

Think Family Community Assessment Tangmere Neighbourhood - January 2017 - Amy Loaring

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

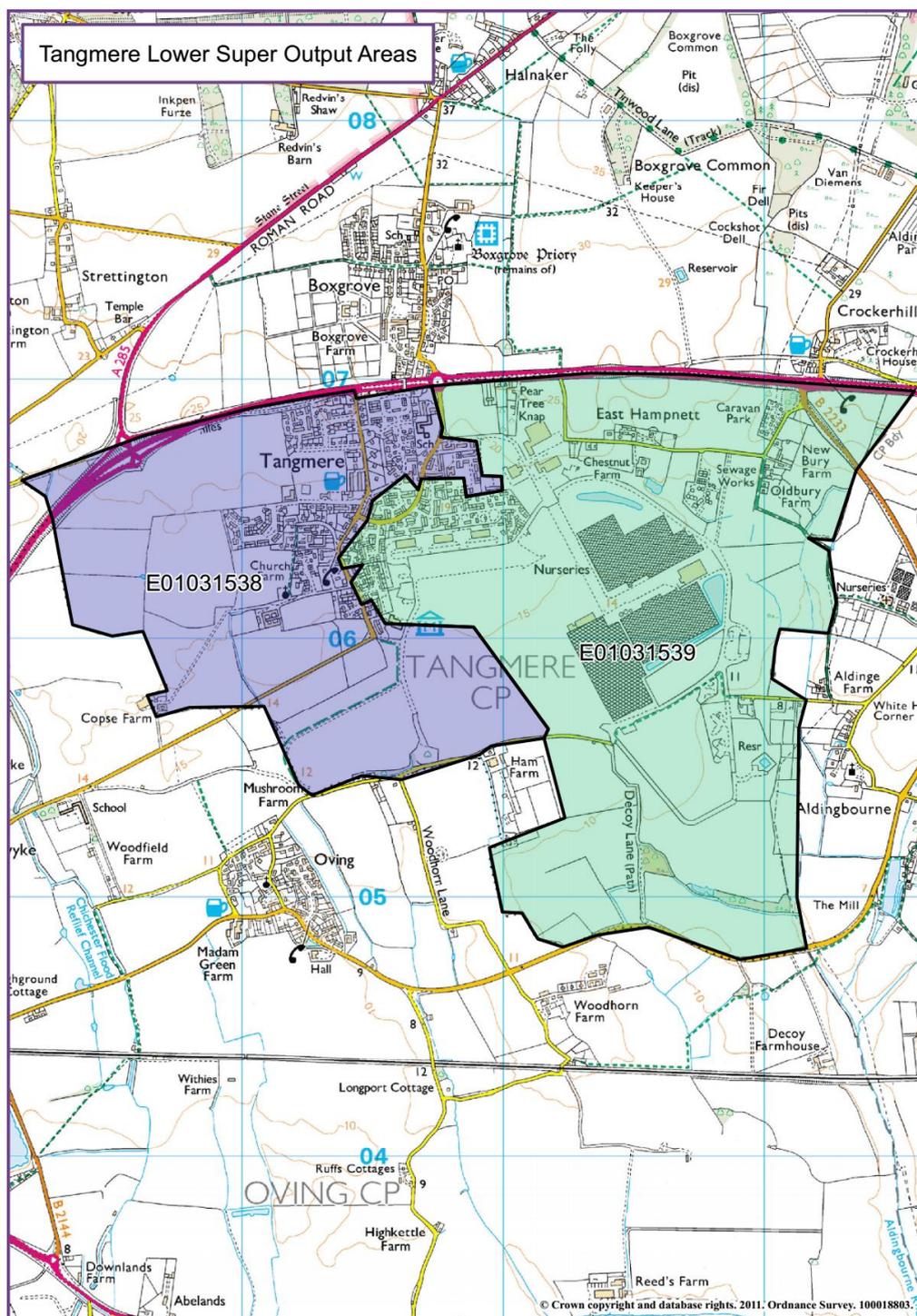
How it works

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 Tangmere?



Tangmere is located in the East of Chichester District and has a population of 2,625. 12.8% of this population is aged over 65 compared to 25.5% of the district population. There is also a higher proportion of people aged 25-44 (28.9%) compared with the district average (21%). 33.9% of the Tangmere population are single/never married and 12.3% are divorced, both of these figures are higher than the district averages (27.1% and 9.3%). There is also a higher than average number of single parents, 7.8% compared to the district average of 4.6%. The majority of housing in Tangmere is owned outright with a mortgage or loan (33.3%) the proportion of social rented properties (20.1%) is higher than the district average (12.7%).

Tangmere started life as a simple, quiet, attractive rural village under the shadows of the South Downs and for many years until the last century almost the only activity it knew was farming. Then the RAF decided it was ideal for an airfield and within a decade it was completely transformed. There was the vital contribution of RAF Tangmere to the Battle of Britain and defence of the South Coast. Tangmere became a name synonymous with outstanding events of the 20th century becoming well known both nationally and internationally and as a result Tangmere attracts some 30,000 visitors each year.



The village has absorbed all these changes, the RAF growth and subsequent decline, the more recent considerable development of the late 1990's and continues to maintain its friendly rural atmosphere and be popular with residents and visitors alike.

Tangmere is a dormitory village providing homes for 2500 residents. Most of the airfield is now covered by glasshouses as would be expected in a geographical area that has a history of market farming. Most residents commute out of the village for their employment, and travel to the historic Chichester city for retail, entertainment and social activities.

Tangmere today is a small village slowly settling down after rapid growth. It needs time to set down the roots of community that bind residents together. The range of community groups that have developed in the village are a sign that the process is well under way. In the village hall the local clubs hold their meetings whilst outside children play on the equipment on the recreation field and the local tennis club book the MUGA for weekly sessions.

From the Tangmere Parish 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"> - Areas of Tangmere are ranked in the top 10 most deprived areas in the district according to the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. + 42.2% of people in Tangmere are in full-time employment which is higher than the district and national averages (34.4% and 38.6%)
<p>Economically inactive – Long-term sick or disabled.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Tangmere the proportion of people who are economically inactive because of a long-term sickness or disability (3.1%) is slightly higher than the district average of 2.4%. - There is a slightly higher than average proportion of people who are economically inactive because they are looking after their home or family, 5.2% compared with the district average of 4.2%. - The number of unemployed people aged 50-74 is also above average with 1.2% compared to 0.7% for both the district and regional averages. - Tangmere ward has 5.7% of 16-18 year olds categorised as Not in Education Employment or Training, which is higher than the district (2.7%) and county (3.2%). <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 Chichester – which is just over 3 miles away • Bus service no.55 Stagecoach – hourly. £6.10 adult return to Chichester. • There is also a community transport service – ‘Sammy Community Transport Ltd.’ 	
<p>Amenities</p> 	<p>Have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments • Church & church hall • Graveyard • Community centre • Day centre • Museum • Outdoor recreation areas • 2 youth groups • Sports facility • Dentist • Doctors Surgery • 3 nurseries/pre-schools • Post Office • Supermarkets (small) 	<p>Do not have but would like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout hut • Sports centre (including meeting rooms and a social venue) • Broadband coverage • Large community centre • Additional allotments •

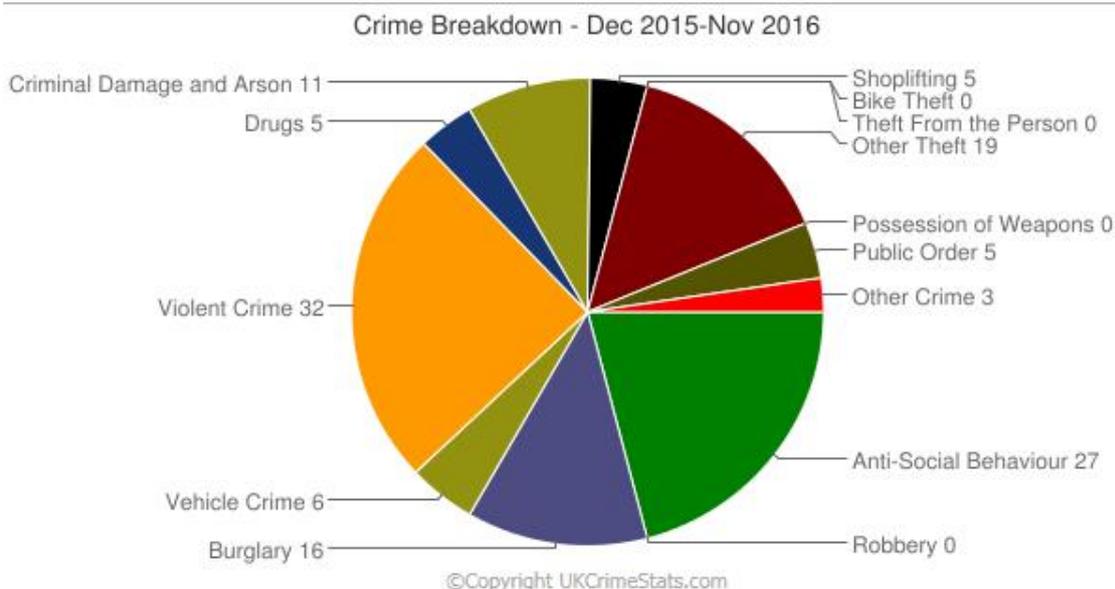
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrol station
Community Activity 	<p>+ Neighbourhood Watch, Tangmere Action Group (TAG), Tangmere Community Garden, Tuesday Group (Senior citizen group)</p> <p>- Only 33.6% of respondents from Tangmere ward felt strongly that they belong to their immediate neighbourhood – this is significantly lower than the district average of 67% and the lowest percentage in the district. It is also lower than the averages for West Sussex, the South East and England.</p> <p>+ 32.2% of respondents from Tangmere wanted to be more involved in decisions affecting their local area – which is significantly higher than the district average (27.9%).</p> <p>In the Tangmere Parish Neighbourhood Plan there is reference to the development of 100 new homes by 2020 and the housing need in the area. According to the 2011 Census 22.8% of Tangmere’s housing is social rented compared to 14.9% in the district and 13.7% in the South East.</p> <p><i>There is anecdotal evidence of a disconnect between residents in social housing and those in privately owned properties – potential development in the area could exacerbate these issues.</i></p>

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

Primary Schools 	<p>+ Tangmere Primary Academy 2 - Good</p> <p>- The percentage of pupils who are classed as persistently absent is 4.3% which is over twice as much as the national average. A pupil is classed as persistently absent when pupils are missing from 15% or more of the mornings or afternoons they could attend. For most pupils this means missing 56 or more mornings or afternoons in a year.</p>
Secondary School 	<p>+ The closest schools are Westbourne House School (no Ofsted rating), Chichester Free School (2 – Good) and Ormiston Six Villages Academy (4 – Inadequate).</p> <p>+ In the Tangmere Parish Neighbourhood Plan in connection with the development of new homes there is talk of a new secondary school which would serve the additional population.</p>
Further Education 	<p>+ Nearest facility for A levels/ technical & vocational qualifications/apprenticeships / FE is Chichester College (around 3 miles away)</p> <p>+ The College offers a range of Adult Education including courses for leisure and pleasure. Some basic skills training is only available at Northbrook college in Worthing.</p>
Qualifications 	<p>+ 15.6% of the population have no qualifications which is lower than the district average of 19.5%</p> <p>= 28.3% 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> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tangmere has 2 community wardens who are shared with Oving. + Tangmere is rated number 5 in a neighbourhood crime league table – where 1 is the lowest crime rate and 20, the highest. (Nov 2016, ukcrimestats.com) - 5 year rates (per 1000 population) were significantly higher than county and national figures in Tangmere for theft from a vehicle, domestic violence and youth, alcohol and noise-marked anti-social behaviour.
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Information from: Ukcrimestats.com Please note: the crime statistics shown in the chart above encompass Tangmere but also areas which lie south of the boundaries that Chichester District Council officially classify as Tangmere.

5. Aim: Residents will have good health and wellbeing

<p>General Health</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The percentage of people in Tangmere who feel their health is very good is 49.6% which is higher than district (47.6%), regional (49%) and national (47.2%) averages. - The Under 18 Conception Rate (Per 1000 15-17 year olds), rates are considerably higher for this category at 41.5 compared to the district (28) and county (34.1) figures. - 26.4% of children live poverty compared to 12.2% in the district. - Tangmere has a higher than average number of homes having one less room than required.
<p>Unpaid carers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Tangmere does not have as many unpaid carers as other areas which could be due to a higher number of people aged 25-44 in the area. 1-19 hours a week – Tangmere 6.1%, District – 7.8%

	<p>20-49 hours a week – Tangmere 1.3%, District – 1.1% 50 or more hours a week - Tangmere 2.2%, District 2.1%</p>
<p>Access to health services</p> 	<p>= St Richards Hospital is around 3 miles away</p> <p>- 60% (target 75%) of the life threatening calls are responded to in 8 minutes or less. Median response time is 6:51.</p>
<p>Access to green space and leisure services</p> 	<p>The following assessment of open space has been taken from the Tangmere Parish Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <p>“In looking at the quality of open space, Tangmere was identified as having a number of poor quality amenities and the natural green space in Meadow Way, Tangmere has been identified as an area in need of improvement. There are twelve sites identified in the table of Quality of sites, each have been scored from A to D.</p> <p>Play spaces;</p> <p>+ Garland Square – B</p> <p>+ Hampden Place – B</p> <p>Amenity Open Space;</p> <p>- Malcolm Road/Cheshire Crescent – D</p> <p>- Mannock Road – D</p> <p>+ Junction Tangmere Rd/Chestnut Walk – B</p> <p>+ Churchwood Drive – B</p> <p>+ Community orchard adjacent to the allotment – B</p> <p>Allotments;</p> <p>+ Haleybridge walk allotments – A</p> <p>Natural;</p> <p>- Meadow Way – D</p> <p>+ Grass bank and memorial woodland adjacent to allotments – B”</p>

6. SWOT analysis of the community

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tangmere has a strong and interesting history which has been well utilised with Tangmere Military Aviation Museum There are several community groups in Tangmere and almost a third of residents said they wanted to be more involved in their community There are two Community Wardens and overall levels of crime are quite low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of Tangmere’s key amenities are in Chichester city, just over 3 miles away – these include further education and secondary school facilities, train station and hospital which is a £6.10 adult return bus journey away It is felt that the community centre is not big enough to serve the groups or activities that would like to use it (CFA) There is anecdotal evidence to



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a high percentage of residents in good health or very good health • 7 out of 10 green open spaces in Tangmere are rated 'A' or 'B' • Tangmere has good primary school facilities with Tangmere Primary Academy receiving a 'Good' Ofsted rating. 	<p>suggest the sense of community spirit may be disjointed which could be due, in part, to the sense of separation between residents who rent socially and those who privately own or rent their property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There seems to be a high level of deprivation among young people - the level of children in poverty is high, as is the under 18 conception rate.
<p>Opportunities</p>	<p>Threats</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the planned development of 100 new homes by 2020 (Tangmere Neighbourhood Plan), there is the potential for funding through the Community Infrastructure Levy and the New Homes Bonus grant scheme (provided this is still available) this will provide the opportunity to develop the facilities which residents travel to Chichester city for at present • Just under one third of residents said they would like to be more involved in their community – this is something to capitalise on in bringing the community together and creating strong community spirit in Tangmere • The Community Wardens present the opportunity to engage with young people and gauge what they would like to see in Tangmere for their age group • Improving upon the green, open spaces which haven't been rated highly is a good opportunity to get different types of people in the community involved in improving Tangmere and its community relationship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planned development of new homes could exacerbate perceived issues of a split community • If the community centre is not big enough to serve the groups and residents who wish to use it there is a danger of losing some of the existing community groups (CFA) • The higher than average rate of under 18 conceptions combined with the high proportion of children in poverty could lead to a cycle of poverty for young parents. Perhaps support and preventative measures could be considered.

7. Overall conclusion

Tangmere Action group (TAG) is working towards three strands: Identity, Projects and Events which bring the village together. These strands have been identified as a way to better support and serve the community. Members of the parish council feel that 'the connection to the place' i.e. the village is something that can be lacking. This is why the community has been involved in road-naming, as well as the fete and our annual Christmas tree event. Seeing the community together in



this way is valuable in promoting continued community involvement and cohesion. Focus on the control tower restoration has seemed to galvanise the community, by providing a vehicle to marry identity with a form of social space, which does not exist in the village.