Population

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<th>Key Facts</th>
<th>Rea Valley Ward</th>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>3497.1 hectares (31st smallest Shropshire ward)</td>
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<td>Population Density</td>
<td>1.22 persons per hectare (29th least densely populated ward)</td>
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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>4283 (2103 males, 2180 females)</td>
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<td>Average Age</td>
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<td>Household Population</td>
<td>4224 (98.6%)</td>
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<td>Dwellings</td>
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| Communal Establishment no. / population | 4 Communal Establishments  
59 residents (1.4% of total population) |

Please note: Ward boundary changes in 2009 mean it is not possible to compare over time.
Population Age Structure

A population pyramid comparing the age structures of Shropshire and Rea Valley Ward.

Table: Population by five year age group (2011 Census)

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Population Age Structure

- Early years: 5.6% (240) of the population were aged 0 to 4 years in March 2011. This compares with 5.1% at County level, 6.3% regionally and 6.3% nationally.
- School age: 15.2% (651) of the population were aged 5 to 17 years in March 2011. This compares with 14.9% at County level, 15.8% regionally and 15.1% nationally.
- Working age: 56.8% (2431) of the population were aged 18 to 64 years in March 2011. This compares with 59.3% at County level, 61.0% regionally and 62.3% nationally.
- Retirement age: 22.4% (961) of the population were aged 65 and over in March 2011. This compares with 20.7% at County level, 16.9% regionally and 16.3% nationally.
- Over 85 year olds: 3.4% (146) of the population were aged 85 and over in March 2011. This compares with 2.7% at County level, 2.2% regionally and 2.2% nationally.

Diversity

- The 2011 Census showed Rea Valley Ward had a black and minority ethnic group population of 56 (1.31%). The largest broad ethnic group is ‘Asian’ (within this the largest group is ‘Other Asian’). For the first time the 2011 Census showed the Ward has a gypsy population of 8.
- When asked about their religion 27.8% (1192 people) identified themselves as having no religion or did not state it on the form. The majority of people (71.3%) identified themselves as Christian and 0.9% (37 people) identified themselves as having an alternative religion.
- The 2011 Census showed that 18 people could not speak English well and 1 person could not speak English at all.

Car Ownership

- The 2011 Census showed that 252 households (14.1%) did not own a car and subsequently are reliant on other forms of transport such as public services. In total 2705 cars are owned by households resident in the ward.
Health

General Health

The 2011 Census asked three questions relating to health and the provision of unpaid care. The questions relate to whether people felt their general health was good, whether they looked after or gave help or support to other family members, friends, neighbours or others and lastly whether their day to day activities were limited because of a health problem or disability.

- At the time of the 2011 Census 46% people in Rea Valley Ward said that they felt they were in “Very Good Health” this compares to 46% for Shropshire as a whole.

- Only 1% reported that they were in “Very Bad Health” this is in line with the overall result for Shropshire (1%).

Provision of Unpaid Care

The question asked “do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either; a long term physical or mental ill health/disability? or because of problems related to old age?

- At the time of the Census 7% said that they were providing 1 to 19 hours of unpaid care a week. This is in line with the Shropshire figure of 7%.

- 1% said they provided between 20 and 49 hours of unpaid care. This is in line with the Shropshire figure of 1%.

- 2% said they provided over 50 hours of unpaid care. This is in line with the figure for Shropshire as a whole (2%) and the figure for England & Wales (2%).

Long Term Illness or Disability

The Census asked “Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- 9% said that their day-to-day activities were limited a lot due to a health problem or disability. This is slightly higher than the figure of 8% for Shropshire as a whole.

- The percentage who reported their day-to-day activities were limited a little was 10%. This is in line with the Shropshire figure of 10%. 
Housing

- There were 1787 households in Rea Valley Ward.
- The ward had 4283 usual residents and covers an area of 3497 hectares.
- 754 households were owner occupiers (owned outright) equating to 42% of all households. There were 544 households (30%) who owned their home with a mortgage or loan.
- There were 155 households (9% of all households) that privately rented their home from a landlord. There were also 28 households (2% of all households) who privately rented from a landlord classified as ‘Other’.
- 74 households were renting social housing from the Council totalling 4% of all households. There were also 189 households (11%) renting social housing from ‘Other’ sources.
- In Rea Valley Ward there were 922 detached dwellings representing 50% of all dwellings. There were also 594 semi-detached and 172 terraced dwellings equating to 32% and 9% respectively.
- 16% of all households (289 households) were one person pensioner households.
- 27.0% of households in the area had dependent children. The number of married couple households with dependent children was 306 and the number of cohabiting couples with dependent children was 63.
- There were 80 lone parent households, which equates to 4.5% of all households.
Planning Land Use Monitoring Data 2012-2013

Source: Shropshire Council, Planning Land Use Monitoring System, 2014

Housing

- During 2012-2013 there were 13 housing completions (gross) within the Rea Valley Ward. Included in this figure are 8 affordable housing units. During this time 2 dwellings were lost during development.

- At April 2013 there were 22 dwellings with planning permission outstanding, including 0 affordable houses.

- At April 2013, 0 proposed dwellings were part of the current Shropshire Council housing allocations. However, as part of the on-going preparation of the Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan (SAMDev) Plan, the Planning Policy team is now consulting on the ‘Revised Preferred Options’.

Employment

- During 2012-2013, 0.421 hectares of Class B employment land was completed within the Rea Valley Ward. The total completed gross floor space amounted to 567 square metres.

- At April 2013 there remained 0.278 hectares of Class B employment land outstanding with planning permission and 0 hectares of allocated employment land.

Retail

- A total of 0 net square metres of retail floor space was completed in the Rea Valley Ward during 2012-2013.

- At April 2013, 71 net square metres of retail floor space remain outstanding.

Holiday Lets

- Within the Rea Valley Ward, 1 holiday let was completed during 2012-2013.

- At April 2013, 0 holiday let units remain outstanding.
Unemployment and Labour Market

Unemployment

• At the time of the Census, there were 82 Rea Valley residents who were unemployed but available for work. This is 2.7% of the 16-74 year old population, compared to 3.3% for Shropshire.

• 29 young people (aged 16-24) were unemployed, plus a further 16 who were 50 to 74

• Long term unemployment is also an issue – 39.0% of all unemployed people were classed as long-term unemployed in 2011. This is the equivalent of 32 people.

Labour Force

• 2142 Rea Valley residents aged 16-74 are economically active.

• 26.9% of the Rea Valley population has level 4 or above qualifications compared with 27.5% in Shropshire and 27.4% in England.

• The number with no formal qualifications at all stands at 849 people – at 24.1% of the population (aged over 16), this compares with the county average of 22.5%.

• 36.3% of the population work in standard occupation classifications 1-3 (managers, directors and senior officials, professional, associate professional and technical) and 20.2% work in standard occupation classifications 8 and 9 (process, plant and machine operatives and elementary occupations)

Travel to Work (Census 2011)

• 14.1% of the population in Rea Valley are self-employed, and 6.26% work from home compared with 5.6% for Shropshire.

• The car is used as the main means of travel to work for 49.13%, while 1.77% use public transport.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour April to July 2013


• There were 23 crimes in Rea Valley Ward area in the period April to July 2013. The majority of these crimes occurred in the categories of theft and handling stolen goods (26.1%) criminal damage (8.7%), domestic burglary (8.7%), burglary other (4.3%), theft from a vehicle (13.0%) and violence against the person with injury (17.4%).

• There were 15 incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the same period, the majority of this relates to nuisance. The highest number of incidents occurred within the same area experiencing the highest incidence of crime. Youth related ASB accounted for 93.3% of incidents and alcohol related 6.7%.

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