



BLINDLEY HEATH & SOUTH GODSTONE POPULATION

The area covered by our survey is from Harts Lane/Miles Lane to the North, Tandridge Lane to the East, Tilburstow Hill Road, Byers Lane and Brickhouse Lane to the West and Newchapel to the South.

Before the 1840s, South Godstone did not exist. The main area of population in the north of the area was at Stansted Borough, along Harts Lane to Tilburstow Hill where the Fox and Hounds public house is now. The opening of the Redhill to Tonbridge railway and the station at South Godstone created a new village.

HOW THEY WORKED

For the first half of the century, the majority of the working population was engaged in agriculture. The coming of the railway and the easier road link from Anglefield Corner via South Godstone to the North led to the influx of professional and wealthy retired people and the expansion of jobs to service these people.

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Occupational Analysis of the 1851 Census for Blindley Heath & South Godstone

Annuitant/Pensioner	9	Hawker	1
Agricultural Labourer	62	Horsekeeper	1
Bailiff	6	Housekeeper	1
Blacksmith	6	Labourer/General	29
Bricklayer	2	Laundress	1
Brickmaker	8	Licensed Victualler	1
Carpenter/Joiner	4	Lime Burner	4
Carter/Carrier	1	Miliner	1
Cordwainer	2	Railway Worker	18
Excavator	2	Saddler	1
Farmer	20	Schoolmaster/Mistress	1
Gardener	1	Shoemaker/Cobbler	7
Gatekeeper	1	Shopkeeper	1
Gravel Digger	1	Stonemason	1
Grocer	2	Timekeeper	1
Harnessmaker	1	Wheelwright	5

Occupational Analysis of the 1881 Census for Blindley Heath & South Godstone

Annuitant/Pensioner	12	Groom/Ostler	7
Agricultural Labourer	112	Harnessmaker/Saddler	1
Barrister/Solicitor	1	Hoopmaker	1
Baker	5	Labourer/General	43
Banker	1	Laundress	4
Basket Maker	1	Licensed Victualler	4
Bailiff	1	Maid	30
Blacksmith	9	Nurse	12
Bricklayer	7	Policeman	1
Brickmaker	11	Postman/Postal Worker	4
Builder	1	Potato Dealer	1
Butcher	3	Railway Stock Contractor	1
Carpenter/Joiner	7	Railway Worker	16
Carter/Carrier	10	Roadman	2
Coach Builder	1	Sawyer	1
Coachman	11	Servant – General	12
Coalman/Dealer	3	Schoolmaster/Mistress	2
Cook	15	Shepherd	1
Corn Merchant	2	Shoemaker/Cobbler	1
Domestic Servant	26	Stonemason	2
Draper	4	Stockbroker	5
Farmer	16	Squire	1
Fly Driver	1	Tailor/Dressmaker	13
Footman	3	Teacher	2
Gamekeeper	1	Veterinary Surgeon	1
Gardener	26	Vicar/Rector/Minister	2
Governess	3	Wheelwright	4
Grocer	7		

Occupational Analysis of the 1901 Census for Blindley Heath & South Godstone

Annuitant/Pensioner	22	Hay Trusser/Binder	2
Agricultural Labourer	24	Hawker	1
Baker	5	Housekeeper	5
Banker	3	Lace Manufacturer	1
Bailiff	3	Labourer/General	44
Barrister/Solicitor	3	Laundress	8
Blacksmith	4	Leather Merchant	4
Bricklayer	11	Licensed Victualler	4
Brickmaker	3	Maid	50
Builder	2	Milkman	1
Butcher	4	Nurse	7
Butler	6	Painter/Decorator	1
Caretaker	1	Policeman	1
Carpenter/Joiner	5	Post Office Worker	3
Carriage Painter	2	Postman	4
Carter/Carrier	9	Railway Worker	6
Chimney Sweep	1	Rate Collector	1
Clerk	2	Rent Collector	3
Coach Builder	3	Roadman	3
Coachman	17	Saddler	1
Cook	25	Schoolmaster/Mistress	7
Corn Merchant	1	Servant – General	8
Doctor	1	Steam Roller Driver	2
Domestic Servant	11	Stock Jobber	1
Farmer	10	Stock Broker	1
Footman	3	Surveyor	1
Furniture Embroiderer	1	Tailor/Dressmaker	7
Gardener	39	Teacher	2
Governess	3	Threshing Machine Owner	1
Grocer	10	Vicar/Rector/Minister	1
Groom/Ostler	16	Warehouseman	1
Harnessmaker	1	Wharfinger	1