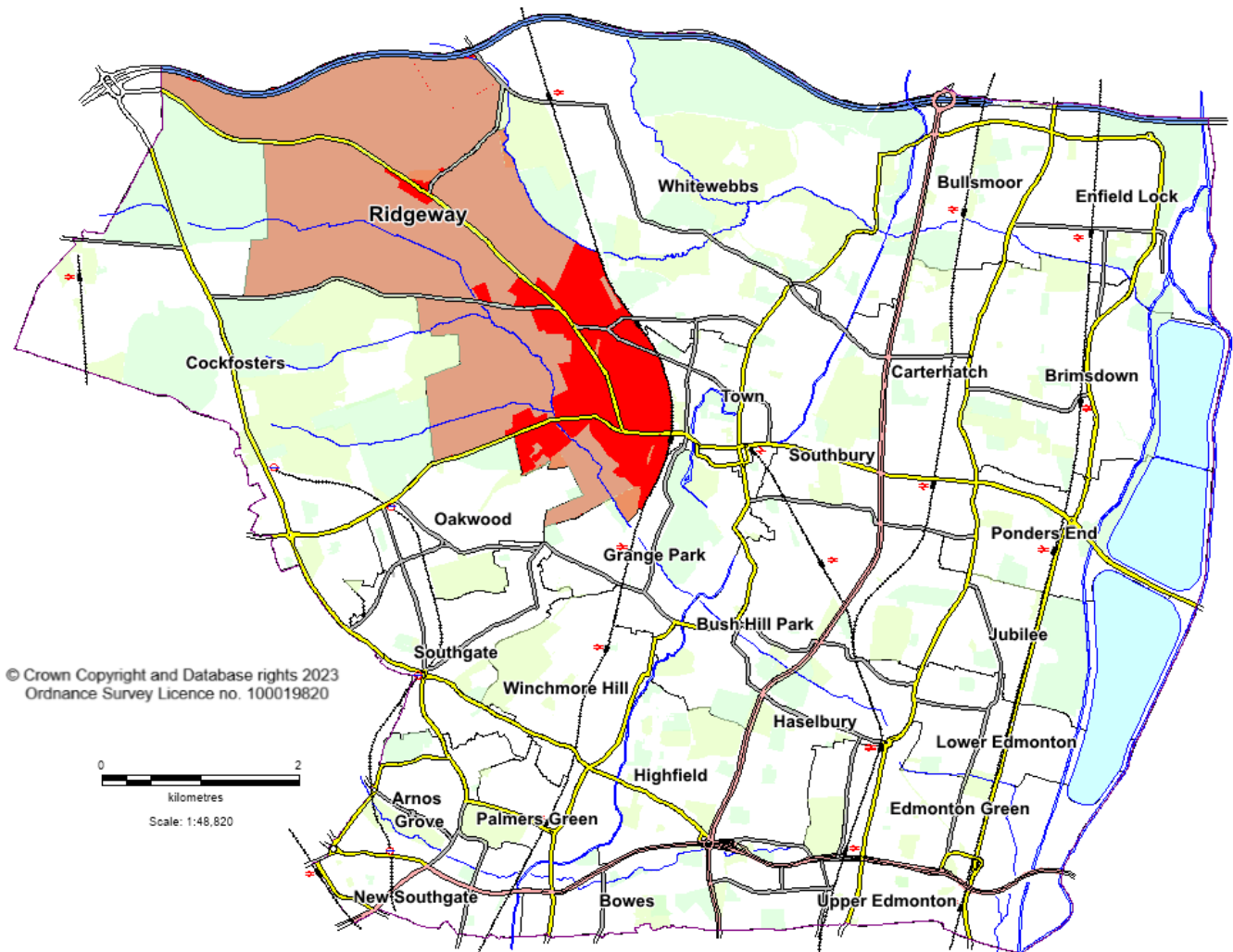


Ward Profile: Ridgeway 2024



Ridgeway is situated in the north west of the borough, and is bordered by Cockfosters, Oakwood, Grange Park, Town and Whitewebbs. At eleven square kilometres, it is the largest ward by area.

It is served by the postal districts of EN2, EN4 and EN6.

The ward falls within the parliamentary constituency of Enfield North.

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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
Ridgeway	Joanne Laban	Conservative Party	020 8351 1370	cllr.joanne.laban@enfield.gov.uk
Ridgeway	Edward Smith	Conservative Party	020 8351 1387	cllr.edward.smith@enfield.gov.uk
Ridgeway	Andrew Thorp	Conservative Party	020 8132 0035	Cllr.Andrew.Thorp@enfield.gov.uk

Demography

Summary Statistics

	Ridgeway	Enfield	Source
Population Estimate (2022)	12,500	327,224	Office for National Statistics: mid-year population estimates 2022
Children aged 0-15	2,353	71,592	
Working-age people (16-64)	7,540	209,626	
Older people aged 65+	2,607	46,006	
% All Children aged 0-15	18.8	21.9	
% All Working-age (16-64)	60.3	64.1	
% All Older people aged 65+	20.9	14.1	
% Not Born in UK - 2021	25.7	40.4	Census 2021
% English is First Language of no one in household - 2021	6.0	13.4	
Area - Square Kilometres	11.1	82.2	Local Government Boundary Commission
Population density (people per sq km)	1,126	3,981	

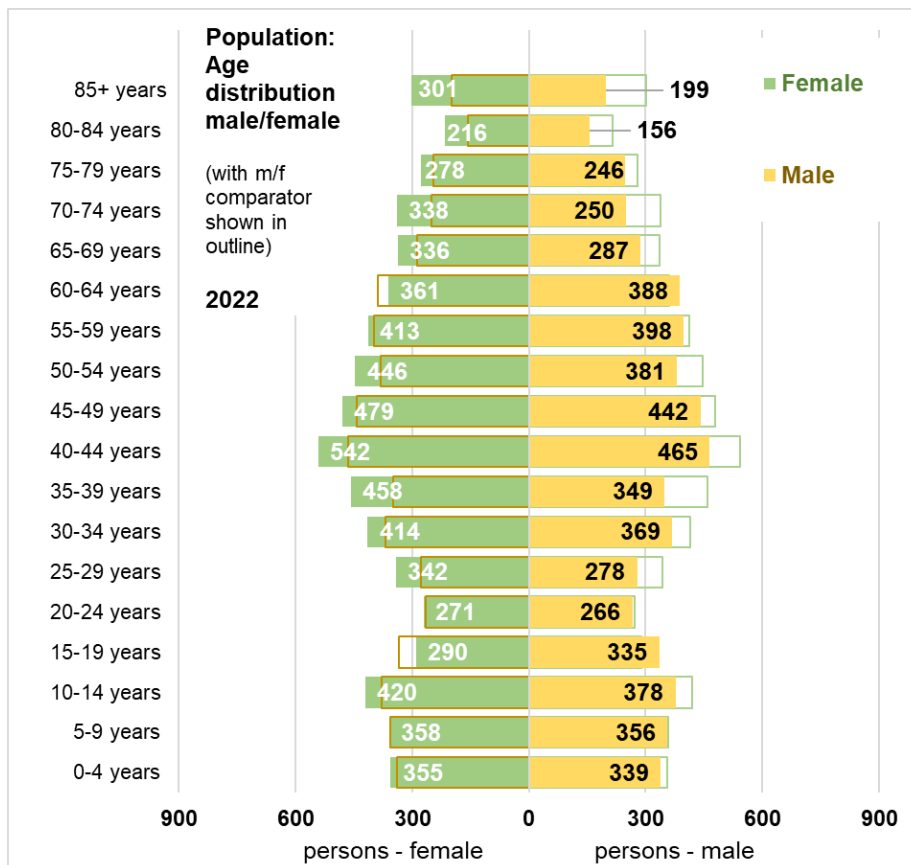
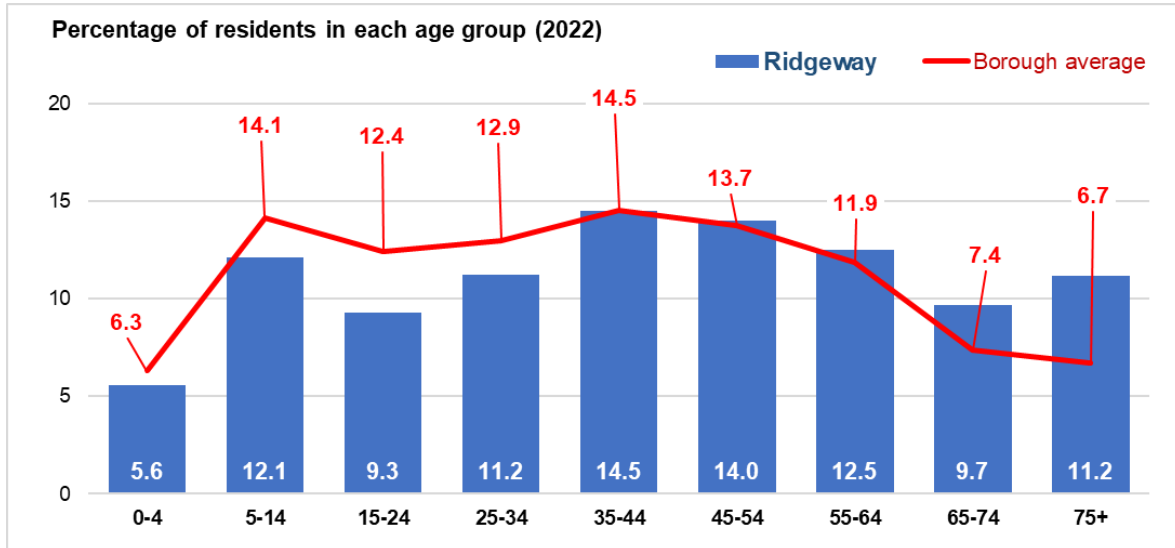
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Population

Based on the 2022 ONS mid-year estimate, the ward population is thought to be 12,500, having increased by 8.3% since 2011.

Age Profile

The ward has higher than average proportions people aged 55 and over, and relatively fewer school-aged children and young adults. The split between male and female residents by age band is in the chart (bottom).



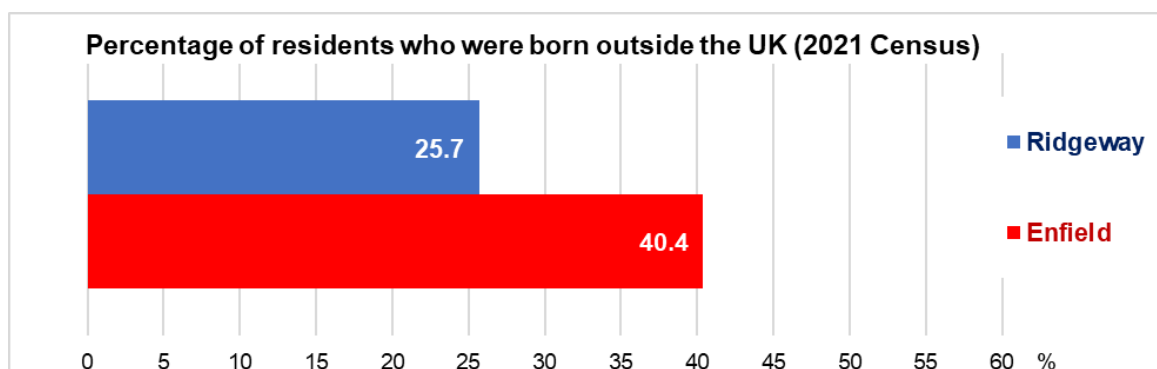
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Ethnicity

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

Ethnic Group	Ridgeway		Borough
	Persons	% of total	%
White British	6,877	54.9	31.3
White Irish	332	2.6	1.9
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0.0	0.1
Greek	124	1.0	1.1
Greek Cypriot	408	3.3	3.0
Turkish	253	2.0	5.3
Turkish Cypriot	261	2.1	2.3
Kurdish	85	0.7	1.7
Bulgarian	72	0.6	1.6
Polish	136	1.1	1.5
Romanian	76	0.6	1.4
Albanian	75	0.6	1.0
Roma / Romany Gypsy	28	0.2	0.3
White Other	795	6.3	7.5
Mixed: White / Black Caribbean	163	1.3	1.6
Mixed: White / Black African	80	0.6	0.9
Mixed: White / Other Black (incl Black British)	8	0.1	0.1
Mixed: White / Asian	204	1.6	1.2
Mixed: Black / Asian	5	0.0	0.1
Mixed: Other	235	1.9	2.0
Indian	415	3.3	3.6
Pakistani	76	0.6	1.1
Bangladeshi	104	0.8	2.5
Chinese	122	1.0	0.8
Other Asian	337	2.7	3.5
Black British	98	0.8	1.8
Somali	38	0.3	2.5
Ghanaian	68	0.5	1.5
Nigerian	95	0.8	1.5
Other Black African	288	2.3	5.3
Black Caribbean	269	2.1	5.1
Other Black	50	0.4	0.8
Other Ethnic Group: Arab	56	0.4	0.8
Other Ethnic Group	298	2.4	3.1

Residents born outside the UK



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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	Ridgeway	
	Number	%
English	8946	87.6%
Other EU language (incl Romanian, Bulgarian, Czech)	415	4.1%
Turkish	212	2.1%
Other Non-EU language (incl Albanian)	95	0.9%
West or Central Asian languages	93	0.9%
Polish	77	0.8%

Source: 2021 Census

Religion

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

Religion	Ridgeway		Borough Average %
	Number	%	
Christian	6,456	51.5	46.4
No religion	3,324	26.5	19.8
Muslim	949	7.6	18.6
Religion not stated	806	6.4	7.0
Hindu	346	2.8	3.1
Alevi	106	0.8	2.4
Jewish	367	2.9	1.1
Other religion	62	0.5	0.7
Buddhist	88	0.7	0.5
Sikh	31	0.2	0.4

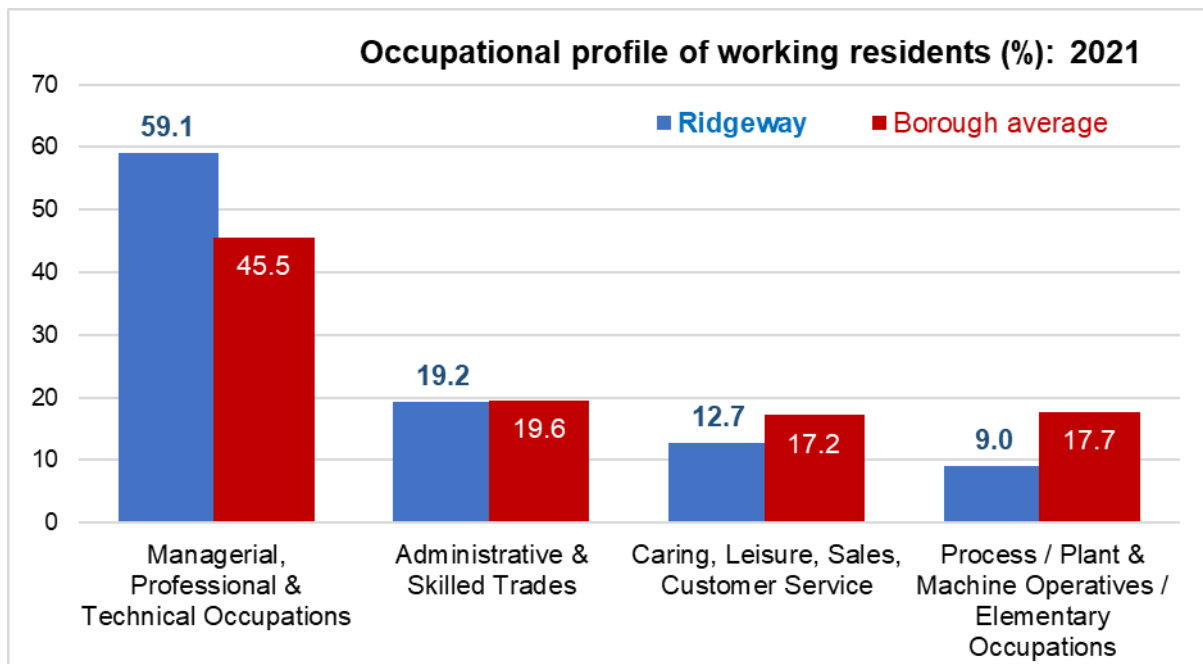
Socio-Economic Factors

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.
- 3.8% of adults are on unemployment benefits and 16.9% of households on Universal Credit – lower than the borough averages
- Deprivation Indices: the ward has a mixture of low and high deprivation levels – it is among the 50% most deprived wards in England.
- The proportion of households in fuel poverty is lower than the borough average at 6.8%
- Crime levels are relatively low.
- Health: at the 2021 Census, 85% 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.

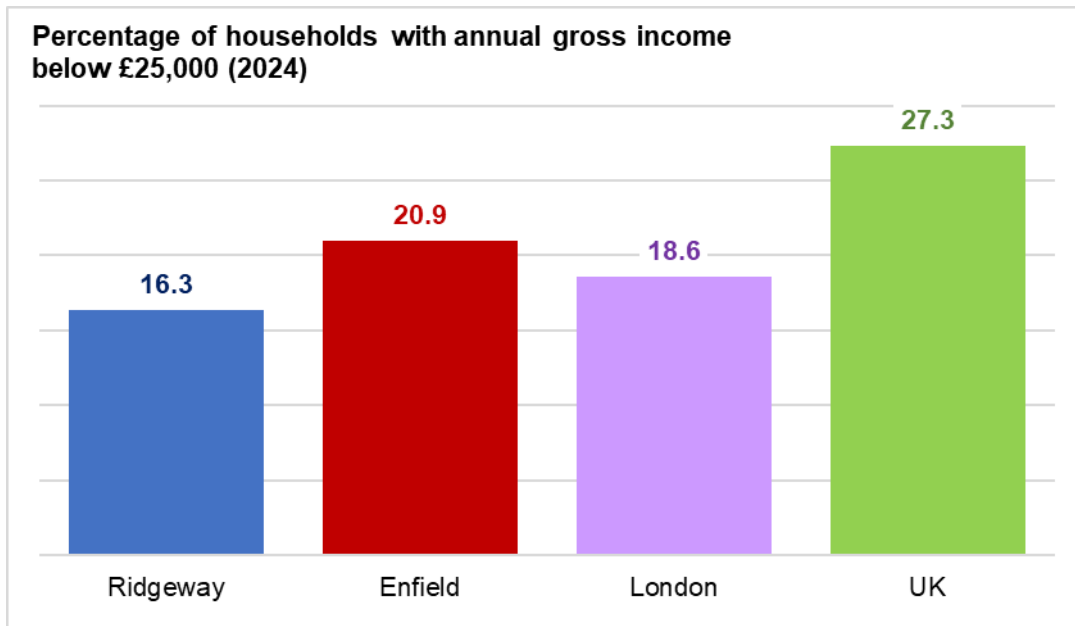


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Low Income Households

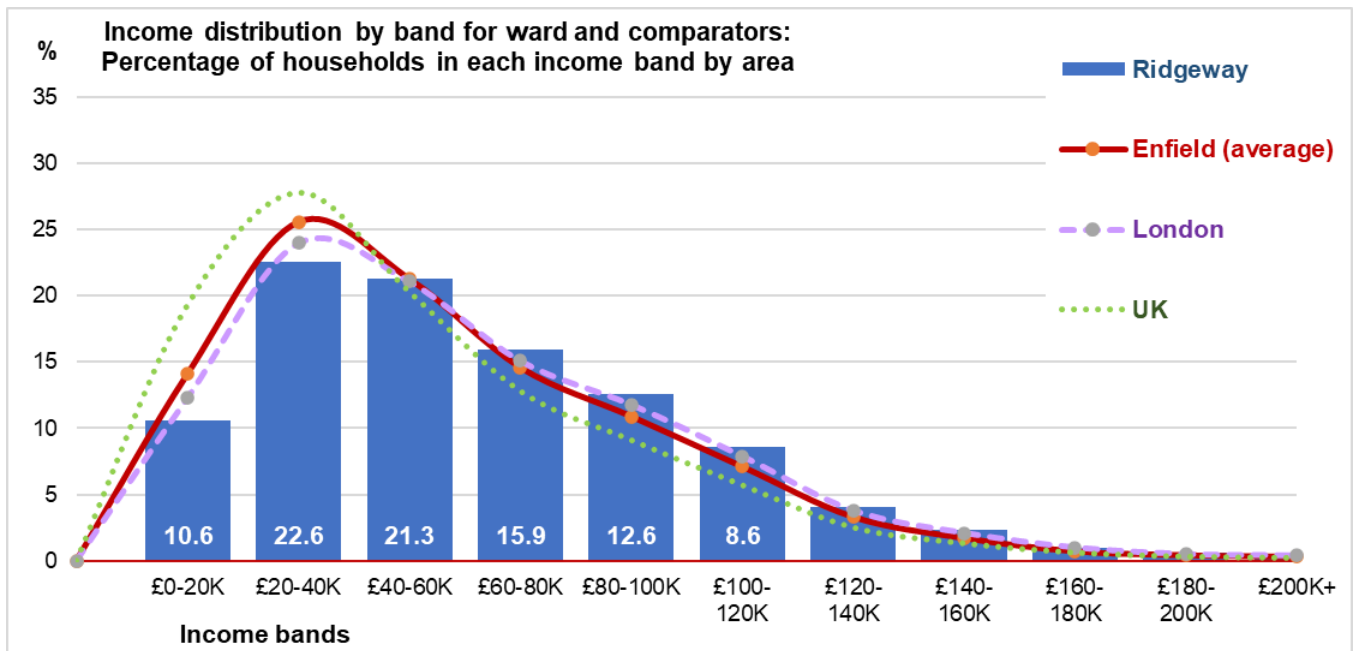
Data from CACI Ltd indicate that, as at 2024, households in the ward have an average (median) gross household income¹ of **around £55,500 per annum**, which is above the borough average. It is also higher than the average for the London area.

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, slightly higher than average proportions of households in the ward are in the higher income bands.



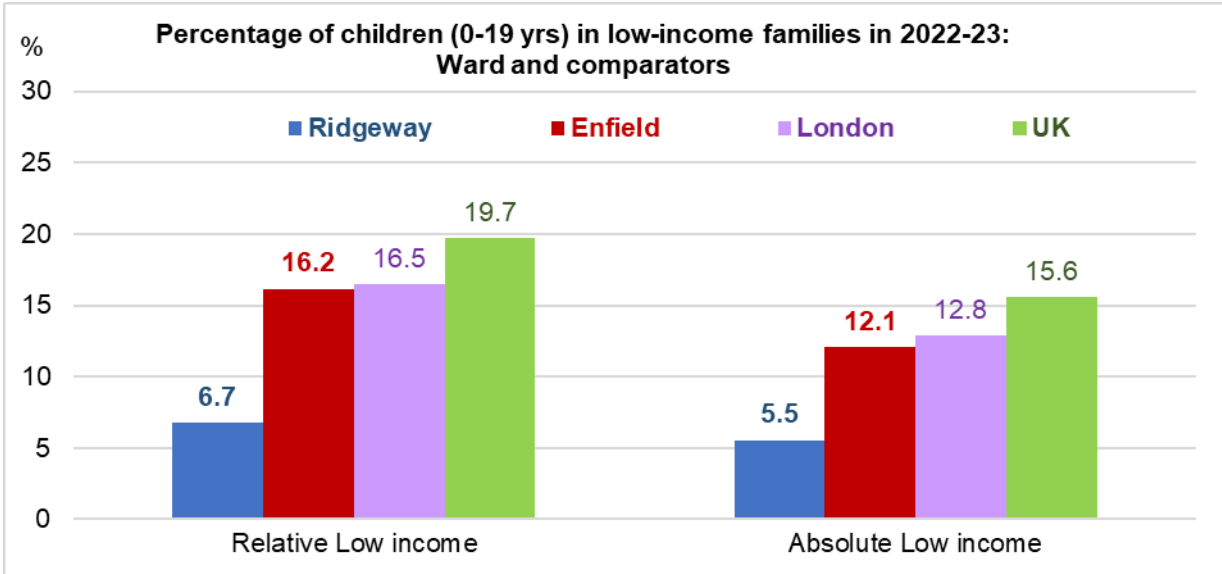
¹ Non-equivalised gross annual income. Figure is rounded to nearest £500.

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

- 206 children² in the ward were living in families with Relative low income, and
- 157 were in families of Absolute low income³.

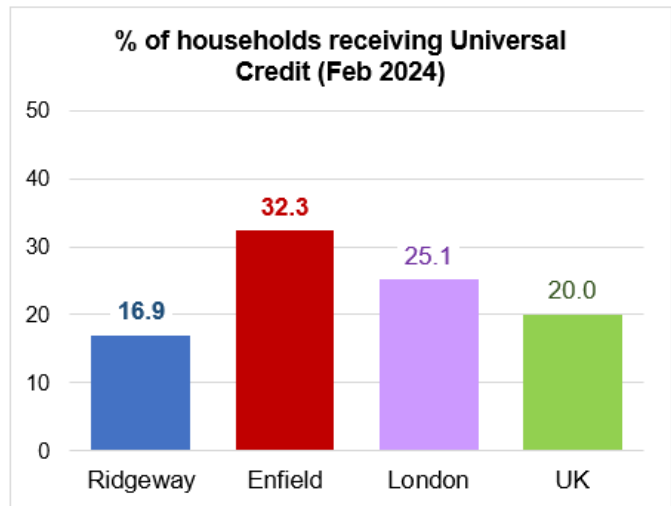
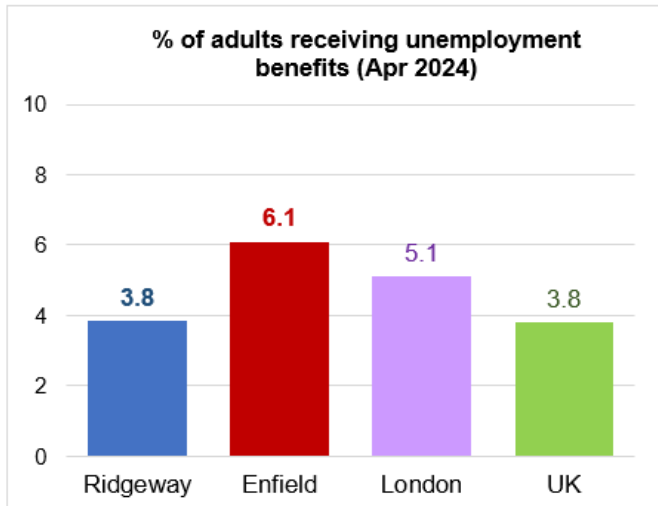
The proportions of children in poverty compared with local, regional and national averages are shown in the chart below.



Benefit Claims

- As of April 2024, the unemployed claimant count⁴ in the ward was 295
- At February 2024, 954 households (including working families) were claiming Universal Credit

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



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.

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Economically active people

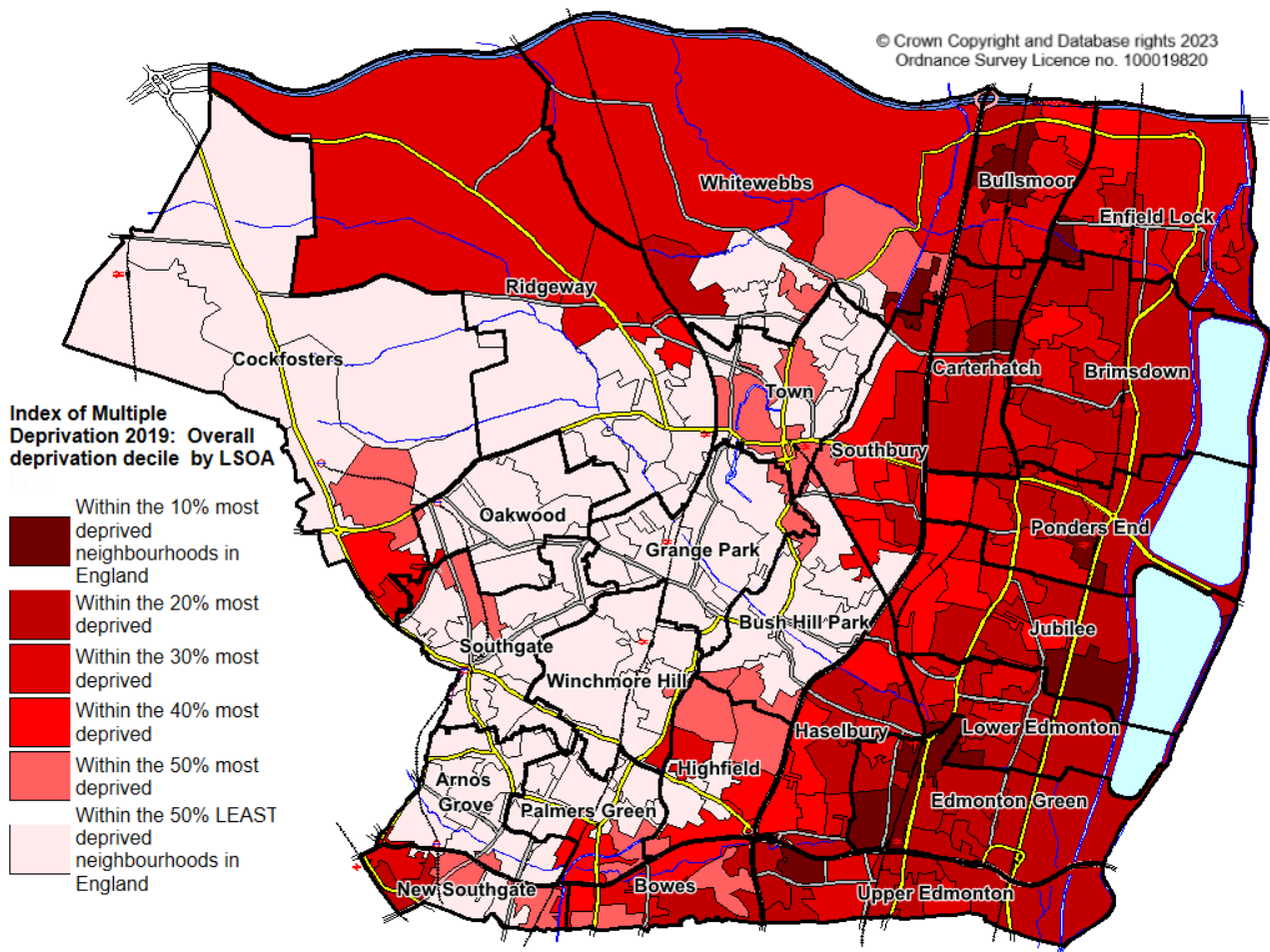
In 2021, the estimated proportion of people aged 16-64 who were in work or looking for work (the economically active) was higher than the borough average, at 77.7%. The proportion in employment was 73.8%.

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.

Ridgeway is among the most deprived 50% of all wards in England, despite most of its neighbourhood areas being relatively non-deprived.⁵

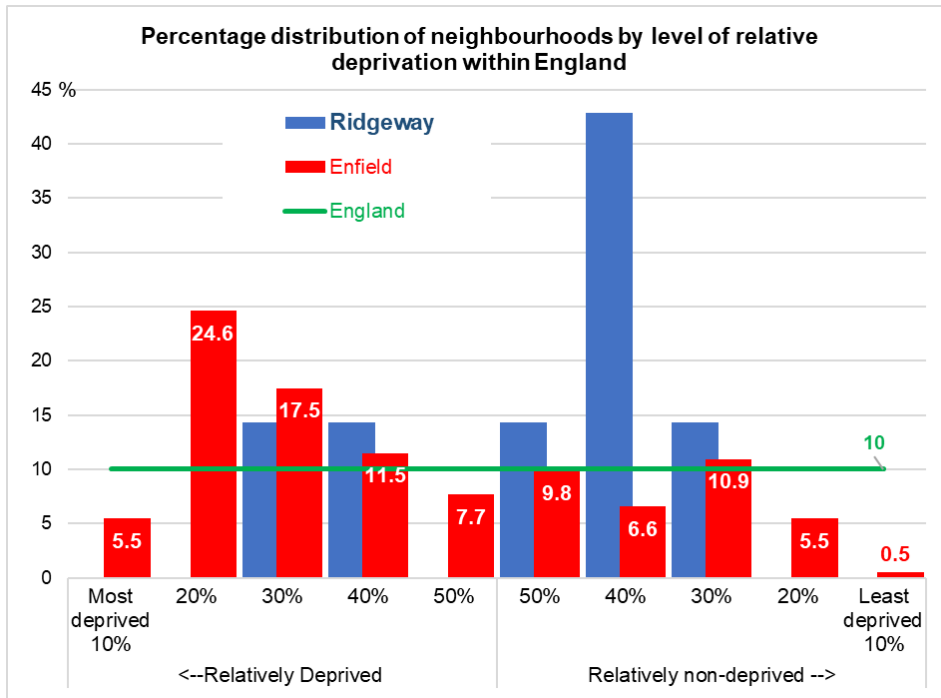
The map below illustrates how deprived the neighbourhood areas of the ward are, compared with all such areas in England. Darker shading indicates higher relative deprivation levels.



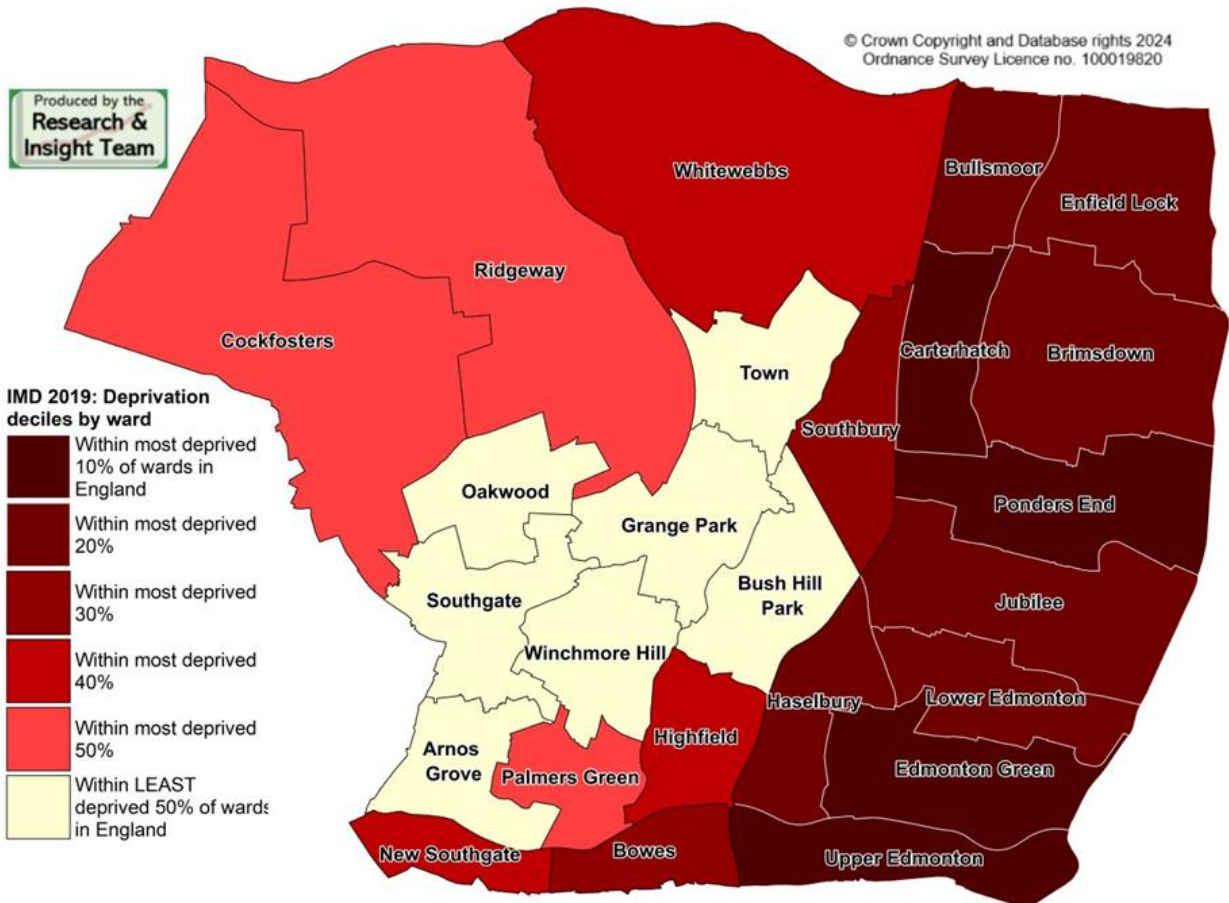
5% of Enfield's neighbourhood areas are among the 10% most deprived in the country, with a further 25% within the 20% most deprived. The chart below shows how the neighbourhood areas of the ward compares with this, and with the distribution in England.

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

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Ward level ⁶ deprivation deciles are shown in the map below. The wards with the highest relative deprivation are shaded in darker red.

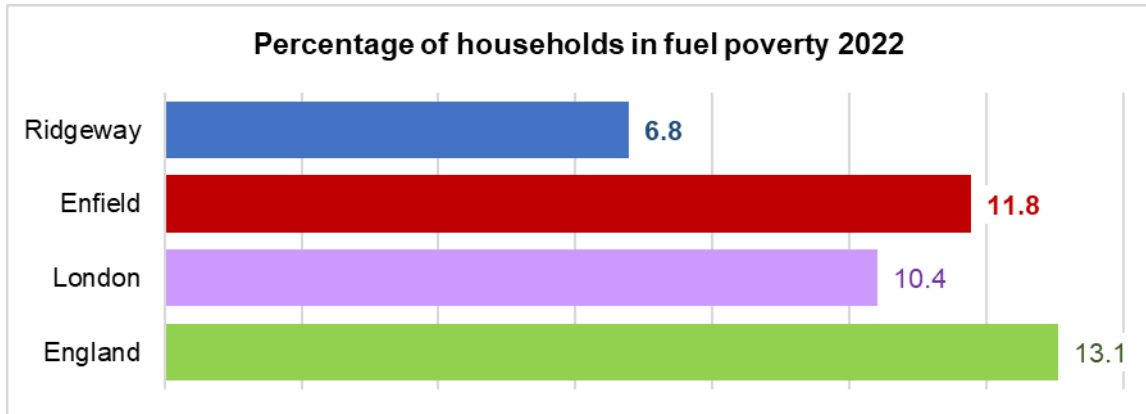


⁶ Using Rank of Average Score

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Fuel Poverty

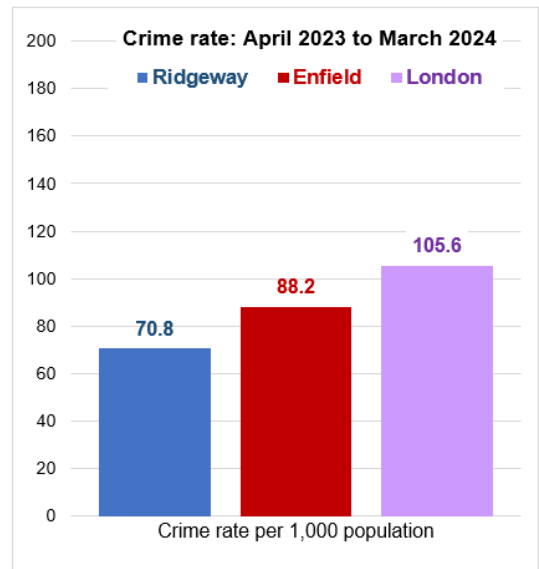
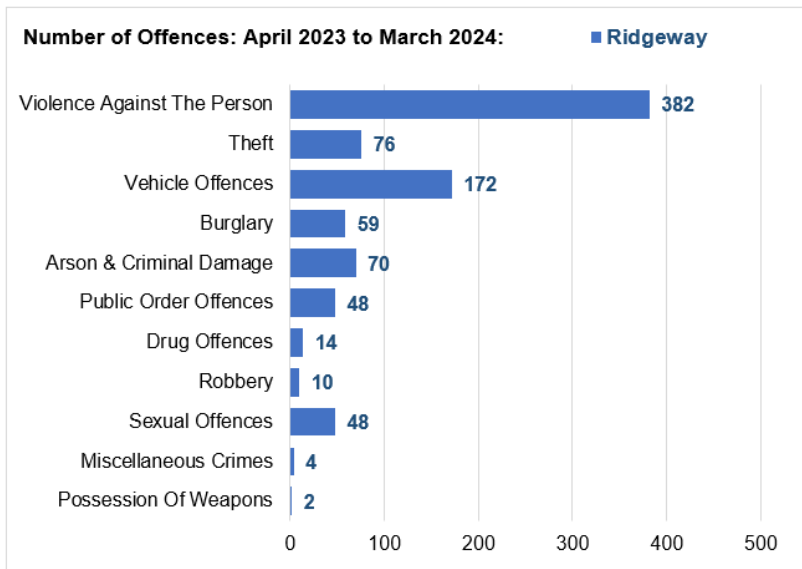
Best-fit geographic analysis of government statistics⁷ estimate the number and percentage of households which are in fuel poverty as of 2022.



Crime

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

- There were 885 notifiable offences in the ward – a fall of 8.4% on the previous year.
- The most numerous offence categories were Violence Against the Person and Vehicle Offences.
- The crime rate per 1,000 residents⁸ is shown in the chart below right, with borough and regional comparators



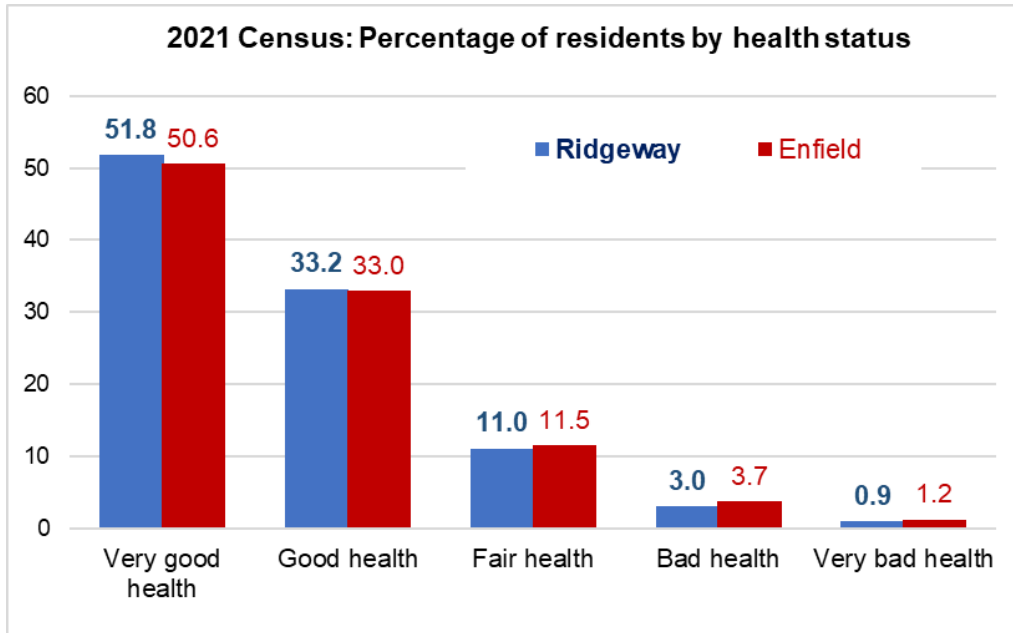
⁷ Published by Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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.

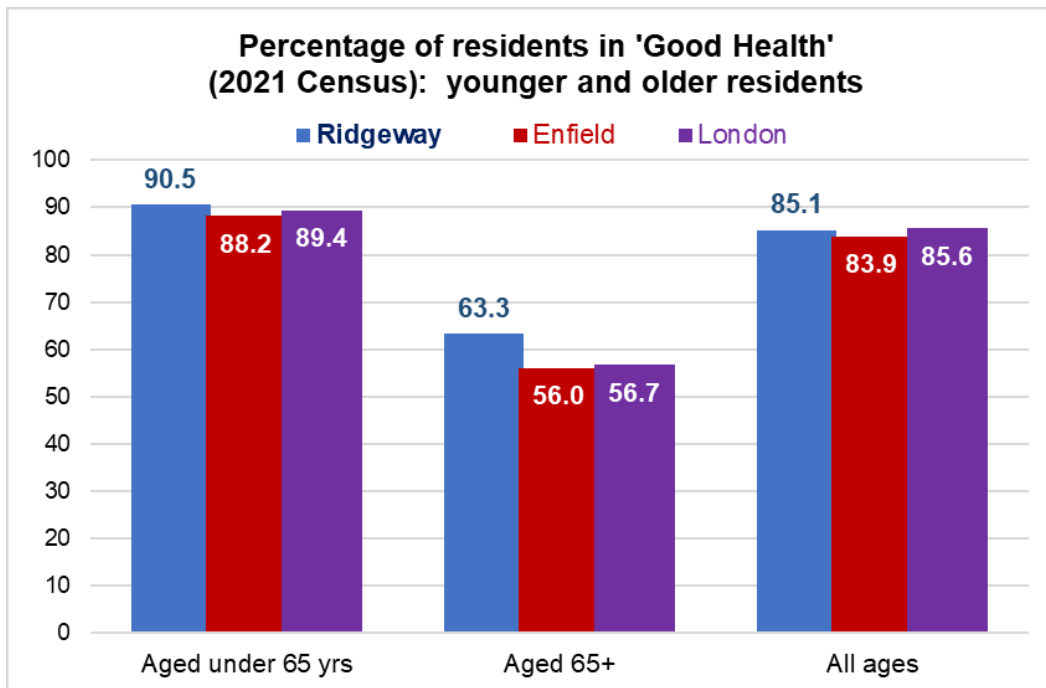
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Health

The 2021 Census asks residents to describe their general health. The chart below illustrates the response:



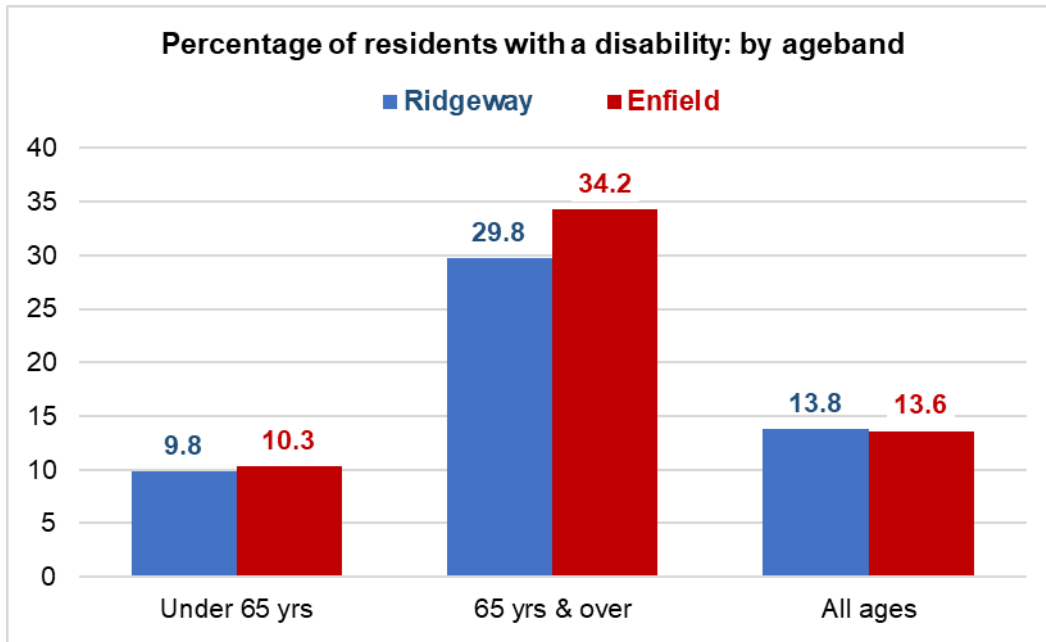
Ageing in a state of good health is obviously a desirable aim where possible, and the Census provides a snapshot of the health of people in different age groups. A separate analysis divides the population into those whose health is broadly 'Good' and those for whom it is 'Not Good'. The chart below details the percentage of under 65s and over 65s who describe their health as Good.



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Disability

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



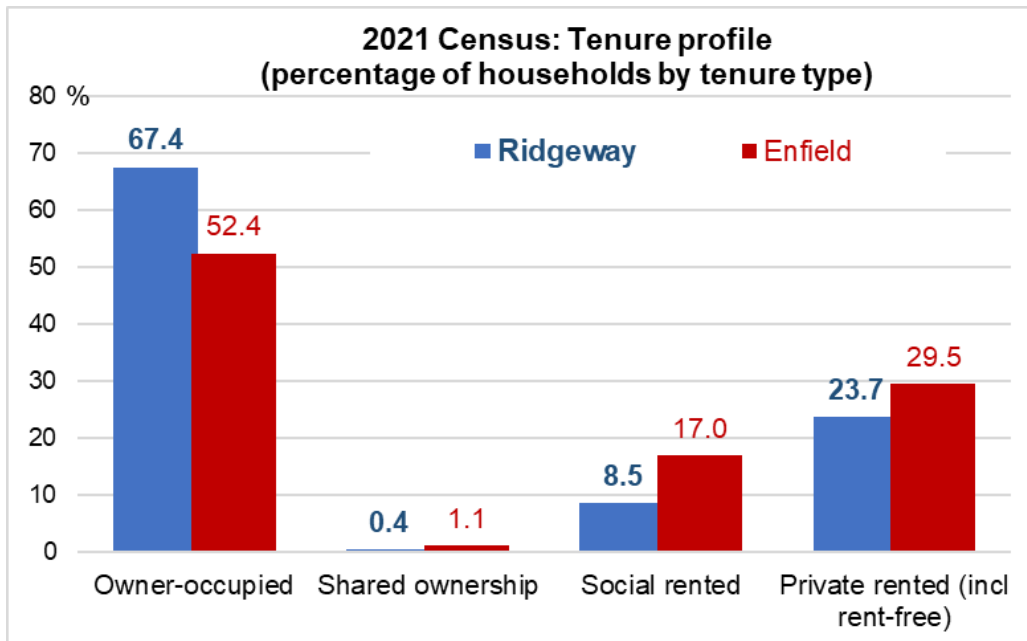
GP Surgeries

There is one GP surgery in the ward:

Bincote Surgery 11 Bincote Road Enfield EN2 7RD

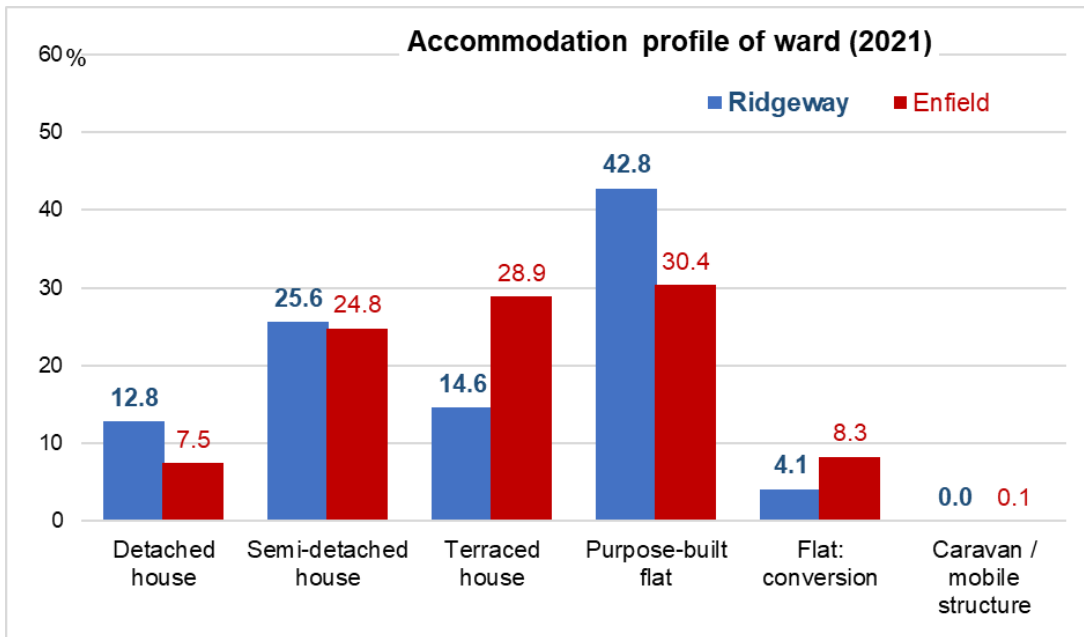
Housing

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.



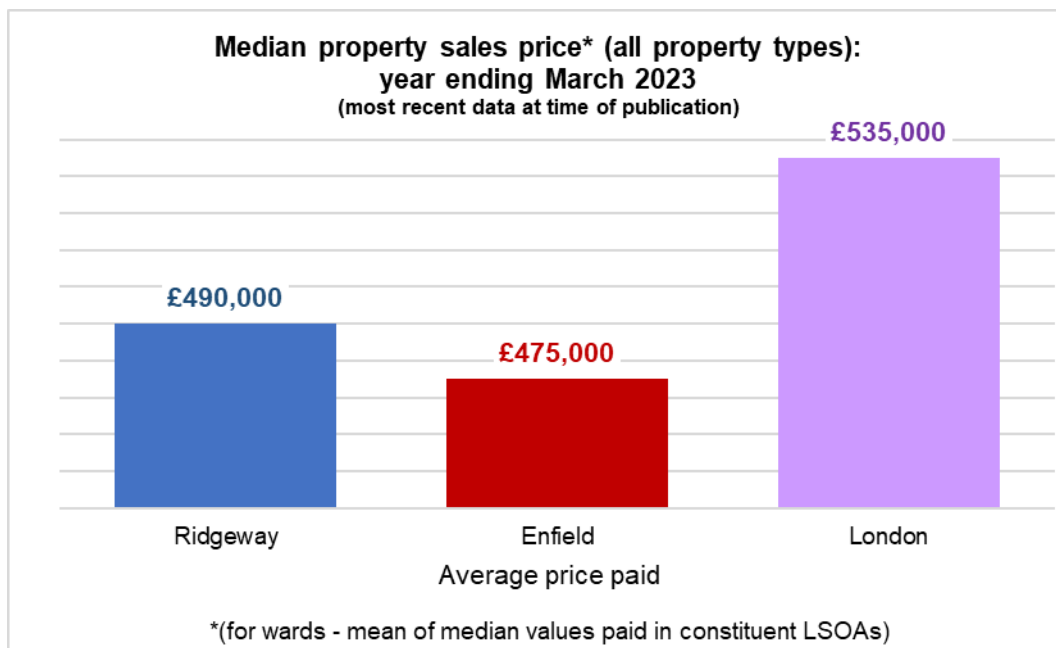
The 2021 Census data provides a view of the accommodation type by ward compared with the rest of the borough.

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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



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:

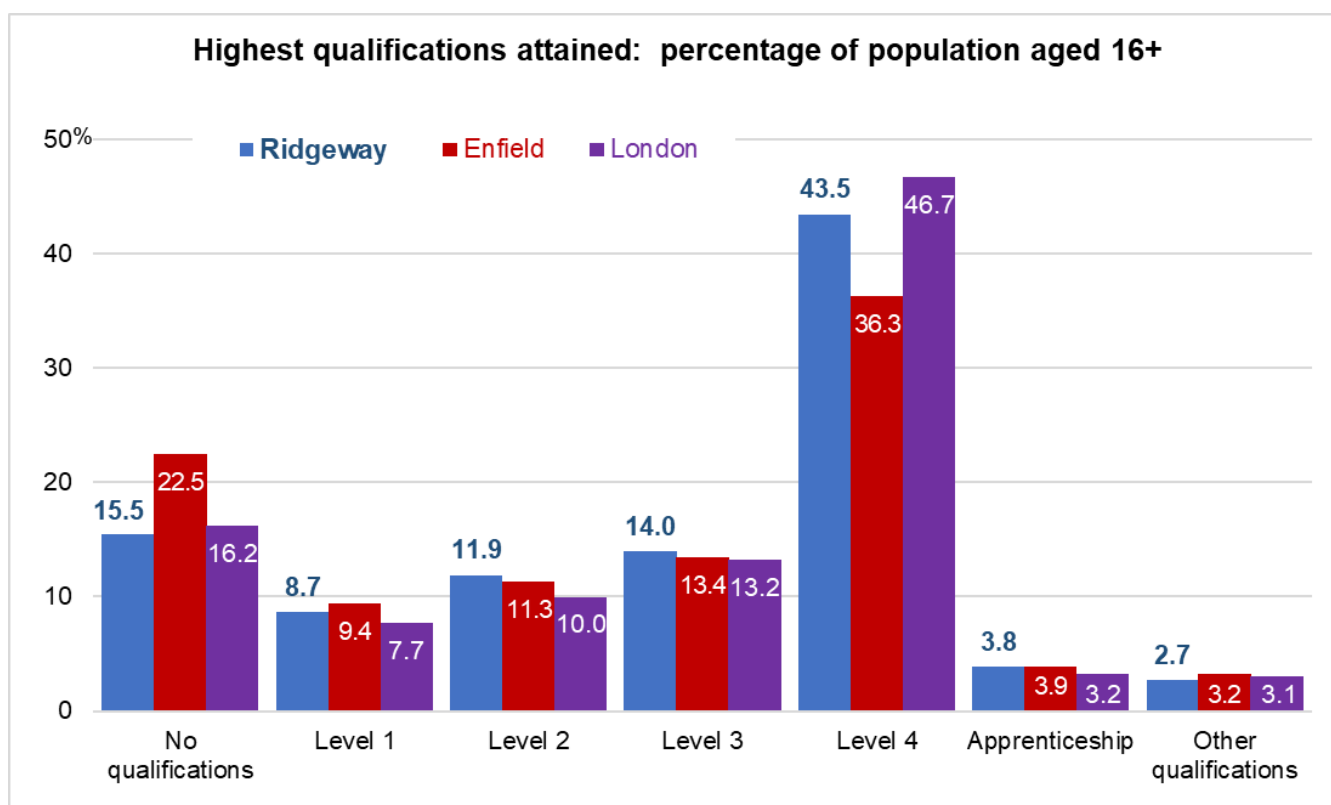
Merryhills Primary School	Bincote Road	EN2 7RE
St John's Preparatory and Senior School	The Ridgeway	EN6 5QT

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.



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)

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Culture and Leisure

There are no libraries in the ward, but nearby wards can offer:

Enfield Town Library, 66 Church Street, Enfield, EN2 6AX	Tel: 020 8379 8341
Oakwood Library, 185-187 Bramley Road, London, N14 4XA	Tel: 020 8379 2344
Southgate Library, High Street, Southgate, N14 6BP	Tel: 020 8379 5562

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:

CHEYNE WALK OPEN SPACE	Cheyne Walk	Enfield	EN2 7HS
WORLDS END LANE OPEN SPACE	Worlds End Lane	London	N21 1QQ

Places of worship

Name & Address	Website	Tel no. (if known)
Our Lady of Walsingham And the English Martyrs, 71 John Gooch Dr, Enfield EN2 8HG	http://www.parafiaenfield.org/	07470 804568
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 9-11 The Ridgeway, Enfield EN2 8NX	https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/comeuntochrist/belong	07800 614347
St. Mary Magdalene , Windmill Hill, Enfield EN2 7AJ	https://stmarymagdalene.church/	020 33021010
Abhayarama Meditation Centre (Enfield Buddhist Temple), Enfield EN2 8DN	http://www.abhayarama.com/	020 35905269

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
19th Enfield Scout Group	17-19 Enfield Road , EN2 7ES	www.enfieldscouts.org		19thenfield@enfieldscouts.org	Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust	Voluntary Services Department, CF 16, 1st Floor Medirest Building, Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield EN2 8JL	-		beverley.smith28@nhs.net	Delivers excellent patient outcomes and care.
Botany Bay Cricket Club	East Lodge Lane, Enfield EN2 8AS	www.botanybaycc.co.uk	020 8363 4482		A cricket club for all ages and abilities.
Bourne Badminton Club	The Bourne Methodist Church, 31 The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 8PB			vcs@enfield.gov.uk	Badminton club

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Christian Alliance of Women and Girls - Enfield Branch	EN2 8DY			vcs@enfield.gov.uk	Runs clubs for young people and teenagers. Provides coffee mornings and clubs for the elderly.
Enfield and Cheshunt League of Hospital Friends	Chase Farm Hospital, The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 8JL			vcs@enfield.gov.uk	Volunteers who help the hospital raise funds
Enfield Angling Council	EN2 8PY			ronsears57@gmail.com	Controls lakes at Forty Hall containing Carp, Roach, Perch, Eels & Pike.
Enfield Breast Cancer Support Group	Chase Farm Hospital, 1st Floor, The Clock Tower, 127, The Ridgeway, Enfield EN2 8JL	https://mylife.enfield.gov.uk/directory/providerdetails/211475		pam.ebcsg@gmail.com	Moral support for those affected by breast cancer
Enfield Golf Club	Old Park Road South, Enfield EN2 7DA	www.enfieldgolfclub.co.uk	020 8363 3970 (Opt 6)	info@enfieldgolfclub.co.uk	18 hole golf course
Enfield Lawn Tennis Club	71 The Ridgeway, Enfield EN2 8NA	www.enfieldtennis.co.uk	07443 634432	enfieldlawntennis@gmail.com	Tennis club
Formont Centre	Waverley Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 7BP		020 8363 6388	donna.waters@enfield.gov.uk	Support for people with Learning Disabilities.
Ingleborough Residents	75 Ingleborough, Cavell Drive, Enfield, EN2 7PR		020 8367 9083	Maryandel@ingle75.plus.com	Residential flats for older people. Provides coffee mornings, quizzes and newsletters.
Palmers Green Angling Society	EN2 8PY	https://www.pgasonline.org/			Fishing Club
Radio Enfield Hospital Broadcasting	Chase Farm Hospital, The Ridgeway, Enfield, EN2 8JL	https://www.royalfreeradio.co.uk/		studio@radioenfield.co.uk	Entertains hospital patients.
Rotary Club of Southgate	Jolly Farmers, Enfield Road, Enfield, EN2 7QS	www.southgaterotary.org.uk		secretary@southgaterotary.org.uk	A club open for all men and women who want to achieve the principal goal of helping others who are less fortunate. Offering program of speakers, outings and events.
Western Enfield Residents Association	EN2 7PG	www.westernenfieldresidentsassociation.com	020 8363 1705	westernenfield@gmail.com	Community who addresses issues within Western Enfield and acts as a voice for their community.

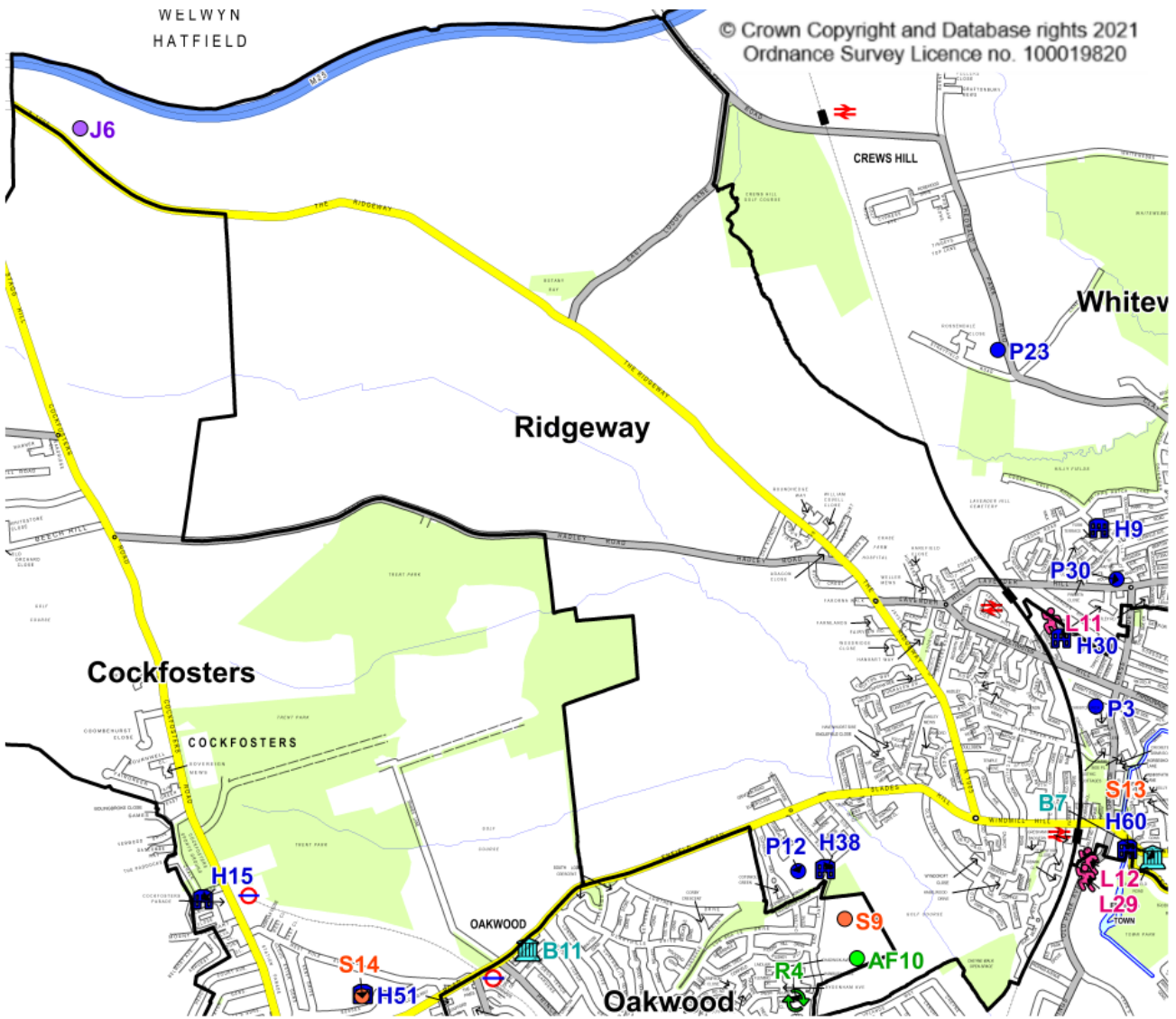
Additional Sources of information

For local information visit the Enfield Council website homepage: <http://www.enfield.gov.uk/>.


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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Ridgeway ward

 Parks and open spaces



Knowledge & Insight Hub



Schools

-  P3 Chase Side Primary School
-  P12 Merryhills Primary School
-  P23 St John's CofE Primary School
-  P30 St Michael's CofE Primary School
-  S9 Highlands School
-  S13 Enfield Grammar School
-  S14 Southgate School
-  AF10 Grange Park Primary School
-  J6 St John's Preparatory and Senior School

Libraries

-  B7 Enfield Town Library
-  B11 Oakwood Library


Halls for hire

-  H38 H9 H30 H60 H15 H51
-  H9 Brigadier Hall
-  H38 Merryhills Primary School
-  H30 Holtwhites Sports and Social Club
-  H60 St Pauls Centre
-  H15 Church House
-  H51 Southgate School

Sport & Leisure

-  L11 Holtwhites Sports and Social Club
-  L12 Energie Fitness Enfield
-  L29 Drill Hall Sports Club (Enfield)

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