



## Area Profile: Alfreton



### Key Characteristics:

**Population:** 7,971

**Hectares:** 457

**Number of Households:** 3,520

**Population Density:** 17.4  
people/hectare.

Source: Census 2011

### Spatial Outline

Alfreton is a former coal mining town located in the north east of Amber Valley Borough. The area adjoins the districts of Bolsover and North East Derbyshire and it is approximately 14.4 miles north of Derby and 17 miles north-west of Nottingham. Alfreton is a fairly urban area that also provides an excellent location from which to explore both the Peak District and Derbyshire Dales. At the same time it is close to the big regional cities of Nottingham and Derby. The main transport corridors connecting Alfreton to other parts of the country include the A38 and the A61. Alfreton Railway Station provides services to the north and south of the country. The town has some wonderful examples of 18<sup>th</sup> century architecture and shares close ties with settlements in Somercotes, Swanwick, and South Wingfield and has cross boundary links with settlements in Bolsover and North East Derbyshire.

## Improving Places and Meeting Community Needs

**Local Area:** Alfreton covers 457 hectares.

**Population Density:** The population density of the ward is 17.4 which is much higher than the Borough average of 4.6 reflecting Alfreton's urban nature.

**Age:** According to the 2011 Census 40% of the adult population is aged between 30 and 59. The percentage of children is the same as the Amber Valley average.

**Figure 1: Age Groups**

|                      | <i>Alfreton</i> |       | <i>Amber Valley</i> |       |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| <i>Age</i>           |                 |       |                     |       |
| <i>0 – 17 years</i>  | 1595            | 20.1% | 24,360              | 20.1% |
| <i>18 – 29 years</i> | 1168            | 14.6% | 15,340              | 12.6% |
| <i>30 – 59 years</i> | 3174            | 39.8% | 50,381              | 41.2% |
| <i>60 – 74 years</i> | 1294            | 16.2% | 21,675              | 17.7% |
| <i>75 + years</i>    | 740             | 9.3%  | 10,263              | 8.4%  |

Source: 2011 Census

**Religion:** 57% of the people living within Alfreton are of Christian belief followed by people stating no religion (34%).

**Nationality:** The majority of people were born in England (93.7%), followed by EU countries outside of the UK (2.8%).

**Ethnicity:** There is a small but diverse ethnic population with 97.7% of the population of white ethnicity.

**Household Composition:** There are approximately 3,520 households in Alfreton; this is 6.7% of all the households in Amber Valley. The largest household type is *one person households under 65 years*, making up 17.7% of all households. This is followed by *one person households of 65+ years* (15.2%). This is significantly higher than the rest of the Borough. The percentage of married couples is significantly lower than the Borough average.

**Figure 2: Household Type**

| Household Type (Percentage)                 | Alfreton     | Amber Valley  |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Household (total)</b>                    | <b>3,520</b> | <b>52,596</b> |
| 1 person age 65+                            | 15.2         | 12.8          |
| 1 person under 65                           | 17.7         | 15.1          |
| Family, all 65+                             | 8.2          | 9.6           |
| Family, married/civil no children           | 12.2         | 15.4          |
| Family, married/civil dependent children    | 11.5         | 15.4          |
| Family, married/civil all children non-dep. | 6            | 6.3           |
| Family, co-habiting no children             | 6            | 6.4           |
| Family, co-habiting dependent children      | 5.5          | 4.7           |
| Family, co-habiting all children non-dep.   | 0.4          | 0.6           |
| Family, lone parent dependent children      | 6.7          | 5.8           |
| Family, lone parent all children non-dep.   | 4.5          | 3.4           |
| Other households with dep. children         | 2.1          | 1.7           |
| Other - all students                        | 0            | 0             |
| Other - all age 65+                         | 0.4          | 0.3           |
| Other                                       | 3.6          | 2.8           |

Source: 2011 Census

### **Service Provision**

**Major Food Stores:** Tesco, Hall Street; Co-Operative, Nottingham Road; Lidl Mansfield Road.

**Market:** Indoors, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Farmers market the 3rd Saturday of every month.

**Town Centre:** Alfreton town centre is well served by local services and facilities attracting high street retailers such as Burtons, WH Smith, Boots, Currys, Argos and Wilkinsons and is probably the best served high shopping centre within the borough.

**Post Offices:** Unit 10, Institute Lane; Berrister Lane, 53 New Lane Hilicote; Morton, 92 Main Road; Newton, 57 Main Street, Newton.

**Pharmacy:** Lloyds Pharmacy, Church Street, Alfreton Park; Manor Pharmacy, 1 Limes Avenue; The Co-operative pharmacy, 189 Birkinstyle Lane Stonebroom.

**Dentists:** Oasis Dental Care, 5 Church Street; Hafren House Dental Practice, 1 Cressy Road; Glendair Dental Practice, Limes Avenue.

**GP Surgeries:** Limeside Medical Centre; Parkside Surgery; Alfreton Primary Care Centre.

**Community Clinics:** Alfreton Community Clinic

**A&E Hospital:** 0

Nearest A&E Hospitals are: Kingsmill Hospital approx 7 Miles; Chesterfield Royal Hospital approx 8.1 Miles; Nottingham Queens Medical Centre approx 15.1 miles.

**Hospital: 0**

Ripley Hospital Approx 5 miles.

**Opticians: 4**

Stanley H Field, 2 Church Street; Blow DI Opticians Ltd, 115 High Street; Melson Wingate, 84 High Street; Spec savers, 2 Institute Lane.

**Infant School: 2**

Copthorne Infant School, Croft Community Infant School

**Junior School: 2**

Leys Junior School, Woodbridge Junior School

**Primary School: 1**

Christ the King Catholic Primary School

**Secondary School: 1**

Alfreton Grange Arts College

**Colleges:**

Alfreton Grange Arts College

**University in the locality: 3**

Derby University, Nottingham University, Nottingham Trent University.

**Adult Education: 1**

Alfreton Adult Community Education Centre, Alfreton Park, Church Street.

**Places of Worship:** St Martin, Church Street; Watchorn Memorial Methodist Church; Christ the King R.C., Nottingham Road.

**Restaurants and Cafes:** There is a selection of restaurants and cafes.

**Leisure Centres: 1**

Alfreton leisure centre; Church Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7BD

**Child Care:** 22 Child Minders, 4 Private childcare centres.

**Sure Start:** Alfreton Sure Start Centre, Grange Street.

**Job Centre:** 1

### Safer Communities

**Crime Rates:** Crime rates in Alfreton are some of the highest in the Borough (3<sup>rd</sup> worst). For shoplifting, Alfreton is ranked the worst ward. For Public disorder and Violence it is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and for anti-social behaviour 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rates of all types of crime are higher than the Borough averages.

**Figure 3: Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime Rates**

| <i>(Rate / 1000 people)</i>    | <i>Alfreton</i> | <i>Amber Valley</i> | <i>Alfreton (1=worst)</i> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>   | 68.8            | 41.3                | 3rd                       |
| <b>Criminal damage / arson</b> | 10.4            | 8.3                 | 7th                       |
| <b>Theft / burglary</b>        | 23.5            | 24.1                | 6th                       |
| <b>Violence with injury</b>    | 6.4             | 3.8                 | 3rd                       |
| <b>Violence without injury</b> | 5.8             | 2.9                 | 2nd                       |
| <b>Public disorder</b>         | 1.4             | 0.6                 | 2nd                       |
| <b>Drug offences</b>           | 3.6             | 2.5                 | 4th                       |
| <b>Shoplifting</b>             | 18.4            | 4.2                 | 1st                       |

Source: Safer Derbyshire Research & Information Team, Derbyshire County Council Jan – Dec 2013

### Housing

#### **House Prices and Affordability**

The average house price in Alfreton is 15% lower than the Borough average. However, affordability is worse due to the fact that the average household income is 19% lower than the Borough average.

**Figure 4: Housing Affordability**

| <b>Borrowing ratio 95% house price to average income</b> |     |
|--|-----|
| Alfreton   | 6.4 |
| Amber Valley   | 4.2 |

Source: CACI Paycheck 2013 and Zoopla 2014

**Figure 5: Average House Prices**

| Area                | Detached | Semi-Detached | Terraced | Flat / Maisonette | Average  |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| <b>Alfreton</b>     | £187,604 | £104,808      | £81,879  | £72,388           | £127,708 |
| <b>Amber Valley</b> | £223,995 | £124,930      | £96,841  | £122,389          | £151,011 |

Source: Amber Valley figures – <http://news.bbc.co.uk/> based on April-June 2013 sales

Source: for Wards <http://www.zoopla.co.uk> based on Feb 2014 current values

**Affordable Housing Rates:** There has been no affordable housing built in Alfreton in the last 5 years (2008-2013) even though the Housing Needs Survey indicates that there is a high need for affordable housing in the area.

**Homelessness:** In the financial year 2011/12 there were two priority need applicants from the Alfreton area, and a further 56 applicants approached the service for advice. (Source: Amber Valley Borough Council Housing section data.)

**Housing Stock Condition:** The Amber Valley Stock Condition Survey (2010) outlines the physical state of dwellings. In Alfreton 32% of the dwellings are non-decent with 10% of dwellings in disrepair. (Source: Housing Stock Condition Survey 2010).

**Figure 6: Amber Valley Housing Stock Condition Survey 2010**

| Area                | % Of non-decent homes | % Of households lacking modern facilities | % Of households lacking thermal comfort | % Of households vulnerable in non-decent homes | % Of total dwellings in disrepair |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Alfreton</b>     | 32%                   | 0.7%                                      | 20%                                     | 11%  | 10%                               |
| <b>Amber Valley</b> | 37%                   | 1%  | 15%                                     | 12%  | 15%                               |

Source: Amber Valley Housing Stock Survey 2010

**Type:** The majority (52%) of dwellings within Alfreton are semi-detached followed by terraced (19%) and detached dwellings (17%). (Census 2011)

**Tenure:** The majority of people (60%) own their property followed by 25.6% who live in accommodation which is social rented.

**Figure 7: Tenure**

| Type of Tenure        | Alfreton | Amber Valley |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|
| All                   | 100%     | 100%         |
| Owned (outright)      | 30.9%    | 38.2%        |
| Owned (mortgage/loan) | 29.1%    | 35.9%        |
| Shared ownership      | 0.2%     | 0.4%         |
| Social rented (LA)    | 10.5%    | 5.1%         |
| Social rented (other) | 14.1%    | 7.2%         |
| Private rent          | 13.2%    | 11.8%        |
| Living rent free      | 2%       | 1.4%         |

Source: 2011 Census

**Communal Establishments:** There are 8 communal establishments in Alfreton providing accommodation for 152 residents.

**Vacant Properties:** There are 56 empty properties in Alfreton as of October 2013.

**Local Plan Part 1 – The Core Strategy:**

Strategic Site SG1: Outseats Farm, Alfreton is estimated to have the potential for around 500 dwellings. An outline application for up to 500 dwellings was given planning permission in February 2013.



In addition, seven potential sites have been identified in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for Amber Valley.

**Ward Building Rates:** Between 2008 and 2013 a total of 57 dwellings were built which is 4.6% of the total built over the last five years in the borough.

**Figure 8: Ward Building Rates**

| <b>FIVE YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY WARD BUILDING RATES</b> |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Area</b>  | <b>2008 – 2009</b> | <b>2009 – 2010</b> | <b>2010 – 2011</b> | <b>2011 – 2012</b> | <b>2012 – 2013</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>Alfreton</b>  | 0                  | 38                 | 9                  | 13                 | -3                 | 57           |
| <b>Amber Valley</b>                                      | 334                | 214                | 256                | 206                | 219                | 1229         |

Source: Amber Valley Borough Council house building records

**Total Dwellings:** At the Census 2011, there were 3,520 dwellings in Alfreton which is an increase of 3.5% from 2001 (Census 2011).

## Health

**General Health:** The health of Alfreton residents is generally poorer than the Borough average. 37.5% of people in Alfreton consider their health to be Very Good, which is significantly lower than the Borough average. 8.6% consider their health to be Bad or Very Bad, which is higher than the Borough average of 6.1%.

**Figure 9: General Health**

| <b>Percentages</b>      | <b>Alfreton</b> | <b>Amber Valley</b> | <b>East Midlands</b> | <b>England</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>All People</b>       | 100%            | 100%                | 100%                 | 100%           |
| <b>Very Good Health</b> | 37.5            | 44.0                | 45.3                 | 47.2           |
| <b>Good Health</b>      | 35              | 35.0                | 35.1                 | 34.2           |
| <b>Fair Health</b>      | 18.8            | 15.0                | 14.0                 | 13.1           |
| <b>Bad Health</b>       | 6.7             | 4.8                 | 4.3                  | 4.2            |
| <b>Very Bad Health</b>  | 1.9             | 1.3                 | 1.2                  | 1.2            |

Source: 2011 Census

**Multiple Deprivation:** The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) published by the Government in 2010 (DCLG 2010) indicates that Alfreton has some of the most deprived neighbourhoods in Amber Valley, ranked in the most 25% deprived in the Borough. Four out of five Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Alfreton are in the 50% most deprived in the country for Health and Disability.

**Life Expectancy:** Life expectancy in Alfreton is significantly worse than that in the Borough and East Midlands region for both men and women.

**Figure 10: Life Expectancy**

| <b>Life Expectancy at Birth: 2005-09</b> | <b>Males</b> | <b>Females</b> |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Alfreton</b>                          | 74.4         | 78.2           |
| <b>Amber Valley</b>                      | 78.8         | 82.8           |
| <b>East Midlands</b>                     | 80.2         | 81.8           |

Source: Public Health England ([www.empho.org.uk](http://www.empho.org.uk))



## Figure 11: Physical Activity and Obesity

25% of adults and 18% of Year 6 schoolchildren are obese in Amber Valley and only 57% of adults undertake 150 minutes of physical activity per week. These figures reflect the national average.

| %   | Amber Valley | England Average | England Worst | England Best |
|---|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Physically Active Adults<sup>1</sup></b> | 57.4         | 56              | 43.8          | 68.5         |
| <b>Obese Adults<sup>2</sup></b>             | 25.1         | 24.2            | 30.7          | 13.9         |
| <b>Obese Children<sup>3</sup></b>           | 17.5         | 19.2            | 28.5          | 10.3         |

Source: Public Health England – Health Profile 2013 Amber Valley

## Children and Young People

### School Capacity and Educational Provision

#### Figure 12: School Admissions Figures

##### Admissions numbers for 2013/14

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Afreton Nursery         | 50  |
| Christ the King Primary | 30  |
| Copthorne Infant        | 40  |
| Croft Infant            | 60  |
| Leys Junior             | 45  |
| Woodbridge Junior       | 65  |
| Alfreton Grange         | 186 |

(source: Derbyshire County Council admissions book 2013/14)

#### **Attainment:**

Levels of attainment for Key Stage 2 in Maths and English in Alfreton schools are generally higher than national averages. Attainment at Christ the King Primary are significantly higher than results both nationally and at local authority level.

1 % adults achieving at least 150 mins physical activity per week, 2012

2 % adults, modelled estimate using Health Survey for England 2006-2008

3 % school children in Year 6 (age 10-11), 2011/12

**Figure 13: Literacy and Numeracy Skills - Key Stage 2 Achieving Level 4 Or Above in English and Maths**

|                         | 2012 | 2013 |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| Christ the King Primary | 90%  | 93%  |
| Leys Junior             | 77%  | 85%  |
| Woodbridge Junior       | 80%  | 81%  |
| LA (Derbyshire)         | 83%  | 78%  |
| England                 | 79%  | 75%  |

Source: Department for Education 2014

**Figure 14: GCSE Attainment Figures**

As can be seen from the table below, 51% of students at Alfreton Grange Arts College achieved 5+ GCSE A\*-C including Maths and English. This is lower than the Local Authority (Derbyshire) and National averages.

| GCSE Attainment 2013   | Alfreton Grange | LA (Derbyshire) | England |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| <i>Pupils Achieving 5+ GCSE (or equivalent) A*-C including Maths &amp; English</i> | 51%             | 59%             | 59.2%   |
| <i>Pupils Achieving GCSE 5+ A*-G grades</i>  | 98%             | 96.4%           | 94.3%   |

Source: Department for Education 2014

**Economic Prosperity**

**Figure 15: Average Household Income**

2013

| MEAN    | MODE   |
|---------|--------|
| £27,686 | 10-15K |

Source: Paycheck CACI 2013

2013

| 0-5k | 5-10k | 10-15k | 15-20k | 20-25k | 25-30k |
|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 4.2% | 14.2% | 16%    | 12.8%  | 9.7%   | 8.2%   |

Sourced from Paycheck CACI 2013

2008

| MEAN    | MODE   |
|---------|--------|
| £26,494 | 15-20K |

Source: Paycheck CACI 2008

2008

| 0-5k | 5-10k | 10-15k | 15-20k | 20-25k |
|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 3.5% | 9%    | 14%    | 15%    | 14%    |

Source: Paycheck CACI 2008

There are two calculations above identifying the average annual income for the household of Alfreton.

Mean Income- The mean is the most common measure of average.

Mode- The mode is the number, which occurs most often in a set of data. There can be more than one mode.

It can be seen that average household incomes rose slightly between 2008 and 2103. However, the modal income band has reduced, which means that more households are earning less than they were.

**Economic Activity:** The 2011 census showed that economic activity in Alfreton was 66.6%. This is lower than the Borough average of 69.9% and the East Midlands average of 69.4%.

**Figure 16: Economic Activity**

| Economic Activity   | Alfreton | Amber Valley | East Midlands | England |
|---|----------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| <b>Economically Active</b> (including unemployed and full-time students)  | 66.6%    | 69.9%        | 69.4%         | 69.9%   |
| <b>Economically Inactive</b> (including retired, Long term sick/disabled) | 33.4%    | 30.2%        | 30.8%         | 30.1%   |
| <b>Long Term Unemployed</b>   | 2.6%     | 1.6%         | 1.6%          | 1.7%    |

Source: 2011 Census

**Occupation:** The largest occupational group is Elementary Occupations, which makes up 17.4% of those employed. This is significantly greater than in the Borough as a whole, where Professional makes up the largest occupational group. The percentage of people employed as Managers, Directors and Senior Officials is significantly less than in the Borough.

**Figure 17: Occupation**

| (Percentages)                                   | Alfreton | Amber Valley | England |
|---|----------|--------------|---------|
| <b>1 Managers, Directors, Senior officials</b>  | 7.9      | 10.8         | 10.9    |
| <b>2 Professional</b>                           | 8.1      | 14.8         | 17.5    |
| <b>3 Associate professional &amp; technical</b> | 7.5      | 11.0         | 12.8    |
| <b>4 Administrative &amp; secretarial</b>       | 10.2     | 10.7         | 11.5    |
| <b>5 Skilled trades</b>                         | 14.1     | 13.8         | 11.4    |
| <b>6 Personal services</b>                      | 10.2     | 9.0          | 9.3     |
| <b>7 Sales and customer services</b>            | 8        | 7.4          | 8.4     |
| <b>8 Process plant and machine operatives</b>   | 16.6     | 11.0         | 7.2     |
| <b>9 Elementary occupations</b>                 | 17.4     | 11.6         | 11.1    |

Source: 2011 Census

**Unemployment:** In December 2013, the rate of unemployment in Alfreton was 2.2% which was higher than the rate for Amber Valley of 1.8%. (Source: Derbyshire County Council 2014).

**Benefits:**

At August 2013 a significantly higher percentage of Alfreton residents were claiming benefits than those in the Borough and nationally. Of those on benefits, around half are claiming ESA and incapacity benefits.

**Figure 18: Benefit Claimants**

| (Percentages)                            | Alfreton | Amber Valley | Great Britain |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Total claimants</i>                   | 18.4     | 12.1         | 13.6          |
| <i>Job seekers</i>                       | 3        | 2.1          | 3.2           |
| <i>ESA and incapacity benefits</i>       | 9.7      | 5.7          | 6.1           |
| <i>Lone parents</i>                      | 1.6      | 1.1          | 1.3           |
| <i>Carers</i>                            | 2.1      | 1.5          | 1.3           |
| <i>Others on income related benefits</i> | 0.6      | 0.4          | 0.4           |
| <i>Disabled</i>                          | 1.2      | 1.3          | 1.2           |
| <i>Bereaved</i>                          | 0.1      | 0.2          | 0.2           |

Source – Nomis August 2013

**Qualifications:** 37.6% of Alfreton residents have no qualifications, which is significantly higher than for both the Borough and country. Only 13.6% of people have Level 4 qualifications, compared to 23.2% of the Borough.

**Figure 19: Qualifications**

| (Percentages)                                     | Alfreton | Amber Valley | England    |
|---|----------|--------------|------------|
| <i>Usual Residents Aged 16 and over (Persons)</i> | 6,586    | 100,841      | 42,989,620 |
| <i>No Qualifications</i>                          | 37.6     | 27.0         | 22.5       |
| <i>Level 1 Qualifications</i>                     | 15.5     | 13.9         | 13.3       |
| <i>Level 2 Qualifications</i>                     | 14.7     | 15.5         | 15.2       |
| <i>Apprenticeships</i>                            | 3.2      | 4.6          | 3.6        |
| <i>Level 3 Qualifications</i>                     | 10.1     | 12.0         | 12.4       |
| <i>Level 4 &amp; above Qualifications</i>         | 13.6     | 23.2         | 27.4       |
| <i>Other Qualification</i>                        | 5.4      | 3.9          | 5.7        |

Source: 2011 Census

**Employment Areas:** There is one designated employment area in Alfreton covering 26.4 hectares of land.

**Local industries:** The Manufacturing industry is the biggest employer in this area, accounting for over 24% of persons which is significantly higher than the Borough average. The Retail industry is the second most important employer in the area accounting for over 18% of persons employed, and both industries are also the highest employers in the Borough and the East Midlands. (Source: 2011 Census)

## Transport

**Transport Infrastructure:** Alfreton is served by two A classed roads, the A38 and A61, which provides useful links to the M1 and subsequent connections to other parts of the borough and the region. Other important roads in its network include B600 to other locations in the Borough and several other minor roads. There is a railway station at Alfreton that provides services to Leeds/Liverpool to the north and Nottingham/Norwich to the south.

**Cycle Routes:** The infrastructure to support sustainable modes of transport such as cycling, walking and other non-motorised transport has not been extensively developed in Alfreton. There is however a proposed multi-user route that will introduce such infrastructure and help improve connections with other places in the borough. This will form part of the Derbyshire Greenways network and has been partially completed between Somercotes and Alfreton.

**Car Availability:** Car/Van ownership in the area is the lowest in the Borough (68% own one car or more), with the borough average being 80.8% (Census 2011).

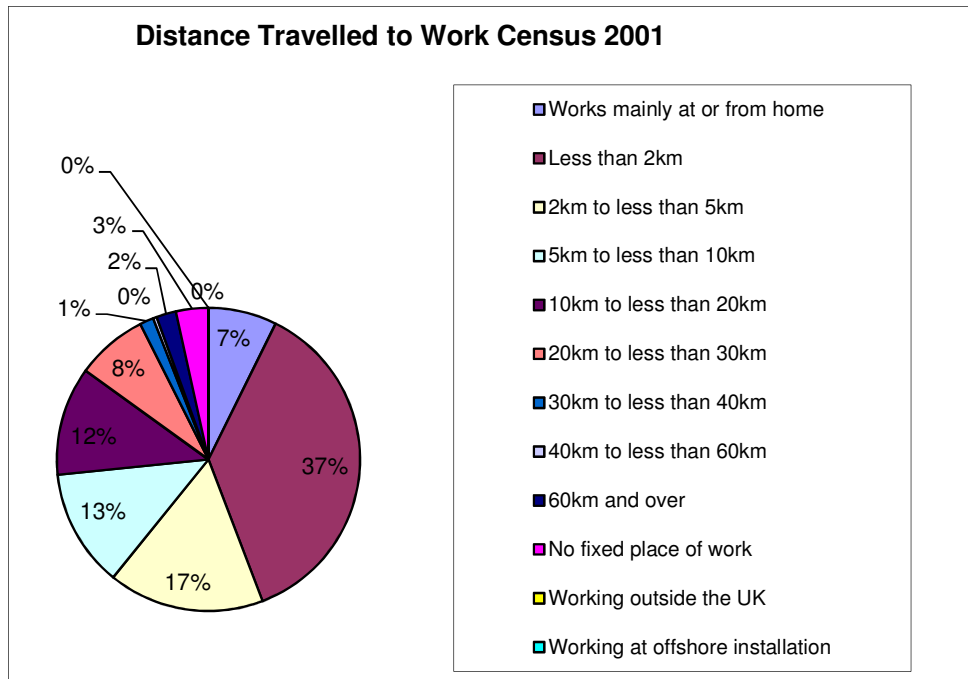
**Method of Travel to Work:** The majority of people living within Alfreton travel to work by car or van, however at 61% this is significantly lower than the Borough average of 71%. 19% of people walk to their place of employment, which is significantly higher than the Borough and national averages.

**Figure 20: Method of Travel to Work**

| (Percentages)   | Alfreton | Amber Valley | England    |
|---|----------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Usual Residents Aged 16 – 74 in employment (Persons)</b> | 3,543    | 59,381       | 25,162,721 |
| <b>Work mainly at home</b>                                  | 3.2      | 5.1          | 5.4        |
| <b>Underground, metro, tram</b>                             | 0        | 0.1          | 4.1        |
| <b>Train</b>  | 0.8      | 1.2          | 5.3        |
| <b>Bus, minibus, coach</b>                                  | 4.7      | 4.1          | 7.5        |
| <b>Taxi</b>   | 0.7      | 0.3          | 0.5        |
| <b>Motorcycle, scooter, moped</b>                           | 1        | 1.0          | 0.8        |
| <b>Driving car/van</b>                                      | 61.3     | 71.0         | 57.0       |
| <b>Passenger in car/van</b>                                 | 7.2      | 5.6          | 5.0        |
| <b>Bicycle</b>  | 1.9      | 1.4          | 3.0        |
| <b>On foot</b>  | 19.1     | 9.7          | 10.7       |
| <b>Other method</b>   | 0.1      | 0.4          | 0.6        |

Source: 2011 Census

**Distance Travelled to Work:** 37% of people travel less than 2km followed by 17% of people travelling between 2km and 5km to their place of employment.



**Public Transport:** Alfreton is well served by public transport. Bus services run every 15 minutes to Derby, Ripley and Mansfield. Services to Chesterfield and Nottingham run every half hour.

**Figure 19: Bus Timetable for Alfreton**

| Service | Frequency                       | Route                                     |
|---------|---------------------------------|---|
| 9.1     | Every 15 Minutes Daily          | Derby-Ripley-Alfreton-Sutton-Mansfield    |
| 9.2     | Every 15 Minutes Daily          | Derby-Ripley-Alfreton-Sutton-Mansfield    |
| 9.3     | Every 15 Minutes daily          | Derby-Ripley-Alfreton-Sutton-Mansfield    |
| 96      | Every 30 mins No Sunday Service | Alfreton-Tibshelf-Pilsley-Chesterfield    |
| 140     | Hourly Daily                    | Matlock-Crich-Alfreton                    |
| 142     | Hourly No Sunday Service        | Alfreton-Crich-Belper-Nether Heage.       |
| 149     | 4 per day No Sunday service     | Alfreton-Mickley-Tibshelf-Hilcote-Sutton  |
| 1       | Every 30 mins Daily             | Alfreton-Newton-Tibshelf-Sutton-Mansfield |

|               |                                   |   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>150</b>    | 6 per day<br>No Sunday<br>service | Matlock-Wessington-Alfreton-Clay Cross                |
| <b>97/97A</b> | Every 30<br>Minutes               | Alfreton-Morton-Pilsley -Wingerworth-<br>Chesterfield |
| <b>151</b>    | 6 per day<br>No Sunday<br>service | Alfreton-Outseats-Peashill Estates                    |
| <b>RA</b>     | Every 30<br>Minutes<br>Daily      | Chesterfield-Alfreton-Ripley-Derby-<br>Nottingham     |
| <b>148</b>    | Hourly<br>No Sunday<br>service    | Codnor-Ripley-Alfreton                                |
| <b>H1</b>     | Every 15<br>minutes               | Derby-Smalley-Heanor-Leabrooks-Alfreton               |
| <b>152</b>    | Hourly<br>No Sunday<br>service    | Alfreton-Sleetmoor Lane-Lower Birchwood               |
| <b>1</b>      | Every 30<br>Minutes<br>Daily      | Alfreton-Eastwood-Nottingham                          |

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### **Community Transport:**

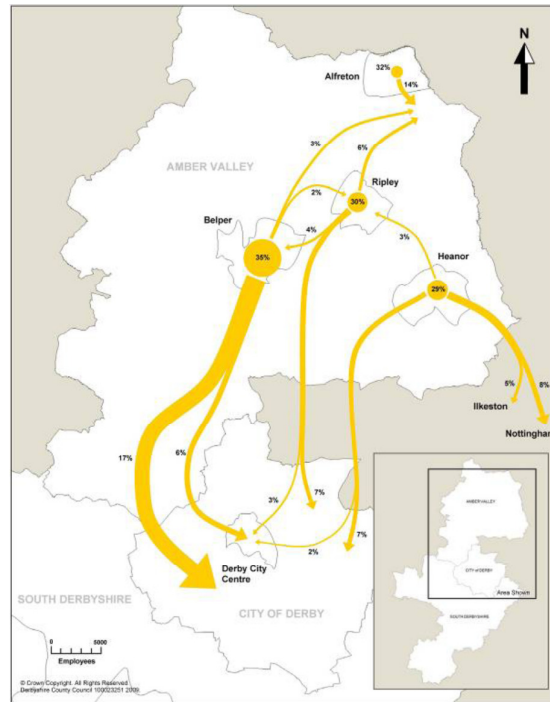
Alfreton is a Primary Service Area for community transport. Amber Valley Community Transport is now working with Chesterfield Community Transport under the name CT4TC, Community Transport for Town and County. They provide essential transport for people with disabilities, elderly people and community groups. There are 18 buses plus a single wheelchair vehicle. A Community Car Scheme is also operated where volunteers use their own cars to provide transport. A mileage charge is applicable on all journeys to cover running costs.

Derbyshire County Council's Dial a Bus service can be pre-booked and charges fares in line with public transport service. (Derbyshire County Council 2014)

**Rail Service:** There are hourly services to Leeds, Liverpool and Norwich and services every half an hour to Nottingham.

**Location of Employment:** Between 29% and 35% of employed residents in Alfreton work in their home community. An additional 14% of residents work in the nearby industrial area to the South of Alfreton.

## Significant Home to Work Destinations for Selected Amber Valley Communities



**Accessibility:** A collection of six essential service destination types have been identified to reflect those discussed in the Social Exclusion Unit Report (2003)- Making the Connections. The DfT Accessibility Indicators Report (2007) sets out the core indicators thresholds for each destination type.

Identified in the table below are the journey times to key services.

**Figure 21: DfT Accessibility Indicators (2007)**

| Key Destination                   | Journey Time Thresholds (mins)* |       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                                   | Lower                           | Upper |
| GP Surgery                        | 15                              | 30    |
| Pharmacy                          | 15                              | 30    |
| Post Office                       | 15                              | 30    |
| Primary School                    | 15                              | 30    |
| Secondary School                  | 20                              | 40    |
| Supermarket/<br>Convenience Store | 15                              | 30    |

\*DfT Accessibility Indicators Report 2007- Core Indicator Threshold



**Figure 22: Alfreton Travel Times to Core Services**

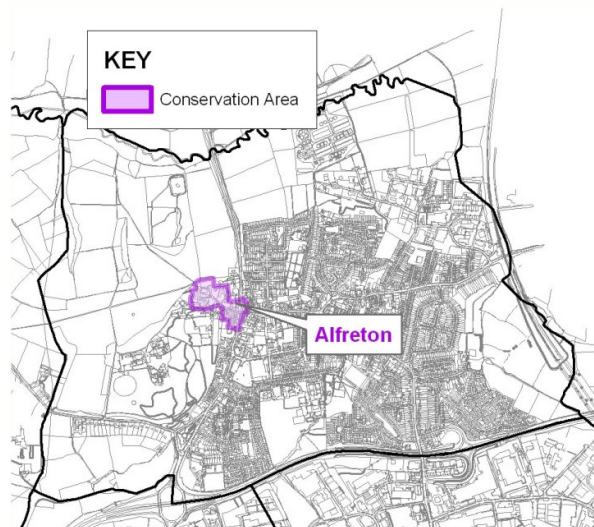
|   | Doctors<br>Surgery | Pharmacy | Post<br>Office | Primary<br>School | Secondary<br>School | Supermarket |
|---|--------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Travel Time Access by<br>Cycle mins (16kph)                           | 2.6                | 2.65     | 3.3            | 2.6               | 5.6                 | 2.6         |
| Travel Time by Foot mins<br>(4.8kph)                                  | 12.3               | 8.6      | 11             | 6.3               | 18.3                | 7.6         |
| Travel Time Access by<br>Public Transport mins<br>(weekday 0700-0900) | 7.4                | 7.9      | 9.3            | 6.4               | 11.3                | 5.9         |

Average travel times Alfreton (Measurement of Existing Accessibility – Amber Valley SHLAA Sites) August 2009

Alfreton enjoys good access to a wide range of services with all the services falling into the lower threshold of journey times set out by the DfT 2007.

**Environment**

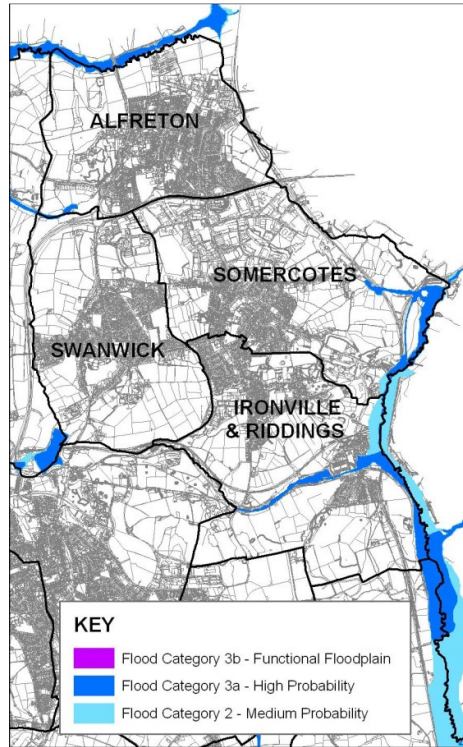
**Conservation Areas:** There is one conservation area in Alfreton (3.98 hectares)



**Landscape Character Areas:** The Alfreton area falls within the Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire Coalfield Landscape Character area and the Coalfields Estateland is the only landscape character type in the area. Alfreton town itself is classed as Urban.

**Green Belt/Designated Sites:** Alfreton does not lie within the Amber Valley Borough Green Belt and although there are no SSSIs or Natura 2000 sites, there are 5 wildlife sites all of which are of significant local importance.

**Water and Flood Risk:** Alfreton Brook is the only water body that runs through the area. According to the Amber Valley Level 1 SFRA, most of Alfreton area falls within the flood zone 1 and 2 (low and medium risk zone). However, a small area around Alfreton Brook lie within the flood zone 3a (High risk zone), which extends several meters on either side of the Brook- see map



### **Culture Arts and Tourism**

Alfreton is a former coal-mining town with a number of sites and buildings that capture its history and culture. There are some fine 18th century buildings in Alfreton including the George Hotel, which looks down over its High Street, and Alfreton Hall. There is also the Church of St Martin, which has elements of its structure dated as far back as the 1300s. There is also a former 'house of confinement', built in 1820 still in a reasonable state of repair. These buildings and many others capture the cultural heritage of the local area.

### **Leisure and Recreation**

**Leisure Centres:** Alfreton leisure centre; Church Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7BD

**Libraries:** 1 Severn Square and 1 mobile library visits.

**Museum:** 0

**Recreation:** Alfreton is well served with recreational facilities providing outdoor sports facilities and equipment for both children and young people.

**Figure 23: Recreation Sites Alfretton**

|                 |                      |                 |                           |                     |                        |                                |              |            |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Parks & Gardens | Natural green spaces | Green Corridors | Outdoor Sports Facilities | Amenity Green space | Children/ Young People | Cemeteries, closed churchyards | Civic spaces | Allotments |
| 2               | 1                    | 2               | 2                         | 1                   | 5                      | 2                              | 1            | 4          |

Open and Green Spaces in Alfretton

**Green Flag Awards: 0**

**Recycling Facilities:** Tesco, Hall Street; Community Centre, West Street; Rodgers Lane carpark; Supporters club, North Street; Dog and Doublet, Main Road, Pye Bridge.

**Community Centres:** Somerlea Park Centre, Sherwood Street; Hilicote Miners Welfare, 544 new Street, Hilicote; Newton Community Centre, Main Street, Newton.

## The Summary

- **Housing:** Over the last five years 57 dwellings have been developed within Alfreton which is 4.6% of the total number of dwellings developed within Amber Valley. There have been no affordable dwellings built within the last five years.
- **Retail:** There are two major food stores in Alfreton with a number of food stores in the surrounding wards.
- **Facilities:** The residents of Alfreton have access to a wide range of facilities within the lower threshold travelling distance set out by the DfT 2007.
- **Education:** The students in Alfreton attain lower grades with 51% of students achieving 5+ A\*-C compared to the Borough average of 59% of students achieving these grades.
- **Health:** The general health of people living in Alfreton is poorer than for people living in the rest of the Borough and the region.
- **School Admissions 2013/14:** Infant 100; Junior 110; Primary 30; Secondary 186.
- **Population:** At 2011 there was an estimated population of 7,791 with 3520 households and a population density of 17.4%.
- **Deprivation:** The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) indicates that Alfreton has neighbourhoods which are ranked in the most 25% deprived in the Borough. All LSOAs in Alfreton are in the 50% most deprived in the country.
- **Transport:** Alfreton is well served by bus routes to Nottingham and Derby and an hourly train service to Nottingham and Sheffield.
- **Crime:** The level of crime in Alfreton is above the Borough average and the area is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> worst overall. For shoplifting, it is ranked the worst area in the Borough.
- **Employment:** 24% of employed persons in Alfreton work in the manufacturing industry. The largest occupational group is Elementary Occupations and at 17.4% it is significantly greater than the Borough and national percentages.
- **Environment:** There is one conservation area and 5 wildlife sites of significant importance.