

Whaplode and Holbeach St Johns Ward Profile

The Whaplode & Holbeach St Johns ward is located in the centre of South Holland. The main A151 between Spalding and Holbeach passes through this ward.

Whaplode is known for its 12th century Norman Church, and Holbeach St Johns is known for the Fenland Airfield.

The ward is one of 18 wards within South Holland District (note: in 2007 ward boundary changes occurred; Holbeach St Johns ward and Whaplode were combined)



Democratic Information

The [councillors](#) for the ward are Malcolm Chandler and Robert Creese. The local MP for South Holland and The Deepings is John Hayes (Conservative).

Population (source: 2001 Census)

In the 2001 Census the total population of this ward was 4,183 people (2,508 in Whaplode and 1,675 in Holbeach St Johns). The population of the District was 76,522 people. Since 2001 the population of the District has increased to 84,600 (source: ONS 2010 Population Estimates) and by 2015 the district population is projected to rise to 92,900. The average age of someone living in Whaplode was 41.9 years and Holbeach St Johns was 44.5 years, compared with an average of 42.8 years in the District and 38.6 years in England and Wales.

- In Whaplode 19.7% of the population are under 16 years of age (Holbeach St Johns 15.6%), compared with an average across the District of 17.9% and 20.2% in England and Wales.
- 61.1% of the population are aged 16 to 64 years (Holbeach St Johns 63.9%)
- 19.2% were aged 65 and over (Holbeach St Johns 20.5%).

Towns and Villages within this ward:

- Whaplode
- Saracens Head
- Whaplode St Catherine
- Holbeach St Johns
- Whaplode Drove
- Holbeach Drove
- Shepeau Stow

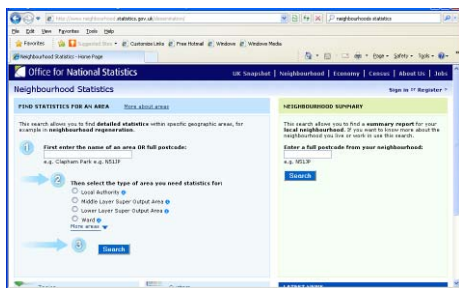


How to find up to date information about this neighbourhood

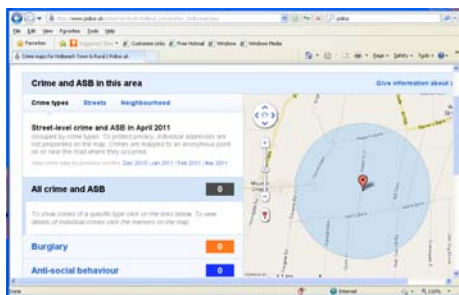
Preliminary information from the 2011 Census will only become available in 2012 and the final Census release with district and ward level information will become available throughout 2013-4. Much of the 2001 Census data is now out of date, although it remains an official source and a basis for estimates.

More up to date facts and figures about the ward are available through the following online resources:

The Lincolnshire Research Observatory (LRO) has an [area profile](#) facility that draws together information from Lincolnshire PCT, the police and other official sources. This provides an in depth and detailed statistical overview for wards throughout the district and across Lincolnshire. A mapping facility provides an opportunity to make comparisons with other districts.

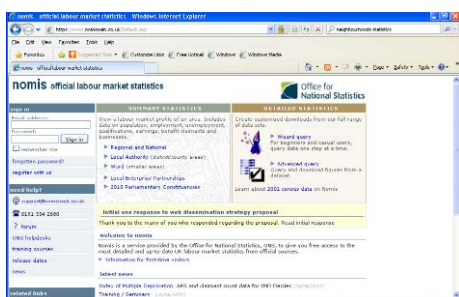


[Neighbourhood Statistics](#) provides information about people, health, work, education, housing, crime and the environment. A neighbourhood summary can be produced through using a postcode search



The police [crime mapping facility](#) can be used to find out more about crime in a neighbourhood through using the postcode search facility. Crime maps, advice and information about neighbourhood policing are all available through this site.

A [Health Profile for South Holland](#) is produced annually by the Association of Public Health Observatories. The profile provides information about health inequalities, deprivation, obesity, smoking and other health related topics. This information relates to the South Holland district rather than wards, although [Area profiles](#) provided by the LRO enable analysis by middle layer super output areas within the district.



[Nomisweb](#) provides official labour market statistics such as unemployment rates, claimant count, jobs vacancies and other claimant information from the Department for Work and Pensions

A new [Government Data](#) website provides local and national data across many subjects through a postcode search.

[My Lincolnshire](#) provides immediate geographic information according to postcodes, including nearest schools, doctors surgeries, recycling centres, libraries and other local information. [My Collections](#) can be used to identify refuse and recycling collection days within this ward and throughout South Holland.

Secondary school league tables showing GCSE attainment between 2005 and 2010 are available by ward and district through the [Department of Education](#). Up to date information about schools in South Holland can be found at the government's [Schoolscope](#) website.

Parks and Open Spaces

Whaplode and Holbeach St. Johns is not well provided and only has 18% of the recommended play space provision. There are no youth or adult play areas and the one area that exists is to the south of the A151, meaning that residents in the north are likely to have difficulties accessing open space. (National Playing Fields Association) recommendation (Source: SHDC Annual Monitoring Report 2008).

Total Amount of Play Area	% of NPFA Recommendation	Total Youth/Adult Space	% of NPFA Recommendation	Total Children's Play Space	% of NPFA Recommendation
0.457 ha	18%	0 ha	0%	0.46ha	55.73%

Employment, Business and Local Economy

In the 2001 Census 60.7% of residents in Whaplode were employed and 63.5% of residents in Holbeach St Johns were employed, compared with 61.7% in South Holland. Unemployment was 1.9% in this ward compared with 1.4% in South Holland.

More recent figures show that there were 73 persons in this ward who were registered as unemployed and claiming Job Seekers Allowance (Nomis, June 2011), compared with 1,486 in South Holland.

Primary agriculture is the main industry in the Whaplode ward. Whaplode is a neighbour to Holbeach. Holbeach St. Johns is home to the Fenland Flying school which offers a range of aviation courses. In total there were 75 businesses registered for non domestic rates in this ward, (Source: SHDC valuation list July 2009, excluding business sites that do not employ people, such as telecommunication sites, advertising hoardings and water treatment works).

The South Holland [Local Plan](#) that was adopted in July 2006 outlines planning policies until 2021. In 2007 the Spalding Masterplan was produced. This research looked at the development of Spalding and how competitiveness could be improved in South Holland over the next 20 years. A detailed report was produced with a vision for the town in terms of transport, shopping facilities, improvement of leisure and tourism and regeneration of redundant areas in the town centre, etc.

Housing (source: 2001 Census)

In the 2001 Census, 80.9% of the housing in this Ward was owner-occupied. 10.4% of the population lived in social rented housing and 16.1% lived in private rented housing.

Tenure	Whaplode	Holbeach St John	South Holland	England & Wales
Owner occupied – owns outright	40.5%	46.9%	38.2%	29.5%
Owner occupied – owns with a mortgage / loan	37.6%	36.8%	38.1%	38.8%
Owner occupied – shared ownership	0.5%	0.8%	0.9%	0.6%
Social rented	13.1%	7.7%	14.1%	19.2%
Private rented	8.4%	7.7%	8.6%	11.9%

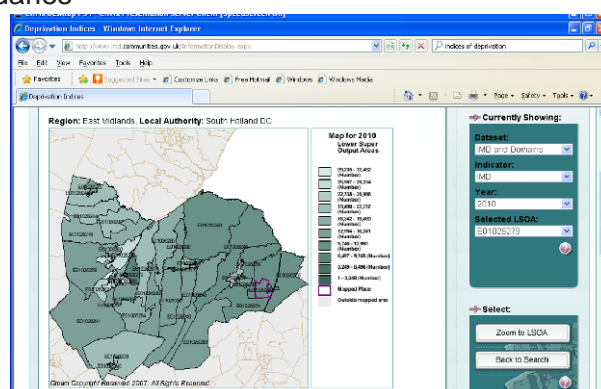
Source: Census 2001

Since 2001, 4,604 homes have been built across South Holland, including 474 affordable homes since 2004. The Peterborough Sub Regional Strategic Housing Market Assessment that was carried out in 2010, showed that 2.6% of the households in South Holland were overcrowded, with overcrowding being the greatest problem in social rented homes. The assessment also estimated that 587 additional affordable homes were needed on an annual basis across the district to meet the demand for affordable housing in the future.

Indices of Multiple Deprivation, updated 2010

The most recent deprivation statistics are based on areas which are smaller than wards known as Super Output Areas (SOA). There are 48 SOA's in South Holland although it should be noted that the boundaries for super output areas differ from ward boundaries

There are seven domains of deprivation; income, employment, health and disability, education, housing, crime and living environment. The full results for the SOA's within this ward are available through a map and report at the [Communities and Local Government](http://www.communities.gov.uk) website



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

Education

34.5% of the population aged 16 to 74 years have no qualifications, compared with 39% in the District and 29% in England and Wales. (source: 2001 Census)

Secondary School Attainment 2010	5+A*-C (and equivalent)	% of 15 year olds achieving Level 2 including English and Maths – 2008
George Farmer Technology and Language College	47%	91%
The Glead Boys' School	27%	43%
The Glead Girls' Technology College	51%	67%
The Peele Community College	58%	59%
Spalding Grammar School	99%	100%
Spalding High School	95%	95%
The St Guthlac School	44%	50%
Thomas Cowley High School	51%	54%
Local Education Authority Average	59.2%	65.3%
England State Funded Average	55.5%	59.4%

Health (source: 2001 Census)

21.3% of the population have a limiting long term illness compared with 19.6% in the District. According to the Place Survey 2008 82.5% of residents in this ward were satisfied or very satisfied with their local GP (compared with 78.7% in South Holland), and 66.25% of residents were satisfied or very satisfied with their local dentist (compared with 67.48% in South Holland).



The life expectancy of males living in Whaplode is 77.5 years of age, female life expectancy in Whaplode is 82.6 years of age (source: 2001 Census).

	Whaplode	Holbeach St Johns	South Holland	England
People who have a limiting long term illness	17.7%	21.3%	19.6%	18.2%
People who are not in good health	8.7%	10.1%	9.3%	9.2%

Source: Census 2001

Transport (source: 2001 Census)

48.8% of households have more than one car, compared with an average of 39% in the District and 29.4% in England and Wales. 9.7% of households don't have a car or van. According to the Place Survey in 2008, 25.90% of residents within this ward were satisfied with their local buses (compared with 48.03% in South Holland) and 28.20% were satisfied with local transport information (compared with 41.35% in South Holland).

Police, Crime and Disorder

The non emergency number for Lincolnshire police is 0300 111 0300. South Holland falls within the South Division of Lincolnshire Police. South Division is divided into six neighbourhood policing areas each of which is served by a Neighbourhood Beat Manager. The [postcode finder](#) can be used to identify and contact neighbourhood policing staff, either by email or mobile telephone. Crime prevention information is through the [Lincolnshire Police website](#)



Crime can be reported to Lincolnshire police on the above number or through [Crimestoppers](#)

Crime rates within South Holland are lower than those in Lincolnshire and across the East Midlands. Lincolnshire Police work in partnership across the district to continue to make South Holland a safe place to live. In the 3 months to March 2011 crime occurred at a rate of 10.55, 9.77 and 10.64 each month crimes per 1,000 people. This equates to approximately 13.6 crimes per days across the whole of South Holland. Burglary, vehicle crime and violence all experienced a decrease, while there was an increase in levels of robbery over the same period.

Local Media

- Lincolnshire Free Press (weekly newspaper)
- Spalding Guardian (weekly newspaper)
- [BBC Radio Lincolnshire](#) – 104.7 FM
- [Heart FM](#) – 102.7 FM (local radio, formerly Hereward FM)
- [Lincs FM](#) – 102.2 FM (local radio)
- [Tulip Radio](#) 87.9FM (local radio)
- [Spaldingtoday.co.uk](#) (news website)

Feedback

South Holland District Council can be contacted by email through info@sholland.gov.uk or by writing to:

Customer Services

Council Offices

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Compliments and suggestions about the ward can be given through the [feedback form](#) on the Council website. Complaints can be made by writing to the above address or electronically through the feedback form.

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