

Ravensden

Parish Profile

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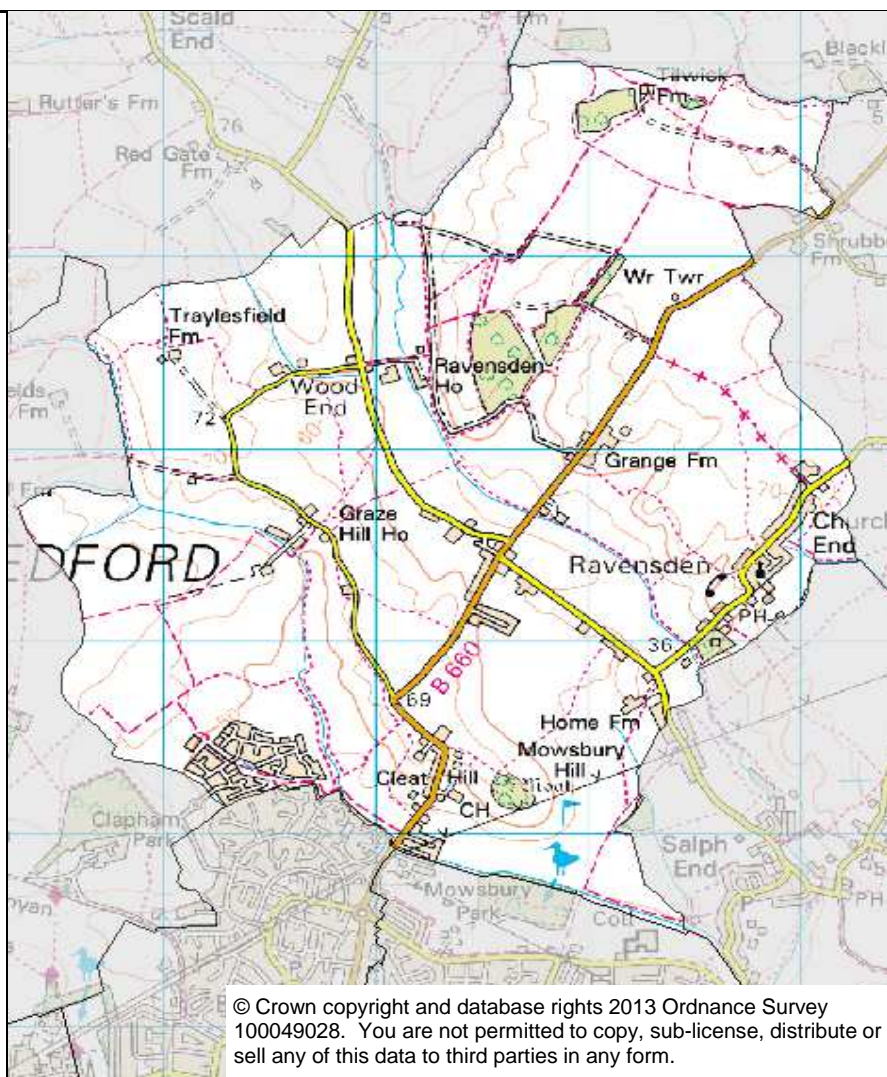
Population 1,961

Area (hectares) 1,092

**Population Density
(People/hectare)** 1.8

Households 714

Dwellings 751



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Located north of Bedford Town, Ravensden's population increased by 1,250 between 2001 and 2011 due to the development of Woodlands Park. Ravensden has a much younger age profile than the Borough, with 27% of residents aged 0-15, the highest of all parishes, and only 13% aged over 65. A broad mix of non-White British residents form 27% of the population, the second highest of all parishes, and 13% of all households are lone parents with dependent children.

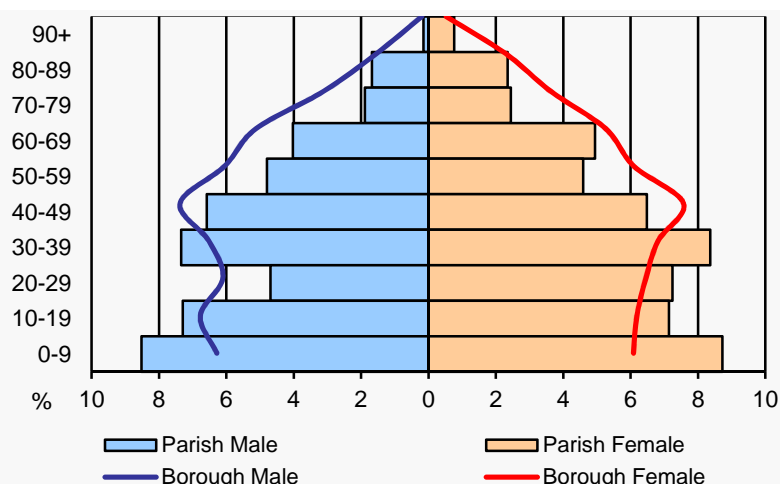
Ravensden has high home ownership (74%), with 19% of households renting from social landlords and 7% renting privately. Housing is primarily detached (50%) with large numbers of semi-detached (22%) and terraced (16%) homes. Two-thirds of homes are heated by gas, and 20% by oil.

Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (38%) exceeds the rural parish average. Self employment (10%) and employment in skilled trades (11%) match Borough averages. The proportion of residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (34%) exceeds the Borough average, and only 15% have no qualifications. Health levels are better than the Borough, partly due to Ravensden's younger age profile.

Only 7% of households do not have a car, 41% have 2 cars, and 13% have 3 or more. Most people travel to work by car (79%), 7% work from home, 6% commute by train, and only 4% cycle or walk to work.

Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	187	9.5	6.4
5-15	343	17.5	13.7
16-17	50	2.5	2.7
18-29	275	14.0	15.1
30-39	308	15.7	13.3
40-49	256	13.1	14.9
50-64	284	14.5	18.1
65-74	118	6.0	8.1
75-84	78	4.0	5.5
85+	62	3.2	2.2
Total	1,961	100	100



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
White British	1,434	73.1	71.5	73.1	
White Other	130	6.6	9.1	6.6	
Mixed/Multiple	96	4.9	3.4	4.9	
Asian/Asian British	185	9.4	11.4	9.4	
Black/Black British	107	5.5	3.9	5.5	
Other	9	0.5	0.7	0.5	

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish		Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%		No.	%
India	36	1.8	Polish	29	1.6
Poland	29	1.5	French	11	0.6
Bangladesh	15	0.8	Lithuanian	11	0.6

Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
Christian	1,165	59.4	59.3	59.4	
Other Religion	167	8.5	10.5	8.5	
No Religion	508	25.9	23.6	25.9	
Not Stated	121	6.2	6.6	6.2	

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
Single	416	29.1	31.9	29.1	
Married	783	54.7	49.2	54.7	
Civil Partnership	0	0.0	0.2	0.0	
Separated/Divorced	138	9.6	12.0	9.6	
Widowed	94	6.6	6.7	6.6	

Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough	Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	61	8.5	11.9	Lone Parent: With DC	92	12.9	7.6
1 Person: Other	68	9.5	16.9	Lone Parent: No DC	9	1.3	3.4
Couple: With DC	207	29.0	20.9	Couple: Both 65+	52	7.3	8.2
Couple: No DC	175	24.5	23.5	Other	50	7.0	7.5
				All Households	714	100	100

DC (Dependent Children) = Aged 0-15 and/or aged 16-18 if in full time education

Accommodation Type	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Detached	376	50.1	27.4	50.1
Semi-Detached	162	21.6	32.2	21.6
Terrace	119	15.8	21.9	15.8
Flat	54	7.2	17.6	7.2
Caravan/Mobile	40	5.3	0.9	5.3

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Owned	526	73.7	66.8	73.7
Social Rented	135	18.9	16.1	18.9
Private Rented	53	7.4	17.2	7.4

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
None	3	0.4	2.0	0.4
Gas	477	66.8	77.2	66.8
Electric	37	5.2	9.5	5.2
Oil	142	19.9	5.1	19.9
Solid Fuel	8	1.1	0.6	1.1
2+ Types/Other	47	6.6	5.6	6.6

Health

General Health	Parish		Borough	Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Very Good	1,061	54.1	46.9	Long Term Illness/Disability			
Good	663	33.8	36.0	Limited a Lot*	111	5.7	7.1
Fair	182	9.3	12.6	Limited a Little*	130	6.6	8.9
Bad	42	2.1	3.6	Unpaid Carers			
Very Bad	13	0.7	1.0	1-49 hours per week	124	6.3	8.2
				50+ hours per week	36	1.8	2.0

* = Day-to-day activities

Economic Activity

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Active	978	75.8	71.9	Inactive	313	24.2	28.1
FT Employee	594	46.0	40.4	Retired	136	10.5	12.8
PT Employee	171	13.2	13.9	Student	59	4.6	5.5
Self-Employed	134	10.4	9.5	Looking After Home	70	5.4	4.3
Unemployed	36	2.8	4.4	Sick/Disabled	29	2.2	3.3
Full-Time Student	43	3.3	3.6	Other	19	1.5	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	351	38.0	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	137	14.8	12.3
Skilled Trades	102	11.0	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	98	10.6	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	133	14.4	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	103	11.1	19.3

Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	485	33.9	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	182	12.7	11.8
Apprenticeship	45	3.1	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	425	29.7	29.0
Other	74	5.2	6.8
No Qualifications	220	15.4	20.4

Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	52	7.3	20.6
1 Car	281	39.4	41.8
2 Cars	292	40.9	28.3
3 Cars	59	8.3	6.8
4+ Cars	30	4.2	2.6
Total Cars in Parish	1,180	-	-

Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	64	6.9	5.6	6.9
Train	55	6.0	4.9	6.0
Bus/Coach/Taxi	33	3.6	4.7	3.6
Car/Motorcycle	734	79.4	69.8	79.4
Bicycle	13	1.4	3.8	1.4
Foot	21	2.3	10.6	2.3

Sources: ONS 2011 Census Tables: QS601 Economic Activity; QS606 Occupation; QS501 Highest Level of Qualification Gained; QS416 Car or Van Availability; QS701 Method of Travel to Work. ©Crown Copyright 2013.

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