Ward Profile: Oakwood 2024

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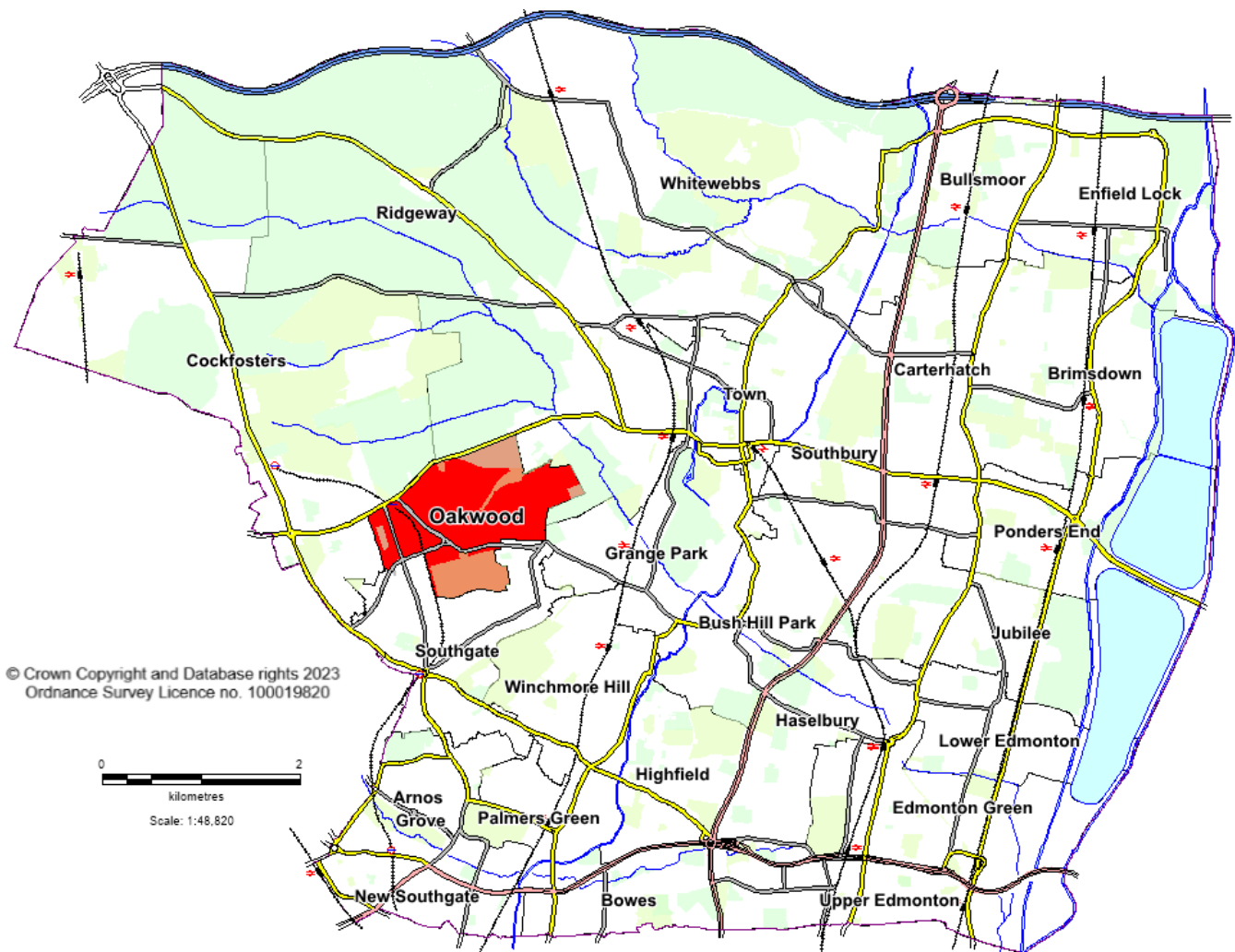Scale: 1:48,820

Oakwood is situated in the west of the borough. It is bordered by the Southgate, Cockfosters, Ridgeway and Grange Park wards.

It is served by the postal districts of N14, N21 and EN2.

The ward falls within the parliamentary constituency of Southgate and Wood Green.

Ward Profile: 2024

This profile is intended to provide a guide to the demography, social and economic data and Council facilities in the ward.

Not all data is available at ward level for the 2022 ward boundaries. Some statistics appearing in this document have been aggregated from smaller statistical geographies on a 'best fit' basis.

The profile has been collated using the most up to date local-level data relating to 2023-24 as far as possible. A variety of statistical sources have been used in its compilation.

Ward Councillors

The ward is represented by the following council members:

Ward	Councillor	Party	Phone	Email
Oakwood	Tom O'Halloran	Conservative Party	020 8132 0509	cllr.tom.o'halloran@enfield.gov.uk
Oakwood	Julian Sampson	Conservative Party	020 8132 1081	Cllr.Julian.Sampson@enfield.gov.uk

Demography

Summary Statistics

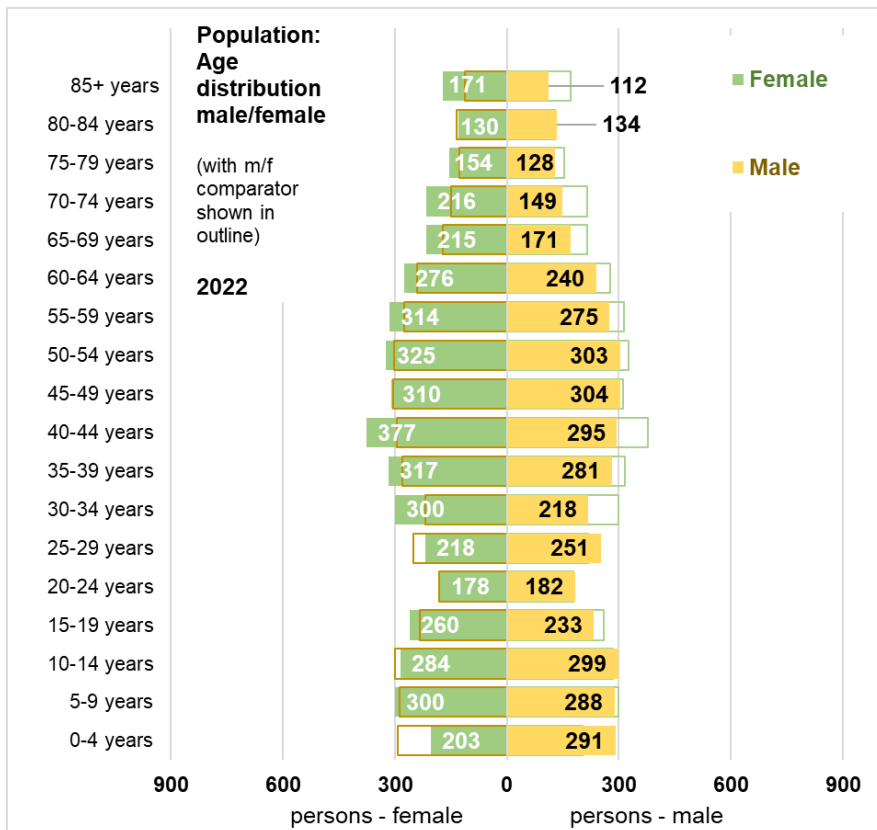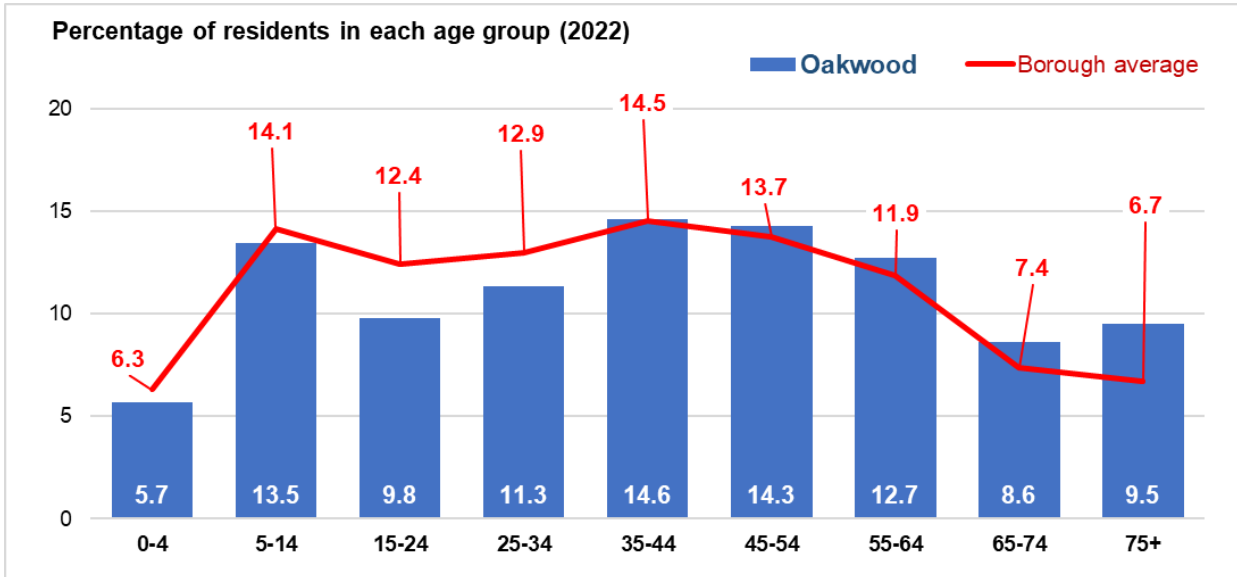|	Oakwood	Enfield	Source
Population Estimate (2022)	8,702	327,224	
Children aged 0-15	1,776	71,592	
Working-age people (16-64)	5,346	209,626	Office for National Statistics:
Older people aged 65+	1,580	46,006	mid-year population estimates
% All Children aged 0-15	20.4	21.9	2022
% All Working-age (16-64)	61.4	64.1	
% All Older people aged 65+	18.2	14.1	
% Not Born in UK - 2021	33.8	40.4	
% English is First Language of no one in household - 2021	9.0	13.4	Census 2021
Area - Square Kilometres	1.9	82.2	Local Government Boundary Commission
Population density (people per sq km)	4,580	3,981	

Population

Based on the 2022 ONS mid-year estimate, the ward population is estimated to be 8,702, having increased by 5.4% since 2011..

Age Profile

The ward has higher than average proportions of older adults and relatively low proportions of 15-34 year-olds. The split between male and female residents by age band is in the chart (bottom).

Percentage of residents in each age group (2022)

Legend: Oakwood — Borough average

Age group	Oakwood	Borough average
0-4	5.7	6.3
5-14	13.5	14.1
15-24	9.8	12.4
25-34	11.3	12.9
35-44	14.6	14.5
45-54	14.3	13.7
55-64	12.7	11.9
65-74	8.6	7.4
75+	9.5	6.7

Population: Age distribution male/female

(with m/f comparator shown in outline)

2022

Age	Female	Male
85+ years	171	112
80-84 years	130	134
75-79 years	154	128
70-74 years	216	149
65-69 years	215	171
60-64 years	276	240
55-59 years	314	275
50-54 years	325	303
45-49 years	310	304
40-44 years	377	295
35-39 years	317	281
30-34 years	300	218
25-29 years	218	251
20-24 years	178	182
15-19 years	260	233
10-14 years	284	299
5-9 years	300	288
0-4 years	203	291

persons - female / persons - male

Ethnicity

The 2021 Census indicates the ethnic breakdown of the ward to be as follows:

Ethnic Group	Oakwood		Borough
	Persons	% of total	%
White British	3,198	36.6	31.3
White Irish	191	2.2	1.9
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	16	0.2	0.1
Greek	134	1.5	1.1
Greek Cypriot	656	7.5	3.0
Turkish	325	3.7	5.3
Turkish Cypriot	201	2.3	2.3
Kurdish	60	0.7	1.7
Bulgarian	80	0.9	1.6
Polish	83	0.9	1.5
Romanian	68	0.8	1.4
Albanian	82	0.9	1.0
Roma / Romany Gypsy	7	0.1	0.3
White Other	668	7.6	7.5
Mixed: White / Black Caribbean	122	1.4	1.6
Mixed: White / Black African	88	1.0	0.9
Mixed: White / Other Black (incl Black British)	7	0.1	0.1
Mixed: White / Asian	178	2.0	1.2
Mixed: Black / Asian	11	0.1	0.1
Mixed: Other	184	2.1	2.0
Indian	749	8.6	3.6
Pakistani	118	1.3	1.1
Bangladeshi	129	1.5	2.5
Chinese	142	1.6	0.8
Other Asian	346	4.0	3.5
Black British	47	0.5	1.8
Somali	23	0.3	2.5
Ghanaian	50	0.6	1.5
Nigerian	70	0.8	1.5
Other Black African	135	1.5	5.3
Black Caribbean	208	2.4	5.1
Other Black	18	0.2	0.8
Other Ethnic Group: Arab	65	0.7	0.8
Other Ethnic Group	289	3.3	3.1

Residents born outside the UK

Percentage of residents who were born outside the UK (2021 Census)

Oakwood: 33.8
Enfield: 40.4
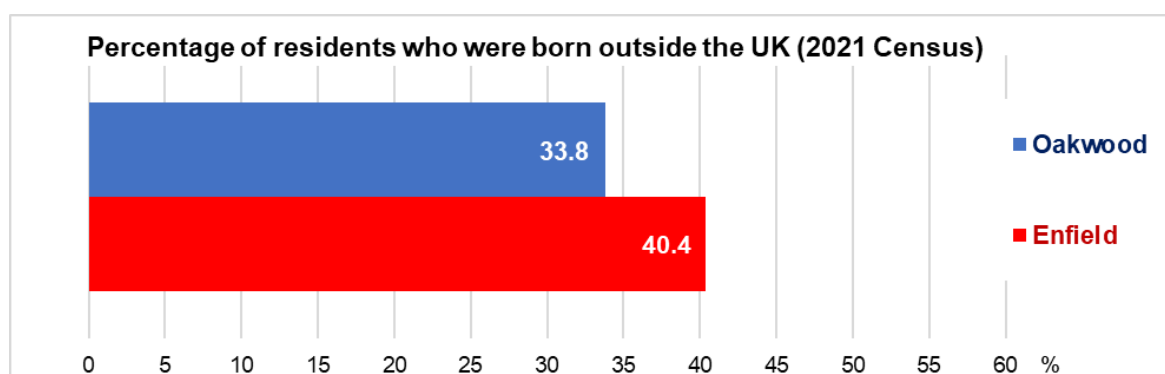
Language

The 2021 Census reveals the languages spoken by people living in the ward.

At the time of publication, ward-level data were only available for residents aged sixteen and over, and some languages are not yet given in a disaggregated form (eg Bulgarian, Albanian and certain other European languages).

The most widely-spoken languages at that time were:

Main Language	Oakwood	
English	5679	82.1%
Other EU language (incl Romanian, Bulgarian, Czech)	414	6.0%
Turkish	231	3.3%
West or Central Asian languages	95	1.4%
Other Non-EU language (incl Albanian)	87	1.3%
Gujarati	79	1.1%

Source: 2021 Census

Religion

The 2021 Census showed the religious makeup of the ward as:

Religion	Oakwood		Borough Average %
	Number	%	
Christian	4,082	46.7	46.4
No religion	1,723	19.7	19.8
Muslim	1,010	11.5	18.6
Religion not stated	627	7.2	7.0
Hindu	622	7.1	3.1
Alevi	105	1.2	2.4
Jewish	295	3.4	1.1
Other religion	153	1.7	0.7
Buddhist	82	0.9	0.5
Sikh	47	0.5	0.4

Socio-Economic Factors

Key features:

- The ward has relatively high numbers of adults in managerial and professional occupations.
- Household incomes are higher than the borough average, with relatively low numbers of households in poverty.
- 2.7% of adults are on unemployment benefits and 14% of households on Universal Credit – far lower than the borough averages
- Deprivation Indices: the ward has low deprivation levels – it is among the 50% least deprived wards in England.
- The proportions of households in fuel poverty are lower than the borough average at 8%
- Crime levels are lower than the borough average
- Health: at the 2021 Census, 86% of residents reported Very Good or Good health
- Higher than average numbers of households are owner-occupiers.
- Levels of educational attainment are higher than that of the borough population in general.

Socio-economic classification

Occupational groups are taken from the 2021 Census. The table below indicates the occupational profile of the ward, compared with the borough in general.

Occupational profile of working residents (%): 2021

■ Oakwood   ■ Borough average

Occupation	Oakwood	Borough average
Managerial, Professional & Technical Occupations	59.6	45.5
Administrative & Skilled Trades	18.5	19.6
Caring, Leisure, Sales, Customer Service	12.3	17.2
Process / Plant & Machine Operatives / Elementary Occupations	9.6	17.7
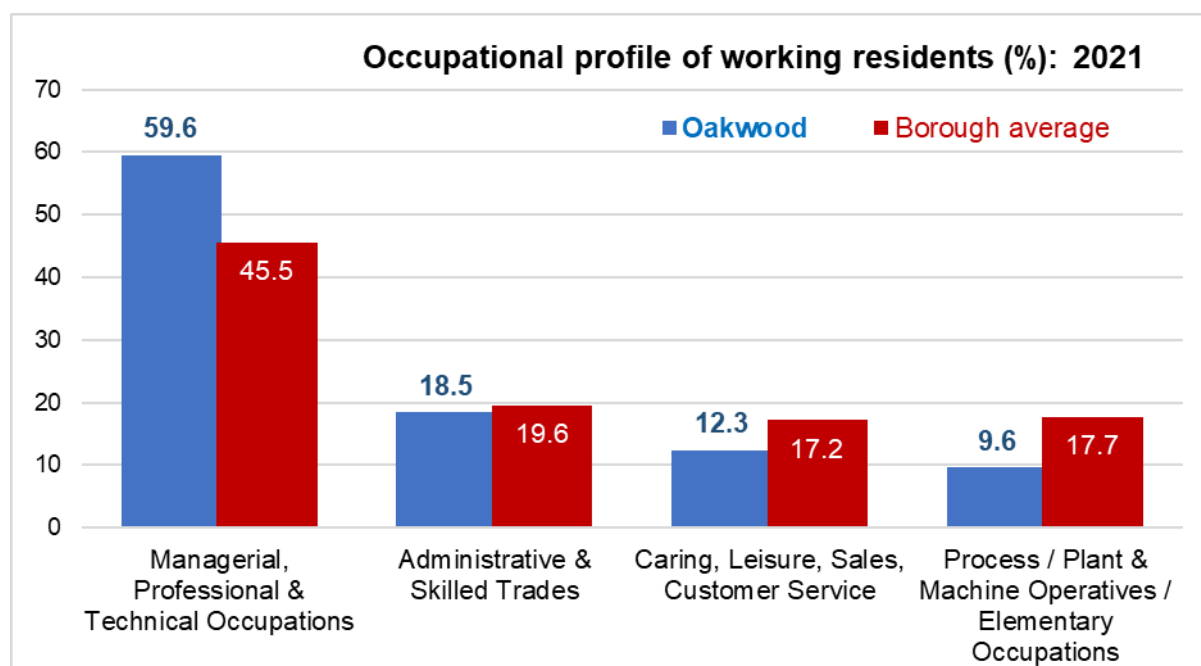
Low Income Households

Data from CACI Ltd indicate that, as at 2024, households in the ward have an average (median) gross household income[1] **of around £60,500 per annum**, which is above the borough average. It is also higher than the average for the London area.

The percentage of households with an annual income below £25,000 is shown in the chart below.
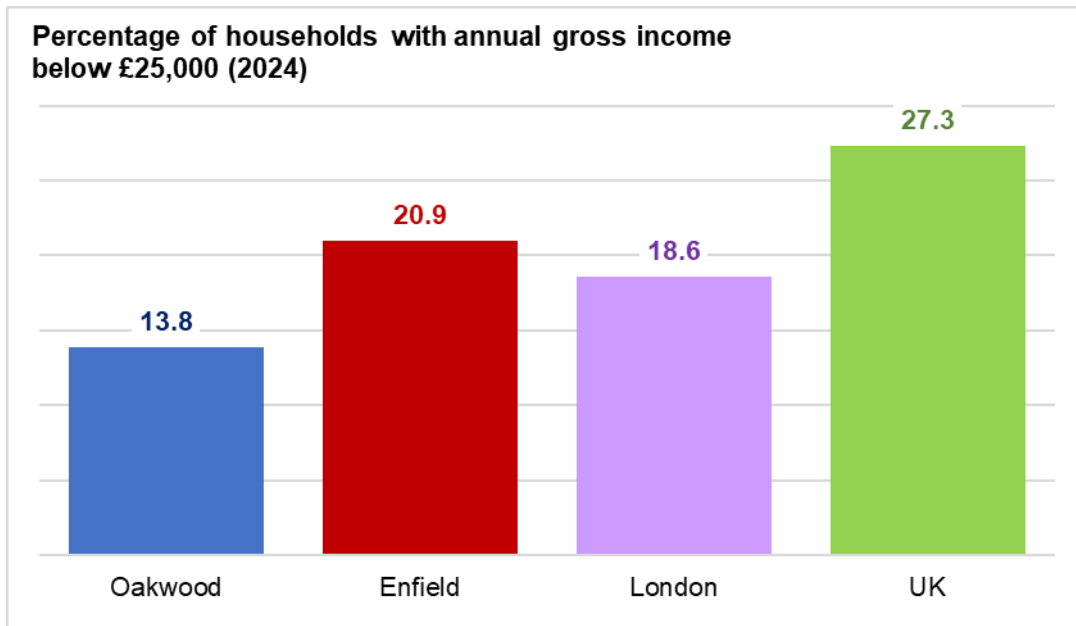
The chart below shows the distribution of annual household incomes in the ward by £20,000 bands, with comparator areas.

As can be seen, higher than average proportions of households in the ward are in the higher income bands.

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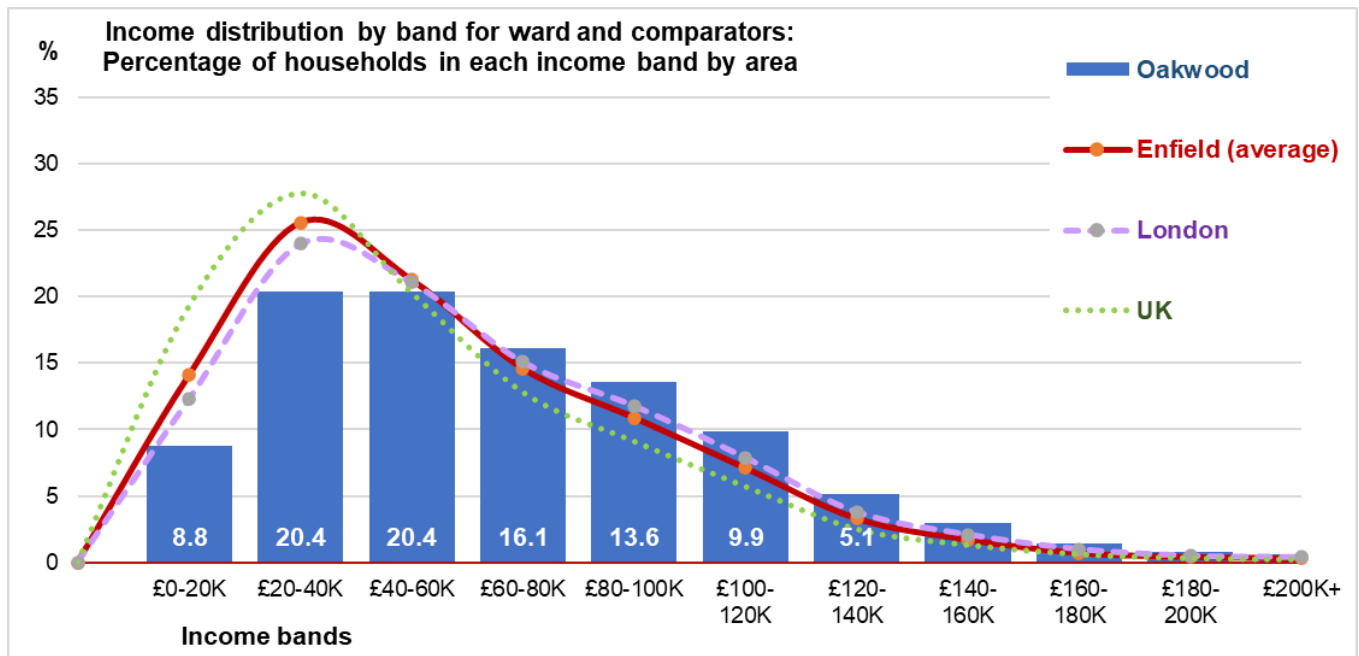
[1] Non-equivalised gross annual income. Figure is rounded to nearest £500.

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Statistics from the Department for Work and Pensions indicate that, in 2023:

- 186 children[2] in the ward were living in families with Relative low income, and
- 129 were in families of Absolute low income[3].

The proportions of children in poverty compared with local, regional and national averages are shown in the chart below.

Percentage of children (0-19 yrs) in low-income families in 2022-23: Ward and comparators

Relative Low income: Oakwood 8.8, Enfield 16.2, London 16.5, UK 19.7
Absolute Low income: Oakwood 6.0, Enfield 12.1, London 12.8, UK 15.6
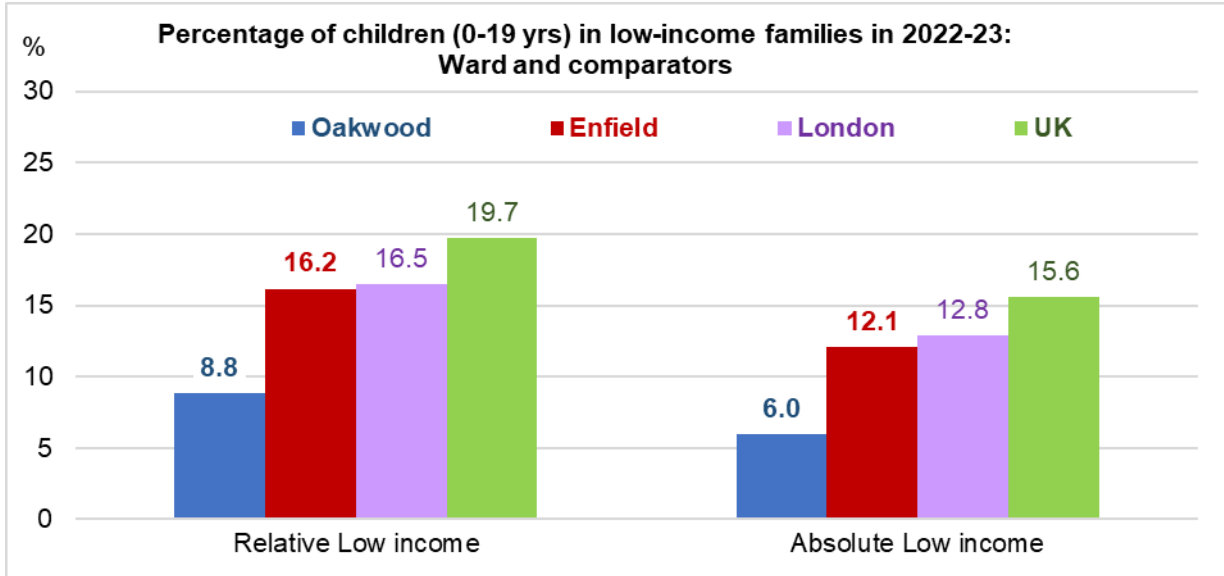
Benefit Claims

- As of April 2024, the unemployed claimant count[4] in the ward was 145
- At February 2024, 490 households (including working families) were claiming Universal Credit

Proportions of residents and households receiving these benefits are shown below:

% of adults receiving unemployment benefits (Apr 2024)
Oakwood 2.7, Enfield 6.1, London 5.1, UK 3.8

% of households receiving Universal Credit (Feb 2024)
Oakwood 14.0, Enfield 32.3, London 25.1, UK 20.0

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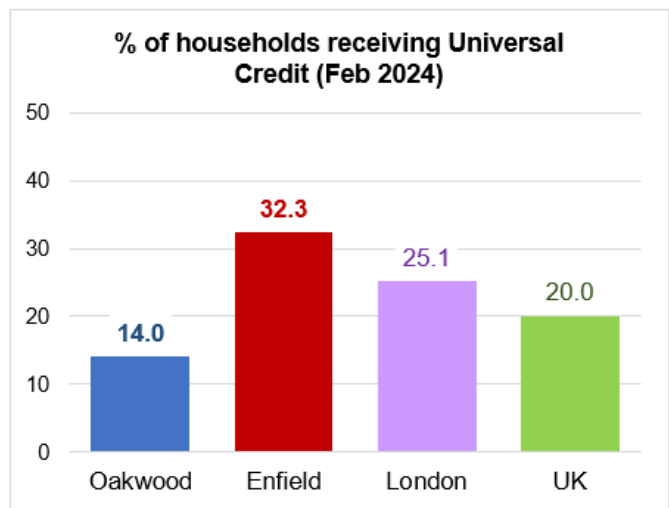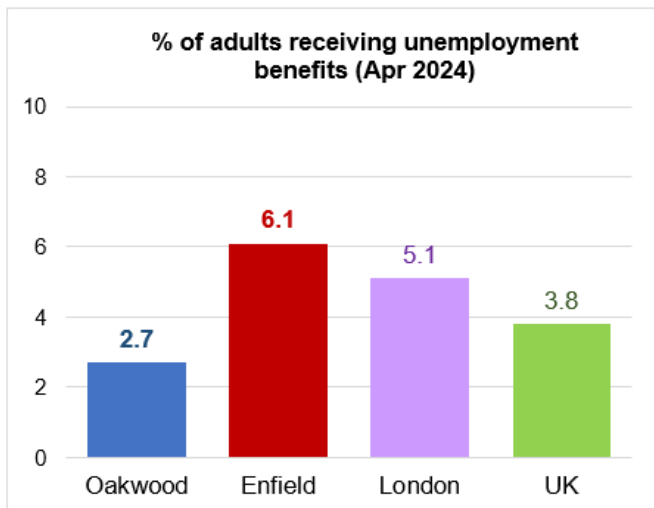
[2] Aged up to 19 years (includes 16-19 year-olds who are in training or non-advanced education – ie categories for which Child Benefit would be payable assuming no other disqualifying factors)

[3] Relative low income: equivalised household income is less than 60% of the UK median for that year. Absolute low income: equivalised household income is less than 60% of the UK median for the period 2010-2011.

[4] The 'narrow' measure of unemployment: the number of people receiving either Job Seekers' Allowance, or unemployed claimants of Universal Credit who are required to seek work.

Economically active people

In 2021, the estimated proportion of people aged 16-64 who were in work or looking for work (the economically active) was higher than the borough average, at 77.1%. The proportion in employment was 72.6%.

Deprivation score

The Indices of Deprivation 2019 – published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government measure **relative** deprivation in neighbourhood areas (Lower Layer Super Output Areas). These are ranked and sorted into deciles of relative deprivation.

Oakwood is among the least deprived 50% of all wards in England.[5]

The map below illustrates how deprived the neighbourhood areas of the ward are, compared with all such areas in England.   Darker shading indicates higher relative deprivation levels.
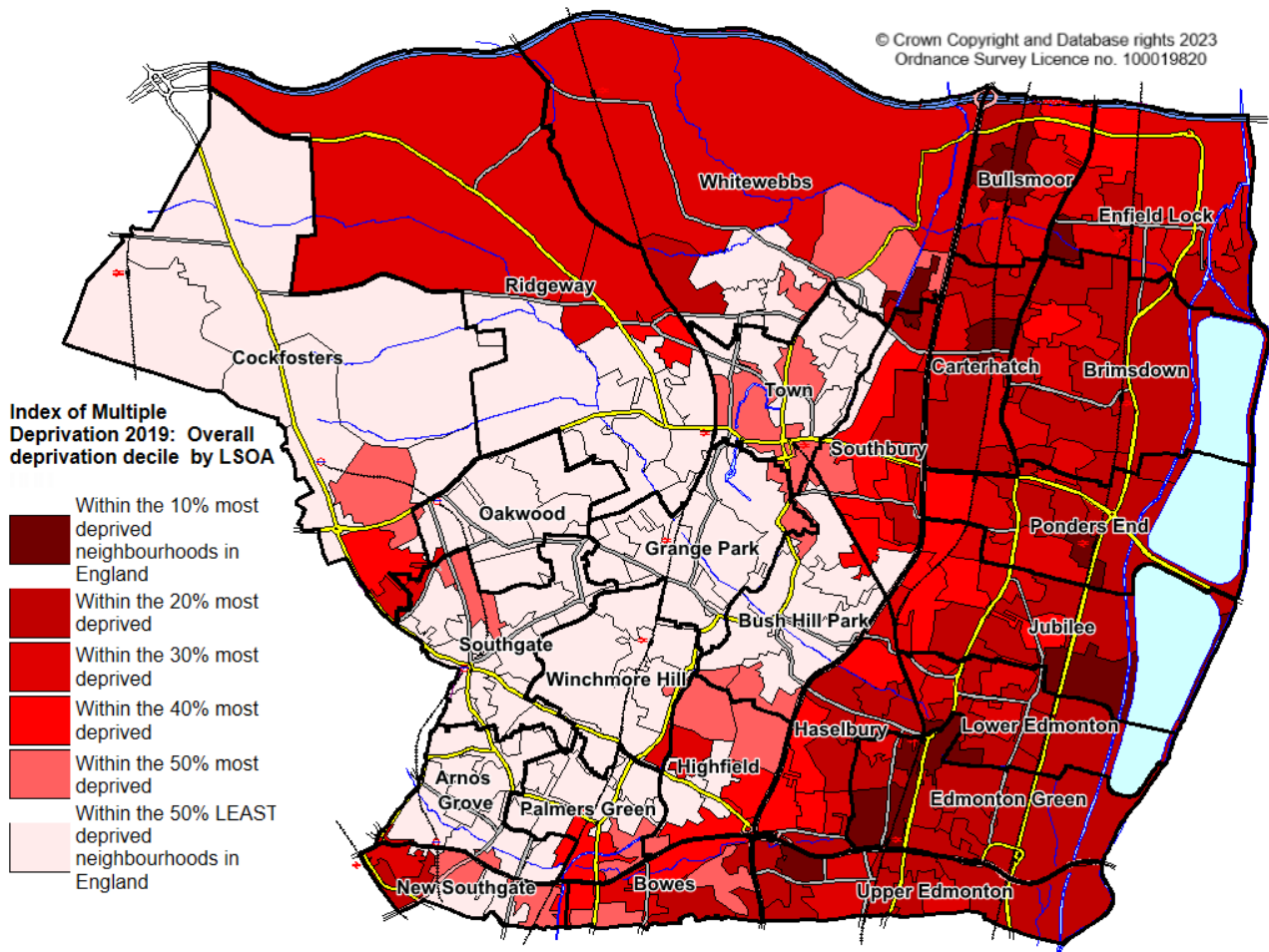
5% of Enfield's neighbourhood areas are among the 10% most deprived in the country, with a further 25% within the 20% most deprived. The chart below shows how the neighbourhood areas of the ward compares with this, and with the distribution in England.

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[5] Using rank of average score of constituent Lower layer Super Output Areas

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Percentage distribution of neighbourhoods by level of relative deprivation within England
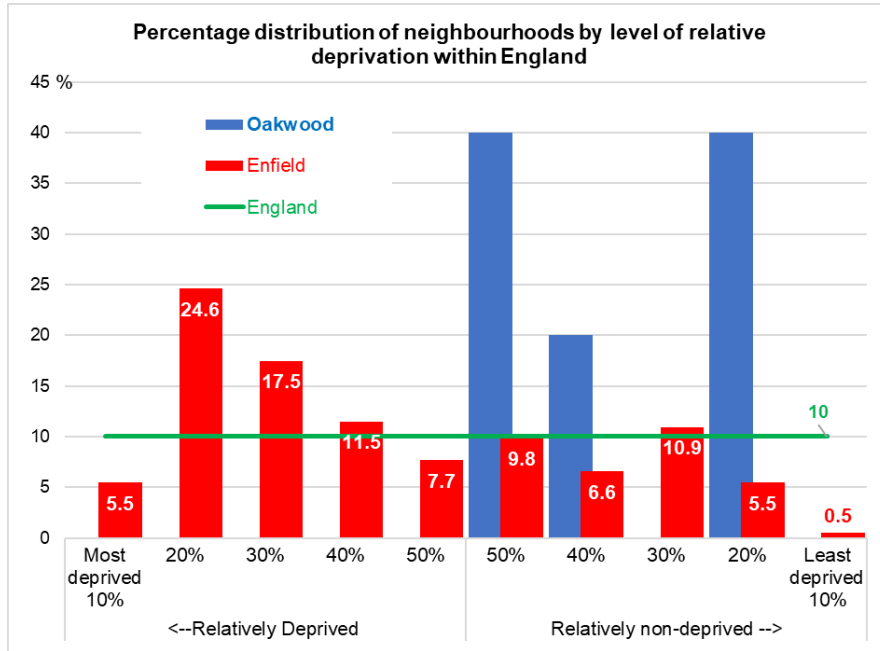
Ward level [6] deprivation deciles are shown in the map below. The wards with the highest relative deprivation are shaded in darker red.

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IMD 2019: Deprivation deciles by ward

- Within most deprived 10% of wards in England
- Within most deprived 20%
- Within most deprived 30%
- Within most deprived 40%
- Within most deprived 50%
- Within LEAST deprived 50% of wards in England

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[6] Using Rank of Average Score

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Fuel Poverty

Best-fit geographic analysis of government statistics[7] estimate the number and percentage of households which are in fuel poverty as of 2022.

Percentage of households in fuel poverty 2022

Oakwood	8.0
Enfield	11.8
London	10.4
England	13.1
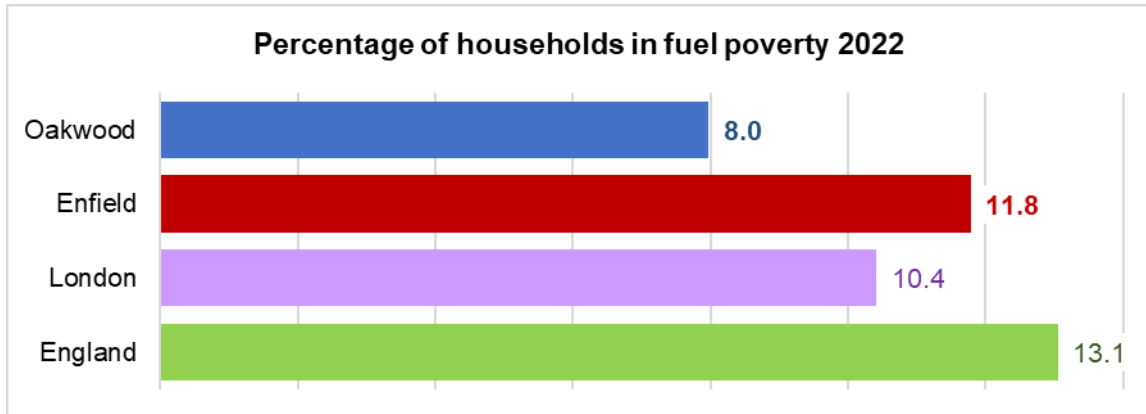
Crime

Metropolitan Police data for the period April 2023 to March 2024 indicate that:

- There were 412 notifiable offences in the ward – a rise of 6.7% on the previous year.
- The most numerous offence categories were Violence Against the Person and Vehicle Offences.
- The crime rate per 1,000 residents[8] is shown in the chart below right, with borough and regional comparators

Number of Offences: April 2023 to March 2024: ■ Oakwood

Violence Against The Person	104
Theft	65
Vehicle Offences	102
Burglary	36
Arson & Criminal Damage	23
Public Order Offences	24
Drug Offences	22
Robbery	20
Sexual Offences	11
Miscellaneous Crimes	4
Possession Of Weapons	1

Crime rate: April 2023 to March 2024
■ Oakwood ■ Enfield ■ London

Oakwood	47.3
Enfield	88.2
London	105.6

Crime rate per 1,000 population

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[7] Published by Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
[8] Denominator used here is the ONS mid-year population estimate for 2022. Metropolitan Police data employs GLA 2016-based population projections for their crime rates, which produces a different figure.

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Health

The 2021 Census asks residents to describe their general health. The chart below illustrates the response:
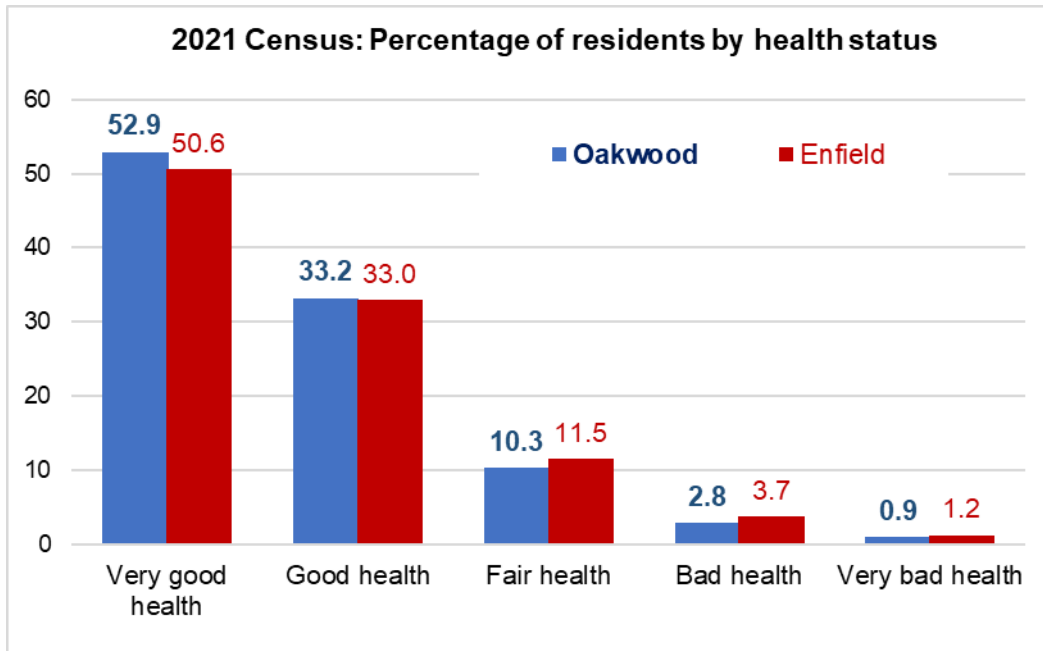
Ageing in a state of good health is obviously a desirable aim where possible, and the Census provides a snapshot of the health of people in different age groups. A separate analysis divides the population into those whose health is broadly 'Good' and those for whom is it 'Not Good'. The chart below details the percentage of under 65s and over 65s who describe their health as Good.
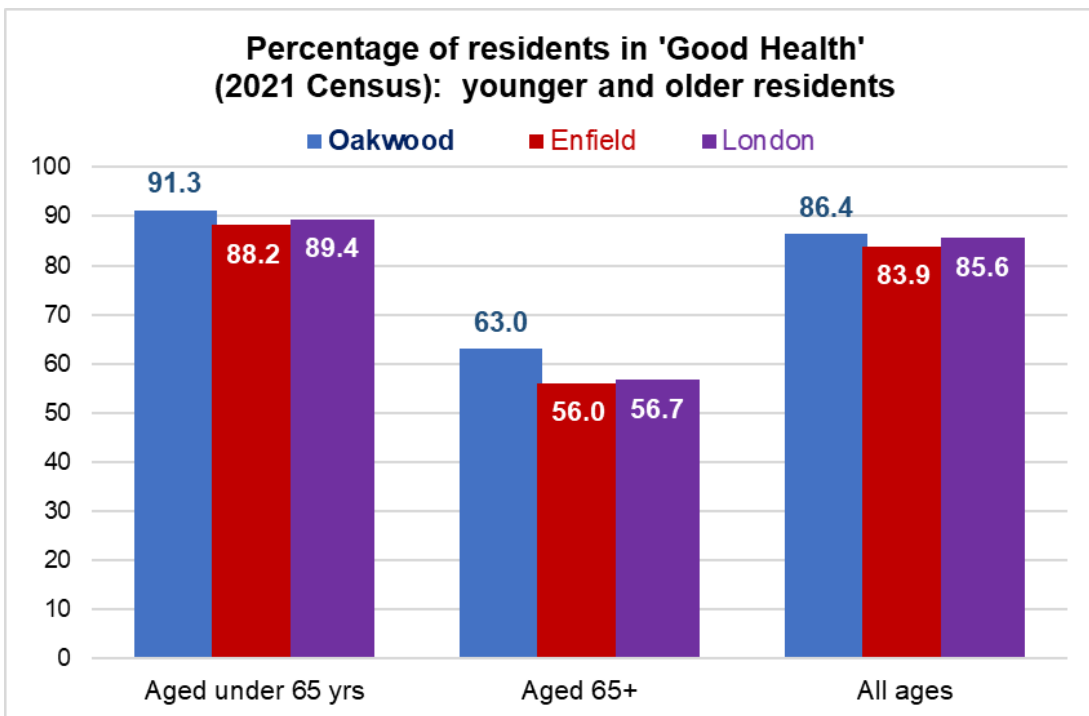
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Life Expectancy information at ward level is not yet available for the 2022 Ward boundary geographies. However, data are available at Middle Layer Super Output Area level - another census geography with boundaries that do not match those of wards. These are mapped below for male and female residents: the darkest shaded areas have the highest life expectancy at birth.
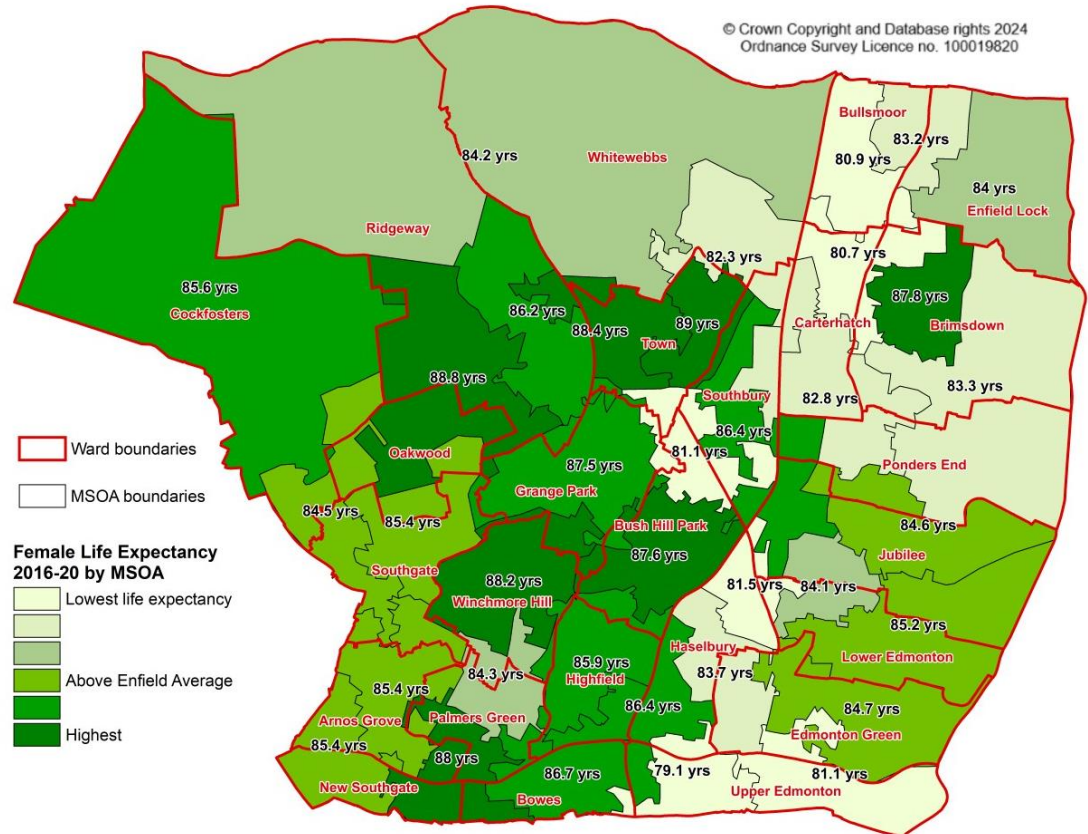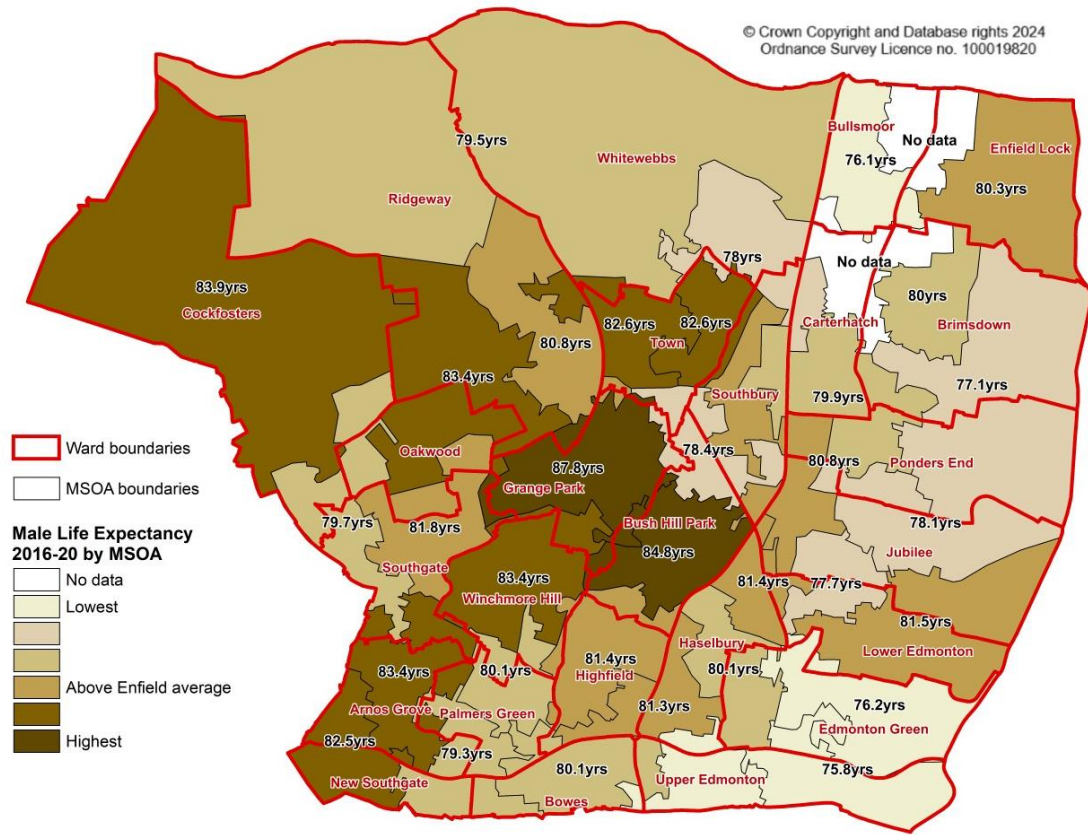
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Disability

According to the 2021 Census, 1057 residents had a disability (as defined under the Equality Act 2010). The proportions by age band are shown below.

Percentage of residents with a disability: by ageband

■ Oakwood ■ Enfield

Ageband	Oakwood	Enfield
Under 65 yrs	8.2	10.3
65 yrs & over	30.3	34.2
All ages	12.1	13.6
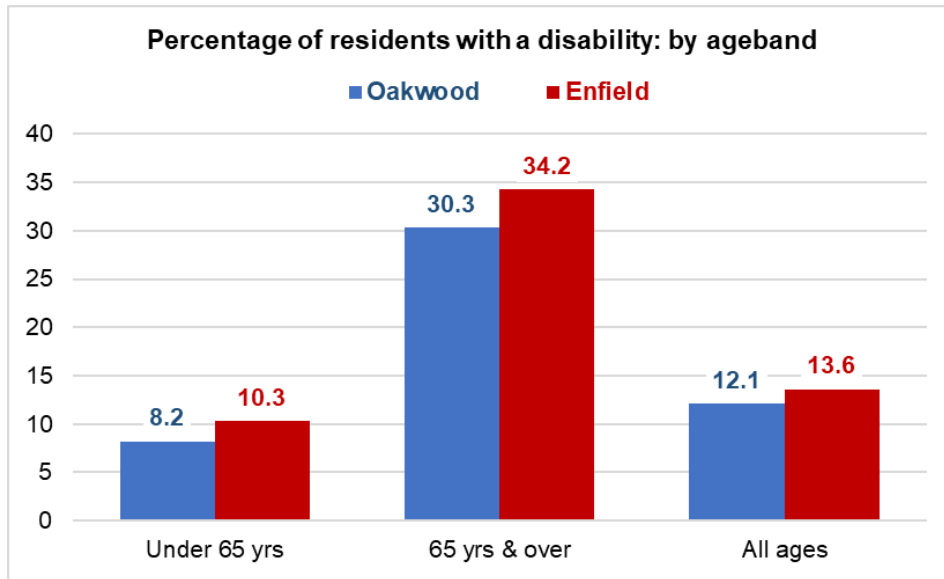
GP Surgeries

There are two GP surgeries in the ward:

Highlands Practice	3 Florey Square	Winchmore Hill		N21 1UJ
Oakwood Medical Centre	Malcolms Way	Reservoir Road	Southgate	N14 4AQ

Housing

The 2021 (Census) profile of the households in the ward by housing tenure (sector) is as shown below, compared with borough averages. The ward had comparatively large numbers of owner occupiers, and relatively little social housing.

2021 Census: Tenure profile (percentage of households by tenure type)

■ Oakwood ■ Enfield

Tenure	Oakwood	Enfield
Owner-occupied	67.9	52.4
Shared ownership	1.5	1.1
Social rented	6.1	17.0
Private rented (incl rent-free)	24.5	29.5
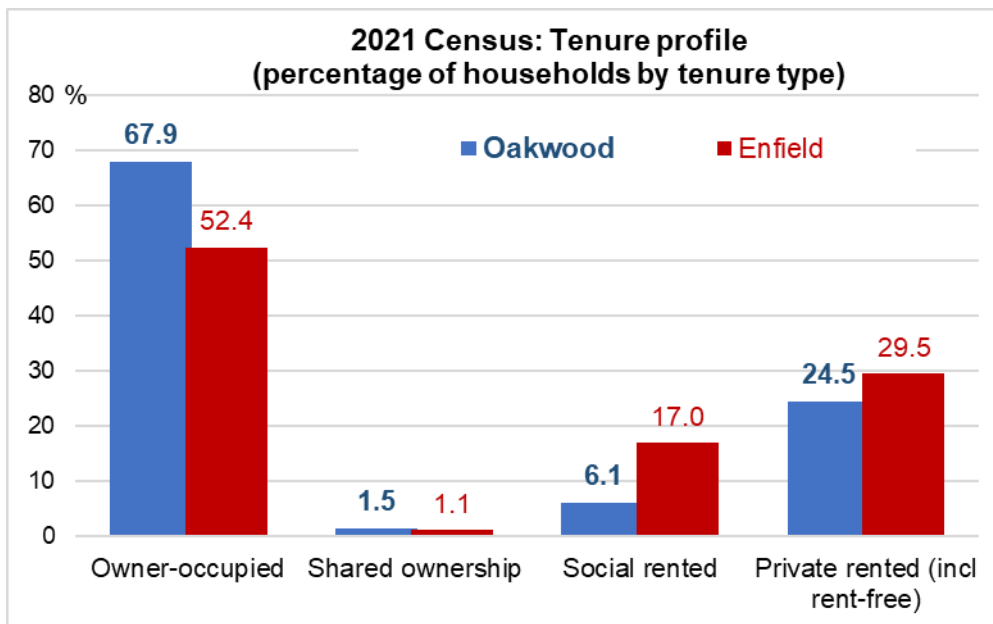
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The 2021 Census data provides a view of the accommodation type by ward compared with the rest of the borough.
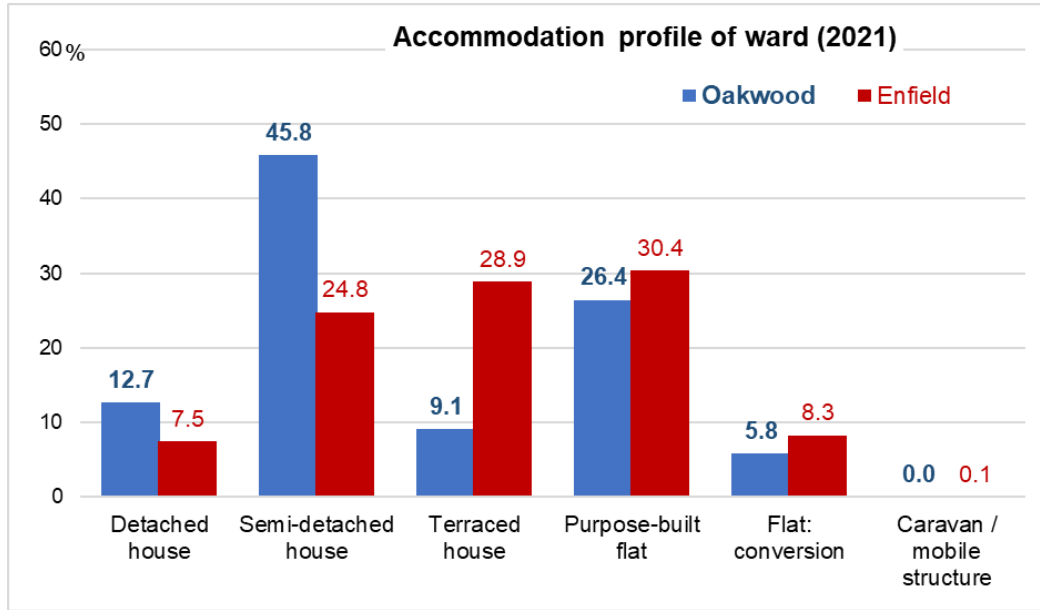
Property Prices

Ward-level averages of sale prices paid have not yet been published (at time of publication of this document), so the average ward property price shown in the table below has been aggregated from smaller geographies.[9]

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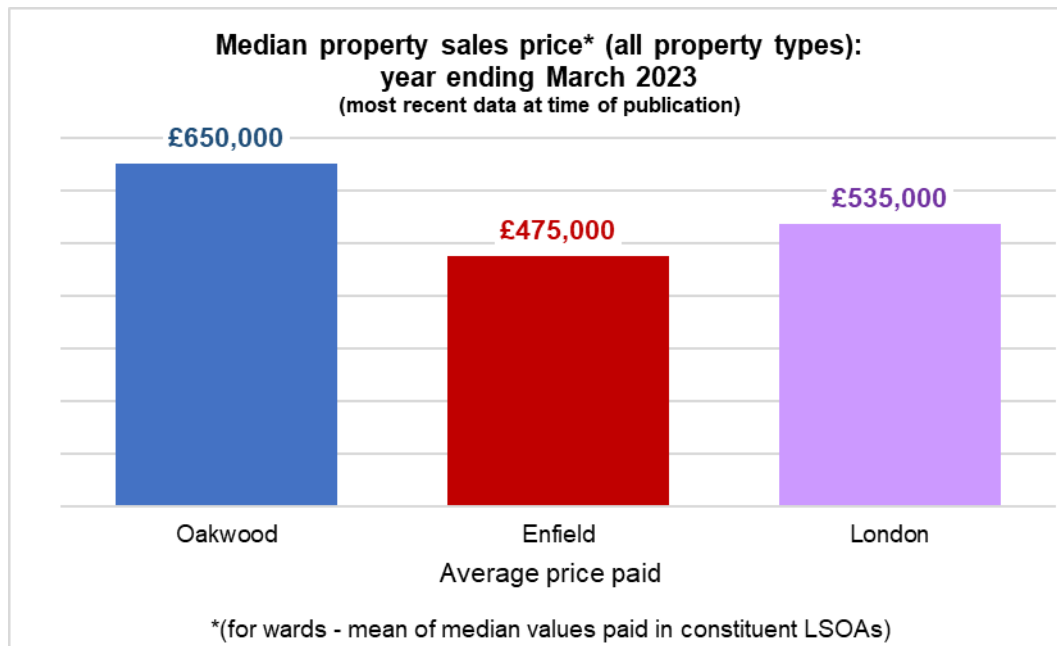
[9] the ward average given is the mean of the median values of constituent Lower layer Super Output Areas. These values are therefore indicative only.

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Education

Schools in the ward are as follows:

Highlands School	148 Worlds End Lane		N21 1QQ
Grange Park Primary School	World's End Lane	Winchmore Hill	N21 1PP

Performance tables for schools:
The [Department for Education](#) publishes school performance data on their searchable webpages.

Qualifications in adults

Taken from the 2021 Census data the chart below shows the distribution of academic qualifications by population in the ward (aged 16 and over), and the borough-wide and regional average comparators.

Highest qualifications attained: percentage of population aged 16+

Legend: ■ Oakwood   ■ Enfield   ■ London

	No qualifications	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Apprenticeship	Other qualifications
Oakwood	14.6	7.9	10.4	14.2	46.9	3.5	2.5
Enfield	22.5	9.4	11.3	13.4	36.3	3.9	3.2
London	16.2	7.7	10.0	13.2	46.7	3.2	3.1

Level 1 and entry level qualifications:	1 to 4 GCSEs grade A* to C , Any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), 1 AS level, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic or Essential Skills
Level 2 qualifications:	5 or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), School Certification, 1 A level, 2 to 3 AS levels, VCEs, Intermediate or Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First or General Diploma, RSA Diploma
Level 3 qualifications:	2 or more A levels or VCEs, 4 or more AS levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression or Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advance Diploma, NVQ level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma
Level 4 qualifications and above:	Degree (BA, BSc), higher degree (MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ level 4 to 5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, professional qualifications (for example, teaching, nursing, accountancy)
Other qualifications:	Vocational or work-related qualifications, other qualifications achieved in England or Wales, qualifications achieved outside England or Wales (equivalent not stated or unknown)

Oakwood

Culture and Leisure

There is one library in the ward:

Oakwood Library, 185-187 Bramley Road, London, N14 4XA   Tel: 020 8379 2344

There are no leisure centres, although nearby wards contain:

Bramley Road Squash & Bowls	Chase Side Cockfosters	N14 4PE
Southgate Leisure Centre	Winchmore Hill Road, Southgate, London	N14 6AD

Parks and open spaces include:

BOXERS LAKE OPEN SPACE	Lonsdale Drive	Enfield	EN2 7JZ
LAKESIDE	Lakeside	Enfield	EN2 7NN
OAKWOOD PARK	Oakwood Road	Southgate	N14 6QB
WORLDS END LANE OPEN SPACE	Worlds End Lane	Enfield	N21 1QQ

Places of worship

Southgate Progressive Synagogue, 75 Chase Rd, London N14 4QY	http://www.sps.uk.com/	020 8886 0977
St. Thomas's Church, Oakwood, 2 Sheringham Ave, London N14 4UE	https://www.st-toms.org.uk/	020 8245 9152
Oakwood Baptist Church, Merrivale, London N14 4TE	http://www.oakwoodbaptistchurch.org.uk/	020 8360 0466
Grace Church Highlands, Meeting in Highlands School, Worlds End Lane, 148 Worlds End Ln, London N21 1QQ	http://www.gracechurchhighlands.co.uk/	

Voluntary and Community Sector

Some locally based community organisations are given below. This list is not exhaustive. Weblinks supplied by the organisation may not be current.

Organisation	Address (where known/applicable)	Website (if known)	Telephone	Email	Description of Services
Enfield Chamber Orchestra	Oakwood Baptist Church, Merrivale, Southgate, London N14 4TE	www.enfieldchamberorch.org.uk	020 8360 4980	info@enfieldchamberorch.org.uk	Friendly orchestra inviting Grade 7 musicians to join, committed to rehearsals and improving standards
Friends of Oakwood Park	95 Sheringham Avenue, Oakwood N14 4UJ		020 8360 0172 / 07790 851701	helenshore@hotmail.co.uk	A children and family wildlife club in Oakwood Park
Grange Park Turkish Language Club	Grange Park Primary School, World's End lane, Winchmore Hill, London N21 1PP			guldenpetek@hotmail.com	Turkish language supplementary school
Leaders Are Readers	Grange Park Primary School, World's End Lane, Winchmore Hill, London N21 1PP	www.leadersarereaders.co.uk	01992 651300	info@leadersarereaders.co.uk	Helps Children learn to read fluently using phonics.

Additional Sources of information

For statistics, search on the London Datastore or select Local Area Profile data on NOMIS.
On the following page is a map of the ward featuring some local amenities (we cannot guarantee that all such amenities are included).

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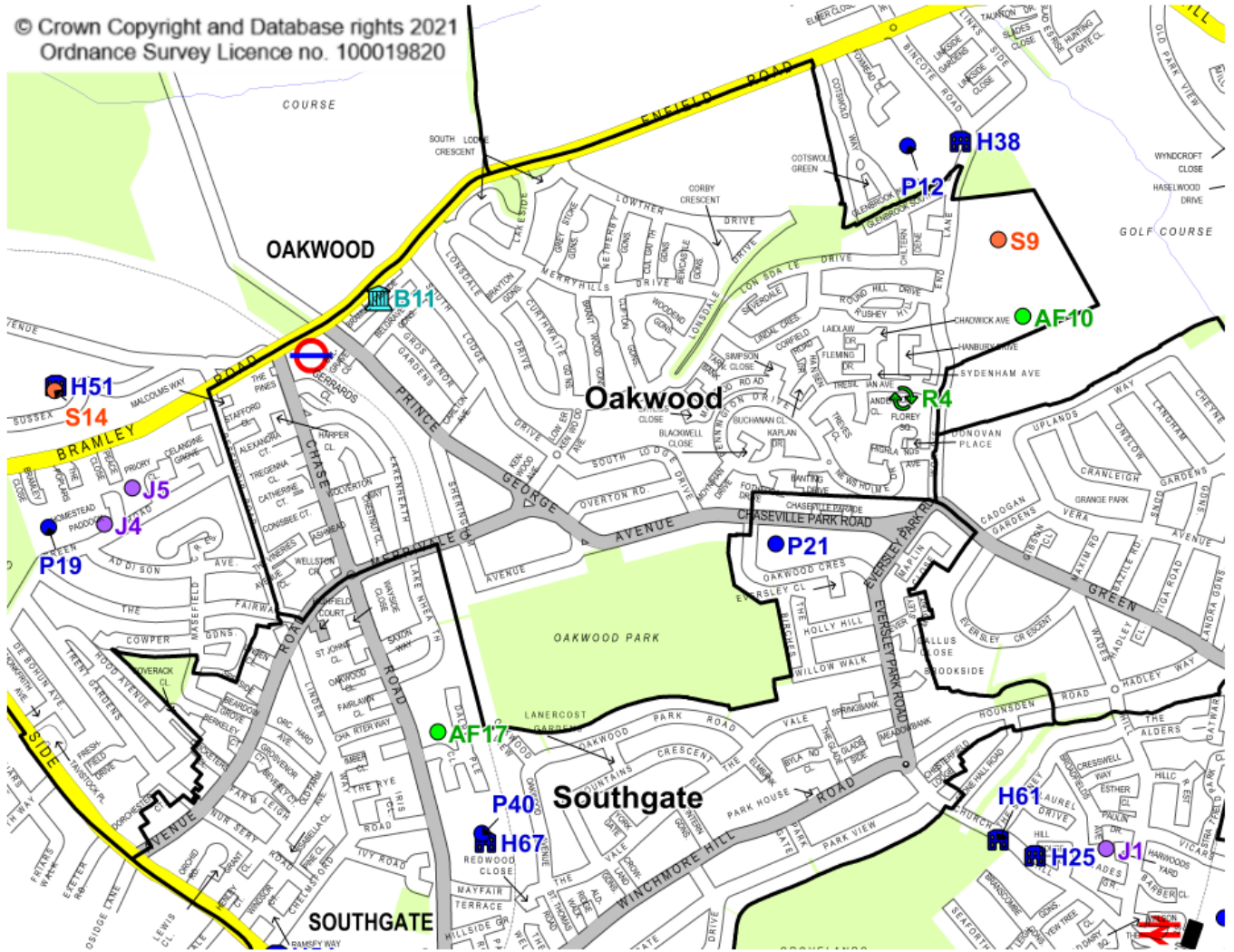
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Parks and open spaces

Knowledge & Insight Hub
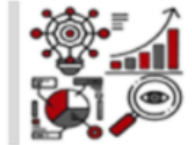
Schools

P12 Merryhills Primary School
P21 Eversley Primary School
P19 De Bohun Primary School
P40 West Grove Primary

S9 Highlands School
S14 Southgate School

AF10 Grange Park Primary School
AF17 Wolfson Hillel Primary School

J1 Keble Preparatory School
J4 Salcombe Preparatory School
J5 Vita Et Pax School

Halls for hire

H67 West Grove Primary School
H61 St Pauls Church Hall
H25 Friends Meeting House
H38 Merryhills Primary School
H51 Southgate School

Libraries

B11 Oakwood Library

Recycling sites

R4 Sainsburys - Highlands Village

Sources and related notes

Various measures – Ethnicity, religion and language: 2021 Census; © Crown Copyright, Office for National Statistics.
Population and Age Profile – Office for National Statistics mid-year population estimates
Economic Activity – all economically active 16-64 year olds = working plus unemployed – 2021 Census; © Crown
Copyright, the activity rate (%) is the % of the population aged 16-64
Unemployment — the official DWP 'claimant count', April 2024
Universal Credit households – Department for Work and Pensions, February 2024
Income – Low income households – CACI Paycheck © CACI
Deprivation – Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government (now defunct)
Children in low-income households – Department for Work and Pensions (2023)
Fuel Poverty – Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (2022)
Qualifications – 2021 Census; © Crown Copyright; note that this table excludes apprenticeships and 'other' qualifications
Housing type – 2021 Census; © Crown Copyright
General health – 2021 Census; © Crown Copyright
Disability – 2021 Census, © Crown Copyright
Life Expectancy – Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)
Crime rate – uses crime counts from the Metropolitan Police for 2023/24