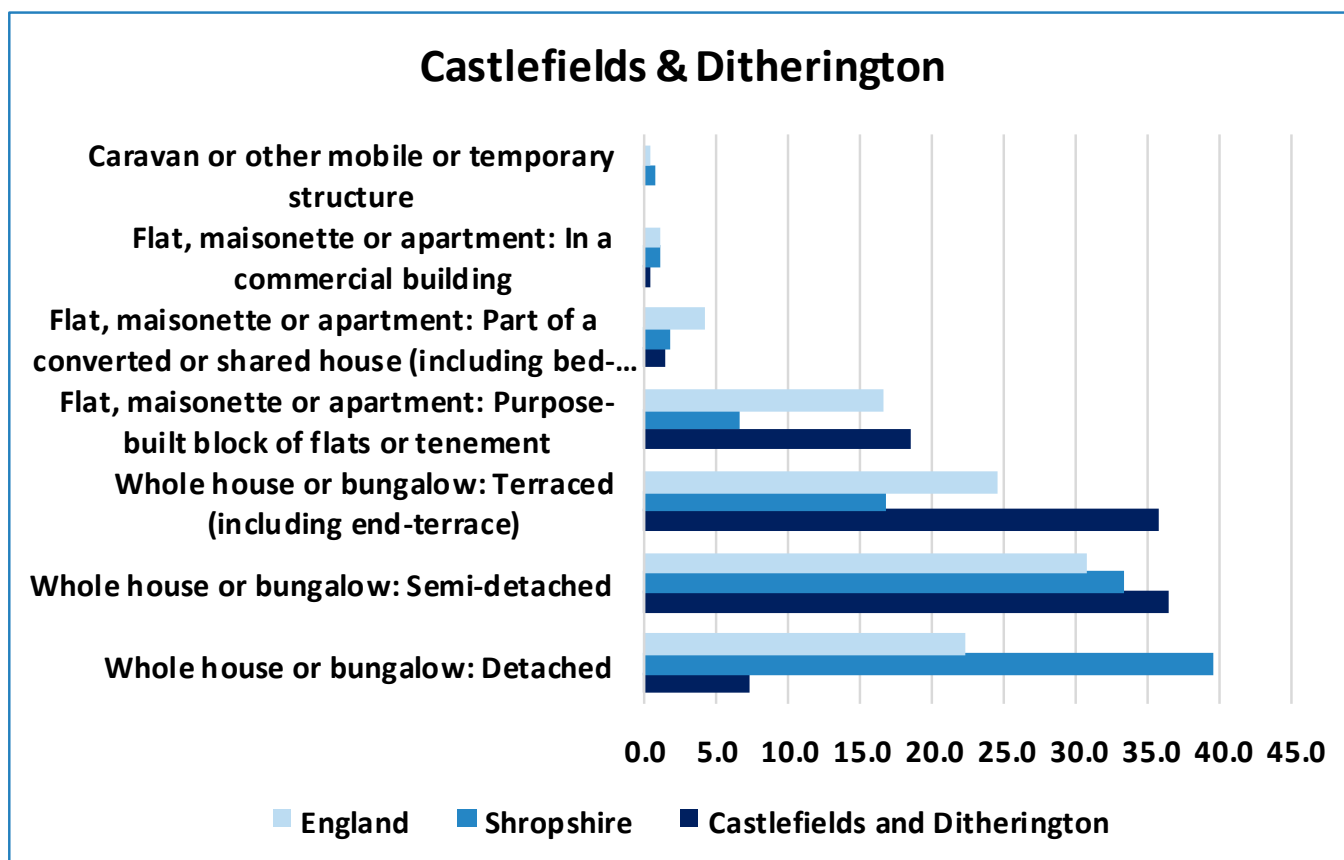
## Housing Type

Fewer household spaces were detached properties (**7.3%**) compared to Shropshire as a whole (**39.5%**).

A greater number of household spaces were semi-detached (**36.4%**) compared to Shropshire as a whole (**33.4%**).

A greater number of household spaces were terraced (including end-terrace), (**35.7%**) compared to Shropshire (**16.8%**).

## Housing Type



## Housing Composition

**38.9%** of households were One Person Households greater than the Shropshire average (**28.9%**) and England (**30.2%**).

**9.9%** of households were Lone Parent with dependent children greater than the Shropshire average (**5.2%**) and England (**7.1%**).

**14.6%** of households were One Person Pensioner aged 65 and over, greater than the Shropshire average of (**13.9%**) and England (**12.4%**).

**8.8%** of households were married couples with dependent children lower than the Shropshire average of (**14.9%**) and England (**12.3%**).

**5.7%** of households were co-habiting couples with dependent children greater than the Shropshire average of (**4.2%**) and England (**4.1%**).

# Community Safety

Crime levels in Shropshire are **very low compared to national levels**. Crime and ASB are **higher** in Castlefields and Ditherington Ward. Relative to the rest of Shropshire, Castlefields and Ditherington had the **6th highest crime rate** per 1,000 population of all **63** Shropshire Wards.

Crime per 1000 Population in Castlefields and Ditherington Ward was **71.5**, **higher than Shropshire average** of **44.9**, but **lower** than England and Wales **78.4**.

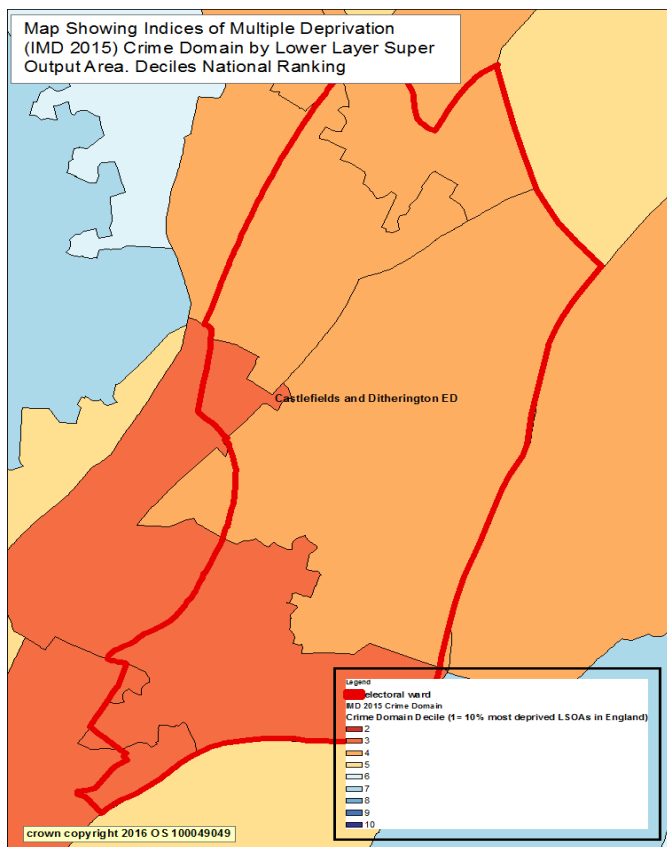
Source: Police Recorded Crime Data and Crime in England and Wales Statistical Bulletin, ONS, July 2016.

## IMD 2015 Crime Domain

The **Crime Domain** measures the **risk** of personal or material **victimisation** at local level.

The indicators:

- The rate of **violence** per 1,000 at risk population
- The rate of **burglary** per 1,000 at risk properties
- The rate of **theft** per 1,000 at risk population
- The rate of **criminal damage** per 1,000 at risk population



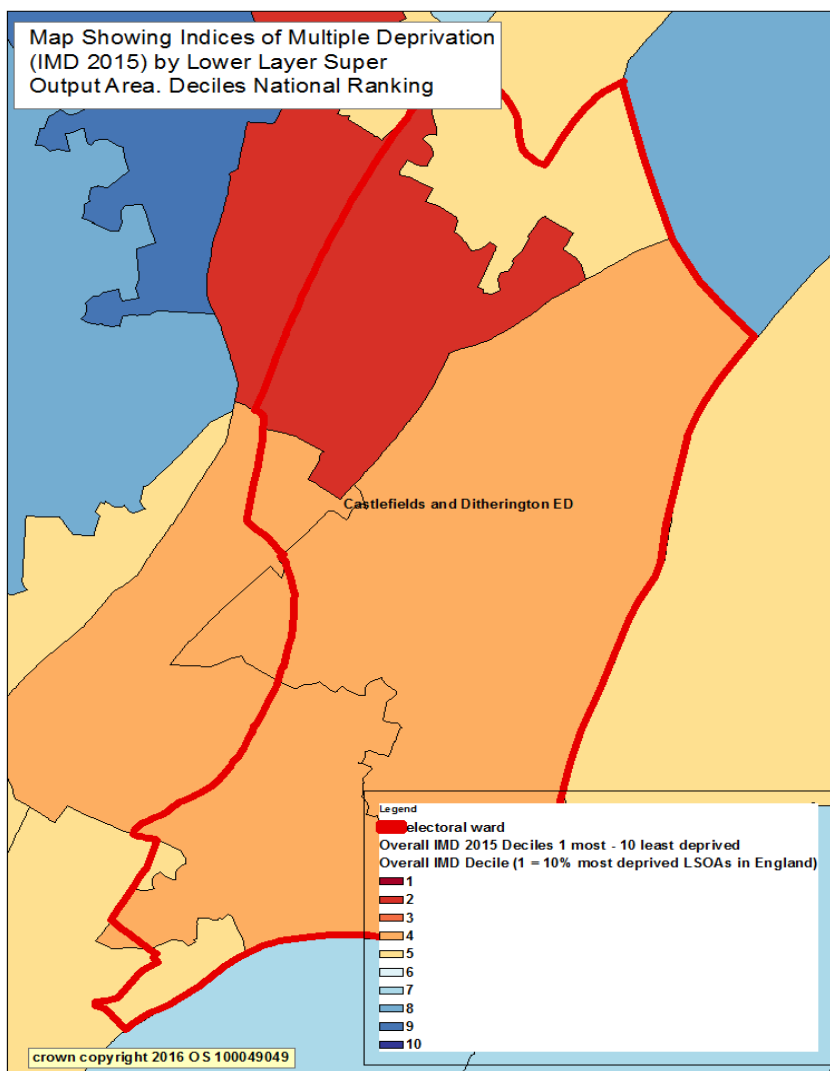
Castlefields and Ditherington Ward has **slightly lower** levels of **crime** compared to national rankings.

When looking at the four lower super output areas (Ilsoa's) which cover the ward. Three of them are within the **decile 4** one of them is in **decile 3** (decile one being the highest, decile 10 being the lowest) when compared with national levels.

# Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD 2015)

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD 2015) is designed to identify areas where communities lack resources and are in need. To do this, seven factors are considered, which are:

- Income deprivation
- Employment deprivation
- Health deprivation and disability
- Education deprivation
- Barriers to housing and services
- Crime
- Living environment deprivation



There are 4 Lower layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) which partially cover Castlefields and Ditherington Ward. These areas fall into the **2nd and 4th** deprived deciles nationally. The largest areas fall into the 4<sup>th</sup> decile.

Source: IMD 2015, Department for Communities and Local Government, Crown Copyright, 2016.