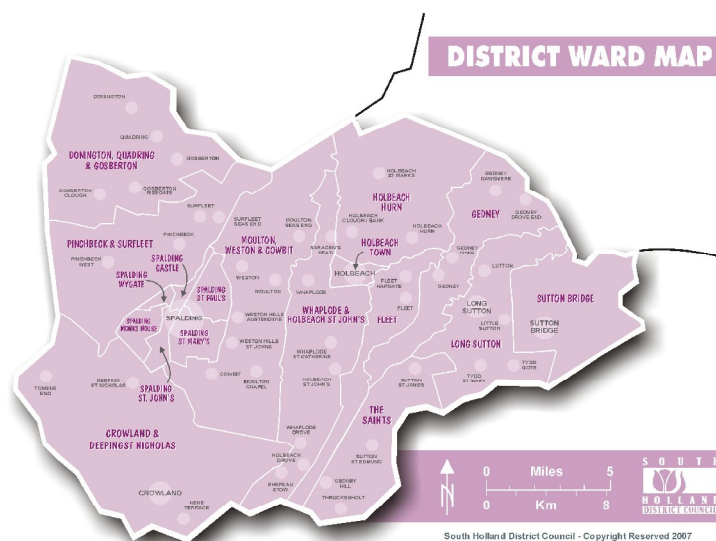


# Gedney Ward Profile



Gedney is one of 18 wards within South Holland. The village of Gedney is split by the A17 and is situated between two of the District's towns: Holbeach and Long Sutton. The village church is of special significance and is used for a variety of musical events because of superb acoustics.

## Distinct Neighbourhoods

- Gedney
- Gedney Drove End
- Gedney Dawsmere
- Gedney Dyke
- Gedney Broadgate

## Key Facts and Figures

### Population

The resident population of the ward is **2,305**. The age breakdown of its residents is shown below.

	Gedney	South Holland	England & Wales
Age 0-15	20.4%	17.9%	20.1%
Age 16-64	61.5%	60.5%	63.9%
Age 65+	18.0%	21.7%	15.9%

Source: 2001 Census

The average age of Gedney's population is **41.1 years**, (compared to 42.8 in South Holland and 38.6 in England and Wales).

## Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)

Most recent deprivation statistics<sup>1</sup> are based on areas which are smaller than wards – known as Super Output Areas (SOA). Gedney ward contains 1 SOA.

There are 32,482 SOAs in England. The SOA with a rank of 1 is the most deprived and 32,482 is the least deprived.

The area within Gedney ward is ranked at **12,509**. This ranking does not fall on the most deprived end of the scale nationally, however specifically within South Holland Gedney is the 5<sup>th</sup> most deprived (out of 48 SOA's).

## Economic Activity

The 2001 Census showed that **59.5%** of residents in Gedney aged 16-74 were employed and 1.7% were unemployed.

More recent unemployment estimates show that in June 2007 unemployment in Gedney was **2.1%** (compared to 1.2% in June 2005). The unemployment rate for South Holland was 2.0% in June 2007. Source: Taylor Nelson Associates 2007.

## Education

Source: Department for Education and Skills

The schools in Gedney ward are shown below along with attainment levels.

<b>Pupils achieving Key Stage 2, level 4 and above – 2007</b>	English	Maths	Science
Gedney Church End Primary	55%	36%	82%
Gedney Drove End Primary	No figures – 10 or fewer pupils taking tests		

There are no secondary schools in Gedney ward. Young people living in Gedney ward tend to go to the Peele School in Long Sutton or Spalding grammar schools if they pass the 11+ exam.

When looking at GCSE achievement of those who live in the ward, 47.1% of pupils living in Gedney achieved 5+ GCSE's at grade A-C (compared to 58.3% with South Holland). (Source: Lincolnshire Education Authority).

5.9% of Key Stage 4 (GCSE) pupils living in Gedney are eligible for a free school meal (compared to 4% within South Holland). (Source: Lincolnshire Education Authority).

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<sup>1</sup> The IMD 2007 combines various elements (income; employment; health and disability; education, skills and training; barriers to housing and services; living environment; crime) to give an overall score of deprivation for each Super Output Area (SOA) in England.

## Housing

Tenure	Gedney	South Holland	England & Wales
Owner occupied – owns outright	38.4%	38.2%	29.5%
Owner occupied – owns with a mortgage / loan	36.4%	38.1%	38.8%
Owner occupied – shared ownership	0.8%	0.9%	0.6%
Social rented	16.6%	14.1%	19.2%
Private rented	7.8%	8.6%	11.9%

Source: Census 2001

## Health

The life expectancy of males living in Gedney is **76.9** years of age, female life expectancy in Gedney is **80.7** years of age. Source: 2001-2005 Life expectancy at Birth Estimates EMPHO.

	Gedney	South Holland	England
People who have a limiting long term illness	19.7%	19.6%	18.2%
People who have 'not good health'	10.6%	9.3%	9.2%

Source: Census 2001

Standardised Mortality Rates (SMR) are a measure used to quantify death rates. All cause, under 75 years mortality for Gedney is **318.82**, this falls on the middle of the scale within South Holland. Source: Standardised Mortality Rates 2000-2004 ONS.

## Health services

There is no GP practice, Dental practice or Dispensing Chemist in this ward. The nearest health services are in Holbeach or Long Sutton:

The nearest NHS GP practice is: Dr Jacklin And Partners, Long Sutton Medical Centre, Trafalgar Square, Long Sutton, Spalding Lincs, PE12 9HB

The nearest Dental practice is 36 Fleet Road, Fleet, Holbeach, Spalding PE12 8LA  
Tel: 01406 420086

The nearest Dispensing Chemist is: Moss Chemists, 8 Market Place, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, PE12 9JF

## **Local Community Support Networks**

- Gedney Parish Council
- Holbeach East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (covers this ward).

## **Local activities and projects – managed / supported by SHDC / Rural Action Zone**

Some of the activities which have taken place / will take place in Gedney ward during 2008 are:

- The Community Development Team are working with Gedney Parish Council on grant applications to provide play equipment.

## **Local Issues**

- Gedney is one of the most deprived wards in South Holland.

This Issue has been flagged up from the following source:

<sup>1</sup> 2007 Indices of Deprivation

## **Local Media**

- Lincolnshire Free Press
- Spalding Guardian
- Spalding Target
- Hereward FM – 102.7 FM
- Tulip Radio – 87.9 FM
- Lincs FM – 102.2 FM
- BBC Radio Lincolnshire – 104.7 FM