

# Area Profile

## Leyland and Farington Community Hub



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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 Leyland & Farington** which build upon the local knowledge Members possess. The document explores some of the existing community assets in the area 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 Leyland & Farington, including schools, churches, sports clubs, health facilities and foodbanks.**





# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Introduction

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### Leyland & Farington

Leyland & Farington is the largest populated area in the South Ribble borough with 40,386 residents. The area is split into nine wards represented by 17 Members (there is also one vacant council seat). Leyland & Farington can be recognised as having a high community involvement with residents, hosting events attended by thousands of individuals each year. Popular events include the Christmas Festival, the Summer Festival, the Taste of Leyland, the Older People's Spring Social, and Leyland in Bloom. Many residents are also involved in community development projects.

The Council has a community centre at Moss Side, as well as Progress owned centres on Broadfield (The Base) & Wade Hall (The Place). Leyland & Farington is also home to 16 places of worship including an Islamic Centre as well as various denominations of the Christian faith. There are nine GP surgeries and a late night pharmacy.

Leyland & Farington has plenty to offer in the way of sporting and outdoor events thanks to the presence of Leyland Tennis Club, a Family Martial Arts Centre, Jump UK, Leyland Sports Association, Leyland Cricket Club, Active Lancashire, Leyland BTR FC (for under 11s, u13s, and u14s), and the Withnell Angling Club. The Giant Veggie Patch at Broadfield Community Gardens has also proven a success. Residents contribute through various groups including 'Friends of' associations for Leyland Train Station, Strawberry Valley Park, Farington Park, Shruggs Wood, Paradise Park, Farington Lodges, Hall Lane and Worden Park.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, the borough has been working to become more self-sustainable with initiatives such as the Pop-up Post Office at Moss Community Centre, the Christians Against Poverty Debt advice service at Leyland Methodist Church and the creation of the food shop at the Base Community Centre in Broadfield. There are also three existing foodbanks. The South Ribble Together Community Hub, working together in partnership with the NHS and Citizen's Advice, has been formed to cater for the sudden needs brought upon by the pandemic for those people shielding or self-isolating.



Ward	Population
Broadfield	5,306
Buckshaw & Worden	4,601
Earnshaw Bridge	4,940
Farington East	3,245
Farington West	4,364
Leyland Central	5,043
Moss Side	3,959
St Ambrose	4,648
Seven Stars	4,280
<b>Leyland &amp; Farington</b>	<b>40,386</b>
<b>South Ribble Borough</b>	<b>110,788</b>

### South Ribble Overview

South Ribble covers 113 square kilometres (43.6 square miles) and is divided into 23 wards. The number of people per km<sup>2</sup> is more than twice the England and 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
Leyland	21.5	60.7	17.8	51.4	48.6	4.2
Broadfield	23.4	62.5	14.1	50.7	49.3	4.6
Buckshaw & Worden	22.1	57.8	20.1	50.8	49.2	4.0
Earnshaw Bridge	18.5	60.8	20.7	50.7	49.3	3.1
Farington East	18.4	59.4	22.2	52.3	47.7	4.0
Farington West	20.5	62.0	17.5	52.4	47.6	3.6
Leyland Central	23.7	60.8	15.5	51.4	48.6	5.2
Moss Side	21.3	61.8	16.9	50.5	49.5	3.0
Seven Stars	24.3	57.4	18.3	52.3	47.7	5.0
St Ambrose	19.9	63.3	16.8	51.5	48.5	5.3

The above graphic indicates the demographic proportions of Leyland & Farington, split into its nine wards.

The area has a **very slightly higher than average population of 0-17 year olds**, with people in this age bracket particularly prevalent in Seven Stars, Broadfield, Buckshaw & Worden, and Leyland Central. **The population of people aged 66+ in the area is just above the UK average**, with a higher prevalence of older people in Farington East, Earnshaw Bridge, Buckshaw & Worden, and Seven Stars. The area is slightly above the North West and UK average for the population of females and slightly below average for males.

**Just 4.2% of Leyland & Farington's residents are from BAME communities** although St Ambrose, Leyland Central, Seven Stars and Broadfield have a higher proportion of BAME residents than other wards in the area.



### Area of opportunity

When COVID restrictions are lifted, there is scope to work with other Council teams & partners to create a programme of activities for children & young people. Developing a sense of ownership & pride in the area at a younger age can reduce issues such as youth nuisance & anti-social behaviour.

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## Crime and Emergency Services

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As illustrated by the graphic, the overall crime rate for Leyland & Farington is significantly below the regional average.

By contrast, however, the Leyland Central and Seven Stars wards have a crime rate higher than the regional average.

Leyland & Farington falls below the regional average as it pertains to the number of calls to the emergency services, although again the Leyland Central ward has a higher volume of calls to the police and fire service as well as a higher number of ambulance call-outs. Seven Stars also records an above average number of calls to the police while Farington West has an above average number of calls to the fire service.

Leyland & Farington benefits from a team of neighbourhood officers: PCSO Jenny Fairhurst, PC Debbie Thompson, PC Paul Connell and PC David Gaskill. The Lancashire-wide DIVERT programme based at Preston Custody Suite engages young people in police custody with diversionary activities.

	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
Leyland & Farington	49.9	287.8	7.8	17.7
Broadfield	53.0	307.7	7.0	16.3
Buckshaw & Worden	23.5	191.0	6.0	9.0
Earnshaw Ridge	50.5	285.5	6.0	21.5
Farington East	40.5	275.0	9.0	15.5
Farington West	28.0	179.5	10.5	14.0
Leyland Central	79.3	441.0	15.3	29.7
Moss Side	35.7	163.0	5.0	13.3
Seven Stars	64.0	364.0	7.0	21.3
St Ambrose	55.3	309.0	4.0	15.3

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



### Areas of Opportunity

Building on existing community assets such as the Wade Hall Community Centre, located in the Seven Stars ward where there is a higher rate of crime and a higher volume of calls to the police is being recorded.

Further research in to the nature of calls being made could determine a wider issue, e.g. fear of crime or an ASB hotspot.

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## Early Years and Educational Attainment

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As illustrated below, Leyland & Farington has a **slightly below average birth rate** though the rate is higher than the UK average in Broadfield and St Ambrose.

These two wards, along with Seven Stars, have a **lower number of children achieving expected results at Key Stage 2** while Earnshaw Bridge and Leyland Central are also both fractionally under the regional average for this statistic.

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	Birth Rate	Achieving KS2 expectation %	Excess weight at reception %	NEET young people %	GCSE average attainment
UK average	11.5		22.5		46.8
North West average		61		5.4	45.5
Leyland & Farington	10.1	62.6	22.8	5.0	46.7
Broadfield	11.7	56.9	21.7	4.7	39.8
Buckshaw & Worden	9.3	78.0	21.7	2.4	53.2
Earnshaw Bridge	8.5	60.0	25.3	6.5	47.2
Farington East	9.6	68.8	20.4	13.8	42.6
Farington West	10.1	70.3	20.4	2.0	54.2
Leyland Central	10.7	60.7	21.7	4.9	48.7
Moss Side	9.6	63.3	26.3	2.2	50.8
Seven Stars	8.6	51.5	25.8	5.7	37.5
St Ambrose	12.5	58.5	21.7	5.7	47.3

Leyland & Farington is **just above the UK average for excess weight in children at reception class age** with the problem particularly prevalent in Earnshaw Bridge, Moss Side and Seven Stars.

Leyland & Farington performs **above the North West average for GCSE attainment** and just fractionally below the UK average, though the **Broadfield, Farington East and Seven Stars wards fall significantly below average.** The



proportion of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) is generally lower than the regional average, however several wards are performing worse than average - most notably Farington East.

### Area of Opportunity

Deprivation is linked to nutrition and educational attainment and Seven Stars has the highest prevalence of deprivation in the area. It may be helpful to boost awareness of nutrition in order to improve it and, in turn, improve educational attainment in the ward.

Potential to work in partnership with Wade Hall Community Association, which already works with many families struggling to provide nutritional meals for their children. A healthy eating campaign could be explored in partnership with other local services.



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## Employment and Inclusion

January 2021

Leyland & Farington **suffers less from long-term unemployment than the UK and North West averages, though the Seven Stars ward is a notable exception** with the rate of long-term employment **more than double than the average for the area**, suggesting further exploration of this issue is necessary.

The community has experienced a **large growth in industry and farming and also in population in recent years** as better job creation has attracted employees from all areas of the UK. The area is easily accessible with Leyland Railway Station nearby and a regular bus service operating in the locality.

Many of the area's old factories have been replaced by modern retail developments. Farington Business Park is the main industrial and commercial centre in Leyland and a key driver for economic growth and job creation. One of the biggest employers on the park is Leyland Motors, which employs thousands of people in a variety of professions from electricians and engineers to accountants and sales professionals.

Jobs at Farington Business Park are mainly centred around the industrial and manufacturing sectors but the thriving community surrounding the park also calls for a wide range of personnel.

### Digital inclusion

No specific data for Leyland & Farington 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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	Long-term unemployment
UK average	3.60
North West average	3.40
Leyland & Farington	2.30
Broadfield	1.73
Buckshaw & Worden	1.18
Earnshaw Bridge	1.82
Farington East	2.55
Farington West	No Data
Leyland Central	0.92
Moss Side	3.27
Seven Stars	5.25
St Ambrose	1.69



### Area of Opportunity

Further analysis could be undertaken with colleagues at DWP to understand issues surrounding long-term unemployment figures for Seven Stars, Moss Side and Farington East.

Leyland Job Centre runs a Progress Futures project which hosts weekly sessions at which residents can get help creating a CV and writing job applications, as well as obtaining support with interviews and getting advice on job searching skills and improving employment prospects.

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## Older people, Isolation and Fuel Poverty

January 2021

Leyland & Farington is pretty much **on par with the UK average in terms of pensioners living alone** although St Ambrose, Seven Stars, Broadfield, and Leyland Central have a higher percentage of such individuals living in their wards.

The area is **ever so slightly above the UK average for those without central heating but below the regional average** - indicating that, while the area is doing well in this regard, there are still improvements to be made.

There are a range of services in the area seeking to support older people suffering from social isolation such as Age Concern, Age UK, Dementia Friends, Wade Hall Community Association, and The Base Community Centre. These services seek to reduce social isolation for older people through social activities such as knitting, coffee mornings and gardening.

There are plans moving forward to **support older people to become more digitally skilled**. With the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, there is more need than ever for older people to be using the internet for connecting with family and friends, ordering shopping and getting their prescriptions delivered to their home.

### Areas of Opportunity

Community groups and activities can reduce social isolation and improve local health. Empowering older people with skills can benefit their confidence, reduce social isolation, and means that they can contribute to the local economy in paid employment or volunteering.

Continuing to seek out and support those who don't have central heating or adequate heating resources in their homes.

	Pensioners living alone	Without Central Heating
	%	%
UK average	30.3	2.7
North West average	31.5	3.1
Leyland & Farington	30.2%	2.9%
Broadfield	33.9%	4.2%
Buckshaw & Worden	25.6%	1.3%
Earnshaw Bridge	24.7%	2.8%
Farington East	28.0%	3.9%
Farington West	28.5%	2.3%
Leyland Central	33.1%	3.5%
Moss Side	28.1%	1.2%
Seven Stars	34.8%	2.3%
St Ambrose	37.7%	4.4%

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The South Ribble Together Hub has created a Winter Warmth leaflet which has been distributed to older residents and those who are clinically extremely vulnerable across South Ribble. There is a 'one front door' approach facilitated by Citizens Advice through which residents can benefit from a range of onward services including Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL) which helps residents have central heating installed or repaired.

Other services include grants for central heating and energy costs while more immediate support available includes the delivery of prescriptions or food parcels.

Grants have also been approved across three services in the Leyland area where deprivation is most prevalent. This was to acknowledge the contact some services have with individuals who aren't necessarily reached directly through the South Ribble Together Hub. With the help of this funding, Winter Warmth packs containing blankets, socks, gloves, and hot water bottles have been delivered.



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## Health and Social Issues

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**Life Expectancy in Leyland & Farington is just below the UK average** of 80.5 years.

Residents of Buckshaw & Worden (86.3) and St Ambrose (82.4) enjoy a higher Life Expectancy while some wards fall significantly below the average - including Seven Stars (75.9), Broadfield (76.3) and Earnshaw Bridge (77.3).

These **three wards also have a higher than average number of hospital admissions related to alcohol or self-harm.**

While the number of alcohol-related hospital admissions across the whole of Leyland & Farington is above the national average, the figure for admissions relating to self-harm is generally significantly lower than the national average aside from the aforementioned three wards.

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 Leyland & Farington 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.

Leyland & Farington is also **below the UK average when it comes to obesity in Year 6** children, although there is again some variation between wards - with Seven Stars, Moss Side, and Earnshaw Bridge all having room for improvement. It is worth noting that the wards with higher rates of obesity at Year 6 also experience higher levels of obesity in reception-aged children, indicating that these children may be carrying excess weight throughout their time at primary school.

	Life Expectancy	Alcohol related hospital stay	Self-harm hospital stay	Obesity at Year 6 %
UK average	80.95	100	100	20.1
Leyland & Farington	79.58	105.2	92.8	18.4
Broadfield	76.3	119.9	107.4	20.1
Buckshaw & Worden	86.3	85.3	82.0	13.2
Earnshaw Bridge	77.3	122.4	126.3	23.0
Farington East	79.9	91.8	54.7	14.4
Farington West	79.4	90.3	51.7	14.1
Leyland Central	79.1	103.0	91.2	16.7
Moss Side	79.6	90.0	79.7	22.0
Seven Stars	75.9	133.7	142.7	23.8
St Ambrose	82.4	102.2	83.3	18.1

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### Area of Opportunity

There is evidence of strong links between alcohol or self-harm related hospital admissions & mental health & wellbeing. With this in mind, there appears to be a higher need for mental health support in the Broadfield, Earnshaw Bridge & Seven Stars wards.

Work to produce a directory of mental health support services is being undertaken as part of a corporate project; when released, these higher need areas can be targeted.

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## Living Environment

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### Broadfield Community Garden - Giant Veggie Patch

The Giant Veggie Patch is a vibrant community space, open to all. It aims to bring people together in a local green space through growing food, hosting workshops and being a hub of environmental education. It is also soon to include a secluded and peaceful sensory garden.

A new 'friends' group is being established in Spring / Summer 2021



### Farington Lodges

Farington Lodges is a public open space located south of Lostock Hall. Formed through the construction of the railway, the site consists of three fishing lakes. An urban fringe site, Farington Lodges is a popular site used by anglers, dog walkers and families. Farington Lodges Angling Association lease and maintain the site. The lakes are stocked with mixed coarse fish and both memberships and day permits are available from Lostock Tackle Box, 26 Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall, PR5 5RD.

### Shruggs Wood

This newly renovated area makes for a lovely stroll and is a perfect environment for natural wildlife to grow in line with the objectives of the Green Links strategy. There is a large pond with some nice fish such as carp, crucian carp, roach and skimmer bream.



### Paradise Park

Paradise Park covers some 20 acres split into woodland areas & fields. It forms a green corridor between Longmeanygate & Paradise Lane in the Moss Side area.

An active 'friends' group enhances the park, with several successful funding bids made to carry out improvements for visitors.

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## Communities and Community Engagement

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### Wade Hall Community Association – 01772 465006

**Activities:** Wade Hall Community Association in Seven Stars provides social, health and education sessions to improve the prospects and the wellbeing of the local community. It operates a youth club, dance group, study group, coffee mornings and groups for the elderly. These services are provided by volunteers. The association aims to provide services for a large range of residents, from mothers and toddlers up to the elderly. Situated in an area of high deprivation on an estate that has a high number of low-income families as well as and drug and alcohol abuse problems, WHCA provides services that help keep young people off the streets and avoid isolation of the elderly.

### The Base Community Centre – 01772 426005

**Activities:** Christians Against Poverty operates a debt advice service. There are also groups for men, women and youths as well as a Community Café, Breakfast Club and Community Food Shop for Broadfield residents.



### Moss Side Community Centre

**Activities:** The centre offers a nursery and playgroup service and is the home to the local Scouts Group. There is also a drama group and folk dance group. An Outreach Post Office Service has been meeting the needs of the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Leyland & Farington benefit from a large number of community groups & charities, in addition to the examples listed above. There are active church groups, including an ecumenical 'Churches Together' organisation, & the Leyland Town Team made up of local businesses who are instrumental in hosting popular events.



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## Community Contacts

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Sports Clubs	Address	Telephone
Leyland Tennis Club	Fox Ln	01772 433975
Family Martial Arts	Centurion Court	01772 422777
Jump UK	Centurion Court	07949 457772
Leyland BTR FC	Royal Ave	01772 421909
Withnell Angling Fishing Club	Farington & Leyland	07570 794011
Leyland Sports Association	Thurston Road	01772 804905
Leyland Cricket Club	Fox Ln	07855 900872

Primary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Farington Primary	200	Rose Street	01772 421977
St. Paul's C of E Primary	211	Croston Road	01772 336166
Lever House Primary	282	Bristol Avenue	01772 424268
Leyland Methodist Infant School	159	Canberra Road	01772 431914
Leyland Methodist Junior School	242	Canberra Road	01772 423694
Leyland St James Primary	229	Slater Lane	01772 422572
Leyland St Marys Primary	281	Haig Avenue	01772 422431
Moss Side Primary	253	Paradise	01772 432048
Northbrook Primary	195	Bannister Drive	01772 421599
Seven Stars Primary	225	Peacock Hall Road	01772 422503
St Anne's Primary	185	Slater Lane	01772 422769
St Catherine's RC Primary	224	Moss Lane	01772 423767
Woodlea Junior School	242	Woodlea Road	01772 421992
St Andrews Primary	181	Woodlea Road	01772 423339
Golden Hill Pupil Referral Unit	22	Earnshaw Drive	01772 904780

Secondary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Wellfield High	315	Yewlands Drive	01772 421303
St Mary's High	642	Royal Avenue	01772 421909
Worden High	511	Westfield Drive	01772 421021
Balshaw's High	919	Church Road	01772 421009

Colleges	Address	Telephone
Runshaw College	Langdale Road	01772 622677

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Leyland Pentecostal Fellowship	Leyland	01772 456999
St Andrews Church	Leyland	01772 622964
Orthodox Christian Community of Holy Apostles	Leyland	07738 870750
Leyland Methodist Church	Leyland	01772 422613
Leyland Baptist Church	Leyland	01772 623603
Leyland United Reformed Church	Leyland	01772 458003
St James Episcopal Church	Leyland	01772 421034
Midge Hall Methodist Church	Leyland	01772 721825
St Pauls Anglican Parish Church	Farington Moss	01772 315404
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