



DEPRIVATION STATS

If **BILSTON** were a village of 100 people...

- > 13 would be income deprived and receive certain benefits or tax credits.
(compared to 11 in Lothian Presbytery and 11 in Scotland)
- > 18 would have been prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis in the last year.
(compared to 18 in Lothian Presbytery and 17 in Scotland)
- > There would have been 1.5 recorded crimes of violence, sexual offences, domestic housebreaking, vandalism, drugs offences, and common assault.
(compared to 2.7 in Lothian Presbytery and 2.4 in Scotland)
- > 1 would be living in a household with no central heating.
(compared to 1 in Lothian Presbytery and 2 in Scotland)
- > It would take 5 minutes to drive to a retail centre and 14 minutes to get there by public transport.
(compared to 4 [drive] and 12 [public transport] in Lothian Presbytery and 8 [drive] and 18 [public transport] in Scotland)

Out of 100 people of working age...

- > 11 would be out of work or unable to work and receive certain benefits.
(compared to 9 in Lothian Presbytery and 9 in Scotland)

Out of 100 people aged 16-19...

- > 13 would not be in full-time education, employment or training.
(compared to 8 in Lothian Presbytery and 6 in Scotland)

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

This information is taken from the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) using figures from 2016 and gives you some information about your parish. However, this is not an end in itself but a starting place for you to explore. In identifying which indicators of deprivation are particularly relevant, and in which parts of the parish, it can open questions about how the church can engage with those issues in the community.

More information is available at <http://simd.scot>

Priority Areas

The Priority Areas committee is part of the Ministries Council and is responsible for the support, development and co-ordination of the Church's work within its poorest communities. However, it is important to recognise that priority for the poorest and the most marginalised is the gospel imperative facing the whole Church, not just the Church in the poorest places.

Priority Areas are committed to working with anyone who is engaged in tackling the causes or effects of poverty in their communities and to sharing the learning from our work with the wider church.

More information is available at http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/ministries_council/priority_areas
Or contact us on 0141 248 2905 or at priorityareas@churchofscotland.org.uk

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