

# Melchet Park and Plaitford Parish Profile



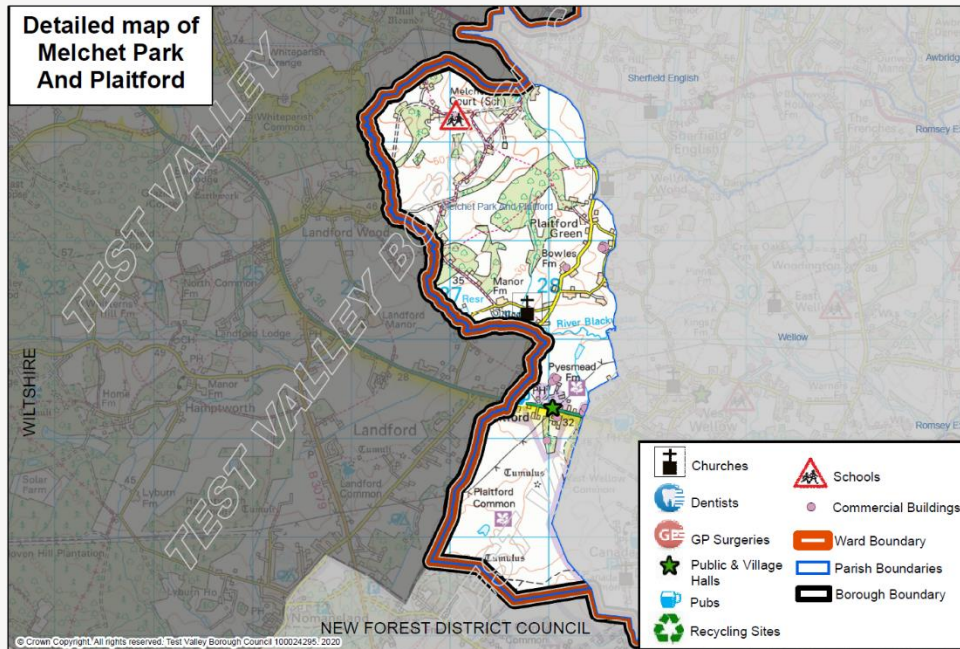
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This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the parish of Melchet Park and Plaitford within Test Valley. It looks at information on topics such as the population structure, economic, housing, health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

**Melchet Park and Plaitford** is one of the Test Valley's fifty-nine parishes. It has an area of **754.42** hectares which represents **1.20%** of the total area of Test Valley; in terms of size, **Melchet Park and Plaitford** is Test Valley's **thirty-eighth largest** parish. The parish's population is **389** and its population density is **0.51** people per hectare, which is lower 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.

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# Population

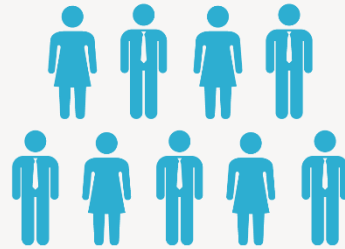


389

Population 2020



5.7%  
increase



411

Estimated  
population in 2027



0.29% of Test Valley's population

## Age breakdown

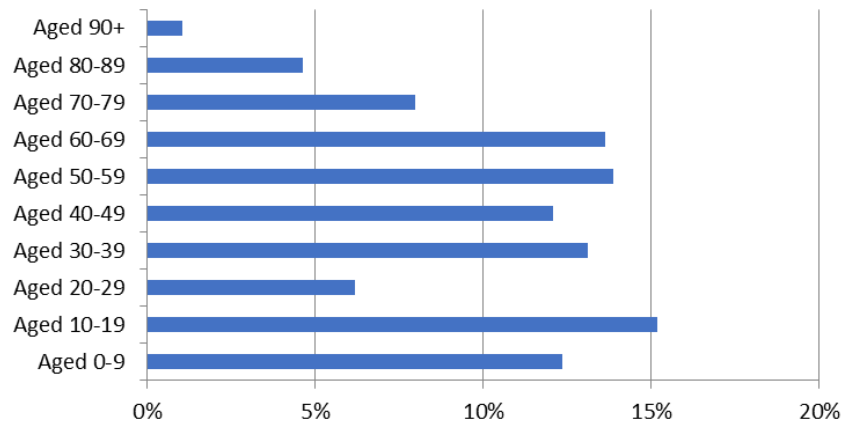
At 27.5% Melchet Park and Plaitford has a larger percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.8%. By 2025, the proportion of young people will increase to 28.4%, but will still be 5.5% higher than the borough average.

At 19.3%, Melchet Park and Plaitford has slightly lower amount of **young adults** (aged 20-39) than the wider borough at 19.9%. The proportion of young adults living in the parish is expected to decrease by 4.0% between 2020 and 2025, similar to the fall of 1.2% across the borough.

**Middle aged residents** (aged 40-69) constitute 39.6% of Melchet Park and Plaitford's population, which is similar to the borough average of 40.2%. This is forecast to increase to 41.1% by 2025, 1.5% above the borough average.

At 13.6%, Melchet Park and Plaitford has a lower percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 3.6% below the borough average. By 2025 this percentage is forecast to increase by 1.5%, identical to the forecast increase of 1.5% for the borough as a whole.

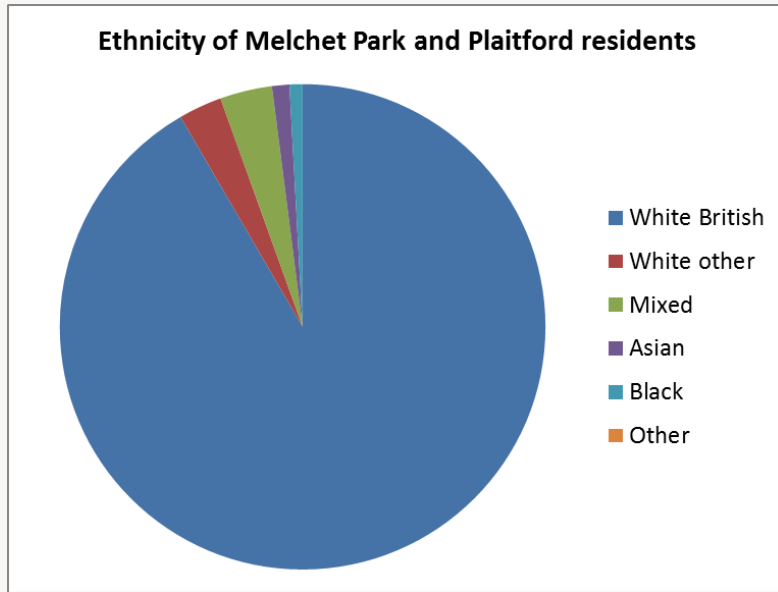
Percentage of the population by age group 2020



## 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>.

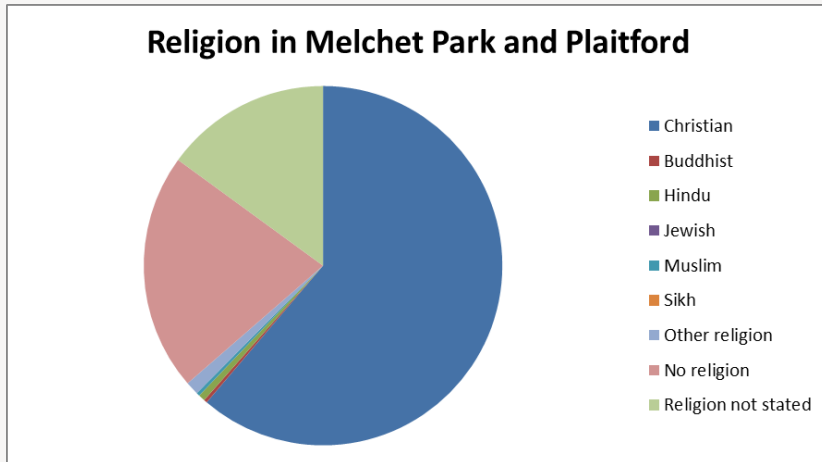
## Ethnicity



White British	White other	Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	Asian	Black	Other
91.6%	2.9%	3.5%	1.2%	0.9%	0.0%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Melchet Park and Plaitford by percentage. In the 2011 Census, 91.6% of Melchet Park and Plaitford's population identified as White British. This is slightly below the borough average of 93.1%. Melchet Park and Plaitford's level of ethnic diversity is lower than England as a whole, where only 79.8% of the population are White British.

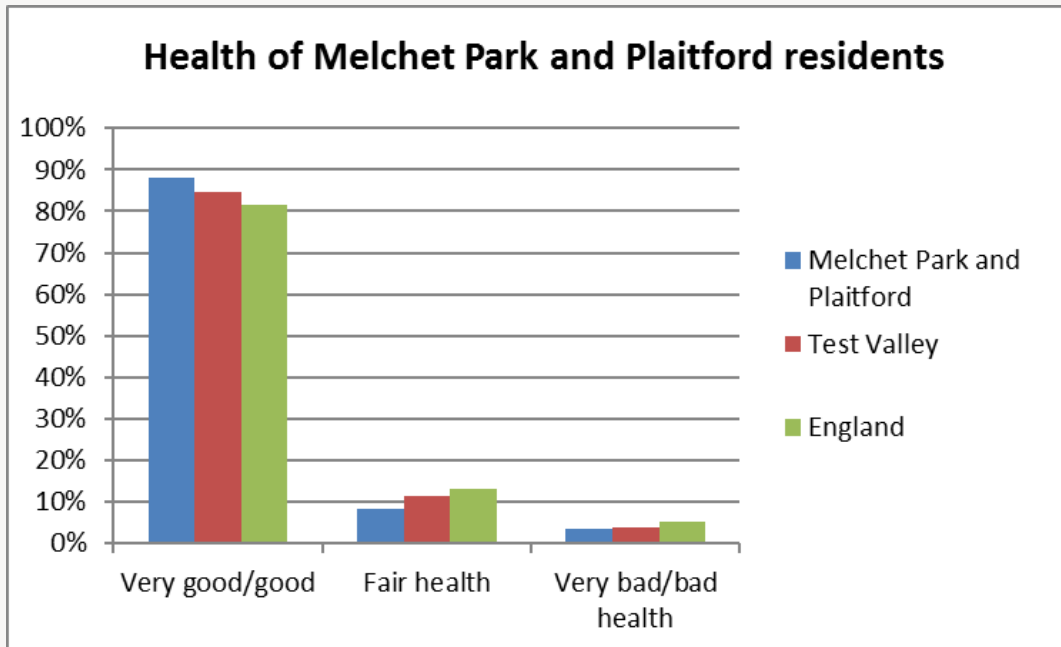
## Religion



Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
61.3%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	1.2%	21.4%	15.0%

At the 2011 Census, the majority of Melchet Park and Plaitford residents (61.3%) 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 (21.4%), which is lower than both the Test Valley average (25.1%) and the English average (27.7%). Of those groups that do adhere to a religion, Other Religions are collectively the second largest group at 1.2%, which is higher than the equivalent figures for both Test Valley and England as a whole, where 0.4% of people identified as adhering to Other Religions.

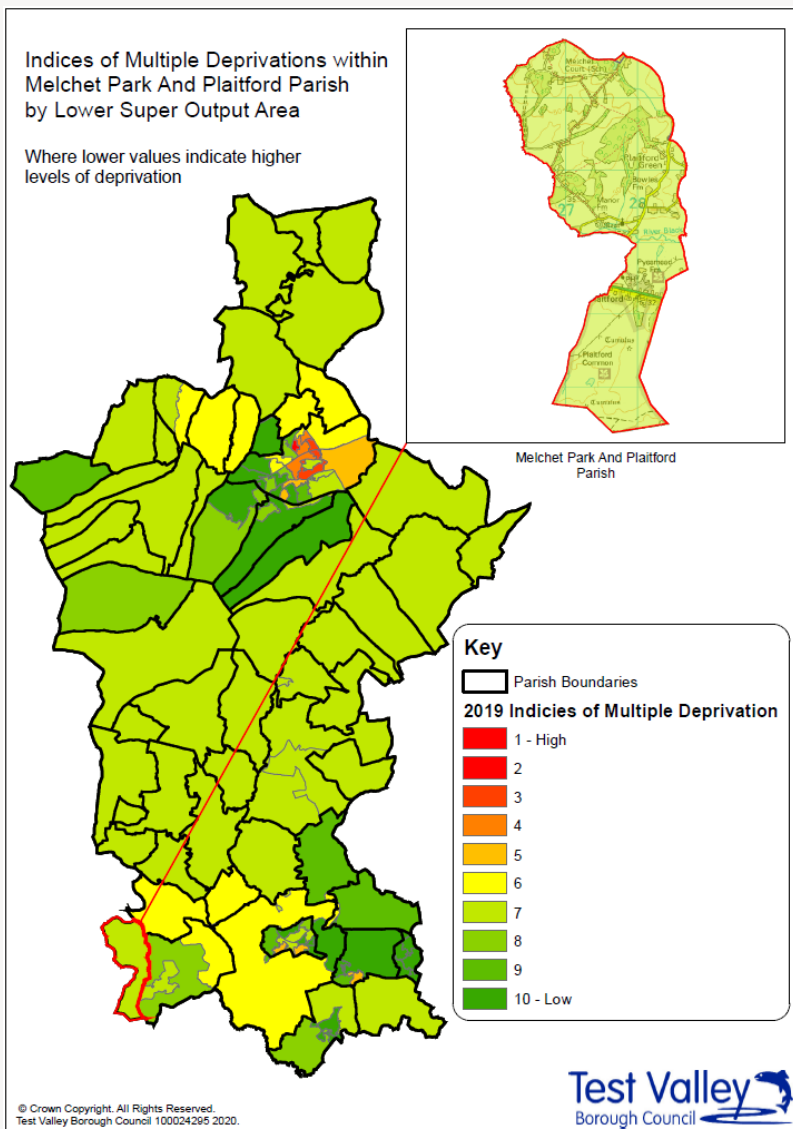
## Health



**1.6% of Melchet Park and Plaitford residents are long term sick or disabled (2011 Census)**

At the 2011 Census, 88.1% of residents in Melchet Park and Plaitford said they felt that they were in very good or good health. This is higher than both the average for Test Valley (84.6%) and the average for England (81.4%). 3.5% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is lower than both the borough average (3.8%) and the average for England (5.5%).

## 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.

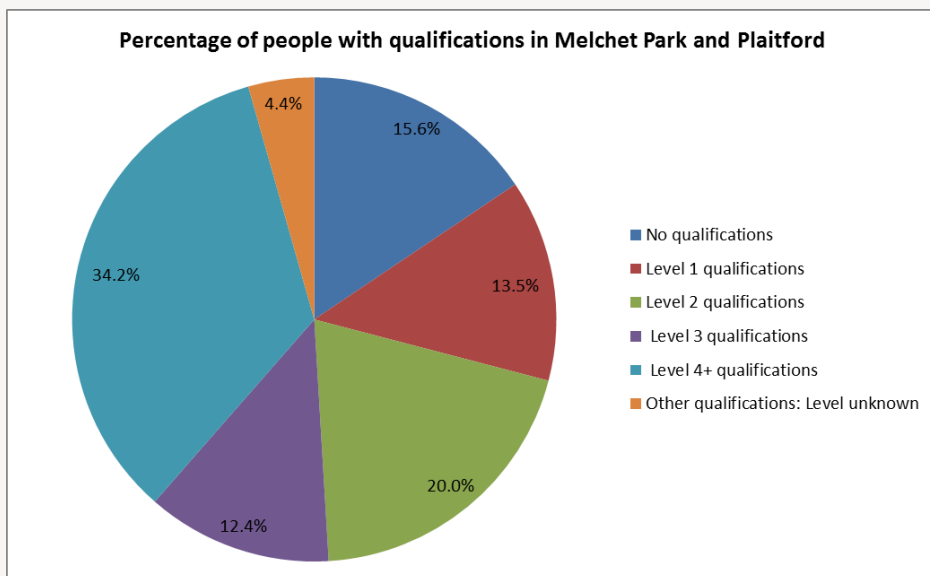
This map shows the deprivation scores for parish of Melchet Park and Plaitford against all areas in Test Valley. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, Melchet Park and Plaitford ranks 21,882<sup>nd</sup>, this puts it in the **40% of least deprived** areas in the country.

More specifically, Melchet Park and Plaitford ranks in the top 10% of most deprived areas when it comes to physical proximity of local services.

*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

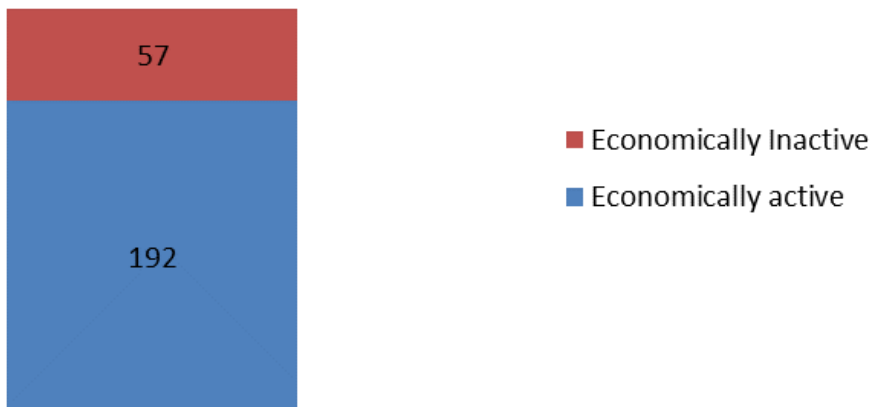


The pie chart shows the qualifications gained by Melchet Park and Plaitford residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2011 Census. 80.1% of people living in Melchet Park and Plaitford have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is higher than the Test Valley average of 77.6%. Additionally, 4.4% of residents have an unknown qualification, which is similar to the borough average. This means that 15.6% of Melchet Park and Plaitford residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 2.8% lower than the borough average. In addition, 34.2% of Melchet Park and Plaitford 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, 77.1% of Melchet Park and Plaitford 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.

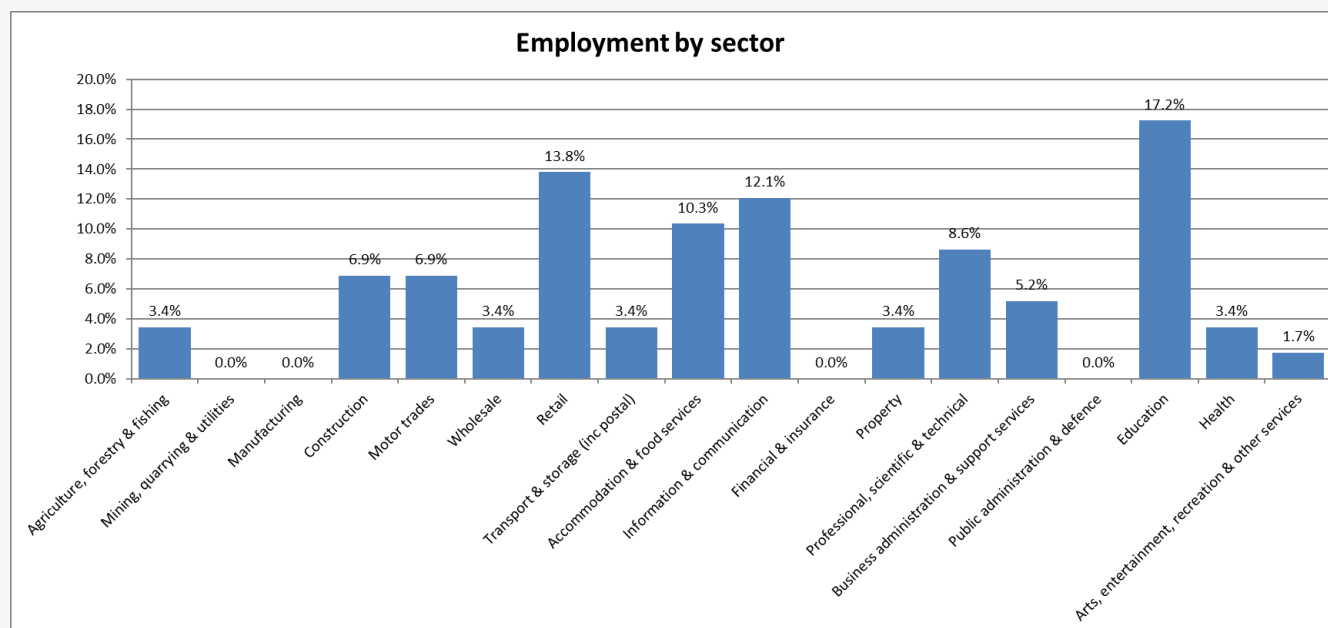
The remaining 22.9% of residents aged 16-74 are economically inactive, compared to 26.6% of Test Valley residents. This includes people who are retired, long-term sick or disabled, or who look after the home and family.



## 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 Melchet Park and Plaitford 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.



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 Melchet Park and Plaitford is Education (17.2%) followed by Retail (13.8%) and Information and Communication (12.1%).

# Properties

Total number of properties

**123**

## Dwellings

## Estimated Average Value

**2.4%**

*Terraced*



**£512,865**

**26.8%**

*Semi-Detached*



**£327,224**

**11.8%**

*Flat*



**£243,520**

**55.9%**

*Detached*



**£771,735**

**3.1%**

*Mobile*

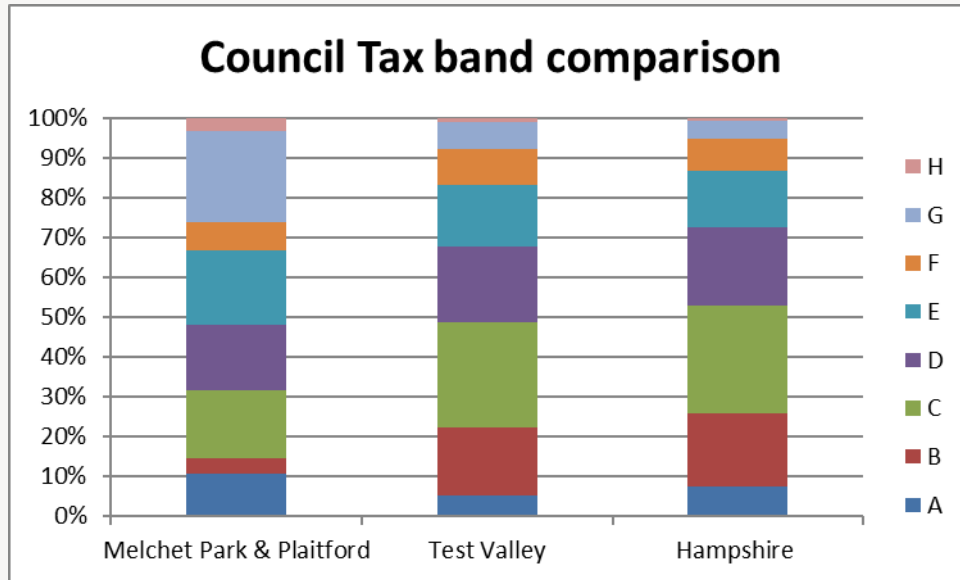





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According to Zoopla estimates, the average value of a property in Melchet Park and Plaitford in 2020 is **£762,019**. This is an increase of 1% over the past 5 years and makes Melchet Park and Plaitford the twenty-fourth most expensive parish in Test Valley.

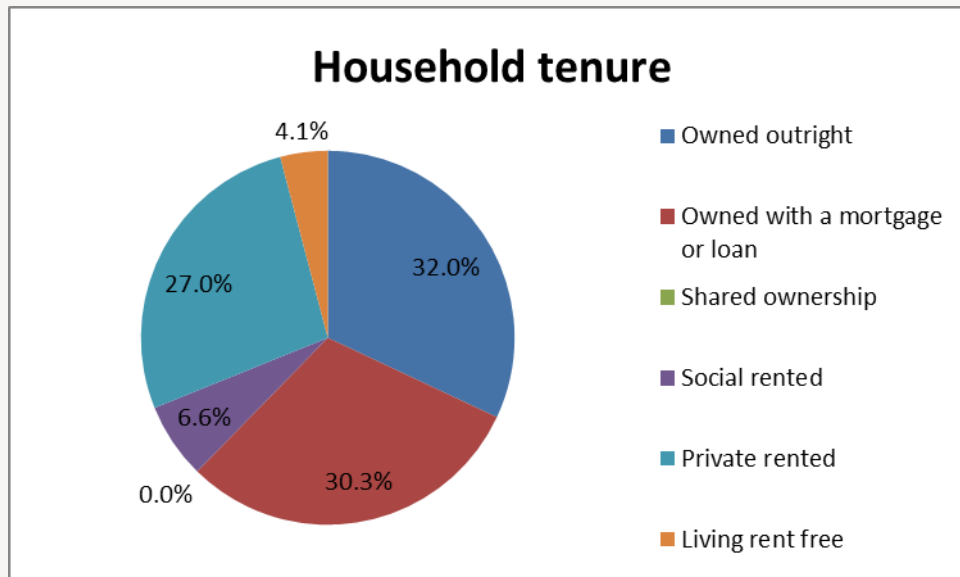
In Hampshire, the average value of a property is £381,137 (a 12% rise in 5 years) whilst in South East England, the average is £424,800 (an 11% rise in 5 years).

## Council Tax Bandings



	Melchet Park and Plaitford	Test Valley
<b>Bands F-H</b> 	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>
<b>Bands C-E</b> 	<b>52.0%</b>	<b>60.8%</b>
<b>Bands A-B</b> 	<b>14.6%</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 Melchet Park and Plaitford. 62.3% of people in Melchet Park and Plaitford live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is slightly lower than the average for Test Valley, which is 70.3%, and the average for the South East of England, which is 67.6%.

6.6% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, which is lower than the borough average of 14.4%.

27.0% of residents privately rent their property; this figure is significantly higher than borough average of 12.9%.

## Community facilities

Within Melchet Park and Plaitford there are a range of community facilities including a Village Hall, Plaitford Common, The Shoe Inn pub, and St Peter's Church.

The Parish has one school, St Edward's School a day and residential special school for boys who experience social, emotional and mental health difficulties. Aside from this, the nearest primary school is located in the neighbouring parish of Wellow whilst the closest GP surgeries are situated in Whiteparish or Romsey. The closest railway station is Dean.



## 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 the Policy Team who will be happy to help:

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