

# Settlement Profile: Princetown

## June 2017

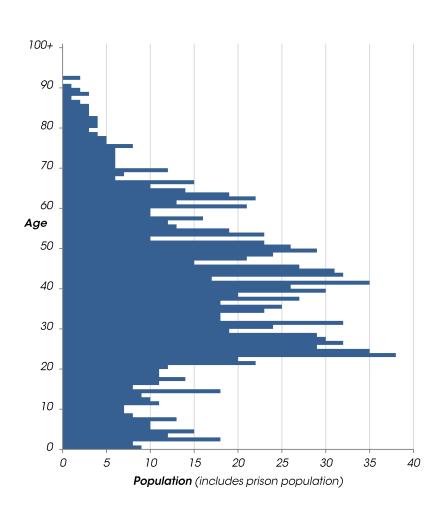
This draft settlement profile has been prepared by Dartmoor National Park Authority to support the review of the Dartmoor National Park Local Plan. It provides an overview of key information and issues for the town. It will be updated as necessary to inform the Local Plan review.



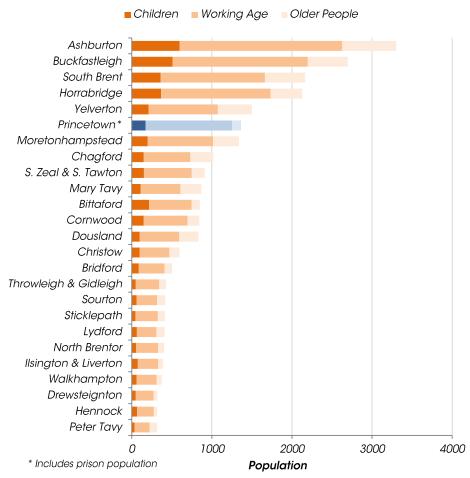
Population 1,366

Census 2011, defined by best-fit Output Areas and includes prisoners

#### Age Profile (Census 2011)

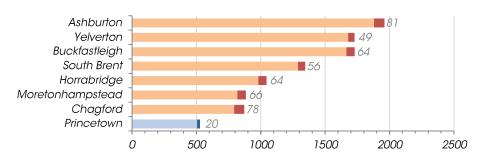


#### Settlement comparison (Census 2011)



#### **Current Housing Stock**

Census 2011, defined by best-fit Output Areas



■ Holiday lets, second homes and empty dwellings, number labelled (Census 2011)

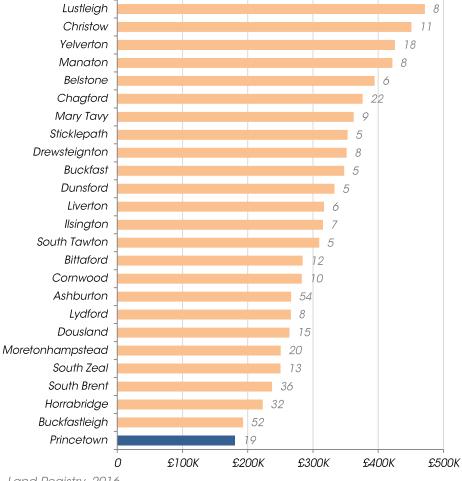
#### **Current Affordable Housing Stock**

Bedrooms								
Total	5+	4	3	2	7			
<i>80</i>	-	_	41	36	3			

Devon Communities Together, 2016

#### Average House Prices\* 2016

Excluding settlements with less than five sales, number of sales labelled



Sites allocated for development in current local plan:

No sites allocated for housing

44 residential units have been delivered on other sites since 2008

The July 2006 Housing Needs Assessment recommended:

15 affordable homes needed

8 one-bed, 6 two-bed and 2 three-bed

#### Issues Paper Consultation (Dec 2016)

The following summarises issues identified by Princetown's residents, the Parish Council and other local organisations:

- New development should be concentrated within larger settlements and prioritise brownfield sites
- Concern at impact of high second home ownership and desire to see holiday homes used more often
- Design of forthcoming development should be well insulated and use materials which are durable in the Princetown climate
- New housing development should be affordable to local people and meet local need
- Appropriate new uses for redundant historic agricultural buildings should be encouraged, including to accommodate future farming generations
- Affordable housing restrictions should include key workers
- Widening of roads should be considered to improve access
- There should be a specific policy to address the future of HMP Dartmoor ready for if/when the site is vacated

#### Infrastructure delivery

We are aware of the following items of infrastructure which are needed and have a reasonable prospect of being funded in the next 20 years:

- Need identified for additional visitor parking (detailed assessment necessary)
- The need for additional bus services has been identified, but is unlikely to be met by public funding in the current economic climate

# Strategic

Princetown is a Local Centre in the current local plan. Key planning policies related to Local Centres are set out below.

In local centres current strategic local plan policy (COR 2):

- Provides scope for delivering 60% of projected new housing needed in the National Park
- Provides scope for maintaining and improving employment opportunities and commercial activity consistent with local business needs and environmental capacity

**Employment** 

- Ensures a range of local services are maintained and where possible enhanced
- Settlement boundaries are drawn

In local centres current residential development policy states new dwellings will be permitted <u>within the designated settlement</u> <u>boundaries</u>:

- On previously developed land; or
- On small infill plots within an existing frontage; or
- Where they will be provided through the conversion or subdivision of existing residential or non-residential building; or
- On other sites where development would facilitate significant environmental improvement or the delivery of essential social, cultural or economic infrastructure;
- On sites allocated.

In all cases on sites in local centres the proportion of affordable housing should not be less than 50% of the units provided, except where a higher proportion of open market is shown to be essential to secure overall development viability.

Exceptionally, where the need for affordable housing cannot be met within the settlement boundary, and there is a specific local need identified for such housing, then permission will be granted for a development on suitable sites <u>adjoining the settlement boundary</u>. In such cases <u>all housing will be required to be affordable</u>.

Current policy (COR 18) allows the provision of new employment sites within and adjoining the Local Centres where there is evidence that demand cannot be met by existing or permitted sites.

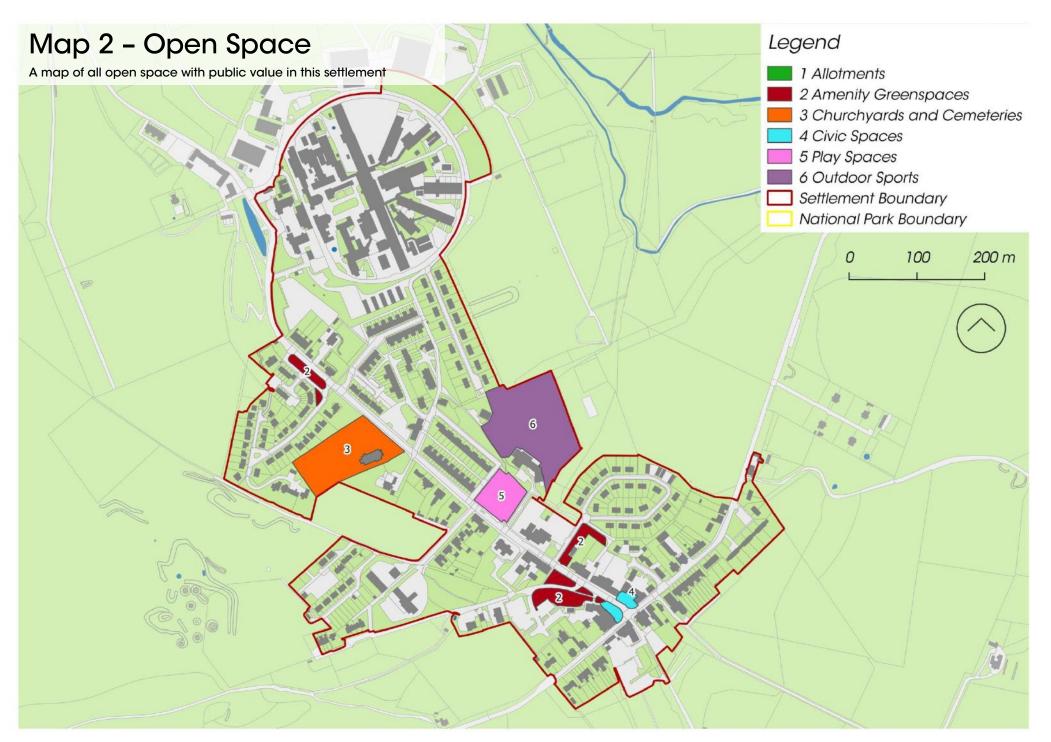
In Local Centres the following types of local employment and business development are considered appropriate:

- Provision for the controlled expansion and development of existing businesses;
- Support for small scale development needed to facilitate the establishment of office, light industrial, service and creative industries and home-based enterprises, including live-work units.

COR = Core Strategy

DMD = Development Management and Delivery Development Plan Document







## Connectivity

#### **Outgoing Bus Services**

<sup>\*</sup> Indicative only, times should not be relied upon and will be subject to change

No.	Route	Days	Times	Frequency
98	Princetown – Yelverton Via Postbridge	Mon - Sat	1308, 1608 & 1808	3
	Princetown – Tavistock	Mon - Sat	1006	7
113	Princetown – Liverton Via Ashburton	Weds	1004	7
	Princetown – Tavistock Via Yelverton	Weds	1451	7

### Method of Travelling to work (Census 2011)

