

# Bletsoe

## Parish Profile

2011 Census

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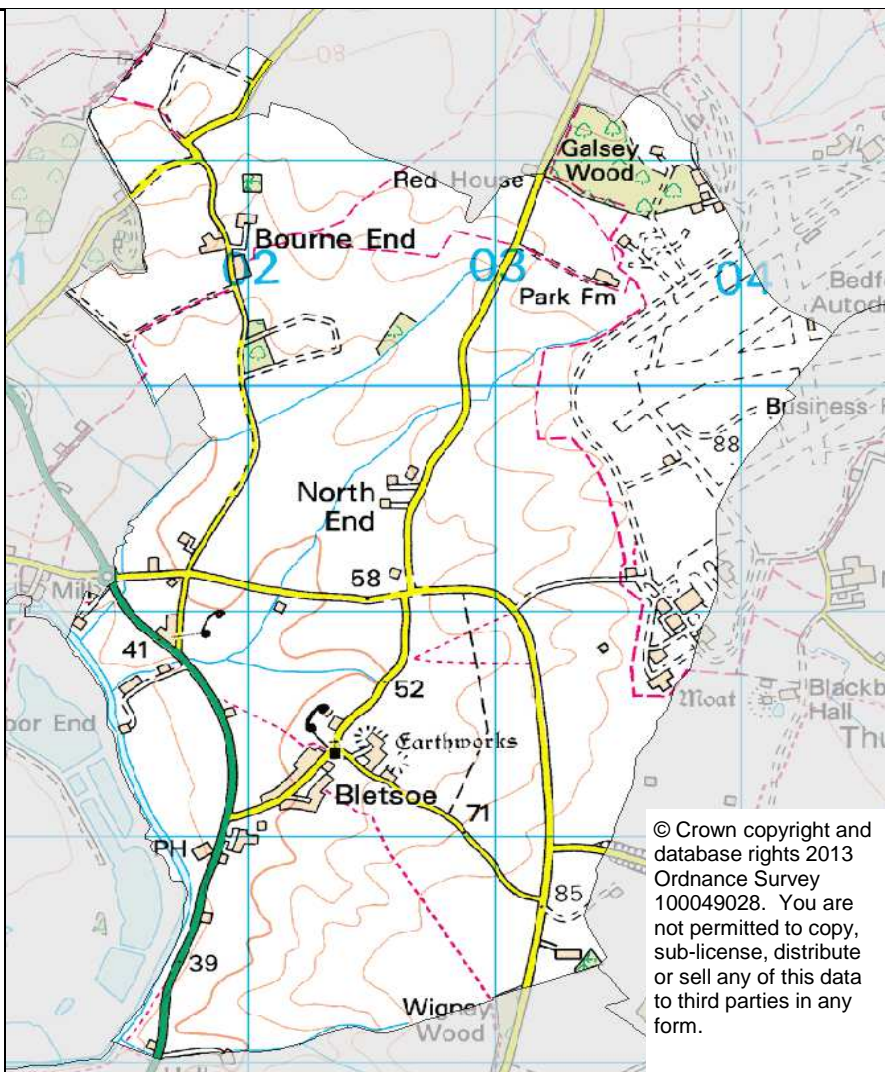
**Population** 260

**Area (hectares)** 909

**Population Density  
(People/hectare)** 0.3

**Households** 111

**Dwellings** 126



Located in the north of Bedford Borough, Bletsoe has an older age profile than the Borough with few residents aged 20-39 and a high proportion aged over 40, including 23% over 65. The level of non-White British residents (6%) is among the lowest of all parishes.

Pensioners form 28% of households and half of these are lone pensioners. Home ownership (77%) levels are high, with 14% of households renting from social landlords and 9% renting privately. Housing is predominantly detached (41%) and semi-detached (33%).

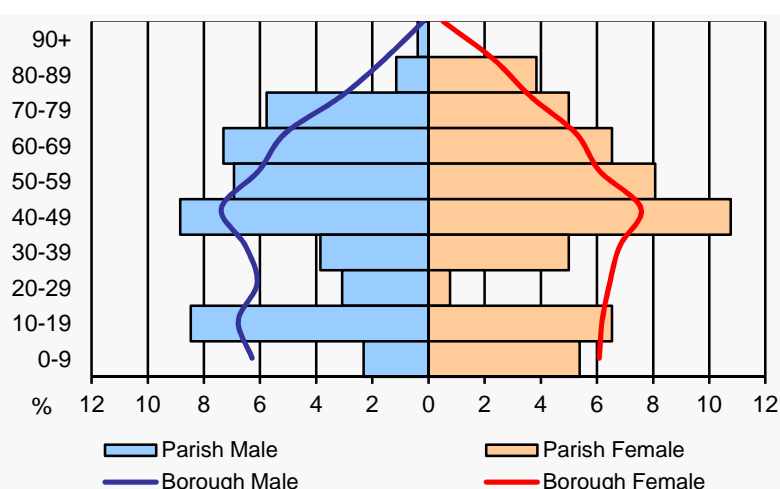
Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (43%) is among the highest of all parishes. Self employment (16%) and employment in skilled trades (14%) are also both high, and 16% of those in employment work from home.

The proportion of residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (41%) exceeds the average for all parishes. The provision of unpaid care (18%) by Bletsoe residents is extremely high.

Only 6% of households do not have a car, 40% have 2 cars, and 19% have 3 or more. Commuting by train (8%) exceeds the Borough average, most people (71%) travel to work by car, and just 4% cycle or walk to work, which is below the average for all parishes.

## Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	13	5.0	6.4
5-15	28	10.8	13.7
16-17	8	3.1	2.7
18-29	20	7.7	15.1
30-39	23	8.8	13.3
40-49	51	19.6	14.9
50-64	57	21.9	18.1
65-74	38	14.6	8.1
75-84	17	6.5	5.5
85+	5	1.9	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
White British	244	93.8	71.5	93.8
White Other	12	4.6	9.1	4.6
Mixed/Multiple	1	0.4	3.4	0.4
Asian/Asian British	2	0.8	11.4	0.8
Black/Black British	0	0.0	3.9	0.0
Other	1	0.4	0.7	0.4

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish		Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%		No.	%
Thailand	3	1.2	Thai	2	0.8
South Africa	3	1.2	Serbian, Croatian or Bosnian	1	0.4
Australia	2	0.8	Spanish	1	0.4

Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Christian	176	67.7	59.3	67.7
Other Religion	4	1.5	10.5	1.5
No Religion	71	27.3	23.6	27.3
Not Stated	9	3.5	6.6	3.5

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Single	61	27.9	31.9	27.9
Married	116	53.0	49.2	53.0
Civil Partnership	0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Separated/Divorced	29	13.2	12.0	13.2
Widowed	13	5.9	6.7	5.9

## Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough	Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	15	13.5	11.9	Lone Parent: With DC	6	5.4	7.6
1 Person: Other	14	12.6	16.9	Lone Parent: No DC	4	3.6	3.4
Couple: With DC	27	24.3	20.9	Couples: Both 65+	16	14.4	8.2
Couple: No DC	25	22.5	23.5	Other	4	3.6	7.5
				<b>All Households</b>	<b>111</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	52	41.3	27.4	41.3
Semi-Detached	41	32.5	32.2	32.5
Terrace	30	23.8	21.9	23.8
Flat	2	1.6	17.6	1.6
Caravan/Mobile	1	0.8	0.9	0.8

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Owned	85	76.6	66.8	76.6
Social Rented	16	14.4	16.1	14.4
Private Rented	10	9.0	17.2	9.0

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
None	2	1.8	2.0	1.8
Gas	77	69.4	77.2	69.4
Electric	6	5.4	9.5	5.4
Oil	17	15.3	5.1	15.3
Solid Fuel	2	1.8	0.6	1.8
2+ Types/Other	7	6.3	5.6	6.3

## Health

General Health	Parish		Borough	Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Very Good	124	47.7	46.9	<b>Long Term Illness/Disability</b>			
Good	100	38.5	36.0	Limited a Lot*	22	8.5	7.1
Fair	25	9.6	12.6	Limited a Little*	22	8.5	8.9
Bad	8	3.1	3.6	<b>Unpaid Carers</b>			
Very Bad	3	1.2	1.0	1-49 hours per week	41	15.8	8.2
				50+ hours per week	7	2.7	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>134</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>28.1</b>
FT Employee	69	35.0	40.4	Retired	37	18.8	12.8
PT Employee	28	14.2	13.9	Student	11	5.6	5.5
Self-Employed	32	16.2	9.5	Looking After Home	7	3.6	4.3
Unemployed	1	0.5	4.4	Sick/Disabled	6	3.0	3.3
Full-Time Student	4	2.0	3.6	Other	2	1.0	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	57	42.9	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	17	12.8	12.3
Skilled Trades	18	13.5	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	12	9.0	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	19	14.3	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	10	7.5	19.3

## Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	90	41.1	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	17	7.8	11.8
Apprenticeship	9	4.1	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	63	28.8	29.0
Other	9	4.1	6.8
No Qualifications	31	14.2	20.4

## Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	7	6.3	20.6
1 Car	39	35.1	41.8
2 Cars	44	39.6	28.3
3 Cars	18	16.2	6.8
4+ Cars	3	2.7	2.6
<b>Total Cars in Parish</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	21	15.8	5.6	15.8
Train	10	7.5	4.9	7.5
Bus/Coach/Taxi	2	1.5	4.7	1.5
Car/Motorcycle	95	71.4	69.8	71.4
Bicycle	1	0.8	3.8	0.8
Foot	4	3.0	10.6	3.0

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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