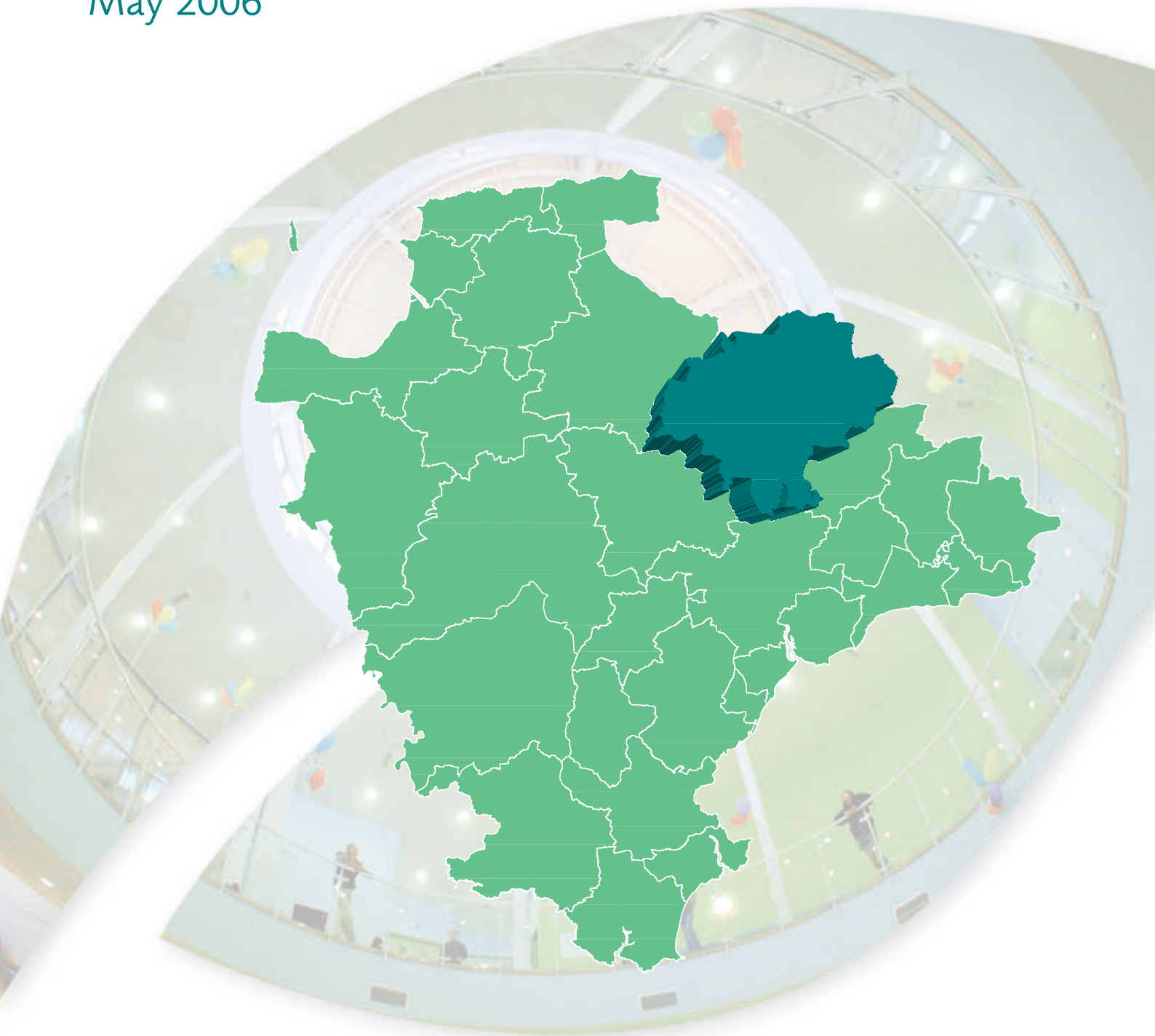


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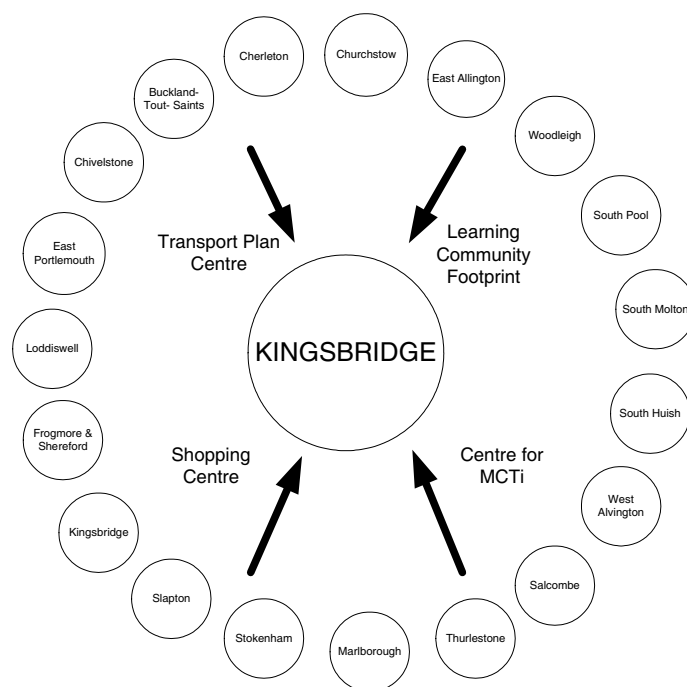


Identifying Devon Towns

The main factor that decides a town's hinterland is provision of services; the place that the hinterland looks to in order to provide the things it needs to survive. In order to identify the 28 Devon Towns, analysis of the following services and other relevant factors have been taken into account:

- Local Travel Plans – which are based on public consultation and map local travel patterns, the majority of which are short ones in and around local communities as part of people's daily lives.
- Shopping catchment areas – which are the service most frequently accessed by people.
- Learning Community catchment areas – which have a major influence on where people look to for services. Learning Community catchments do not always follow district or even county boundaries, but are based on a collection of feeder primary schools.
- Market and Coastal Towns Initiative areas - The Market and Coastal Towns Initiative was started after recognition that the health of a market town is vital to the well being of its hinterland, and that many of Devon's market towns were in need of regeneration. It is a Central Government initiative, administered by the RDAs. Over half of Devon is included in the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative.
- Parishes - The boundary definitions are shown in terms of parishes, as they are traditionally the smallest area used for 'clustering'.

The diagram below is an illustration of how this works for one Devon Town: Kingsbridge.



Exeter also provides a similar or related "market town" function as well as being a sub regional centre with a larger sphere of influence.

Foreword

In Devon, we want a county for everyone.

We want all to share in our economic prosperity, to have access to the best possible public services and to enjoy a good quality of life.

Our county is made up of many small and scattered communities built around larger market and coastal towns and the vibrant city of Exeter.

To make sure that the County Council and other agencies provide a good service to all these diverse communities and can meet their future needs, we need to fully understand and take into account the local situation and any local issues.

We call this initiative “Connecting with Communities” and it is a key part of our Strategic Plan for the future of Devon.

To help, we have produced a local profile of each of the key market and coastal towns in Devon and their surrounding area.

Based on key facts and figures, these profiles are just a starting point for local discussion about the real needs and priorities of each of our communities.

I hope you find this information useful and that it proves an invaluable resource in all future local planning.

Councillor Des Hannon
Executive Support Member for Improvement and Customer Service
Devon County Council



Introduction

This profile, one of 29 covering the area of Devon County Council, has been generated by the County Council's Corporate Information Service and is an important resource contribution to local community planning work.

Each profile provides a statistical overview, based on a series of facts and figures, of what life is like in each "Devon town" area. The profile contains a baseline of information and is intended to provide the basis for further discussion and development within the County Council and with partners.

In light of these discussions the profile can grow into a more rounded picture describing "how things are" for each area, as well as to set out the likely future actions that will be needed to redress any gaps in service or unmet needs.

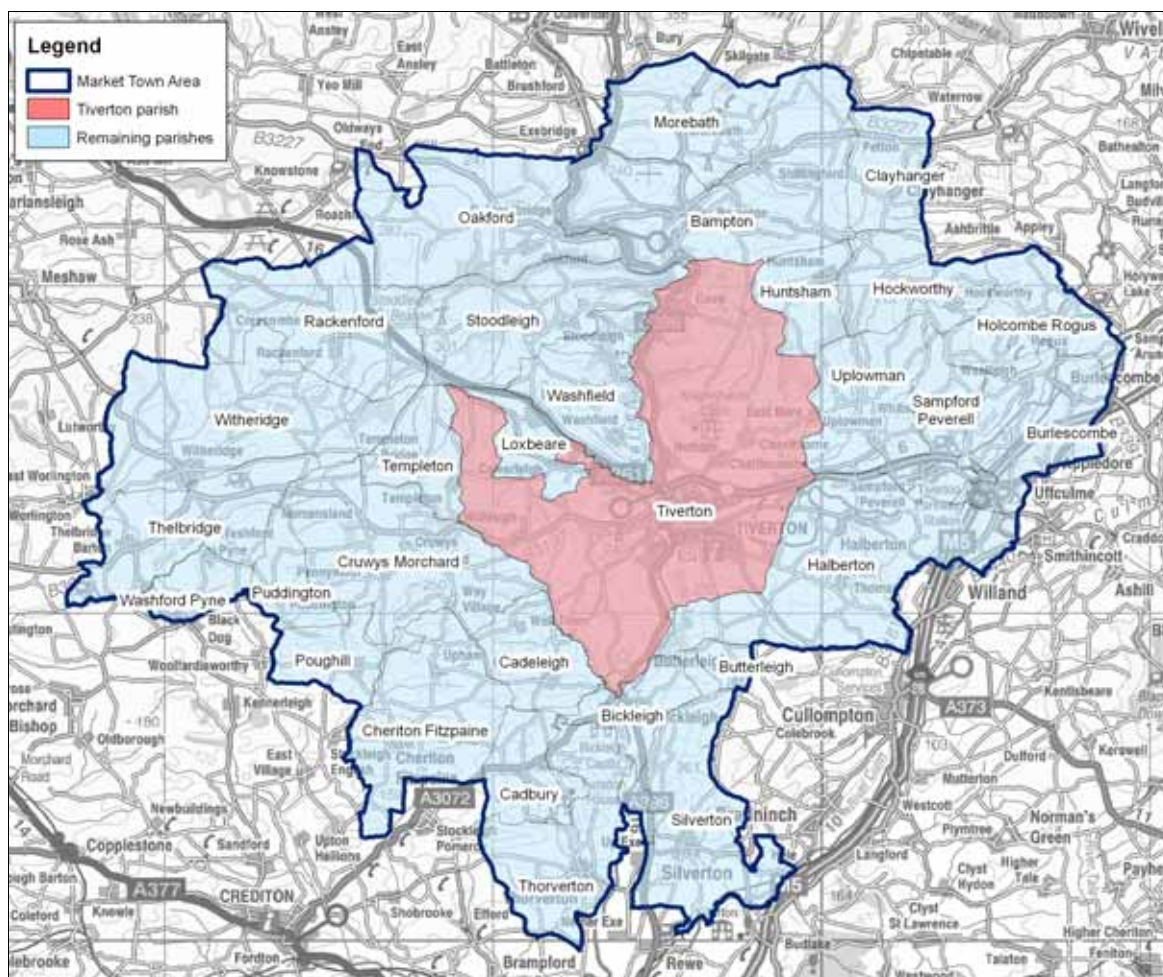
The profile is structured around a series of themes to cover social, economic and environmental well being. This is a starting point in producing profiles about our "Devon town" areas in which considerable effort has been made to provide a comprehensive series of data. Further data will be added to subsequent editions as they become available to provide a more complete picture and monitor trends.

The profiles are available on the County Council website – www.devon.gov.uk/devontownprofiles

Area definition

Market town areas have been defined as aggregations of parishes. The following 30 parishes make up the Tiverton market town area:

| | | | | |
|------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Bampton | Bickleigh | Burlescombe | Butterleigh | Cadbury |
| Cadeleigh | Cheriton Fitzpaine | Clayhanger | Cruwys Morchard | Halberton |
| Hockworthy | Holcombe Rogus | Huntsham | Loxbeare | Morebath |
| Oakford | Poughill | Puddington | Rackenford | Sampford Peverell |
| Silverton | Stoodleigh | Templeton | Thelbridge | Thorverton |
| Tiverton | Uplozman | Washfield | Washford Pyne | Witheridge |



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As much of the data included in this profile is produced at a ward level, a 'best-fit' of wards is also used. Wards are included in one market town area if more than 60% of the population of that ward live within the market town boundary. If between 40% and 60% of a ward's population falls within a market town area it will be included, but may also be included in another area.

The wards that comprise the market town area in this profile are as follows:

| | | | |
|----------|-------------|------------|------------------|
| Cadbury | Canonsleigh | Castle | Clare & Shuttern |
| Cranmore | Halberton | Lowman | Silverton |
| Way | Westexe | Witheridge | |

Ten wards fall completely inside the market town boundary. With over 70% of the population of Witheridge ward living inside the boundary this ward is also included in the 'best-fit' for the purposes of this profile. The parishes of Puddington, Thelbridge and Washford Pyne fall in the ward of Sandford & Creedy and Butterleigh parish is in the ward of Cullompton Outer. However, only 19% of the population of Sandford & Creedy ward and 5% of the population of Cullompton Outer ward live inside the market town boundary. Therefore neither ward is included in the profile.

Each market town area is comprised of a centre (coloured red) and its surrounding hinterland (referred to as the "Remaining parishes" throughout this document). The centre for this profile is considered to be the parish of Tiverton, or the four Tiverton wards – Castle, Cranmore, Lowman and Westexe – if appropriate.

Some national datasets are released using a new geographic hierarchy – Super Output Areas. The lowest level – Lower Super Output Areas (or LSOAs) – is about one third the size of a ward. These are aggregated to form Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs). Where data are only available at Super Output Area a best-fit approach has been adopted. There are 23 LSOAs that fall either fully or partially inside the market town area, 12 of which form Tiverton parish. There are five MSOAs in the market town area, three of which form Tiverton parish. A further two provide a best for the remaining parishes.

Additional information has been included to provide some comparisons. All tables have data for the Mid Devon district and the area administered by Devon County Council – where reference is made to the county of Devon this refers to the area covered by Devon County Council, which does not include Plymouth or Torbay. Where possible data are also included at a national level, either for England or England & Wales.

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Population

Summary

The age structure of the population in the market town area is broadly similar to that across the district and the county. The proportion of those aged 45 to 64 years represents a third of the total population in the surrounding hinterland which is greater than both the averages across the district and county.

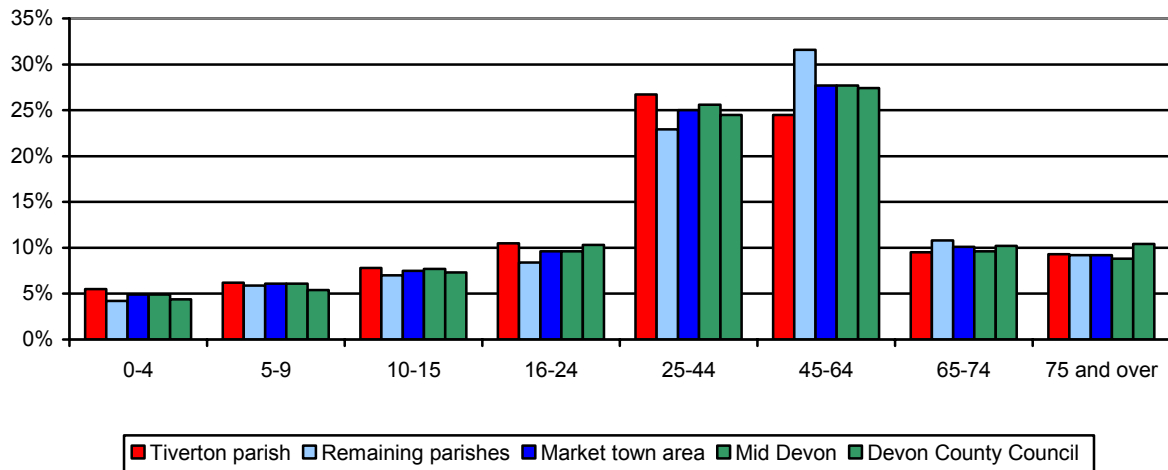
There has been significant population growth since 1991 in the parish of Tiverton. This increase is slightly greater than the growth in the district.

The proportion of people from minority ethnic groups in the market town area is consistent with the district and county averages.

The level of households occupied by individuals in the market town area as a whole is similar to the district and county averages. The surrounding hinterland has a noticeably lower percentage than Tiverton parish.

Percentage of population by age band (2004)

| Area | Total population | Age band: | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| | | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-15 | 16-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75 and over |
| Tiverton parish | 20,068 | 5.5% | 6.2% | 7.8% | 10.5% | 26.7% | 24.5% | 9.5% | 9.3% |
| Remaining parishes | 15,856 | 4.2% | 5.9% | 7.0% | 8.4% | 22.9% | 31.6% | 10.8% | 9.2% |
| Market town area | 35,924 | 4.9% | 6.1% | 7.5% | 9.6% | 25.0% | 27.7% | 10.1% | 9.2% |
| Mid Devon | 74,726 | 4.9% | 6.1% | 7.7% | 9.6% | 25.6% | 27.7% | 9.6% | 8.8% |
| Devon County Council | 742,911 | 4.4% | 5.4% | 7.3% | 10.3% | 24.5% | 27.4% | 10.2% | 10.4% |



Source: South Devon Health Informatics Service (FHSA data)

Population change (1991 to 2004)

| Area | 1991 | 2001 | 2004 | % change 1991 to 2004 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Tiverton parish | 17,187 | 18,623 | 20,068 | 16.8% |
| Remaining parishes | 14,562 | 15,044 | 15,856 | 8.9% |
| Market town area | 31,749 | 33,667 | 35,924 | 13.2% |
| Mid Devon | 64,258 | 69,774 | 74,726 | 16.3% |
| Devon County Council | 646,903 | 704,493 | 742,943 | 14.8% |

Source: 1991 and 2001 Census, 2004 South Devon Health Informatics Service (FHSA data)

Ethnicity (2001)

| Area | Ethnic Group: | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | All People | White | % White | Black and minority ethnic | % Black and minority ethnic |
| Tiverton parish | 18,623 | 18,452 | 99.1% | 171 | 0.9% |
| Remaining parishes | 15,044 | 14,978 | 99.6% | 66 | 0.4% |
| Market town area | 33,667 | 33,430 | 99.3% | 237 | 0.7% |
| Mid Devon | 69,774 | 69,220 | 99.2% | 554 | 0.8% |
| Devon County Council | 704,493 | 696,590 | 98.9% | 7,903 | 1.1% |
| England | 49,138,831 | 44,679,361 | 90.9% | 4,459,470 | 9.1% |

Source: 2001 Census

Household composition (2001)

| Area | All households | Single person households | | Households comprising more than one person | |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| | | Number | % | Number | % |
| Tiverton parish | 7,952 | 2,437 | 30.6% | 5,515 | 69.4% |
| Remaining parishes | 6,143 | 1,424 | 23.2% | 4,719 | 76.8% |
| Market town area | 14,095 | 3,861 | 27.4% | 10,234 | 72.6% |
| Mid Devon | 28,928 | 7,719 | 26.7% | 21,209 | 73.3% |
| Devon County Council | 298,574 | 86,890 | 29.1% | 211,684 | 70.9% |
| England | 20,451,427 | 6,150,264 | 30.1% | 14,301,163 | 69.9% |

Source: 2001 Census

Deprivation

Summary

One Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) is ranked in the most deprived 25% nationally, with 11 LSOAs ranked in the next 25% most deprived.

The principal source of deprivation data is currently The Indices of Deprivation 2004. This is a Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) level measure of multiple deprivation and is made up of seven domains. A LSOA is an area of about 1,500 people and has been devised to standardise statistical geography across the country. The seven domains are:

- Income Deprivation
- Employment Deprivation
- Health Deprivation and Disability
- Education, Skills and Training Deprivation
- Barriers to Housing and Services
- Living Environment Deprivation
- Crime

There are two supplementary Indices (Income Deprivation Affecting Children and Income Deprivation Affecting Older People).

The model which underpins the Index of Deprivation 2004 is based on the idea of distinct dimensions of deprivation which can be recognised and measured separately. These are experienced by individuals living in an area. Where possible, the indicators relate to 2001.

The information will help target policies and funding, reinforcing the Government's drive to improve the quality of life in disadvantaged communities.

There are over 32,000 LSOAs in the 2004 index, replacing the 8,500 wards used to construct the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000. The LSOA boundaries were determined nationally with no local input.

The 2004 index was developed from academic research undertaken by Oxford University.

The table below compares the areas in Devon ranked in the most deprived 25% nationally, in terms of the number of wards in 2000 and the number of LSOAs in 2004, together with the population of these areas.

Comparison of IMD 2000 and ID 2004

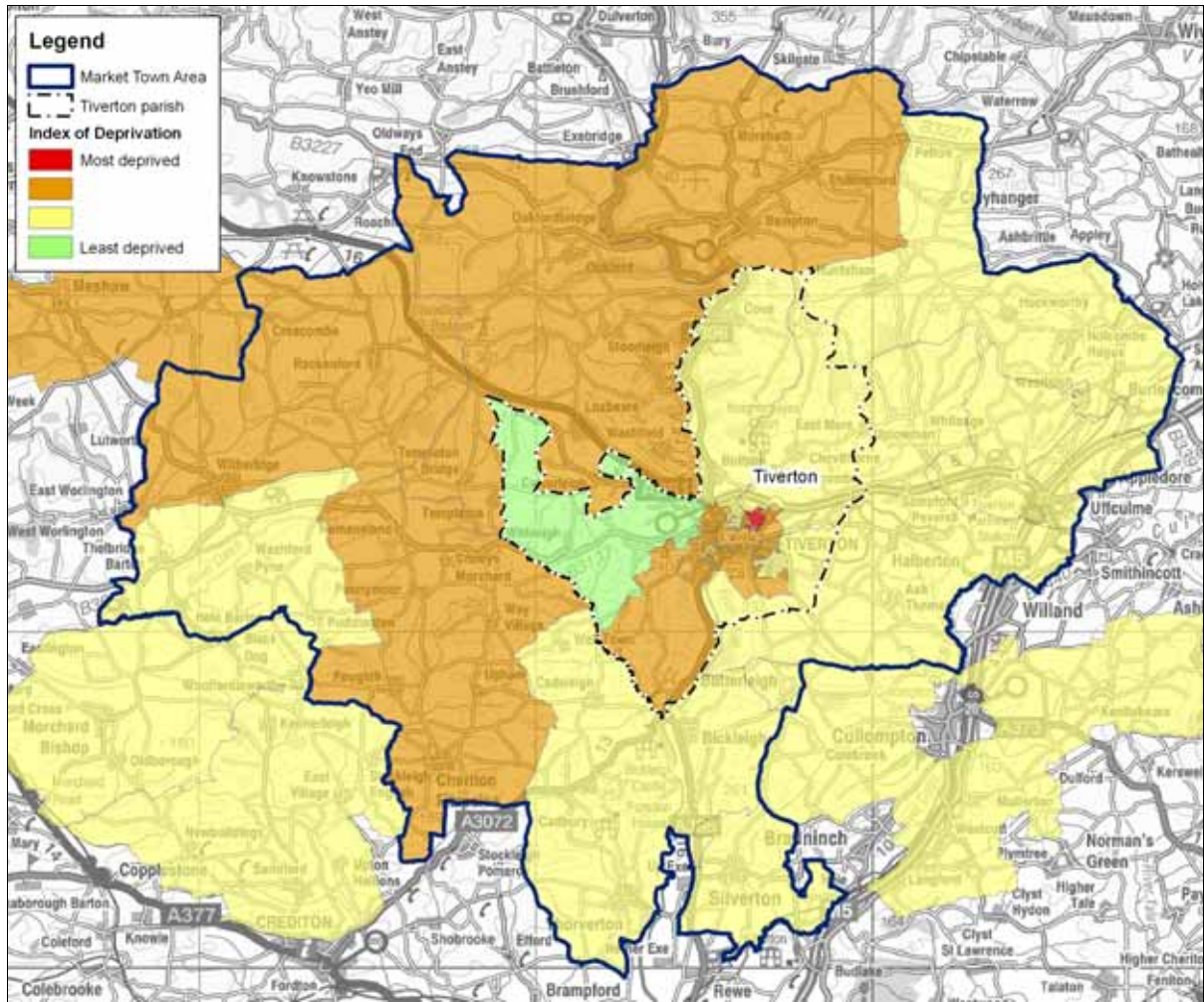
| Area | IMD 2000 | | ID 2004 | |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Number of wards | Population | Number of LSOAs | Population |
| East Devon | 1 | 3,901 | 0 | 0 |
| Exeter | 3 | 17,070 | 14 | 22,057 |
| Mid Devon | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,652 |
| North Devon | 6 | 21,409 | 10 | 14,158 |
| South Hams | 1 | 5,458 | 0 | 0 |
| Teignbridge | 6 | 24,408 | 6 | 8,918 |
| Torridge | 10 | 22,217 | 3 | 5,731 |
| West Devon | 1 | 1,483 | 0 | 0 |
| Devon County Council | 28 | 95,946 | 34 | 52,516 |

Source: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and South Devon Health Informatics Service (FHSA data)

Application of the new index reduces the population in Devon perceived to be living in the most deprived areas by around 45%. This is probably due to the addition of crime and the living environment to the index, which in both cases the area covered by Devon County Council would have scored well compared to the national average. The reduced weighting given to the access to services domain may also be a contributing factor.

There are 23 LSOAs that fall either completely or partially within the area covered by this profile. One of these is classified as being in the most deprived 25% of LSOAs nationally. Eleven LSOAs fall into the next 25% - seven of these are located in Tiverton. A further 10 LSOAs fall into the 50-75% most deprived areas and the remaining LSOA is classified as being in the least deprived 25% of LSOAs nationally.

Map of Index of Deprivation 2004



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Source: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

The Local Economy

Summary

Unemployment levels in the Tiverton market town area are similar to the county average and slightly ahead of the district average.

Economic activity rates as a whole within the market town area are similar to the county and national averages. However, self-employment levels in the surrounding hinterland are significantly higher than the county and national averages and conversely the level of full time employment is lower.

Claim rates for Income Support are significantly higher in Tiverton compared to the surrounding hinterland. This level is noticeably higher than the district and county averages.

Claim rates for Job Seekers Allowance in the market town area are similar to the district and county averages.

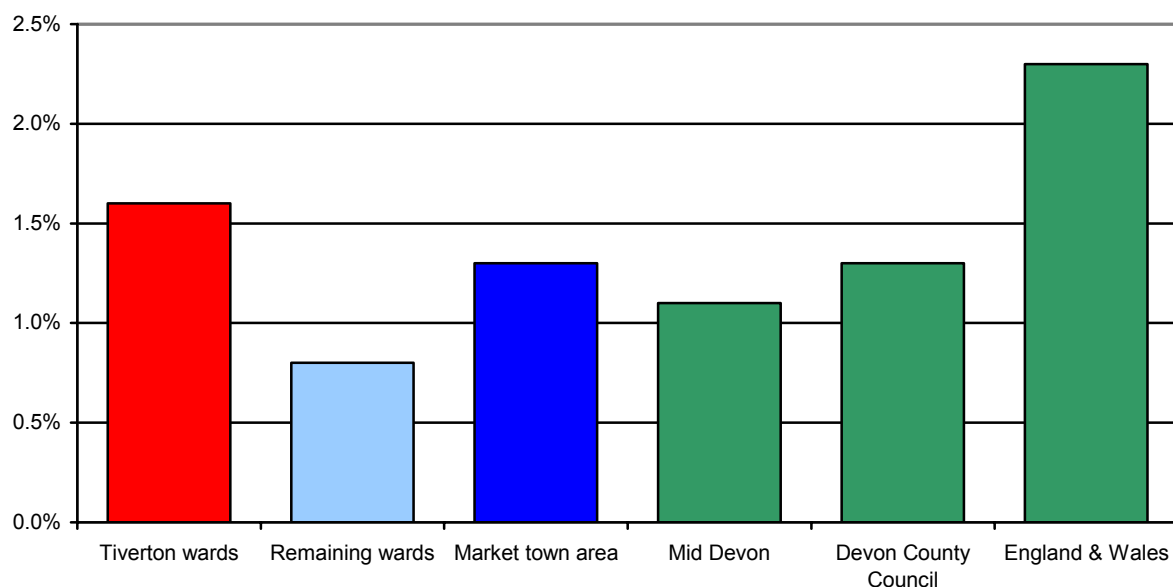
The percentage of households with an annual income of less than £20,000 is broadly similar to the district and county averages, although rates in Tiverton parish are higher.

The percentage of employment by industry sector of those living in the market town area highlights the main sectors of employment as manufacturing and wholesale & retail. This represents around 35% of employment in the market town area.

The largest number of businesses in the market town area is within the wholesale & retail trade sector.

Unemployment as a proportion of working age resident population (April 2005)

| Area | Number unemployed | % working age population |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Tiverton wards | 171 | 1.6% |
| Remaining wards | 62 | 0.8% |
| Market town area | 233 | 1.3% |
| Mid Devon | 477 | 1.1% |
| Devon County Council | 5,445 | 1.3% |
| England & Wales | | 2.3% |



Source: Office for National Statistics

Economic activity (2001)

| Area | People aged 16 to 74 | Total economically active | Economically active | Employed part-time | Employed full-time | Self-employed | Unemployed | Students |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| Tiverton parish | 13,003 | 8,651 | 66.5% | 21.5% | 57.5% | 14.5% | 3.8% | 2.7% |
| Remaining parishes | 10,847 | 7,317 | 67.5% | 18.7% | 45.6% | 30.4% | 3.0% | 2.3% |
| Market town area | 23,850 | 15,968 | 67.0% | 20.2% | 52.1% | 21.8% | 3.4% | 2.5% |
| Mid Devon | 49,756 | 34,085 | 68.5% | 19.7% | 52.9% | 21.4% | 3.4% | 2.6% |
| Devon County Council | 503,212 | 328,379 | 65.3% | 20.5% | 52.6% | 19.3% | 3.9% | 3.6% |
| England | 35,532,091 | 23,756,707 | 66.9% | 17.7% | 61.0% | 12.4% | 5.0% | 3.9% |

Source: 2001 Census

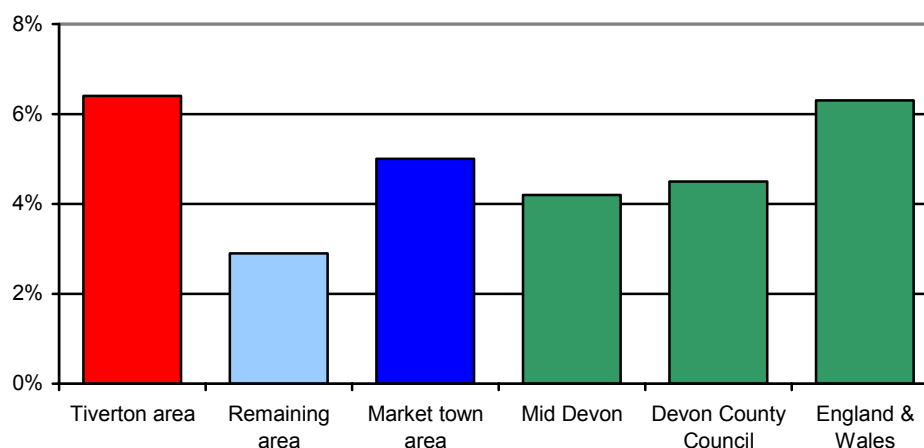
The data below relating to Income Support and Job Seekers Allowance are based on a best fit of Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs). There are three MSOAs which form Tiverton parish. A further two provide a best fit for the remaining parishes.

Income Support and Job Seekers Allowance claim rates (2004)

| Area | Income Support | | | Jobseekers Allowance | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|
| | Population aged 16 to 59 | All claimants | Claim rate | Population aged 16 to 64 | All claimants | Claim rate |
| Tiverton area | 10,143 | 645 | 6.4% | 11,174 | 155 | 1.4% |
| Remaining area | 7,010 | 205 | 2.9% | 7,754 | 45 | 0.6% |
| Market town area | 17,153 | 850 | 5.0% | 18,928 | 200 | 1.1% |
| Mid Devon | 39,008 | 1,645 | 4.2% | 42,954 | 375 | 0.9% |
| Devon County Council | 388,926 | 17,530 | 4.5% | 429,574 | 4,765 | 1.1% |
| England | 30,694,973 | 1,946,020 | 6.3% | 33,239,665 | 689,810 | 2.1% |

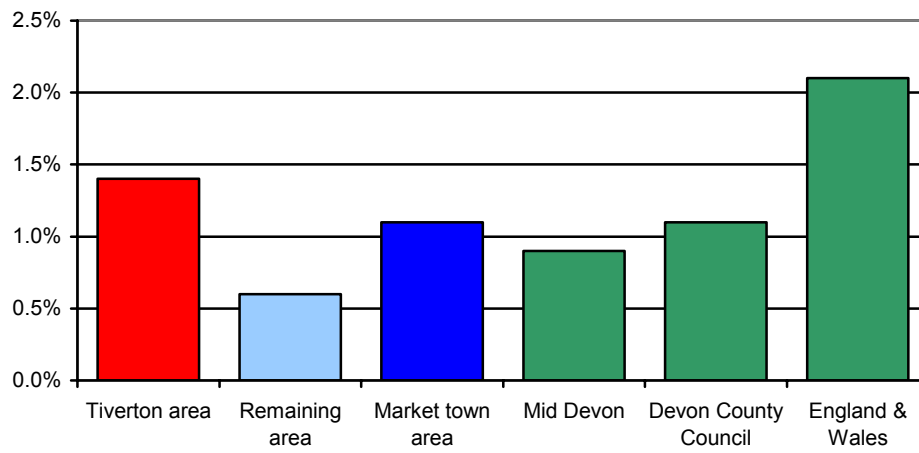
Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Income Support claim rates (2004)



Source: Department for Work and Pensions

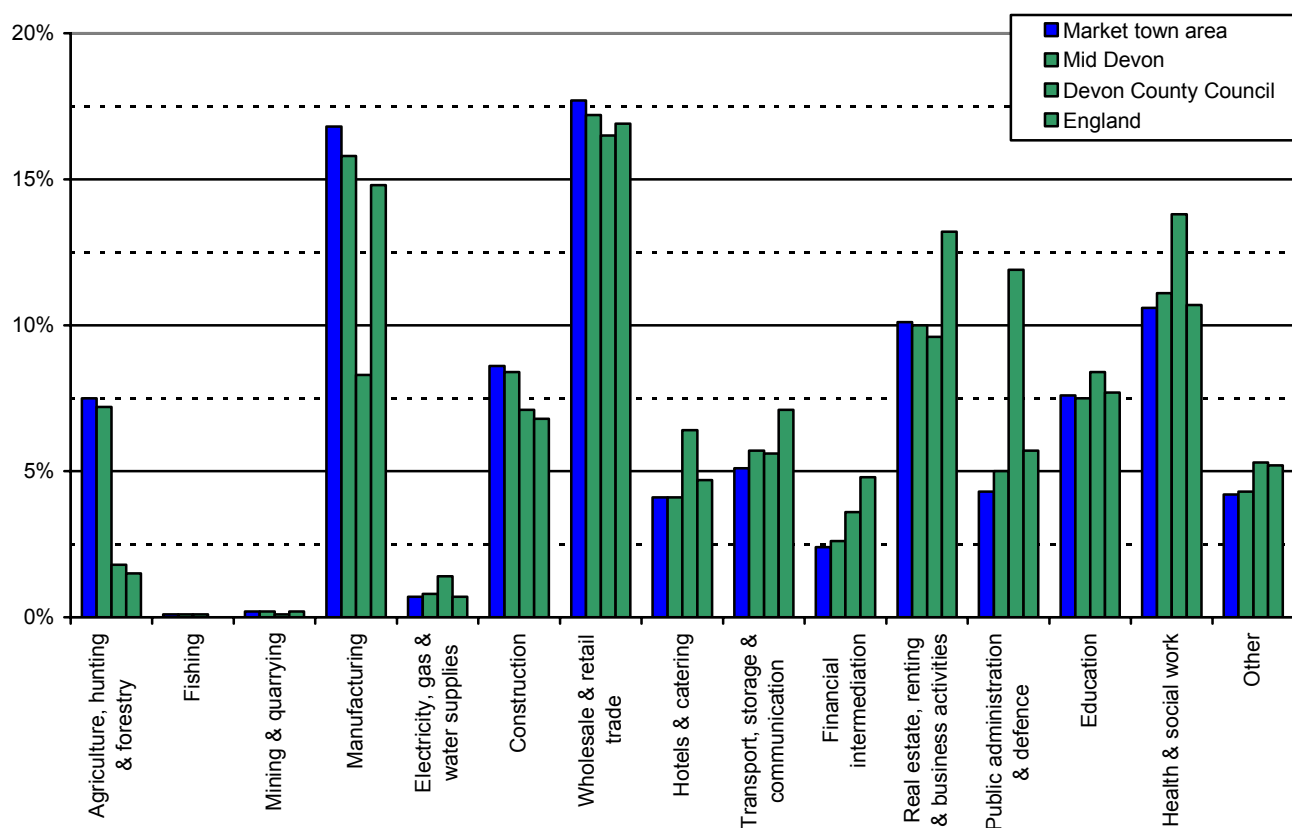
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Source: Department for Work and Pensions

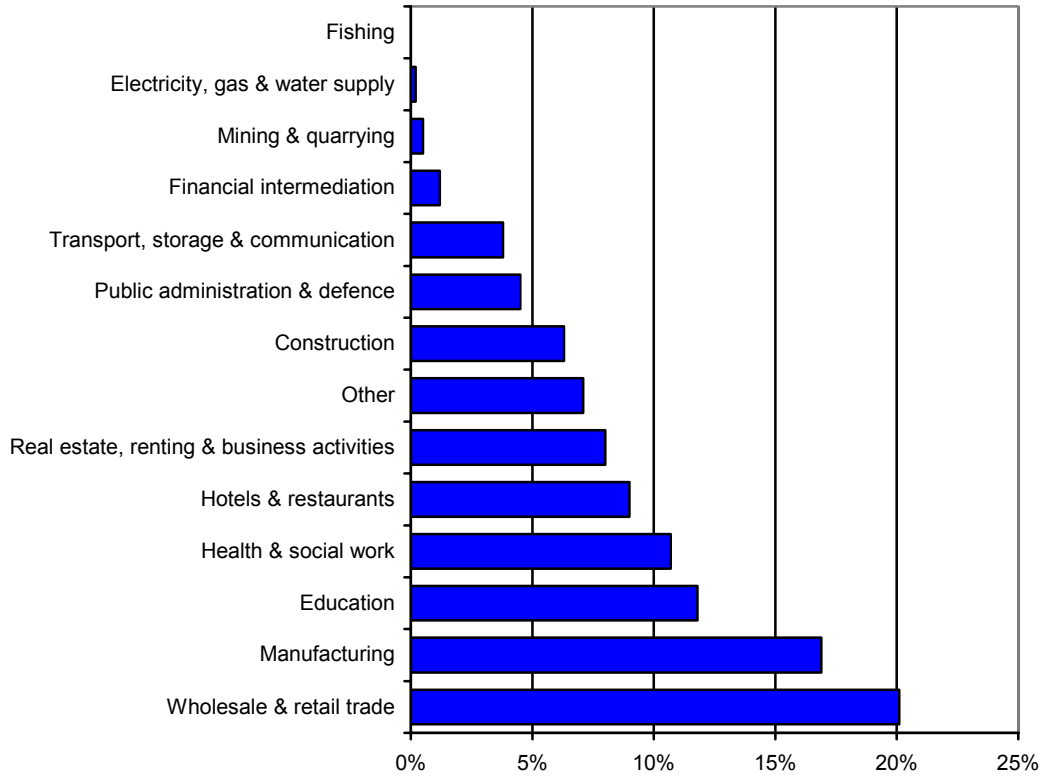
Employment of people living in the area by industry (2001)

| Sector | Tiverton parish | Remaining parishes | Market town area | Mid Devon | Devon County Council | England |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| Agriculture, hunting & forestry | 3.3% | 12.4% | 7.5% | 7.2% | 4.6% | 1.5% |
| Fishing | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| Mining & quarrying | 0.1% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| Manufacturing | 20.3% | 12.8% | 16.8% | 15.8% | 12.2% | 14.8% |
| Electricity, gas & water supplies | 0.7% | 0.6% | 0.7% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 0.7% |
| Construction | 8.9% | 8.3% | 8.6% | 8.4% | 7.7% | 6.8% |
| Wholesale & retail trade | 20.3% | 14.6% | 17.7% | 17.2% | 17.5% | 16.9% |
| Hotels & catering | 3.8% | 4.3% | 4.1% | 4.1% | 6.6% | 4.7% |
| Transport, storage & communication | 5.5% | 4.6% | 5.1% | 5.7% | 5.6% | 7.1% |
| Financial intermediation | 2.3% | 2.6% | 2.4% | 2.6% | 2.6% | 4.8% |
| Real estate, renting & business activities | 9.0% | 11.5% | 10.1% | 10.0% | 9.9% | 13.2% |
| Public administration & defence | 4.0% | 4.7% | 4.3% | 5.0% | 6.5% | 5.7% |
| Education | 7.0% | 8.2% | 7.6% | 7.5% | 8.1% | 7.7% |
| Health & social work | 10.3% | 10.8% | 10.6% | 11.1% | 12.4% | 10.7% |
| Other | 4.3% | 4.1% | 4.2% | 4.3% | 5.0% | 5.2% |



Source: 2001 Census

Percentage of businesses in profile area by Standard Industrial Classification (2004)



Source: Annual Business Inquiry

Skills and Learning

Summary

Children living in areas other than Tiverton parish achieve significantly higher results at Key Stage 2 than those that live in the parish.

Achievement rates for GCSEs at grades A* to C were also better for children living outside of Tiverton parish although the percentage of children achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A* to G were similar across the market town area.

The overall level of qualification within the market town area is similar to the district and county averages. However, the proportion of people with no qualifications is noticeably higher in Tiverton parish. Tiverton parish also has a smaller proportion of people with the highest level of qualification.

Number and percentage of pupils achieving at least Key Stage 2 Level 4 (2004)

| Area | Total pupils | English | | Maths | | Science | |
|----------------------|--------------|---------|----------|--------|----------|---------|----------|
| | | Number | % pupils | Number | % pupils | Number | % pupils |
| Tiverton parish | 238 | 165 | 69.3% | 152 | 63.9% | 192 | 80.7% |
| Remaining parishes | 169 | 146 | 86.4% | 131 | 77.5% | 153 | 90.5% |
| Market town area | 407 | 311 | 76.4% | 283 | 69.5% | 345 | 84.8% |
| Mid Devon | 877 | 684 | 78.0% | 636 | 72.5% | 747 | 85.2% |
| Devon County Council | 7,781 | 6,030 | 77.5% | 5,766 | 74.1% | 6,803 | 87.4% |
| England | | | 75.0% | | 73.0% | | 86.0% |

Source: Children and Young People's Services, Devon County Council

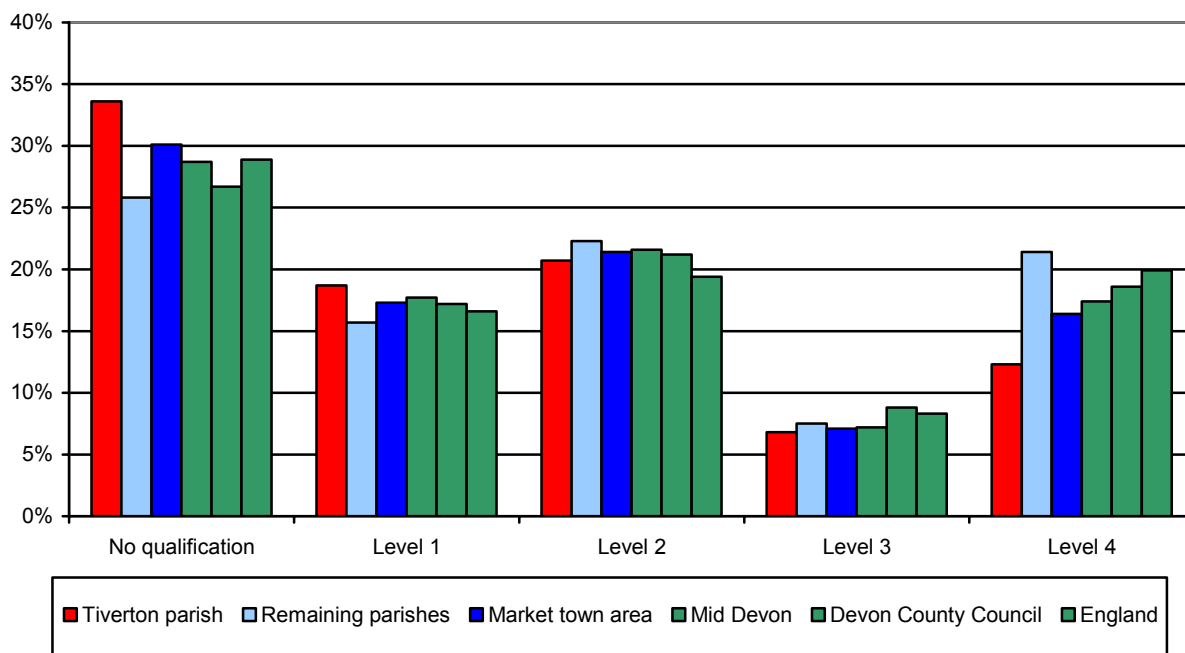
GCSE attainment (2002/03)

| Area | Number of students | Students achieving five or more A*-C | % students achieving five or more A*-C | Students achieving five or more A*-G | % students achieving five or more A*-G |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Tiverton parish | 176 | 86 | 48.9% | 156 | 88.6% |
| Remaining parishes | 157 | 96 | 61.1% | 148 | 94.3% |
| Market town area | 333 | 182 | 54.7% | 304 | 91.3% |
| Mid Devon | 791 | 458 | 57.9% | 734 | 92.8% |
| Devon County Council | 6,955 | 3,741 | 53.8% | 6,484 | 93.2% |
| England | | | 52.9% | | 88.8% |

Source: Children and Young People's Services, Devon County Council

Highest level of qualification (2001)

| Area | No qualifications | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Other |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Tiverton parish | 33.6% | 18.7% | 20.7% | 6.8% | 12.3% | 7.9% |
| Remaining parishes | 25.8 % | 15.7% | 22.3% | 7.5% | 21.4% | 7.4% |
| Market town area | 30.1% | 17.3% | 21.4% | 7.1% | 16.4% | 7.7% |
| Mid Devon | 28.7% | 17.7% | 21.6% | 7.2% | 17.4% | 7.4% |
| Devon County Council | 26.7% | 17.2% | 21.2% | 8.8% | 18.6% | 7.6% |
| England | 28.9% | 16.6% | 19.4% | 8.3% | 19.9% | 6.9% |



Source: 2001 Census

Note:

Level 1: 1+'O' level passes, 1 CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ.

Level 2: 5+'O' level passes, 5+CSE's (grade A-C), School Certificate, 1+'A' levels/'AS' levels, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ.

Level 3: 2+ 'A' levels, 4+'AS' levels, Higher School Certificate, NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQ.

Level 4: First degree, Higher degree, NVQ levels 4 and 5, HNC, HND, Qualified Teacher Status, Qualified, Medical Doctor, Qualified Dentist, Qualified Nurse, Midwife, Health Visitor.

Health, Care and Wellbeing

Summary

Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance claim rates are above the county average in Tiverton parish, but lower in the surrounding hinterland.

Claim rates for Disability Living Allowance within the market town area are similar to the district and county averages. However, the claim rate in the surrounding hinterland is noticeably lower.

The rate of people living with a limiting long-term illness within the market town area is similar to the district and county averages. The same is true for the general health indicator.

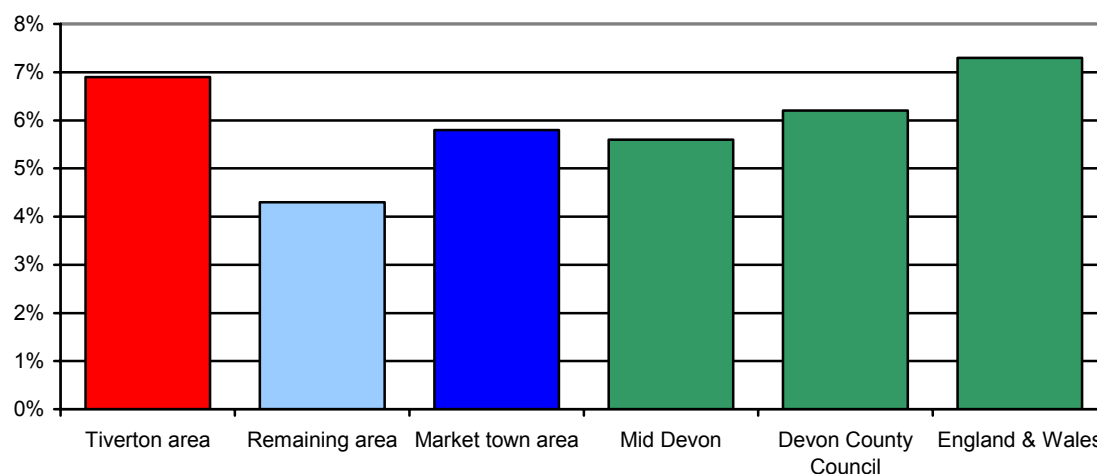
The data below relating to Incapacity Benefit & Severe Disablement Allowance and Disability Living Allowance are based on a best fit of Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs). There are three MSOAs which form Tiverton parish. A further two provide a best fit for the remaining parishes.

Incapacity Benefit & Severe Disablement Allowance and Disability Living Allowance claimant rates (2004)

| Area | Incapacity Benefit & Severe Disablement Allowance | | | Disability Living Allowance | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|
| | Population aged 16 to 64 | All claimants | Claim rate | Total population | All claimants | Claim rate |
| Tiverton area | 11,174 | 775 | 6.9% | 18,603 | 795 | 4.3% |
| Remaining area | 7,754 | 330 | 4.3% | 12,462 | 305 | 2.4% |
| Market town area | 18,928 | 1,105 | 5.8% | 31,065 | 1,100 | 3.5% |
| Mid Devon | 42,954 | 2,410 | 5.6% | 69,798 | 2,275 | 3.3% |
| Devon County Council | 429,574 | 26,670 | 6.2% | 704,510 | 25,645 | 3.6% |
| England | 33,239,665 | 2,421,940 | 7.3% | 52,042,016 | 2,341,615 | 4.5% |

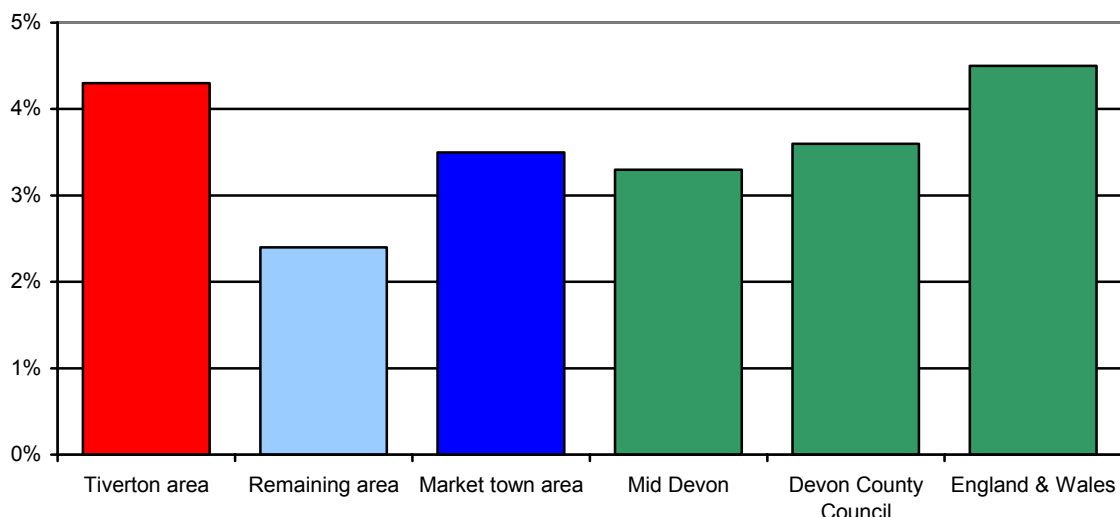
Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance claimant rates (2004)



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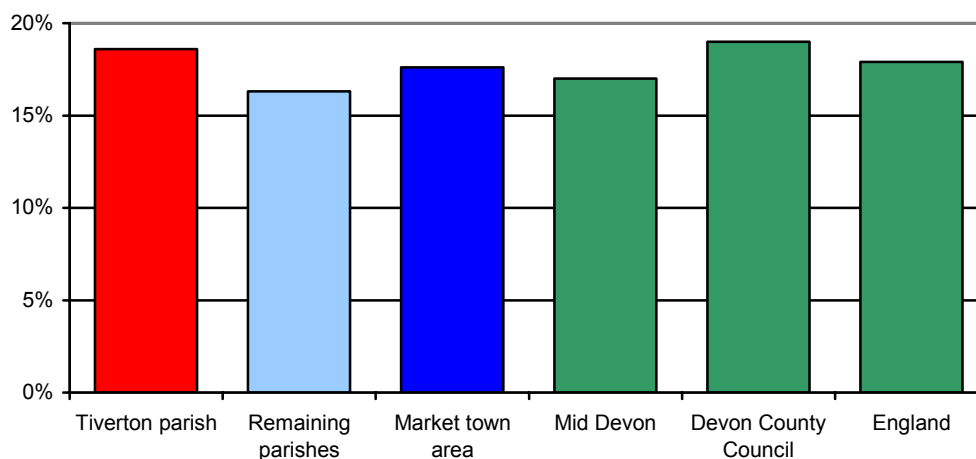
Disability Living Allowance claimant rates (2004)



Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Percentage of people living with a limiting long-term illness (2001)

| Area | All people | People living with a limiting long-term illness | % people living with a limiting long-term illness |
|----------------------|------------|---|---|
| Tiverton parish | 18,621 | 3,465 | 18.6% |
| Remaining parishes | 14,942 | 2,433 | 16.3% |
| Market town area | 33,563 | 5,898 | 17.6% |
| Mid Devon | 69,774 | 11,875 | 17.0% |
| Devon County Council | 704,493 | 133,756 | 19.0% |
| England | 49,138,831 | 8,809,194 | 17.9% |



Source: 2001 Census

General health (2001)

| Area | All people | People describing their health as good or fairly good | | People describing their health as not good | |
|----------------------|------------|---|-------|--|------|
| | | Number | % | Number | % |
| Tiverton parish | 18,621 | 16,990 | 91.2% | 1,631 | 8.8% |
| Remaining parishes | 14,942 | 13,883 | 92.9% | 1,059 | 7.1% |
| Market town area | 33,563 | 30,873 | 92.0% | 2,690 | 8.0% |
| Mid Devon | 69,774 | 64,430 | 92.3% | 5,344 | 7.7% |
| Devon County Council | 704,493 | 643,988 | 91.4% | 60,505 | 8.6% |
| England | 49,138,831 | 44,702,955 | 91.0% | 4,435,876 | 9.0% |

Source: 2001 Census

Older People

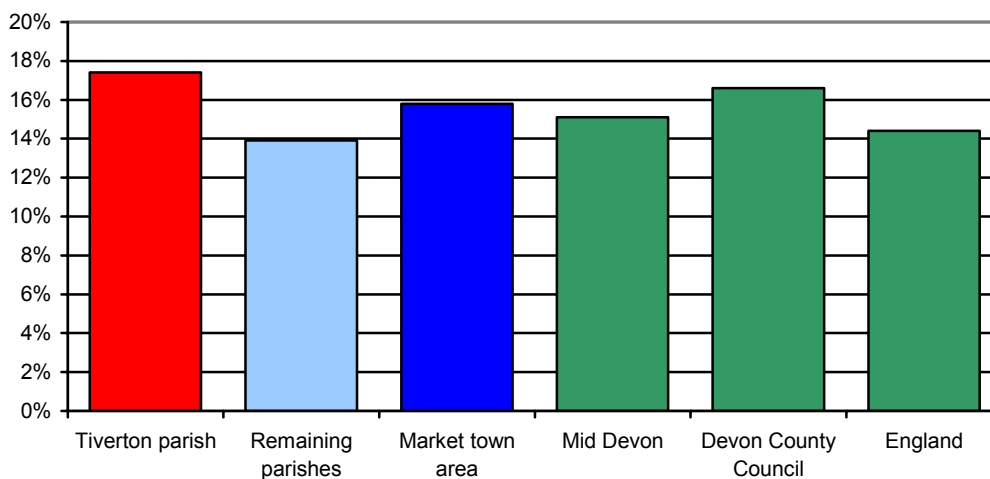
Summary

The level of households occupied by lone pensioners in the market town area is lower than the county average. However there is a noticeable difference between Tiverton parish and the surrounding hinterland.

The rate of Social Services clients is significantly higher in Tiverton parish compared to the district and county averages.

Percentage of lone pensioner households (2001)

| Area | Total households | Households occupied by lone pensioners | % households occupied by lone pensioners |
|----------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Tiverton parish | 7,952 | 1,381 | 17.4% |
| Remaining parishes | 6,143 | 851 | 13.9% |
| Market town area | 14,095 | 2,232 | 15.8% |
| Mid Devon | 28,928 | 4,355 | 15.1% |
| Devon County Council | 298,576 | 49,466 | 16.6% |
| England | 20,451,427 | 2,939,465 | 14.4% |



Source: 2001 Census.

Number of Social Services clients per 1,000 population (2004)

| Area | Clients by age group per 1,000 population of the same age group | | | |
|----------------------|---|-------|-------|-------------|
| | 50-64 | 65-74 | 75-84 | 85 and over |
| Tiverton parish | 26.4 | 52.1 | 183.4 | 501.1 |
| Remaining parishes | 13.0 | 24.5 | 122.2 | 350.3 |
| Market town area | 19.6 | 39.0 | 156.1 | 438.0 |
| Mid Devon | 16.1 | 40.0 | 152.7 | 460.5 |
| Devon County Council | 14.9 | 40.6 | 142.0 | 460.3 |

Source: Adult and Community Services, Devon County Council

Children and Young People

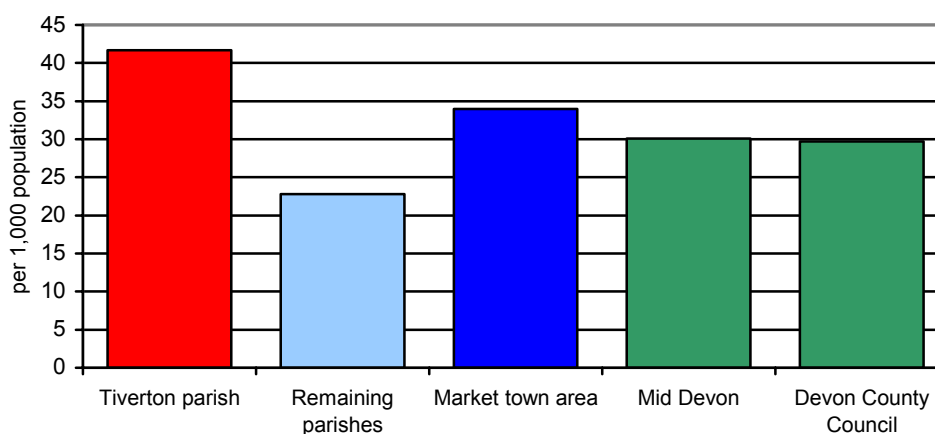
Summary

The proportion of children in need is significantly above the averages for the district and county in Tiverton parish. The average for the surrounding hinterland is lower than the district and county averages.

The proportion of young offenders is significantly higher in the Tiverton wards compared to the surrounding hinterland.

Children in need aged 0 to 17 years per 1,000 population aged 0 to 17 years (2003/04)

| Area | Number of children aged 0 to 17 | Number of children in need aged 0 to 17 | Children in need aged 0 to 17 per 1,000 population aged 0 to 17 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Tiverton parish | 4,458 | 186 | 41.7 |
| Remaining parishes | 3,111 | 71 | 22.8 |
| Market town area | 7,569 | 257 | 34.0 |
| Mid Devon | 15,931 | 479 | 30.1 |
| Devon County Council | 145,459 | 4,317 | 29.7 |



Source: Children and Young People's Services, Devon County Council

Young offenders aged 10 to 17 years per 1,000 population aged 10 to 17 years (2000 to 2002)

| Area | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| Tiverton wards | 24.6 | 25.6 | 24.6 |
| Remaining wards | 8.4 | 6.3 | 11.1 |
| Market town area | 17.6 | 18.0 | 19.8 |
| Mid Devon | 17.2 | 17.6 | 16.6 |
| Devon County Council | 14.2 | 20.0 | 19.3 |

Source: Youth Offending Team

Community Safety

Summary

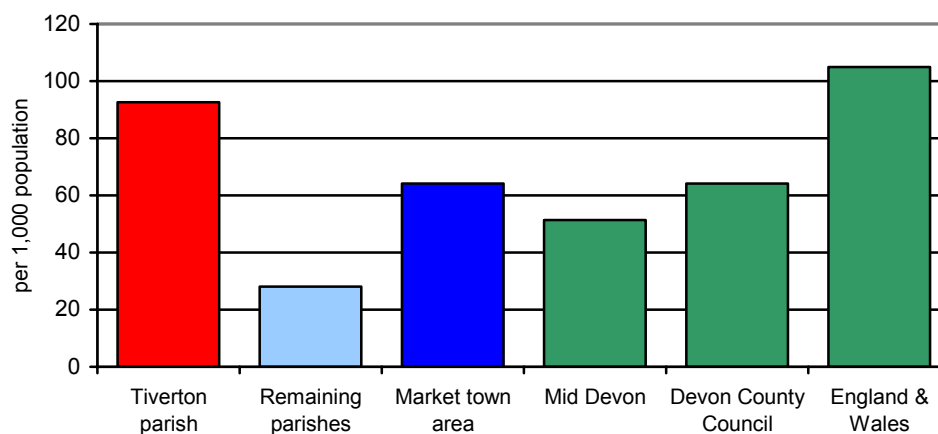
The rates of crime in all categories are highest in Tiverton parish. Rates are also above the county average.

The rate of violent crime in Tiverton parish mirrors the national average which is significantly higher than the county average.

Data comprises addressable data only, and as such rates are based on approx 92% of all crime.

Total crime per 1,000 population (2004/05)

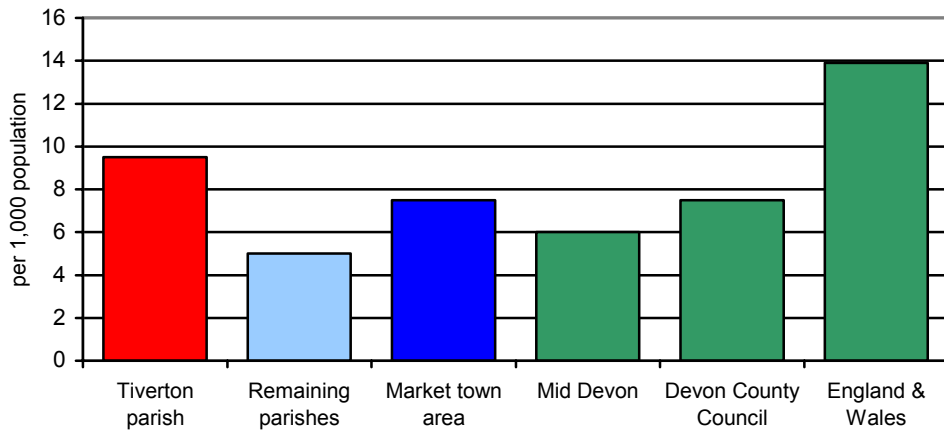
| Area | Population | Total number of crimes | Crimes per 1,000 population |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tiverton parish | 20,068 | 1,858 | 92.6 |
| Remaining parishes | 15,856 | 446 | 28.1 |
| Market town area | 35,924 | 2,304 | 64.1 |
| Mid Devon | 74,726 | 3,839 | 51.4 |
| Devon County Council | 742,911 | 47,612 | 64.1 |
| England & Wales | 53,045,600 | 5,562,700 | 104.9 |



Source: Devon & Cornwall Constabulary (Amethyst)

Vehicle crime per 1,000 population (2004/05)

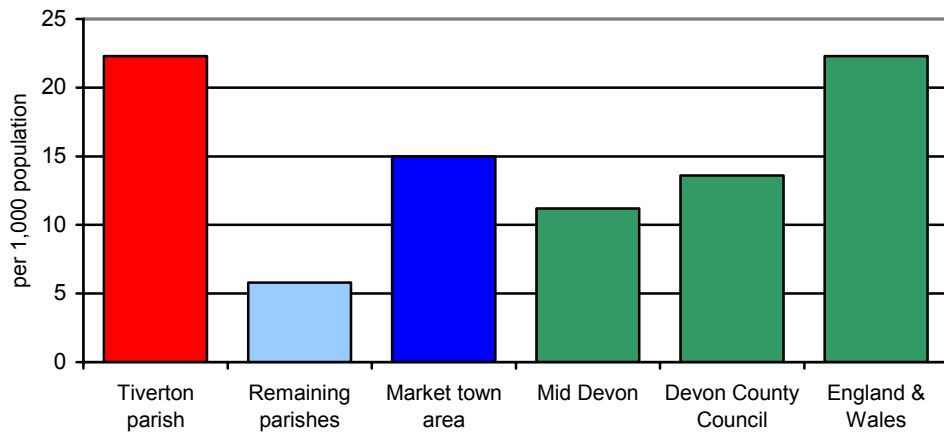
| Area | Population | Number of vehicle crimes | Vehicle crimes per 1,000 population |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tiverton parish | 20,068 | 191 | 9.5 |
| Remaining parishes | 15,856 | 80 | 5.0 |
| Market town area | 35,924 | 271 | 7.5 |
| Mid Devon | 74,726 | 452 | 6.0 |
| Devon County Council | 742,911 | 5,594 | 7.5 |
| England & Wales | 53,045,600 | 738,500 | 13.9 |



Source: Devon & Cornwall Constabulary (Amethyst)

Violent crime per 1,000 population (2004/05)

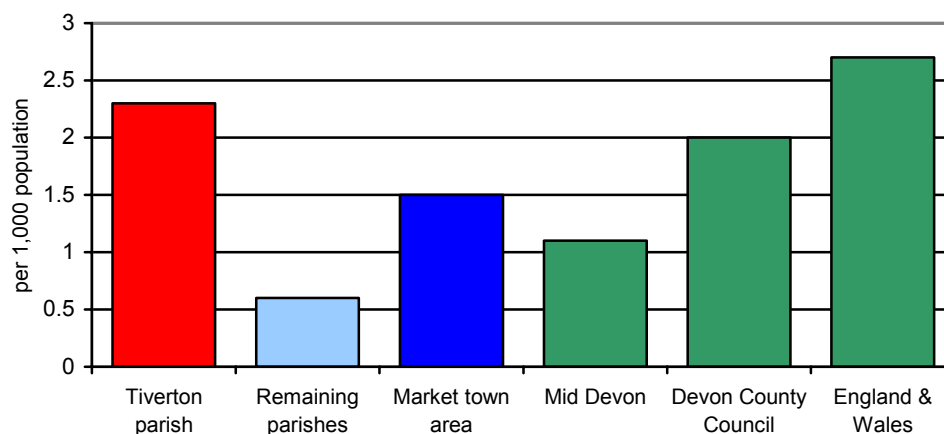
| Area | Population | Number of violent crimes | Violent crimes per 1,000 population |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tiverton parish | 20,068 | 447 | 22.3 |
| Remaining parishes | 15,856 | 92 | 5.8 |
| Market town area | 35,924 | 539 | 15.0 |
| Mid Devon | 74,726 | 840 | 11.2 |
| Devon County Council | 742,911 | 10,138 | 13.6 |
| England & Wales | 53,045,600 | 1,185,700 | 22.4 |



Source: Devon & Cornwall Constabulary (Amethyst)

Drug offences per 1,000 population (2004/05)

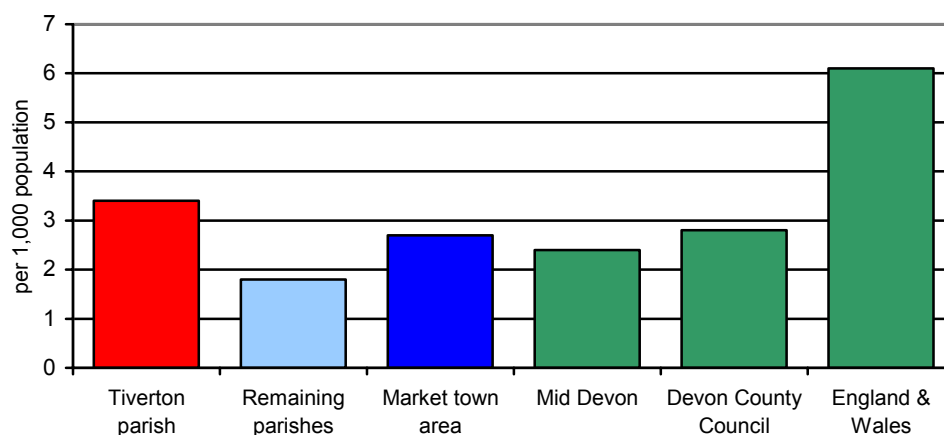
| Area | Population | Number of drug offences | Drug offences per 1,000 population |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tiverton parish | 20,068 | 46 | 2.3 |
| Remaining parishes | 15,856 | 9 | 0.6 |
| Market town area | 35,924 | 55 | 1.5 |
| Mid Devon | 74,726 | 84 | 1.1 |
| Devon County Council | 742,911 | 1,492 | 2.0 |
| England & Wales | 53,045,600 | 142,300 | 2.7 |



Source: Devon & Cornwall Constabulary (Amethyst)

Dwelling burglaries per 1,000 population (2004/05)

| Area | Population | Number of dwelling burglaries | Dwelling burglaries per 1,000 population |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Tiverton parish | 20,068 | 68 | 3.4 |
| Remaining parishes | 15,856 | 29 | 1.8 |
| Market town area | 35,924 | 97 | 2.7 |
| Mid Devon | 74,726 | 178 | 2.4 |
| Devon County Council | 742,911 | 2,046 | 2.8 |
| England & Wales | 53,045,600 | 321,500 | 6.1 |



Source: Devon & Cornwall Constabulary (Amethyst)

Housing

Summary

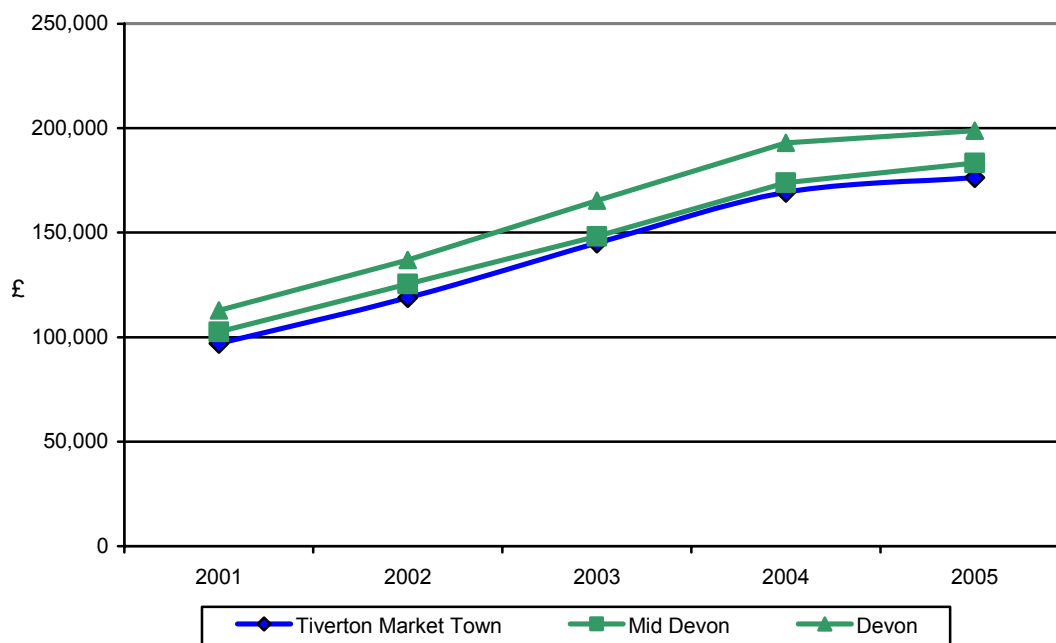
House prices outside of Tiverton parish are currently around 10% higher than those in the parish. The average house price in the market town area has increased by around 80% in the four years from 2001 to 2005.

In 2004 average house prices within the market town area are similar to the national average, with the exception of flats & maisonettes and detached properties.

The level of owner occupied dwellings in Tiverton parish is significantly lower than the district and county averages. Conversely, there is a higher percentage of local authority housing in Tiverton parish compared to the district and county averages.

House price change (2001 to 2005)

| Area | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | % change 2001 - 2005 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| Tiverton parish | £86,935 | £106,480 | £131,218 | £162,043 | £161,573 | 85.9% |
| Remaining Parishes | £117,101 | £140,837 | £180,925 | £193,242 | £227,529 | 94.3% |
| Market town area | £97,012 | £118,914 | £145,034 | £169,311 | £176,327 | 81.8% |
| Mid Devon | £102,515 | £125,530 | £148,153 | £173,903 | £183,349 | 78.9% |
| Devon County Council | £112,752 | £136,982 | £165,267 | £193,056 | £198,835 | 76.3% |



Source: Land Registry

Note: Data comprises sales between April and December 2001, all sales in 2002, 2003 and 2004 and from January to March 2005.

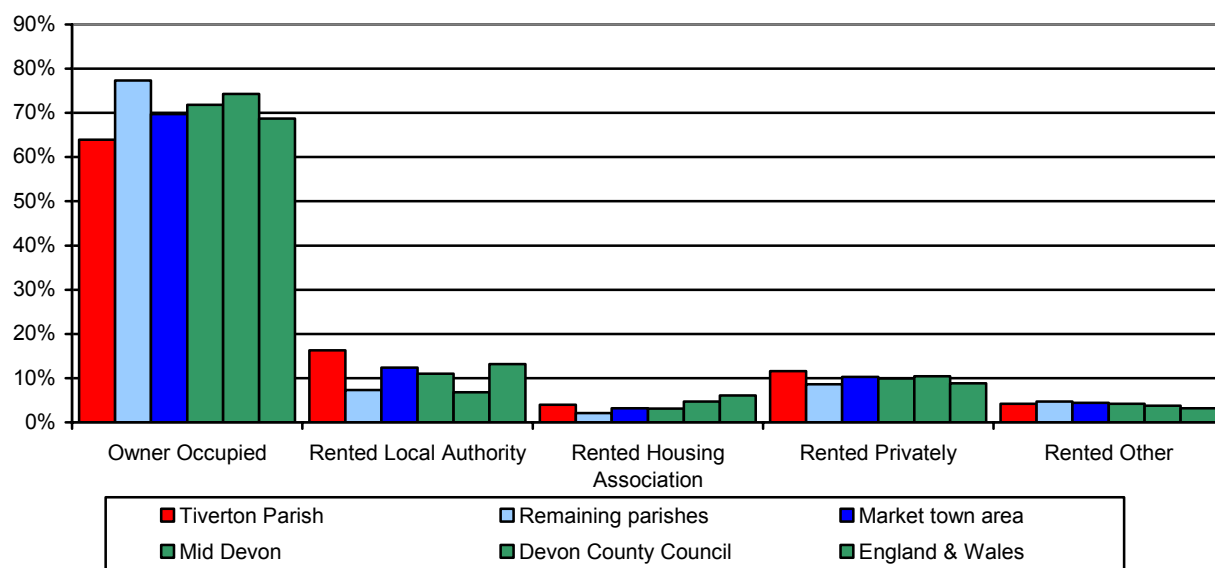
Average house price (2004)

| Area | Detached | Semi-Detached | Terraced | Flat/Maisonette | Overall |
|----------------------|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Tiverton parish | £232,361 | £161,206 | £134,448 | £108,393 | £162,082 |
| Remaining parishes | £261,906 | £166,893 | £152,794 | £131,660 | £193,242 |
| Market town area | £241,691 | £161,206 | £134,449 | £108,394 | £169,351 |
| Mid Devon | £238,510 | £162,061 | £135,901 | £104,959 | £173,927 |
| Devon County Council | £266,940 | £180,252 | £157,985 | £138,260 | £193,045 |
| England & Wales | £270,745 | £162,379 | £136,862 | £168,298 | £178,504 |

Source: Land Registry

Percentage of dwellings by tenure (2001)

| Area | All households | Owner Occupied | Rented accommodation | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|-------|
| | | | Local Authority | Housing Association | Private | Other |
| Tiverton parish | 7,952 | 63.9% | 16.3% | 4.0% | 11.6% | 4.2% |
| Remaining parishes | 6,110 | 77.3% | 7.3% | 2.1% | 8.6% | 4.7% |
| Market town area | 14,062 | 69.7% | 12.4% | 3.2% | 10.3% | 4.4% |
| Mid Devon | 28,929 | 71.8% | 11.0% | 3.1% | 9.9% | 4.2% |
| Devon County Council | 298,576 | 74.3% | 6.8% | 4.7% | 10.4% | 3.8% |
| England & Wales | 20,451,427 | 68.7% | 13.2% | 6.1% | 8.8% | 3.2% |



Source: 2001 Census

Transport

Summary

There are higher levels of car ownership outside Tiverton parish. Over a quarter of Tiverton parish households do not have access to a car.

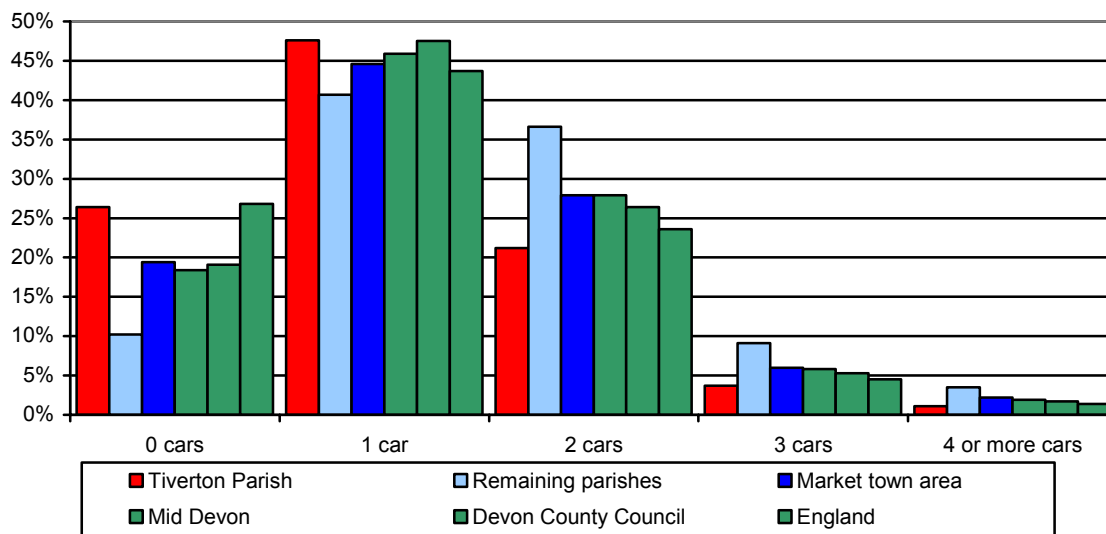
Around 17% of people living in the market town area work from home; this is higher in the remaining parishes. This is above all three comparisons. Within Tiverton parish almost a quarter of people travel to work either on foot or by bicycle, this is noticeably higher than the district and county averages.

The percentage of households who can access a shop within 30 minutes by public transport is significantly below the county and national averages in the surrounding hinterland at 51%.

Access to an acute hospital and GP are also significantly below the county and national averages in the rural area.

Car ownership (2001)

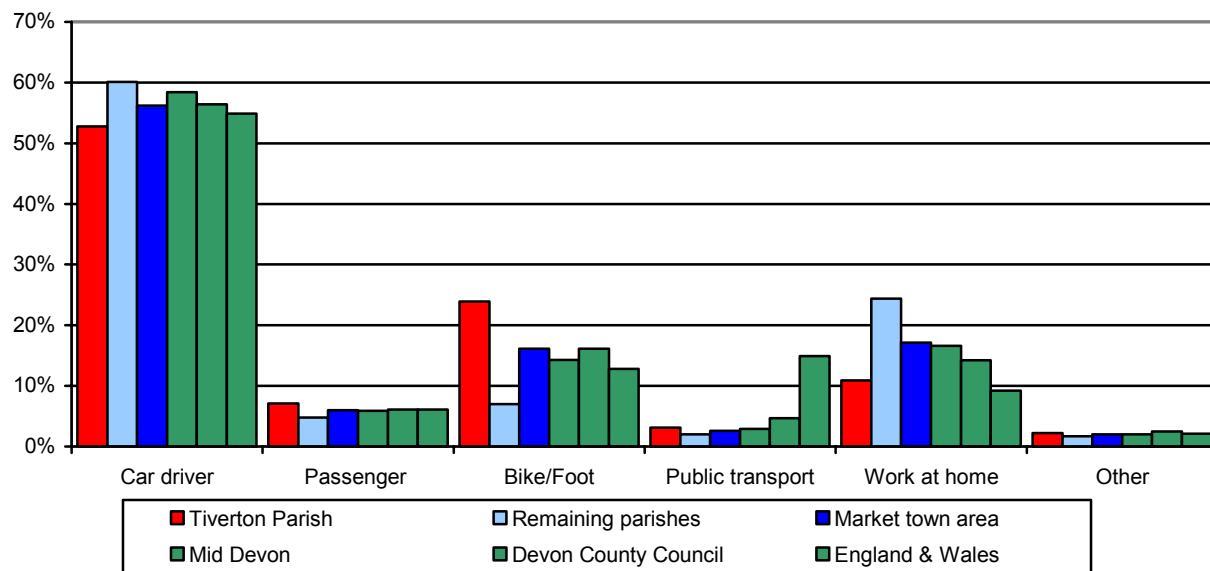
| Area | All households | Households with: | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| | | No car | One car | Two cars | Three cars | Four or more cars |
| Tiverton parish | 7,952 | 26.4% | 47.6% | 21.2% | 3.7% | 1.1% |
| Remaining parishes | 6,118 | 10.2% | 40.7% | 36.6% | 9.1% | 3.5% |
| Market town area | 14,070 | 19.4% | 44.6% | 27.9% | 6.0% | 2.2% |
| Mid Devon | 28,930 | 16.9% | 44.8% | 29.8% | 6.3% | 2.2% |
| Devon County Council | 298,576 | 19.1% | 47.5% | 26.4% | 5.3% | 1.7% |
| England | 20,451,427 | 26.8% | 43.7% | 23.6% | 4.5% | 1.4% |



Source: 2001 Census

Mode of travel to work (2001)

| Area | All 16-74 year olds in employment | Percentage of population by mode of travel to work | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------|
| | | By car or van | Passenger in a car or van | On a bike or by foot | By public transport | Work from home | Other |
| Tiverton parish | 8,300 | 52.8% | 7.1% | 23.9% | 3.1% | 10.9% | 2.2% |
| Remaining parishes | 7,074 | 60.1% | 4.8% | 7.0% | 2.0% | 24.4% | 1.7% |
| Market town area | 15,374 | 56.2% | 6.0% | 16.1% | 2.6% | 17.1% | 2.0% |
| Mid Devon | 32,825 | 58.4% | 5.9% | 14.3% | 2.9% | 16.6% | 2.0% |
| Devon County Council | 314,267 | 56.4% | 6.1% | 16.1% | 4.7% | 14.2% | 2.5% |
| England | 22,441,498 | 54.9% | 6.1% | 12.8% | 14.9% | 9.2% | 2.1% |



Source: 2001 Census

The data below relating to accessibility by public transport are based on a best fit of Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs).

Accessibility by public transport (2005)

| Area | Number of households | Percentage of households that can access: | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Acute hospital within 60 minutes | GP within 30 minutes | Shops within 30 minutes |
| Tiverton area | 7,943 | 44.4% | 98.5% | 98.5% |
| Remaining area | 6,071 | 33.8% | 59.5% | 51.2% |
| Market town area | 14,014 | 39.8% | 81.6% | 78.0% |
| Mid Devon | 28,903 | 60.8% | 81.2% | 75.9% |
| Devon County Council | 298,578 | 66.7% | 86.6% | 85.2% |
| England | 17,436,116 | 82.8% | 95.2% | 94.4% |

Source: Department for Transport

Note: Acute hospitals are establishments which provide at least minimal medical, surgical or obstetrical services for inpatient treatment and/or care, and which provide round-the-clock comprehensive qualified nursing service as well as other necessary professional services. Most patients require a relatively short stay.

The Environment – Landscape

Summary

In 2002 Devon County Council undertook and published a landscape appraisal of the county which included a landscape character assessment. The result of this assessment was the division of the County into 32 Landscape Character Zones. The Tiverton market town area contains five Landscape Character Zones.

Landscape character

Landscape character is defined as a distinct and recognisable pattern of elements that occur consistently in a particular type of landscape. Character makes each part of the landscape distinct, and gives each its particular sense of place.

Landscape character has an important role to play in that it informs the Devon County Structure Plan's fundamental landscape policy (CO1), requiring that development should be informed by and sympathetic to the landscape character of the area.

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Exe Valley and Environs

Location - The zone comprises the middle Exe valley, in the east-central part of the county, from the Somerset boundary in the north to a few miles north of Exeter in the south. It forms the central part of the Tiverton market town area.

Designations - Much of the zone has been designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value, indicating its importance as a landscape of county significance. This designation covers most of the valley itself as well as two western tributaries. It excludes the town of Tiverton, in the middle of the valley, and some of the flanking high land to the west which is included within the zone.

Key Characteristic Features

- Landscape dominated by dramatic topography
- Extensive woodlands flanking the valley contrasting with the flat and open valley floor.
- Tree-lined River Exe, fast-flowing in the north, weirs and wide tranquil stretches in the south.
- Picturesque historic villages on or near the river; thatched cottages hidden in side valleys.
- Surrounding hilly terrain.

Bampton and Beer Downs

Location - This zone is towards the east of the county with, indeed, its eastern edge forming the border of Somerset. It occupies much of the eastern part of the market town area, lying to the north of the A361 North Devon Link and M5, east of the Exe Valley and south of the B3227 which links Bampton and Wiveliscombe.

Designations - In the west of the zone is a small area which has been designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value, indicating its county importance as a landscape. This part of the zone is peripheral to the Exe Valley, to which the designation primarily relates.

Key Characteristics Features

- Relatively flat hilltop areas dominated by large farms with modern barns.
- Few trees on the hilltops but dense beech and holly hedges.
- Some isolated beech plantations in the higher areas.
- Woodland on fringe areas, especially in the valleys.
- Remote area unaffected by through routes.

Witheridge – Rackenford Moor

Location - This zone is situated in the north eastern part of the county, to the south of Exmoor. It is flanked by the upper Exe Valley to the east and this part of the zone occupies the western part of the market town area. To the west the zone extends beyond the market town area to the valley systems of the Taw and its tributary the Mole to the west.

Designations - The north eastern part of the zone has been designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV), indicating county landscape significance. Although the bulk of this AGLV covers the Exe Valley, the extension into this zone reflects the importance of the major areas of unimproved Culm grassland, centred on Knowstone and Rackenford Moors and Hares Down.

Key Characteristic Features

- High, undulating series of ridges.
- Extensive views north and south.
- Mosaic of improved and unimproved grassland with generally straight edged fields, often with beech hedges.
- Distinctive tree groups, generally beech and pine.
- Outgrown hedgerows often forming skyline features.
- Some small woodlands in sheltered locations and larger conifer plantations.
- North Devon Link A361 cuts across the Zone.

Exmoor Fringe

Location - Situated in the north eastern part of Devon, as the name suggests the zone wraps around Exmoor from a northern point some 5km/3 miles inland of the Bristol Channel coast south and then east to the county boundary with Somerset at Oldways End. A small addition continues further east, to the north of Morebath, also adjacent to the Somerset border and it is this part of the zone which forms the northern part of the market town area.

Designations - The vast majority of this zone has been designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value, reflecting its importance as a landscape in a county context.

Key Characteristic Features

- Foreground landscape to high lands of Exmoor.
- Beech hedges, occasionally grown out.
- Crossed by steep, wooded valleys.
- Drove roads and tracks leading to and from the high moor.
- Patchwork of fields.
- Individual hilltop tree features.

Mid Devon Farming Belt

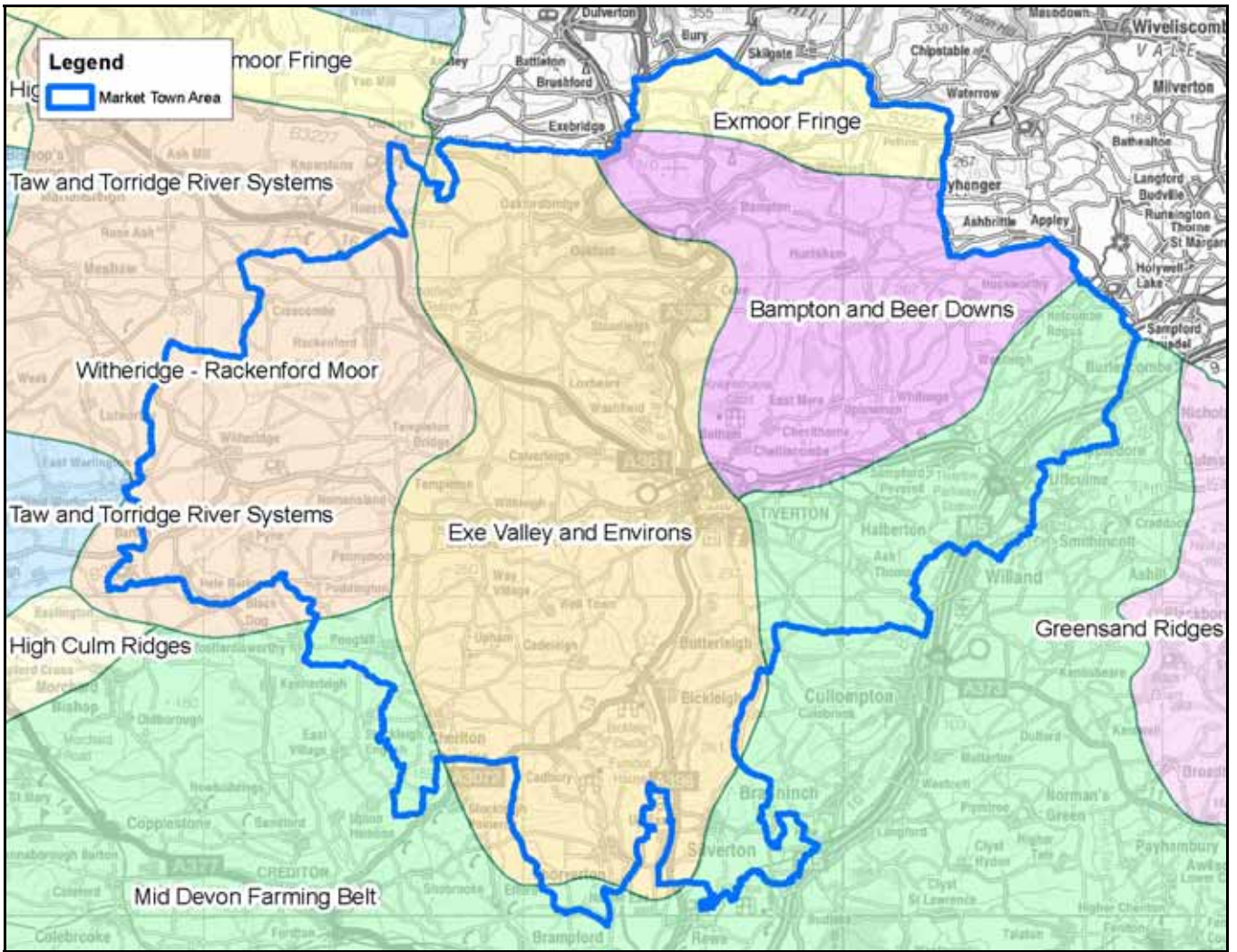
Location - This zone occupies the lowland heart of Devon. It stretches from the Blackdown Hills in the east to the valley of the River Okement, north of Okehampton, in the west. To the north the zone wraps itself around the middle Exe Valley. It skirts the northern edge of Exeter and includes the Exeter – Honiton corridor as well as the historic routeways to the rest of the country between Exeter and the Somerset border near Wellington. A small part of this zone occupies the south eastern corner of the market town area.

Designations - None of this zone is subject to any landscape designation.

Key Characteristic Features

- Flat or rolling mixed farmland with distinctive red soils.
- Relatively few woodlands, meaning hedgerow trees are an important landscape element.
- Major road and rail corridors: also the route of transmission lines.
- Heavily settled, by Devon standards, with many villages and scattered farms and a number of large towns.
- Cob and thatch buildings.

Landscape Character Zones within the market town area



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The Environment – Wildlife and Geology

Summary

The last 60 years have seen many dramatic changes within the English countryside, with increasing urbanisation and shifting patterns of agriculture. Devon has fared better than most, however, being protected by its remoteness and undulating terrain.

There remains much wildlife and geology to enjoy and conserve, and many opportunities exist throughout the County to enhance the natural environment. Landowners, industry and, of course, local communities all have the chance to contribute to the conservation of Devon's rich natural history.

The area around Tiverton is rich in wildlife. The Exe Valley with its river and woodlands, the Grand Western Canal and the farmland with its important networks of hedgerows all add to the environmental interest. Of particular note are the remaining areas of Culm grassland that can be found here, a fine example being Rackenford Moor. Once much more common, these areas of wet, acidic heath, rushes and grassland are of tremendous importance for wildlife. There is also considerable geological interest in the area, with several exposures and disused quarries providing insights into the evolution of Devon's landscape.

These habitats support a range of species. For example, Culm grassland is home to the marsh fritillary, Europe's fastest declining butterfly, and can be used by wintering woodcock and snipe. The Grand Western Canal has many interesting plants and animals, including important populations of dragonflies. Among the mammals, dormice and otters can be found throughout the area.

Key sites

The table below contains information on the key features of some of the most important wildlife sites of this part of Devon. A map is also included to illustrate these.

| Site name | Interest | Designation |
|--|--|------------------------|
| Culm grassland | Culm grassland: wet and dry heath, species rich Molinia mire & rush pasture. Plant, bird & invertebrate interest. | SAC, part DWT Reserve |
| Tidcombe Lane Fen | Unimproved marshy grassland. | SSSI |
| Stout's Cottage | Broadleaved woodland & Upper Westleigh Limestones. | gSSSI |
| Lower Whipcott | Disused quarry with unimproved calcareous grassland, semi-improved neutral grassland and secondary broadleaved woodland. | gSSSI |
| Bickleigh Wood Quarry | Old quarry with interesting exposures in late Numurian sandstone. | gSSSI |
| Five Oaks, Bampton | An important palaeogeographic site with Carboniferous rocks. | gSSSI |
| Kersdown Quarry | Disused quarry with biological interest. | gSSSI |
| Hares Down, Knowstone & Rackenford Moors | Culm grassland: wet and dry heath, species rich Molinia mire & rush pasture. Plant, bird & invertebrate interest. | SSSI, part DWT Reserve |
| Grand Western Canal | Canal with associated wetland flora & marshy grassland. | LNR, CWS, Country Park |
| Palmerston Park Wood | Woods. | LNR |
| Bickleigh Wood Quarry | Old quarry with interesting exposures in late Numurian sandstone. | gSSSI |

Key:

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC): these sites are notified because they contain species and/or habitats of European importance (listed in the Habitats Directive 1994). SAC is a statutory designation with legal implications.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI): these sites are notified because of their national importance for wildlife or geological features (gSSSI, above). SSSI is a statutory designation with legal implications. SSSI status does not confer any right of access to the public.

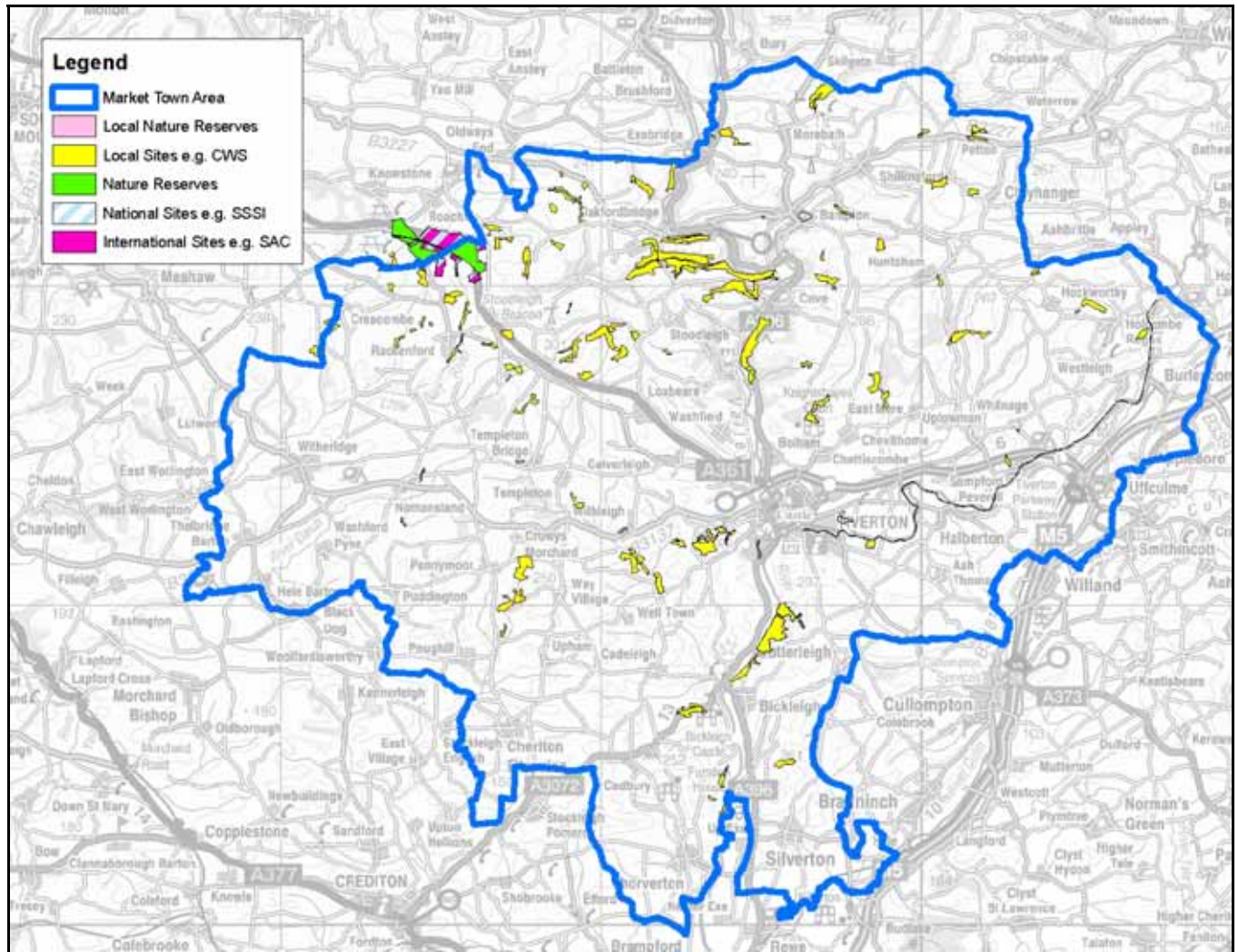
Local Nature Reserves (LNR): these are places with local wildlife or geological interest which offer good opportunities for learning about nature or simply enjoying it. LNR is a statutory designation made by local authorities.

County Wildlife Sites (CWS): these are sites of county importance for wildlife. CWS is not a statutory designation and does not have any legal status, though CWSs are usually included in district planning documents. CWS recognition places no formal obligation on the landowner, but may increase eligibility for land management grants.

The Culm Grassland SAC referred to above consists of a number of separate SSSIs including, in this area, Hare's Down, Knowstone and Rackenford Moors.

In addition to the above table, the Tiverton market town area has a further 99 County Wildlife Sites. These mainly represent Culm grassland and ancient woodland habitats, but also include fields of neutral and marshy grassland, and small areas of limestone grassland.

Key sites within the market town area



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