



Westbury & Yockleton Parish Plan 2015 - 2017



Our Parish objectives 2015 – 2017.

1. Speeding – improve traffic calming measures and increase frequency of speed monitoring by the Police.
2. Housing – improve opportunities for people to stay in the area.
3. Employment - encourage local economic development generally and growth in the local jobs market.
4. Education - St. Mary's Church of England of England Primary School - encourage residents in the area to access this excellent educational resource.
5. Healthy Westbury - the Parish Council wants to play its part in improving the health status of local people.
6. Environment –
 - a. Replace and upgrade street lighting over the next two years two years.
 - b. Support for dog owners – increase provision of bins for use by dog owners.
 - c. Local flooding problems - where there are issues work with residents and local authority to ensure flooding matters are resolved effectively.
 - d. Road safety work with the highways department and police to improve road safety.

- e. Encourage land owners to maintain public foot paths on their land.
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7. Engagement and participation - build a Westbury Parish web site.
 8. Campaign for all residents in the Parish to have access to superfast broadband facilities.
 9. Policing - keep Policing under review and continue a close working relationship with PC J Summerfield and PCSO A Roberts.
 10. Support farmers who experience illegal hunting e.g. lamping on their land or experience acts of rural crime relating to equipment, livestock etc.

Westbury Parish Council Members.

Westbury Ward.			
			
Robert Briscoe	Christine Harvey	Les Hurdley	Stuart Jones
			
Glenys Owen	Caroline Pryce	Rob Williams	
Yockleton Ward.			
			Vacant councillor Position. To be filled March 2016.
David Sandbach	Rob Hemmings	Paul Williams	

<p>Mr R L Groome Clerk to Westbury Parish Council Clerk2parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk</p>	
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Where we live.

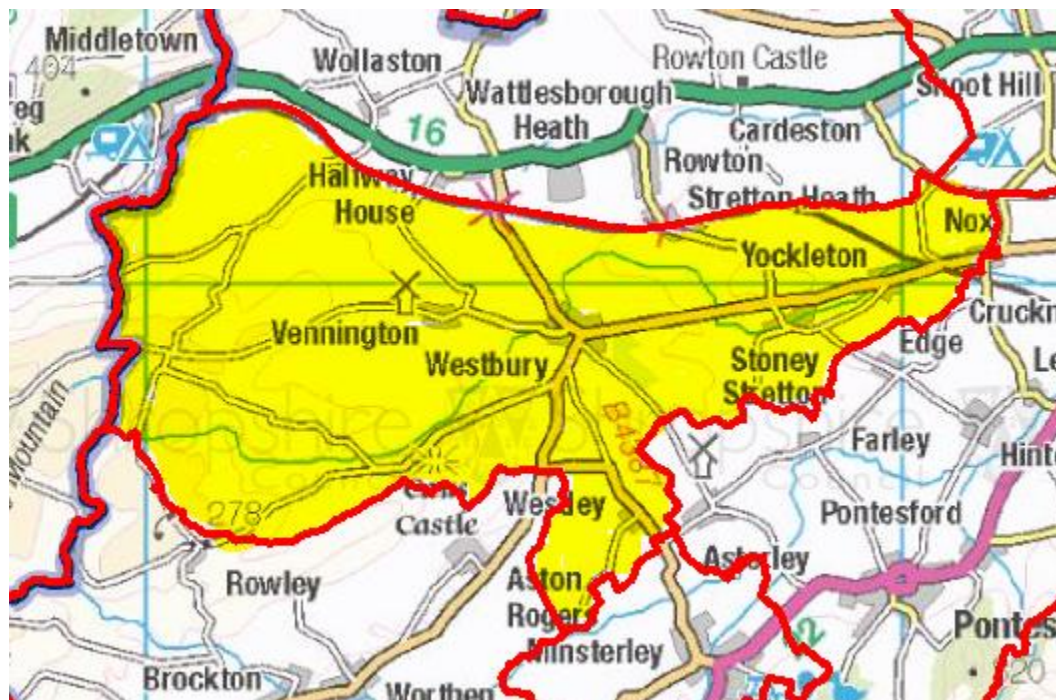
Westbury Parish is situated seven miles due west of Shrewsbury and extends to the Welsh border.

The Parish consists of several settlements i.e. Westbury, Yockleton, Nox, Stoney Stretton and Vennington plus a variety of smaller scattered hamlets and individual dwellings.

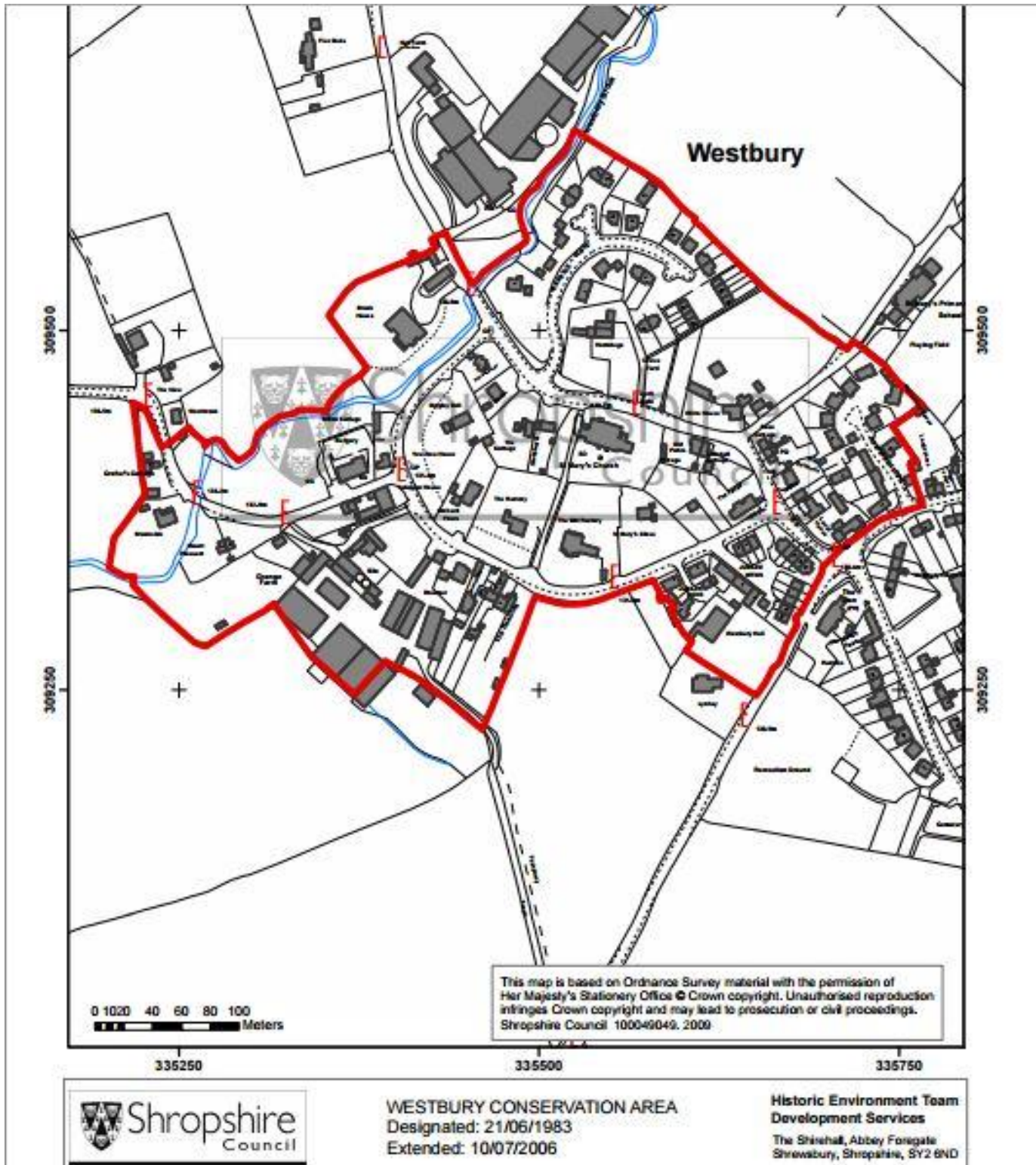
The Parish has two wards – Westbury and Yockleton.

The Parish is 3903 hectares in size and has a population of around 1352 citizens giving a population density ratio of 35 people per km². This compares to a Shropshire average of 97 people per km².

98% of the land in the Parish is given over to agriculture mainly arable, sheep, poultry and pigs.



Westbury Conservation Area.

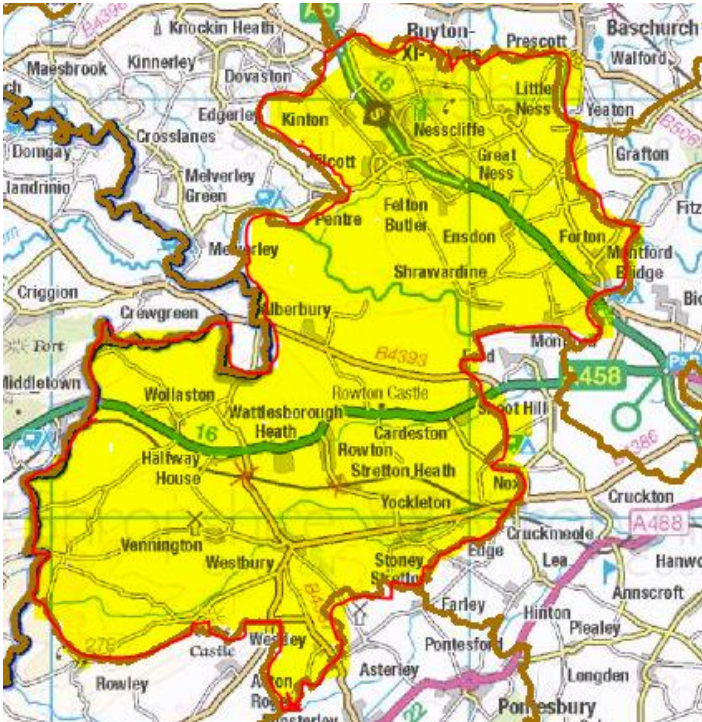


Administratively the parish is located in the Loton Ward for Shropshire Council electoral purposes. Our Shropshire Council member is Mr David Llewelyn Roberts – Conservative Party.



<https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=78>

Loton Ward



Our community in numbers.¹

Population: 1352. Males 658 / Females 694

Born in the UK: 1307.

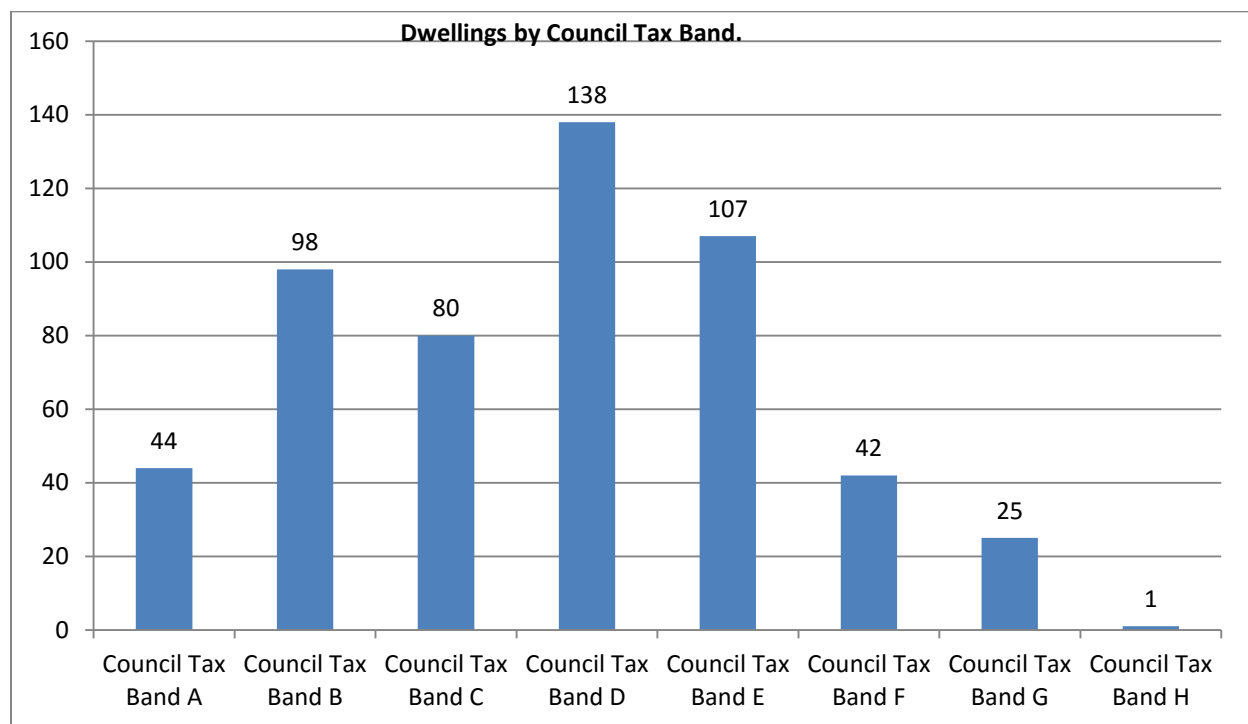
Number of households in the Parish: 524.

Main housing type:

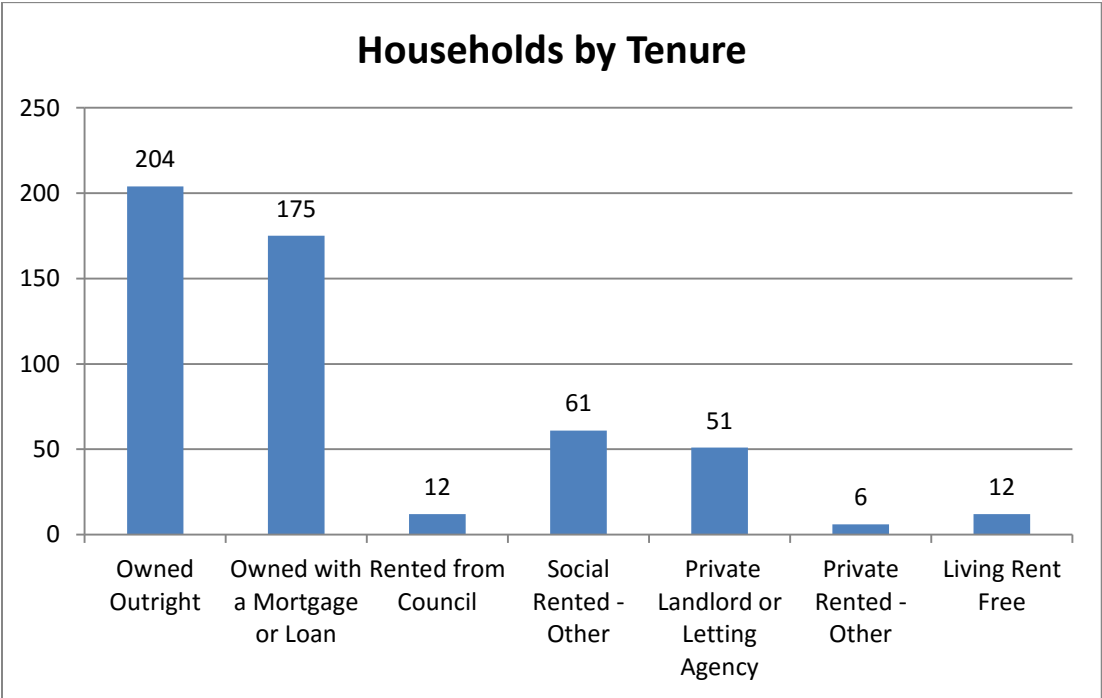
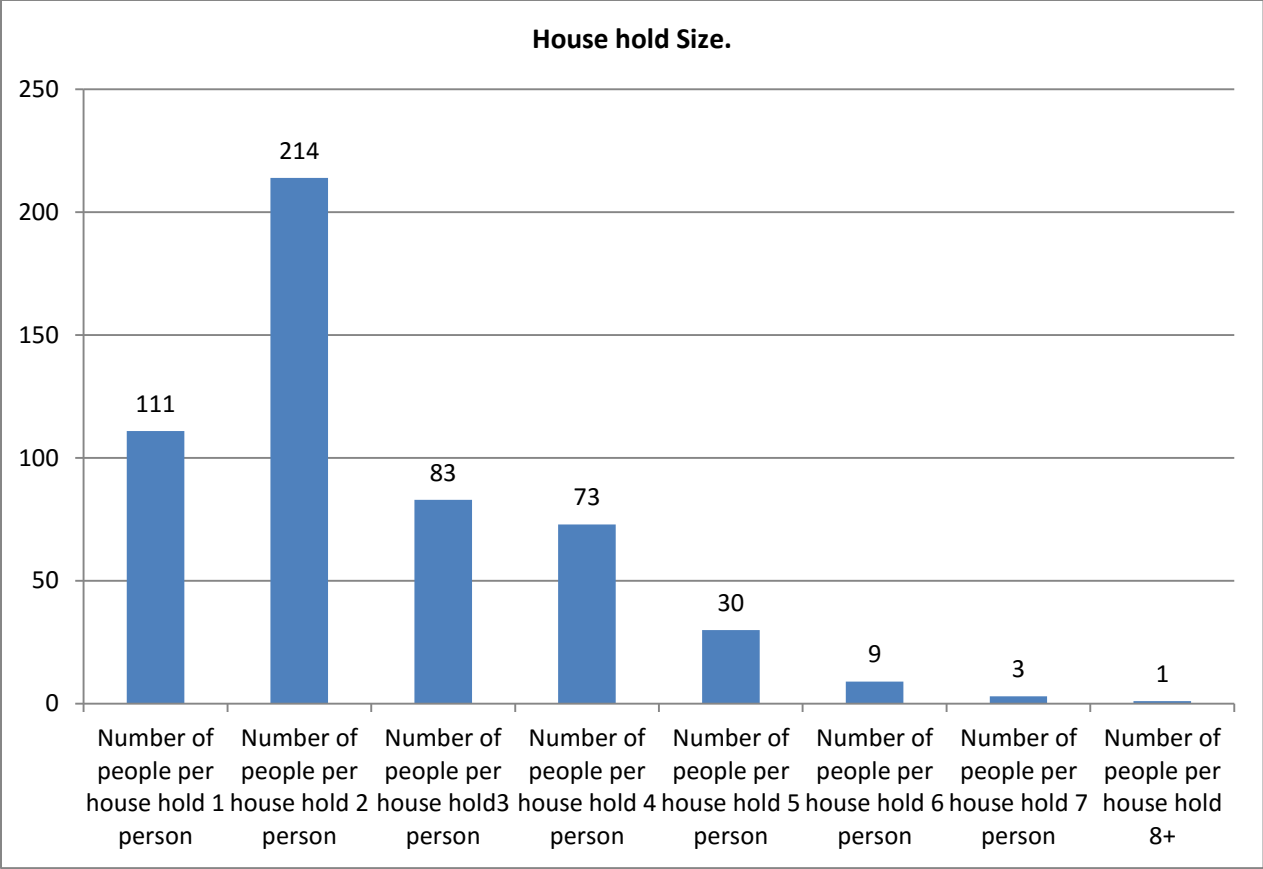
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Semi-Detached – 126.

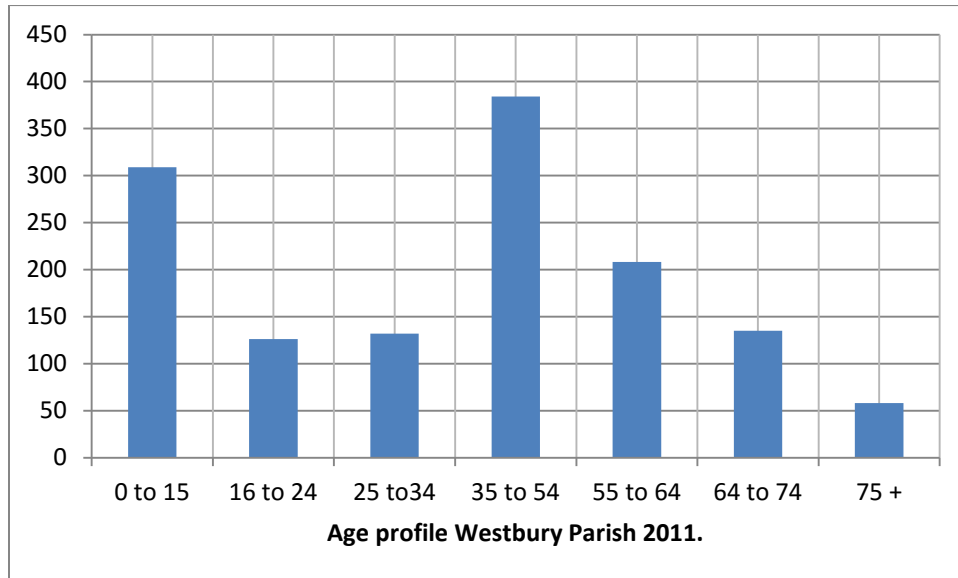
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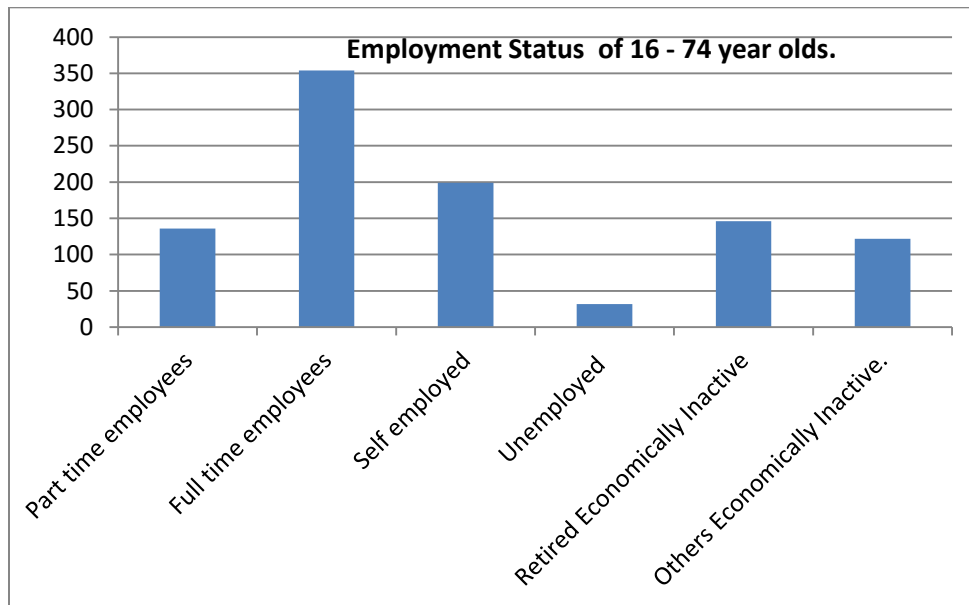
¹ ONS – Census 2011.



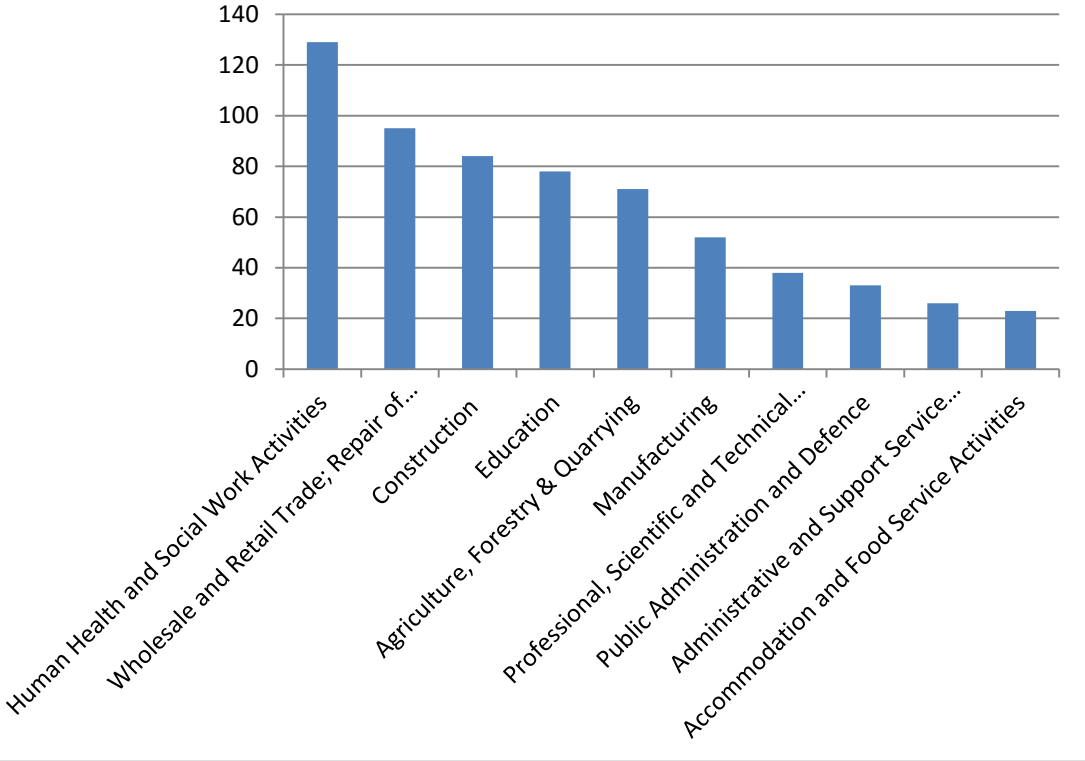
Parish Population Age distribution.



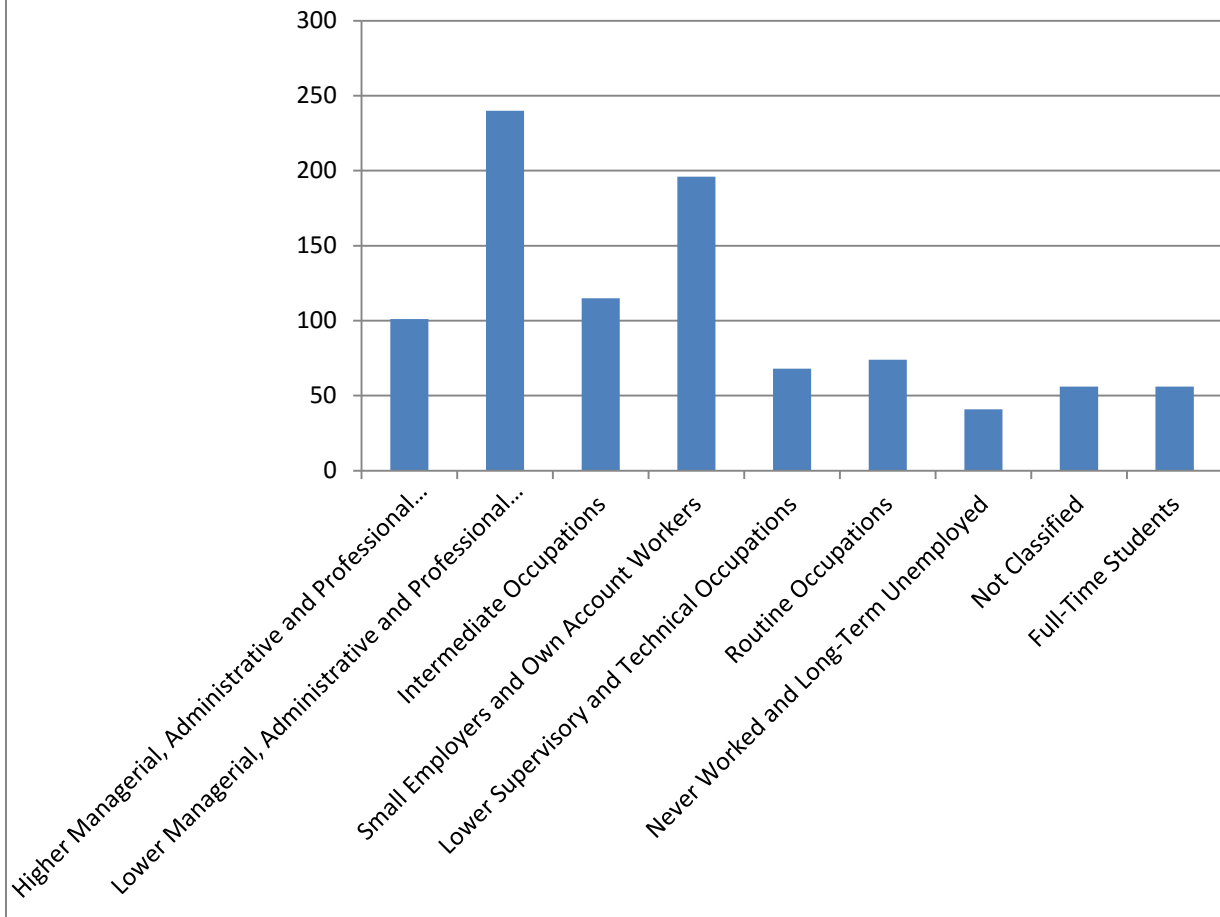
Employment.



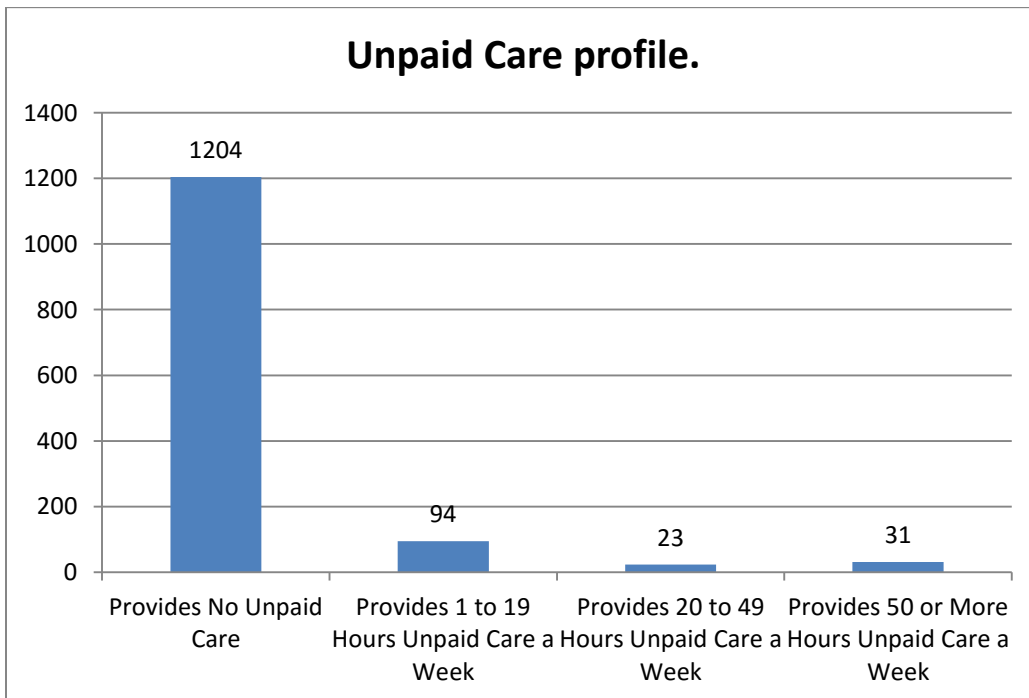
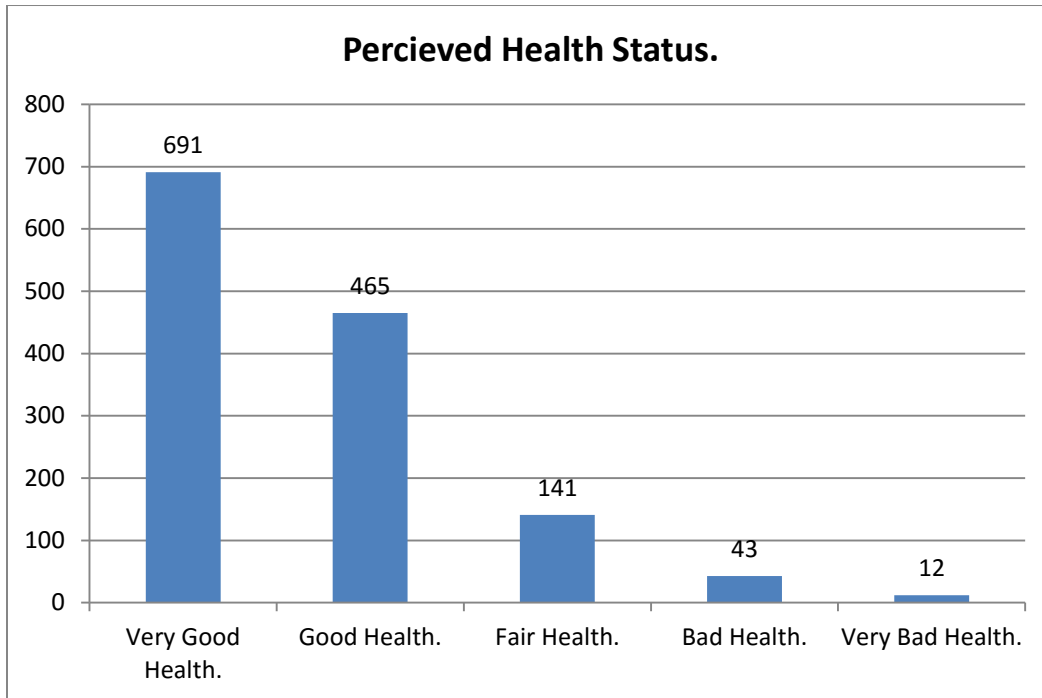
Top 10 Occupational Activities

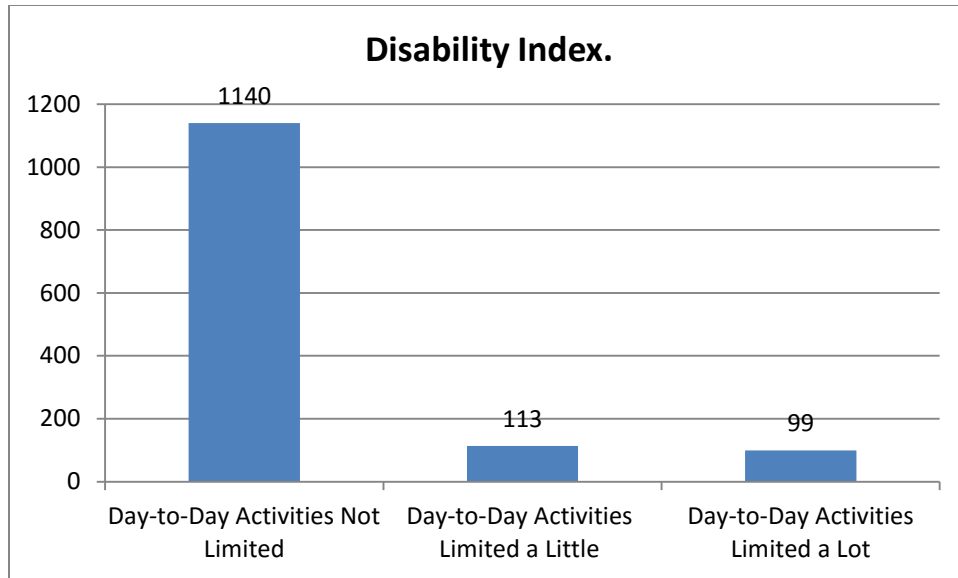


Socio-economic Classification of usual residents aged 16 - 74 by activity / occupational group.



Health status.



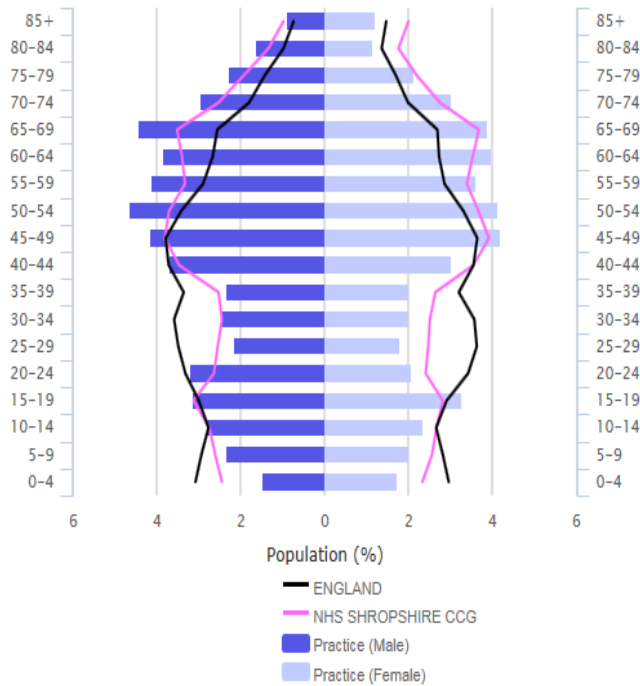


Westbury Surgery Profile.

WESTBURY, SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE, SY5 9QX

- Map
- Population**
- Spine Charts
- Bar Chart
- Trends
- Scatter Plot
- Definitions

Age Distribution 2014



Registered Persons

WESTBURY MEDICAL CENTRE	3,092
NHS SHROPSHIRE CCG	6,823 (average)
ENGLAND	7,138 (average)

M82013 - WESTBURY MEDICAL CENTRE

QOF achievement	834.1 (out of 897)
Male life expectancy	80.9 years
Female life expectancy	82.7 years
% of patients that would recommend their practice	58.6%

Deprivation



Ethnicity Estimate

0.0% non-white ethnic groups

Source: <http://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/general-practice>

Our local resources.



School.



Post Office.



Doctors Surgery.



Lion Public House



Yockleton Arms.



Footpaths



Westbury Village Hall



Yockleton Village Hall



St Mary Westbury



Holy Trinity Yockleton

Westbury and Yockleton Newsletter.



Playing Fields Westbury



Playing Fields Yockleton

Caus Castle

OS Map Grid Reference: SJ337078
Latitude 52.66399° Longitude -2.98113°

<http://www.gatehouse-gazetteer.info/English%20sites/3081.html>

Motte Yockleton

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Brow Castle

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Marche Hall

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And of course – Parish residents!



Clubs and associations



Westbury Youth Club



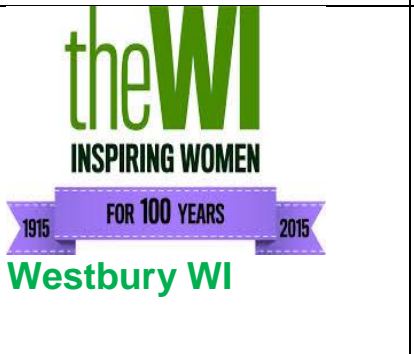
Rounders' Team



Football Team



Yockleton WI.



Westbury WI



Indoor Bowls



Young Farmers



@Westbury



Flower Club



Photography Club

Our funding and resource allocations.

Most of the funding received comes from the “precept” which is set by the Parish Council each year. The Parish precept for financial year 2015/16 is £12,000.

DRAFT BUDGET SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDING 31.3.16													BFWD £	£ 9,141.05
INCOME £					EXPENDITURE £							£ TOTAL	BALANCE £	
Details	Precept	VAT refund	Interest	Misc.	£ TOTAL	Details	Salaries	Admin	S 137	Other	VAT inc.	£ TOTAL	BALANCE £	
Interest			0.08		0.08									
Precept	12000				12,000.00	West VH				12.00		12.00		
Interest			0.08		0.08	Yock Church			500			500.00		
VAT refund		795.4			495.42	West Church			500			500.00		
						Access work at Alberbury				1100.00	200	1,100.00		
Interest			0.08		0.08	Insurance				530.00		530.00		
Interest			0.08		0.08	Salary+exp	460	60			5.43	520.00		
rounders				50	50.00	N Power				650.23	108.37	650.23		
Interest			0.09		0.09	West VH				12.00		12.00		
Interest			0.08		0.08	Salary +exp	322	10				332.00		
Interest			0.08		0.08	West VH				12.00		12.00		
Interest			0.09		0.09	Grasscutting				360.00		360.00		
Interest			0.08		0.08	Grasscutting				520.80		520.80		
Interest			0.08		0.08	Salary + exp	460	200			8.88	668.88		
Interest			0.08		0.08	West VH				12.00		12.00		
Interest			0.08		0.08	Grasscutting				180.00	30	180.00		
						New streetlights				4500.00	750	4,500.00		
						ROSPA				85.20	14.2	85.20		
						Salary + exp	550			9.22		559.22		
						West fireworks			100			100.00		
						Audit				120.00	20	120.00		
						Salary+ Exp	276	10				286.00		
						West VH, grant + hire			500	12.00		512.00		
						Yock VH Grant			500			500.00		
						West VH				12.00		12.00		
						West Playing field				66.65		66.65		
						Grasscutting				264.00		264.00		
						Salary + exp	414	10				424.00		
	12000	795.4	0.98	50	12,546.40		2482	290	2100	8458.10		13,338.98	£ 8,348.47	
The Parish Council funds at the start of the year are held as £2450 Reerves, £6691 Current account														

Parish assets and leases.

The Parish Council has two long term leases on the Westbury and Yockleton Playing areas.

The Parish owns and operates:

- Approximately half the streetlights in Westbury and Yockleton
- The playing equipment in Westbury
- The playing equipment in Yockleton
- The Parish noticeboards

Parish Charities.

- Westbury United Charity, distributes sums to needy individuals in the Parish
- The Powell Trust (Westbury School Playing Field), maintains the school field for the Parish

Our Parish Council objectives.

Road Safety & Speeding.

Speeding through Westbury and Yockleton is a daily occurrence. The Parish Council will work with the Highways Department and the Police to try and reduce this problem by the introduction of traffic calming measures and increase the frequency mobile camera teams along the B4386.

In some areas the roads need to be made safer, the Parish Council will prepare reports for the highways agency and lobby for improvements.

Housing.

The Parish Council have a policy of supporting some infill development but do not want any significant housing development in the Parish.

The general principle we will base decisions on are:

- A) New properties are of good design and in keeping with the local vernacular domestic style.

B) Properties are affordable.

C) Properties which are intended to keeping local residents in the area, especially young families or older people who wish to downsize will have a high priority.

D) Properties which have a design solution with the needs of disabled people are to be welcomed.

Employment opportunities.

The Parish Council feel that although unemployment in the Parish is low there is a need to look forward, encourage economic development generally and especially growth in the local jobs market.

The Parish Council will work with Shropshire Council to promote rural economic development.

The Parish Council will try to promote rural development by promoting WIRE and other such like networking and training events.

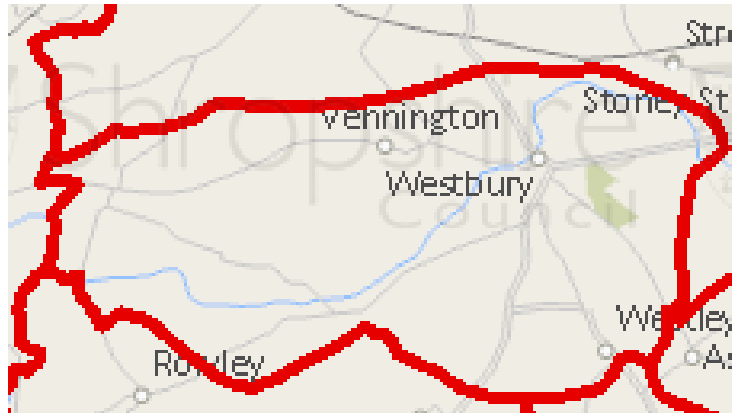
<http://www.wireuk.org/>

The Parish Council will also do what it can to promote the up-take of apprenticeships schemes in the area.

Education.

St. Mary's Church of England of England Primary School is a major asset to our Parish. The Parish Council believe that parents of all primary school age pupils in the Parish should be encouraged to access this excellent educational resource.

<http://stmaryswestbury.easyschoolwebsite.com/Page.aspx?ID=36609>



The Parish Council will continue to challenge the catchment area boundary currently imposed on local parents and their children on the basis that **ALL** local children of primary school age living in the area should have equal access to St Mary's C of E Primary school.

A Healthy Westbury.

The Parish Council wants to play its part in improving the health status of local people.

To this end the Parish Council will engage with the Shropshire Council's Public Health Department and seek advice on strategies to increase opportunities for exercise and healthy life style promotion.

The Parish Council also wish to work closely with Dr K. Lewis and her staff at the Westbury Medical Centre looking for ways to support the work of the surgery and health care in the Parish.

Outdoor recreation.

The Parish has two playing fields. We will improve access to the playing field in Yockleton and maintain both playing fields as safe areas for people to enjoy.

We know that a modest amount of exercise is beneficial for all ages and we will scope the possibility of developing an “Outdoor Gym” to encourage people to take walks and exercise.



Support for Dog owners.

The Parish Council has recently engaged with the local dog warden and as a result dog waste bins have been introduced in Westbury. Bins are now needed in Yockleton to complete a program of supporting dog owners.

The Parish Council will keep this issue under review and amend its policy accordingly.

Engagement and participation.

The Parish Council is conscious that residents are not very engaged with the council and tend to engage only when there are controversial planning issues on the Parish agenda. The Parish Council would like to encourage more people to become involved in matters affecting the Parish and commenting on Parish issues.

It is Parish policy to use digital methods for providing information and generally improving communications with local people. To this end the Parish Council has noted digital developments in other parishes' e.g. Pontesbury <http://www.pontesbury.info/> .

In due course the Parish Council will scope the development of a web site and seek individuals with skills in this area of communications to help build a Westbury Parish web site.

Our environment and the country code.

The Parish Council are keen to ensure that all who live in the Parish have a good quality of life. The Parish Council will seek to protect our way of life and the enjoyment we have from living in the Parish.

The Parish Council will support the local farming industry and will always promote the Country Code. In particular the Parish Council will do its best to help farmers who experience illegal hunting e.g. lamping on their land or experience acts of rural crime relating to equipment, livestock etc.

Farm traffic and road safety is an issue which needs to be considered more closely given overtaking problems near to farm entrances and gates into some fields.

The parish Council have committed to replacing and upgrading street lighting in the Parish over the next two years.

Local flooding problems can be a difficult issue for residents and the Parish Council will work with residents and the local authorities to ensure flooding issues are managed to mutual satisfaction and if possible eliminated.

Footpaths are an amenity enjoyed by residents of the Parish and their conservation is important to residents of the Parish.

Policing.

Westbury Parish is in the main a law abiding community.

The Parish Council values its engagement with the Police through the Police report presented at each council meeting. The Parish Council is however cognisant of cuts in police workforce. The Parish Council will keep the matter of Policing under review and hope to continue a close working relationship with PC J Summerfield and PCSO A Roberts.

A little about our history

A Roman road cuts through the Parish; it is overlain by the B4386.^{2 3}

The ownership of Westbury and Yockleton change between 1066 and 1086. 1086 was when the Domesday Book was compiled⁴.

There is an Internet service which helps to trace details contained in the Domesday Book. From this source we know the following:

For Westbury:

Earnwig free man Shropshire Westbury Roger earl Roger fitzCorbet

For Yockleton:

Eadric free man Shropshire Yockleton Roger earl Roger fitzCorbet

Domes Day Book entries for Westbury and Yockleton in English.

Westbury (in DB spelt **Wesberie**) Ernwy held it; he was free. "2 hides which pay tax. In lordship 1 plough; 1 slave; 2 priests and 5 villagers with 3 ploughs. The value was 20s; now 25s.

Yockleton (in DB spelt **Loclehvile**) Edric held it; he was a free man. 6 hides which pay tax. In lordship 3 ploughs; 8 slaves; 19 villagers and 6 small holders with 8 ploughs. A mill which pays one pack load of malt; woodland for fattening 100 pigs. Value before 1066 £8; now£6.

Source: Domes Day Book Pub: Phillimore Shropshire Archives Class C63.9 Accn No 275/2.

² <http://shropshirehistory.com/roads/romanroads.htm>

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<http://www.search.secretshropshire.org.uk/engine/resource/exhibition/sequential/default.asp?theme=&originator=%2Fengine%2Ftheme%2Fdefault.asp&page=1&records=9616&direction=1&pointer=12444&text=1&resource=4095>

⁴ <http://domesday.pase.ac.uk/>

Caus Castle.

The small multivallate hill fort at Caus is a good example of this class of monument, which has been used and partially adapted in the medieval period to form a motte and bailey castle, and a market town. It is one of a group of broadly contemporary hill forts constructed along the hills overlooking the Rea Brook valley.

Source: Gate House Gazetteer ⁵

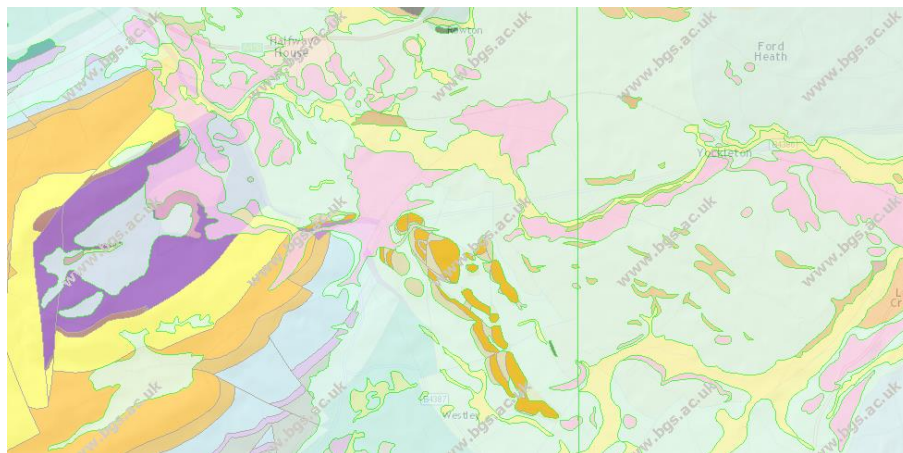
Other sites in the Parish include a motte in Yockleton, Brow Castle and Marche Hall (see page 17 above for details.)

World War Two.

“it is also reported that a goods train was machine-gunned on two occasions at Yockleton near Shrewsbury”

Source: Battle of Britain Campaign Diary - 16th October 1940 ⁶

The Geology of the area.



Source: British Geological Survey materials © NERC 2015.

<http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html>

⁵ <http://www.gatehouse-gazetteer.info/English%20sites/3081.html>

⁶ http://www.2shrop.net/live/images/cme_resources/Groups/g9D08E26D-4038-4406-A0B4-FC51E40D8F63/History%20material/Battle-of-Britain-Campaign-Diary.pdf