

Census results – 2021

Church Stretton Parish

The Census area for Church Stretton parish covers the same as the neighbourhood plan.

These fact sheets contain some interesting information about the parish.

More information is available on the ONS website.



Census 2021 – Household size and house type

Household size Church Stretton % of all households

- 1 person in household 35.0% (England 30.1%)
- 2 people in household 45.5% (England 34.0%)
- 3 people in household 9.4% (England 16.0%)
- 4 or more people in household 10.1% (England 19.9%)

House type Church Stretton % of all households

- 86.6% lived in a whole house or bungalow (England 77.4%.)
- 13.4% lived in a flat, maisonette or apartment (England 2.2%)
- 0.1% lived in a caravan or other mobile or temporary structure in 2021 (England 0.4%.)

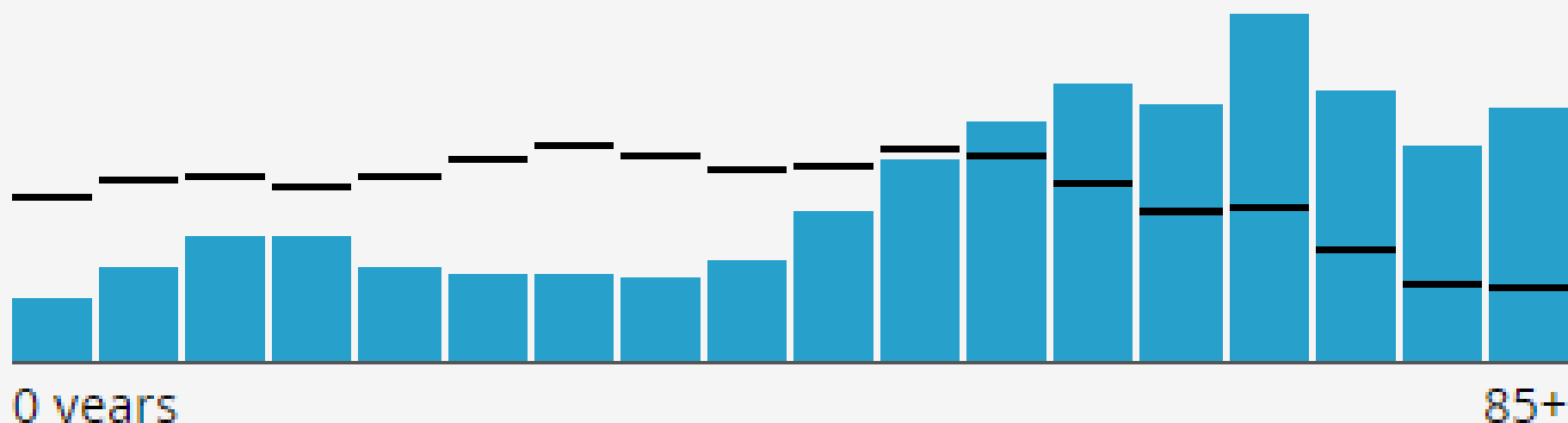


Population – Age Profile

2021 census

Age profile

■ Church Stretton — (England)



0 years

85+

% of all people, 5 year age bands

Census 2021 – Heating and tenure

Central heating

1.4% of the population of Church Stretton does not have central heating (England 1.5%)

Tenure of household

Church Stretton % of all households

- Own outright: 60.9% (England 32.5%)
- Own with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership: 15.8% (England 29.8%)
- Social rented: 10.9% (England 17.1%)
- Private rented or lives rent free: 12.4% (England 20.6%)



Census 2021 - Car and Van ownership

Travel to work distances

Church Stretton % of all households **owning car or van**

- No cars or vans in household: 17.8% (England 23.5%)
- 1 car or van in household: 44.5% (England 41.3%)
- 2 cars or vans in household: 26.5% (England 26.1%)
- 3 or more cars or vans in household: 11.2% (England 9.1%)

Travel to work distances

% of people aged 16 years and over in employment

- 18.9% of travelled less than 10km. (England 35.4%)
- 24.2% travelled more than 10km but less than 30km (England 14.4%)
- 7.4% travelled 30km and over (England 4.3%)
- 34.0% of residents worked mainly from home (England 31.5%)
- 'Other' 15.5% (England 14.5%)



Census 2021 – Economic Activity

Hours worked per week

Economic Activity % of people aged 16 yrs and over:

- Economically active: In employment 40.1% (England 57.4%)
- Economically active: Unemployed 1.8% (England 3.5%)
- Economically inactive 58.1% (England 39.1%)

Hours per week worked

% of people aged 16 years and over in employment

- Part-time: 15 hours or less worked 14.6% (England 10.3%)
- Part-time: 16 to 30 hours worked 23.6% (England 19.5%)
- Full-time: 31 to 48 hours worked 49.3% (England 59.1%)
- Full-time: 49 or more hours worked 12.5% (England 11.1%)



Census 2021 - Health and Disability

General health

% of all people in Church Stretton who considered themselves to be in:

Very good health: 40.4% (England 48.5%)

Good health: 37.4% (England 33.7%)

Fair health: 16.5% (England 12.7%)

Bad health: 4.5% (England 4.0%)

Very bad health: 1.3% (England 1.2%)

Disability

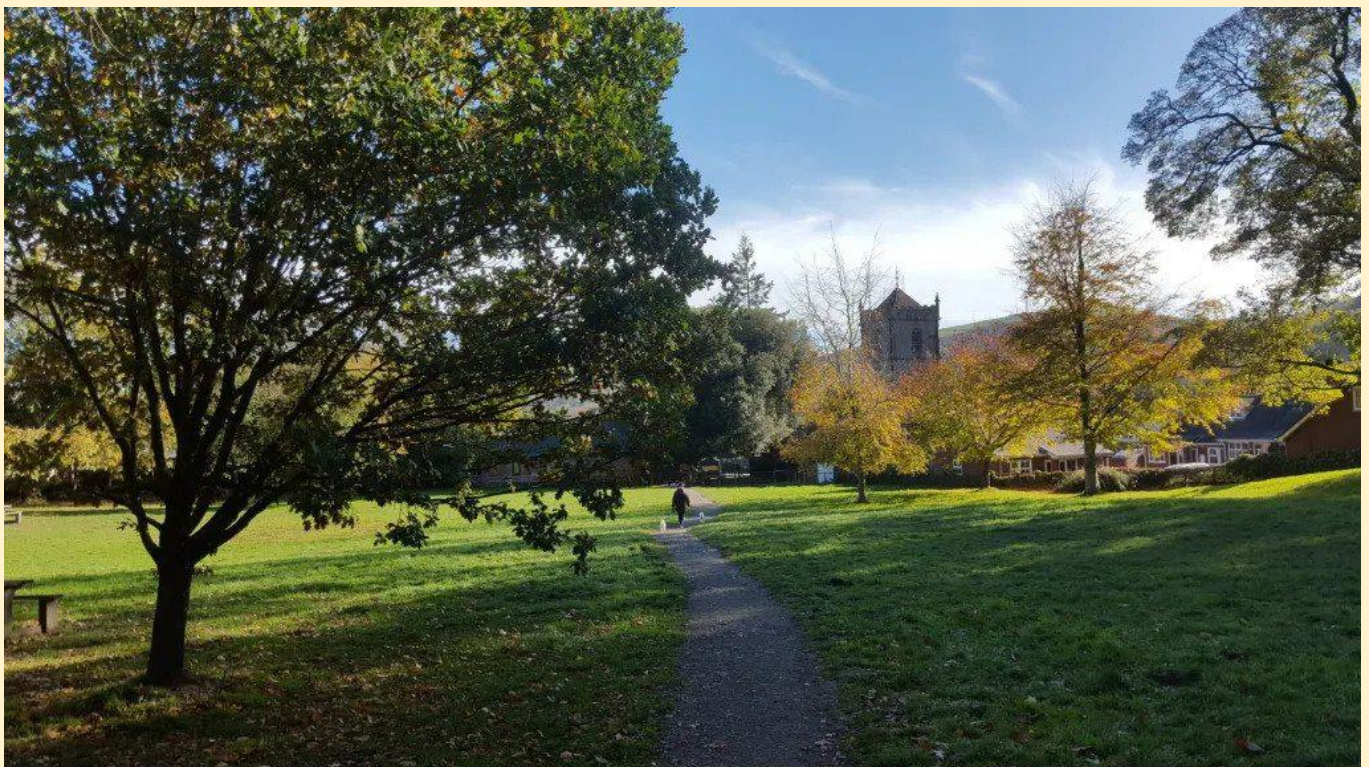
22.6% of all residents considered themselves disabled under the Equality Act 22.6% (England 17.3%)



Census 2021 - Highest level of qualification

Church Stretton % of people aged 16 years and over

- No qualifications: 14.6% (England 18.1%)
- Level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications: 34.9% (England 39.9%)
- Apprenticeship: 4.9% (England 5.3%)
- Level 4 qualifications and above: 42.5% England 33.9%)
- Other qualifications: 3.2% (England 2.8%)



Census 2021

Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC)

Church Stretton % of people aged 16 years and over in:

- Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations 16.5% (England 13.2%)
- Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations 26.2% (England 19.9%)
- Intermediate occupations 11.6% (England 11.4%)
- Small employers and own account workers 14.4% (England 10.6%)
- Lower supervisory and technical occupations 4.8% (England 5.3%)
- Semi-routine occupations 9.7% (England 11.3%)
- Routine occupations 7.2% (England 12.0%)
- Never worked and long-term unemployed 6.0% (England 8.5%)
- Full-time students 3.6% (England 7.7%)

Census 2021 – Population and Household Composition

Population

The population of the parish of Church Stretton in 2021 was 4,600 (56,490,000 in England).

Household composition

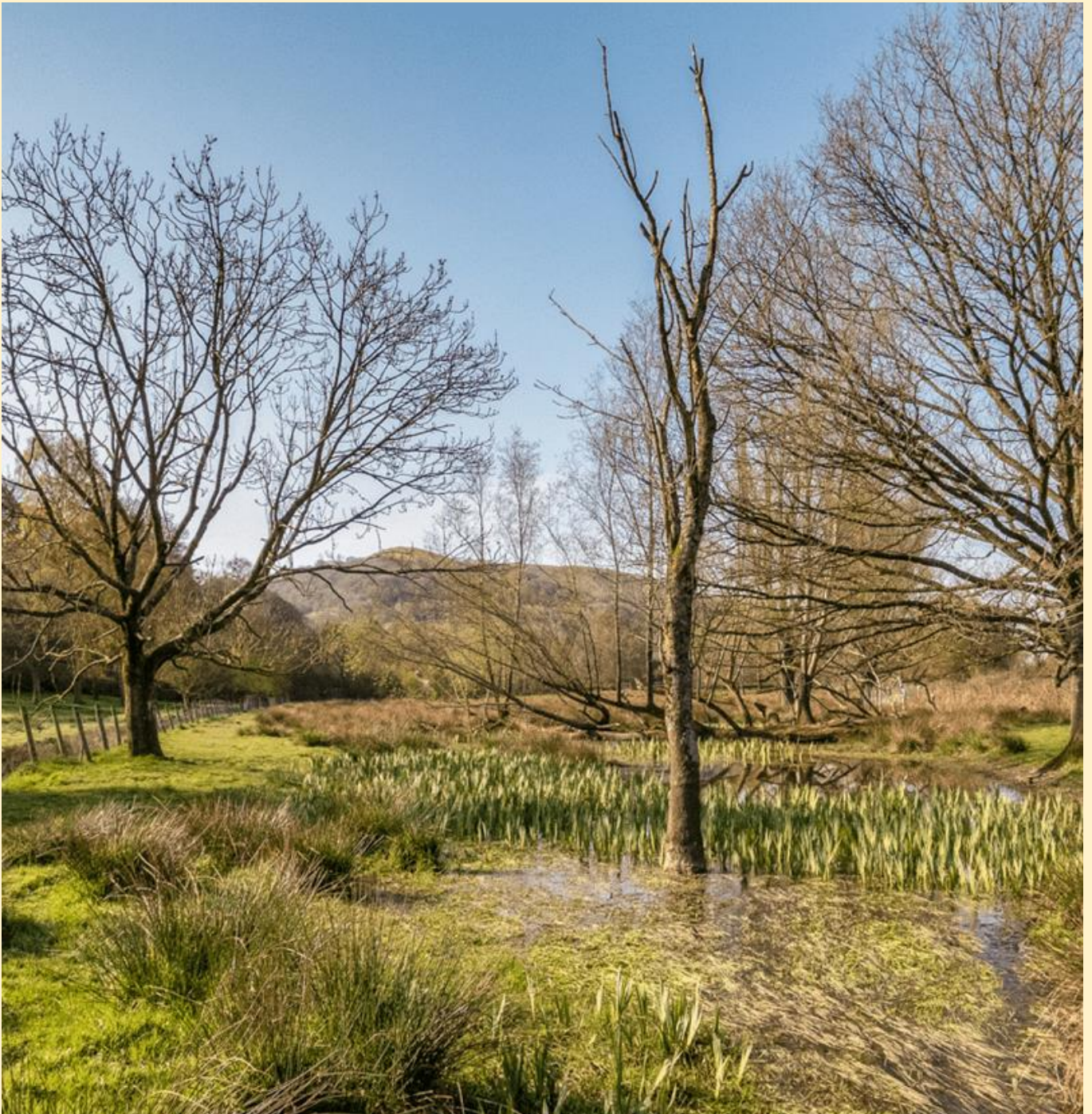
Church Stretton % of all households

- One person household: 35.1% (England 30.1%)
- Single family household: 61.7% (England 63.0%)
- Other household types: 3.3% (England 6.9%)



Did you know?

Church Stretton was one of eight Midlands towns named in The Sunday Times Best Places to Live list, March 2021.



Did you know?

All designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty across England and Wales became National Landscapes on 22 November 2023.

The new name for the Shropshire Hills AONB is Shropshire Hills National Landscape.



The Shropshire Hills National Landscape covers almost a quarter of Shropshire (802 square kilometres).

The whole of the neighbourhood plan area falls within the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.

Did you know?

There is evidence of people living in the area since the bronze age.

The area was settled in the Saxon period and in 1086 the Domesday Book showed 35 households in the manor.

Most of the buildings in the town were destroyed by the great fire of 1593. Rebuilding seems to have followed the original plan of the town.

St Laurence's Church is thought to be the oldest building. The nave dates from the 12th century (although there was a church on the site in earlier times). After the church, the next oldest building is the Bucks Head.

The town grew rapidly in Edwardian times, stimulated by the coming of the railway in 1851.



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Allotments and Cemeteries

Greenhills Allotments - currently over 60 plots occupied, with a waiting list.



Greenhills cemetery opened when the Cunnery Road cemetery became full. It is expected to run out of plots in the next few years.



Church Stretton Cemetery, Cunnery Road – contains graves of five service men, four of whom died during World War 1 and one died in World War II.



Visitors – Carding Mill Valley and Long Mynd

There are no accurate figures of the numbers of visitors to Carding Mill Valley and Long Mynd as there are multiple access points.

National Trust estimate that Carding Mill Valley receives approximately 200,000 visitors a year, based on an average car occupancy of 2.5 persons.

In addition it is estimated that an additional 25,000 enter the valley by walking or cycling.

The National Trust Children and Young People hub in Carding Mill Valley books in around 45,000 children and young people every year (including around 10,000 DofE visits).



Current planning permissions (yet to be commenced) for 2 or more homes in the Plan Area

There is currently one site in the plan area which has planning permission (yet to be commenced) for 2 or more homes.

This is the site at Crown House, Burway.

Planning Application: 19/03202/FUL.

Granted consent: 4 November 2022

Description of Development: Residential development of 14 dwellings following demolition of existing buildings and formation of vehicular access.

Housing mix:

2 x 3 bedroom 2 storey town house

6 x 2 bedroom 2 storey town house

1 x 2 bedroom ground floor flat

1 x 1 bedroom 1st floor flat

1 x 1 bedroom 1st floor bedsit

3 x 1 bedroom 2nd floor flat

Plus off street parking



Biodiversity - Did You Know?

Our Road Verges - 700 species of wild flower grow on road verges but there has been a 20% drop in floral density due to poor management and nutrient pollution.



Our Meadows - Wildflower meadows have been decimated in recent decades; our churchyards seek to contribute to reversing this trend.



Our Oak trees - An ancient oak tree can support up to 2,300 other species of wildlife including insects, birds, mammals, bats and fungi.

Biodiversity – Did You Know?

Our Dormice - Despite their rarity, a few isolated, vulnerable populations of dormice survive in the Stettons area. Linking native woodlands by continuous hedgerows with plenty of fruiting hazel allows the dormice to move safely between sites.



Our Swifts – numbers in the UK have fallen by 58% over the last a 23 years. Swifts breed on ledges and within roof spaces. Including swift bricks in new buildings or fitting retrospectively to existing buildings can provide nesting space to support future populations.



A Neighbourhood Plan for The Strettons

It's Your Plan, Have Your Say

Neighbourhood plans were introduced in 2011.

By May 2023 there were almost 1450 neighbourhood plans in place across England (5 in Shropshire) and over 11,000 at various stages of preparation (13 in Shropshire).

Church Stretton Town Council believes that the time is right for the community across The Strettons to come together and prepare their own Neighbourhood Plan. This consultation marks the start of the process.

We hope that you will share your views on key issues affecting the future growth and development of The Strettons.



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Neighbourhood plans relate to the use and development of land. They are prepared by local communities working together to:

- agree a shared vision for their area, and
- to put in place locally specific planning policies to help achieve that vision.

Once in place, the planning policies they contain will be used as the basis for decisions on planning applications within the area.

In this way they play an important role in shaping, directing and helping to deliver future development that works for the community.



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More money for The Strettons

Once the neighbourhood plan is in place, Church Stretton Town Council will receive a greater share of the Community Infrastructure Levy that developers in the plan area have to pay Shropshire Council.

This will increase from 15% to 25% and will be spent across the Neighbourhood Plan area, on our community and our facilities.



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This consultation is taking place before any policies have been drafted. This means there is nothing to comment on – but that actually makes it the most important stage.

The whole point of a Neighbourhood Plan is that it is community led. It belongs to everyone and it is vital that everyone gets involved and has their voice heard.

No one person, or group of people, can have all the knowledge or answers to shape a plan that reflects the breadth and diversity of our community.

We don't all share the same views and we don't all experience life in the same way.

This is why your views are so important.



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Visit the Neighbourhood Plan Website

www.csneighbourhoodplan.com



**Leaflets and response forms
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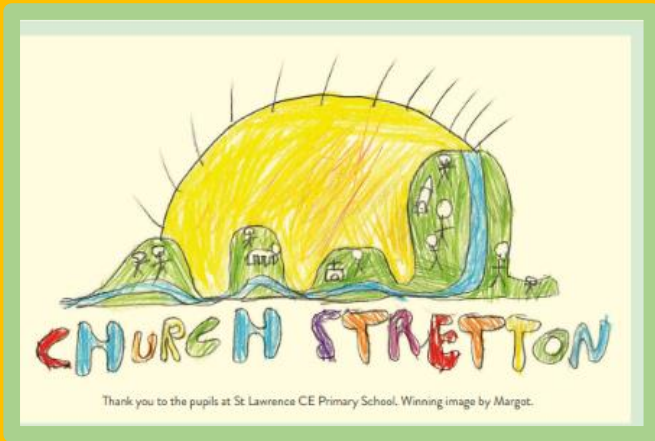
Neighbourhood plans are about guiding the future use and development of land in a way that meets the aspirations of the local community.

For example they can, amongst other things, identify:

- sites or locations for development or redevelopment,
- the type and tenure of new housing;
- protect the built heritage and natural environment (biodiversity and green spaces);
- set criteria for the design of new buildings, key spaces, walking and cycling, sport, culture and well-being; and
- set out what the area needs if it is to thrive.

So tell us what issues you think that the neighbourhood plan should cover and why?

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Community Consultation 2023

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Photographic Prize Draw.

To enter, send a photograph of

- Your **favourite space or place** in the neighbourhood plan area, with a sentence of not more than 20 words explaining why you have chosen this place, and and / or
- **A space or place where you would like to see change**, accompanied by a sentence of not more than 20 words explain why you have chosen this space or place.

By email to support@csneighbourhoodplan and include 'Photographic prize draw' in the header. Maximum of 3 entries per person, so you may have to be selective.

The draw will be made on 22 December at 5.00pm with one winner for each category. Winners will be notified by email. The two **winning entries will each receive £50.**

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