

# Wootton

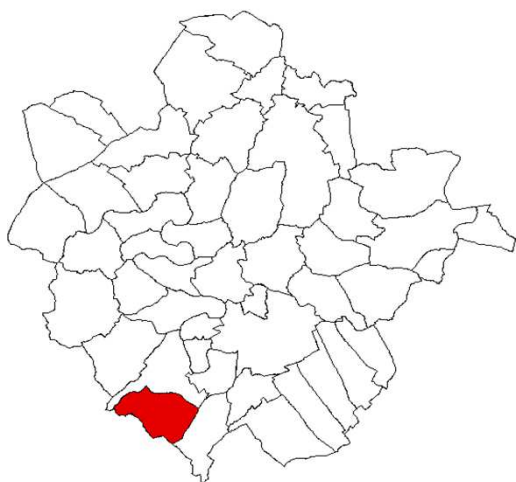
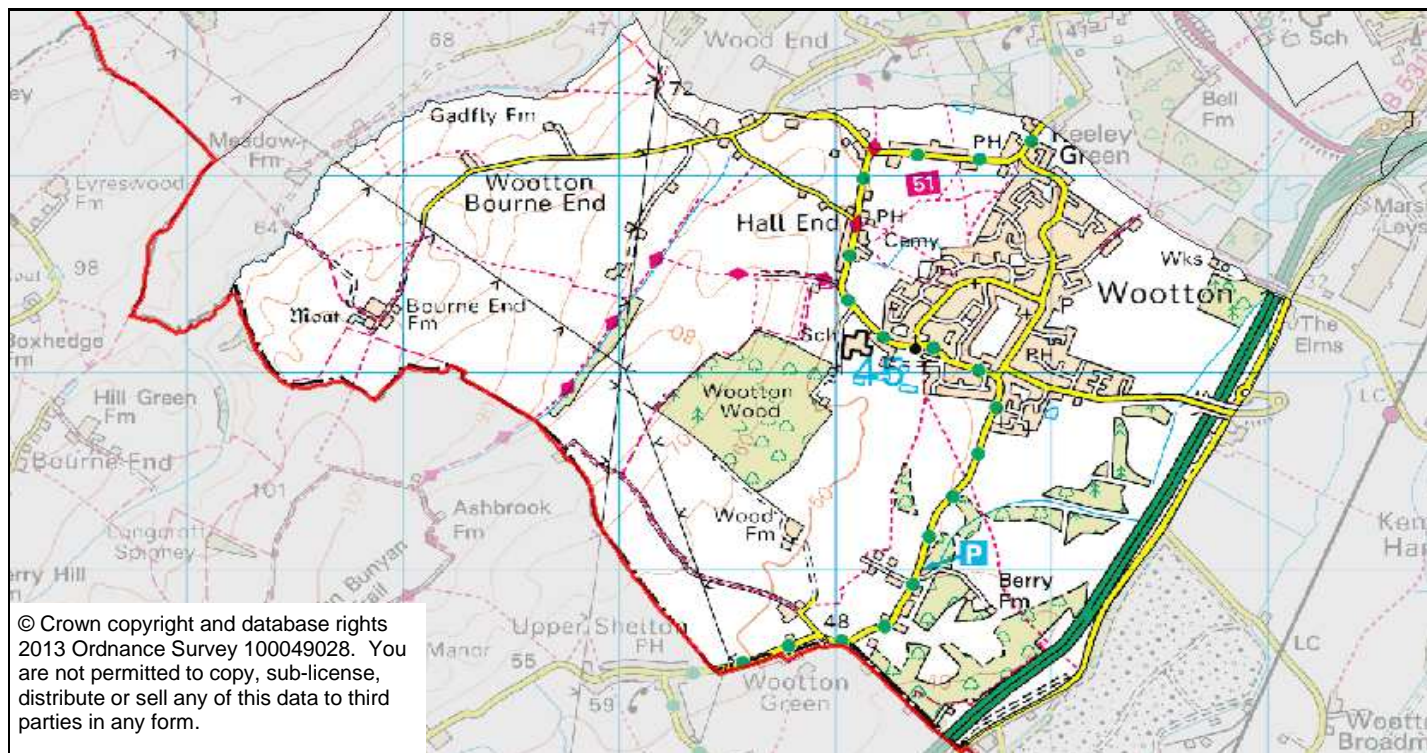
Parish Profile

2011 Census

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Located in the south of Bedford Borough, Wootton has a similar age profile to the Borough but with a much higher proportion of residents aged 40-74 (49%). A broad mix of non-White British residents form 10% of the population.

Almost two-thirds of households are couples, and pensioners form 25% of all households. Wootton has high home ownership (82%), with 11% of households renting from social landlords and 7% renting privately. Housing is predominantly detached (44%) and semi-detached (33%), and heated by gas (89%).

Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (29%) is among the lowest of all parishes. There is high employment in skilled trades (14%) and 6% of residents aged 16+ have completed an apprenticeship.

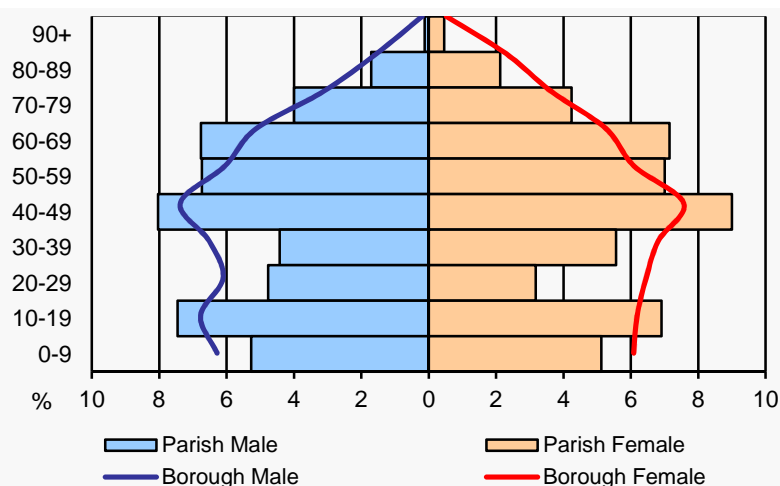
The proportion of residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (27%) is below the average for rural parishes, and 19% of residents have no qualifications. There is high provision of unpaid care (13%).

While 11% of households do not have a car, 36% have 2 cars, and 14% have 3 or more. Most people travel to work by car (82%), and levels of commuting by train (3%) and cycling or walking (5%) to work are both low.

<b>Population</b>	<b>4,156</b>
<b>Area (hectares)</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>Population Density (People/hectare)</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Households</b>	<b>1,654</b>
<b>Dwellings</b>	<b>1,721</b>

## Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	191	4.6	6.4
5-15	624	15.0	13.7
16-17	121	2.9	2.7
18-29	423	10.2	15.1
30-39	415	10.0	13.3
40-49	708	17.0	14.9
50-64	882	21.2	18.1
65-74	469	11.3	8.1
75-84	233	5.6	5.5
85+	90	2.2	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,156</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
White British	3,738	89.9	71.5	89.9
White Other	143	3.4	9.1	3.4
Mixed/Multiple	78	1.9	3.4	1.9
Asian/Asian British	144	3.5	11.4	3.5
Black/Black British	46	1.1	3.9	1.1
Other	7	0.2	0.7	0.2

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish		Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%		No.	%
Ireland	28	0.7	Italian	8	0.2
India	25	0.6	Punjabi	8	0.2
South Africa	19	0.5	Polish	7	0.2











Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Christian	2,798	67.3	59.3	67.3
Other Religion	147	3.5	10.5	3.5
No Religion	928	22.3	23.6	22.3
Not Stated	283	6.8	6.6	6.8







Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Single	804	24.1	31.9	24.1
Married	1,966	58.8	49.2	58.8
Civil Partnership	7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Separated/Divorced	353	10.6	12.0	10.6
Widowed	211	6.3	6.7	6.3













## Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough	Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	204	12.3	11.9	Lone Parent: With DC	103	6.2	7.6
1 Person: Other	167	10.1	16.9	Lone Parent: No DC	57	3.4	3.4
Couple: With DC	400	24.2	20.9	Couple: Both 65+	202	12.2	8.2
Couple: No DC	445	26.9	23.5	Other	76	4.6	7.5
				<b>All Households</b>	<b>1,654</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	749	43.5	27.4	 43.5
 Semi-Detached	574	33.4	32.2	 33.4
 Terrace	309	18.0	21.9	 18.0
 Flat	85	4.9	17.6	 4.9
 Caravan/Mobile	4	0.2	0.9	 0.2

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
 Owned	1,349	81.6	66.8	 81.6
 Social Rented	190	11.5	16.1	 11.5
 Private Rented	115	7.0	17.2	 7.0

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
 None	12	0.7	2.0	 0.7
 Gas	1,476	89.2	77.2	 89.2
 Electric	67	4.1	9.5	 4.1
 Oil	31	1.9	5.1	 1.9
 Solid Fuel	11	0.7	0.6	 0.7
 2+ Types/Other	57	3.4	5.6	 3.4

## Health

General Health	Parish		Borough	Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Very Good	1,983	47.7	46.9	<b>Long Term Illness/Disability</b>			
Good	1,481	35.6	36.0	Limited a Lot*	257	6.2	7.1
Fair	526	12.7	12.6	Limited a Little*	417	10.0	8.9
Bad	135	3.2	3.6	<b>Unpaid Carers</b>			
Very Bad	31	0.7	1.0	1-49 hours per week	420	10.1	8.2
				50+ hours per week	108	2.6	2.0

\* = Day-to-day activities

Sources: ONS 2011 Census Tables: QS113 Household Composition - Households; KS401 Households; Dwellings, Household Spaces and Accommodation Type (based on household spaces); QS405 Tenure - Households (Private Rent includes Living Rent Free); QS415 Central Heating; QS302 General Health; QS303 Long Term Health Problem or Disability; QS301 Provision of Unpaid Care. ©Crown Copyright 2013.

## Economic Activity

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
<b>Active</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>28.1</b>
FT Employee	1,182	39.2	40.4	Retired	530	17.6	12.8
PT Employee	460	15.2	13.9	Student	134	4.4	5.5
Self-Employed	338	11.2	9.5	Looking After Home	104	3.4	4.3
Unemployed	77	2.6	4.4	Sick/Disabled	77	2.6	3.3
Full-Time Student	86	2.8	3.6	Other	30	1.0	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	584	28.6	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	284	13.9	12.3
Skilled Trades	289	14.1	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	259	12.7	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	332	16.2	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	296	14.5	19.3

## Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	885	26.5	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	389	11.6	11.8
Apprenticeship	212	6.3	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	1,068	32.0	29.0
Other	140	4.2	6.8
No Qualifications	647	19.4	20.4

## Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	174	10.5	20.6
1 Car	652	39.4	41.8
2 Cars	594	35.9	28.3
3 Cars	162	9.8	6.8
4+ Cars	72	4.4	2.6
<b>Total Cars in Parish</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	118	5.8	5.6	5.8
Train	63	3.1	4.9	3.1
Bus/Coach/Taxi	66	3.2	4.7	3.2
Car/Motorcycle	1,677	82.0	69.8	82.0
Bicycle	39	1.9	3.8	1.9
Foot	71	3.5	10.6	3.5

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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