

Community Assessment
Petworth Neighbourhood – November 2017 – Amy Loaring / Sophie Gregory

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 of 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

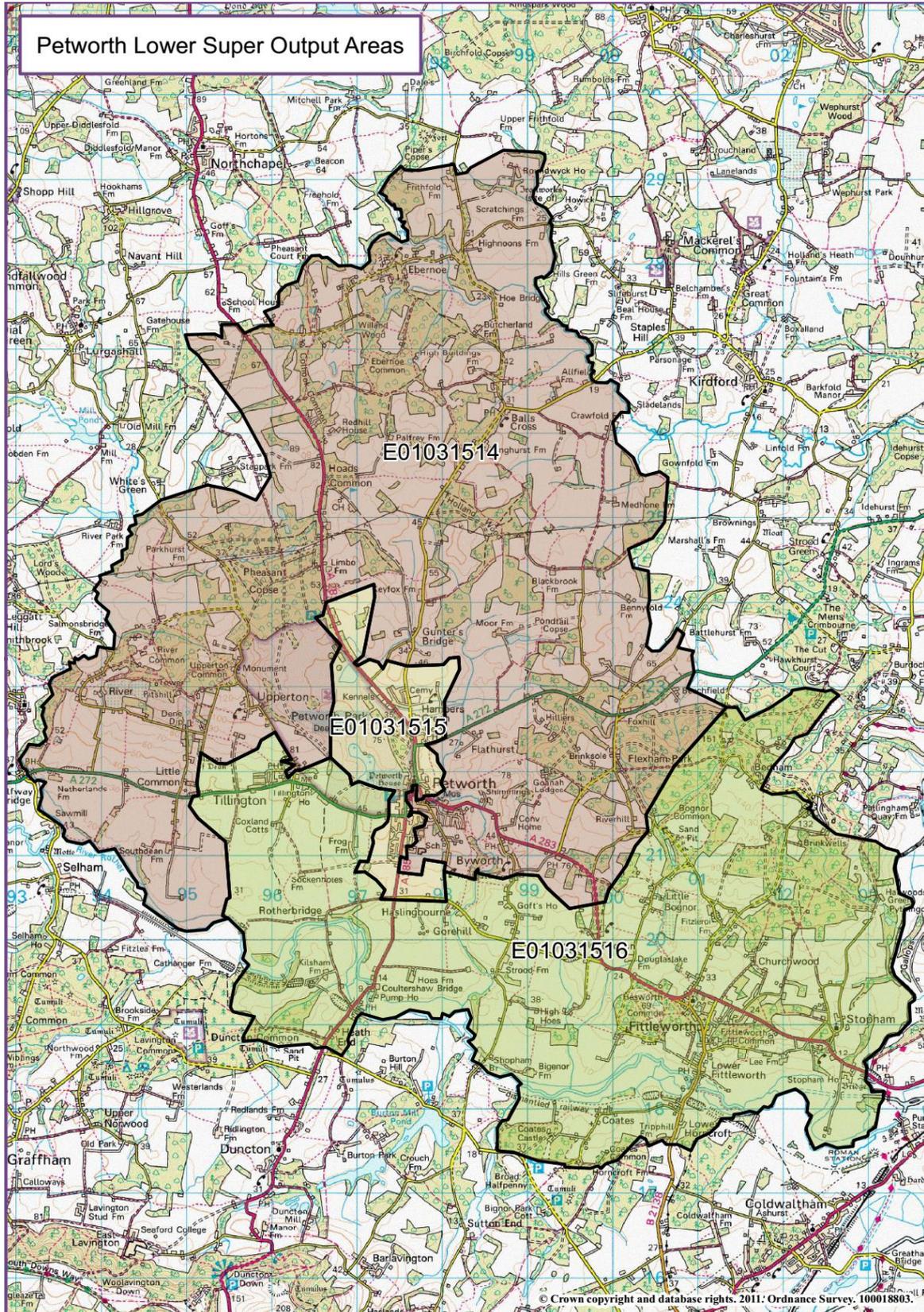
How it works

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 an explanation 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 available data 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. This will also be a benchmarking tool and we hope to do this again in a few years to see what has changed.

Key

	This area is working well with services provided. There is no need for intervention.
	Low level worry, worth monitoring, but not a great or immediate concern
	Medium level worry - local data, when compared to the district and/or national average, shows a problem/trend that needs investigating but is not an immediate concern to the community.
	High level worry - local data, when compared to the district and/or 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 Petworth?



Petworth is located in the North East of Chichester District and has a population of 4,742. The age breakdown in Petworth is in line with district averages. The majority of housing in Petworth is owned (58%) but the proportion is lower than the district average (67.2%). Rented properties are much more common in Petworth (36.7%) than in the district generally (29.8%). (Source: West Sussex Ward Profile <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=20421&p=0>)

Petworth is the location of the stately home Petworth House, the grounds of which (known as Petworth Park) are the work of Capability Brown. The house and its grounds are now owned and maintained by the National Trust. The Petworth estate has impacted the town design in its roads twists and turns and one way systems. All of Petworth lies within the South Downs National Park. The Leconsfield Estate is also important to Petworth, they own many farms, lakes, cottages and houses.



'Petworth people enjoy a very active community with several churches, a public library, several public meeting places, a youth club, and a lunch club for the elderly, and tennis, bowling, football and cricket clubs. There are regular films, a town band, amateur dramatics and the world class annual Petworth Festival which draws music lovers from far and near, and the Fete in the Park, both in the summer.

It is well known as a centre for the antiques trade, and is a thriving shopping and business community. Additionally there are regular farmers markets in the town centre, and monthly book sale supporting the Petworth Society. The Petworth Community Association is the hub for many of Petworth's activities.'

From the Petworth Town Council website

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

<p>Deprivation</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Since 2010 Petworth has moved down one place in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation ranking for overall deprivation (<i>IMD 2015</i>) + Liaise@Frontline operate north of the Downs and offer free help and advice for people in debt - Petworth has a higher percentage of fuel poor homes (10.6%) compared to the regional average (9.4%). In Petworth, this equates to 221 households out of 2,071 (<i>Office for National Statistics</i>) - Child poverty in Petworth (13.3%) is slightly higher than the district figures (12.6%) (<i>West Sussex Ward Profile for Petworth</i>) - The mean price of residential property sales in Petworth (MSOA Chichester 005) as of March 2017 is £653,380. This is an increase of over £110,000 from March 2016
<p>Economically inactive – Long-term sick or disabled.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a higher than average proportion of people who are economically inactive because they are looking after their home or family, 6.1% compared with the district average of 4.2% - The proportion of households claiming out-of-work benefits in Petworth (13.8%) is higher than the district average (11.8%) - 10% of households with dependent children in Petworth have no adults in employment living in the household <p>(<i>West Sussex Ward Profile for Petworth</i>)</p> <p>= Currently Petworth is at, what is known as, full capacity when it comes to shop vacancies. Although there is debate over whether a wider variety of shops is required for residents' everyday needs</p> <p><i>This section is classified as high level worry however, in this case the points made are not problems to be solved but issues to be highlighted for discussion and the potential for measures put into place to support these groups.</i></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"> • The closest train station is Pulborough – which is 5.5 miles away • Bus service to Chichester City Centre: no.1 change to no.60 (hourly, Stagecoach) £8.20 adult day rider or £14.90 regular return or no.99 (Compass, approx. every 90 mins) • Bus service to Midhurst: no.1 (hourly, Stagecoach) £7.10 return • West Sussex Minibus serves Petworth and provides a community transport service as does 'Tandem', transporting elderly and disabled residents in wheelchair accessible vehicles • The Neighbourhood Plan has identified the need for safe cycle links from the
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	<p>South through the town centre and up to the school in the North. <i>The lack of accessibility of the transport available in the area means there is a level of rural isolation in Petworth.</i></p>	
<p>Amenities</p> 	<p>Have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments • Community garden • Churches & church halls (and one chapel) • Graveyards • Community centres/village hall • Scout Hall • Day centre • Museum • Library • Car parks • Public toilets • Outdoor recreation areas • Youth centre (although this is not open for more than 10hrs a week) • Sports hall • Dentist (private practice) • Doctors Surgery (currently open for new patient registration) • 3 nurseries/pre-school • Primary school • Police Hub • Fire Station • Post Office • One convenience store (Co-Op) and Farm Shop • Industrial estate (Hampers Common) 	<p>Do not have but would like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased leisure and recreation facilities • Accessible local services • Broaden facilities for markets, fairs and cultural events • Swimming pool • New community hub • Better leisure and wellbeing facilities for children and young people • Wider variety of shops for everyday use (supermarket nearby etc. as the nearest 'everyday' shops are in Pulborough)
<p>Community Activity</p> 	<p>+ Petworth and District Community Association benefits local residents through hiring out equipment and organising events.</p> <p>+ Youth groups, Petworth Society and many other hobby groups/clubs.</p> <p>+ Petworth Festival and Petfringe are annual festivals with a variety of entertainment for a small ticket fee. Petworth Festival also hold occasional events throughout the year.</p> <p>- There is reportedly trouble with community involvement, residents in surrounding villages can be hard to reach and difficult to effectively engage with</p> <p>+ In the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan there is reference to the development of 150 new homes by 2033, without the Neighbourhood Plan and the involvement of the community in the drafting process the South Downs National Park Authority would identify where the housing land should be allocated.</p>	

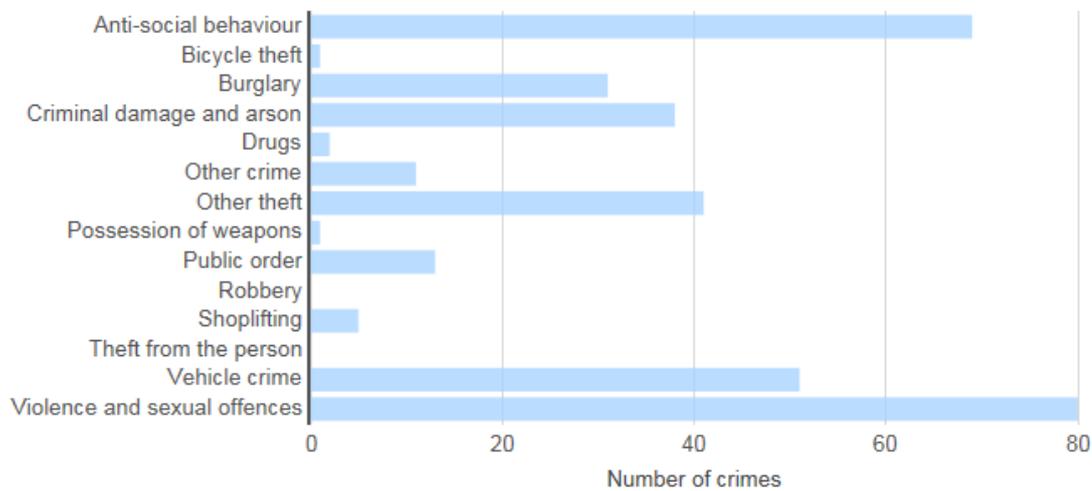
3. Aim: Local education will be to a high standard and residents will be able to gain qualifications

<p>Primary Schools</p> 	<p>= Petworth CofE Primary School (Ofsted 3 – Requires Improvement 04/05/17) <i>There are local transport pressures associated with Petworth Primary School, a new school access point has been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan.</i></p> <p>+ Safe cycle links have been identified as a project under the Neighbourhood Plan which would improve connectivity from the North of Petworth down to the school in the South.</p> <p>+ Fittleworth Primary (2 – Good) and Duncton CofE Junior School (2 – Good) are also within 3 miles of the centre of Petworth.</p>
<p>Secondary School</p> 	<p>= The closest schools are Seaford College (Independent School 3.85mi – No Ofsted rating), My Choice School – Kingfisher View (Special School, 4.45mi – No Ofsted rating) and Conifers School (Independent School 5.21mi – No Ofsted rating). Students who do not attend the above independent schools go to school in Midhurst. <i>The closest schools are quite far from the centre of Petworth and pupils would likely require transport to get there.</i></p>
<p>Further Education</p> 	<p>= Nearest facility for A levels/ technical & vocational qualifications/apprenticeships / FE is Seaford College (3.85 miles away) and Midhurst Rother College (5.58 miles away).</p> <p>- Some students from Petworth attend the Brinsbury Campus of Chichester College which is around 10 miles from the centre of Petworth. <i>As with secondary schools above, college students would likely require transport to get to their college or sixth form.</i></p>
<p>Qualifications</p> 	<p>- 23.1% of the population have no qualifications which is higher than the district average of 19.5%</p> <p>= 28.8% have level 4 qualifications compared to the district average of 32.4%</p>

4. Aim: Communities will be safe and secure and the local environment will be of good quality

<p>Crime</p> 	<p>- Petworth was ranked 4th in a neighbourhood crime league table where 1 is the highest number of crimes and 20 the lowest. (Oct 2017, police.uk)</p> <p>- Almost a quarter of crimes reported in Petworth and Bury Ward were related to violence and sexual offences</p>
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Comparison of crime types in this area between August 2016 and July 2017



Graph taken from Police.uk

5. Aim: Residents will have good health and wellbeing

<p>General Health</p> 	<p>= Generally the proportion of Petworth residents in good health (82.2%) is in line with the district average (82.6%) and higher than the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area (80.6%) (<i>Petworth - West Sussex Ward Profile</i>)</p> <p>= Child poverty is slightly higher than the district average but lower than the CCG area. (<i>Petworth - West Sussex Ward Profile</i>)</p>
<p>Unpaid carers</p> 	<p>= Petworth generally has around the same proportion of unpaid carers as the District overall – although there is a slightly lower percentage of unpaid carers providing 50 or more hours of unpaid care per week.</p> <p>1-19 hours a week – Petworth 7.8%, District – 7.8%</p> <p>20-49 hours a week – Petworth 1%, District – 1.1%</p> <p>50 or more hours a week - Petworth 1.8%, District 2.1%</p>
<p>Access to health services</p> 	<p>= Midhurst Community Hospital is around 6 miles away. There is an hourly bus service from Petworth town centre but the journey includes a half mile walk. St Richards Hospital, Chichester, is the nearest major hospital, though ambulances do not always take patients there.</p> <p>- 14% (target 75%) of the life threatening calls are responded to in 8 minutes or less. Median response time is 15:30. Nearby wards show a much higher rate of response within the 8 minute target – South Harting (71%) and Fernhurst (67%). (<i>ambulanceresponsetimes.co.uk</i>)</p>

<p>Access to green space and leisure services</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Petworth Park is a valuable asset of the area - The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan makes reference to the need for more leisure and recreation facilities, as well as a swimming pool and improved leisure and wellbeing facilities for children and young people. <i>Petworth Town Council is now the lease holder for the football and cricket grounds in Petworth Park.</i> + There are 5 outdoor recreation areas in the area and all of Petworth lies within the South Downs National Park
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6. SWOT analysis of the community

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong and active community running a number of clubs and activities • Good tourist trade with antiques shops thriving in the area • The Neighbourhood Plan, although not finalised at the time of writing, is a very powerful document for Petworth – it has set out some important initiatives and aspirations (safe cycle links, identifying land for housing, new community hub etc.) and should positively inform the development of Petworth in the future • Petworth has plenty of local amenities and has identified others they would like to see in the area • There are several primary schools close to the centre of town which have good Ofsted ratings • All of Petworth lies within the South Downs National Park and have plenty of green spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is very little to do for free in Petworth, although there are many clubs up and running they usually have a membership fee which is not affordable to a large portion of the community • High proportion of rented properties • The focus on tourism means residents may not have all the services/shops they need for regular shopping • The bus services into Chichester City Centre are expensive and the nearest train station is over 5 miles away • Most secondary schools/sixth forms/colleges are around 5 miles away from the centre of town and student would probably require transport to get there • Petworth ranked 4th in a crime league table (1st is highest crime rate) • Ambulance response times are among the worst in the District
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Neighbourhood Plan 150 new homes are to be built in Petworth by 2033, there is the opportunity to increase the proportion of affordable housing/housing to buy, as the proportion of rented properties is considerably higher than the District average • The development of more housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents without access to a car may be isolated from the surrounding areas and find it harder to access employment and local services • Depending on the tenure percentages, the new homes built in Petworth may be prohibitive for first-time buyers if too many of the properties are leased rather than

<p>in the area also means access to potential funding (Community Infrastructure Levy and New Homes Bonus – if this is still an active source of funding in the future)</p>	<p>sold</p>
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7. Overall conclusion

Although there is a high level of community activity in Petworth, it seems that the majority is among the same group of residents, most of the clubs and societies require a membership fee and getting the wider community involved is proving difficult. Petworth Town Council are working with other authorities and partners to create a Community Hub to encourage more involvement from the wider villages and residents who do not usually feel they are able to take part in community activities.

Many of the amenities are inaccessible by public transport or prohibitively expensive, those without a car become isolated and find it difficult to find or keep a job. There is also a tourism focus in the centre of the town which means essential facilities like supermarkets and schools are also difficult to get to.

The Petworth Neighbourhood Plan outlines many aims which address the issues outlined in this assessment. As the community has had such a significant say in the housing development sites outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan it is worth taking time to consider the tenure of the new houses being built and be selective with developers to enable more people to buy properties at an affordable price as there is already a high proportion of properties to rent in Petworth.