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**Assessment of the Parish of
Macclesfield Forest and
Wildboarclough**



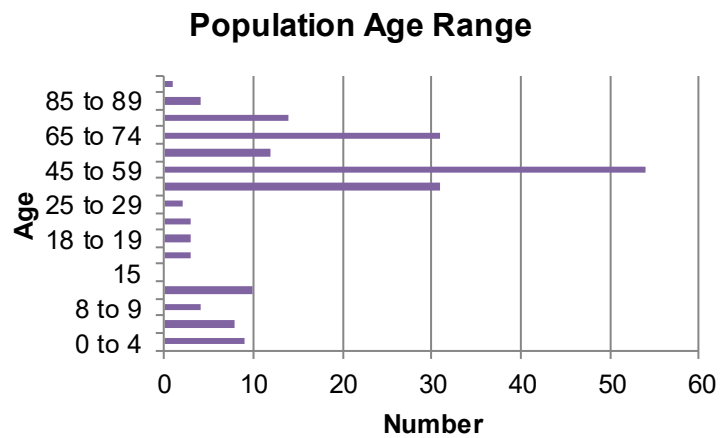
The parish of Macclesfield and Wildboarclough lies approximately 4 miles west of Buxton and 4 miles southeast of Macclesfield. Wildboarclough is a small settlement of a few farms and cottages which sits alongside Clough Brook, nestled between Shutlingslow and Mount Pleasant to the west and Cut-thorn Hill and Birchenough Hill to the east. Macclesfield Forest lies just over 1 mile to the northwest.

Wildboarclough and Macclesfield Forest are located within the slopes and valleys with woodland and moorlands, hills and ridges character areas of the South West Peak landscape area as described in the Landscape Strategy (LSAP 2009).

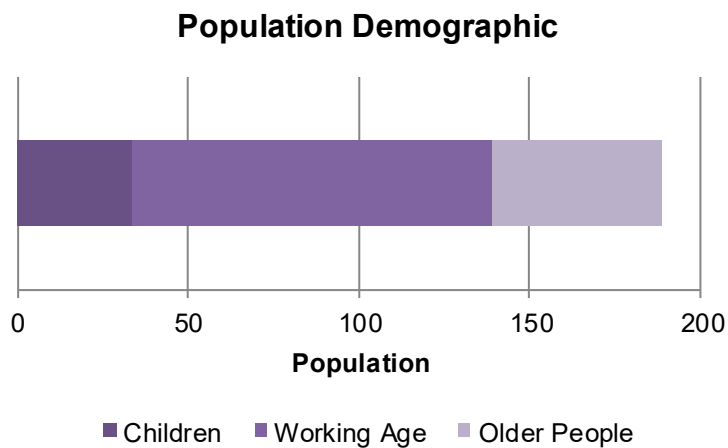
Views from the local community

Population and Demographics

Macclesfield Forest and Wildboardclough parish have a population of 189 residents (2011 census). The graph below shows that 45-59 year olds make up the largest percentage of the population.

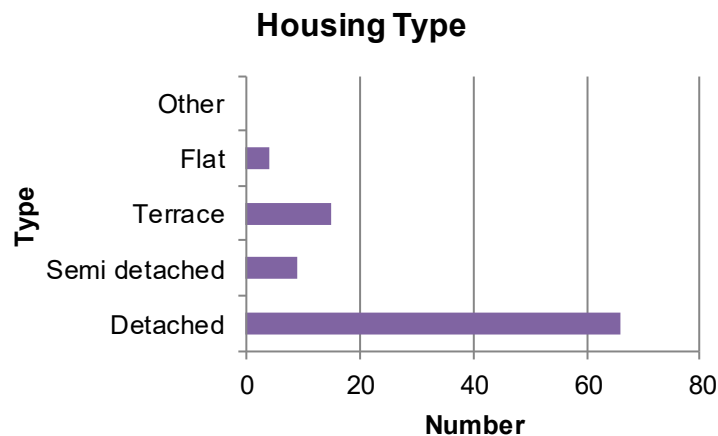


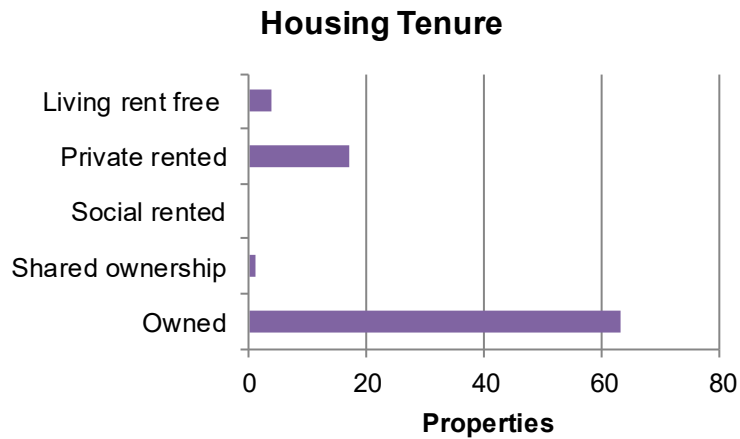
The purpose of the graph below is to give an indication of the balance of children, adult workers and retired persons living within the parishes. Whilst there is no longer a retirement age, the graph below uses an assumed working age of 18-65 year olds.



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 70.2% of properties, semi-detached 9.6%, terraced properties 16.0%, and flats 4.3% of properties in the parish.



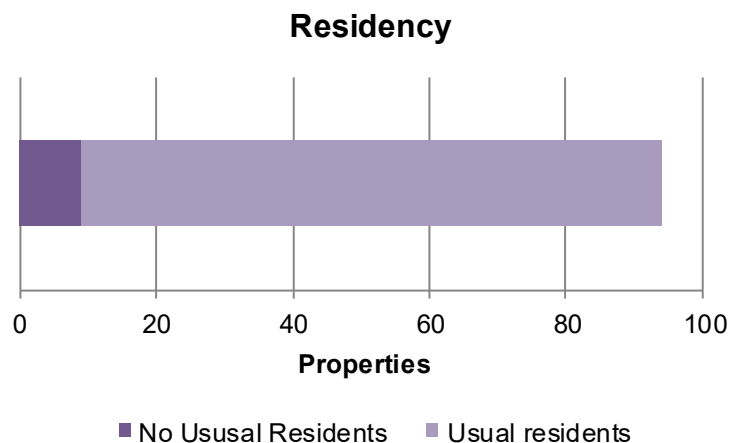


The majority of properties, 75.3%, are owner occupied either with or without a mortgage (1.2% shared ownership). Private renting (20.0%) and social renting (0%) account for 20.0% of housing tenures.

There are no care homes in the parish.

Residency

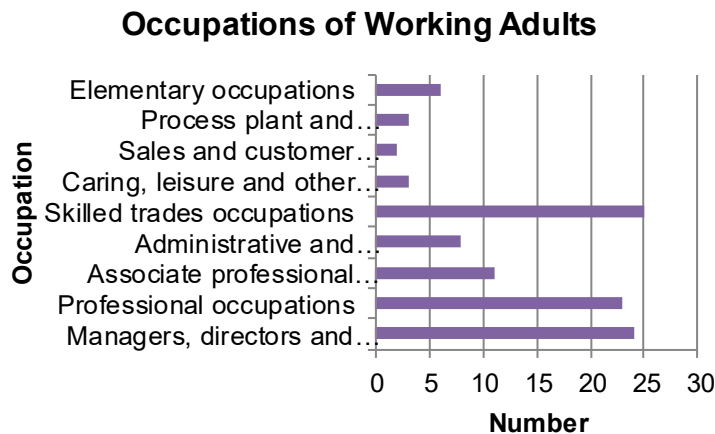
Second homes or holidays lets are a growing concern in the Peak District National Park. Whilst they can provide holiday accommodation to support tourism, a high proportion can alter the dynamics of a village to its detriment. Of the 94 residential properties located in the parish, 85 have a 'usual resident', meaning that they are inhabited. There are 9 properties with no 'usual resident' and are therefore second homes, holiday lets, or vacant properties. This equates to 9.6% of properties in the parish.



Employment

Of the total population of the parish, 76.3% are economically active in either full time, part time work or ad hoc working and 23.7% are economically inactive (18.0% of the total population are retired).

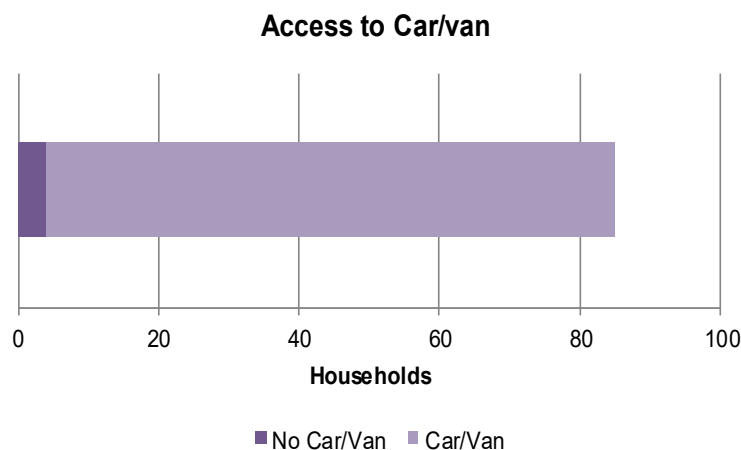
The following graph sets out the occupations of the economically active population. It shows that skilled trades occupations are most common in the area closely followed by managers, directors and professionals.



Transport

There is no public transport serving the area.

In the parish, 95.3% of households own a car or van.



Settlement Amenities

The following table sets out which amenities are present in Wildboarclough.

Tourist accommodation	✓
Village events	X
Village groups	X
Village website/newsletter	X
Conservation Area	X
Mobile Library	X
Broadband	X
Car parking (formal/informal)	X
Church	✓
Post Box	✓
Public House	✓
Good public transport route	X
Within 1 mile of an A or B road	✓
Distance to General Practice	4.8
Industrial units	X
Playing field	X
Playground	X
Community Hall	X
Primary School	X
Post Office	X
Convenience food shop	X

Time it takes to walk or take public transport to essential services.

To be completed.

Wildboarclough and Macclesfield parish groups, traditions and events

Sports clubs	
General	
Traditions	
Events	

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. The parish has camping and caravanning, self catering and hotel accommodation.

Planning

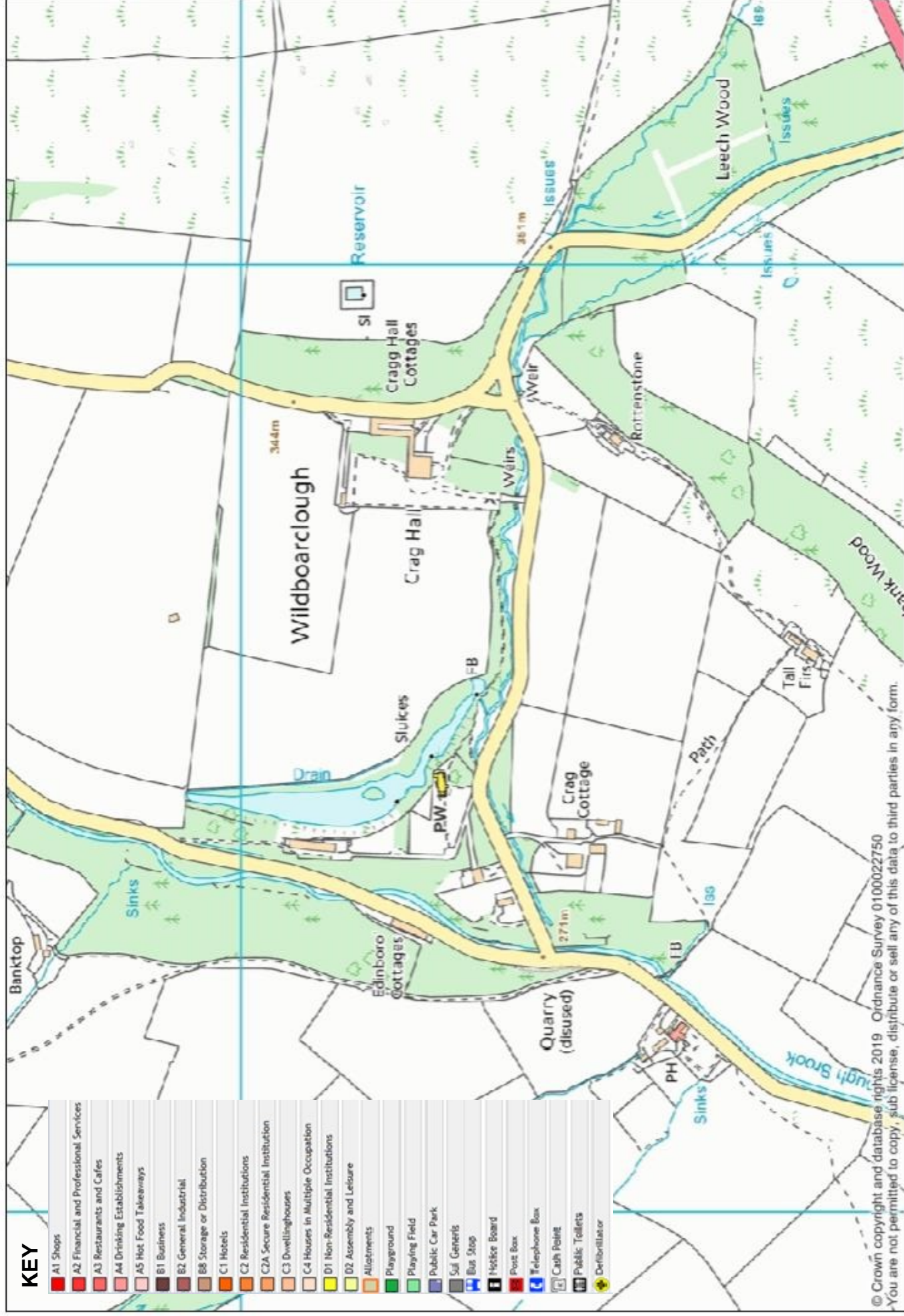
Over the last 5 years 5 planning applications have been approved.

Potential For Affordable Housing

Digital presence

Macclesfield Forest and Wildboarclough Community Aspirations

Wildboardclough and its services



Macclesfield Forest and Wildboarclough Parish Boundary



Data sources

Peak District National Park Conservation Area Appraisals

Peak District National Park Landscape Strategy Action Plan (LSAP)

Ordnance survey maps

www.nomisweb.co.uk

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

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