



Think Family Community Assessment (DRAFT)

Selsey Neighbourhood

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What is a Community Assessment?

This framework is designed to assess a community or neighbourhood and identify any areas in need of intervention but also highlight the positive aspects of a community as well.

DCLG Indicators for “Troubled Families” are:

1. Adults out of work or at risk of financial exclusion and young people at risk of worklessness
2. Children who have not been attending school regularly
3. Parents and children involved in crime and ASB
4. Parents and children with a range of health problems
5. Children who need help
6. Families affected by domestic violence and abuse

Think Family Neighbourhood Vision

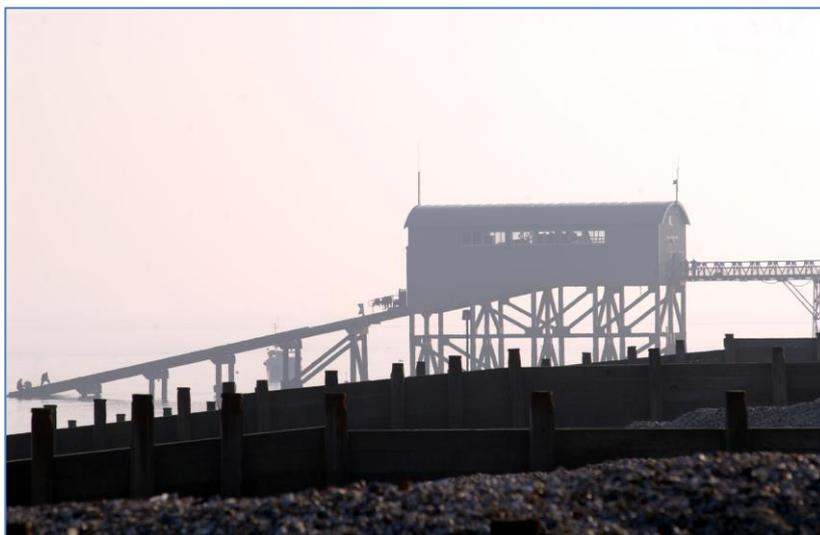
1. Community will have a thriving economy and residents will not live in poverty
2. Residents will be part of and contribute to their local communities and local facilities and core services will be available
3. Local education will be to a high standard and residents will be able to gain qualifications and employment
4. Communities will be safe and secure and the local environment will be of good quality
5. Residents will have good health and wellbeing

How it works?

We will identify the data held for each area and compare to district and national benchmarks and consult with local authorities/ groups about the assets that are in an area. The report reads like a weather report highlighting the issues and successes of the community. We include a narration of the reasons behind some of the issues which will have been discussed with the local parish/ town council. This document is not an exhaustive study of the community and may not include all the data available on an area. This report will change over time but it should give direction to the work being completed in the area and ensure that we engage the local community.

Key

	This area is working well with services provided. There is no need for intervention.
	Low level worry, worth monitoring, but not a large or immediate concern
	Medium level worry- local data when compared to the district average shows a problem/ trend that needs investigating but is not of immediate concern to the community.
	High level worry - local data when compared to the district/ national average shows a problem that needs investigating and is of concern to the community. Look deeper into data and causes. Discuss with the community and look at possible solutions



What do we know about Selsey

Selsey is the largest settlement in the Manhood Peninsula. It is located at the southern end of Manhood peninsula (Selsey Bill). The town's economy is focused around tourism, particularly linked to the major caravan park to the west of the town. Other significant employment is provided by agriculture/horticulture, food production and a small manufacturing sector and has an active fishing community. Future development is limited by its constrained geography and the B2145 is the only road connecting the town to the north of the district and the nearest large settlement is Chichester. Selsey has developed a Neighbourhood Plan.

Nationally the average population of those people aged over 65 is 16.4%. The average in Chichester is already high at 24.4%. In Selsey there are areas where this figure is 41.4%, but across the area this figure is higher than the national and Chichester average. We can assume that this is down to a combination of the amount retirees moving into the area, seaside care homes and the standing population ageing. However, having a disproportionate population leads to other problems such as increase demand on health services and the number of carers and this is reflected in the data.

With Selsey being by the sea and near Chichester it is a popular place for people to retire in and this is reflective in the demographics. This also means that local people tend to be priced out of the housing market with average price of semi detached house being £225,954.

Selsey's relationship with the sea is as old as the town itself, and has become an integral part of its history, character and economy. Traditionally, the town has fished to feed itself and for profit in the waters that surround it, and local shellfish such as crab and lobster are renowned far and wide for their excellent taste and quality. Along the seafront, there are numerous fishing boats and stalls selling fresh aquatic produce. Selsey's remote location and proximity to the sea made it a destination of choice for smugglers in the 1700's. Contraband of all kinds was shipped in from abroad and then spirited away in the dead of night, and legends abound of secret passageways and illicit activities taking place under the cover of darkness and away from prying eyes.

In recent times, the coast has become a much safer place through the vigilance and unbridled heroism of the lifeboat crews that have been based here since 1861, and visitors will see the distinctive RNLI boat house at East Beach. The town also houses one of the largest static caravan holiday parks in the UK. This is open for 45 weeks per year. This creates a 'shadow' population of residents who basically live in the town on a permanent basis, but are excluded from assessments of local service needs' although they end up using many local services - schools, doctors, employment advice, housing benefits, etc.

1. Aim: Community will have a thriving economy and residents will not live in poverty

<p>Town Centre</p> 	<p>Selsey Town centre provides a reasonable range of local shops including local butchers, one bank, green grocers, pharmacy, cafes and news agents. In 2016 a new Asda superstore and petrol station will be built in the local area which will increase jobs and shopping choice in the area. Though its impact on the town centre is unpredictable.</p>
<p>Deprivation</p> 	<p>Overall deprivation in Selsey is High; according to ONS data (March 2011) 65% of all households are deprived in a minimum of 1 of the 4 dimensions (Employment, Education, Health or Housing). This compares to 51% in Chichester district, 52% regionally for the SE and 57% nationally Number of children in out of work benefits households is high 18.7% in Selsey North and 17.6% in Selsey south, compared to the district average of 11.8%</p>
<p>Full time workers</p> 	<p>Selsey South has a below average number of full time workers. The district average is 34.4%, the national 38% in Selsey south there are areas where only 29.6% are in full employment.</p>
<p>Part time Workers</p> 	<p>Selsey has a higher than average number of part time workers. But considering the nature of the industries in the area that is not surprising</p>
<p>Economically inactive – Long term sick or disabled.</p> 	<p>There are areas in Selsey where the number of long term economically inactive are a concern as the number is above the district average of 2.4%. 26% of the population in Selsey is retired.</p>
<p>Self-Employment</p> 	<p>Selsey has more self-employment than the national average of 9.8%. However self employment as a whole is higher in Chichester than other districts anyway.</p>

2. Aim: Residents will be part of and contribute to their local communities and local facilities will be available

<p>Transport</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no train station in Selsey • The only public transport link is a bus service with limited frequency in the evenings and at weekends and is seen as expensive at £8 return • There are 3 community transport service with limitations to ages and times. • There is only one road in and out of Selsey • No joined up cycle path to Chichester • Broadband access up to 17MB broadband speed 	
<p>Amenities</p>	<p>Have</p>	<p>Do not have but would like</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall • Selsey Centre • 3 church halls • 5 churches • Doctors Surgery • Nurseries • 5 pubs • Fire Station • Post office • Supermarket (small) • Farm shop • Police station (under review) • Food bank • Allotments • Cricket ground • Football pitch • Children and Family Centre • BMX track • 1 public toilet • Youth club (snak shak / the bridge) • Library • Public computers available in Town council and library. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS dentist • Petrol station • Job centre (outreach) • Community hub for public services • Museum • Cinema • Access to adult education
<p>Community Activity</p> 	<p>The community of Selsey is very active. The town council has invested in the post of Town Coordinator who has succeeded in linking up local work and engaging statutory services. They have a community forum that links up the voluntary and community groups. One of the local nurseries is run by the community as a social enterprise. Through Selseyworks they are closely tied to the community and able to respond to identified local needs and ensure that the community is resilient to change.</p>	

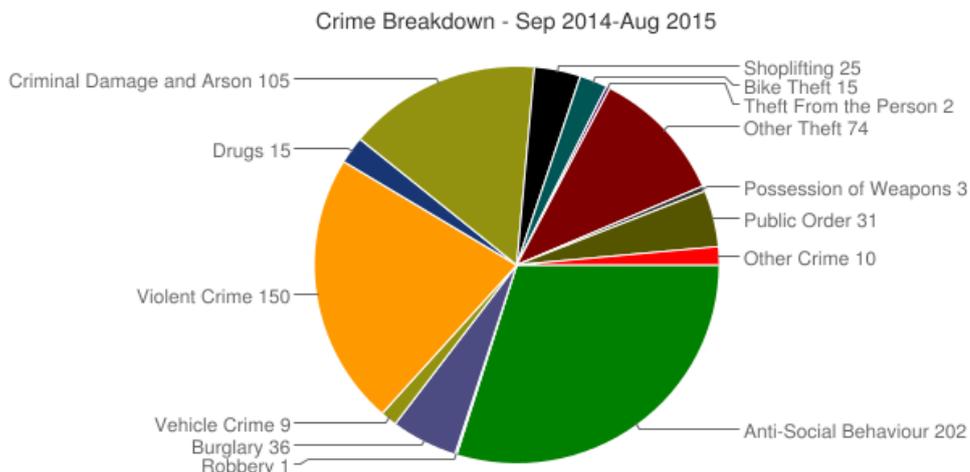
3. Aim: Local education will be to a high standard and residents will be able to gain qualifications

<p>Primary Schools (Medmerry and Seal)</p> 	<p>Medmerry and Seal primary schools have both received a good rating from Ofsted. Development in 5 year olds is high compared to the district average.</p>
<p>Secondary School (The Academy)</p> 	<p>Absence levels at the academy are above the national and district average Ofsted inspection: satisfactory – needs improvement. The school is engaged with the local community and supports local initiatives to help young people e</p>
<p>Further Education</p> 	<p>Nearest facility for A levels/ apprenticeships / FE is Chichester College which is 8 miles away. Access to adult education is very limited as the college no longer support this, the job centre is sending people to Northbrook college in Worthing for training on basic skills.</p>

<p>Qualifications</p> 	<p>Selsey has an above average number of people without qualifications. As per the census 2011. Selsey North 18.8% of the population did not have a qualification. Selsey south 16.9%. Selsey still lags behind the rest of the district in terms of the number of people with 5 A*-C GCSE grades 39.7% in Selsey North compared to 56.4% district average.</p> <p>This is significantly higher than the national (15%) and district (11.2%) average. However we have to consider this in proportion to the number of elderly residents who may not have had official qualifications and the high number of people in manual jobs.</p>
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4. Aim: Communities will be safe and secure and the local environment will be of good quality

	<p>Selsey has a Community warden and crime is kept at a low level. ASB issues tend to be neighbour disputes.</p> <p>Consultation with the community has identified the following priorities in this neighbourhood.</p> <p>Priority</p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour in parks and open spaces. Ongoing problems at the end of West Street Selsey. Youths have taken fence panels to the beach and had a bonfire. This is a problem that tends to be during the school holidays. Shifts have been changed to work in to the early hours to patrol this area.</p> <p>Issued 25 July, 2015</p> <p>Action taken</p> <p>Shifts have been changed to work in to the early hours to patrol this area and anyone seen to behave in an inappropriate manner will be dealt with. With the school holidays nearly upon us, the neighbourhood police team will be actively patrolling all the hot spots and changing shifts to combat any anti social behaviour over that period. Actioned 20 January, 2016</p> <p>Priority</p> <p>Anti social driving including use of mobile phone whilst driving, speeding and traffic offences.</p> <p>Issued 25 July, 2015</p> <p>Action taken</p> <p>Local officers will be conducting regular speed checks, and patrolling the area and dealing with an offences robustly. The next Selsey Neighbourhood Management Pannel is on the 11th January 2016 at 4pm at Selsey Town Council, Selsey.</p> <p>Actioned 20 January, 2016</p> <p>Priority</p> <p>Drug use in Selsey and the surrounding area. Ongoing intelligence gathering in relation to drugs within the Selsey area.</p> <p>Issued 25 July, 2015</p> <p>Action taken</p> <p>Local officers are conducting regular patrols in the Selsey area and actively dealing with anyone committing offences relating to drugs.</p>
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Information from: [Ukcrimestats.com](http://ukcrimestats.com)

5. Aim: Residents will have good health and wellbeing

<p>General Health</p> 	<p>More people in Selsey thought their health was bad (6.9%) or fair (18.6%) compared to the Chichester (Bad: 4.3%, Fair 13.1%) and National Average (Bad: 5.5%, Fair 13.1%). However this figure could link to the higher than average amount of older people in the area.</p>
<p>Unpaid carers</p> 	<p>Selsey has an above average number of carers compared to the national</p> <p>1-19 hours a week – Selsey 7.1%, National – 6.5%</p> <p>20-49 hours a week – Selsey 1.4%, National – 1.4%</p> <p>50 or more hours a week - Selsey 3.5%, National 2.4%</p> <p>This fits with the fact that we have a higher than average elderly population, especially in Selsey.</p>
<p>Access to health services</p> 	<p>There is one GP service, this does get busy in the summer period. There is one dentist in Selsey but they are not taking on NHS patients. The nearest hospital is Chichester .</p> <p>60% of the life threatening calls are responded to in under 8 minutes. Ambulance service target is 75%</p>
<p>Access to green space and leisure services</p> 	<p>There is a football and crickets ground a number of parks and the beach area in Selsey. Selsey centre and the town hall put on exercise classes and the CDC Wellbeing hub regularly does outreach work in the area</p>

6. SWOT analysis of the community

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good town centre with a selection of local shops and businesses • Has a neighbourhood plan • Seaside location attracts a large tourism market • Community activity is high, joined up, responsive to local needs and resilient organised by Town Coordinator. • Primary schools are of high quality • Low level of crime, active police and community warden service • Lots of green spaces and leisures service for the community to access • SelseyWorks initiative has developed a strong reputation in the community and is a good vehicle for statutory services to work through. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level of deprivation with low wages and part time work prevalent • Seaside location attract retirees and isolates the town from public services and jobs • Lack of access to adult education • High demands on local services in the summer time
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asda development – increase in available local jobs • Active community means they are in a strong position to work with partners to deliver local services • Recognised as a DCLG “Our Place” Neighbourhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asda development – unknown impact of local town centre/ increase in population • Benefit changes and their impact on the local community • Reduction in local police services • Funding for local community groups is limited

7. Overall conclusion



Currently Selsey is a medium level worry. Local data when compared to the district average shows a few problem areas such as low wages, high deprivation and a high amount of elderly in the area that have been investigated. Solutions such as Choosework and Carers groups have been put in place for these issues and the community has been supported to be very active and resilient to change and they should be supported to continue this. However the geographical isolation of the community and high amount of older people in the area are intrinsic problems that do not necessarily have easy solutions. In future there are going to be some major changes to the community in terms of development and it will be important to review this analysis as these changes are taking place.