

## 2.8 A review of neighbourhood Wealth and Incomes

The data below shows how Barnham and Eastergate Parishes compare with Arun District, West Sussex and the national average. The ACRE evidence is from their Barnham and Eastergate Community Profiles which provides information to note wealth and poverty in the two parishes. A problem with their data is that totals have been sometimes been rounded to 5.

The National Census in both 2001 and 2011 gives the raw figures so a combined data can be used. Therefore both parishes are shown separately and only combined when actual figures are available.

How can wealth and incomes be measured and compared? Data tables give benefit claimant, council tax bands, overcrowded conditions, no central heating, cars, fuel poverty etc and types of houses. From this data assumptions can be made regarding comparative wealth and income.

The assumption is that relative poverty will show with the proportion of benefit claimants, lower council tax bands, housing conditions. Relative wealth would show with higher council tax bands, more expensive housing.

Barnham and Eastergate are not deprived areas based on the standard national measure of deprivation – the ‘Index of Multiple Deprivation’ (or IMD) – based on income, unemployment, health, education and skills, housing, crime, environment and access to services.

DWP benefits, housing and council benefits as well as pension credit are means tested. The table below shows that both Barnham and Eastergate have a smaller proportion of the population drawing these benefits. Therefore it is likely that and there is a smaller proportion of the population on low wages. It is interesting to note those drawing working age DWP benefits are roughly comparable with those in West Sussex but below the figures for Arun. However the proportion drawing pension credit is above the figures for both Arun and West Sussex. This suggests that there are fewer poorer people of working age but more poorer older people.

	Barnham	Eastergate	Arun	West Sussex	England
	%	%	%	%	%
People living in the most deprived 20% of area (IMD 2010)	0	0	8.2	3.6	19.8
Working age DWP benefit claimant (May 2011)	9.9	9.4	12.2	10.3	14.1
Housing benefit and Council tax benefit (2005)	15.5	13.3	17.9	15.4	22.2
Pension credit (May 2011)	20.5	18.9	18.8	17.8	26.1

However there is income deprivation. Data on people living in ‘income deprivation’ comes from the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010, and is based on people receiving

low income benefits as well as those with household incomes below 60% of the national average.

Nationally, children and older people are more likely to be living in low income households; Data is also shown on the number and proportion of households estimated to be in 'fuel poverty' where a household spends more than 10% of income on heating. The table below suggest relatively few people with income deprivation as Barnham and Eastergate broadly in line with Arun, above West Sussex but considerably below that figures for England.

	Barnham	Eastergate	Arun	West Sussex	England
Low income Income Deprivation (ID 2010)	10.5%	10.6%	11.5%	9.5%	14.7%
Income deprivation children (ID 2010)	16.6%	15.3%	16.7%	13.2%	21.7%
Houholds with overcrowding (2001)	5.9%	4.5%	5.3%	5.3%	7.1%
Housholds estimated to be in fuel poverty (2008)	10.8%	11.6%	11.3%	9.9%	15.6%

Housing can also give an indication of wealth. Detached houses are the most expensive with semi-detached 67% of the average price of a detached house in England and Wales and terraces houses 49% of the price.

(Data from government stats [Table 511: Simple average house prices, by dwelling type and region, United Kingdom, from 2010](#))

This contrast between overall relative affluence and relative poverty can be seen from the data in the table below.

It shows fewer houses in the lower bands (Bands A and B) but a greater proportion in the higher bands (Band F, D and H). This suggests a greater wealth in the area. The proportion of working age benefit claimants is also below average. However this contrasts sharply with the high proportion of pension credit claimants especially in Barnham Parish suggesting more older people in relative poverty. The two parishes have a higher proportion of detached houses than Arun and a much higher proportion than England and a higher proportion of owner occupiers than Arun and much higher than England. However this picture of relative affluence does hide a significant proportion of relative poverty. This can be seen by he proportion of socially rented houses in Barnham Parish which is high – more than twice the proportion in Arun District. and even high than the national figure.

indicator	Barnham		Eastergate		Arun	West Sussex	England
	N	%	N	%	%	%	%
People living in the most deprived 20% of area (IMD 2010)	0		0		8.2	3.6	19.8
Working age DWP benefit claimant (May 2011)	90	9.9	190	9.4	12.2	10.3	14.1
Housing benefit and Council tax benefit (2005)	85	15.5	165	13.3	17.9	15.4	22.2
Pension credit (May 2011)	65	20.5	140	18.9	18.8	17.8	26.1
Low income Income Deprivation (ID 2010)	155	10.5	345	10.6	11.5	9.5	14.7
Income deprivation children (ID 2010)	40	16.6	85	15.3	16.7	13.2	21.7
Houholds with overcrowding (2001)	35	5.9	55	4.5	5.3	5.3	7.1
Houholds estimated to be in fuel poverty (2008)	65	10.8	150	11.6	11.3	9.9	15.6
Dwellings with council tax Band A (2011)	30	4.7	60	4.5	10.6	7.1	24.8
Band B (2011)	105	16.3	165	11.8	16.8	14.2	19.6
Band C (2011)	205	32.1	390	28.1	26.5	28.2	21.8
Housing socially rented (2001)	110	19.5	41	3.5	9.1	12.7	19.3
Band D (2011)	160	25.0	345	24.8	20.3	28.2	21.8
Owner occupied (2001)	404	72.6	1105	88.7	79.6	76.5	68.5
Detached houses (2001)	180	31.2	635	49.6	34.5	31.1	22.5
Council Tax Band E (2011)	75	11.5	195	14.1	13.9	13.8	15.3
Band F (2011)	40	6.3	150	10.6	7.8	8.8	5.0
Band G (2011)	25	3.6	75	5.2	3.7	5.8	3.5
Band H (2011)	0		10	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.6

More recent data shows the contrast still remains.

	Barnham	Eastergate	Two parishes	Arun	West Sussex	England
Housing socially rented (2011)	17%	3%	7%	9%		18%
Owner occupied (2011)	71%	84%	80%	74%		63%
Detached houses (2011)	34%	45%	42%	34%		22%

(Data for two parishes was from Office for National Statistics, Neighbourhood Statistics as raw figures available.)

The conclusion is that the population of the two villages is relatively wealthy with comparatively high incomes but with pockets of relative poverty.