

# Area Profile

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### About this document

This Area Profile is designed to be a 'living' document which will be updated when new information is received. It is intended to **provide insights into the Eastern Parishes area** which build upon the local knowledge Members possess. The document explores some of the existing community assets in these areas and seeks to **outline 'Areas of Opportunity'** for development.

Also within this profile you will find **statistical data** relating to the following areas:

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It is acknowledged that **statistics and data do not tell the whole story of a community**, and it is for this reason that Members' detailed knowledge of their wards should also be factored into the overall decision-making process. **However, it is hoped that this profile goes some way to highlighting some of the issues faced locally**, and that armed with this information the Council will be even better placed to develop projects which will add real value to our communities.

**Towards the end of this Area Profile (p12) you will also find contact information for many of the various institutions and organisations in the Eastern Parishes area, including schools, churches and sports clubs.**



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## Introduction

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### Eastern Parishes

The Eastern Parishes benefit from strong community involvement from schools, churches and community groups as well as Samlesbury & Cuedale Parish Council, which has assets including Samlesbury Hall. A number of small organisations such as the Gregson Green Group engage the local community in various activities.



Activities for young people which will be detailed in this profile include Scouts Groups and Brownies. There are also football and cricket clubs which run activities for both young people and adults, including Gregson Lane Football Club and Walton-le-Dale Cricket Club.

There are six churches in the Eastern Parishes; Trinity Methodist, St Leonard's, Our Lady & St Patrick's, All Saints, St Leonard the Less, and St Mary & St John. The churches have strong links with all the schools across Eastern Parishes, including five primary schools. These churches often run community activities and would likely be engaged in any projects aimed at improving their communities. They also have strong links with the five primary schools in the area.

The Eastern Parishes area has a population of 8,465 (as of 2019) and is split into two wards; Coupe Green & Gregson Lane (population 4,272), and Samlesbury & Walton (4,194).

Ward	Population
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	4,271
Samlesbury & Walton	4,194
<b>Eastern Parishes</b>	<b>8,465</b>
<b>South Ribble Borough</b>	<b>110,788</b>

### South Ribble Overview

South Ribble covers 113 square kilometres (43.6 sq. miles) & is divided into 23 wards. The number of people per km<sup>2</sup> is more than twice the England & Wales average while the overall population of the borough has grown steadily since its inception in 1974. The 2019 mid-year estimates compiled by Lancashire County Council show the total population for the authority as being 110,788.

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## Demographics

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	Age 0-17	Age 18-65	Age 66+	Female	Male	BAME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
UK average	21.1	61.6	17.3	50.6	49.4	20.2
North West average	21.1	61.4	17.5	50.6	49.4	12.9
Eastern Parishes	17.9	59.3	22.8	51.4	48.6	4.1
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	18	55.3	26.7	51.2	48.8	2.8
Samlesbury & Walton	17.8	63.3	18.9	51.5	48.5	5.6

The above graphic indicates the demographic proportions of the Eastern Parishes, split into the two different wards. Eastern Parishes has a **higher than average population of people aged 66+**, with a **below average number of 0-17s**.

The area has a **small percentage of people who are Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME)** compared with national statistics, though there is a higher number of people from BAME communities in Samlesbury & Walton (5.6%) compared with Coupe Green & Gregson Lane (2.8%).



### Area of Opportunity

Ensure that the age profile of the area does not lead to inequality in access to services, e.g. digital exclusion. Work with council services and key partners to ensure that inclusion is a priority.

Experience of working in this area has previously highlighted limited public transport options potentially leading to isolation. Arrangements with partners such as Preston Community Transport could help to alleviate this

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## Crime and Emergency Services

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Eastern Parishes Ward	Risk of being a victim of crime (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	10 - 96.54%
Samlesbury & Walton	6 - 54.48%

*NB: The above graphic is measured on national percentile. The lower the index number and percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.*

	Crime Rate	Calls to Police	Calls to Fire Service	Ambulance call outs
	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k
North West average	60.3	357.3	9.6	24
Eastern Parishes	48	459.2	10.3	17.2
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	23.7	192.3	7.7	14.7
Samlesbury & Walton	72.3	726	13	19.7

Key: **Green** = Better than North West Average. **Red** = Worse than North West Average.

Eastern Parishes has a **large disparity between the crime rate & emergency services call out by ward**. Samlesbury & Walton has a high crime rate compared with the national average, and also a higher number of calls to both the police & fire service.

## Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

There are some issues with anti-social behavior in Eastern Parishes & so **consideration should perhaps be given to diversionary activities**, examples of which are already in place. The Lancashire-wide DIVERT programme based at Preston Custody Suite engages young people in police custody with diversionary activities. The Project Manager reports a low level of cases in this area, however this is a service worth being aware of.

The Eastern Parishes area also has **other community initiatives which could serve the function of 'diverting' young people from crime and anti-social behavior**.

There is a Scout Group in neighbouring Walton-le-Dale, as well as two Brownie & Guides Groups.

Eastern Parishes also has **three dedicated neighborhood police officers**; these are PC Bamber, PCSO Smith and PCSO Rowland.

It is also worth noting that **Samlesbury has a Parish Council** with its own Councillors, some of whom are shared with South Ribble.



### Area of Opportunity

Utilizing & supporting community assets to create diversionary activities for young people, & creating new opportunities for people to reduce ASB & crime.

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## Early Years and Educational

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The below graphic demonstrates **Eastern Parishes performs well when compared nationally and to other areas in the North West** when it comes to early years and education. Indeed, all of the figures shown below are better than average. However, this does not mean there is no work to be done. Samlesbury & Walton is behind Coupe Green & Gregson Lane in all categories, so work to redress the balance could be useful.

Key:	Birth Rate	Achieving KS2 expectation	Excess weight at reception	NEET young people	GCSE average attainment	
<b>Green =</b> Better than average	UK average	11.5	22.5	46.8		
	North West average	61	5.4	45.5		
<b>Red =</b> Worse than average	Eastern Parishes	7.7	71.7	17	1.1	49.1
	Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	6.3	74.5	17.2	1	51.3
	Samlesbury & Walton	9.1	68.8	16.8	1.2	46.8

The table to the right indicates the **Income Deprivation affecting children index**. The initial number indicates which tier nationally each area is in. For example, the index score for Samlesbury & Walton is 7, meaning it is in the top 70% most deprived areas nationally. This table highlights a **small disparity between the two wards in terms of deprivation**, though neither ward has significant issues in this area. However, although the numbers are favourable, this does not indicate that there is no deprivation in these areas. Deprivation is linked to both nutrition and educational attainment.

Eastern Parishes Ward	Income Deprivation affecting children index (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	9 - 89.34%
Samlesbury & Walton	7 - 64.9%



**NB:** The above graphic is measured on national percentile. The lower the index number & percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.

### Area of Opportunity

Utilizing a variety of data sources to ensure hidden issues of deprivation or vulnerability are identified.

Support local schools & community groups to enrich the lives of local children, offer aspiration & improve their future prospects.

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## Employment and Inclusion

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Eastern Parishes Ward	Deprivation due to low income (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	9 - 80.67%
Samlesbury & Walton	6 - 58.44%

NB: The above & below graphics are measured on their national percentile. The lower the index number & percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.

Eastern Parishes Ward	Employment working age population excluded from labour market (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	8 - 70.3%
Samlesbury & Walton	5 - 43.91%

### Areas of Opportunity

Working with local businesses to encourage them to become living wage employers could reduce deprivation in our communities.

Empowering people with relevant digital & employability skills will improve lives & benefit the local economy.

Local job clubs could benefit local individuals, local businesses, & support the local economy.



	Long-term unemployment
UK average	3.60
North West average	3.40
Eastern Parishes	1.92
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	1.02
Samlesbury & Walton	2.72

Key: **Green** = Better than average. **Red** = Worse than average.

As indicated by the above graphic, it is **positive that employment rates are so good in Eastern Parishes** compared with national averages. However, more work can always be done to further improve employability in the area.

**While there are organisations working in neighbouring wards to support people into education, training and employment, there are currently no such programmes operating in Eastern Parishes.** The Christians Against Poverty Job Club could be engaged for a small monthly fee. More work around engaging young people in these schemes would be beneficial, as well as exploring any gaps in provision. Similarly, it will be important to work with local schools to understand where there are gaps in provision and to begin to support more young people to thrive in education and beyond.

### Digital inclusion

No specific data for Eastern Parishes is available with regard to digital inclusion, however across the North West **10.8% of the adult population are 'internet non-users'**. For young people, this is a disadvantage in their education. Nationally, 68% of young people without access to the internet state that this dis-enables them to do their school work, setting them behind their classmates.

Lack of internet access can also prevent people from attaining employment and, on average, acquiring digital skills will increase an individual's income by between 3-10%.

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## Older people, Isolation and Fuel Poverty

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Eastern Parishes has a higher proportion of older people than average. As outlined by the graphic to the right, **two of the most prominent issues for older people in our communities are social isolation & heating poverty**. Although it is worth noting that living alone does not necessarily equal social isolation, it is an indicator and may require further exploration. There are also **concerning figures with regard to houses without central heating**.

There are **local services which aim to tackle some of these issues**. Age UK and Age Concern Central Lancashire provide services for older people to reduce social isolation, while Citizens Advice employ energy advisors to provide support with energy efficiency, vouchers for pre-payment meters and grant eligibility for boiler replacements / upgrades.

**Being digitally active can help to tackle social isolation**, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **It can also help people get better prices on utilities** & therefore assist in reducing fuel poverty. A customer saves an average of 13% per online transaction, as opposed to traditional methods of acquiring goods and services.

Digital exclusion is linked to individuals' economic situations, with digitally excluded people being more likely to reside in social housing. Housing Associations, such as Progress Housing, do implement their own projects to try and digitally empower their residents.

	Pensioners living alone	Without Central Heating
	%	%
UK average	30.3	2.7
North West average	31.5	3.1
Eastern Parishes	29.3	3.1
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	27.2	2
Samlesbury & Walton	31.4	4.3

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### Areas of Opportunity

Participation in community groups and activities can reduce social isolation and improve health and wellbeing. There is scope to publicise existing groups and incubate new start-ups, e.g. Eastern Parishes In Bloom Committee.

An enhanced relationship with Samlesbury Parish Council could offer insight into households with inappropriate heating & identify needs.

Empowering older people with new digital skills can benefit their confidence, reduce social isolation, and means that they can contribute to the local community.





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## Health and Social Issues

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The graphic below indicates some of the health issues facing Eastern Parishes. **Life expectancy is higher than the national average.** Likewise, Eastern Parishes performs **better than average in statistics relating to obesity in the young and hospital stays related to alcohol or self-harm.**

	Life Expectancy	Alcohol related hospital stay	Self-harm hospital stay	Obesity at Year 6 %
UK average	80.95	100	100	20.1
Eastern Parishes	82.65	89.8	80.2	15.2
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	83.3	91.2	86.7	16.1
Samlesbury & Walton	82	88.4	73.5	14.2

Key: **Green** = Better than UK average.  
**Red** = Worse than UK average.

Despite the encouraging figures above, issues such as alcohol use and mental health do require constant observation, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Currently, **there is no specialist support in the area to tackle alcohol misuse** and there are **no peer support groups** such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), or any recovery projects. Instead, people are forced to travel into Preston to access treatment and/or support. This may be because Eastern Parishes is viewed as an area that does not have these issues. Support is therefore limited to those who can afford to travel and are able to do so.



### Area of Opportunity

Mental health is an area where the need for support is often hidden; there is scope to ensure key messages around support services are relayed via newsletters, social media and webpages.

Work on access to services is being undertaken as part of health inequalities mapping; we anticipate Eastern Parishes provision will be low compared to more populated areas. There may be scope to work with partners on community solutions to improving access.

### Food banks and health

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated a pre-existing issue with regard to poverty, and communities have stepped in to provide help with food banks etc. It could be useful to consider how these programmes can better incorporate fresh food to improve the health of our communities.

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## Living Environment

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South Ribble has previously been recognized as the best place to live in the UK and Eastern Parishes is no exception, being a really popular place for people to live, work and have a family. However, **figures from Lancashire County Council recorded in 2019 demonstrate there are some issues with regard to the quality of the living environment** for the residents of Eastern Parishes.

Eastern Parishes Ward	Quality of Living Environment (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	5 - 48.66%
Samlesbury & Walton	1 - 8.21%

*NB: The above and below graphics are measured on their national percentile. The lower the index number & percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.*

Eastern Parishes Ward	Premature death or impairment on quality of life
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	5 - 46.21%
Samlesbury & Walton	4 - 35.43%



### Air quality

Quality of Living Environment covers a broad range of factors, but **particularly pertinent across South Ribble at the moment is the measuring of air quality.**

Victoria Road is currently under the Council's Air Quality Management, and air quality as a whole is an issue in Eastern Parishes.

As illustrated in the graphics to the left, the **Samlesbury & Walton ward scores very poorly for Quality of Living Environment.** Indeed, it is ranked in the top 10% worst areas nationally for this category. This could well be due to the fact that it is the location of the BAE Systems site.

## Greener Projects

**Planting Trees**

**Using local resources**

**Reducing cars 'idling' outside schools and at busy junctions**

**Reduction in usage of Single Use Plastics**

**Water fountain installation to encourage reusing bottles**

### Area of Opportunity

Working to improve the natural environment in our communities, including addressing air quality is part of our duty to combat climate change. Encouraging residents to increase awareness of the consequences of poor air quality is key to securing buy-in and making positive changes.

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## Communities & Community Engagement

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Successful Community Development depends upon engaging the public in the projects which have been designed to support the community.

Community Development relies heavily upon people being together, and

**COVID-19 has presented an obvious barrier to this.** However, it has also served to demonstrate new ways of engagement; **using online platforms to encourage and enable people to become involved.**

It is important to use a blend of methods of community engagement in order to reach all groups within communities. Social media will work for some, while newsletters and snail mail may work for others. However, **face-to-face meetings or 'drop-in sessions' cannot be beaten in terms of community engagement.**



### Area of Opportunity

Successfully engaging the public leads to projects which get to the heart of individual communities. Member / Officer drop-in sessions can help the public feel that the council is accessible to the community.

### Existing groups in Eastern Parishes which demonstrate Community Engagement include:

- ◆ All Saints Church
- ◆ Gregson Green Group
- ◆ Higher Walton & Gregson Lane Women's Institute
- ◆ Samlesbury & Cuerdale Parish Council
- ◆ Samlesbury Civic Society



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## Community Contacts

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Club	Address	Telephone
Gregson Lane Junior Football Club	Gregson Lane Recreation Ground, Gregson Lane	07920 077 761
Gregson Lane Cricket Club	Gregson Lane Recreation Ground, Gregson Lane	07546 438 561
Walton-le-Dale Cricket Club	Higher Walton Road, Walton-le-Dale	01772 379779
Bowen Archery Club	Nabs Head Lane	
Higher Walton Bowling Club	George V Recreation Ground, Higher Walton Road	01772 421360
Walton-le-Dale Bowling Club	WLD Recreation Ground, Higher Walton Road	
Samlesbury Area Civic Society	Samlesbury War Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane	07962 121 678
Higher Walton WI		lizalewis@sky.com
Gregson Lane WI	Gregson Lane Community Centre, Gregson Lane	Gregsonlanewi@gmail.com
Gregson Green Group	Gregson Lane Community Centre, Gregson Lane	01254 852998

Primary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Coupe Green Primary School	144	Coupe Green, Hoghton	01254 853518
Higher Walton Primary School	120	Rosewood Avenue, Higher Walton	01772 335945
St Patrick's RC Primary School	195	Higher Walton Road	01772 555436
Samlesbury Primary	64	Potter Lane, Samlesbury	01772 877200
Brindle Gregson Lane	185	Bournes Row, Gregson	01254 852381

Church	Address	Telephone
All Saints Church	Blackburn Road, Higher Walton	01772 335138
Trinity Methodist Church	Gregson Lane, Hoghton	01772 330907
St Leonards Church	16 Church Brow, Walton-le-Dale	01772 879264
Our Lady and St Patrick Church	121 Higher Walton Road	01772 253709
St Leonard the Less Church	Potter Lane, Samlesbury	07979 496499
St Mary and St John Church	Preston New Road, Samlesbury	01772 877241

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