

A Guide to the 2011 Census Parish Profiles

These Parish Profiles have been compiled from 2011 Census data published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Additional Parish data on the Census topics covered in these Profiles, and on other topics, is available at www.nomisweb.co.uk

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Parishes affected by 2007 Boundary Changes

Due to boundary changes in 2007, it has been necessary to develop 4 of the Parish Profiles using 'best-fit' estimation methods. This involves allocating the data for those Census *Output Areas*¹ which are now divided between 2 Parishes.

The 4 Parishes affected are:

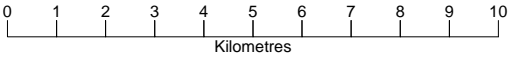
- Biddenham
- Great Denham
- Roxton
- Wyboston, Chawston and Colesden (includes Little Barford Parish)

The data presented in the Profiles for these 4 Parishes should, therefore, be regarded as indicative only.

It should also be noted that the data in these 4 Profiles differs from that published by ONS, since ONS has taken the different approach of assigning *all* data for a shared Census Output Area *entirely* to one or other of the Parishes and has not allocated it between the two.

As a result, the data in these Profiles for the 4 affected Parishes is more accurate than the Parish data which ONS has published.

¹ Census Output Areas average approximately 350 people. They were first used in the 2001 Census, and were aligned with Parish boundaries. The boundary changes made in 2007 cut across Output Areas, resulting in a number of Output Areas in the 4 Parishes affected being divided between 2 Parishes.



Parishes in Bedford Borough



Thurleigh

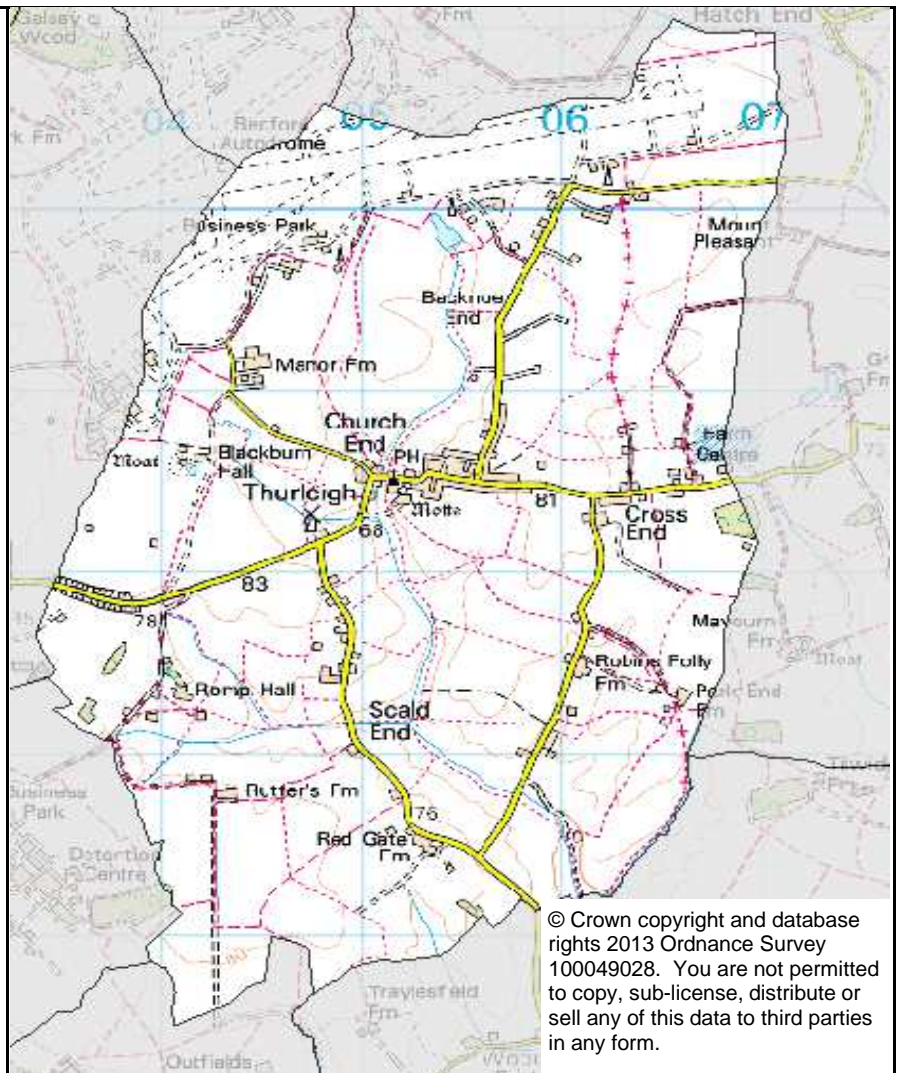
Parish Profile

2011 Census

October 2013



BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Population 694

Area (hectares) 1,382

Population Density (People/hectare) 0.5

Households 285

Dwellings 292

Located in the north of Bedford Borough, Thurleigh has a broadly similar age profile to the Borough, but with a high proportion of its population aged 40-74 (50%). The non-White British (5%) population is among the lowest of all parishes.

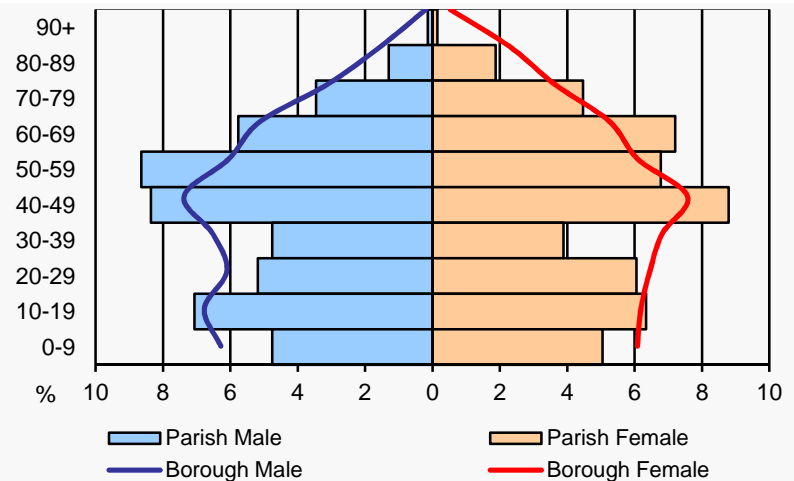
While 71% of homes are owned, Thurleigh also has one of the highest levels of social rentals (16%) of all parishes. Half of all houses are detached, but there are also high levels of semi-detached (25%) and terraced (18%) housing. The 12% of residents with a long-term illness or disability is below the rural average, and the 8% who provide unpaid care is among the lowest of all parishes.

Overall economic activity levels among those aged 16-74 (75%) are high. Employment as managers, directors and in professional occupations (34%) is slightly below the average for all parishes. Residents aged 16+ with degree-level qualifications (31%) is below the average for rural parishes, and 17% have no qualifications. Apprenticeships have been completed by 6% of residents aged 16+ and 13% work in skilled trades.

Only 8% of households do not have a car, 35% have 2 cars, and 23% have 3 or more. Most people travel to work by car (78%), commuting by train is low (3%), 11% work from home, and just 5% of those in employment cycle or walk to work, which is below the average for all parishes.

Population

Age	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
0-4	30	4.3	6.4
5-15	88	12.7	13.7
16-17	22	3.2	2.7
18-29	99	14.3	15.1
30-39	60	8.6	13.3
40-49	119	17.1	14.9
50-64	160	23.1	18.1
65-74	71	10.2	8.1
75-84	39	5.6	5.5
85+	6	0.9	2.2
Total	694	100	100



Ethnicity	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
White British	656	94.5	71.5	94.5
White Other	18	2.6	9.1	2.6
Mixed/Multiple	10	1.4	3.4	1.4
Asian/Asian British	5	0.7	11.4	0.7
Black/Black British	4	0.6	3.9	0.6
Other	1	0.1	0.7	0.1

Top 3 Countries of Birth in the Parish (excl. UK)	Parish		Top 3 Main Languages in the Parish (excl. English)	Parish	
	No.	%		No.	%
South Africa	6	0.9	Chinese	1	0.1
United States	3	0.4	Slovak	1	0.1
Zimbabwe	3	0.4	Turkish	1	0.1

Religion or Belief	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Christian	438	63.1	59.3	63.1
Other Religion	8	1.2	10.5	1.2
No Religion	213	30.7	23.6	30.7
Not Stated	35	5.0	6.6	5.0

Marital & Civil Partnership Status 16+	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Single	185	32.1	31.9	32.1
Married	289	50.2	49.2	50.2
Civil Partnership	0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Separated/Divorced	70	12.2	12.0	12.2
Widowed	32	5.6	6.7	5.6

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 Religion; KS103 Marital & Civil Partnership Status (Single = Never Married). ©Crown Copyright 2013.

Housing & Households

Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
1 Person: Pensioner	33	11.6	11.9
1 Person: Other	36	12.6	16.9
Couple: With DC	55	19.3	20.9
Couple: No DC	83	29.1	23.5

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

Household Composition	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Lone Parent: With DC	24	8.4	7.6
Lone Parent: No DC	9	3.2	3.4
Couple: Both 65+	27	9.5	8.2
Other	18	6.3	7.5
All Households	285	100	100

Accommodation Type	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Detached	147	50.3	27.4	50.3
Semi-Detached	72	24.7	32.2	24.7
Terrace	52	17.8	21.9	17.8
Flat	19	6.5	17.6	6.5
Caravan/Mobile	2	0.7	0.9	0.7

Household Tenure	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Owned	203	71.2	66.8	71.2
Social Rented	46	16.1	16.1	16.1
Private Rented	36	12.6	17.2	12.6

Central Heating	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
None	19	6.7	2.0	6.7
Gas	35	12.3	77.2	12.3
Electric	56	19.6	9.5	19.6
Oil	134	47.0	5.1	47.0
Solid Fuel	12	4.2	0.6	4.2
2+ Types/Other	29	10.2	5.6	10.2

Health

General Health	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Very Good	345	49.7	46.9
Good	246	35.4	36.0
Fair	80	11.5	12.6
Bad	18	2.6	3.6
Very Bad	5	0.7	1.0

* = Day-to-day activities

Disability & Unpaid Carers	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Long Term Illness/Disability			
Limited a Lot*	35	5.0	7.1
Limited a Little*	52	7.5	8.9
Unpaid Carers			
1-49 hours per week	50	7.2	8.2
50+ hours per week	5	0.7	2.0

Economic Activity

Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Economic Activity (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%		No.	%	%
Active	399	75.1	71.9	Inactive	132	24.9	28.1
FT Employee	218	41.1	40.4	Retired	74	13.9	12.8
PT Employee	77	14.5	13.9	Student	27	5.1	5.5
Self-Employed	87	16.4	9.5	Looking After Home	13	2.4	4.3
Unemployed	13	2.4	4.4	Sick/Disabled	13	2.4	3.3
Full-Time Student	4	0.8	3.6	Other	5	0.9	2.3

Occupation (16-74)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Managers, Directors & Senior Officials, Professional Occupations	130	33.7	29.0
Associate Professional & Technical Occupations	48	12.4	12.3
Skilled Trades	51	13.2	11.0
Administrative & Secretarial Occupations	45	11.7	11.2
Caring, Leisure & Other Services, Sales & Customer Service	44	11.4	17.2
Process, Plant & Machine Operatives, Elementary Occupations	68	17.6	19.3

Highest Level Qualification

Highest Level Qualification (16+)	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
Level 4+ (Degree)	181	31.4	28.1
Level 3 (A Level)	69	12.0	11.8
Apprenticeship	34	5.9	3.9
Level 1 or 2 (GCSE)	177	30.7	29.0
Other	15	2.6	6.8
No Qualifications	100	17.4	20.4

Car Ownership

Cars/Vans in Household	Parish		Borough
	No.	%	%
No Cars	23	8.1	20.6
1 Car	97	34.0	41.8
2 Cars	101	35.4	28.3
3 Cars	45	15.8	6.8
4+ Cars	19	6.7	2.6
Total Cars in Parish	522	-	-

Travel to Work

Method of Travel to Work (16-74)	Parish		Borough	Parish (%)
	No.	%	%	
Work At/From Home	42	10.9	5.6	10.9
Train	12	3.1	4.9	3.1
Bus/Coach/Taxi	9	2.3	4.7	2.3
Car/Motorcycle	300	77.7	69.8	77.7
Bicycle	3	0.8	3.8	0.8
Foot	16	4.1	10.6	4.1

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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