

Population Characteristics

Slaugham Parish comprises the villages of Handcross, Pease Pottage, Slaugham and Warninglid and dispersed settlements scattered within the parish boundary.

The population of the Parish comprises approximately 2,770 within 1,130 households with:

- 405 residents over sixty-five
- 600 under sixteen
- 1,765 working age adults
- 120 single pensioner households

The number of parish residents has grown between 2001 and 2010 by approximately 20%. This compares with an average growth of 6% for both West Sussex and England.

The percentage of pensioners within the parish's population has decreased slightly from 15.5% to 14.6%, while the percentage of children under 16 has remained the same at 21.7% (comparing census figures for 2001 and 2011). Slaugham Parish represents 1.98% of the total Mid Sussex population of 139,860.

Slaugham Parish is not a deprived area when measured against national statistics. However, there are 138 residents living in income deprivation. The Parish has approximately half the national average in Jobseekers Allowance claimants, Employment Support Allowance/Incapacity Benefits and people receiving unemployment benefits.

Of the dwellings in Slaugham parish in 2011, 66.3% were owner occupied, 13.9% social rented and 13.9% rented either privately or in some other way.

Crime statistics are not published for the local area, but there is no reason to think that Slaugham Parish differs materially from the rest of the Mid Sussex District. Mid Sussex has low crime rates compared to the national average: Overall crime of 18.4 per 1,000 residents (England 37.6); violent crime 6.0 (England 13.3); burglary 3.1 per 1,000 households (England 10.8).