

Vernham Dean and Linkenholt Parish Profile



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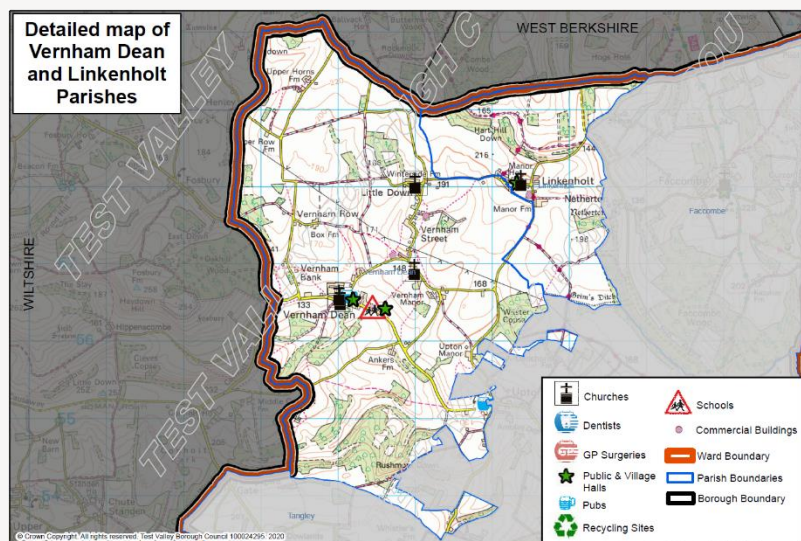


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This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the parishes of Vernham Dean and Linkenholt within Test Valley. It looks at information on topics such as the population structure, economic, housing,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

Whilst each are separate parishes, they have a combined profile due to Linkenholt's small population of 42. Such a small population means it's impossible to profile Linkenholt independently without possibly identifying specific individuals. For this reason, some data sources, like the 2011 Census, are only available for Vernham Dean; where this is the case, it will clearly only refer to Vernham Dean and not Linkenholt. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Policy Team at Test Valley Borough Council using the contact information on the final page.

Vernham Dean and Linkenholt are two of the Test Valley's fifty-nine parishes. Vernham Dean has an area of **1585.02** hectares whilst Linkenholt has an area of **434.02** hectares; collectively, they represent 3.22% of the area of Test Valley. In terms of size Vernham Dean is Test Valley's **eleventh largest** parish whilst Linkenholt is the **fiftieth largest** parish. Together, their population is **557** and their population density is **0.28** 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



557

Population 2020



3.6%
decrease



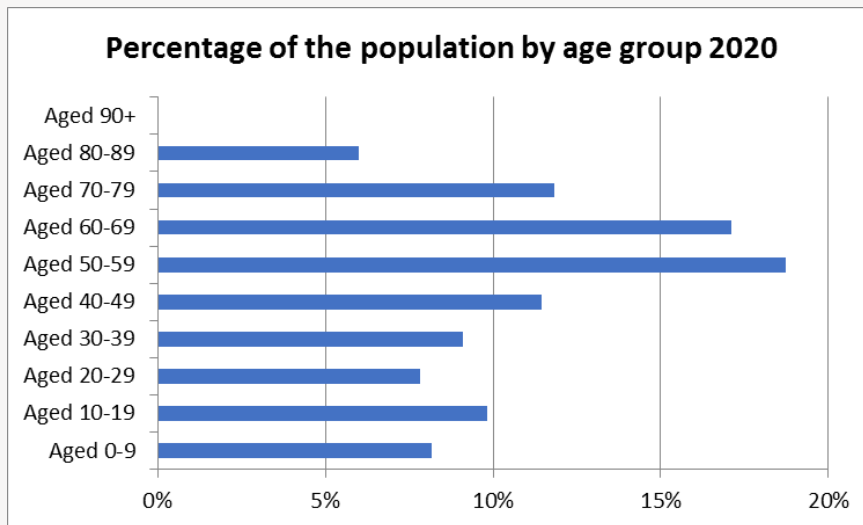
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Estimated population
in 2027



0.35% of Test Valley's population

Age breakdown



At 18.0% Vernham Dean and Linkenholt have a smaller percentage of **young people** (aged 0-19) than the borough average of 22.8%. By 2027, the proportion of young people will decrease slightly to 17.1%, and will then be 5.9% lower than the borough average.

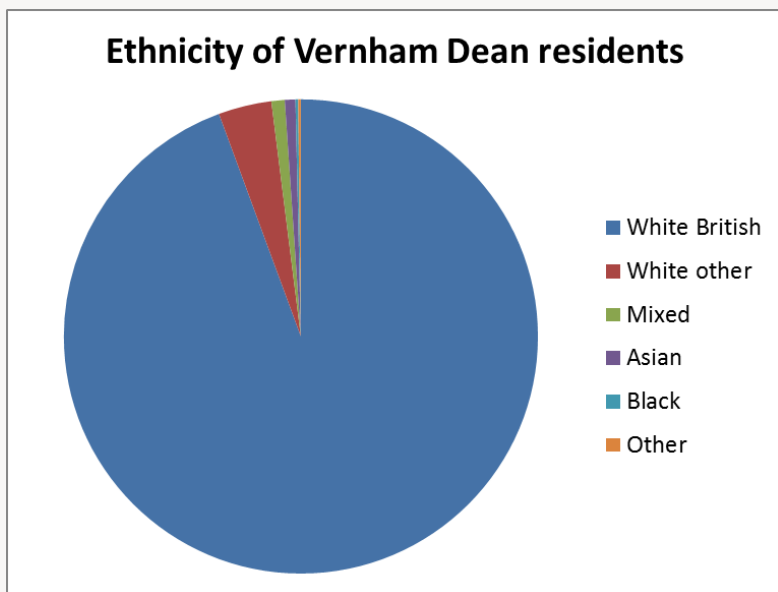
At 16.9%, Vernham Dean and Linkenholt have a lower percentage of **young adults** (aged 20-39) than the borough average of 19.9%. The proportion of young adults living in these parishes is expected to increase by 1.5% between 2020 and 2027, in contrast to the fall of 1.2% across the borough.

Middle aged residents (aged 40-69) constitute 47.3% of Vernham Dean and Linkenholt's population, which is notably 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 17.8%, Vernham Dean and Linkenholt have a larger percentage of those **aged 70 and over**, 0.6% above the borough average. By 2027 this percentage is forecast to increase by 4.0%, a faster rate of increase than the forecast increase for the borough as a whole of 1.5%.

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>.

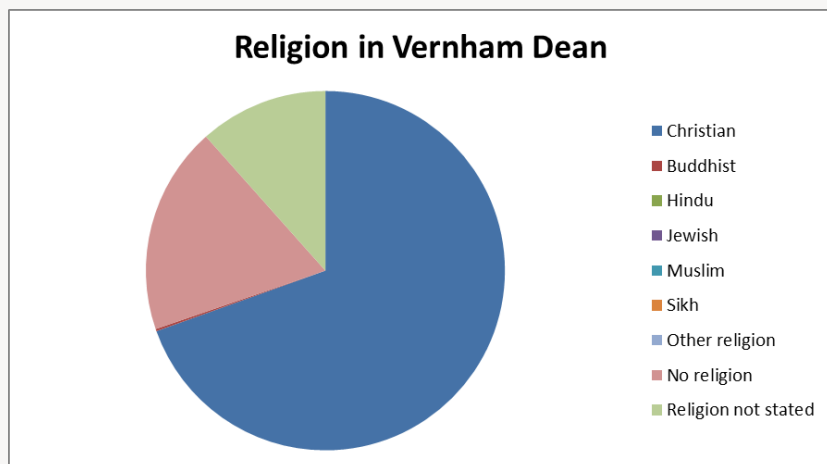
Ethnicity



White British	White other	Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	Asian	Black	Other
94.4%	3.6%	0.9%	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%

The graph shows the ethnic groups within Vernham Dean by percentage. In the 2011 Census, 94.4% of Vernham Dean's population identified as White British. This is above the borough average of 93.1%. Vernham Dean's level of ethnic diversity is also lower than England as a whole, where only 79.8% of the population are White British.

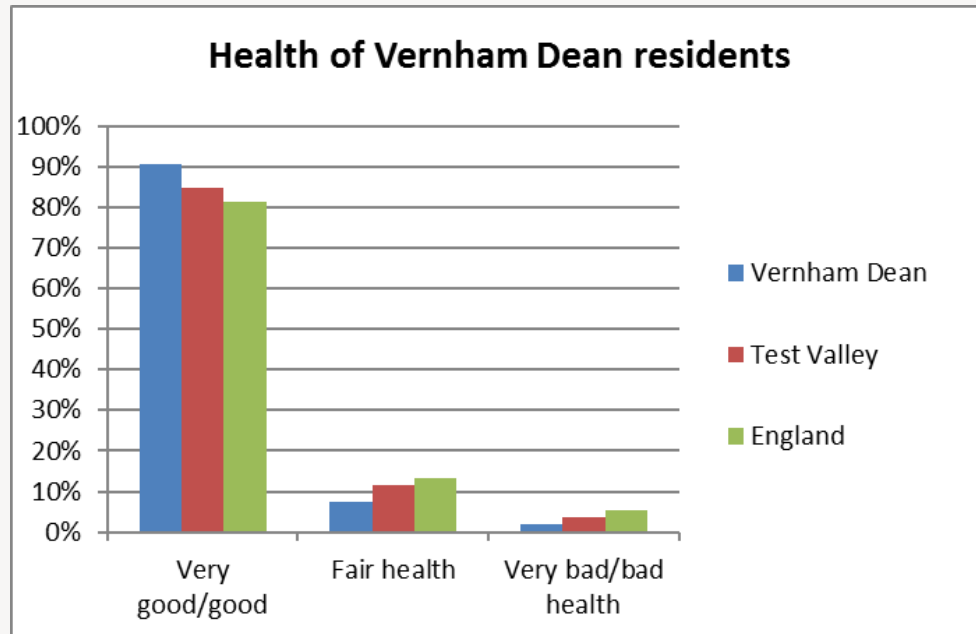
Religion



Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	Religion not stated
69.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.7%	11.6%

At the 2011 Census, the majority of Vernham Dean residents (69.6%) classified themselves as Christian, which is higher than the borough average of 65.7% as well as the English average of 59.8%. The next largest group are those that say they have no religion (18.7%), 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, Buddhism is the second largest group at 0.2%; this is lower than both the Test Valley average of 0.3% and the equivalent figure for England, where 0.5% identify as adhering to Buddhism.

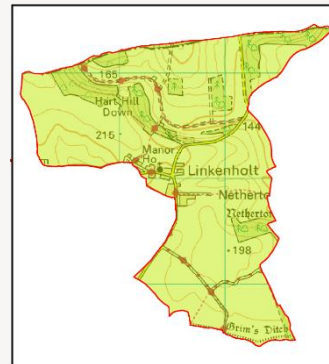
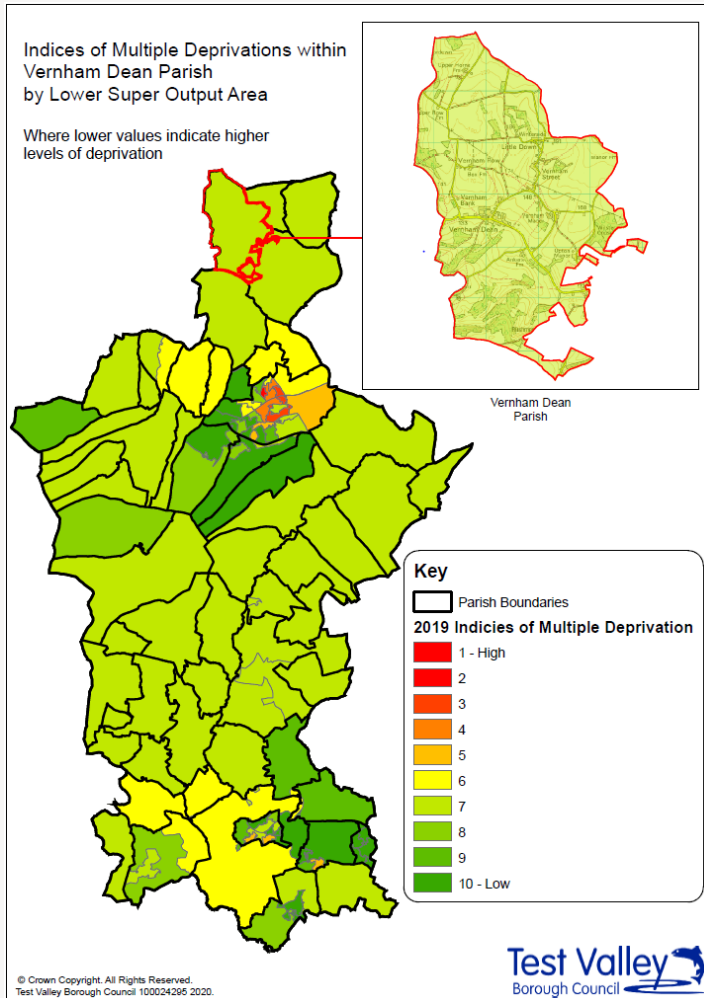
Health



1.0% of Vernham Dean residents are long term sick or disabled (2011 Census)

At the 2011 Census, 90.6% of residents in Vernham Dean 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%). 1.9% of the population rated their health as bad or very bad, which is lower than the borough average (3.8%) and the average for England (5.5%).

Deprivation



Linkenholt Parish

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 parishes of Vernham Dean and Linkenholt against all areas in Test Valley. Of 32,844 areas ranked across the country, Vernham Dean and Linkenholt rank 20,948th, this puts them in the **40% of least deprived** areas in the country.

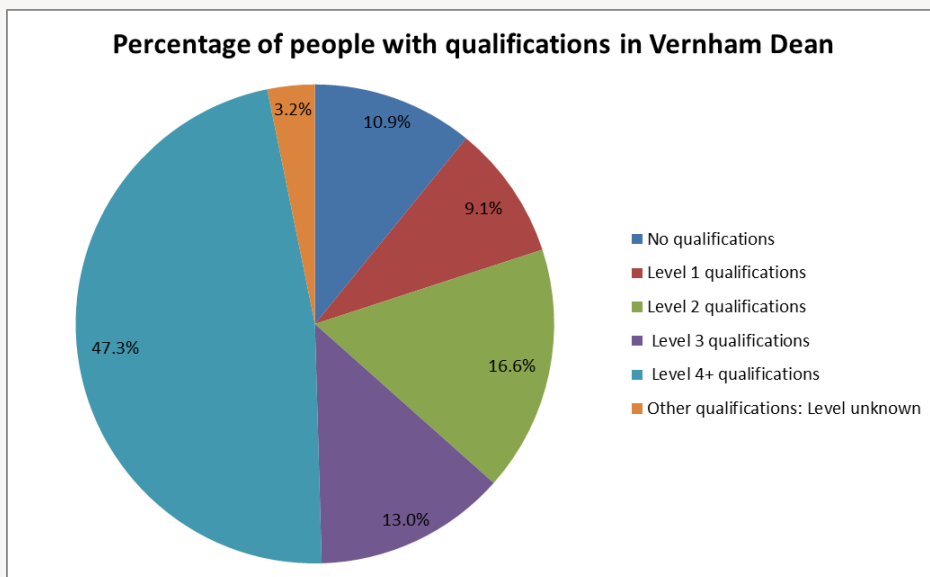
More specifically, Vernham Dean and Linkenholt rank in the top 10% of most deprived areas when it comes to physical proximity of local services. Both parishes' areas are in the top 20% of most deprived areas for the quality of housing available.

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

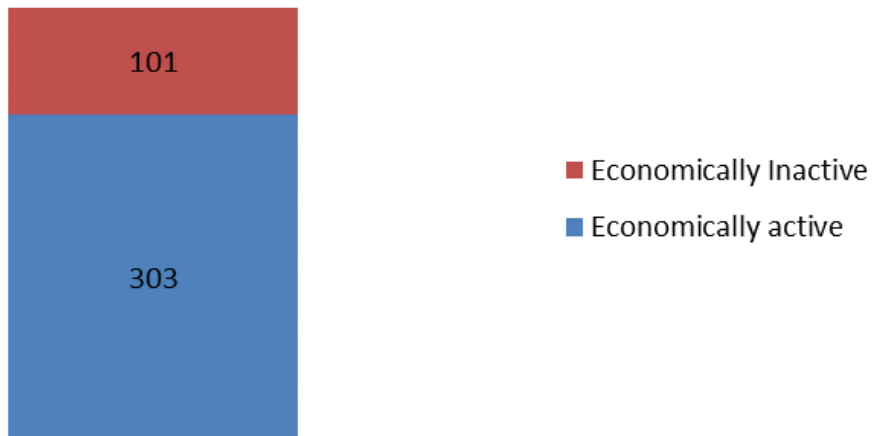


The pie chart shows the qualifications gained by Vernham Dean residents aged 16-74 years, according to the 2011 Census. 86.0% of people living in Vernham Dean have at least one GCSE or equivalent qualification, a figure which is significantly higher than the Test Valley average of 77.6%. Additionally, 3.2% of residents have an unknown qualification, which is similar to the borough average. This means that 10.9% of Vernham Dean residents between 16 and 74 have no academic, vocational or professional qualifications, which is 7.5% lower than the borough average. In addition, 47.3% of Vernham Dean residents have a level 4 qualification or above, which is equivalent to at least an undergraduate degree. This is significantly 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)



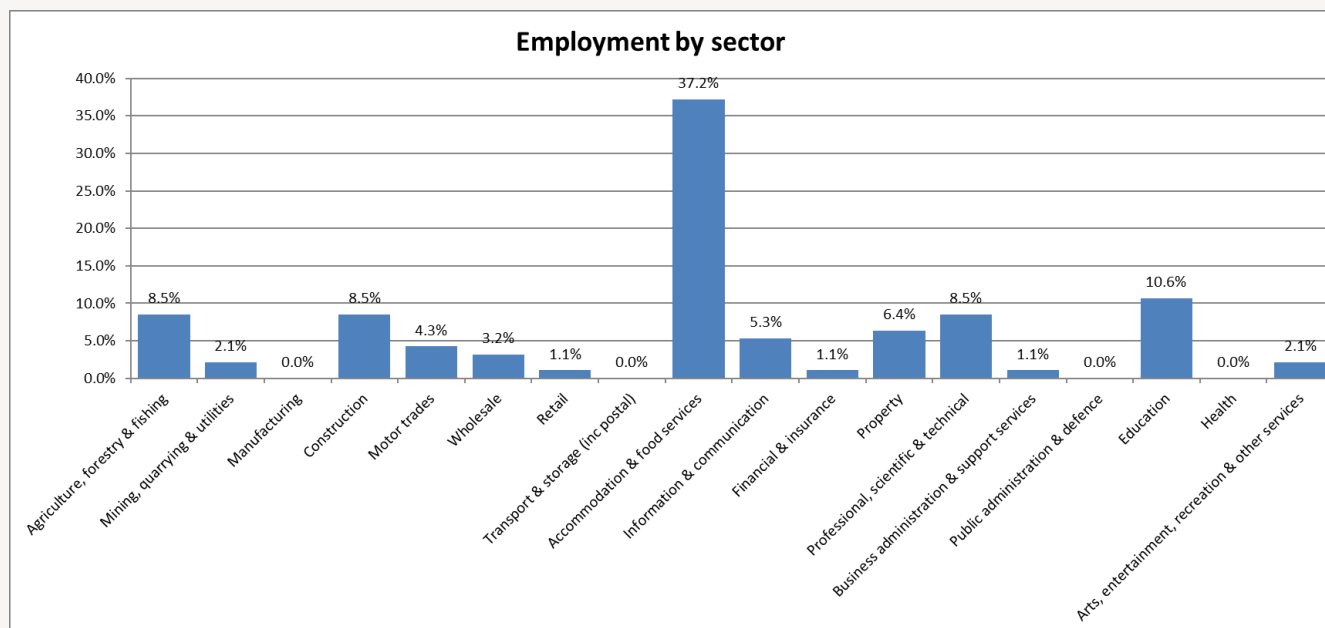
According to the 2011 Census, 75.0% of Vernham Dean residents aged 16-74 are economically active, slightly higher than Test Valley as a whole where the figure is 73.4% of residents. This includes people in full-, part- and self-employment, those who are actively seeking a job, and full-time students.

The remaining 25.0% 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 Vernham Dean and Linkenholt 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 latest Business Register and Employment Survey in 2018. The largest sector employing people in Vernham Dean and Linkenholt is Accommodation & Food Services (37.2%) followed by Education (10.6%). Jointly in third-place are Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, as well as Construction, and Professional, Scientific & Technical (all 10.9%).

Properties

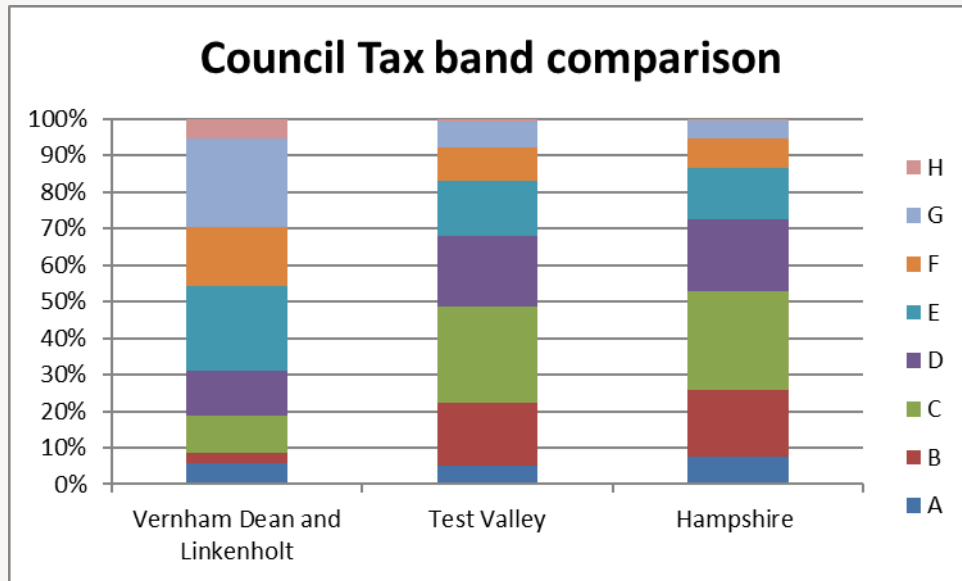
	Estimated Average Value			
	Dwellings (Vernham Dean)	Vernham Dean	Linkenholt	
Total number of properties in Vernham Dean	2.0% <i>Terraced</i>		£635,651	£246,601
	18.0% <i>Semi-Detached</i>		£356,921	£311,648
	2.8% <i>Flat</i>		£169,379	£169,379
	76.3% <i>Detached</i>		£598,470	£3,127,275
Total number of properties in Linkenholt	0.8% <i>Mobile</i>		<i>Figure not available</i>	<i>Figure not available</i>
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According to Zoopla estimates, the average value of a property in Vernham Dean in 2021 is **£576,158**. This is an increase of 13% over the past 5 years and makes Vernham Dean the thirty-seventh most expensive parish in Test Valley.

Meanwhile, Zoopla estimates that the average value of a property in Linkenholt is **£3,127,275**. This is also an increase of 13% over the past 5 years and makes Linkenholt the most expensive parish in Test Valley. When considering this fact, however, it should be remembered that most of the properties in this parish are owned by the Linkenholt Estate and as such do not come onto the market routinely.

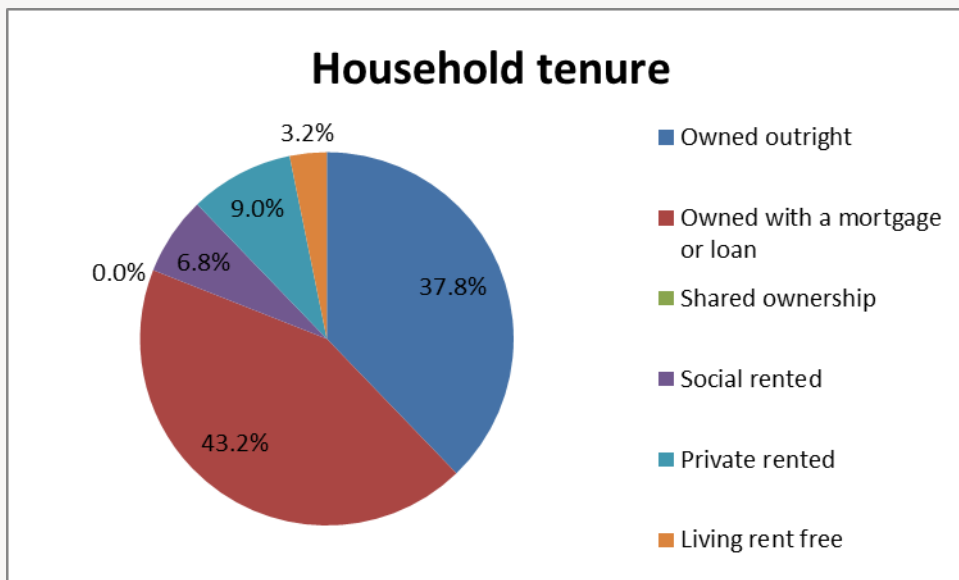
In Hampshire, the average value of a property is £381,137 (a 12% rise in 5 years) whilst in South East England, the average is £424,800 (an 11% rise in 5 years).

Council Tax Bandings



		Vernham Dean and Linkenholt	Test Valley
Bands F-H		45.7%	16.9%
Bands C-E		45.7%	60.8%
Bands A-B		8.7%	22.3%

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 Vernham Dean. 81.0% of people in Vernham Dean live in a property which they own outright or with a mortgage or loan. This is significantly higher than the average for Test Valley, which is 70.3%, and the average for the South East of England, which is 67.6%.

6.8% of residents rent their property from a Housing Association, 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 Vernham Dean and Linkenholt there are a range of community facilities including the Millennium Village Hall, Sports Pavillion, Recreation Ground, Linkenholt Adventure Centre and Campsite, The George Inn pub and two churches, St Mary the Virgin in Vernham Dean and St Peter in Linkenholt. Also in the parish is half of the hamlet of Upton which has its own pub, The Crown Inn. Vernham Dean and Linkenholt are also situated within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, an area covering parts of Hampshire and neighbouring counties, protected because of its distinctive character and natural beauty.

Vernham Dean has a pre-school, Little Fingers Pre-School, as well as a primary school, Vernham Dean Gillum's Church Of England Primary School, whilst the closest GP surgeries are situated in either Enham Alamein, Great Bedwyn or Ludgershall. The nearest railway stations can be found in either Bedwyn or Andover.



Community plans

Vernham Dean has a **Village Design Statement** which was adopted by Test Valley Borough Council in January 2003 as Supplementary Planning Guidance. The design statement provides a description of the natural and man-made features of the village of Vernham Dean that are regarded by the members of the community as particularly distinctive. The document provides a guide to ensure that future development and change is managed to respect and preserve the character and distinctiveness of the village. It should thus contribute positively to protecting and enhancing the special nature and qualities of the community that is Vernham Dean today.

The Village Design Statement can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/village-design-statements/vernhamdeanvds>

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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