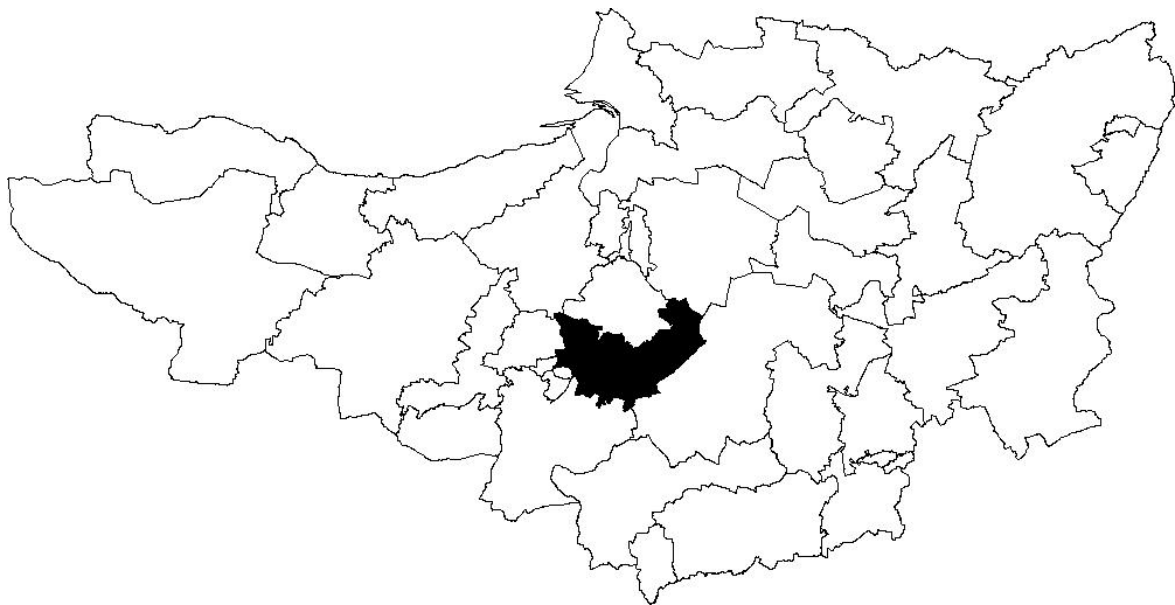


Community Profile:

**Sure Start Children's
Centre Areas**

Creech St Michael

This area profile pulls together a range of information about the Creech St Michael area and the people who live there.



Creech St Michael area comprises the wards of North Curry & Stoke St. Gregory, Ruishton & Creech, and West Monkton.

The population of 11,834 lives in area of 7,849 hectares resulting in a population density of 1.5 per hectare, in line with Somerset as a whole. There are 4,572 households.

Positioned on the outer fringes of Taunton, the Creech St Michael area has the M5, A38, A358, A3259 and A361 passing through it, which is probably a factor in the high rate of road casualties here.

The area also experiences greater problems of accessibility to housing and services than might be expected.

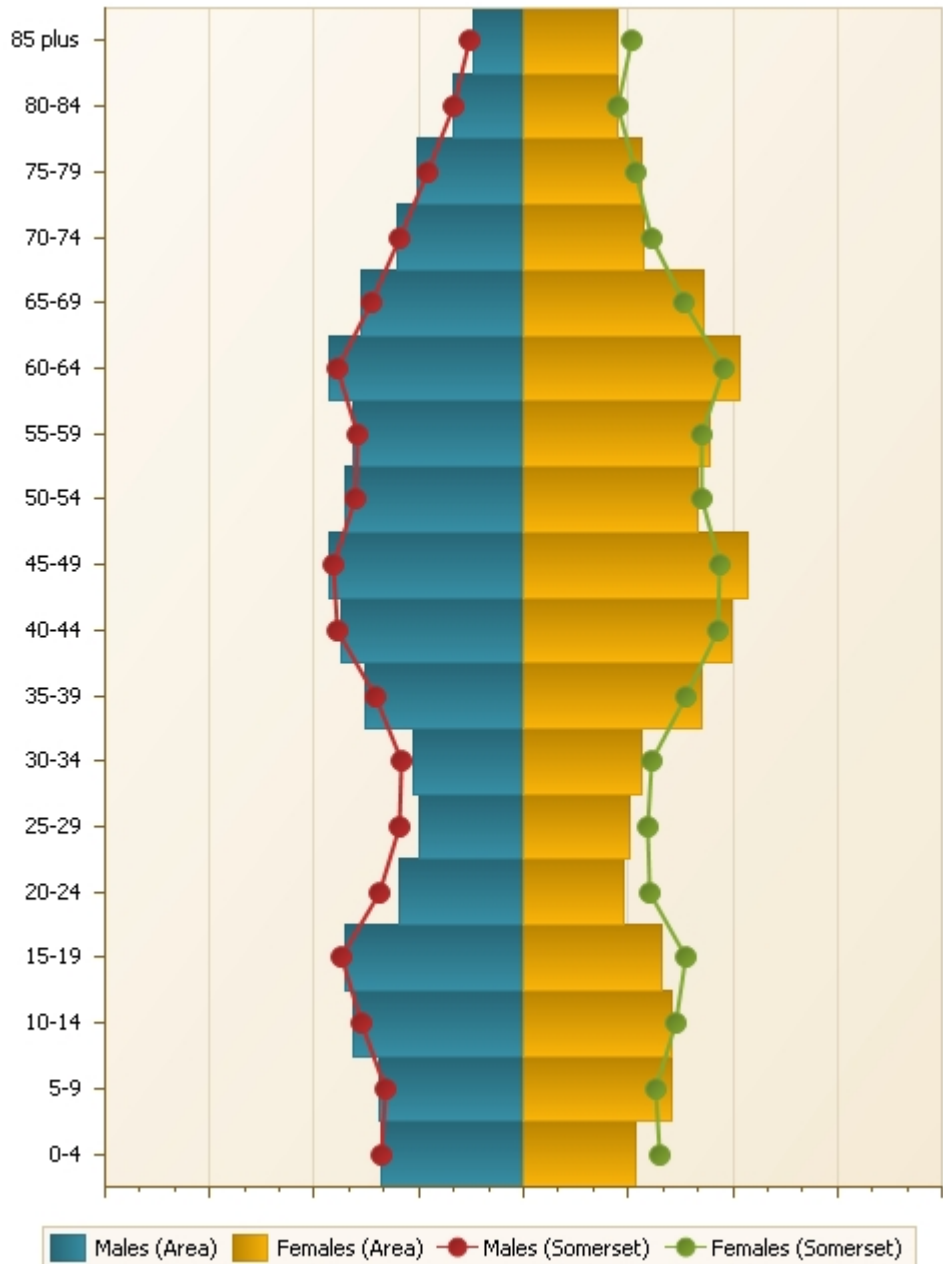
However, residents are extremely satisfied with where they live. Educational achievement, access to private vehicles, mortality rates and JSA claimant rates are all favourable in comparison with Somerset as a whole.

Creech St Michael

People and Place

Although Creech St Michael's population profile is fairly typical of Somerset it shows a slightly lower proportion in the age groups 20-34, and marginally higher proportions of women in their forties and sixties.

Population combined by age and sex



Source: NHS (Jan 2010)

Creech St Michael

People and Place (continued)

Fewer than one in forty people are not classified as White British, slightly below the county rate. Of these almost two-thirds are in the White (non-British) ethnic group, with those born in Western Europe being slightly above the average.

Population profile: Gender

	Area	Somerset	South West	England & Wales
	%	%	%	%
Males	49.02	48.84	49.03	49.19
Females	50.98	51.16	50.97	50.81

Source: NHS (Jan 2010)

Population profile: Age

	Area	Somerset	South West	England & Wales
	%	%	%	%
Under 5	4.88	5.31	5.36	6.06
5 - 15	12.85	12.54	12.34	12.72
Working age (M 16-64, F 16-59)	56.70	57.35	59.80	61.97
M 65 - 74, F 60-74	15.40	14.59	12.98	11.41
75+	10.17	10.21	9.51	7.84

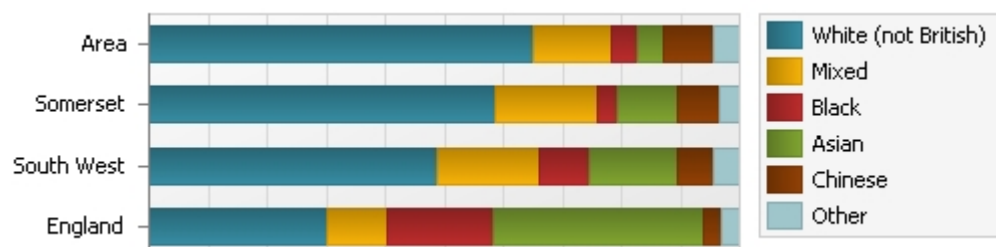
Source: NHS (Jan 2010)

BME Population Total

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
Number	246	14,485	226,832	6,391,695
% total	2.3	2.9	4.6	13.0

Source: Census (2001)

Population Ethnicity Profile (%)



Source: Census (2001)

Creech St Michael

People and Place (continued)

The proportion of households with dependent children in Creech St Michael is on a par with the county as a whole.

The area experiences little deprivation and a greater proportion of its people are satisfied with where they live than the populations of most other Children's Centre areas in the county.

Households with dependent children

	Area	Somerset	South West	England & Wales
Number	1,256	57,631	569,572	6,388,261
% all households	27.5	27.4	27.3	29.5

Source: Census (2001)

Households with dependent children and lone parent

	Area	Somerset	South West	England & Wales
Number	200	10,769	113,037	1,399,939
% all households	4.4	5.1	5.4	6.5

Source: Census (2001)

Priority Areas

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
Population weighted IMD Score	11.2	16	18	22
% people living in 20% most deprived areas of England	0.0	4.0	9.2	19.9

Source: NeSS (2007)

Overall satisfaction with where you live

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% very or fairly satisfied	93	86	85	80

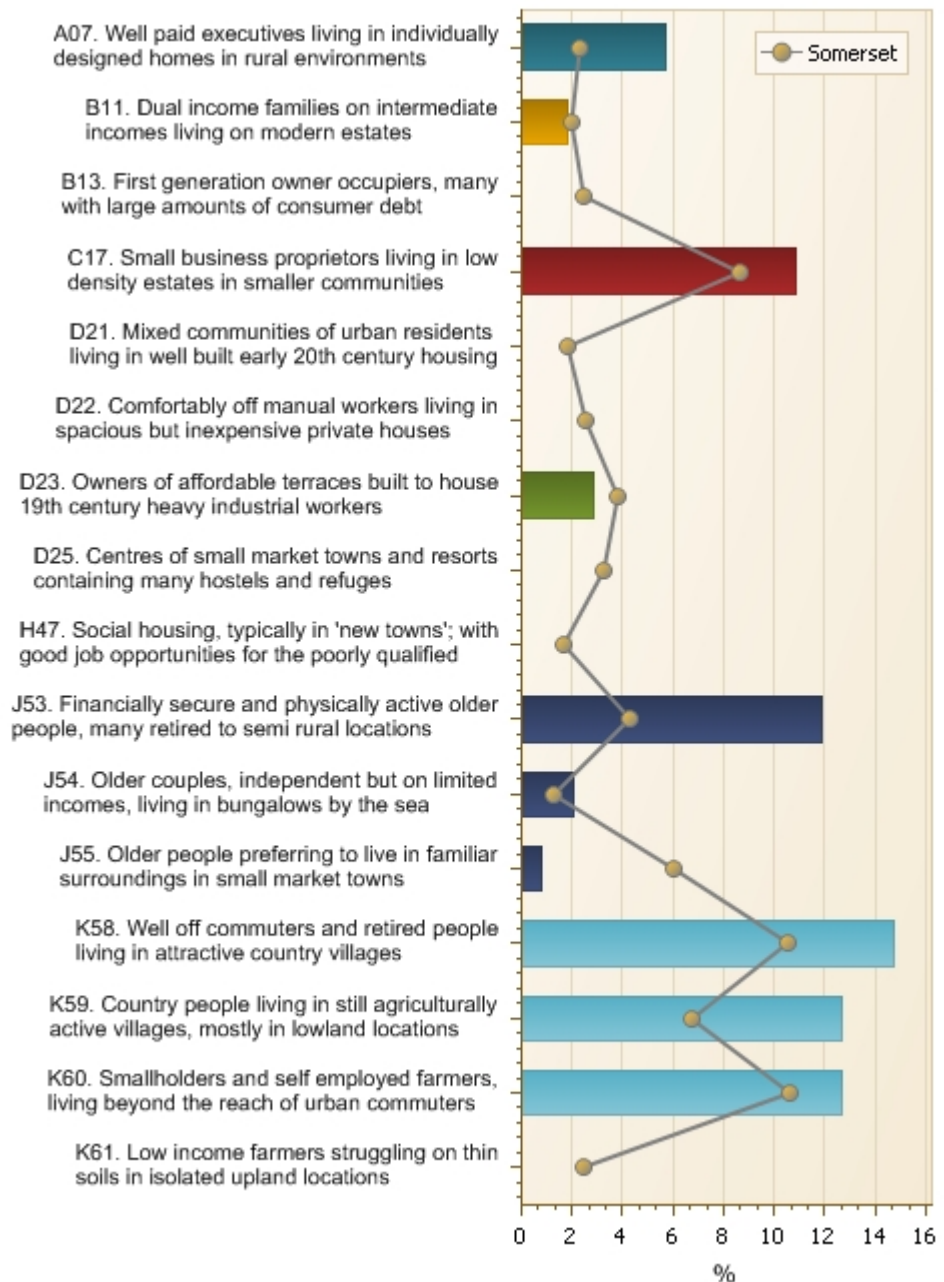
Source: Place Survey (2008)

Creech St Michael

People and Place (continued)

2 in 5 households in the Creech St Michael area are classified as either “well off commuters and retired people living in attractive country villages”, “country people living in still agriculturally active villages, mostly in lowland locations”, or “smallholders and self employed farmers, living beyond the reach of urban commuters”. The area also has an above-average proportion of “financially secure and physically active older people, many retired to semi rural locations”.

Neighbourhood Types



Source: Mosaic (2005)

Making a Positive Contribution

The proportion of people in Creech St Michael area who feel they can influence decisions, feel they belong to their neighbourhood and who say they participate regularly in unpaid voluntary work is in line with the county as a whole.

Feel they can influence decisions in their local area

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% definitely/tend to agree	25	28	27	29

Source: Place Survey (2008)

Feel they belong to their neighbourhood

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% very/fairly strongly	63	63	62	59

Source: Place Survey (2008)

Participate regularly in voluntary work

	Area	Somerset	South West	Eng/Wal
% at least once a month	31	30	28	23

Source: Place Survey (2008)

Creech St Michael

Living Sustainably

Half of those living in the Creech St Michael area live in an area experiencing accessibility problems. However, the proportion of people who say that affordable housing is an issue is on a par with Somerset.

Levels of satisfaction with the quality of the environment are in line with the county as a whole.

Affordable housing needs improving

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% saying this is one of the top 5 areas needing improvement	30	31	29	22

Source: Place Survey (2008)

Satisfaction with Quality of Environment

	Area	Somerset		
% very/fairly satisfied	87	84		

Source: Place Survey (2008)

Barriers to Housing & Services

(people living in areas of England with the greatest problems)

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
Population weighted Score	30.8	23.4	24.9	22.0
%	50.3	24.7	26.0	20.7

Source: NeSS (2007)

Creech St Michael

Ensuring Economic Wellbeing

No parts of Creech St Michael experience notable income deprivation affecting children or older people. Fewer than one in ten households have no access to car or van, less than in most areas of Somerset. The rate of JSA claimants is one of the lowest for Children's Centre areas in Somerset.

Household Income

using District area	Taunton Deane Borough Council	Somerset	South West	England
£ per week	450.6	443.1	460.6	522.0

Source: Nomis (2009)

Income Deprivation affecting Children

(children under 16 living in households reliant on means-tested benefits)

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% living in 20% most deprived parts of England	0.0	4.9	7.9	20.1

Source: NeSS (2007)

Income Deprivation affecting Older People

(older people living in households reliant on means-tested benefits)

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% living in 20% most deprived parts of England	0.0	3.2	7.6	20.1

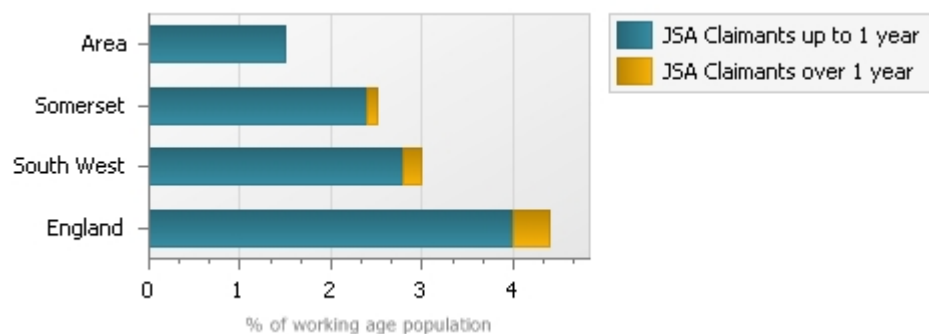
Source: NeSS (2007)

No Access to car or van

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
%	9.3	17.6	17.0	24.0

Source: Census (2001)

Claimants of Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)



Source: Nomis (Sep 2009)

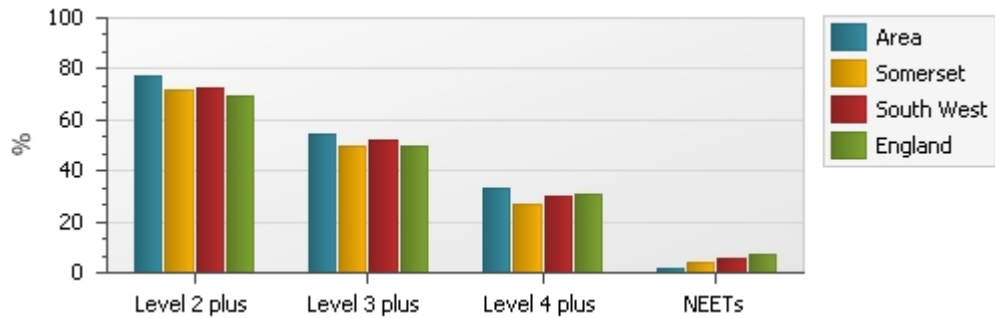
Creech St Michael

Ensuring Economic Wellbeing (continued)

2% of Creech St Michael Children's Centre area's 16-19 year-olds are not in employment, education or training, about half the county average. The wider Taunton Deane Borough has a more highly-qualified population than is typical of Somerset and the South West generally. Rates of business births and deaths and VAT registrations are typical of the county.

Qualifications and Training

using Taunton Deane Borough Council data



Source: Somerset County Council (2008/9)

Births and Deaths of Enterprises

Number per 10,000 adults

using District area	Taunton Deane Borough Council	Somerset	South West	England & Wales
Births of Enterprises	50.2	52.1	67.5	73.6
Deaths of Enterprises	42.3	45.0	58.2	59.8
5-Year Survival Rate of new Enterprises %	48.5	48.5	49.3	46.4

Source: ONS (2008)

VAT Registrations and Deregistrations

Number per 10,000 adults

using District area	Taunton Deane Borough Council	Somerset	South West	Great Britain
VAT Registrations	37.4	39.1	54.6	54.7
VAT Deregistrations	33.5	31.0	40.2	39.1
NET Increase	3.90	8.10	14.40	15.60

Source: Nomis (2007)

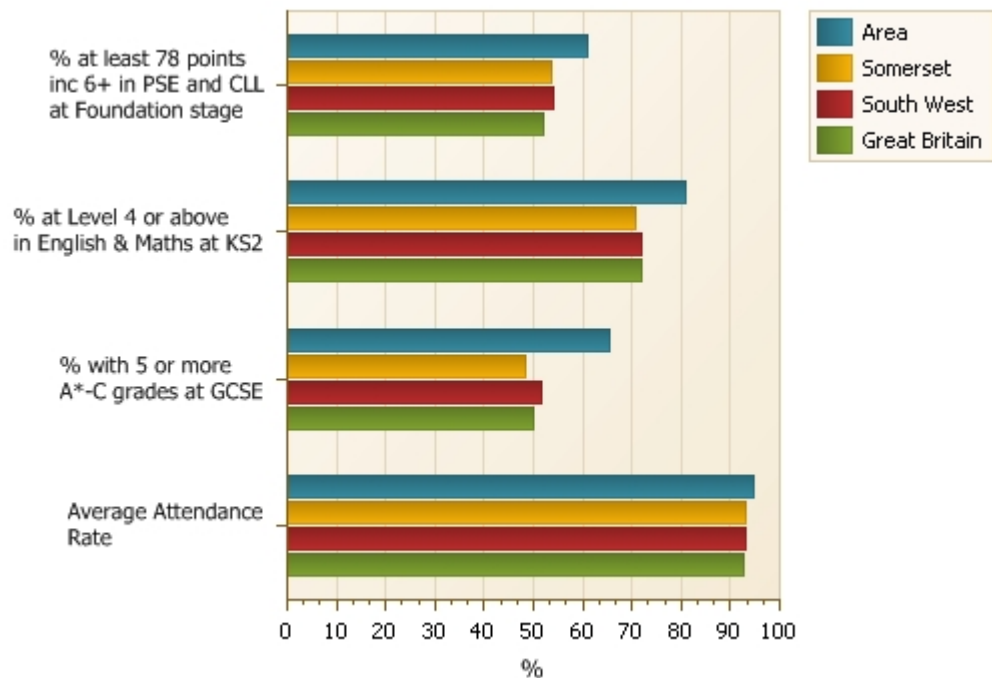
Creech St Michael

Enjoying and Achieving

Achievement in the Creech St Michael area is higher than for Somerset, the South West and England as a whole, with the average attendance rate being the highest of any Children's Centre area in the county.

The proportion of people who believe that older people receive the support needed to maintain independent living is on a par with the Somerset average.

Achievement at School



Source: Somerset County Council (2008/9)

Older People living at home

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% believe that older people are able to get services/support they need to live at home for as long as they wish	32	34	33	30

Source: Place Survey (2008)

Creech St Michael

Staying Safe

The rate of serious acquisitive crime is higher than the county norm so it is rather surprising that the proportion of people who feel safe after dark is also slightly above the Somerset average.

Serious Acquisitive Crime

	Area	Somerset	South West	Eng/Wal
Rate per 100,000	933.2	800.1		

Source: Avon & Somerset Constabulary (Sep 2008 - Aug 2009)

Feeling Safe after dark

	Area	Somerset	South West	England
% feel very/fairly safe	65	59	60	51

Source: Place Survey (2008)

The area is served by the M5, A38, A358, A361 and A3259, as well as country lanes. Creech St Michael has a high rate of road casualties, almost double that of the county average.

In Taunton Deane, alcohol-related hospital admission rates are just above what may be expected for Somerset.

Road Casualties

	Area	Somerset	South West	Great Britain
Number killed, seriously or slightly injured in road traffic accidents (rate per 100,000 people)	1,703.2	976	n/a	1,244.7

Source: Road Safety Partnership (2006 - 2008)

Alcohol-related Hospital Admissions

	Taunton Deane Borough Council	Somerset	South West	Eng/Wal
using District area				
Number per 100,000 people	1425.0	1300.0		

Source: NHS (Apr 2006 - Dec 2009)

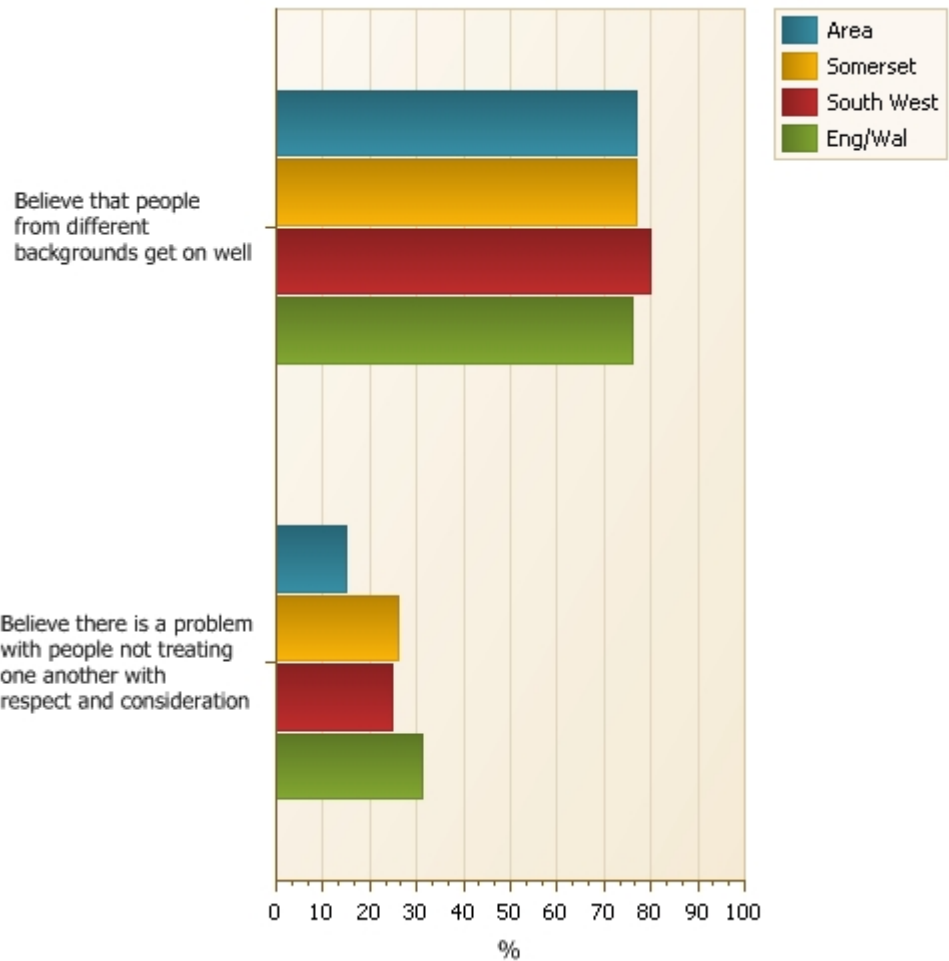
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Staying Safe (continued)

People in the area feel that people from different backgrounds get on well and do not report problems with respect and consideration at more than very small levels.

Creech St Michael's rate of deliberate fires is close to the Somerset average but lower than the national norm.

Community Cohesion



Source: Place Survey (2008)

Deliberate Fires

	Area	Somerset	South West	England & Wales
Number per 1,000 people	2.0	1.6	2.4	3.7

Source: Devon & Somerset Fire Rescue Services (2008/9)

Being Healthy

Life Expectancy at Birth, limiting long-term illness amongst under-65s and child obesity are on a par with the county average.

Life Expectancy at Birth

	Area	Somerset		
Males	80.0	78.8		
Females	83.5	83.0		

Source: NHS (2004 - 2008)

Limiting Long-term Illness

	Area	Somerset	South West	England & Wales
% under-65s	9.7	10.9	12.4	14.2

Source: Census (2001)

Child Obesity

	Area	Somerset		
% Reception age children	7.40	8.70		
% Year 6 children	17.90	16.70		

Source: NHS (2008 - 2009)

Being Healthy (continued)

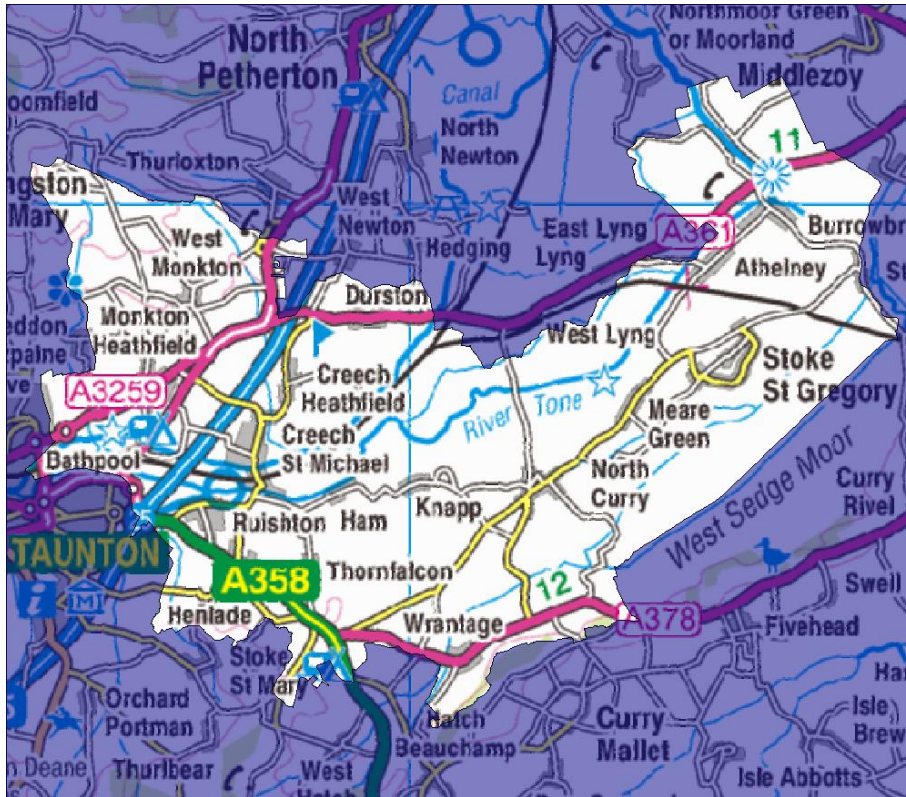
Mortality rates for the area are slightly lower than in the rest of Somerset.

The following data are Age standardised rates per 100,000

	Area	Somerset		
All age, all cause mortality	517.7	551.4		
All cause mortality, under 75 years	211.1	258.5		
Mortality from all circulatory diseases, under 75 years	49.0	62.5		
Mortality from all cancers, under 75 years	80.0	104.0		

Source: NHS (varied dates - see User Guide)

Local Area Map



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