

# Valley Park Parish Profile



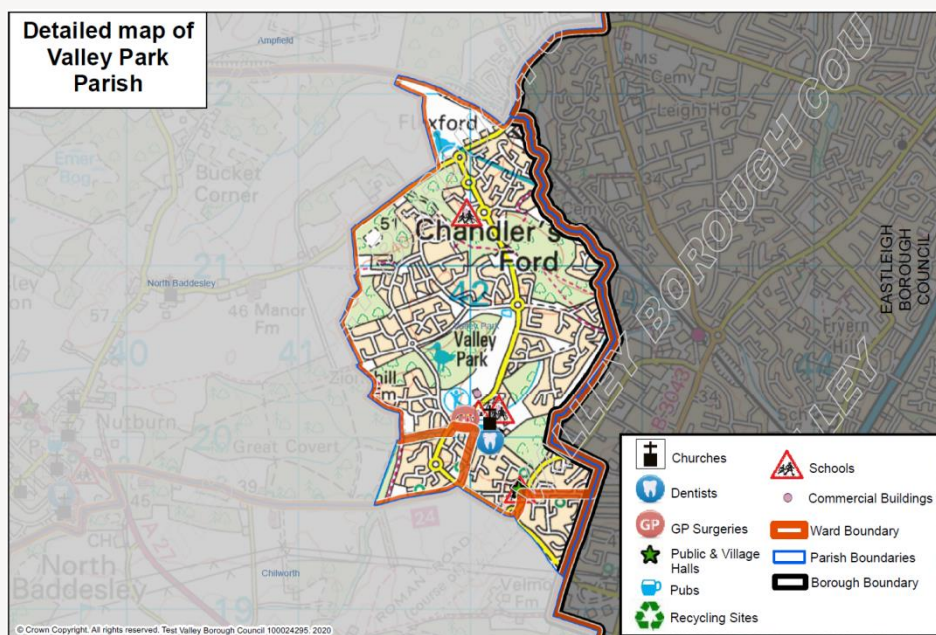
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This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the parish of Valley Park within Test Valley. It looks at information on topics such as the population structure, economic, housing, health and educational information for the parish.

**Valley Park** is one of the Test Valley's fifty-nine parishes. It has an area of **273.73** hectares which represents **0.44%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of size, **Valley Park** is Test **fifty-sixth largest** parish. The parish's population is **7,381** and its population density is **27.00** people per hectare, which is far higher than the borough's average population density of **2.10** people per hectare.



## Census Data

Some of the data used in this profile is taken from the 2011 Census; where this is the case, this is clearly labelled. Though this data is from several years ago, the breadth and volume of information the Census collects means it remains a valuable source of data and a reasonable indication of current trends. Data from the 2021 Census will be released by the Office for National Statistics in 2022/3. When this happens, this profile will be updated and circulated to Councillors.

## Elected Representatives

### Hampshire County Councillor

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**The south-west corner of the parish falls into Test Valley's North Baddesley Ward whose Councillors are:**

**Councillor Celia Dowden**

**Councillor Simon Cross**

**Councillor Alan Warnes**

**The south-east corner of the parish falls into Test Valley's Chilworth, Nursling and Rownhams Ward whose Councillor is:**

**Councillor Phil Bundy**

**Councillor Mike Maltby**

**Councillor Therese Swain**

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# Population



7,381

Population 2020



5.0%  
decrease



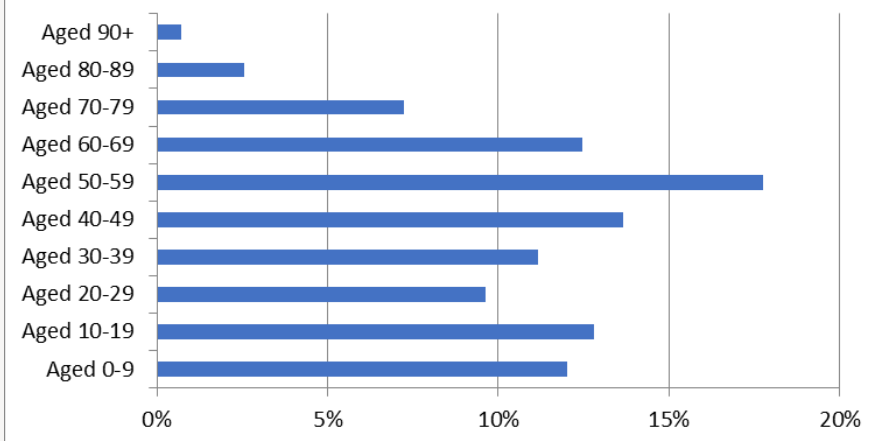
7,013

Estimated  
population in 2027



5.60% of Test Valley's population

Percentage of the population by age group 2020



## Age breakdown

At 24.8% Valley Park has a larger percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.8%. By 2027, the proportion of young people will decrease to 22.3%, and will then be 0.7% lower than the borough average.

At 20.8%, Valley Park has a larger percentage of **young adults** (aged 20-39) than the borough average of 19.9%. The proportion of young adults living in the parish is expected to fall by 0.7% between 2020 and 2027, a slower rate than the fall of 1.2% across the borough.

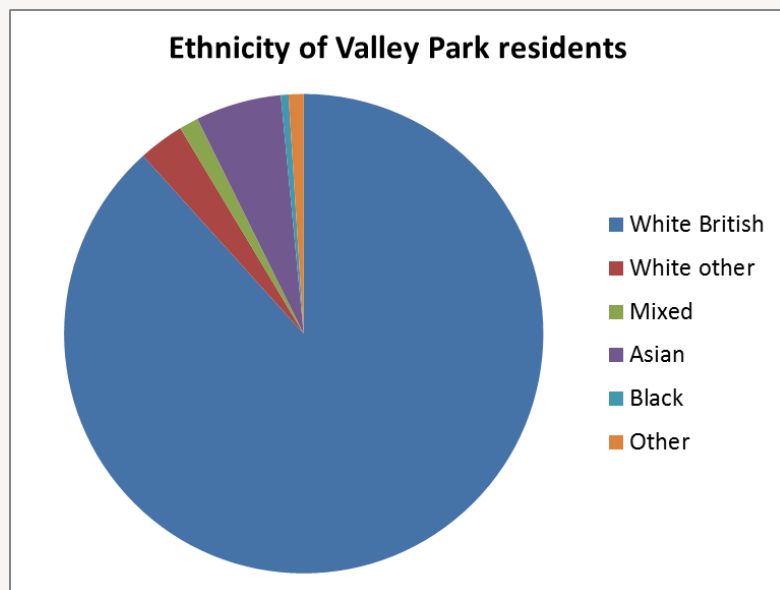
**Middle aged residents** (aged 40-69) constitute 43.9% of Valley Park's population, which is higher than the borough average of 40.2%. This is forecast to decrease to 42.7% by 2027, 3.1% above the borough average.

At 10.5%, Valley Park has a lower percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 6.7% below the borough average. By 2027 this percentage is forecast to increase by 4.4%, significantly higher than the rate of increase of 1.5% that is forecast for the borough as a whole.

## Population Data

This population data is taken from the Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF), provided by Hampshire County Council. Further information on this is available online at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>.

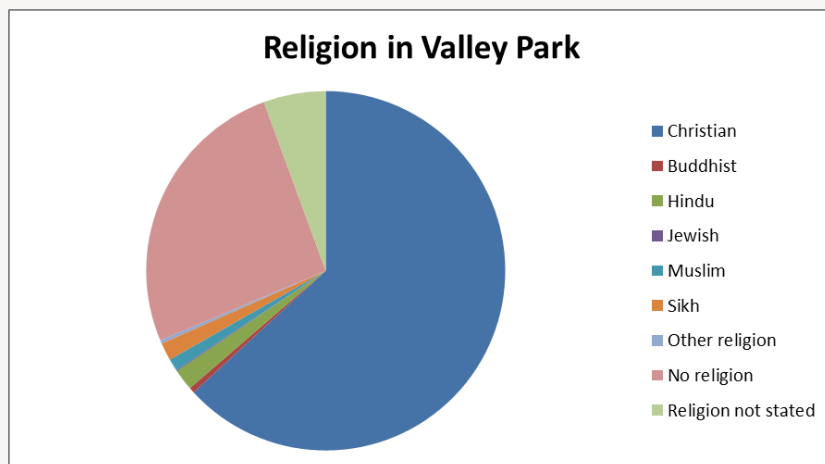
## Ethnicity



White British	White other	Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	Asian	Black	Other
88.3%	3.1%	1.3%	5.8%	0.5%	1.0%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Valley Park by percentage. In the 2011 Census, 88.3% of Valley Park's population identified as White British. This is lower than the borough average of 93.1%. Valley Park's level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where only 79.8% of the population are White British.

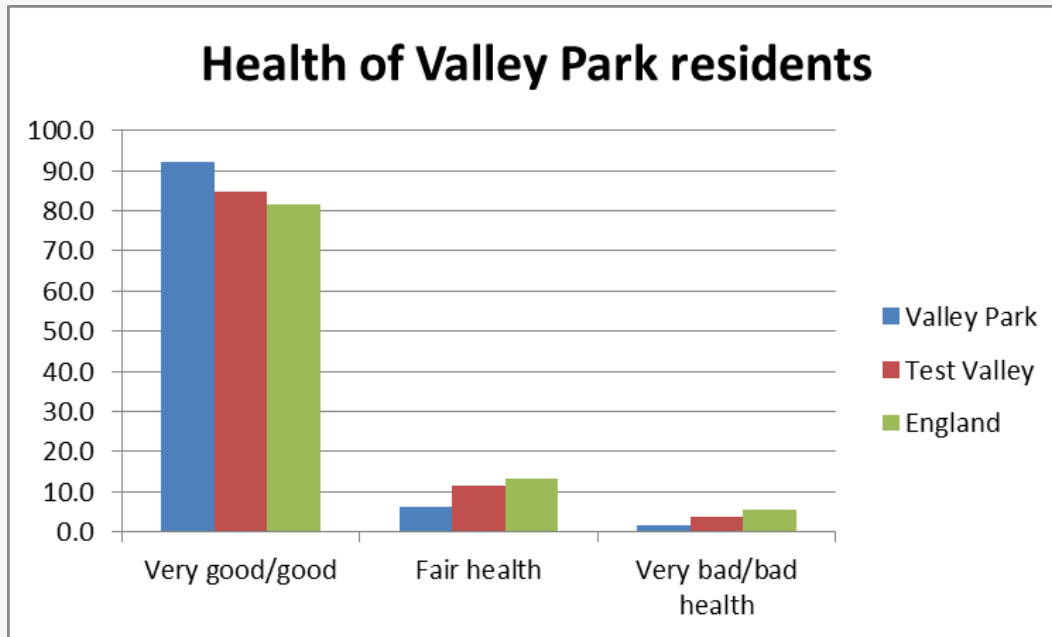
## Religion



Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
63.1%	0.5%	1.9%	0.1%	1.1%	1.6%	0.3%	25.7%	5.6%

At the 2011 Census, the majority of Valley Park residents (63.1%) classify themselves as Christian, which is lower than the borough average of 65.7% but higher than the English average of 59.8%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (25.7%), which is higher than the Test Valley average (25.1%) but lower the English average (27.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, Hinduism is the second largest group at 1.9%, this is 0.4% higher than the equivalent figure for England.

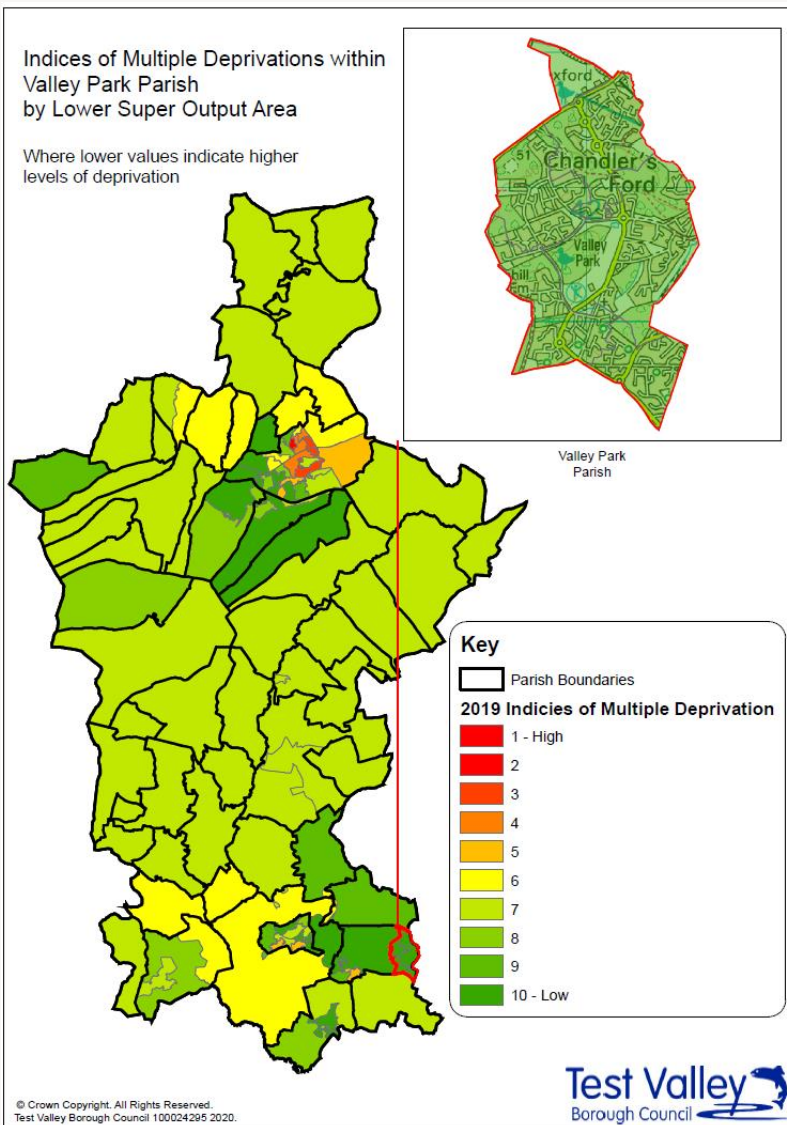
## Health



**0.9% of Valley Park's residents are long term sick or disabled (2011 Census)**

At the 2011 Census, 92.0% of residents in Valley Park said they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is significantly higher than both the average for Test Valley (84.6%) and England (81.4%). 1.7% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is lower than both the borough (3.8%) and English averages (5.4%)

## Deprivation



The English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 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;
- education, skills and training deprivation;
- health deprivation and disability;
- crime;
- barriers to housing and services;
- living environment deprivation.

Areas are scored on each of these factors, and ranked nationally from least deprived to most deprived.

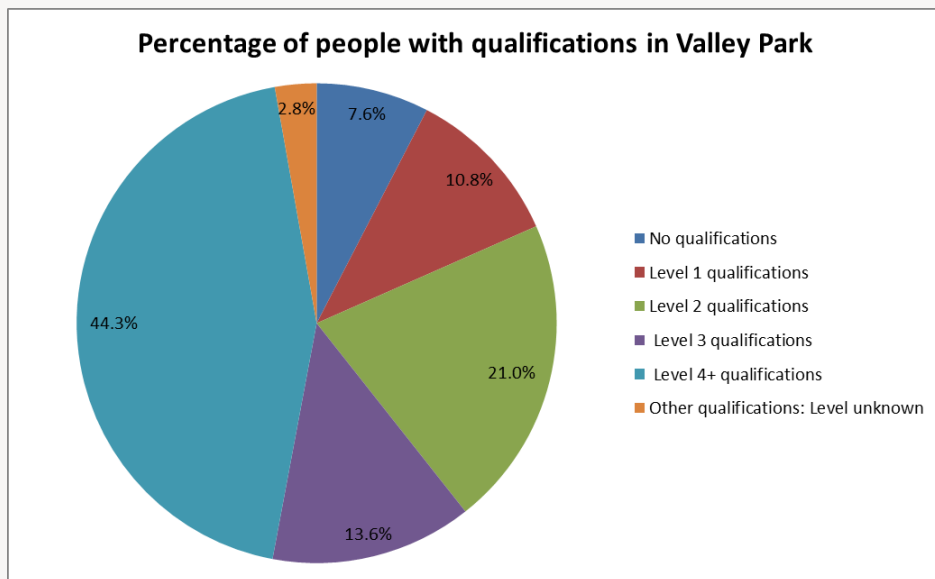
This map shows the deprivation scores for parish of Valley Park against all areas in Test Valley. These are measured in Super Output Areas, five of which make up Valley Park. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, areas of Valley Park rank between 30,413<sup>rd</sup> and 32,565<sup>th</sup>, this puts all of the parish in the **10% of least deprived** areas in the country.

More specifically, all of Valley Park ranks in the top 30% of most deprived areas when it comes to physical proximity of local services; areas to the south-east (around School Lane) and north-west (around Skys Wood Road) rank in the top 10% of most deprived areas in the country in this regard.

*Further information about the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 2019 English Indices of Deprivation is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>*

# Education and employment

## Qualifications

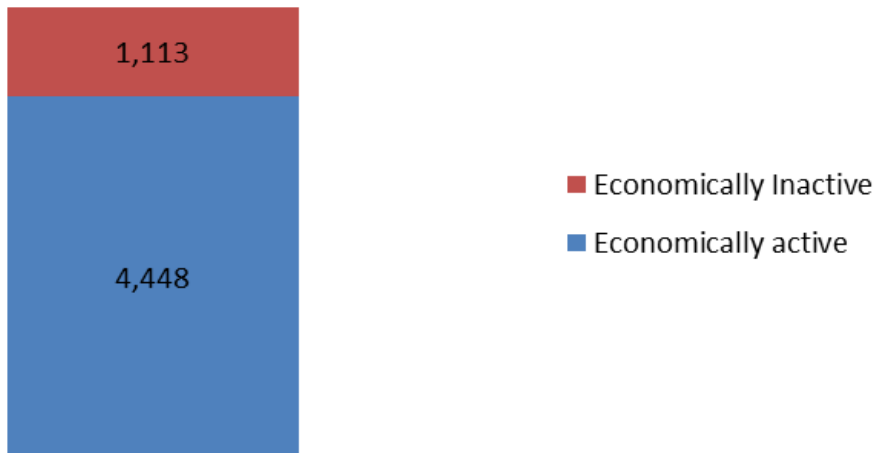


The pie chart shows the qualifications gained by Valley Park's residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2011 Census. 89.7% of people living in Valley Park have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is significantly higher than the Test Valley average of 77.6%. Additionally, 2.8% of residents have an unknown qualification, which is similar to the borough average. This means that 7.6% of Valley Park residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 10.8% lower than the borough average. In addition, 44.3% of Valley Park residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is higher than the borough average of 30.5%.

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 (for example BA, BSc) higher degree (for example Master's, PhD, PGCE), NVQ levels 4 and 5, Qualified Teacher status, Nurse or Accountancy. BTEC Higher level.
Other qualification	Level unknown, vocational/work-related Qualifications, Foreign qualifications.

## Economic Activity

### Economic activity (count)



According to the 2011 Census, 80.0% of Valley Park's residents aged 16-74 are economically active, higher than Test Valley as a whole where the figure is 73.4% of residents. This includes people in full-, part- and self-employment, those who are actively seeking a job, and full-time students.

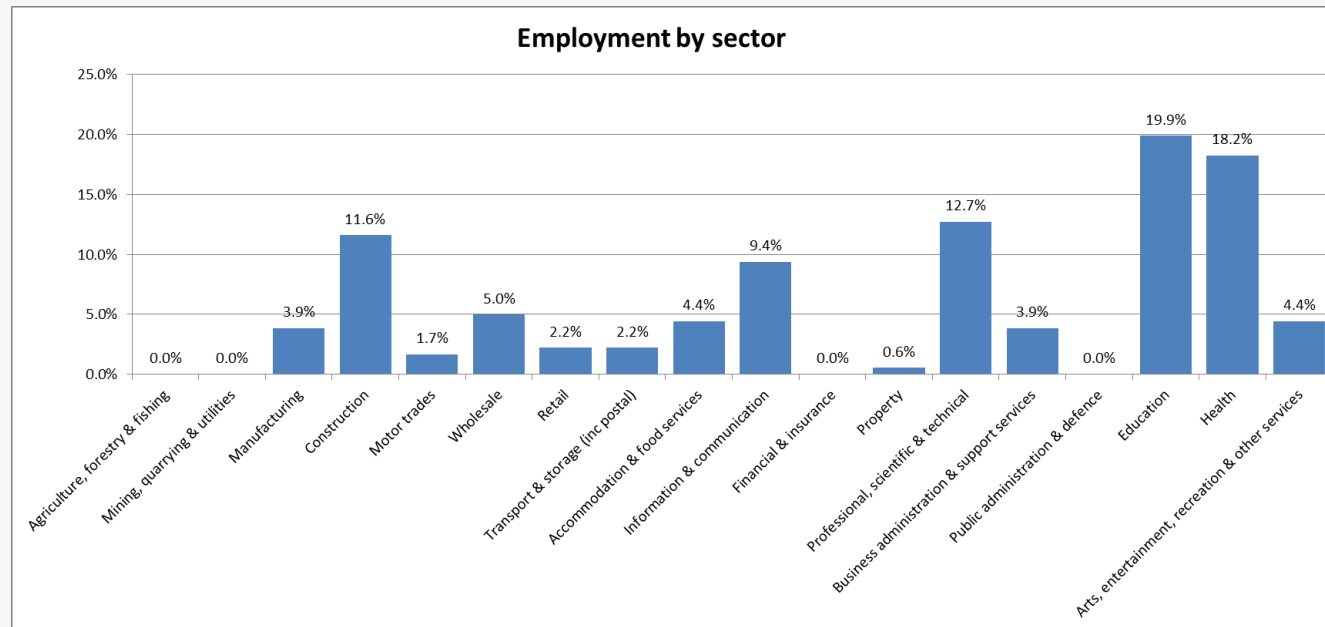
The remaining 20.0% of residents aged 16-74 are economically inactive, compared to 26.6% of Test Valley residents. This includes people who are retired, long-term sick or disabled, or who look after the home and family.



## Employment by sector

Following the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review in 2017, new Ward and Parish boundaries have been introduced in Test Valley. Hence, this information has been produced on a 'best fit' basis, it's not an exact representation of Valley Park but provides as good an indication as is currently feasible.

This data is taken from the 2018 UK Business Register and Employment Survey which is produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This dataset relies upon a sample of 85,000 businesses across the country, from which these estimates are modelled. As such, there will be some sampling variability which result in the quality of the estimates deteriorating for smaller geographies. A better indication will be available from the 2021 Census which will be available in 2022/3; once this data is released, this profile will be updated and circulated to Borough and Parish Councillors.



This graph shows the percentage of the workforce by sector, according to the latest Business Register and Employment Survey in 2018. The largest sector employing people in Valley Park is Education (19.9%) followed by Health (18.2%) and then by Professional, Scientific & Technical (12.7%)

# Properties

Total number of properties

**2,877**

## Dwellings

**17.4%**  
*Terraced*



## Estimated Average Value (Chandlers Ford)

**£294,331**

**15.2%**  
*Semi-Detached*



**£338,951**

**2.1%**  
*Flat*



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**65.3%**  
*Detached*



**£534,602**

**0.0%**  
*Mobile*

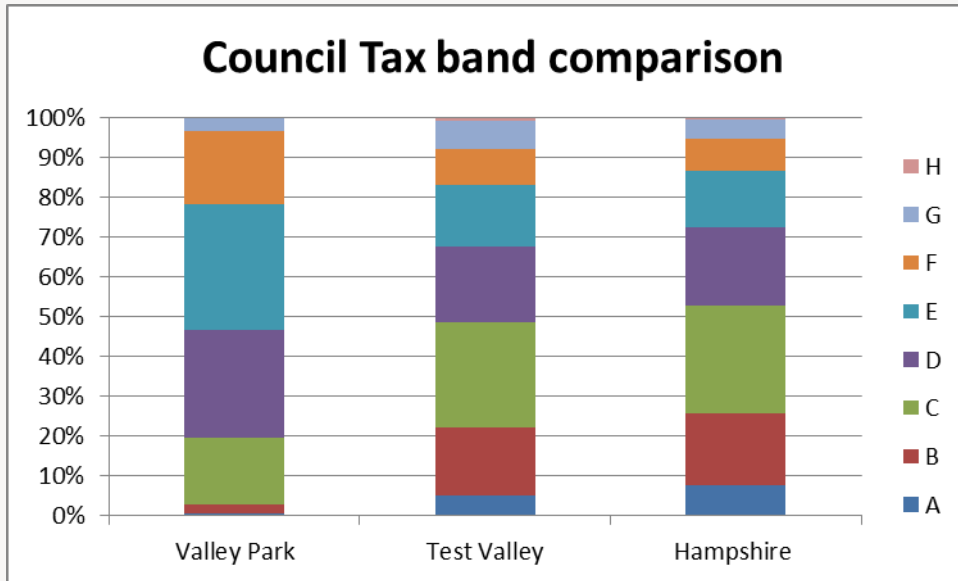





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According to RightMove.co.uk, the average value of a property sold in Chandlers Ford (including Valley Park) in the last year was **£416,919**.

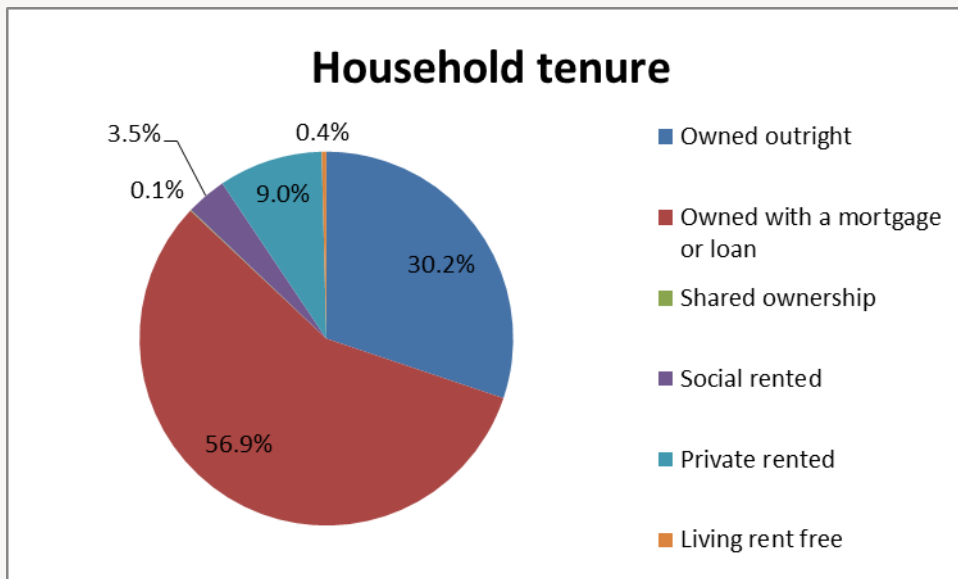
In Hampshire, the average value of a property is £381,137 (an 11.3% rise in 5 years) whilst in South East England, the average is £424,800 (a 10.6% rise in 5 years).

## Council Tax Bandings



	Valley Park	Test Valley
<b>Bands F-H</b> 	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>
<b>Bands C-E</b> 	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>60.8%</b>
<b>Bands A-B</b> 	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>22.3%</b>

## Household Tenure



Household tenure refers to the financial arrangements under which people occupy their homes and is taken from the 2011 Census.

This pie chart depicts the tenure of households in Valley Park. 86.9% of people in Valley Park live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is significantly higher than both the average for Test Valley, which is 70.3%, and the average for the South East of England, which is 67.6%.

3.5% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, which is lower than the borough average of 14.4%.

9.0% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is lower than the borough average of 12.9%.

# Community facilities

Within Valley Park there are a range of community facilities including various local shops, a Community Centre, Knightwood Leisure Centre (which has various sports and leisure facilities), The Cleveland Bay pub, and St Francis Church. Valley Park is also home to the Valley Park Woodlands Local Nature Reserve, five separate ancient woodlands that were awarded Green Flag status in 2010 and are managed by Test Valley Borough Council.

The parish has two schools, St Francis Church of England Primary School and Knightwood Primary School, two pre-schools, and two doctors' surgeries. The nearest railway station is located in Chandlers Ford.



# Community plans

Details of any community planning exercises your parish is undertaking can be added here. Please get in touch with the Policy Team at the email address below and we will be more than happy to add information at your request.

## Test Valley Borough Council – Policy Team

The information in this profile has been prepared by Test Valley Borough Council's Policy Team. If you have any further queries or would like to talk to us about other information you would like to see then please contact one of the Policy Team who will be happy to help:

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