

surrey lifelong

learning partnership

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SURREY HEATH BOROUGH 2010

Wards: Bagshot, ,Bisley, Chobham, ,Frimley, Frimley Green, Heatherside, Lightwater, Mytchett & Deepcut, Old Dean, Parkside, St Michaels, Town, Watchetts, West End, St Paul's, Windlesham

1. INTRODUCTION

The Borough of Surrey Heath is home to just over 81,000 people. In comparison with other Surrey districts, Surrey Heath has a younger age profile, with the total of those aged 65 or above below the national average.

Camberley is its main town, located in the north-west corner of Surrey. The area is popular with new technology firms, and has strong commercial and industrial centres. The borough has strong military connections.

Surrey Heath's Old Dean ward ranks in the top ten for income deprivation and education, skills and training deprivation. St Michaels and Watchetts feature in the top 20 for income deprivation.

Surrey Heath residents are mostly British with less than 6% of residents from other nationalities. New National insurance registrations (NINo) showed new arrivals to be lower than in many areas of Surrey but it was the only Borough to show an increase in 2006-07 - a further 16% rise compared to the rest of Surrey which experienced a 5% drop in new registrants. As in other area new arrivals from Poland were the highest but arrivals from the **Philippines** and **Nepal** were particularly high in Surrey Heath due to the hospital and the barracks at Deepcut. ESOL needs have been identified particularly from the wives and families of Nepalese ex-gurkhas. At Kings International College BME figures have risen from 9% in 2004 to 24.4% (168 students) in 2010. 24 pupils had no spoken English skills at all. U3A have been mentoring students here with some success.

About 300 families live on the **Deepcut Barracks** site and new homes are planned for 2013. Spouses can suffer from isolation as partners can be away for long periods, some have low skills. The population has been transitory but this may change in the future.

In the 2001 census report, 38.35% of Old Dean residents had **no qualifications** and 19.34% had only level 1, against national averages of 28.85% and 16.63% respectively.

Surrey Heath generally has a low levels of **NEETs** (young people who are not in education, employment or training). Watchetts has 13 (the only ward in Surrey's top 20 of NEET's) and the Old Dean has 12 people, but several more are dipping in and out of work and therefore not counted.

Two main **Gypsy and Traveller sites** exist: Chobham and Bagshot.

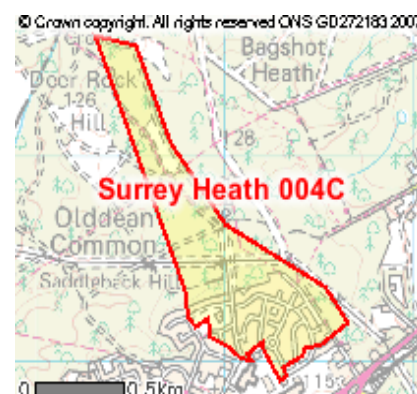
2. WARDS WITH NEED

The two main wards with needs are Old Dean and St Michaels. The Old Dean is an almost self sufficient estate with its own churches, schools and shops a short distance from Camberley. The church is very active and together with the Pine Ridge Children's Centre and the Old Dean Advice Centre the residents are well supported. The Youth Centre is very busy supporting young people and it has an active group of teenage parents.

St Michaels is a smaller area and has suffered from a higher level of crime and isolated people in social housing, particularly lone parents. The local secondary school Kings International College has a challenging time and is supporting many pupils who do not speak fluent English.

Old Dean Super Output Area 004C

The area is located to the north-east of Camberley town centre, north of the A30 London Road, bounded by Old Dean Common and Bagshot Heath

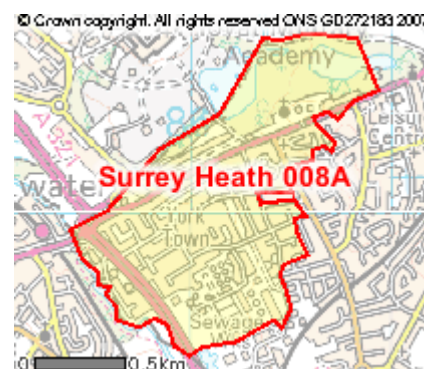


The IMD 2007 stated that 38% of adults in this area have no qualifications against a Surrey average of 8.6%. The area ranks 5th for income deprivation in Surrey, and 7th for income deprivation affecting children. Out of 491 households, there were 98 lone parent households (approx 20%), 65 of which had one or more dependent children. The mean age of population in the area is 32.96 (IMD 2007). In February 2010 6.2% were claiming Job Seekers Allowance.

St Michaels Super Output areas 008A

Bordered by the A30 London Road, Blackwell Valley Road and the sewage works.

The resident population of St. Michaels in 2001 was 4,309 people, 5 per cent of the population of Surrey Heath local authority. The IMD score of the area has risen, overall 62 in Surrey, meaning that there is a higher level of deprivation in this area. This appears to be mainly due to increased unemployment (205 job seekers c.5% in Feb 2010), increased health



deprivation and disability and increased barriers to housing and services. The area has high levels of legal aid claimants, low levels of car ownership, high numbers of people with a long term illness and corresponding levels of unpaid carers.

The St Michael's Project Group looks at improving the quality of life for people in the area. The St Michaels Self Reliance Project has been looking at the Avenue Sucey and Southway area of St Michaels where there are 124 one, two or three bedroom flats, of which the Peerless Housing Group owns the majority with a few privately owned. The area has a high concentration of young single parent families on low incomes.

3. WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

Although Surrey Heath is a reasonable affluent area there are two 'pockets of deprivation' which feature on IMD lists: Old Dean and St Michaels. Both have seen improvement since 2004 but under 18 conception rates in Old Dean, and struggling lone parents in St Michaels remain a high priority. The Old Dean Community Centre will close next year (but the advisory group will continue) and the challenge in these tough funding times is to maintain the support the community needs.

4. WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

ADULT AND FAMILY LEARNING CENTRES

Camberley Adult Learning Centre

France Hill Drive, Camberley GU15 3QB

Contact Virginia Nicholls at v.nicholls@brooklands.ac.uk

Old Dean Advisory Centre

Courses include Healthy Eating, and a Debt and Money Advice drop in event by Christians against Poverty. Next Step provides Information, Advice and Guidance sessions. A parent/toddler class is running during the week and holidays and there is a computer café.

OCN Word Processing (Mondays) and OCN Basic Computing (Fridays) are offered through Surrey County Council Adult and Community Learning.

Contacts: lesley.stark@surreycc.gov.uk (courses) and Simon Baynham (Chair) Simon.baynham@222ministries.com

Collingwood School, Old Dean

Offer language classes for adults.

Cordwalles School, Old Dean

Offer a cookery course for adults (Autumn term 09)

Watchetts Junior school, Watchetts

Offer an ICT ESOL course (started Sept 09, continues to summer 2010)

Bristows School

Offer ESOL literacy and numeracy

DISABILITY

Courses exist through Surrey County Council ACL and Brooklands College at the Adult Learning Centre in Camberley as above.

YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING

Frimley Youth Centre

Community Centre

Wharfenden Way

Frimley Green

Camberley

GU16 6PJ

A skills class for young parents is taken by Brooklands College. Other classes are available for girls who are not in school and a range of social and learning activities take place at the centre.

Contact: nicki.steer@surreycc.gov.uk or call Tel: 07970 976505

Old Dean Youth Centre

Kingston Road, Camberley, GU15 4AE

The centre has activities, courses and support for young people up to age 19.

Contact ciaran.cleasby@surreycc.gov.uk or Jo.Heath@surreycc.gov.uk

OLDER PEOPLE LEARNING

Ballard Court, Old Dean,

IT courses expected soon

Disability Initiative

DI in Camberley Adult Learning Centre has a range of therapeutic, recuperative and support services for disabled people;

CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND SCHOOLS

Pine Ridge Children's Centre

10 week Family Links course and ESOL course.

Contact Paula Stubbings at p.stubbings@pine-ridge.surrey.sch.uk

Bristow Children's Centre

A specialist parenting course 'managing challenging behaviour' (6 wk course for parents) is available.

OTHER CENTRES

Learndirect

12, Dean Parade, Old Dean, Camberley, Surrey GU15 4DQ

The centre offers courses including:

- Everyday English, Maths
- Home and Office IT (ECDL)
- Home and Office IT (ITQ)
- Business and Administration
- Carry and Deliver Goods
- Customer Service

SCHOOLS CONFEDERATIONS

Surrey Heath Confederation of Schools is coordinated by Sarah Sewell. Short courses are arranged such as specialist parent event on ASD – talk from Ros Blackburn arranged by Portesbery special school

Contact: pm_surreyheathconfed@hotmail.co.uk or call 07809 397811

APPENDIX A: MAP OF SURREY HEATH

