

Middleton and Smerrill Parish Statement (draft)



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The parish of Middleton and Smerrill is geographically one of the largest parishes in the national park but one of the smallest in terms of residents.

The focus of the parish is around the settlement of Middleton by Youlgrave, which has 3 farms located within the village and 10 outlying farms (a further 3 are not occupied). Outlying properties represent almost 25% of the population of the parish. Also, within the parish is Derbyshire Aggregates company which is a large processing plant and exports worldwide.

Middleton by Youlgrave is a compact village with many listed buildings and protected mature trees, centred around The Square. The village grew up during the Middle Ages. Middleton Castle, a fortified manor house, was built in the early seventeenth century, and saw some fighting during the English Civil War. Christopher Fulwood attempted to raise a Royalist force from his base in the Castle, but on 16 November 1643, Roundhead troops raided the house and killed Fulwood. The Castle now lies in ruins.

The settlement's appearance dates from the early nineteenth century. Thomas Bateman rebuilt the entire village in the 1820s, incorporating the mullioned windows of earlier buildings to retain something of its traditional appearance. The small parish church also dates from this period, and Bateman rebuilt Middleton Hall as his own residence. Bateman's grandson, the archaeologist also named Thomas Bateman, lived in the village, and built Lomberdale Hall as his residence.

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Little documentation exists about the medieval settlement of Smerrill. It is registered with Historic England as “Medieval settlement south east of Smerrill Grange” numbered 1019044 and is summarised as follows: The earthwork, buried and standing remains of the abandoned areas of Smerrill medieval settlement are particularly well preserved and retain important archaeological and ecological deposits. The earthworks indicate the layout of the early village and how it fitted into the wider medieval landscape.

Between 1999 – 2006 the parish embarked on their Sites of Meaning project. Funds were raised to erect seventeen stone markings which mark the seventeen entrances to the parish each with a different design and inscriptions from a member of the community or a group and one central marker in the village square.

It's War Memorial playground also commemorates a Canadian bomber crew. Arbor Low stone circle and Gib Hill barrow along with 9 other Barrows are located in the Parish which contains 31 Listed Buildings.

Community Aspirations

To remain a rural focused community maintaining its local population, welcoming families not second homes and looking to conserve its historic legacy.

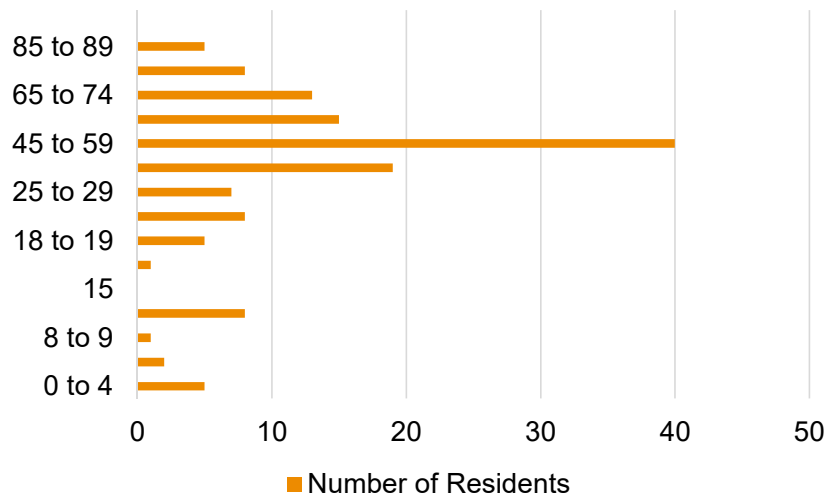
Proposed projects to conserve our legacy are to preserve Bradford Dale's industrial heritage and the sheepwash and a joint project with PDNPA Conservation Team to make safe Bateman's Tomb and provide information boards.

The Main focus of the community is to gain title to the existing or to build a new - Village Hall as a parish survey has shown that modern facilities would encourage greater community cohesion and increased use.

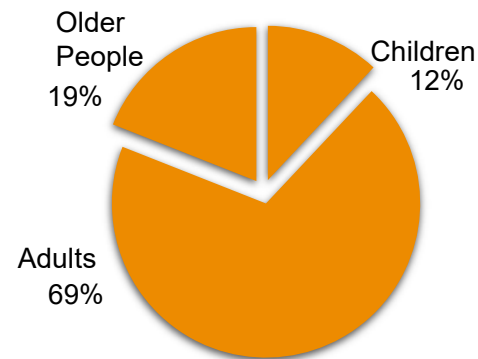


Population and Demographics

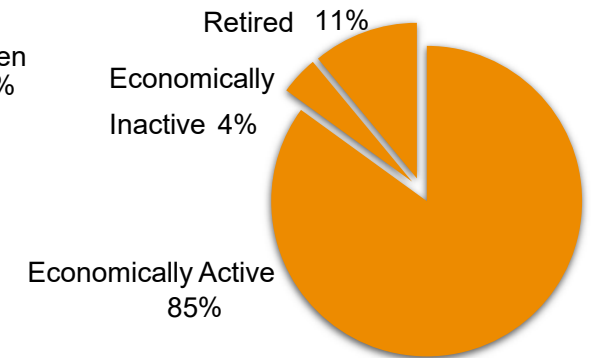
Population Age Range



Children, Adults and Older People



Working and Non Working Adult Population (18+ years)



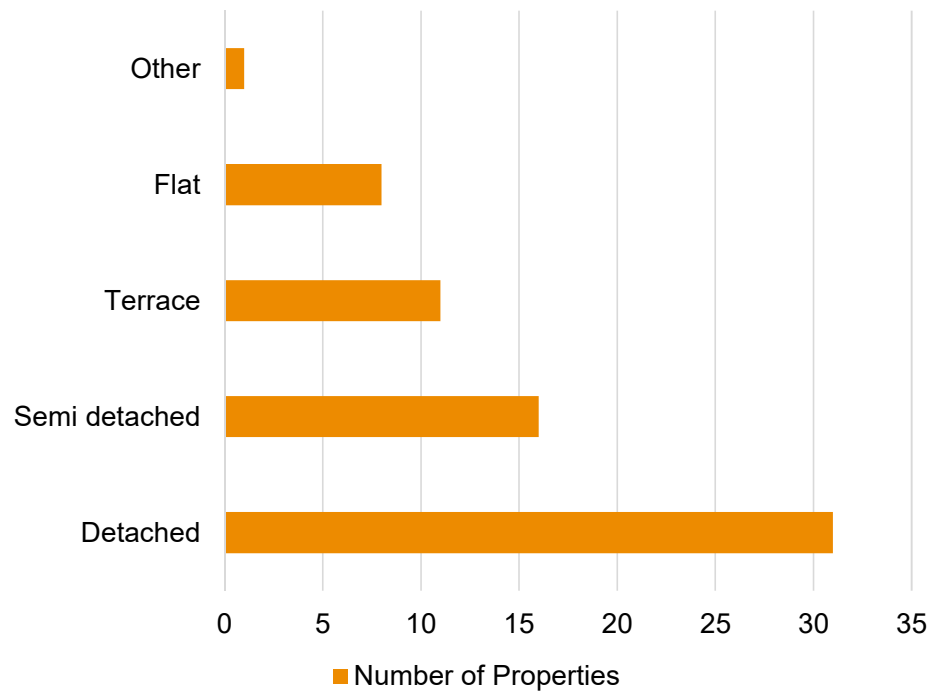
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 Children 0-17 years
 Working Age 18-64 years
 Older People 65 years +

The parish of Middleton and Smerrill has a population of 137 residents (2011 census).

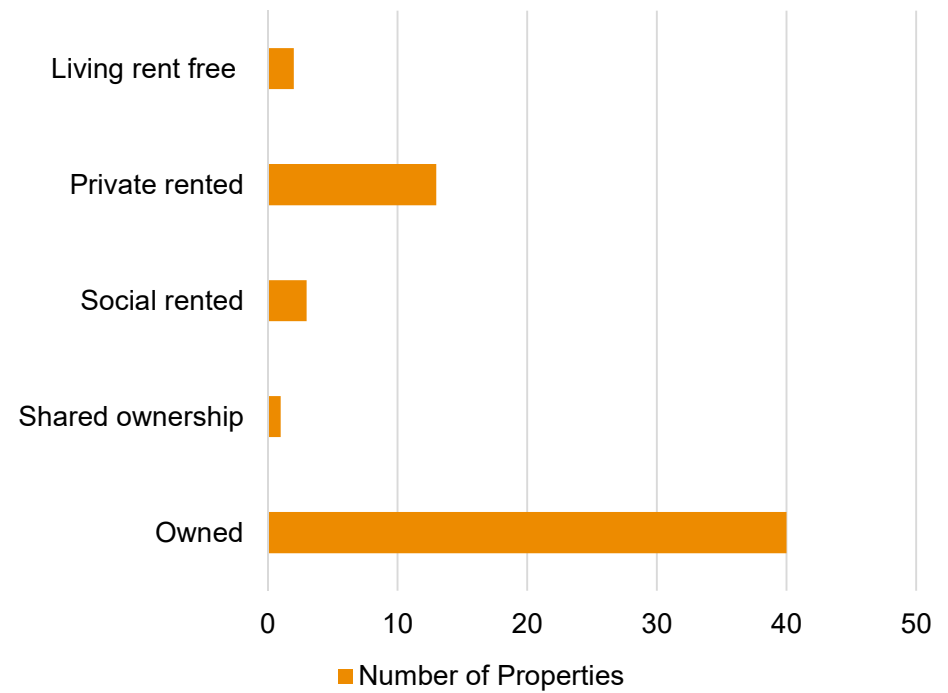
Source: Census 2011

Housing

Housing Type



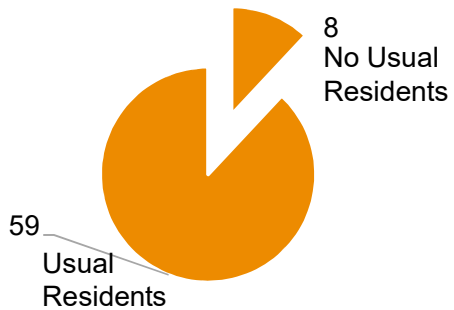
Housing Tenure





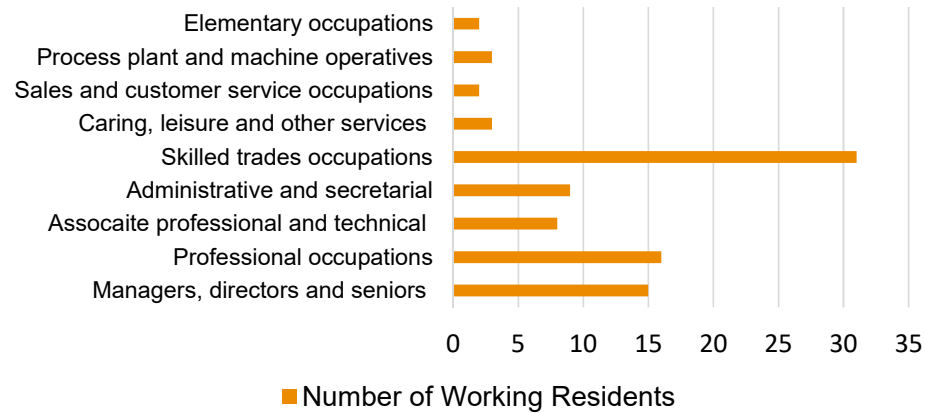
Residency

Occupancy of Properties



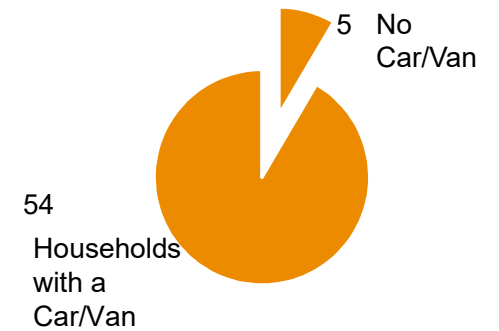
Employment

Occupations of Working Adults



Car/Van Ownership

Households with a Car/Van





Settlement Amenities

Convenience Food Shop	—
Post Office	—
Primary School	—
Community Hall	★
Playground	★
Playing Field	—
Industrial Units	—
Distance to General Practice (miles)	1.2
Within 1 Mile of an A or B Road	★
Good Public Transport Route (5+ services a day)	★
Public House	—
Post Box	★
Church	★
Car Parking	—
Broadband	★
Mobile Library	—
Conservation Area	★
Website/Newsletter	★
Groups	★
Events/Traditions	★
Accommodation	★

Community

General	History group Middleton by Youlgreave Village Hall Charity Monthly church service at St Michael and All Angels' Church	
Events/Traditions	Harvest Supper Well Dressing Village market	Christmas Party Middleton Rocks

Broadband – fibre has finally reached the village but from Youlgreave exchange and the connection is poor for outlying farms.

The Square suffers in summer with cars parking several deep for walking groups which causes conflict with buses turning and farm traffic with trailers.

Key

★ Is present

— Is not present



Access to Essential Services

	Service	Time in Minutes
Walking	General Practice	30-40
	Pharmacy	60+
	Post Office	30-40
	Primary School	30-40
	Secondary School	60+
	Shop	50-60
Public Transport	General Practice	10-20
	Pharmacy	20-30
	Post Office	10-20
	Primary School	10-20
	Secondary School	30-40
	Supermarket	20-30

Source: Derbyshire County Council

Public Transport

Middleton by Youlgrave	Route	Bus Company	Days	Frequency
171/172/178	Bakewell-Middleton and return	Hulleys	Mon - Sat	8:30-17:35 Hourly or less.

Public transport provision meets the needs of walkers, the retired and school children but doesn't meet the needs of people who commute to work in nearby towns. The square in Middleton by Youlgrave is a bus terminus but some buses don't always turn around here so are less frequent. In winter the road between Middleton by Youlgrave and Youlgrave can be very icy. The gritting route ends in Youlgrave forcing buses to turn there.

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Source:
<https://www.derbybus.info/times/timetables/>

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Planning

Over the last 5 years 14 planning applications have been approved in the parish.

Digital Presence

<https://www.middletonbyoulgrave.org.uk/>

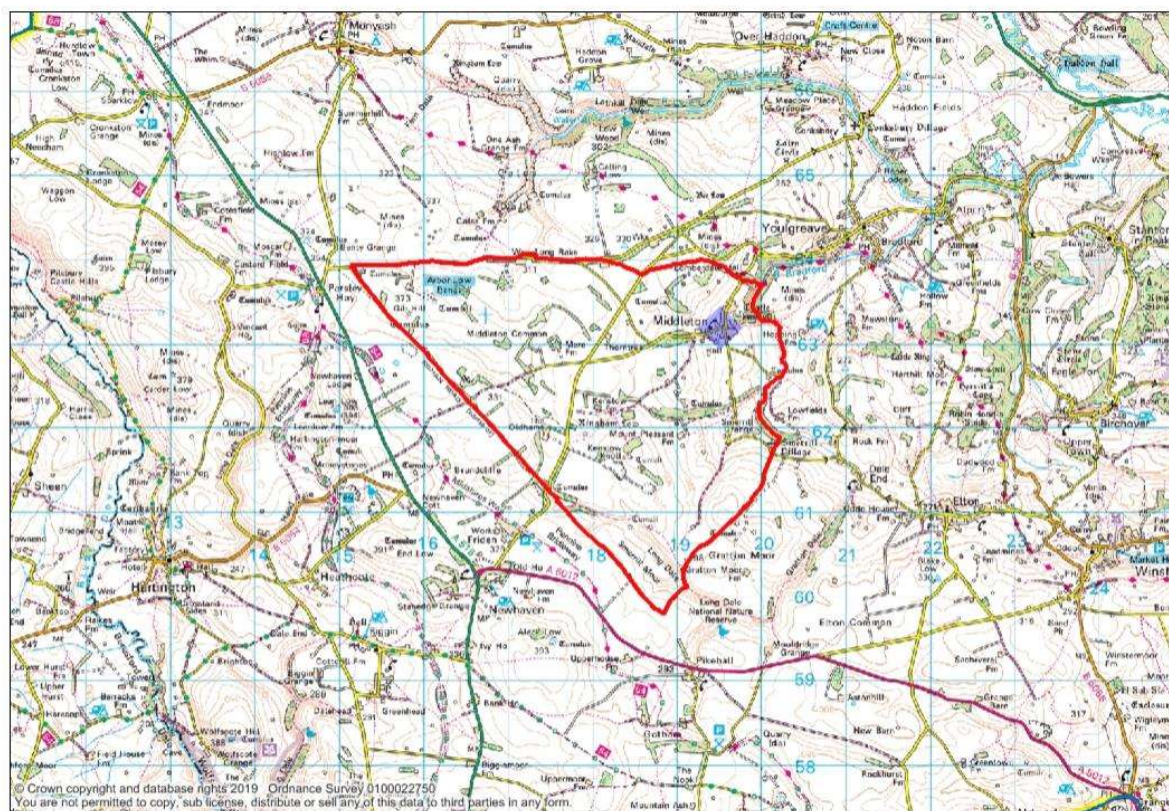
Affordable Housing

There are no plans to build affordable housing in the parish at present.

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Middleton and Smerrill Parish Boundary



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Data sources

Peak District National Park Conservation Area Appraisals
Peak District National Park Landscape Strategy Action Plan (LSAP)
Ordnance survey maps
Middleton and Smerrill Parish Council

<https://www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk/>
<http://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/GP/LocationSearch/4>
<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>
<http://www.sitesofmeaning.org.uk/site00/image100.htm>