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# QUEEN'S PARK

## Community Profile

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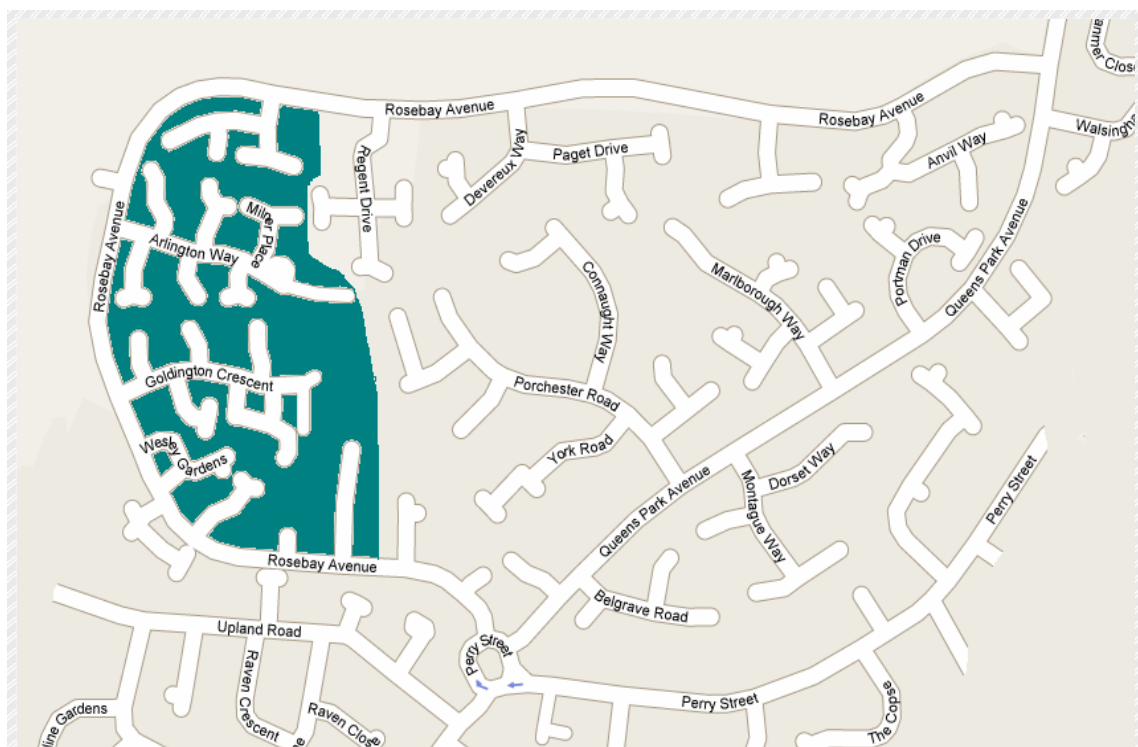
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**This community profile relates to the area identified by Fair Share Trust Programme in Billericay - west pocket of the Queen's Park community, which is in Billericay West ward. Any citing of the Queen's Park in the text below should only be associated with the identified pocket of Queen's Park by Fair Share Trust Programme.**

Basildon district lies in the southern part of Essex 30 miles east of London, covering some 42.5 square miles and includes the towns of Basildon, Billericay and Wickford. Queens Park is incorporated into the Billericay West Ward.

Queens Park is a small pocket of deprivation in a wider affluent area, making the issues less apparent, but the residents of social housing areas in Queens Park experience similar problems of low income, unemployment, health deprivation and disability, skills and training, barriers to housing and services, crime and disorder. The Queens Park neighbourhood is isolated due to geographic and social reasons.

The area in Billericay identified by FairShare Trust Programme includes the small pocket of social housing in Queen's Park neighbourhood. There are 407 properties in the identified area, out of which 84 belong to the Guinness Trust Housing Association. Basildon Council's social housing in Queens Park Estate was built in the 1980s and consists of 235 properties that are bordered by private housing, contained within an area locally described as an island. Area also includes the Buckwyns Court sheltered housing, which has 34 accommodations. The other properties are privately owned.



The properties are located on the following streets: Betony Crescent, Mallow Gardens, Milner Place, Sloan Mews, Dolphin Gardens, Oakley Drive, Queens Gate Mews, Lorrimore Close, Woburn Place, Temple Close, Wesley Gardens, The Foxgloves, Granville Close, Beresford Court, Colville Mews, Edward Close, Tavistock Drive and Goldington Crescent.

There are three small children and young peoples play areas with limited play equipment provided. One of these was stripped of the play equipment at the request of some residents due to youths causing a nuisance. Up until recent years there was an active Residents Association, which campaigned on behalf of the Guinness Trust tenants. It was dissolved due to lack of residents' involvement.

Facilities for Queen's Park residents	Name / Distance / Location
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Centre</li> </ul>	Hannakin's Farm Community Centre, 2 min walk from social houses, across the street from social houses on Rosebay Avenue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary School</li> </ul>	Brightside Primary School, 3 min walk from social houses, next to Hannakin's Farm, Rosebay Avenue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GP</li> </ul>	10 min walk from social houses, next to Somerfield's supermarket on Queen's Park avenue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacy</li> </ul>	10 min walk from social houses, next to Somerfield's supermarket on Queen's Park avenue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surgery</li> </ul>	10 min walk from social houses, next to Somerfield's supermarket on Queen's Park avenue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dental Practice</li> </ul>	10 min walk from social houses, next to Somerfield's supermarket on Queen's Park avenue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shops</li> </ul>	Somerfield Supermarket, 10 min walk from social houses, Queen's Park avenue, small shops near Supermarket
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pub</li> </ul>	10 min walk from social houses, next to Somerfield's supermarket
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Offices</li> </ul>	93-95 High Street Billericay, Essex, CM12 9AS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Church</li> </ul>	The Christian Link, 10 minutes walk from social houses, Queen's Park avenue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library</li> </ul>	Billericay Library, 20 min drive, Billericay High Street.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport</li> </ul>	101 Bus service, every hour, on the hour, Queen's Park to Basildon via Billericay High Street.

- As at the 2001 Census, Queen's Park had:

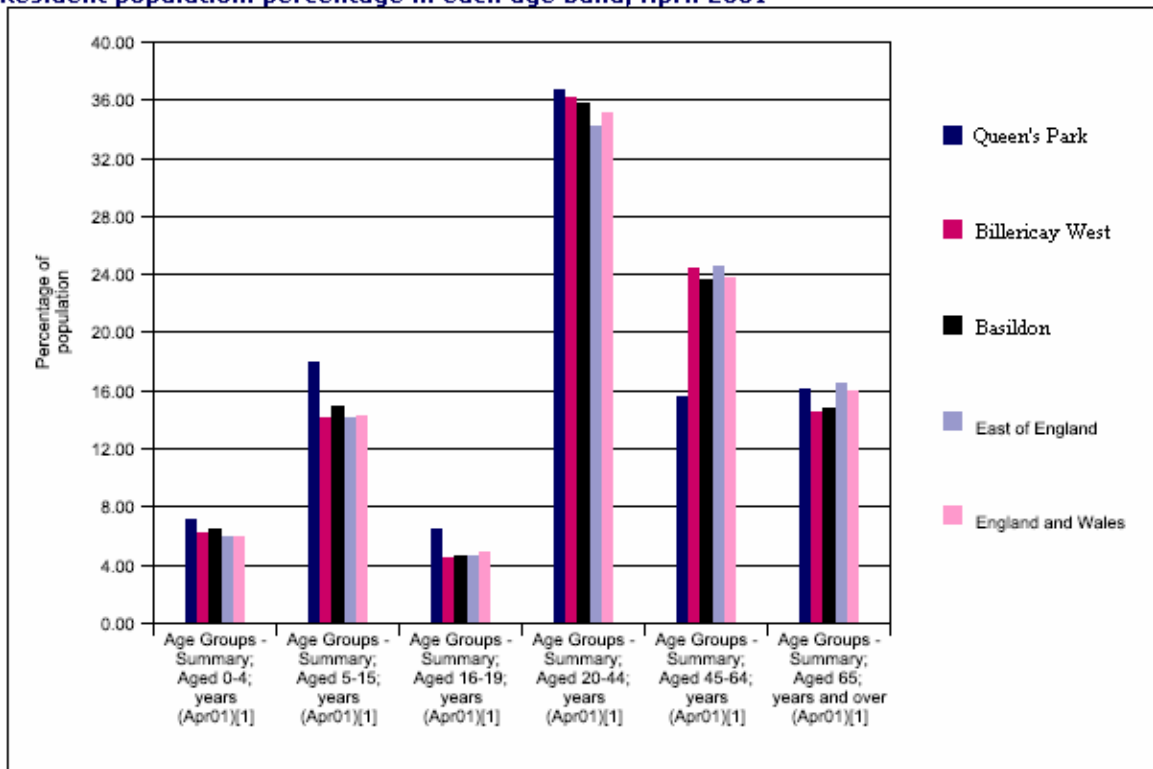
- ⊙ 65 % of residents describing their health as 'good';
- ⊙ 31 % of 16-74 year olds having no qualifications; and
- ⊙ an unemployment rate of 5.4 % of all economically active people aged 16-74.
- ⊙ In the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004, it was ranked at 8,861 out of 32,482 in England, where 1 was the most deprived and 32,482 the least deprived.

## People and society<sup>1</sup>

At the time of the Census in April 2001, 45 % of the Queen's Park resident population were male and 55 % were female. This compared with a resident population in Basildon of 165,668 people, of whom 48 % were male and 52 % were female.

The average age of the population in Queen's Park was 36.1 years. This compared with an average age for England and Wales of 38.7 years.

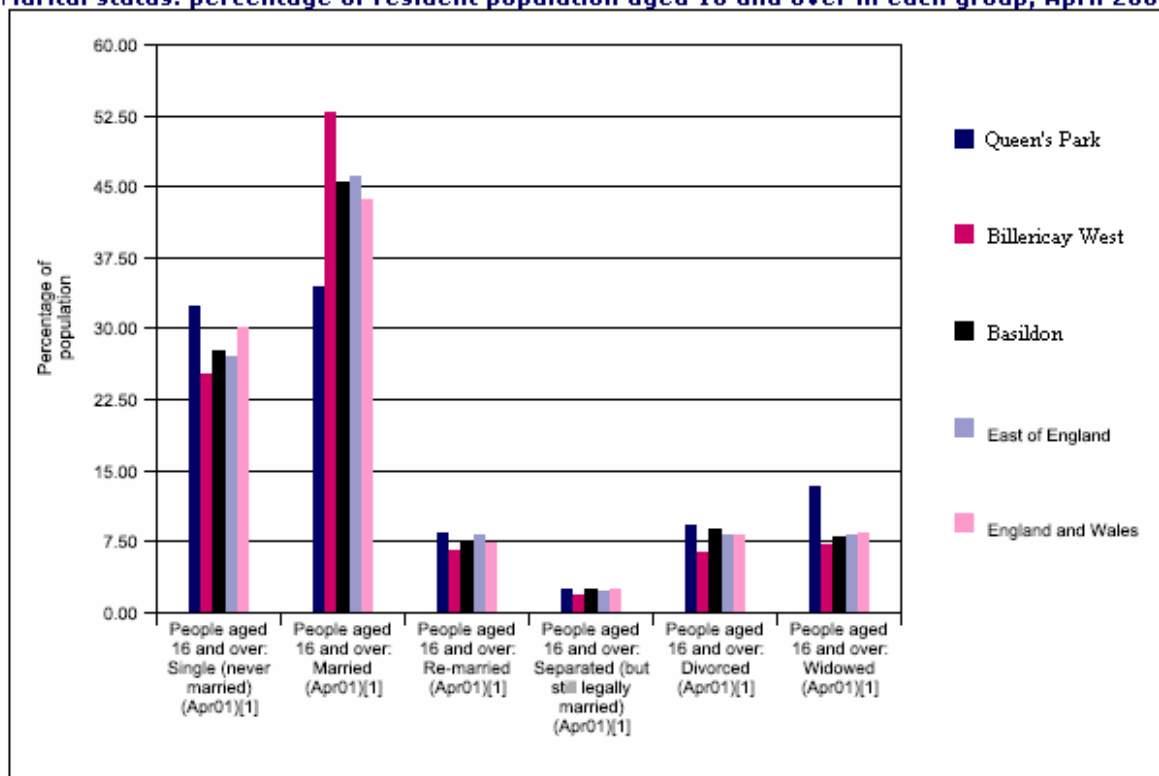
**Resident population: percentage in each age band, April 2001**



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**Marital status: percentage of resident population aged 16 and over in each group, April 2001**



1 National Statistics

**Ethnicity: percentage of resident population in each group, April 2001<sup>2</sup>**

	Queen's Park	Billericay West	Basildon	East of England	England and Wales
<b>White</b>	97.5	97.2	96.9	95.1	91.3
<b>White; British</b>	95.8	94.8	94.6	91.5	87.5
<b>White; Irish</b>	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.2
<b>White; Other White</b>	1.1	1.7	1.3	2.5	2.6
<b>Mixed</b>	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.3
<b>Mixed; White and Black Caribbean</b>	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5
<b>Mixed; White and Black African</b>	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Mixed; White and Asian</b>	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
<b>Mixed; Other Mixed</b>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	1.4	1.4	1.0	2.3	4.4
<b>Asian or Asian British; Indian</b>	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.0	2.0
<b>Asian or Asian British; Pakistani</b>	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	1.4
<b>Asian or Asian British; Bangladeshi</b>	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5
<b>Asian or Asian British; Other Asian</b>	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5
<b>Black or Black British</b>	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.9	2.2
<b>Black or Black British; Caribbean</b>	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	1.1
<b>Black or Black British; African</b>	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.9
<b>Black or Black British; Other Black</b>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Chinese or Other Ethnic Group</b>	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.9
<b>Chinese or Other Ethnic Group; Chinese</b>	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Chinese or Other Ethnic Group; Other Ethnic Group</b>	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4

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**Religion: percentage of resident population in each group, April 2001<sup>3</sup>**

	Queen's Park	Billericay West	Basildon	East of England	England and Wales
<b>Christian</b>	71.9	78.2	73.3	72.1	71.8
<b>Buddhist</b>	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
<b>Hindu</b>	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.1
<b>Jewish</b>	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5
<b>Muslim</b>	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.5	3.0
<b>Sikh</b>	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6
<b>Other religions</b>	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>No religion</b>	17.2	13.7	17.4	16.7	14.8
<b>Religion not stated</b>	8.9	6.0	7.5	7.8	7.7

**Health and care<sup>4</sup>**

More information and health statistics to be added to this profile when received from Basildon PCT contact

The 2001 Census asked people to describe their health over the preceding 12 months as 'good', 'fairly good' or 'not good'. People were also asked if they had any limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability that restricted their daily activities or the work they could do.

**Percentage of resident population in each group, April 2001<sup>5</sup>**

	Queen's Park	Billericay West	Basildon	East of England	England and Wales
<b>General health: Good</b>	65.0	75.7	69.5	70.4	68.6
<b>General health: Fairly good</b>	24.7	18.6	22.2	22.1	22.2
<b>General health: Not good</b>	10.3	5.6	8.3	7.6	9.2
<b>People with a limiting long-term illness</b>	21.9	12.8	16.9	16.2	18.2
<b>People of working age with a limiting long-term illness</b>	16.4	8.3	12.6	11.4	13.6
<b>Households with one or more person with a limiting long-term illness</b>	37.8	24.6	32.5	30.8	34.1

**Deprivation<sup>6</sup>****Indices of Deprivation 2004**

The Indices of Deprivation 2004 were produced as a means of comparing different measures of deprivation in different parts of England. Based on 2001/02 data, they were calculated for both local authorities (LAs) and Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs)<sup>7</sup>. In both cases the data were ranked such that a lower score indicates

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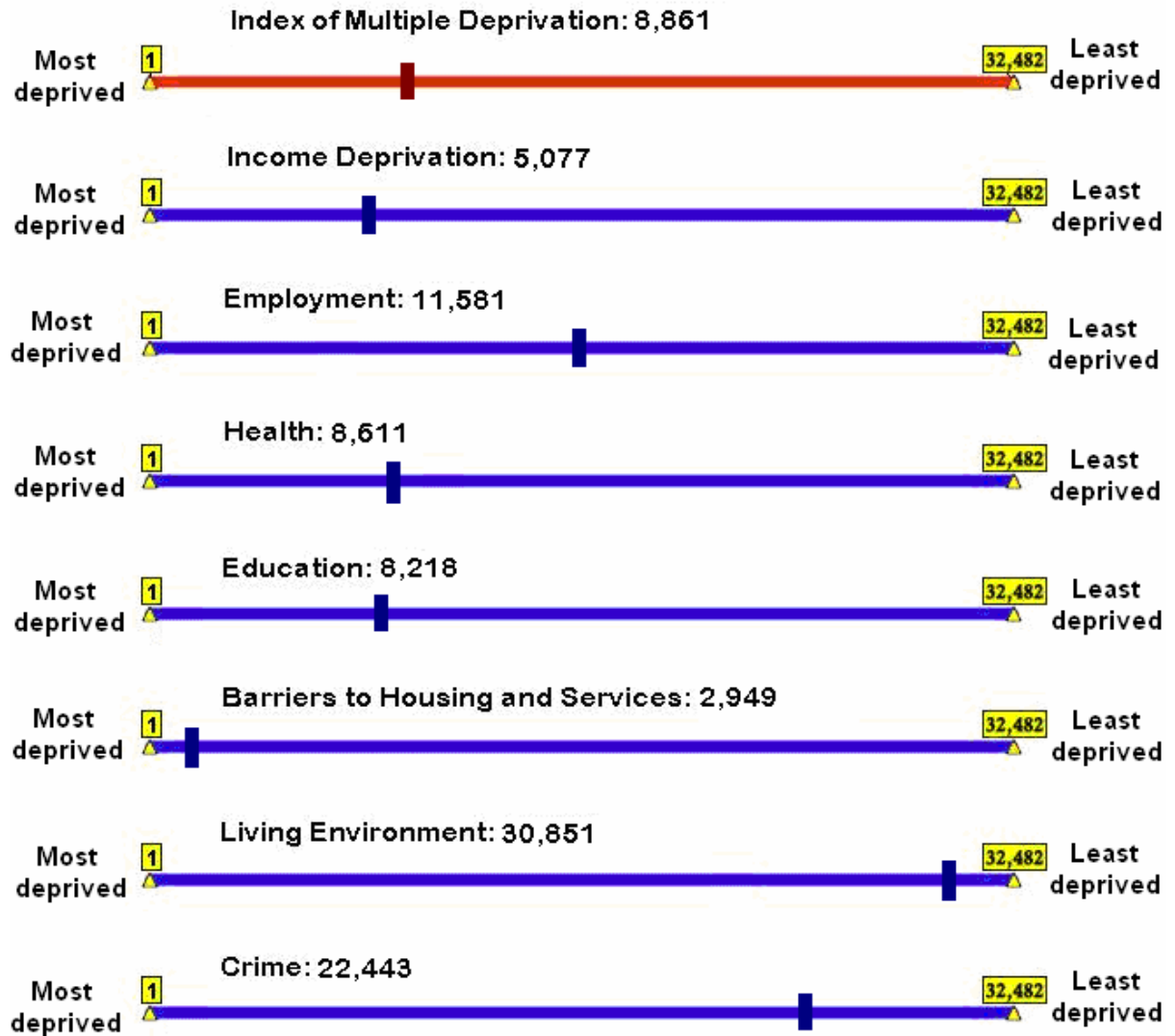
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<sup>7</sup> For statistical purposes the country has been divided into small blocks of land called Output Areas

greater deprivation. In other words the most deprived local authority / LSOA is indicated by a rank of 1.

At LSOA level there were separate deprivation indices for income; employment; education, skills and training; health; barriers to housing and services; the living environment; and crime. In addition there was a combined 'Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)'. On the IMD, Queen's Park had a rank of 8,861 of 32,482 overall, with a rank of 5,077 on the income measure. Details on the other indices are provided below.

**Indices of Deprivation 2004: Ranks for Queen's Park**



From the graph above it is clear that the area is very deprived when it comes to income, health, education, housing services. At the same time, the area is not as deprived for living environment and crime levels.

***Deprivation of the elderly: benefits data***

People who have retired from employment are reliant on their pensions and savings for income, and these are not always adequate. The Government therefore pays Pension Credit to people aged 60 and over if their state pension and other income

sources do not reach certain specified levels. It may also be paid to over 60s needing extra financial assistance due to relevant housing costs, severe disability, or providing care for someone else with a severe disability. In August 2004 42 % of people aged 60 and over in Queen's Park received this benefit, compared to a rate of 22 % for England and Wales.

## **Economic activity**<sup>8</sup>

### ***Employment rates***

The 2001 Census provided the following breakdown of employment status in the area:

### **Percentage of resident population aged 16 to 74 in each group, April 2001**<sup>9</sup>

	Queen's Park	Billericay West	Basildon	East of England	England and Wales
<b>Economically active: Employees Full-time</b>	39.6	46.5	43.2	42.6	40.6
<b>Economically active: Employees Part-time</b>	11.8	11.8	12.0	12.5	11.8
<b>Economically active: Self-employed</b>	7.4	8.1	8.2	9.3	8.3
<b>Economically active: Unemployed</b>	5.4	2.0	3.1	2.6	3.4
<b>Economically active: Full-time student</b>	3.2	2.3	1.9	2.3	2.6
<b>Economically inactive: Retired</b>	9.5	14.3	13.7	14.0	13.6
<b>Economically inactive: Student</b>	2.5	2.7	2.3	3.6	4.7
<b>Economically inactive: Looking after home / family</b>	10.1	7.9	8.3	6.7	6.5
<b>Economically inactive: Permanently sick / disabled</b>	7.7	2.7	4.7	3.9	5.5
<b>Economically inactive: Other</b>	2.9	1.8	2.7	2.5	3.1

Of the people in Queen's Park who were unemployed in 2001, 12 % were aged 50 and over, 14 % had never worked and 39 % were long-term unemployed. This compares with England and Wales as a whole, where 19 % of unemployed people were aged 50 or over, 9 % had never worked and 30 % were long-term unemployed.

## **Students, education, skills and training**<sup>10</sup>

In Queen's Park, 6 % of the resident population aged 16-74 years were school pupils or full-time students, according to the Census of April 2001. This compared with 7 % of the population in England and Wales.

Between 1999 to 2004, standards in education, as shown by the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs), also improved in respect of younger students in the area. In Essex the proportion of pupils achieving level 4 at Key Stage 2(KS2) (the anticipated level of attainment for pupils aged 11 in their final year at primary school)

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changed from 69 % in 1999 to 74 % in 2004 for Mathematics, and from 71 % to 77 % in respect of English.

### Qualifications: percentage of resident population aged 16 to 74, April 2001<sup>11</sup>

	Queen's Park	Billericay West	Basildon	East of England	England and Wales
People aged 16-74 with no qualifications	30.9	18.3	32.2	27.9	29.1
People aged 16-74 with highest qualification attained level 4 / 5	12.4	20.7	11.6	18.1	19.8

## Housing and households<sup>12</sup>

In Queen's Park 97 % of the resident population lived in households and 3 % lived in communal establishments. [A communal establishment is one providing managed residential accommodation, for example in supervised hostels, hotels, large hospitals and prisons].

The average size of households was 2.3 people compared with an average of 2.4 people for England and Wales.

### Tenure: percentage of households, April 2001<sup>13</sup>

	Queen's Park	Billericay West	Basildon	East of England	England and Wales
Owner occupied: Owns outright	12.2	33.5	25.5	30.7	29.5
Owner occupied: Owns with a mortgage or loan	30.6	52.8	44.1	41.5	38.8
Rented from: Council (local authority)	38.0	6.3	17.6	11.6	13.2
Rented from: Housing Association / Registered Social Landlord	11.9	1.7	5.7	4.9	6.0
Rented from: Private landlord or letting agency	3.8	4.4	4.3	7.6	8.7
Rented from: Other	3.5	1.2	1.8	3.2	3.2

In April 2001, 27 % of households in Queen's Park were accommodated in flats or maisonettes, compared with 19 % for England and Wales as a whole. In addition 0.5 % lived in caravans or other mobile or temporary structures, compared with 0.4 % for England and Wales.

### Percentage of households living in type of accommodation, April 2001<sup>14</sup>

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	Queen's Park	Billericay West	Basildon	East of England	England and Wales
Accommodation type: Whole house or bungalow: Detached	10.3	33.9	22.3	30.2	22.8
Accommodation type: Whole house or bungalow: Semi-detached	21.0	38.2	25.6	31.2	31.6
Accommodation type: Whole house or bungalow: Terraced (including end terrace)	41.8	16.3	36.3	23.5	26.0

According to the Indices of Deprivation 2004, 7 % of households in the Basildon 002A at the time of the 2001 Census were living in overcrowded conditions, and 1 % did not have central heating.

Also in April 2001, 29 % of households in Queen's Park did not have a car or van, compared with 27 % in England and Wales overall. Households with access to two or more cars or vans accounted for 25 % of all households in the area, compared with 29 % of households in England and Wales.

## **Crime and safety**<sup>15</sup>

More information on crime statistics in Queen's Park area to be added to this profile, currently being sought.

The following table compares the number of recorded cases of each type of notifiable offence in Basildon during the reporting period April 2003 to March 2004. Datasets for 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 are also available on Neighbourhood Statistics but are not directly comparable due to changes in the way crimes are recorded.

### **Recorded crimes in Basildon, 2003/04**

	Basildon
Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police - Violence Against the Person	2941
Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police - Robbery	232
Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police - Burglary in a Dwelling	1055
Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police - Theft of a Motor Vehicle	1264
Notifiable Offences Recorded by the Police - Theft from a Vehicle	2176

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**Queen's Park thematic MAP**

**Hannakins Farm  
Community  
Centre**

**Brightside  
Primary  
School**

**GP, Surgery,  
Pharmacy,  
Dentist**

**PUB**

**Somerfield,  
Shops. Cafe**

**The Christian  
Link Church**

**Library, Post Office, Shops,  
Restaurants, Police Station**

**Billericay High Street**

