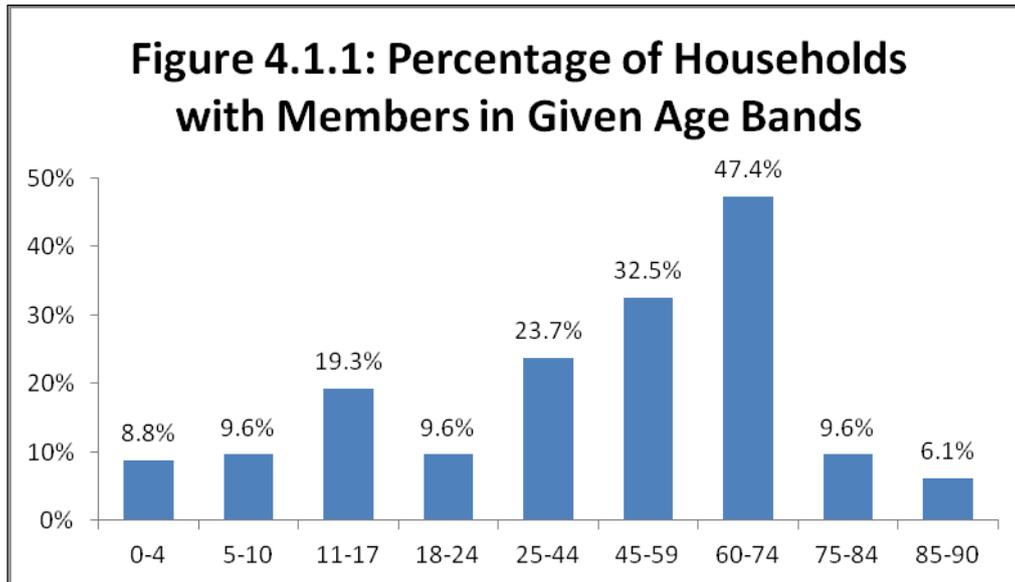


4.1 Parish Household Demographics

Households were asked to indicate to which age bands members of the household belong. Figure 4.1.1 shows what percentage of households had members in each of the age bands.



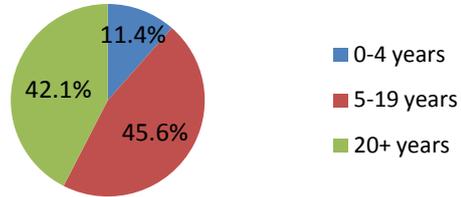
As this survey asked households to tick all of the age bands to which its members belonged, rather than asking each individual to do so, it is not possible to do an exact comparison with the survey carried out for the Parish Appraisal in 2001. However, the trends show that whilst the number of children under 18 remains constant, the population is getting older with the largest age band being the 60-74 age band and this appears to be at the expense of the 25-44 age band.

You may have noticed that the percentages total more than 100%. This is because many households ticked more than one box as they have members in different age bands. In this case it is the relative numbers that are important.

86% of the households that responded were in the village of Somerford Keynes with the remainder located in Shorncote and its environs (4%), Four Acres Travellers Settlement (6%), Lower Mill Estate permanent residents (3%) or were described as 'other' (1%).

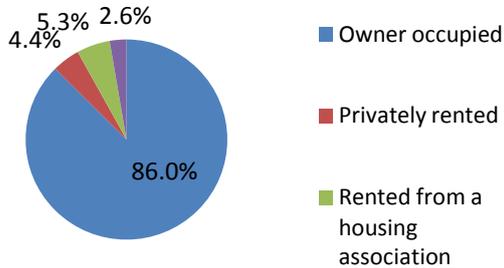
Properties do not change hands frequently as 42% of households have resided in the Parish for at least 20 years. This is a key factor in the population of the Parish ageing since the Parish Appraisal in 2001. Also, nearly all properties are owner occupied. The following two charts detail the results about homes:

Figure 4.1.2: Length of household residency in the Parish



In line with the age demographics, nearly half of all households have at least one member who is retired. Only 2% of households have a member over 16 years of age who is unemployed and is seeking employment. The following chart shows the percentage of households with at least one member in each of the given employment types.

Figure 4.1.3: Home Description



28% of households have a member who works from home at least some of the time.

Figure 4.1.4: Household Employment Status

