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Assessment of the Parish of Warslow and Elkstones



The village of Warslow lies approximately 7 miles northeast of Leek and 10 miles southwest of Bakewell. Its Conservation Area was designated in 1997. The Conservation Area Appraisal describes the village as being agricultural in origin with remnants of medieval trackways, lynchets, ridge and furrow fields existing today. Post medieval times, the village became an estate village to Calke Abbey (South Derbyshire) which owned the surrounding moorland as shooting grounds. The village grew after WWII and now has a large primary school to the northwest which serves the village and the surrounding area.

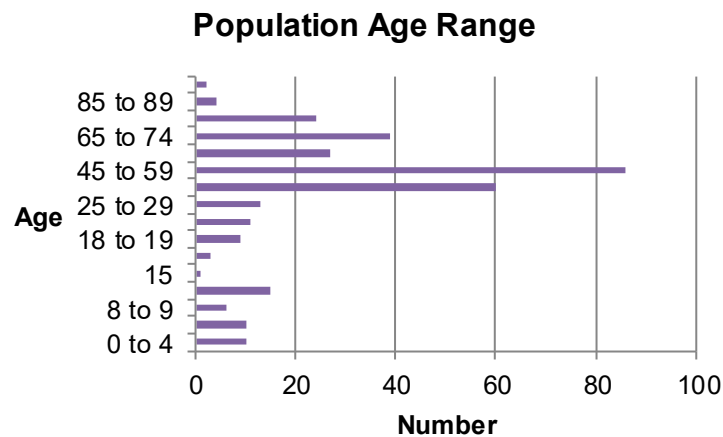
Warslow is located within the upland pastures are of the South West Peak as described within the Peak District Landscape Characteristic Assessment (LSAP 2009).

Elkstones comprises of Upper Elkstone and Lower Elkstone. Upper Elkstone is the larger settlement of the two, now a largely residential settlement, it was a farming community which due to its geographical position was a focal point for the area with church, pub and school. Only the church remains. Upper Elkstone Conservation Area was designated in 1997. Lower Elkstone consists of a couple of farms.

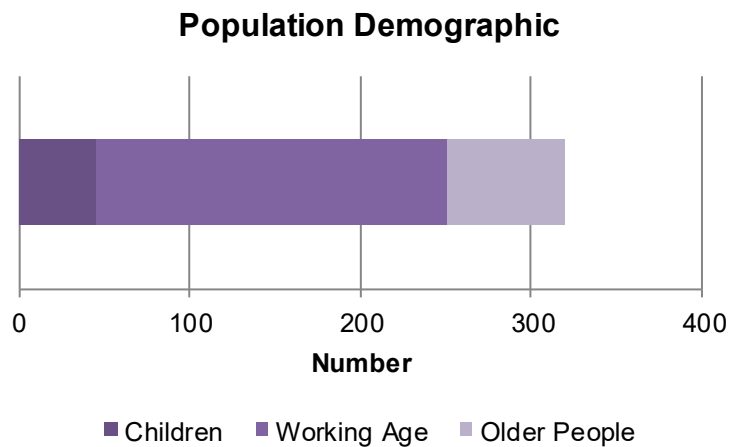
Views from the local community

Population and Demographics

The parish of Warslow and Elkstones has a population of 320 (2011 census). The graph below shows that 45-59 year olds make up the largest percentage of the population.

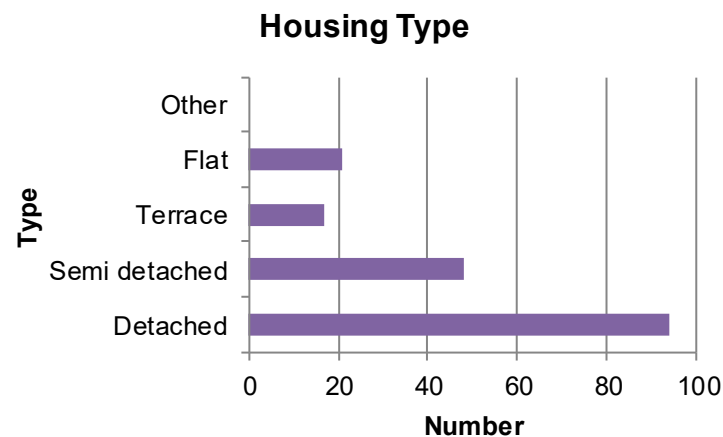


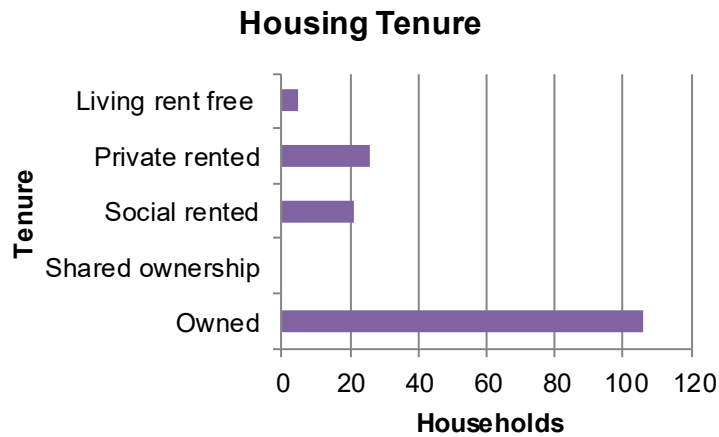
The purpose of the graph below is to give an indication of the balance of children, adult workers and retired persons living within the parish. Whilst there is no longer a retirement age, the graph below uses an assumed working age of 18-65 year olds.



Housing

A sustainable community relies on a mix of housing to attract a mix of people. Below is a breakdown of types and tenures. Detached properties make up 52.2% of properties, semi-detached 26.7%, terraced properties 9.4%, and flats 11.7% of properties in Warslow and Elkstones parish.



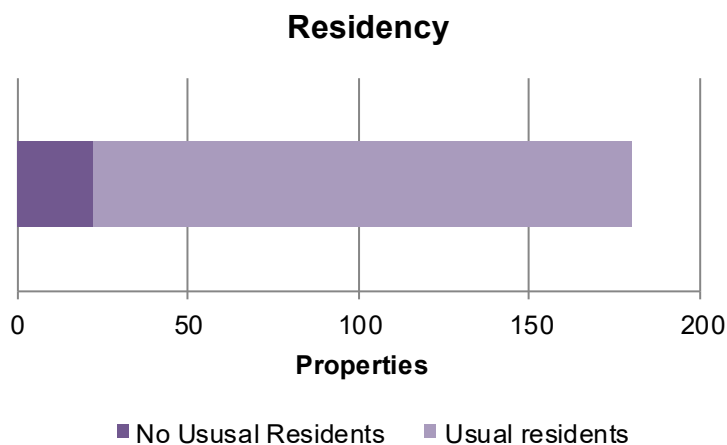


The majority of properties, 67.1%, are owner occupied either with or without a mortgage (no shared ownership). Renting either privately (16.5%) or through a housing association (13.3%) accounts for 29.8% of the housing stock.

There are no care homes in the parish.

Residency

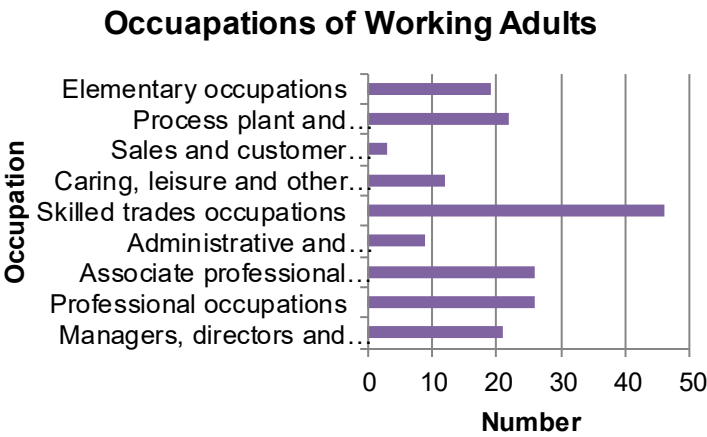
Second homes or holidays lets are a growing concern in the Peak District National Park. Whilst they can provide holiday accommodation to support tourism, a high proportion can alter the dynamics of a village to its detriment. Of the 180 residential properties located in Warslow and Elkstones parish, 158 have a 'usual resident', meaning that they are inhabited. There are 22 properties with no 'usual resident' and are therefore second homes, holiday lets, or vacant properties. This equates to 12.2% of properties in the parish.



Employment

Of the total population of Warslow and Elkstones parish, 76.2% are economically active in either full time, part time work or ad hoc working and 23.8% are economically inactive (17.7% of the total population are retired).

The following graph sets out the occupations of the economically active population. It shows that the skilled trades occupations are the most common in the area.

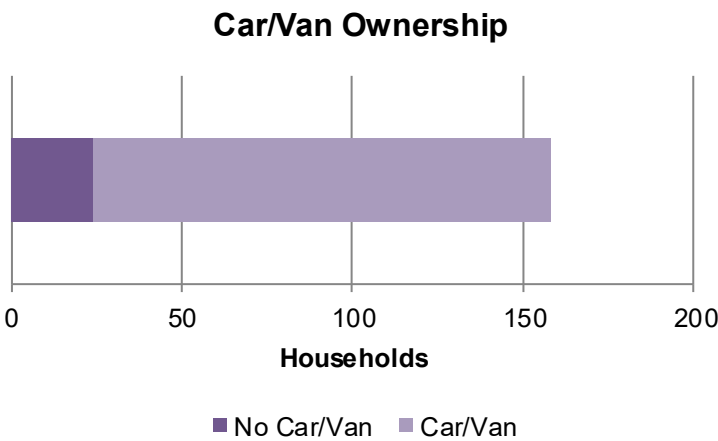


Transport

Public transport to Warslow is provided by High Peak Buses. There are no buses to Upper Elkstone or Lower Elkstone.

Warslow	Route	Bus company	Days	Frequency
442	Buxton—Ashbourne	High Peak	Mon –Sat	Btwn 07:38 –18:08) Approx. every 1-2 hours
MC	Moorlands Connect	Ashbourne Community Transport	Demand responsive	N/A

In Warslow and Elkstones Parish, 84.8% of households own a car or van.



Settlement Amenities

The following tables sets out which settlement amenities are present in Warslow (Core Strategy DS1 settlement).

Tourist accommodation	✓
Village events	✓
Village groups	✓
Village website/newsletter	✓
Conservation Area	✓
Mobile Library	✓
Broadband	✓
Car parking (formal/informal)	✓
Church	✓
Post Box	✓
Public House	✓
Good public transport route	✓
Within 1 mile of an A or B road	✓
Distance to General Practice	2.8
Industrial units	X
Playing field	X
Playground	X
Community Hall	✓
Primary School	✓
Post Office	X
Convenience food shop	X

The following table shows the time taken by walking and public transport to reach essential services from the settlement.

	Service	Time in minutes
Walking	GP	40-50
	Pharmacies	50-60
	Post Office	40-50
	Primary School	40-50
	Secondary School	60+
	Shop/supermarket	50-60
Public Transport	GP	10-20
	Pharmacies	20-30
	Post Office	10-20
	Primary School	10-20
	Secondary School	20-30
	Shop/supermarket	20-30

Warslow and Upper Elkstone parish groups, traditions and events

Sports clubs	
General	Silver Band, Whist, Bingo, Art club, Yoga
Traditions	
Events	Beer Festival, Fell Race, Village Hall events, Car Boot sales

Tourism facilities

During the warmer months, the population of settlements can swell dramatically as tourists come to enjoy the Peak District either for the day or to stay. Warslow and Elkstones parish has bed and breakfast, camping and self catering accommodation.

Planning

Over the last 5 years 24 planning applications have been approved.

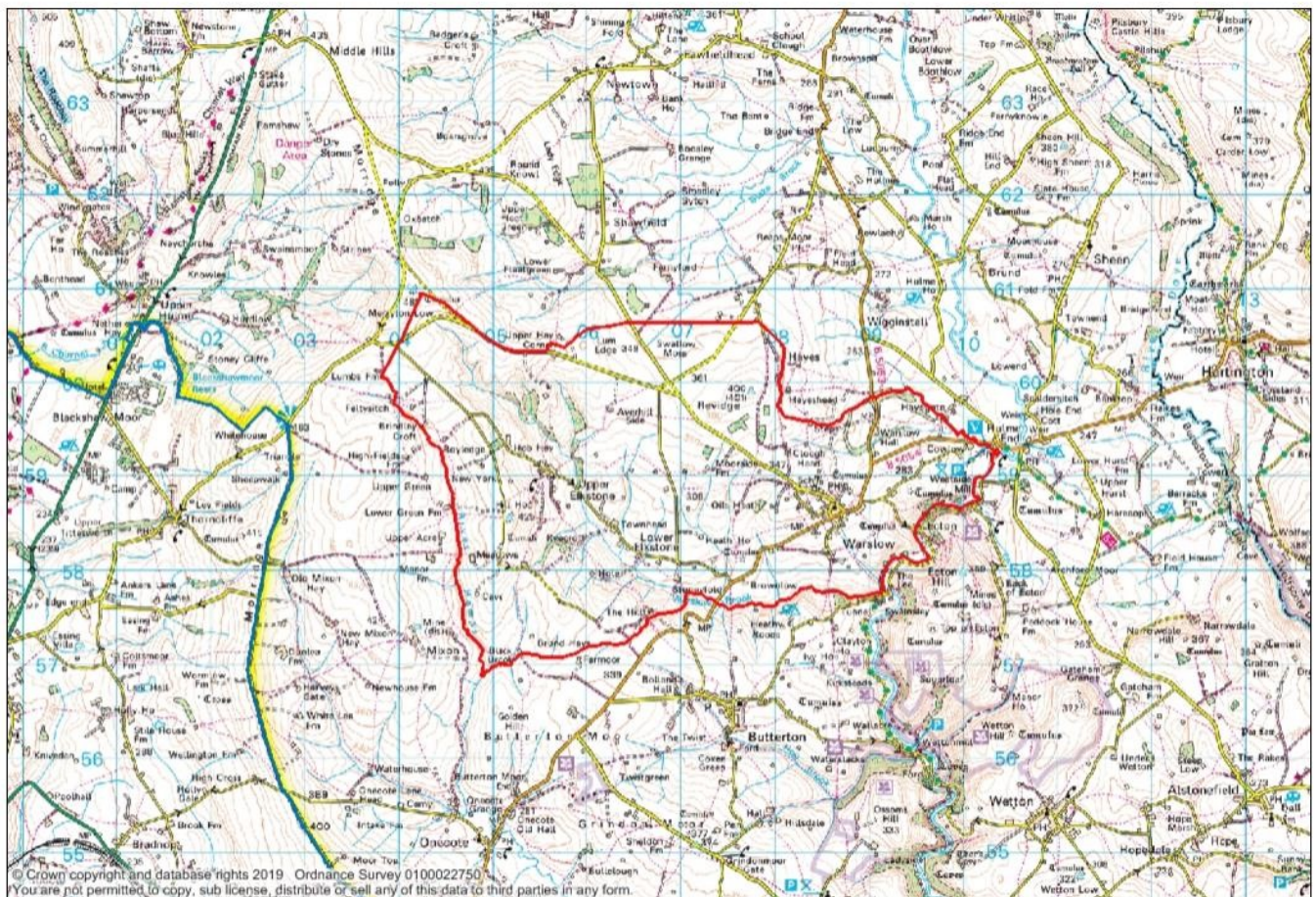
Potential For Affordable Housing

Digital presence

<http://warslowandelkstones-pc.org/>

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Community Aspirations

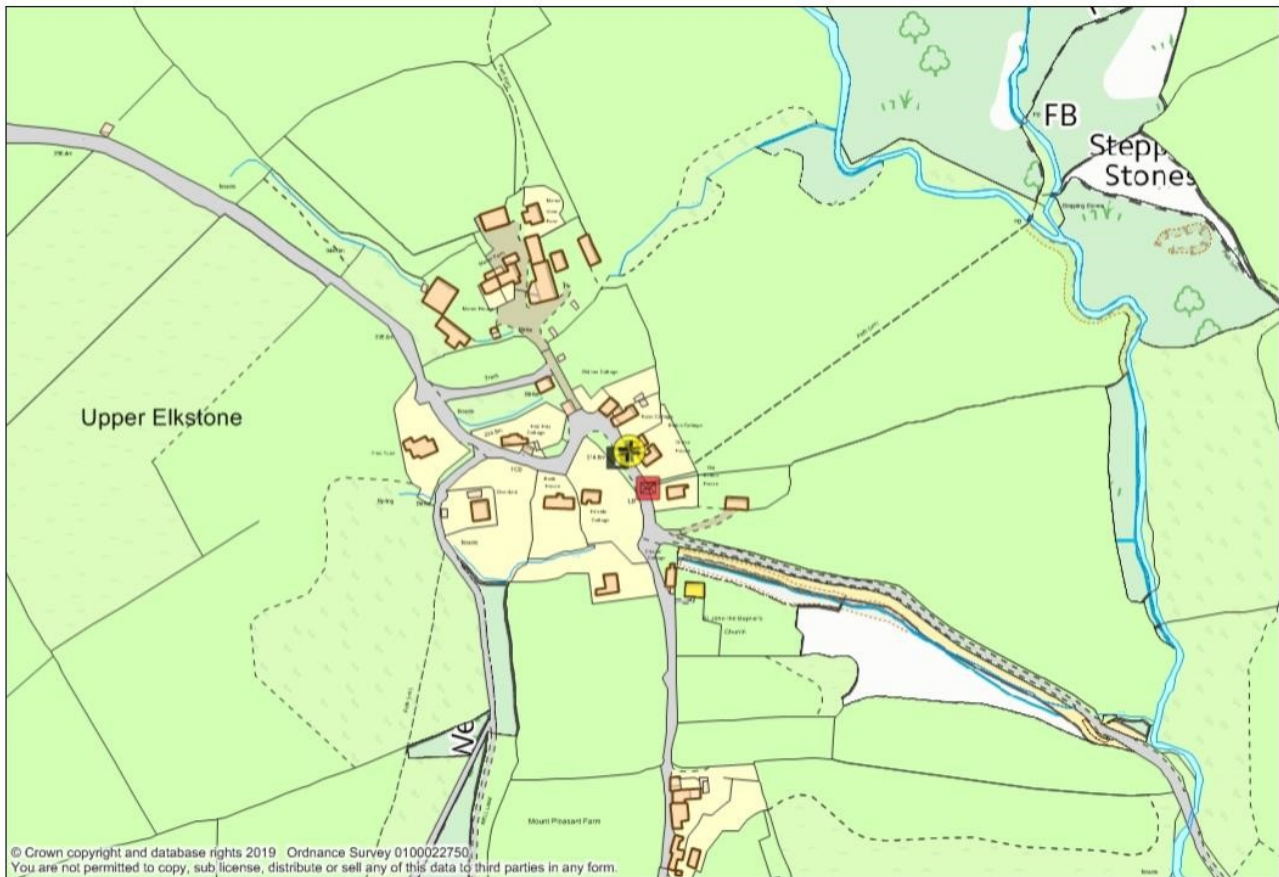
Map of Warslow and Elkstones Parish Boundary



Map of Warslow and its services



Map of Upper Elkstone and its services



Data sources

Peak District National Park Conservation Area Appraisals

Peak District National Park Landscape Strategy Action Plan (LSAP)

www.nomisweb.co.uk

Ordnance survey maps

Derbyshire Accessibility Assessment 2016, Derbyshire County Council

<http://www.derbybus.info/times/timetables/>

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/librariesnew/branchlibraries/mobilelibraries/home.aspx#W>

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/>

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