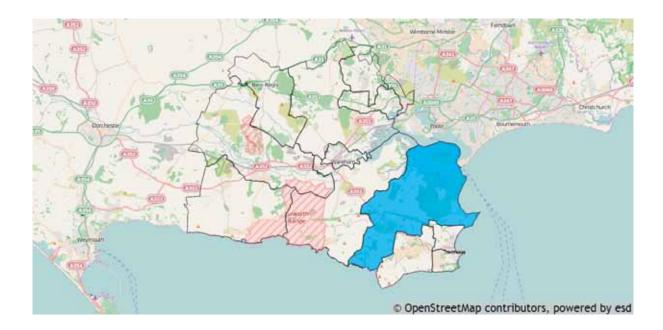


Thriving communities in balance with the natural environment

Castle Ward Factsheet

This report provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic and socio-economic make-up of the Castle Ward within Purbeck. It looks at the population structure and provides information on the economic, housing and educational achievement of the Ward.

Castle is one of the 13 Wards of Purbeck. It has an area of 5,786 hectares which represents 14.31% of the total area of Purbeck District.

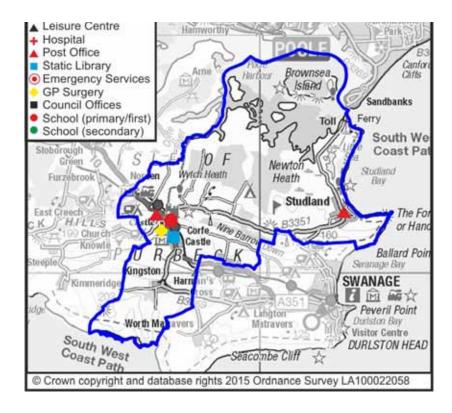






Facilities

The following map shows the main facilities of this Ward.



Environment

Purbeck has a large number of environmental and landscape designations. The following map shows the spatial extent of these designations in this Ward.



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People

Castle has a resident population of 1,780 which represents 3.96% of the total Purbeck resident population of 44,973. Castle's resident population is 50.8% female and 49.2% male.

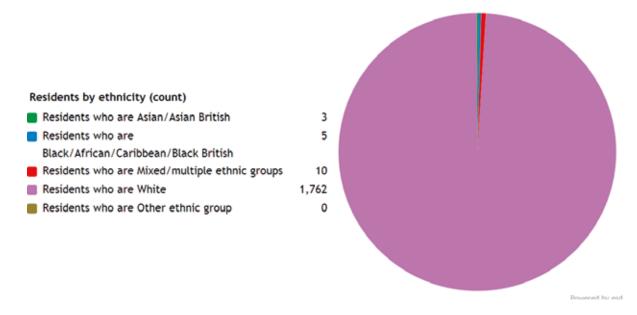
Age

The mean age of the Castle Ward population is 49 years compared to a mean age of 45 years for residents in the whole of Purbeck. The predominant age band in Castle Ward is Age 45 to 59 which represents 21.97% of the population.

Ethnicity

The largest ethnic group is 'Number of usual residents who are White' with 99.0% of the Ward's population. That compares with a figure of 98.6% for the District as a whole, 97.9% for the Dorset County and 95.4% for all of South West. The second largest ethnic group is 'Number of usual residents who are Mixed/multiple ethnic groups' with 0.6% of the Ward's population. That compares with 0.7% for the District as a whole, 0.8% for the Dorset County and 1.4% for all of South West.

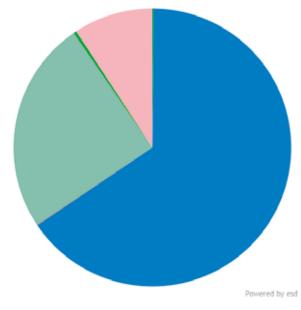
The ethnic split of Castle residents is shown below.



Religion

The 2011 Census provided Ward data on religion as shown below.

Residents by religion (count)	
Religion: Buddhist	3
📒 Religion: Christian	1,164
Religion: Hindu	0
Religion: Jewish	1
Religion: Muslim	0
Religion: Sikh	0
Religion: No religion	441
Religion: Any other religion	7
Religion not stated	164

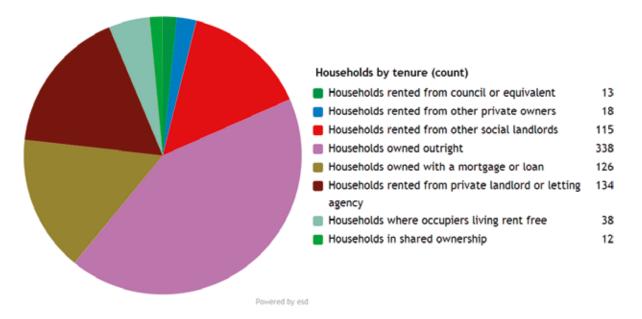






Housing

Castle Ward has 794 households, which represents 4.05% of Purbeck's 19,583 households. The household split by tenure is shown below.



The largest number of households lives in 'Number of all households - Owned outright' accommodation with 42.6% of the Ward's households. That compares with 42.4% for the District as a whole, 43.0% for Dorset County and 32.5% for the whole of South West.

The second largest number of households lives in 'Percentage of all households - Private rented: Private landlord or letting agency ' accommodation with 16.9% of the Ward's households. That compares with 12.2% for the District as a whole, 11.6% for Dorset County and 14.7% for the whole of South West.

The Ward has 45 households with dependent children aged 0 to 4. That represents 5.67% of the Ward's households.

152 households in the Ward have 'Dependent children in household: All ages'. That represents 19.14% of the Ward's households.

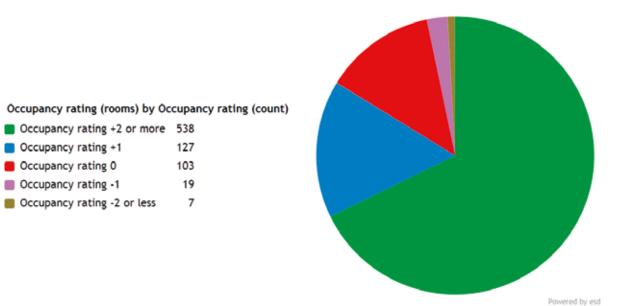




Occupancy

The following chart shows the occupancy rating of the residents of this Ward. Occupancy rating provides a measure of whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded or under-occupied.

The chart shows the number of households with an occupancy rating (rooms) of +2 or more, as a percentage of all households (Census 2011). The ages of the household members and their relationships to each other area is used to derive the number of rooms/bedrooms they require, based on a standard formula. The number of rooms/bedrooms required is subtracted from the number of rooms/bedrooms in the household's accommodation to obtain the occupancy rating. An occupancy rating of -1 implies that a household has one fewer rooms/bedrooms than required, whereas +1 implies that they have one more room/bedroom than the standard requirement.



Second Homes

Council tax records at June 2015 showed that 14.91% of dwellings in this Ward were second homes. The percentage of second homes in Purbeck was 7.33%. Purbeck has the highest proportion of second homes of all of Dorset's districts.





Economy

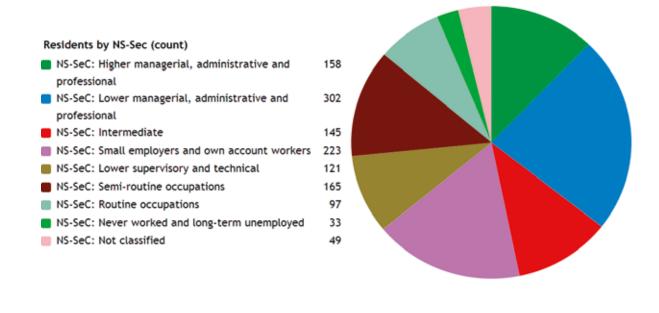
The following chart shows the economic activity of the Ward's population from the 2011 Census.

Residents by economic activity (%)				
Employee: Full time per cent	21.80			
Employee: Part time per cent	10.11			
Full time student per cent	1.24			
Long-term sick or disabled per cent	1.46			
Looking after home or family per cent	3.03			
Retired per cent	17.87			
Self-employed per cent	12.75			
Student (including full-time students) per cent	1.63			
Unemployed per cent	1.29			
Other economically inactive per cent	1.46			

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Employment

The following chart provides a breakdown of the Castle Ward by socio-economic classification for all residents aged 16 – 74.



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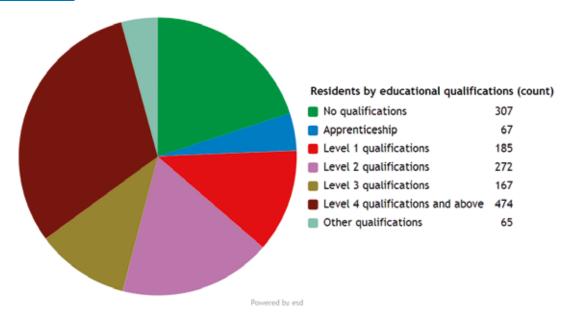
The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification.

The largest group is 'National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification - 2. Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations' representing 16.97% of the Ward's population.





Education



26.63% of Castle residents have achieved level 4 qualifications and above compared to 27.40% in South West as a whole and 17.25% of Castle residents have no qualifications compared to 20.70% in South West.

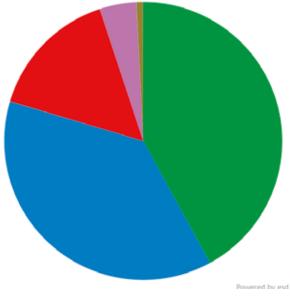
- Level 1 Qualifications = GCSE Grades D-G / L1 Diploma
- Level 2 Qualifications = GCSE Grades A-C / L2 Diploma
- Level 3 Qualifications = A Levels / L3 Diploma / L3 Extended Diploma
- Level 4 Qualifications = Foundation Degree / Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- Level 5 Qualifications = Foundation Degree / Higher National Diploma (HND)
- Level 6 Qualifications = Degree
- Level 7 Qualifications = Master's Degree
- Level 8 Qualifications = Doctorate (PhD)





Health

Residents by level o	of health (count)	
Very good health	748	
Good health	669	
Fair health	273	
Bad health	76	
Very bad health	14	



Castle has 76 (4.3%) residents that report being in bad health and 14 (0.8%) residents that report being in very bad health. Its ranking for the number of residents in very bad health is 3 (out of 13 Wards) within Purbeck.

References

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