

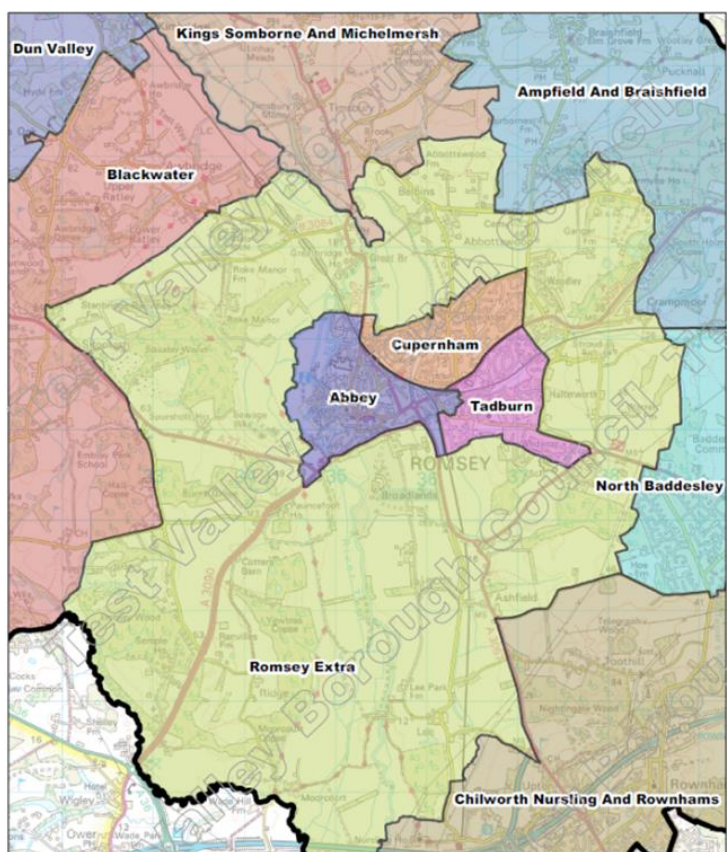
# Romsey and Romsey Extra Profile

July 2017



This profile includes the three wards of Romsey town (Abbey, Cupernham and Tadburn) and the ward of Romsey Extra. The total area covers 3674 hectares in the south of Test Valley (Romsey town covers 424 hectares).

The town is the second largest urban area in the borough after Andover. The estimated population for 2015 is 19,441.



## Key Facts

Estimated population size **2015:** 19,441

Estimated population size **2020:** 20,549

Predicated percentage change from 2015 - 2020: 5.6%

Life expectancy **Male:** 80.5  
**Female:** 85.3

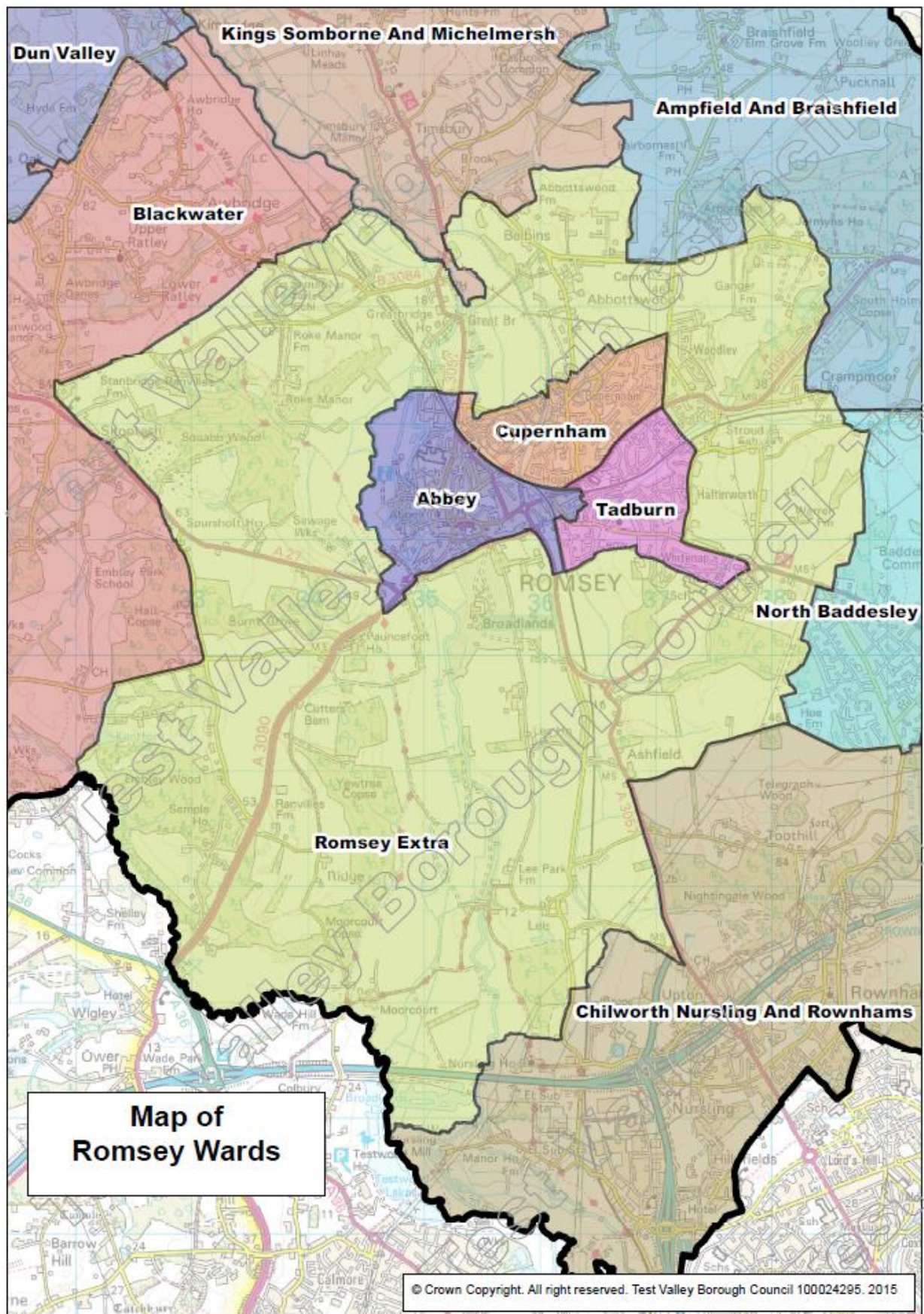
Percentage of people economically active: 69%

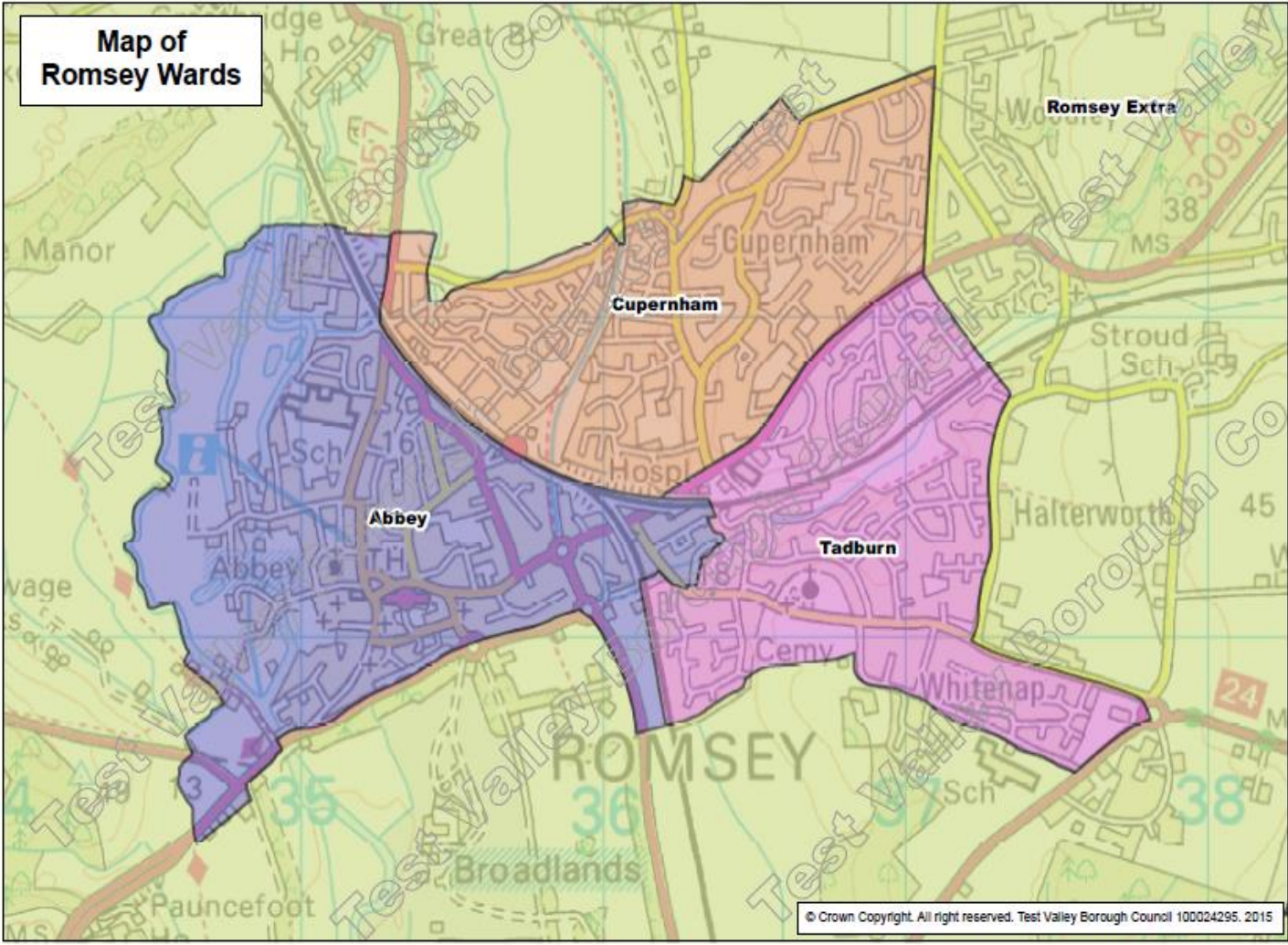
Residential properties: 8,596

Residents with at least one GCSE or equivalent: 76.7%

- Romsey has an ageing population
- On a national scale, Romsey is not considered deprived.
- Most properties are in the middle of the property market range.
- The majority of residents own their own home.
- The plurality of residents are employed in professional roles.







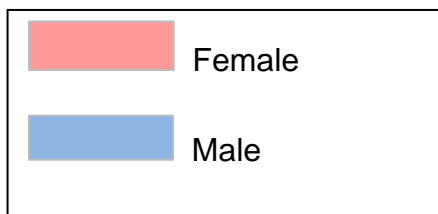
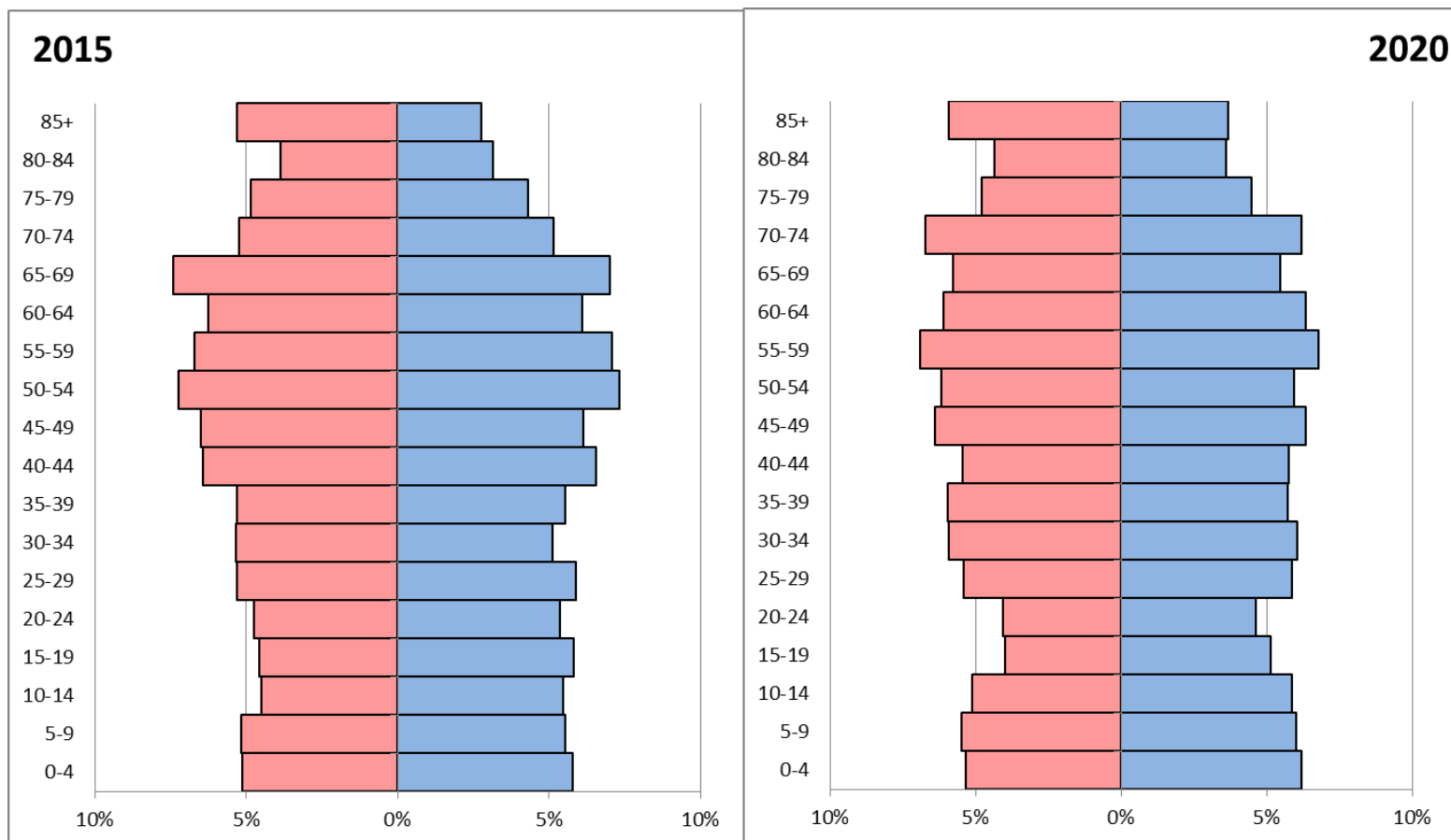
# Who lives in Romsey...

The following pages provide information about the people currently living in the ward of Romsey, including who they are and their differing needs.

## Key population information...

- Between 2015 and 2020 the population of Romsey is expected to increase by 5.6%, an increase of 1,108 residents.
- The population is ageing, with those aged 65 and over expected to increase by 9.9% to represent 29.0% of the ward's population by 2020. Implications for healthcare and service provision should be considered in future planning.
- Romsey residents are not on the whole, considered to be suffering from deprivation.

### Population<sup>1</sup>



The population pyramids above show the age and gender profile of Romsey.

The population of Romsey is estimated to be 19,441 in 2015 and is expected to increase to 20,549 by 2020, which is a 5.6% increase.

At present Romsey accounts for 16.2% of the total Test Valley population. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest urban area by population and size after Andover.

**Young people** (aged 0-19) represent 20.8% of Romsey's population, which is slightly lower than the borough average of 22.8%. This group will increase by 0.7% by 2020 to represent 21.5% of the town's population (compared to the borough average of 22.8%).

**Young adults** (aged 20-39) represent 21.2% of the population, which is again slightly lower than the borough average of 21.6%. By 2020, the proportion of young adults in Romsey is expected to rise slightly to 21.7%; the average across the borough will experience a similarly slow rise and is expected to reach 21.9% by 2020.

**Middle aged residents** (aged 40-64) make up 33.1% of Romsey's population, which is slightly lower than the borough proportion of 34.4%. By 2020, the proportion of these residents is expected to fall in both Romsey and Test Valley to 31.1% and 32.4% respectively.

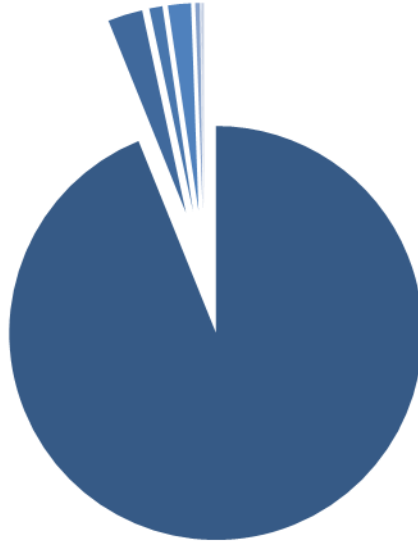
The population of Romsey is ageing, with those **aged 65 and over** currently representing 24.6% of the population, which will increase to 25.6% by 2020. This means that the population of Romsey is ageing slower than the population of Test Valley as a whole, where people aged 65 and over currently make up 21.2% of the population, and will constitute 22.9% of residents by 2020. The proportion of Romsey residents **aged 85 and over** is currently higher than the borough average (4.0% and 3.0% respectively). In addition, Romsey will see a quicker growth in this section of the population by 2020; the proportion of residents aged 85 and over is expected to be 4.8% in Romsey and 3.9% across Test Valley.

It should be noted that the population estimates do not take into account any areas where permission for housing development has been granted but where building has not yet taken place.

Across Test Valley the population is forecast to age, which reflects the national trend. Further information on the ageing profile of Hampshire can be seen in Hampshire County Council's "Long term projections of Hampshire's demographic future 2008-2026" report.<sup>2</sup>

## Ethnicity<sup>3</sup>

### Ethnicity of Romsey residents

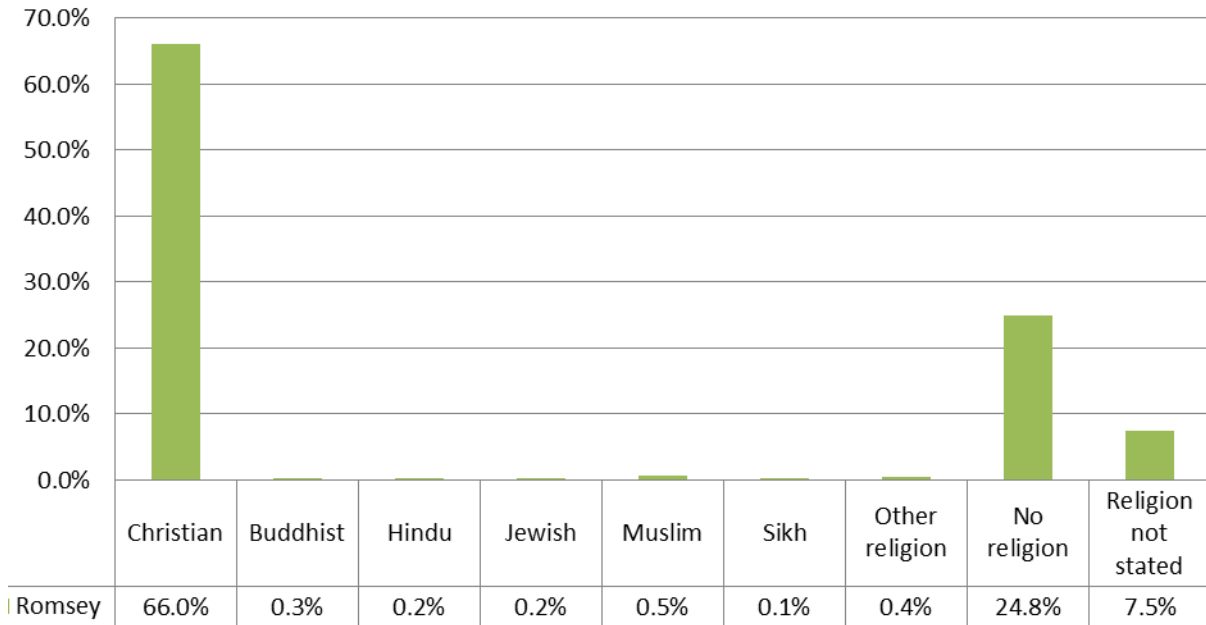


White; British	White; Other	Mixed	Asian	Black	Arab	Other
93.9%	2.7%	1.0%	1.8%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%

The vast majority of Romsey residents (93.9%) are White British, which is slightly higher than the Test Valley average of 93.3%. Additionally, there are fewer people of White Other ethnicity in the ward (2.7%) than borough wide (3.1%). A lower proportion of people of Mixed, Asian and Black and other ethnic backgrounds live in Romsey than in Test Valley as a whole, whilst the proportion of people of Arab ethnicity is 0.1%, higher in Romsey than in Test Valley. Romsey's level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where 79.8% of the population are White British.

## Religion<sup>4</sup>

### Religion in Romsey

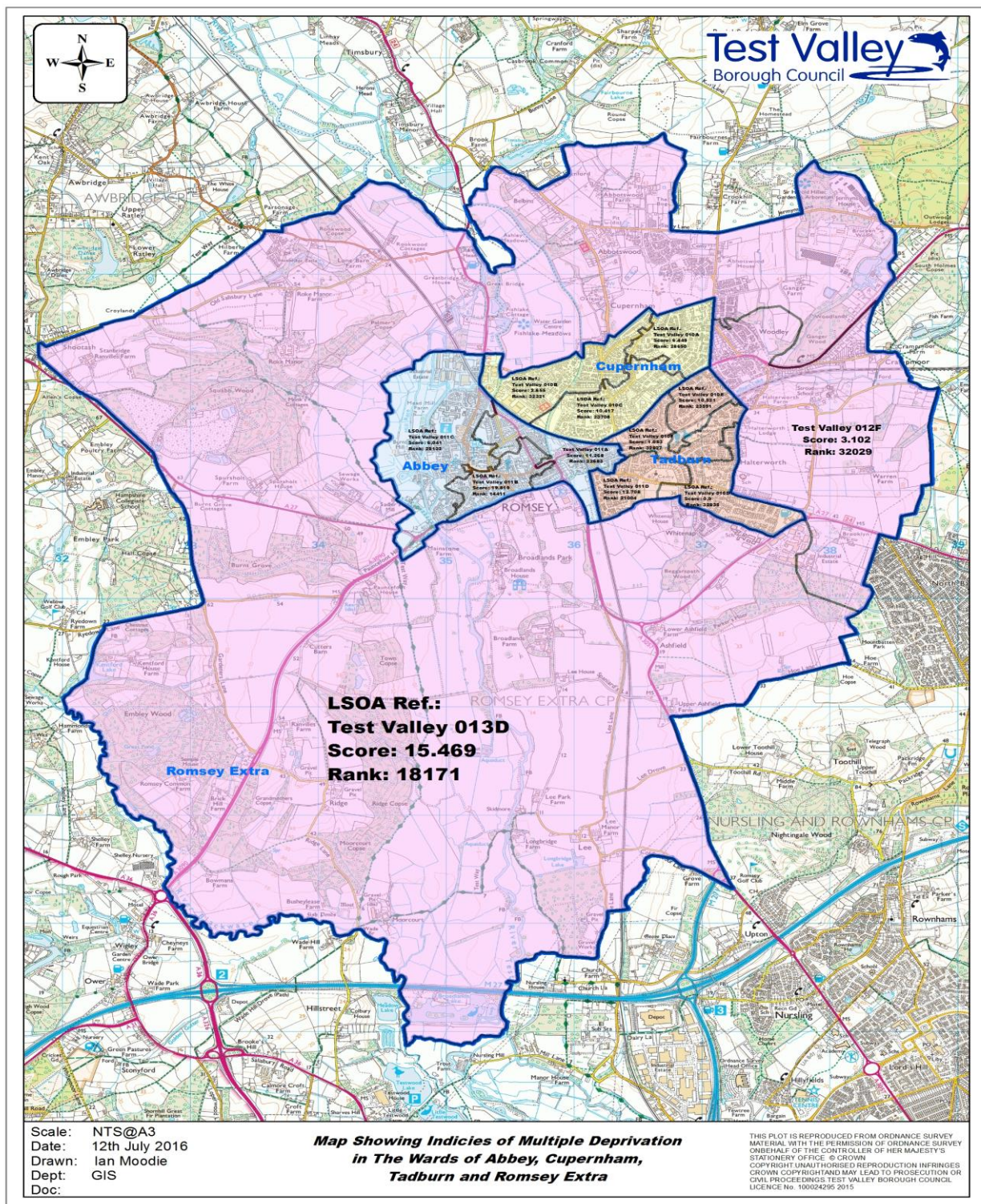


The majority of Romsey residents (66.0%) classify themselves as Christian, which is higher than both the borough average of 65.7% and the English average of 59.8%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (24.8%), which is slightly lower than the Test Valley average (25.1%) and lower than the national average (27.7%). Of those groups who do adhere to a religion, Muslims are the second largest group in Romsey (0.5%), Test Valley (0.6%) and England (2.3%).

## Deprivation<sup>5</sup>

The English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 is designed to identify areas where communities lack resources and are in need. To do this, seven factors are considered, which are:

- income deprivation;
- employment deprivation;
- health deprivation and disability;
- education deprivation;
- barriers to housing and services;
- crime;
- living environment deprivation.





Areas are scored on each of these factors, and ranked nationally from least deprived to most deprived (1 being the most deprived). Of 32,482 areas ranked across the country, none of the areas in Romsey are considered deprived.

The three areas which make up Cupernham are ranked as 23,708, 28,650 and 32,321. All three of the areas are in the top 40% of least deprived areas in the country, with two falling into the top 20% least deprived.

The two areas of Abbey are ranked as 14,411, 22,683 and 29,133. Two of the areas fall into the top 40% least deprived areas in the country, with the larger area falling into the top 20% least deprived.

The four areas of Tadburn are ranked 21,004, 23,591, 32,827 and 32,835. All four of the areas are in the top 40% of least deprived areas in the country, with two falling into the top 20% of least deprived areas.

The two areas which make up Romsey Extra are ranked as 18,171 and 32,029. One of the areas is among the top 20% least deprived in the country.

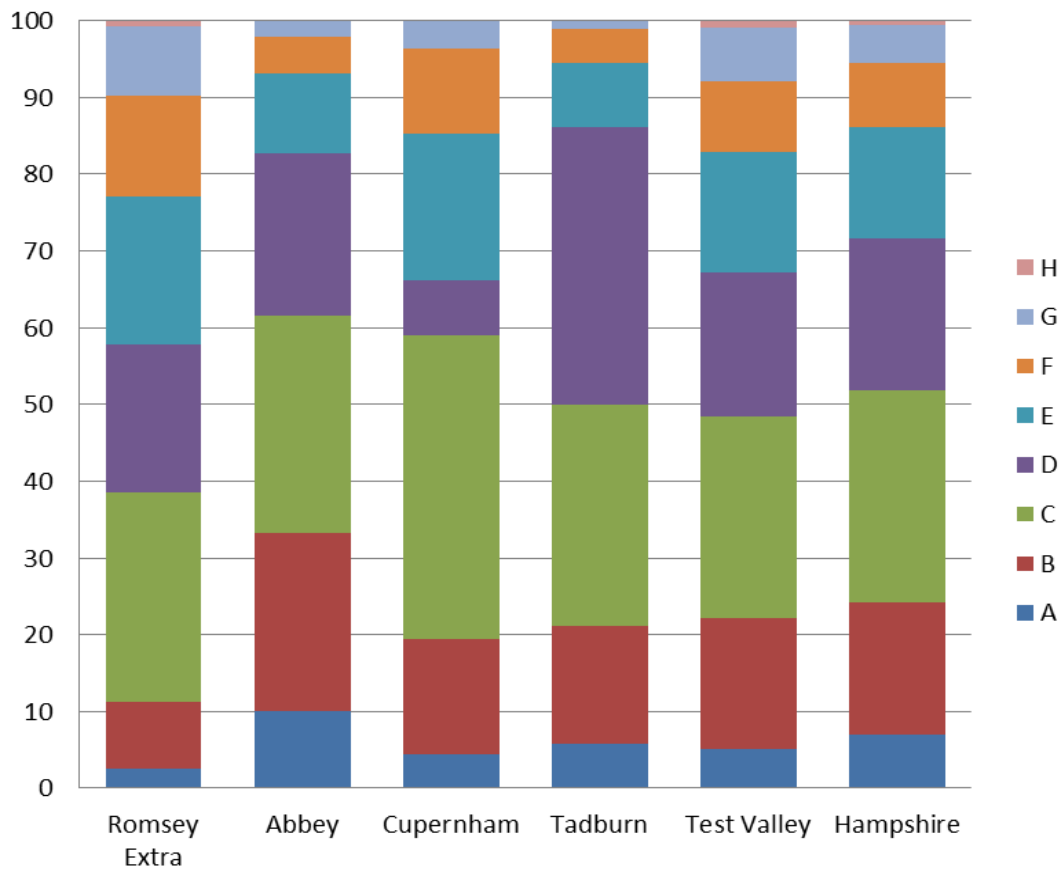
# Types of houses

## Key housing information...

- The majority of houses in Romsey are in the middle range of the property market, with a smaller than average proportion at the higher end of the market. The proportion of houses in the lower Bands is equal to the borough average.
- A large proportion of people in Romsey own the property they live in, 73.9% compared with the borough average of 70.4%.

### Council Tax Bands<sup>6</sup>

#### Council Tax Band comparison



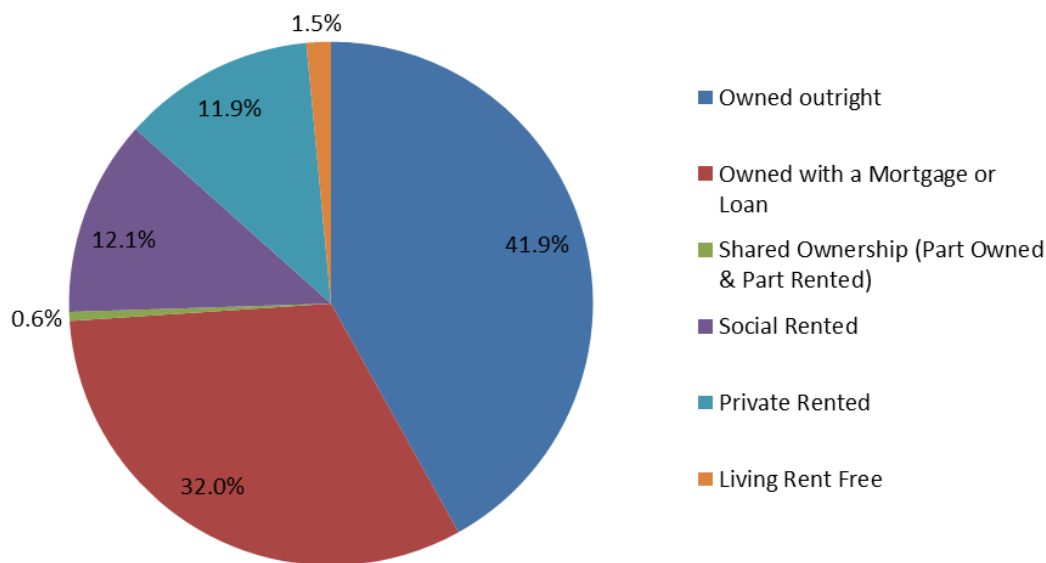
The graph above shows the council tax bands for each of the wards within Romsey using data from 2015. This shows that the majority of properties in the town are in the middle-upper range of the property market with the lowest being Abbey ward with 66.7% and the highest being Romsey Extra with 88.8% in the middle to upper range.

33.3% of properties in Abbey ward are in Council Tax Bands A and B. This is above the borough average of 22.2% and means it is more likely that people on a lower income or first time buyers are able to afford property in this ward than in some other parts of the borough.

Romsey Extra (23.0%) has more properties at the top end of the market (Bands F-H) than both Test Valley at 17.1% and Hampshire at 13.9%. Cupernham with 14.8% is more in line with the regional averages. Tadburn and Abbey wards both have far fewer properties at the top end of the market than the regional averages (5.4% and 6.8% respectively)

## Household tenure<sup>7</sup>

### Household tenure in Romsey



Household tenure refers to the financial arrangements under which residents occupy their homes.

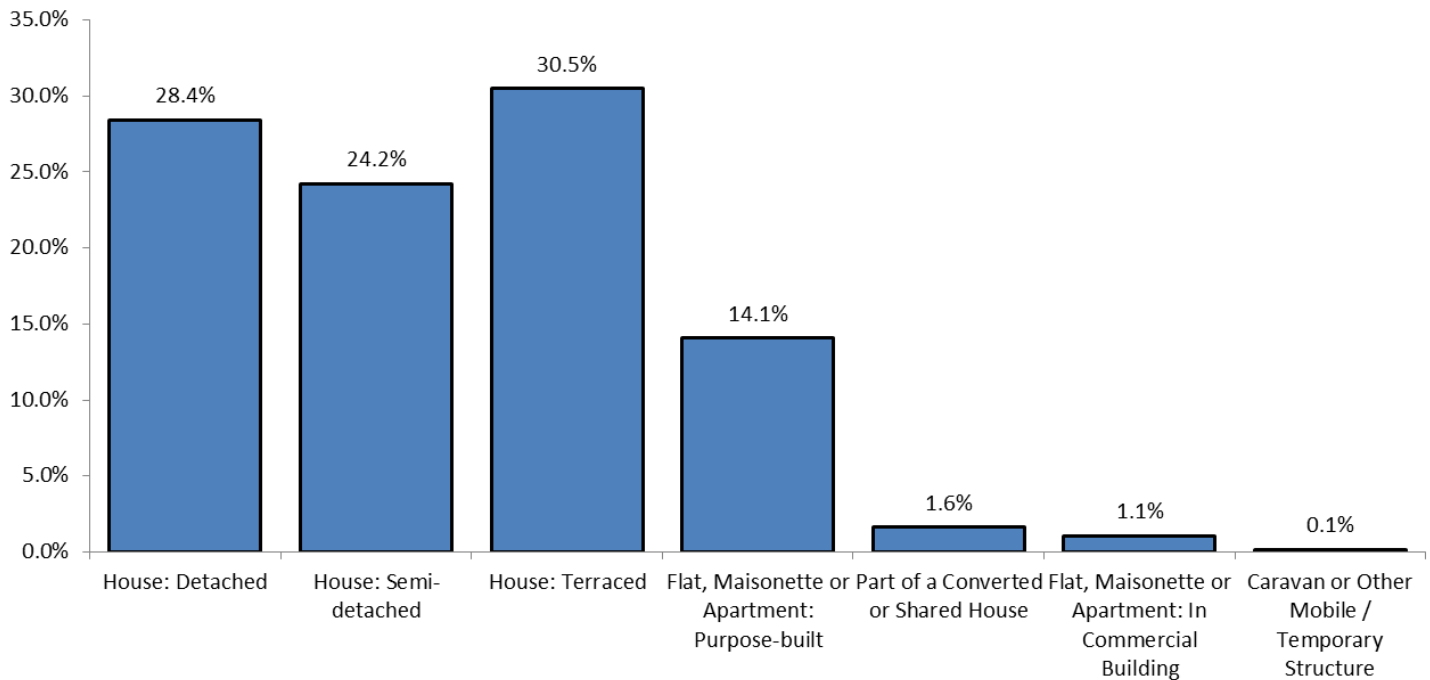
The pie chart above depicts the tenure of households in Romsey as reported in the 2011 Census. The vast majority (73.9%) of Romsey residents own their home either outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is higher than the borough average of 70.4%.

The proportion of residents renting in Romsey is lower than the average for Test Valley as a whole. In Romsey, 11.9% of people privately rent their home and 12.1% rent theirs from a Housing Association; across the borough, 12.9% of people privately rent and 14.4% socially rent. Additionally, 0.5% of Romsey residents have shared ownership of their property, which is similar to the Test Valley figure of 0.7%.

## Dwellings<sup>8</sup>

The term dwelling refers to the type of accommodation (house, flat, etc.) in which people live.

### Dwellings in Romsey



According to the 2011 Census, the largest proportion (30.5%) of Romsey households are terraced properties – this is higher than the borough average of 22.0%. The proportion of detached dwellings (28.4%) and semi detached dwellings (24.2%) is lower than the borough averages of 39.0% and 26.0% respectively. The percentage of Romsey households that are flats, maisonettes, apartments or part of a converted or shared house is above the Test Valley average of 12.0%.

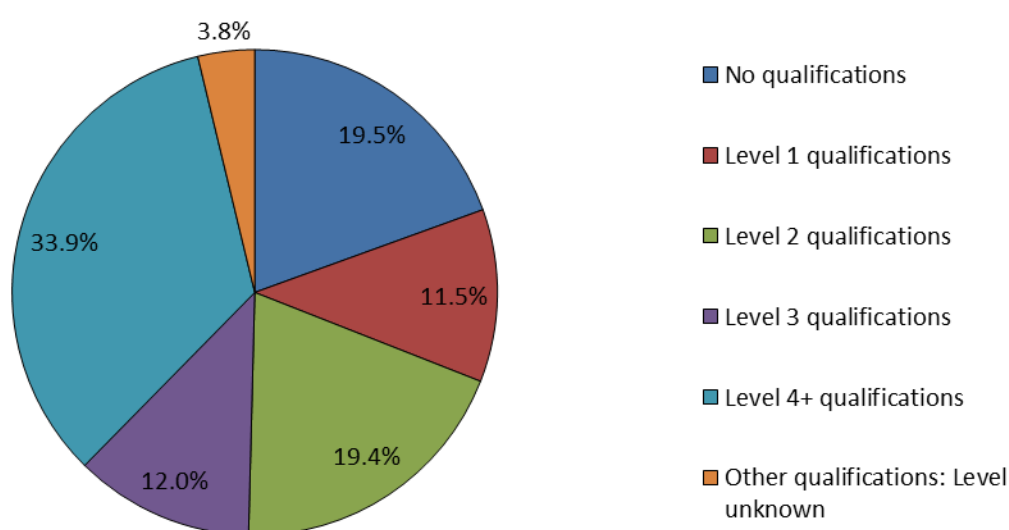
# Qualifications and jobs

## Key economic information...

- Residents of Romsey are relatively well educated, with 76.7% of residents aged 16-74 having at least one GCSE or equivalent.
- 69.0% of Romsey residents are economically active (this includes people who are both employed and actively seeking employment). People who are economically inactive are not seeking a job, and include people who are retirees, full time students, looking after family or long-term sick.
- The largest proportion (22.4%) of Romsey residents are employed in professional roles.

## Qualifications<sup>9</sup>

### Qualifications in Romsey

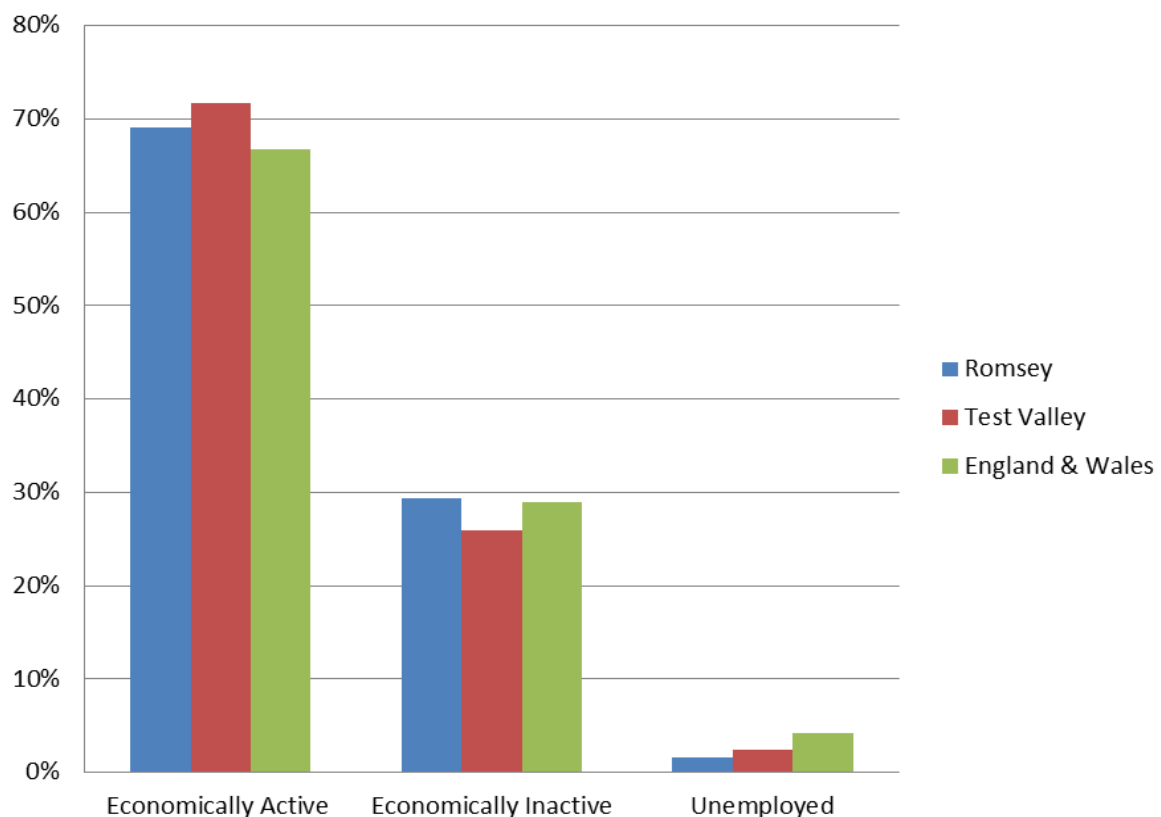


No qualifications	No academic or professional qualifications.
Level 1	1+O level passes, 1+CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ level 1, Basic/Essential skills, NVQ Level 1.
Level 2	5+O level passes, 5+GCSEs (grades A*-C), 1 A level, 2-3 AS levels, City and Guilds Craft, Apprenticeship, NVQ level 2.
Level 3	2+A levels, Higher School certificate, NVQ level 3, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, BTEC National.
Level 4/5	Degree (e.g. BA, BSc) higher degree (e.g. MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ levels 4 and 5, qualified teacher, nurse or accountant status, BTEC Higher.
Other qualification	Level unknown, vocational/work-related qualifications, foreign qualifications.

76.7% of residents aged 16-74 living in Romsey have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, which is just below the Test Valley average of 77.6%. Additionally, 3.8% of residents have an unknown qualification (the Test Valley average is 4.1%). This means that 19.5% of Tadburn residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is slightly higher than the borough average. 33.9% of residents are educated to at least undergraduate degree level or NVQ level 4 or 5 or higher whereas 30.5% of Test Valley residents are educated to this level.

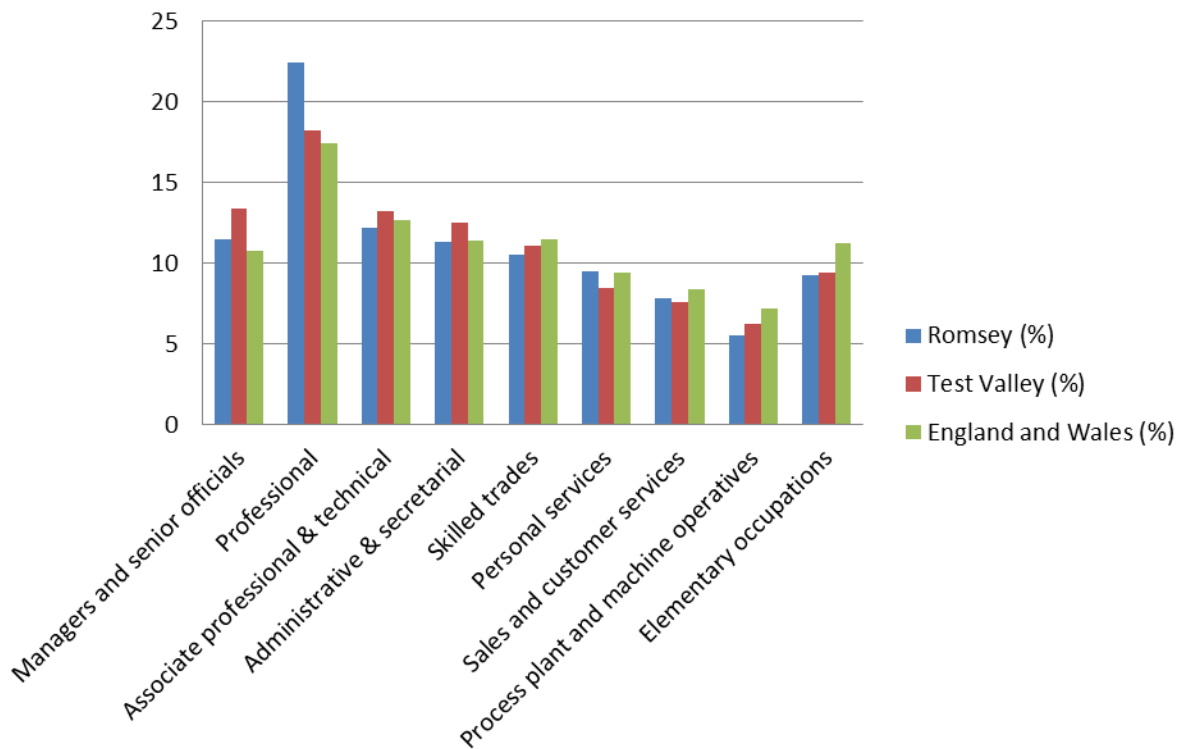
## Employment<sup>10</sup>

### Economic Activity in Romsey



The above graph shows the economic activity percentages of Romsey residents compared to the percentages for Test Valley and for England and Wales. 69.0% of Romsey residents are economically active, which is below Test Valley (71.6%) but higher than the national figure (66.7%). Additionally, economic inactivity is higher in Romsey than in Test Valley and in England and Wales – 29.3% of Romsey residents are economically inactive, compared to 25.9% borough wide and 29.0% nation wide. It should be noted these figures are based on a person 'Activity last week', so that economically active still includes people who were not in employment but still seeking work and are ready to start within two weeks.

## Employment by occupation in Romsey



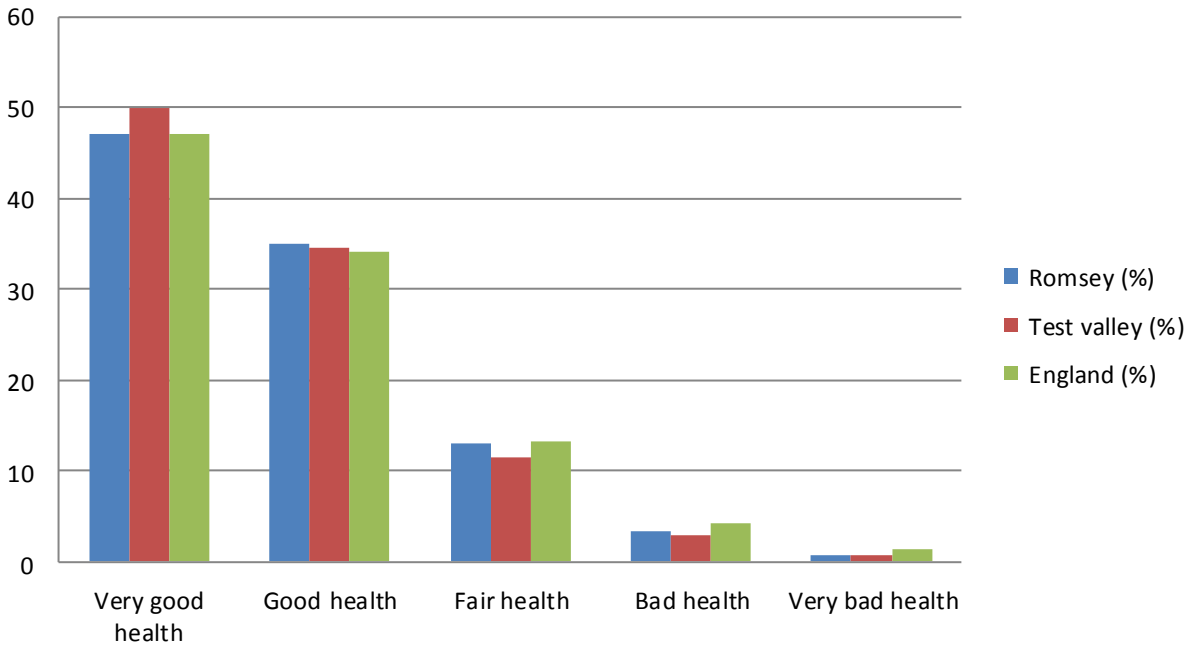
The above graph shows the residents of Romsey by occupation. Within the town, the largest proportion of people (22.4%) work in professional roles, which is higher than the borough average (18.2%) and the national average (10.8%). Romsey has fewer people working skilled tradesmen (10.49%) than the Test Valley average (11.1%), and fewer associate professionals and technicians (12.6% compared to 13.2%).<sup>i</sup>

<sup>i</sup> For more information on these groupings, please visit [http://ww2.prospects.ac.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home\\_page/Main\\_Menu\\_News\\_and\\_information/Graduate\\_Market\\_Trends/Examples\\_of\\_types\\_of\\_work/pledXffi](http://ww2.prospects.ac.uk/cms/ShowPage/Home_page/Main_Menu_News_and_information/Graduate_Market_Trends/Examples_of_types_of_work/pledXffi)

# Health

The average life expectancy for Romsey women is 85.3 years, and the male average is 80.5 years. The female life expectancy is higher than both the borough average and the English average by 0.8 and 2.7 years respectively. The life expectancy for Romsey men is 0.1 years lower than the Test Valley average but 1.6 years higher than the English average.<sup>xi</sup>

## Health of Romsey residents



At the 2011 Census, 82.1% of residents in Romsey said that they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is slightly lower than the borough average (84.6%) but higher than the average for England (81.4%). 4.2% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is slightly higher than the average for Test Valley (3.8%) but again lower than the average for England (5.4%).<sup>xii</sup>





## The environment

### Key environment information...

- The availability of public open space varies across the town with a deficit in children's play space.
- The largest park in the town is the Romsey War Memorial park at 1.62 hectares.
- Romsey Sports Centre, is the largest provider of open space in the town with 4.23 hectares.

### Public open space<sup>xiii</sup>

Based on a 2011 estimated population the total requirement for public open space in Romsey is 49.52 hectares. The amount of public open space available is 28.88 hectares, which means that the town is 20.64 hectares below the required amount of public open space. This rated on four different themes which include, Sports Grounds/ Formal Recreation, Parkland, Informal Recreation Areas and Children's Play Spaces. The largest deficit is in Children's Play Space which currently has a provision of 0.49 hectares but has a requirement of 10.61, resulting in a deficit of 10.12 hectares.

# Community

The table below show the facilities and services available within Romsey<sup>xiv</sup>.

	Romsey
Food Store(s)	Mercer Way, Winchester Hill and Warren Gardens
Other Shop	Large number of shops in Romsey town centre. Romsey hosts a market in the town centre on a Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and a farmers' market on the first Sunday of each month. Viney Avenue Shops, Saxon Way Shops and Nisa Warren Gardens
Post Offices	Town centre Nisa
Pre-Schools	Chatterbox Pre-School, Halterworth Lane Woodley Pre-School, Bransley Close Romsey Primary Nursery, Mercer Way Romsey Centre Pre-School, Mountbatten Avenue Abbotswood Day Nursey, Cupernham Lane
Primary School	Cupernham Infants and Juniors, Bransley Close Romsey Primary, Mercer Way Romsey Abbey Church of England Primary School, Church Lane Halterworth Primary School, Halterworth Lane Stroud School, Highwood Lane
Secondary School	The Mountbatten Secondary School. This school has a selection of facilities that are used by the community, including studios, sports halls and a floodlit MUGA. The Romsey School, Priestlands Stroud School, Highwood Lane
Health Facilities	Nightingale GP Surgery, Great Well Drive Abbey Meads Surgery Alma Road Surgery
Leisure Facilities	Whitenap Playspace Tadburn Meadows Montfort open space  There is a walk following Tadburn Stream that runs through the ward and is well used by residents.  Romsey Leisure Centre and The Rapids are not located directly in the ward; however, they are close and well used by residents.  Childrens' plays areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Woodley Estate</li> <li>• Mercer Way (a small area)</li> <li>• Withy Close</li> </ul> Romsey Memorial Park, including the tennis courts and bowling green  Southampton Road allotments Romsey Sports Centre
Rail Station	Romsey Railway Station

	Romsey
Public Houses	<p>The Luzborough House, Luzborough Lane  The Sun Inn, Winchester Road  The Star Inn, The Horsefair  Abbey Hotel, Church Street  Tudor Rose, Corn Market  The Phoenix, The Hundred  William IV, Latimer Street  The Old House At Home, Love Lane  Three Tuns, Middlebridge Street  The Cromwell Arms, Mainstone  La Parisienne, Bell Street  Three members' clubs  The Duke's Head, Greatbridge Road  Hunter's Inn, Winchester Hill  New pub proposed for Abbotswood</p>
Community Facilities	<p>Montfort Hall, Benedict Close  Romsey Town Hall, Market Place  Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road  The Abbey Church Rooms  United Reformed Abbey Rooms, Market Place  Age Concern Hall, Linden Road  The Plaza Theatre, Winchester Road  Romsey Library, Station Road  Woodley Village Hall  Scout Hall, Braishfield Road  Abbotswood Community Centre  Mountbatten Gallery and Romsey Art Group, Lee</p>
Religious Buildings	<p>There is a disused chapel at Romsey Cemetery, and Montfort Hall has availability for use by religious groups.  Methodist Church, The Hundred  United Reformed Church, Market Place  Elim Pentecostal Church, Middlebridge Street  St Josephs Church, Winchester Road  Romsey Abbey  St Swithuns Church, Crampmoor</p>
Other Facilities	<p>Hillier Garden Centre, Botley Road</p>

The following link can be used to find out details of clubs and activities in the local area:  
<http://www.getactivehampshireiow.co.uk/>

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## ***Romsey Extra ward***

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### **Romsey Extra Parish Council**

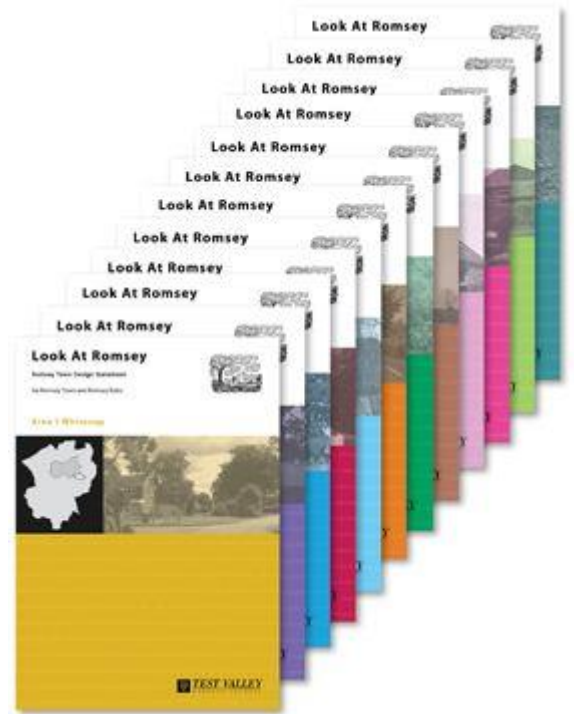
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## Town Design Statement

Romsey Town has a Town Design Statement. The statement was adopted by Test Valley Borough Council on 10 January 2008 and forms part of the Local Development Framework for the area.

The design statement aims to describe the character of the town and surrounding area and to establish design principles for the landscape, settlement boundaries and nature of buildings.

This document is available on the Council's website at the following page:  
<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol/planningpolicy/village-design-statements/romseytds/>



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