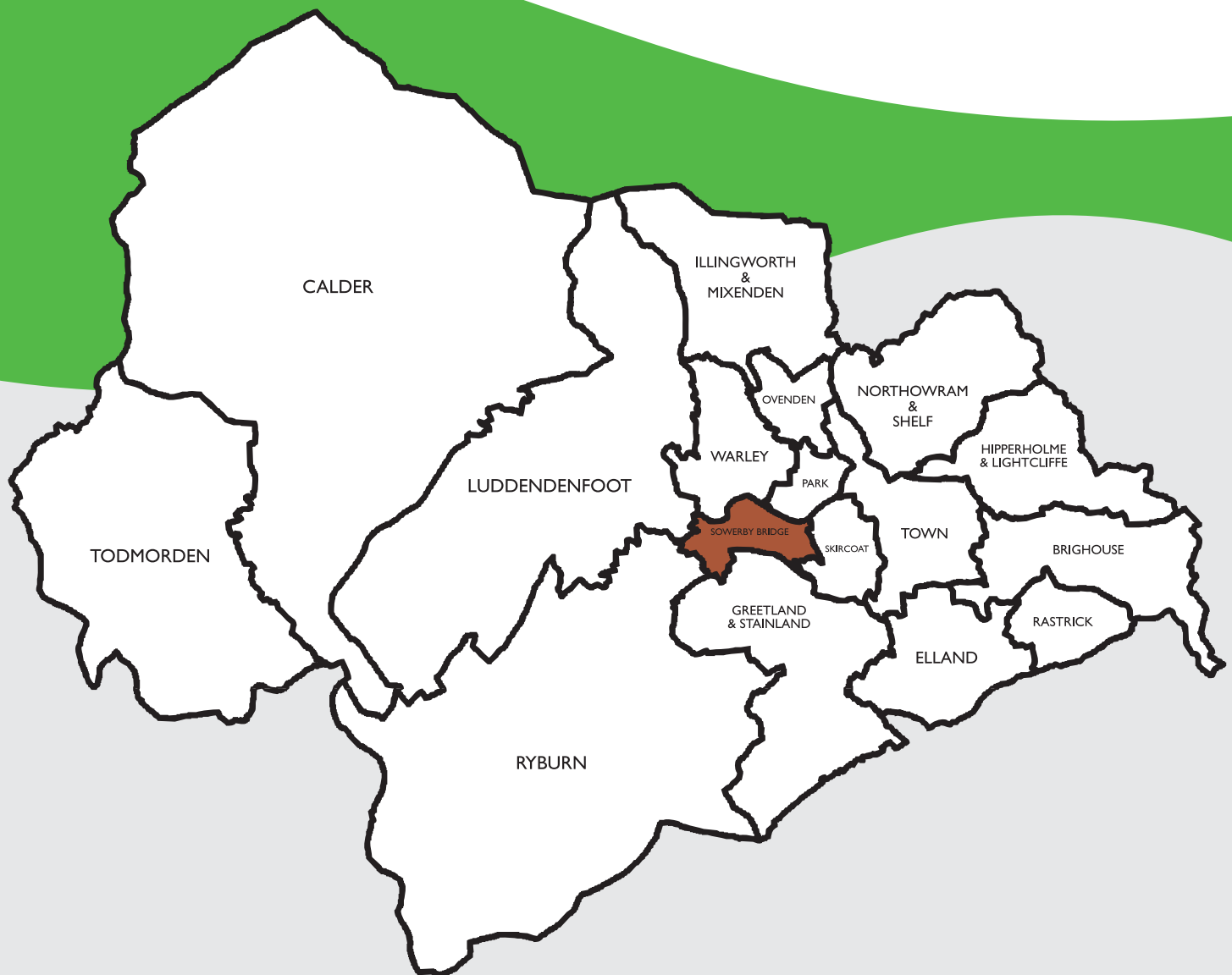


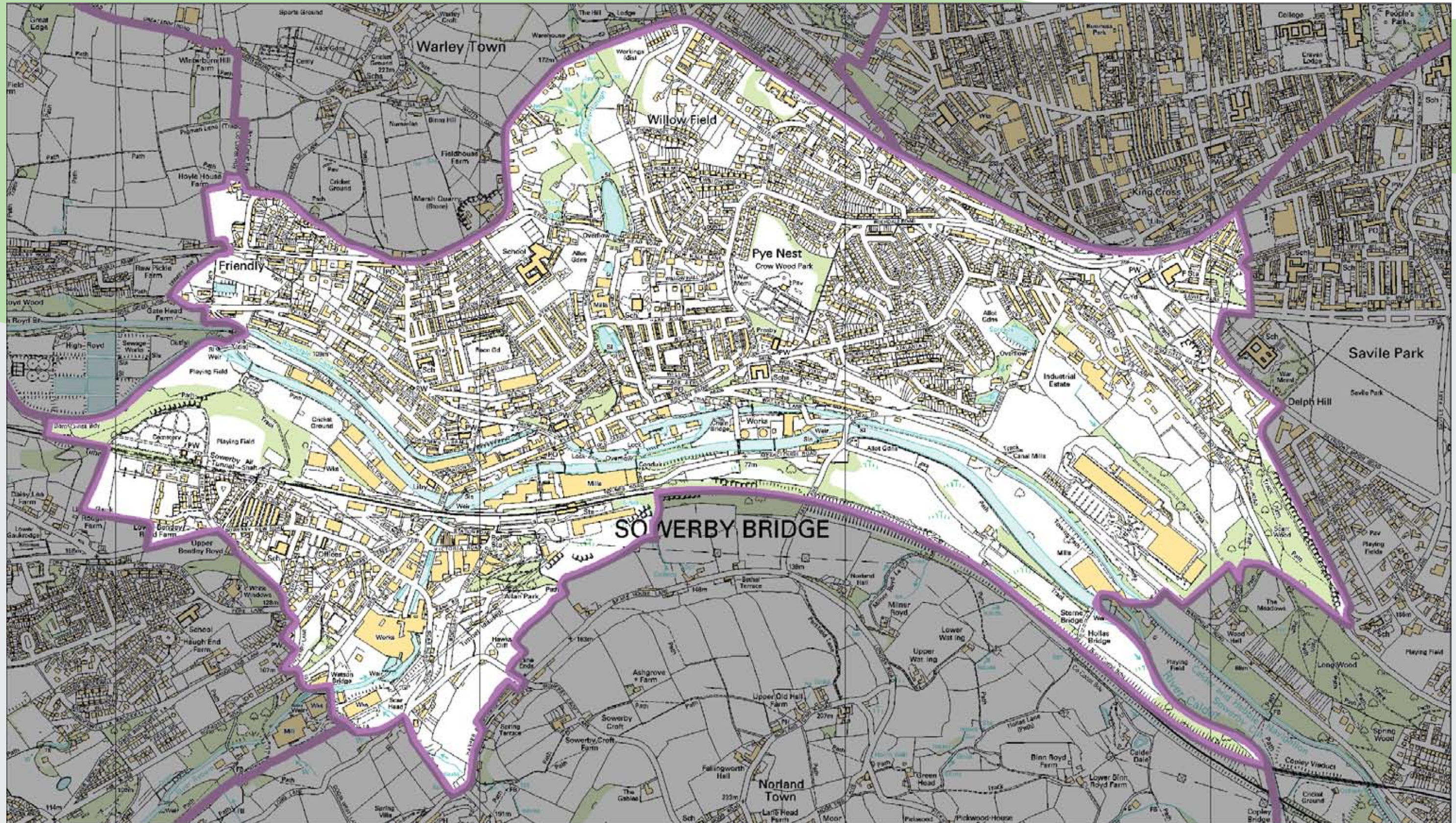
# SOWERBY BRIDGE

## ward profile



## SOWERBY BRIDGE WARD

Sowerby Bridge ward is south-east of Halifax and lies mainly on the north side of the Calder valley. As well as the town of Sowerby Bridge it includes the residential areas of Willow Field, Pye Nest and Upper Washer Lane and the landmark of Wainhouse Tower. There is industrial development alongside the river Calder with retail and leisure facilities in Wharf Street and at the Rochdale Canal Basin, respectively. The railway station is close to the town centre and the ward is served by several important road routes.



# SOWERBY BRIDGE

2004 Ward Boundaries

## AREA AND POPULATION

AREA: 352 sq hectares 1.4 sq miles

Total Population: 10,518

Males 48.6% Females: 51.4%

Population density: 29.9 persons per hectare

Number of Electors: 7,912 (December 2003)

### POPULATION STRUCTURE

#### Total Population

Age group	Nos	% in ward	% district
0-4	613	5.8	6.3
5-15	1,454	13.8	15.0
16-24	1,015	9.7	9.4
25-44	3,093	29.4	29.0
45-59	2,067	19.7	19.9
60-74	1,380	13.1	12.8
75+	906	8.6	7.6

### ETHNICITY

#### Total Population

Ethnic group	Nos	% in ward	% district
White	10,285	97.8	93.0
Asian	117	1.1	5.7
Black	18	0.2	0.2
Mixed	100	1.0	0.8
Chinese/Other	18	0.2	0.3

### ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

#### Residents aged 16-74

	Nos	% in ward	% district
Economically - active	5,350	70.8	68.5
Unemployed	277	5.2*	5.5*
No Qualifications	2,460	32.6	31.2

\* % of economically-active residents aged 16-74

### SOCIAL GROUPS

#### Residents aged 16+

Group	Nos	% in ward	% district
A/B	1,345	16.1	20.3
C1	2,391	28.6	28.1
C2	1,448	17.3	16.3
D	1,802	21.5	18.9
E	1,382	16.5	16.4

### QUALITY OF HEALTH

#### Total Population

	Nos	% in ward	% district
People with a long-term illness	2,000	19.0	18.4
Health not good	1,055	10.0	9.8

## HOUSEHOLDS

Total Households: 4,672

Average Household Size: 2.2 persons

### HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

#### Total Households

Type	Nos	% in ward	% district
2+ adults and dependent child(ren)	1,032	22.1	24.1
Lone parents and dependent child(ren)	280	6.0	6.6
2+, All pensioners	431	9.2	8.8
One pensioner	759	16.2	15.0
Other 1-person	817	17.5	15.5
Others	1,361	29.1	30.1

### TENURE

#### Total Households

Type	Nos	% in ward	% district
Owner Occupied	3,323	71.1	71.5
Social housing	858	18.4	16.9
Private rented/other	499	10.7	11.6

### HOUSEHOLD AMENITIES

#### Total Households

	Nos	% in ward	% district
Overcrowded	343	7.3	7.0
No central heating	1,132	24.2	19.3
No car	1,585	33.9	31.0
2+ cars	944	20.2	25.3

### HOUSEHOLD INCOMES

#### Estimate of Households in 2003

Income (£)	Nos	% in ward	% district
0 - 5,000	249	4.8	5.5
5 - 10,000	663	12.9	12.3
10 - 15,000	862	16.8	15.1
15 - 20,000	817	15.9	14.3
20 - 30,000	1,179	23.0	21.5
30 - 40,000	646	12.6	12.9
over 40,000	719	14.0	18.4

Source: CACI Ltd 2003

### BENEFITS

#### Total Occupied Dwellings in 2003

Type	Nos	% in ward	% district
Council tax	913	19.3	19.6
Housing Benefit	685	50.5*	51.6*
Free school meals	102	2.2	3.3

\* % of rented dwellings

Source: Calderdale Council 2003

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