

Rushall Shelfield

Ward Profile

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Welcome to Rushall Shelfield





Did you know?

History-The first record of Rushall is in the Domesday Book (1086) as a village of eight households and a Mill, valued at 10 shillings to its lord. The name means 'a place in the marshy ground where rushes grow'. The name 'Shelfield' derives from Anglo-Saxon for 'sloping ground or field' and is listed in the Domesday Book as containing a hide of waste from the Manor - Rushall has ancient ruins of a medieval, fortified manor house, defended by garrison in the War of the roses and the English Civil war. Rushall Hall, a modern house was built near the ruins. Succession of Manor lords include the Leigh, Mellish and Buchanan families. Rushall Hall and psalter is depicted on Walsall's silver thread tapestries.

The Manor Arms aka 'The pub with no Bar' is the oldest pub in Walsall and possibly in Britain. It is located off Daw End Lane in Rushall. It was originally built circa 1108 and has had a licence to sell ales since 1248. Prior to Bank's owning it the pub was run by two ladies nicknamed 'The Widows'. The pub was hit by a thunderbolt on VE day 1945, it hit the chimney in the smoke room and the regulars planning the evenings celebrations all ended up covered in soot.

Conservation – Stubbers Green is a conservation site and also an area of special scientific interest. Swan Pool and The Swag are two pools linked by a culvert (a tunnel that allows water to pass underneath a road) and is home to many water birds including Geese, Herons, Ducks and Swans. Park Lime pits is another local nature reserve located in Rushall which was formed when quarries in Rushall Halls park became flooded. Local greenspaces used for children's play areas and sports areas, include Rushall Playing Fields, High Heath Park and Shelfield Park.

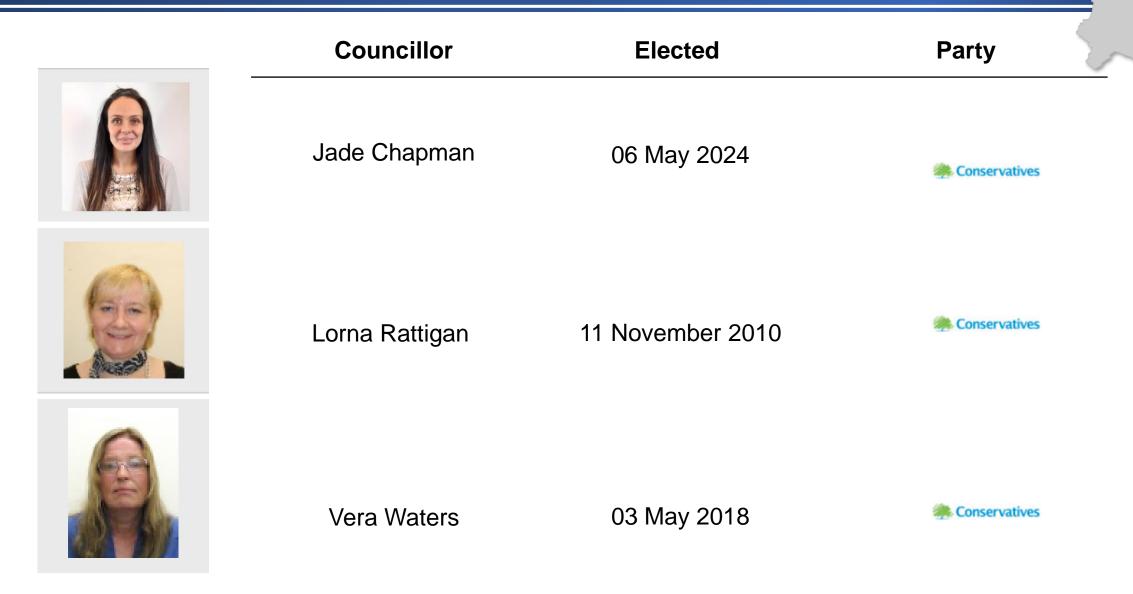


- Covers 5.51 sq km (550.5 ha)
- Makes up 5.3% of the total area of Walsall Borough
- Has a population density of 2,253 people per square kilometer

(This is *lower* than borough average of 3,159)



Councillors

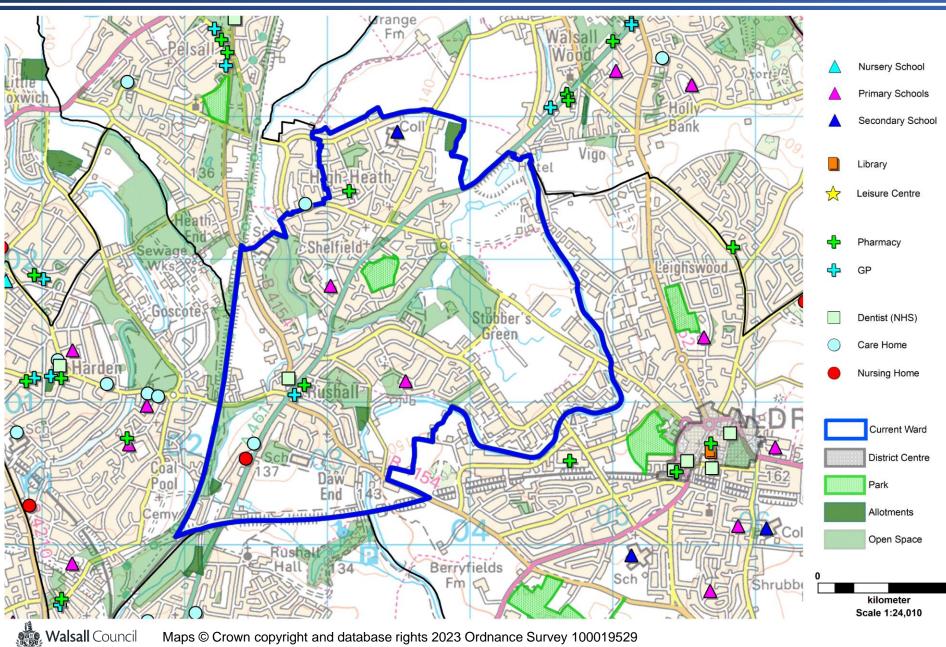




Place

What are the attributes and assets of the local area, and how can we characterise it compared to the rest of Walsall?

Assets

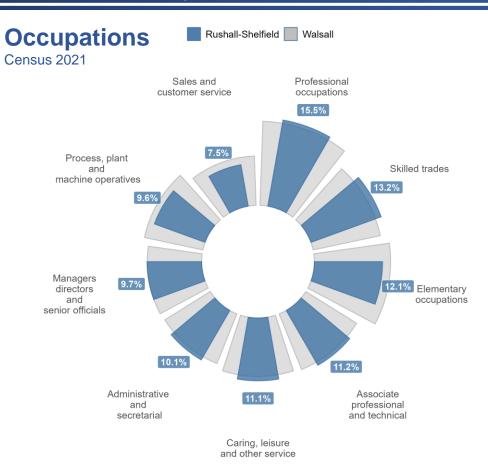


Rushall Shelfield Assets Map

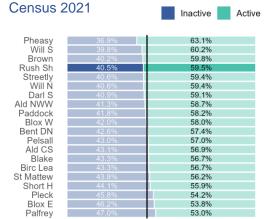
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Illustrates Rushall Shelfield's geography and highlights key local assets.

Economy and Workforce



Economic Status

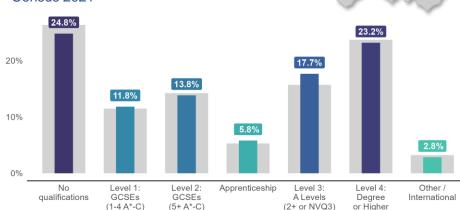


59.5% Are Economically Active

4th highest of Walsall's 20 wards. *Inactivity includes retirees, students, long-term sick/disabled, homemaking and other.*

Qualifications



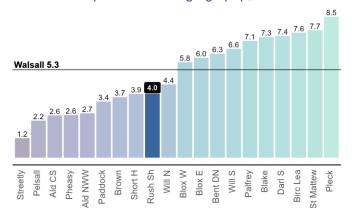


Grey bars = Walsall

 Rushall-Shelfield has a similar qualification profile to the borough's, with the largest difference being fewer with no qualifications (24.8%, Walsall 26.3%), and a greater share of A-level/NVQ3 educated adults (17.7%, Walsall 15.7%).

Claimant Count

JSA Claimants per 100 working age pop, ONS Oct 2023



- Rushall-Shelfield's Claimant Count (Jobseekers Allowance) is 4 per 100 working age adults.
- This is below Walsall's Claimant rate (5.3), and ranks as 9th lowest of the 20 wards.

- Rushall-Shelfield's occupational profile is very typical of Walsall's, with the largest occupation being professional, followed by skilled trades and elementary occupations: albeit a key difference is fewer of these (12.1%, contrasted to Walsall's 13.5%).
- This indicates the labour force of Rushall-Shelfield is what we would expect to see within Walsall, and is diversely distributed across occupational sectors but a slight skew towards more professional and skilled trades, than relatively unskilled elementary labour.

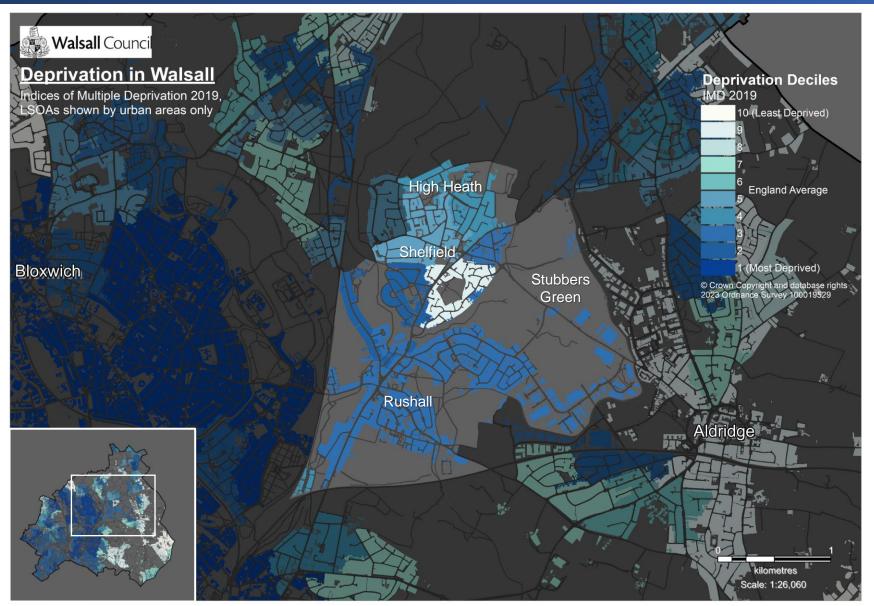


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Deprivation





Whilst Rushall-Shelfield contains only one highly deprived area, most residents reside in moderate deprivation: below the 5th decile, or lower than average, relative to other England areas.

It does face particular challenges in the form of:

- Adult Skills (2nd decile)
- Heath and Disability (3rd decile)
- Income (3rd decile)

However it does rank positively for lack of:

Barriers to Housing and Services
 Within the 6th decile when compared to England.

England (2 in 10)



1 in 10

Borough (5 In 10)

Residents Living in **High Deprivation**Amongst the bottom 20% of areas nationwide.

Note: Deprivation is a relative measure, not absolute. High deprivation suggests an area has not kept pace with progress relative to other areas in England.



Housing & Households



5,200 Households 1

Increased since 2011, Ward makes up 4.6% of all Walsall Households



417 (8.0%) Rushall Shelfield's Households are Lone Parents of Dependent children



19.0% School Children & Full-time

Students (aged 5yrs & over) Approximately 1:5

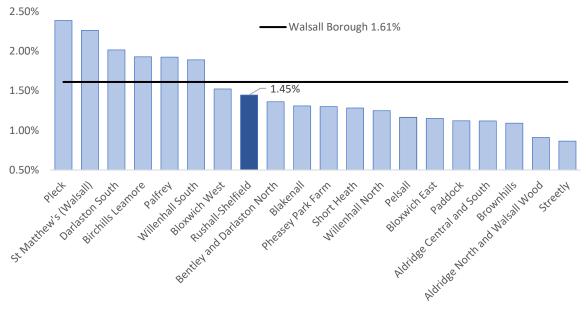


Tenure

66% Homeowners (34% of all Homes Mortgaged/shared ownership) 20.5% Socially Rented (Compared to Borough 23.7%)

- Rushall Shelfield's household population of full-time students and schoolchildren, aged over 5yrs, is 19%, less than Walsall figure of 22.1%, and matches Streetly in number.
- Relatively average numbers of Single-family households consisting of a lone parent with
 dependent children, making up 8.0% households in the ward. This ranks 8th least in
 borough and is similar to Bloxwich West (8.3%). The number of lone parent households ir
 Rushall Shelfield is half the number seen in Blakenall ward (829).
- Higher number of homeowners 66% are owned. Of those, 50% are owned outright, without a mortgage or shared ownership.13% of households rent privately or live rent free. One in five homes are socially rented (20.5%),ranking 9th lowest in Walsall (23.7%) and half that of Birchills Leamore ward, where 40% of homes are rented socially.
- The number of households living with **no** central heating across the borough has positively decreased by about half since 2011. Rushall Shelfield ranks 8th highest of households living with no central heating at 1.45%. This is better compared to 2.39% in Pleck and the Walsall Borough figure of 1.61%. The number of 75 matches Blakenall.

% Households in Ward with no Central heating

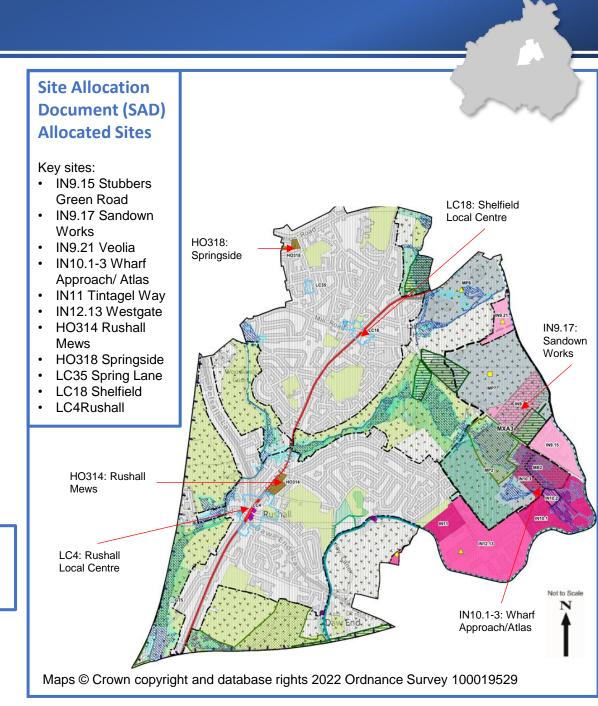




Development & Regeneration

- Residential areas and local centres Rushall, Shelfield and Spring Lane- along the A461 corridor.
- Green belt areas to the east and west including mineral quarries Highfields South, Sandown, and Atlas.
- High quality employment area to the south-east, including strategic companies— Wienerberger, Ibstock, Veolia, Biffa.
- Open space facilities including Rushall skate park and Aldridge Sailing Club.
- Residential developments at Springside (Inclusion Housing), former Rushall Mews (Cameron Homes), and former Daw End School (Seddon/Accord).
- Employment development at Wharf Approach completed and occupied, including Brennan Industries.

 Planning consent granted in November 2019 for a Natural burial ground, Winterley Lane.







People

What are the characteristics of the local population, and how do they compare to the wider Walsall Borough?

Demography



12,400

Population



19% Aged 0-15 Approximately 1 in 5 people (2,400)



51% Female **49%** Male



62% Aged 16-64 Approximately 5 in 8 people (7,600)



19% Aged 65+ Approximately 1 in 5 people (2,400)



41 Years Median Age (Walsall 39)



+ 4.5% Population since 2011 +537 people. Walsall increased by 5.5%

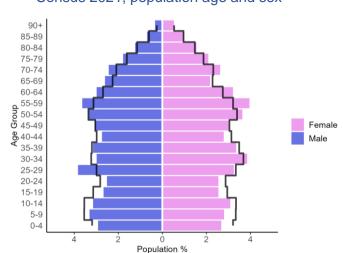
Ethnicity

Census 2021, resident population



Population Pyramid

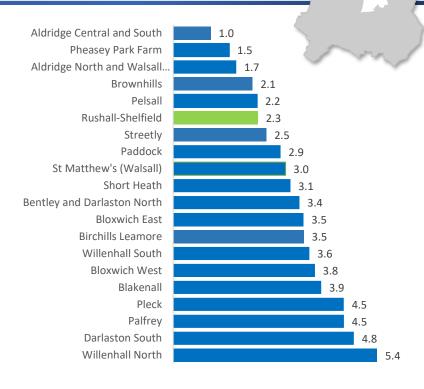
Census 2021, population age and sex



Black Line = Walsall %

Population Density

Census 2021. population per km²



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Key Points:

- Rushall Shelfield has a lower population of younger residents less than the Walsall average aged below 25 years old with around 1 in 5 people under the age of 16yrs. The median age of 41 years old is approximately 2 years above the Borough average (39 years), and in line with Paddock and Bloxwich West.
- In terms of Population Density, Rushall Shelfield is the 6th most sparsely populated ward, with areas of rural land and greenspace, equating to just 2253 people per sq. km. For context: Walsall's density is 2,733, and Palfrey and Peck, both have roughly twice as many people per sq. km (4,54 and 4541 respectively).
- Ethnically, the ward is predominantly White British (85%), with small populations of Asian (7%), Black (4%), Mixed (3%) and Other (1%). These populations have increased since 2011, with the Black group doubling in size.

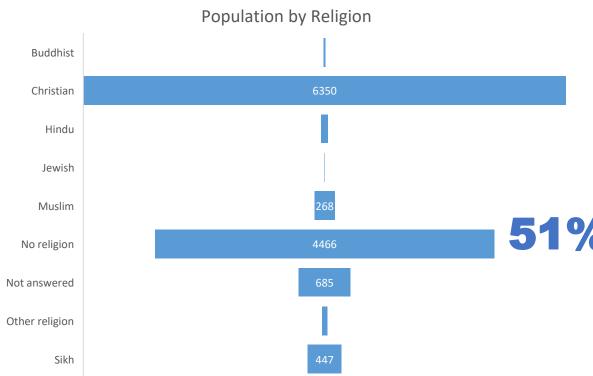


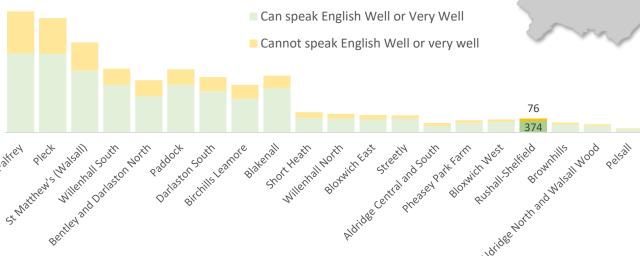
Language and Religion



Data Source: Census 2021

95% of Rushall Shelfield 's Households where All Adults use English as main language





- 98.0% of households have all or at least one adult where English is the main language, compared to 81.1% in Palfrey & Pleck. When English is not the main spoken language, only 17% of these residents cannot speak English or cannot speak it well which is smallest percentage in borough.
- Rushall Shelfield has the 4th lowest number of non-English speakers in household (67) 1.3% compared to 14.2% in Palfrey (752) and Pleck (788).

51% household residents are Christian (Borough 45%)

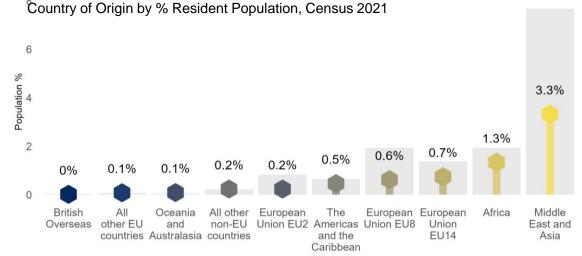
- Rushall Shelfield ward has a majority population of Christian religion residents (51.2%). This is higher the Walsall borough percentage of 45%.
 All other religions combined make up just 7.3% of the resident population.
- 36.0% of Rushall Shelfield residents reported in 2021 Census as having No Religion and a further 5.5% did not answer the census question.



Non-UK Country of Birth



Rushall-Shelfield versus Borough Comparison



Key Points:

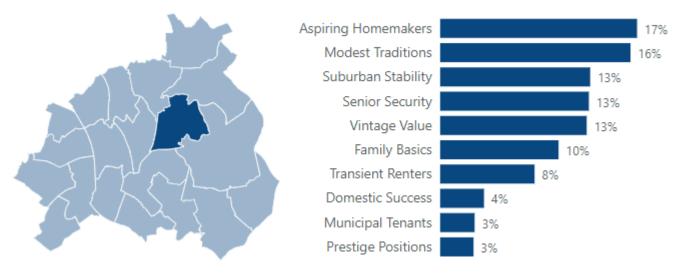
- With 92.9% of residents being UK born, Aldridge Central and South has the 8th largest proportion of UK born residents of the 20 Walsall wards.
- 7.1% of Rushall-Shelfield's population was born outside of the UK, approximately half compared to the borough's 14.7%.
- There are substantially fewer residents whom were born in the Middle East and Asia, at around 413 residents or approximately 3.3% (Borough 7.9%), but this remains the largest origin for non-UK born residents. There are also fewer from Africa, 1.3%, and EU8 (2004 EU enlargement nations such as Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovenia and Slovakia) at 0.6%.
- Whilst few, numbering less than 100 residents, EU14 is the third largest non-UK area of birth, at 0.7%: founding EU states such as Germany, France, Italy and Spain.



Social Segmentation

Social Segment Composition of Walsall Wards (% Households)

Resilienc



Key Points:

- Social Segmentation is a means of categorising residential populations by shared socio-economic traits and similar behaviours.
- Rushall-Shelfield is a diversely segmented area: the largest segments being Aspiring Homemakers, Modest Traditions, and jointly Suburban Stability, Senior Security and Vintage Value
- These segments cover a wide spread of life-stages and economic circumstances, from young families to mid-life and older couples: split between low income (Family Basics, Vintage Value) and more comfortable households (Aspiring Homemakers, Senior Security).
- Aspiring Homemakers are marginally the largest segment (17% of households): young families, first-time buyers with high mortgages, whom make extensive use of smartphones and internet services

Aspiring Homemakers



Younger households settling down in housing priced within their means Families with young children

3 bedrooms

High outstanding mortgages

Internet via smartphone

Texts and photos on smartphone

Order from takeaways

45,800

Household Income



Age Band



Modest Traditions



Mature homeowners of value homes enjoying stable lifestyles

Homeowners

No children

Established in community

Low discretionary income

Watch TV

Solar panels

24,300

Household Income

56-65

Age Band

Terraced

Property Type

Suburban Stability



Mature suburban owners living settled lives in mid-range housing

Older families, no children

Own mid-value semis

3 bedrooms

Established in community

News and media sites

Solar panels

37,300

Household Income



Age Band



Senior Security



Elderly people with assets who are enjoying a comfortable retirement

Retired singles and couples

Pre-war generation

Established in community

Low internet use

Have wills

Solar panels



Household Income



Age Band





Low

Risk

Impact of Change

Low

Resilience

amily Basics

Vintage Value

Modest Traditions

Transient Renters

Financial Resilience

Aspiring Homemakers

Suburban Stability

Senior Security

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Education



There is 4 Primary schools, 1 Secondary school and 1 Special school in the ward:

Primary

Greenfield Primary School Radleys Primary School Rushall Primary School St Francis Catholic School

100% % Good or **Outstanding**

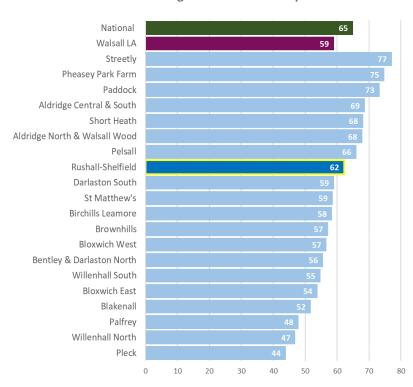
Ormiston Shelfield Community Academy

Special

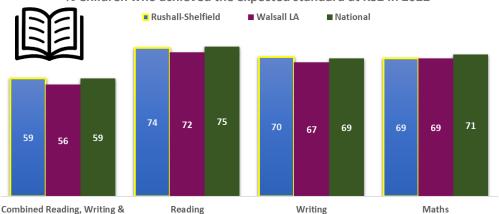
Secondary

Elmwood School

% Children who reached a good level of development in 2022



% Children who achieved the expected standard at KS2 in 2022



% Standard pass Grade

Maths **ABC**

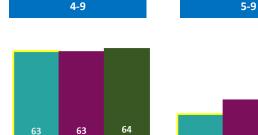
Children are defined as having reached good level а development at the end of their Reception year if they have achieved at least the expected level in prime

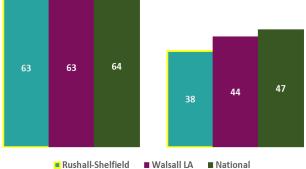
and specific areas of learning.

The overall GLD for Walsall in 2022 was 59%. Achievement was higher in the Rushall-Shelfield ward where 62% of children who reside in the area met this expected standard. This is 3% higher than the Walsall average but 3% below the National Rushall-Shelfield ranked the 8th highest achieving ward in Walsall.

Achieving GCSE English and maths in 2022

% Good pass Grade





Attainment data for 2022 matched to January school census pupil address/postcode information. Includes only those whose address is located within a ward and who achieved assessments in a Walsall LA school



Key Points:

Attainment data by ward is matched based on children resident in the ward who attended any Walsall school within the local authority. Any children who attended an out of borough school are excluded from the analysis.

Pupils take national curriculum assessments in year 6 at the end of KS2, when most will reach the age of 11. Pupils take tests commonly referred to as SATs. More children who reside in the Rushall-Shelfield ward reach the expected standard at the end of KS2 than locally. Achievement in RWM combined equals the national average whilst writing and maths is higher than national.

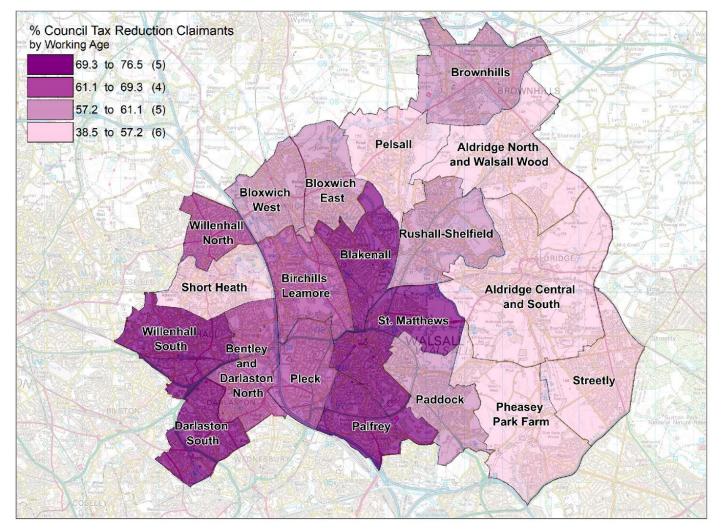
At the end of KS4 (Year 11) pupils sit examinations in a range of GCSE and other vocational qualifications.

The percentage of pupils in Walsall who have achieved at least a grade 4 or above in English and maths GCSE is slightly below national at 63%. The proportion of students' resident in the Rushall-**Shelfield** ward equals the LA performance.

Achievement of a 'Good pass' for students who live in the Rushall-Shelfield ward however, is lower than both Walsall and National - 6% below Walsall overall and 9% below the National average.



Council Tax Reduction (CTR) household claimants – working age

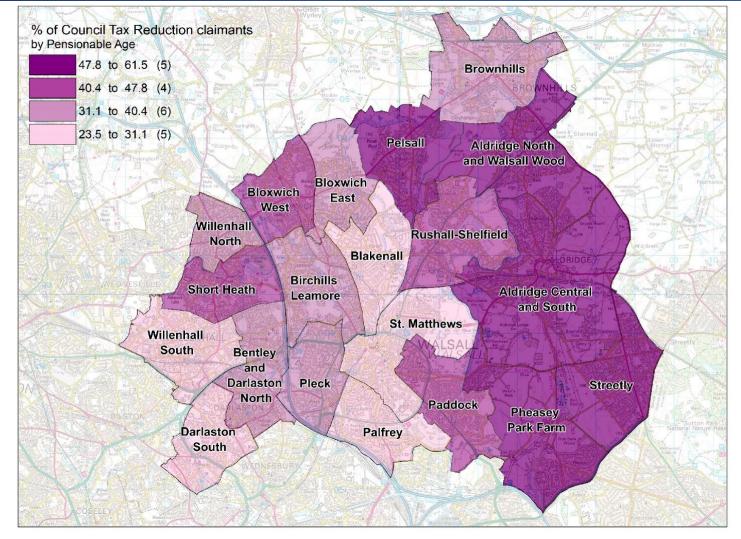


Ward	Total Number of Households in Receipt of Council Tax Reduction	% that are of Pensionable Age	% that are of Working Age
Aldridge Central and South	924	49.68	50.32
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	949	47.84	52.16
Bentley and Darlaston North	1,773	33.62	66.38
Birchills Leamore	2,323	31.12	68.88
Blakenall	1,995	29.77	70.23
Bloxwich East	1,788	38.93	61.07
Bloxwich West	1,690	40.41	59.59
Brownhills	1,352	40.38	59.62
Darlaston South	2,165	29.84	70.16
Paddock	556	41.01	58.99
Palfrey	1,771	30.66	69.34
Pelsall	824	52.55	47.45
Pheasey Park Farm	444	55.18	44.82
Pleck	1,829	32.59	67.41
Rushall-Shelfield	1,138	41.74	58.26
Short Heath	1,009	42.81	57.19
St. Matthews	2,035	23.54	76.46
Streetly	309	61.49	38.51
Willenhall North	1,078	36.83	63.17
Willenhall South	1,835	30.08	69.92
WALSALL	27,787	35.87	64.13

58.3% of households in Rushall Shelfield ward claim CTR by working age, which is lower than the Borough average of 64.1%.



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Total Number of

41.7% of households in Rushall Shelfield ward claim CTR by pensionable age, which is higher than the Borough average of 35.9%.





Health & Social Care

What are the health and social care needs of the Ward?

General Health

What is the General Health of Rushall Shelfield?

Census 2021, % of resident population



- Rushall Shelfield residents rated their general health as 77.9% having good or better, which is 6th lowest of the Walsall wards, and below the England average of 82.1%
- At 7%, approximately 1 in 14 residents reported living in poor health or worse.

Disability

Census 2021, resident population



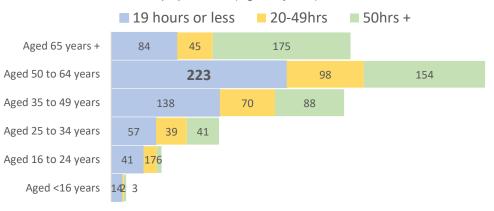
Where day-to-day activities are limited (approximately 1 in 5 residents).



- This ranks higher than the Walsall Average (19.1%), Rushall Shelfield ranks 4th highest in Walsall.
- A further 6.7% have a long term physical or mental Health condition where daily activities are not limited.

Unpaid Care

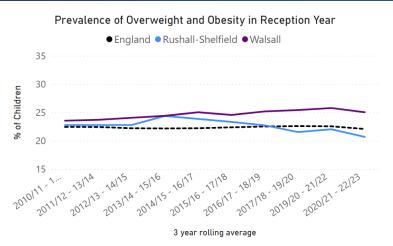
Census 2021, resident population (aged 5yrs +)



- 8th Lowest number of Unpaid carers in Walsall, 1,295 compared to Aldridge Central & South with most (1,471) & Pheasey with least (1044)
- 11.2% of residents provide weekly unpaid care, mostly 50-64yrs old and providing less than 19 hours per week.



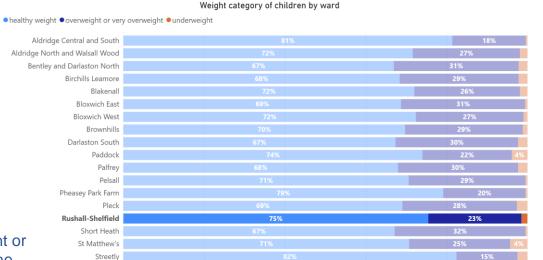
Child Healthy Weight



The prevalence of Reception-aged children who are overweight or obese in Rushall-Shelfield decreased slightly in and is below the national rate and significantly lower than the Walsall average.

Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity in Year 6

The prevalence of Year 6 children who are overweight or obese in Rushall-Shelfield has also decreased in trend since 2018 and is lower than the Walsall average but still higher than the national rate.



40%

20%

Willenhall North

Willenhall South



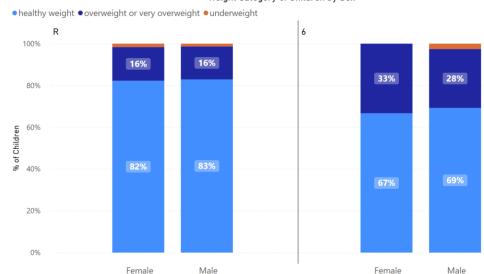
Overall, in Rushall-Shelfield around

3 in 4

children are a healthy weight, which is similar to the Walsall average.

Weight Category of Children by Sex

% of children



In both Reception and Year 6 aged children in this ward, the proportion of children that are a healthy weight is similar in boys and girls.



Source: National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) 2023

Adult Social Care



Key facts and figures about Ward residents receiving support in 2022-23

613

New requests for support, received from

374 individuals

11 people aged 18-24, 109 aged 25-64 and 254 aged 65+

169

People received an assessment

5 people aged 18-24, 57 aged 25-64 and 107 aged 65+

5 1 assessments resulted in a long term service

16

Carers were assessed and supported during the year

13

0 people aged 18-24, 8 aged 25-64 and 8 aged 65+

169

People received a long term service such as domiciliary care, etc



5 people aged 18-24, 46 aged 25-64 and 118 aged 65+

189

Safeguarding concerns were received, relating to

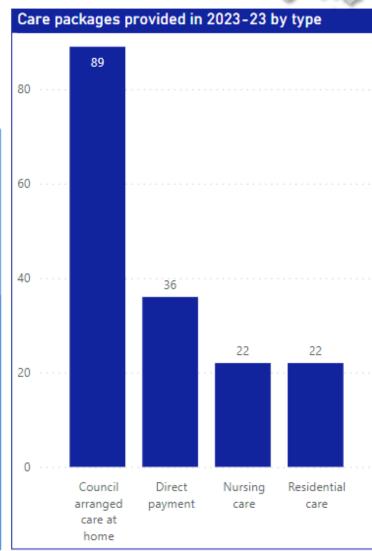
117 individuals

7 people aged 18-24, 39 aged 25-64 and 71 aged 65+

25.40%

Of safeguarding concerns received progressed to a formal investigation

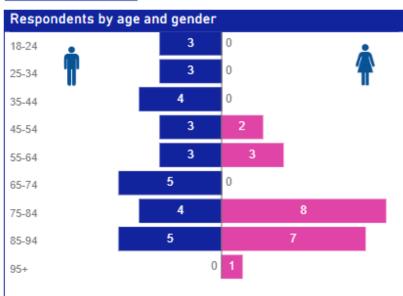




Adult Social Care Adult User Survey 2022-23

Responses from Ward residents











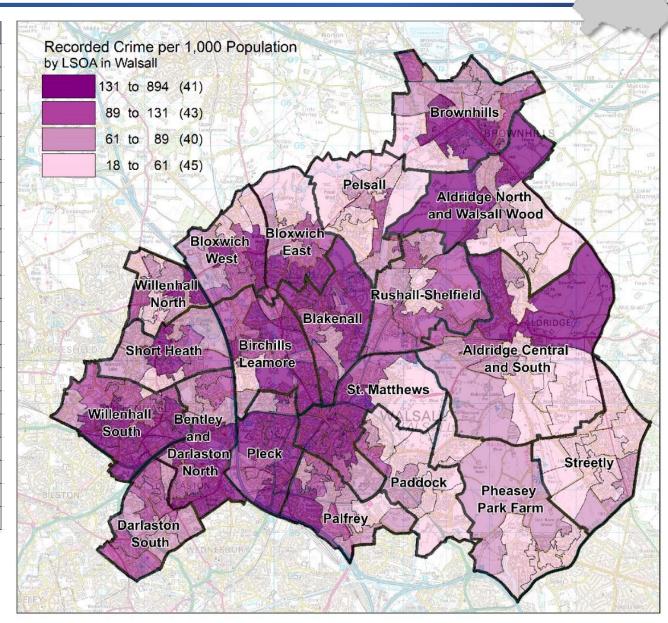
Crime

What do we know about local crime levels and how do they compare to the wider Borough?

Recorded Crime

Ward	Count	Popn	Rate p	er 1,000 Popn
Aldridge Central and South	1203	14695		81.86
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	1226	13167		93.11
Bentley and Darlaston North	1887	13994		134.84
Birchills Leamore	2655	16523		160.69
Blakenall	2375	16003		148.41
Bloxwich East	1584	13655		116.00
Bloxwich West	1487	13680		108.70
Brownhills	1607	13437		119.60
Darlaston South	1693	17596		96.22
Paddock	765	13206		57.93
Palfrey	1604	16692		96.09
Pelsall	695	11350		61.23
Pheasey Park Farm	594	11428		51.98
Pleck	2596	16534		157.01
Rushall-Shelfield	1125	12434		90.48
Short Heath	1227	11662		105.21
St. Matthews	4655	15564		299.09
Streetly	582	12578		46.27
Willenhall North	1147	12717		90.19
Willenhall South	2939	17242		170.46
Walsall Borough	33646	284157		118.41

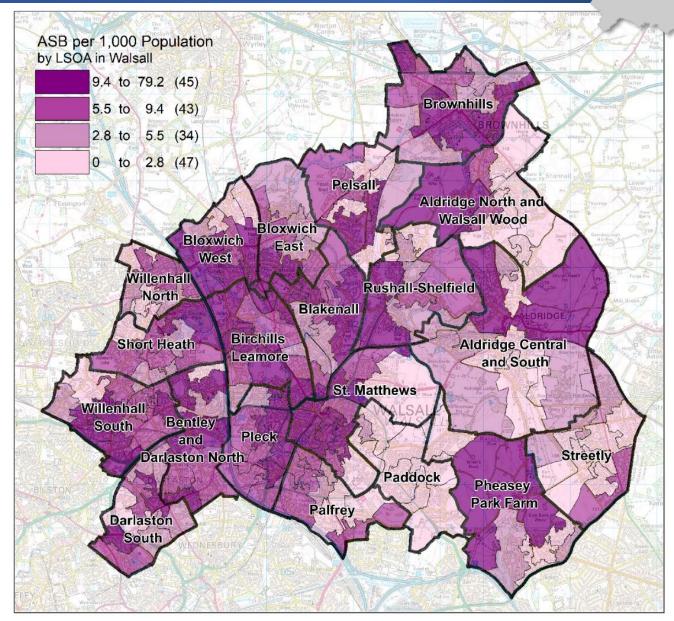
Rushall Shelfield ward ranks amongst the lower wards for recorded crime, with a rate of 90.5, lower than the Borough average, but with variations at a LSOA level.



Anti-social Behaviour

Ward	Count	Popn	Rate	per 1,000 Popn
Aldridge Central and South	58	14695		3.95
Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	74	13167		5.62
Bentley and Darlaston North	135	13994		9.65
Birchills Leamore	287	16523		17.37
Blakenall	195	16003		12.19
Bloxwich East	119	13655		8.71
Bloxwich West	183	13680		13.38
Brownhills	131	13437		9.75
Darlaston South	104	17596		5.91
Paddock	21	13206		1.59
Palfrey	76	16692		4.55
Pelsall	64	11350		5.64
Pheasey Park Farm	43	11428		3.76
Pleck	126	16534		7.62
Rushall-Shelfield	85	12434		6.84
Short Heath	73	11662		6.26
St. Matthews	328	15564		21.07
Streetly	32	12578		2.54
Willenhall North	60	12717		4.72
Willenhall South	143	17242		8.29
Walsall Borough	2337	284157		8.22

Rushall Shelfield ward ranks as 10th highest, for recorded anti-social behaviour, with a rate of 6.8. This is lower than the Borough average of 8.2, but with variations at a LSOA level.



Useful Links

- Walsall Insight Trends & data covering the Walsall Borough https://www.walsallintelligence.org.uk
- Walsall Council Homepage | Walsall Council
- Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) https://www.theeiu.org
- Office for National Statistics (ONS) -
 - Census 2021 Ward data, England and Wales
 https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/warddataenglandandwalescensus2021
 - Census 2021 Walsall Population Summary
 https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/censuspopulationchange/E08000030
- NOMIS Official Census and Labour Market Statistics https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/



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