

## 2. Current Situation

### *Population*

The community area (see map, Section 10) currently comprises some 420 houses and a registered voting population of around 880. From the questionnaire, the average number of people per household is 2.4, suggesting a total population of around 1040. Population density is 27% of the national average, not surprising for a rural area.



The population is not typical of the country as a whole, but is probably similar to populations in other villages of this size and with the same kind of historical development. 46% of respondents are in the 40-64 age bracket and a further 25% are 65 or over (compared with 16% nationally). Only 11% are in the post-secondary school to 39 age range which probably reflects the high housing costs and low employment prospects of the community – see later sections.

Much of the population of the area has lived in the community for a significant time. A third has been resident here for over 25 years with 23% in the 16-25 years category and a further 28% in the 6 to 15 years bracket. Of the 16% who have moved into the area in the last 5 years, around 45% came from a significant distance away and roughly a quarter moved locally to the community.

### *Housing*

The housing stock is a mixture of older houses, cottages and farms / barns, many of them significantly by now renovated and extended, and some new developments and new individual houses. A summary of the more significant developments in the last 40 years is as follows:

Location	Date	Houses	Typical size
Clearview	1969	23	3-4 beds
Tan House Court etc.	1965	17	2-4 beds
Newton Manor	1980	16	4 beds
Redd Landes	1995	7	4-6 beds