BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Population	**392**
Area (hectares)	**1,888**
Population Density (People/hectare)	**0.2**
Households	**156**
Dwellings	**176**
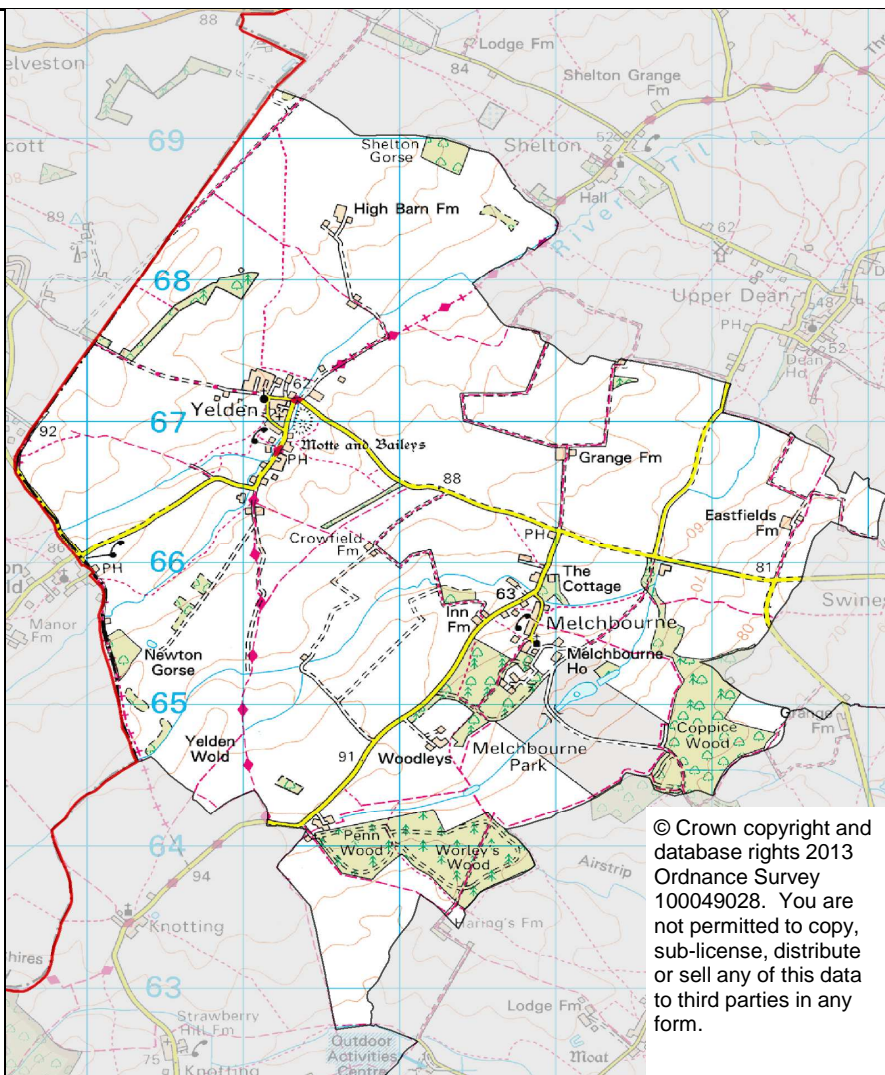
Located on the northern boundary of Bedford Borough, Melchbourne and Yielden has an older age profile than the Borough with a relatively low proportion of residents aged 18-39 (15%) and large numbers aged 40-74 (59%). The non-White British population is 8% of the total.

The proportion of one-person households (16%) is among the lowest of all parishes. Melchbourne and Yielden has high home ownership (81%) with 15% of households renting privately and 4% from social landlords. Housing is predominantly detached (68%) and heated by oil (59%).

Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (40%) exceeds the average for all parishes. Self employment (16%) is also high and 14% of those in employment work from home.

The proportion of residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (38%) is above the average for all parishes and only 15% have no qualifications. Relatively few residents have a long-term illness or disability, or report poor health.

Only 5% of households do not have car, 47% have 2 cars, and 24% have 3 or more. Commuting by train (6%) is above the Borough average, most people (74%) travel to work by car, and only 4% of those in employment cycle or walk to work.

Population

Age	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
0-4	14	3.6	6.4
5-15	56	14.3	13.7
16-17	13	3.3	2.7
18-29	31	7.9	15.1
30-39	29	7.4	13.3
40-49	79	20.2	14.9
50-64	106	27.0	18.1
65-74	46	11.7	8.1
75-84	17	4.3	5.5
85+	1	0.3	2.2
Total	**392**	**100**	**100**
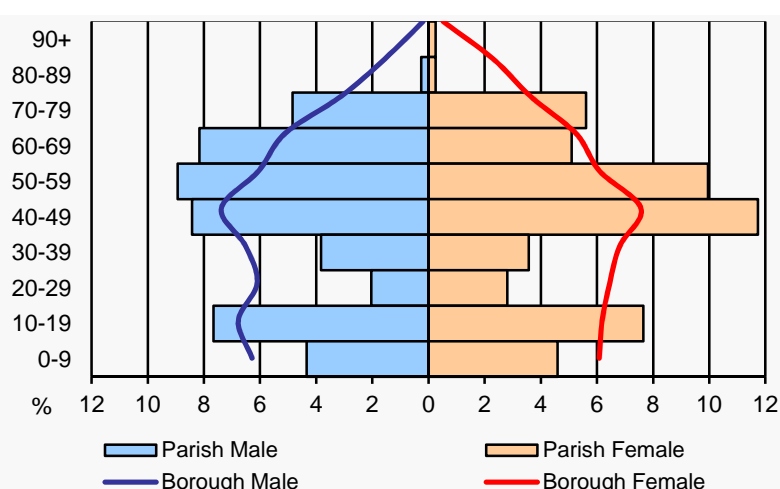
Ethnicity	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %	Parish (%)
White British	359	91.6	71.5	91.6
White Other	13	3.3	9.1	3.3
Mixed/Multiple	8	2.0	3.4	2.0
Asian/Asian British	12	3.1	11.4	3.1
Black/Black British	0	0.0	3.9	0.0
Other	0	0.0	0.7	0.0

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish No.	Parish %
None	0	0.0
None	0	0.0
None	0	0.0

Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish No.	Parish %
None	0	0.0
None	0	0.0
None	0	0.0

Religion or Belief	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %	Parish (%)
Christian	250	63.8	59.3	63.8
Other Religion	10	2.6	10.5	2.6
No Religion	108	27.6	23.6	27.6
Not Stated	24	6.1	6.6	6.1

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %	Parish (%)
Single	57	17.7	31.9	17.7
Married	218	67.7	49.2	67.7
Civil Partnership	0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Separated/Divorced	37	11.5	12.0	11.5
Widowed	10	3.1	6.7	3.1

Sources: ONS 2011 Census Tables: PP05/06 Usual Resident Population by Five-Year Age Group (Male/Female); QS103 Age by Single Year; QS201 Ethnic Group; QS203 Country of Birth; QS204 Main Language; QS208 Religon; KS103 Marital & Civil Partnership Status (Single = Never Married). ©Crown Copyright 2013.

Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
1 Person: Pensioner	13	8.3	11.9
1 Person: Other	13	8.3	16.9
Couple: With DC	40	25.6	20.9
Couple: No DC	56	35.9	23.5

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

Household Composition	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
Lone Parent: With DC	4	2.6	7.6
Lone Parent: No DC	1	0.6	3.4
Couple: Both 65+	19	12.2	8.2
Other	10	6.4	7.5
All Households	**156**	**100**	**100**

Accommodation Type	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %	Parish (%)
Detached	120	68.2	27.4	68.2
Semi-Detached	18	10.2	32.2	10.2
Terrace	27	15.3	21.9	15.3
Flat	11	6.3	17.6	6.3
Caravan/Mobile	0	0.0	0.9	0.0

Household Tenure	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %	Parish (%)
Owned	127	81.4	66.8	81.4
Social Rented	6	3.8	16.1	3.8
Private Rented	23	14.7	17.2	14.7

Central Heating	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %	Parish (%)
None	7	4.5	2.0	4.5
Gas	9	5.8	77.2	5.8
Electric	19	12.2	9.5	12.2
Oil	92	59.0	5.1	59.0
Solid Fuel	8	5.1	0.6	5.1
2+ Types/Other	21	13.5	5.6	13.5

Health

General Health	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
Very Good	211	53.8	46.9
Good	137	34.9	36.0
Fair	31	7.9	12.6
Bad	12	3.1	3.6
Very Bad	1	0.3	1.0

* = Day-to-day activities

Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
Long Term Illness/Disability			
Limited a Lot*****	11	2.8	7.1
Limited a Little*****	27	6.9	8.9
Unpaid Carers			
1-49 hours per week	29	7.4	8.2
50+ hours per week	4	1.0	2.0

Economic Activity

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
Active	**218**	**71.7**	**71.9**
FT Employee	113	37.2	40.4
PT Employee	41	13.5	13.9
Self-Employed	49	16.1	9.5
Unemployed	9	3.0	4.4
Full-Time Student	6	2.0	3.6

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
Inactive	**86**	**28.3**	**28.1**
Retired	43	14.1	12.8
Student	18	5.9	5.5
Looking After Home	17	5.6	4.3
Sick/Disabled	2	0.7	3.3
Other	6	2.0	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	84	40.4	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	31	14.9	12.3
Skilled Trades	25	12.0	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	21	10.1	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	24	11.5	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	23	11.1	19.3

Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
Level 4+ (Degree)	121	37.6	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	45	14.0	11.8
Apprenticeship	10	3.1	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	89	27.6	29.0
Other	9	2.8	6.8
No Qualifications	48	14.9	20.4

Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %
No Cars	8	5.1	20.6
1 Car	38	24.4	41.8
2 Cars	73	46.8	28.3
3 Cars	25	16.0	6.8
4+ Cars	12	7.7	2.6
Total Cars in Parish	**313**	**-**	**-**

Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish No.	Parish %	Borough %	Parish (%)
Work At/From Home	29	13.9	5.6	13.9
Train	13	6.3	4.9	6.3
Bus/Coach/Taxi	2	1.0	4.7	1.0
Car/Motorcycle	154	74.0	69.8	74.0
Bicycle	2	1.0	3.8	1.0
Foot	7	3.4	10.6	3.4

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.