

# Sharnbrook

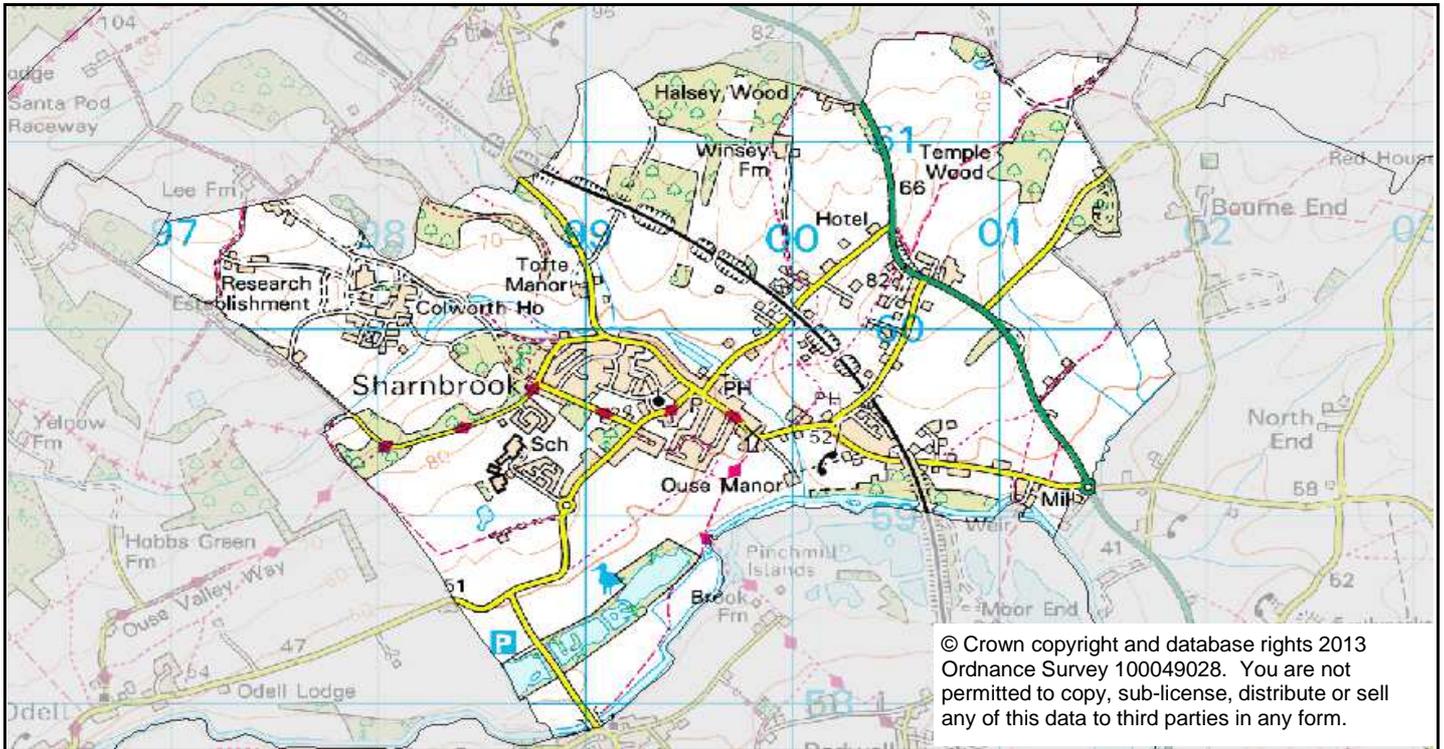
Parish Profile

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Located in the north of Bedford Borough, Sharnbrook has a high proportion of residents aged 0-15 (22%), but also many people aged over 65 (20%). A broad mix of non-White British groups form 8% of the population. Sharnbrook's population rose by 350 between 2001 and 2011.

Almost two-thirds of households are couples, and there is a low proportion of one-person households (22%). Lone parents with dependent children form 8% of all households. Sharnbrook has high home ownership (79%), with 9% of households renting from social landlords and 12% renting privately. Housing is predominantly detached (48%) and semi-detached (31%), and 83% of homes are heated by gas.

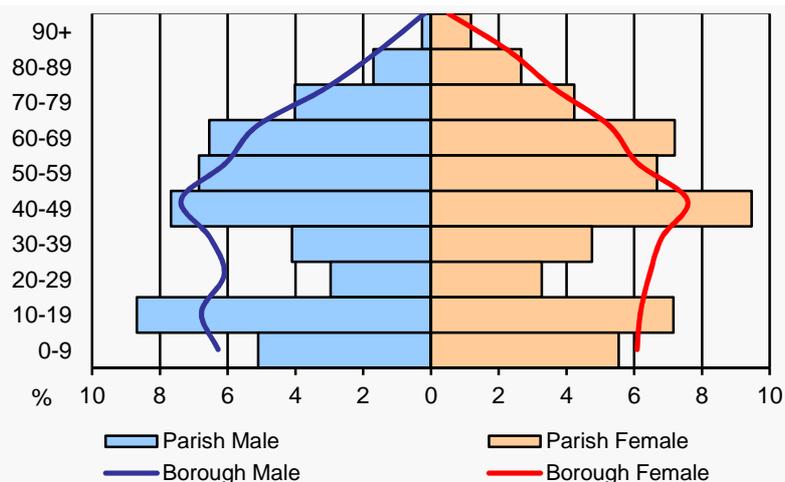
Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (40%) is above the average for all parishes, and 8% are employed in skilled trades. The proportion of residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (41%) is well above the average for all parishes.

The level of households without a car (9%) matches the average for all parishes, as does the proportion with 3 or more cars (16%). Most people travel to work by car (72%), 10% work from home, the level of commuting by train (6%) is high, and 10% of those in employment cycle or walk to work, exceeding the rural average.

<b>Population</b>	<b>2,293</b>
<b>Area (hectares)</b>	<b>979</b>
<b>Population Density (People/hectare)</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Households</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>Dwellings</b>	<b>947</b>

## Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	94	4.1	6.4
5-15	399	17.4	13.7
16-17	65	2.8	2.7
18-29	192	8.4	15.1
30-39	203	8.9	13.3
40-49	393	17.1	14.9
50-64	491	21.4	18.1
65-74	239	10.4	8.1
75-84	151	6.6	5.5
85+	66	2.9	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
White British	2,120	92.5	71.5	92.5	
White Other	80	3.5	9.1	3.5	
Mixed/Multiple	36	1.6	3.4	1.6	
Asian/Asian British	37	1.6	11.4	1.6	
Black/Black British	6	0.3	3.9	0.3	
Other	14	0.6	0.7	0.6	

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish	
	No.	%
South Africa	23	1.0
Ireland	17	0.7
Zimbabwe	10	0.4

Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%
Dutch	7	0.3
Nepalese	3	0.1
Spanish	3	0.1

Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
Christian	1,542	67.2	59.3	67.2	
Other Religion	44	1.9	10.5	1.9	
No Religion	542	23.6	23.6	23.6	
Not Stated	165	7.2	6.6	7.2	

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)	
	No.	%	%		
Single	397	22.1	31.9	22.1	
Married	1,086	60.3	49.2	60.3	
Civil Partnership	2	0.1	0.2	0.1	
Separated/Divorced	177	9.8	12.0	9.8	
Widowed	138	7.7	6.7	7.7	

## Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough	Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	109	12.1	11.9	Lone Parent: With DC	75	8.3	7.6
1 Person: Other	87	9.7	16.9	Lone Parent: No DC	24	2.7	3.4
Couple: With DC	219	24.3	20.9	Couple: Both 65+	110	12.2	8.2
Couple: No DC	242	26.9	23.5	Other	34	3.8	7.5
				<b>All Households</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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

Accommodation Type	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Detached	457	48.3	27.4	48.3
Semi-Detached	289	30.5	32.2	30.5
Terrace	169	17.8	21.9	17.8
Flat	30	3.2	17.6	3.2
Caravan/Mobile	2	0.2	0.9	0.2

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Owned	709	78.8	66.8	78.8
Social Rented	82	9.1	16.1	9.1
Private Rented	109	12.1	17.2	12.1

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
None	9	1.0	2.0	1.0
Gas	750	83.3	77.2	83.3
Electric	32	3.6	9.5	3.6
Oil	56	6.2	5.1	6.2
Solid Fuel	5	0.6	0.6	0.6
2+ Types/Other	48	5.3	5.6	5.3

## Health

General Health	Parish		Borough	Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Very Good	1,173	51.2	46.9	<b>Long Term Illness/Disability</b>			
Good	803	35.0	36.0	Limited a Lot*	139	6.1	7.1
Fair	255	11.1	12.6	Limited a Little*	191	8.3	8.9
Bad	51	2.2	3.6	<b>Unpaid Carers</b>			
Very Bad	11	0.5	1.0	1-49 hours per week	232	10.1	8.2
				50+ hours per week	37	1.6	2.0

\* = Day-to-day activities

## Economic Activity

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
<b>Active</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>
FT Employee	595	37.6	40.4	Retired	284	17.9	12.8
PT Employee	237	15.0	13.9	Student	59	3.7	5.5
Self-Employed	203	12.8	9.5	Looking After Home	55	3.5	4.3
Unemployed	46	2.9	4.4	Sick/Disabled	39	2.5	3.3
Full-Time Student	48	3.0	3.6	Other	17	1.1	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	433	40.4	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	145	13.5	12.3
Skilled Trades	90	8.4	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	127	11.8	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	162	15.1	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	116	10.8	19.3

## Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	743	41.3	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	216	12.0	11.8
Apprenticeship	69	3.8	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	460	25.6	29.0
Other	53	2.9	6.8
No Qualifications	259	14.4	20.4

## Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	82	9.1	20.6
1 Car	343	38.1	41.8
2 Cars	334	37.1	28.3
3 Cars	102	11.3	6.8
4+ Cars	39	4.3	2.6
<b>Total Cars in Parish</b>	<b>1,478</b>	-	-

## Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	112	10.4	5.6	10.4
Train	67	6.2	4.9	6.2
Bus/Coach/Taxi	11	1.0	4.7	1.0
Car/Motorcycle	774	72.1	69.8	72.1
Bicycle	14	1.3	3.8	1.3
Foot	92	8.6	10.6	8.6

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.

**Notes:** This profile is based upon 2011 Census data from the Office for National Statistics. © Crown Copyright 2013. ONS has swapped some records to ensure that no details of any individual or household are revealed. This may affect the accuracy of the data, particularly small numbers.

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