

Sometimes “Deprivation” is mentioned. What is it?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>

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Deprivation is more than just a poverty of income. Deprivation can be a lack of access to adequate education, skills and training, healthcare, housing and essential services. It may also mean exposure to higher rates of crime, a poor environment and many other negative factors.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019 is the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas (or neighbourhoods) in England. Each of the seven or so aspects above is given a weight to form an overall Index of Multiple Deprivation. They apply to small areas of England, typically 650 houses with about 1500 occupants.

Income Deprivation = Low paid jobs or low benefits

Employment Deprivation = Lack of jobs or jobs have low pay

Education, Skills and Training Deprivation = Lack of education or skills training opportunities (insufficient basic qualifications?)

Health Deprivation and Disability = Poor health, poor diets, disability

Crime = Personal space is not safe. Risk of crime

Barriers to Housing and Services = Shortage of local housing. Long queues for available housing. No local play areas.

Living Environment Deprivation = Poor, damp housing. Poor quality or insufficient furniture. Crowded accommodation.

Areas of high deprivation are associated with high unemployment, overcrowding, poor health, high premature mortality, lower life expectancy, high crime and high anti-social behaviour levels.

So what about deprivation in Bracknell?

It turns out that there are no neighbourhoods in the BFC area that are in the highest 20% of Deprivation nationally. (Quite good news). Also just over a third of neighbourhoods in Bracknell are in the least deprived areas in England. (more good news.)

SO although there are areas of Bracknell that are deprived in some way, there are much worse areas in the rest of England.
