



## **Orrell and Billinge Community Profile**



## Overview of the area

- Orrell and Billinge have a combined resident population of 12,363 which represents 3.9% of the total Wigan resident population of 319,700. The community of Orrell and Billinge has an older demographic with 22.3% of all residents aged 65+, This is the highest proportion across all 16 communities and significantly higher than the Wigan average of 17.6%.
- 14.6% of households are aged 65+ and live alone compared with 11.7% of the borough households.
- Orrell and Billinge have affluent communities with 3 out of 7 areas appearing within the top 30% most affluent in England. These include the communities of Far Moor, Gathurst and Greenslate.
- 9.1% of residents claim out of work benefits, below the borough average of 15.9%.
- The community is relatively healthy with 5.6% of residents describing their health as 'bad' or 'very bad' compared with the borough average of 7.1%.
- 82% of residents either own their homes outright or have a mortgage, only 10% of households live in social rented accommodation.
- Orrell and Billinge can be accessed via the Wigan to St Helens bus route (352) which runs every 15 minutes during peak times.