



What does a sustainable community look like?

Well served, with public, private, community & voluntary services that are appropriate to people's needs & accessible to all

What do sustainable communities offer?

- Well-performing local schools, further and higher education institutions, and other opportunities for lifelong learning;
- High quality local health care and social services, integrated where possible with other services;
- High quality services for families and children (including early years child care);
- Good range of affordable public, community, voluntary and private services (e.g. retail, fresh food, commercial, utilities, information and advice) which are accessible to the whole community;
- Service providers who think and act long-term and beyond their own immediate geographical and interest boundaries, and who involve users and local residents in shaping their policy and practice.

Using this report to explore data on local services in Findon

Sub heading	Indicators
How far away are key services?	Road distance to key services

What other information might be available?

- Many communities have carried out local surveys to highlight where people have difficulty using key services.
- More detailed information on rural Services data: Service locations are used to calculate numbers of households within distance of key service indicators, www.data4nr.net/resources/820.
- The Indices of Deprivation contains indicators measuring road distances to key services: primary school <http://www.data4nr.net/resources/1487/>; food shop <http://www.data4nr.net/resources/1485/>; GP <http://www.data4nr.net/resources/1486/>; Post Office <http://www.data4nr.net/resources/1484/>.



Access to services is a major factor in quality of life for people in rural communities, where services and amenities may be some distance away. This is especially likely to cause difficulties for people without cars or who are unable to drive, whose mobility is limited, and in areas where public transportation is poor.

Many rural communities have identified a lack of facilities and amenities as a priority locally. These facilities might include shops, post offices, pubs, leisure facilities, and meeting places for young people.

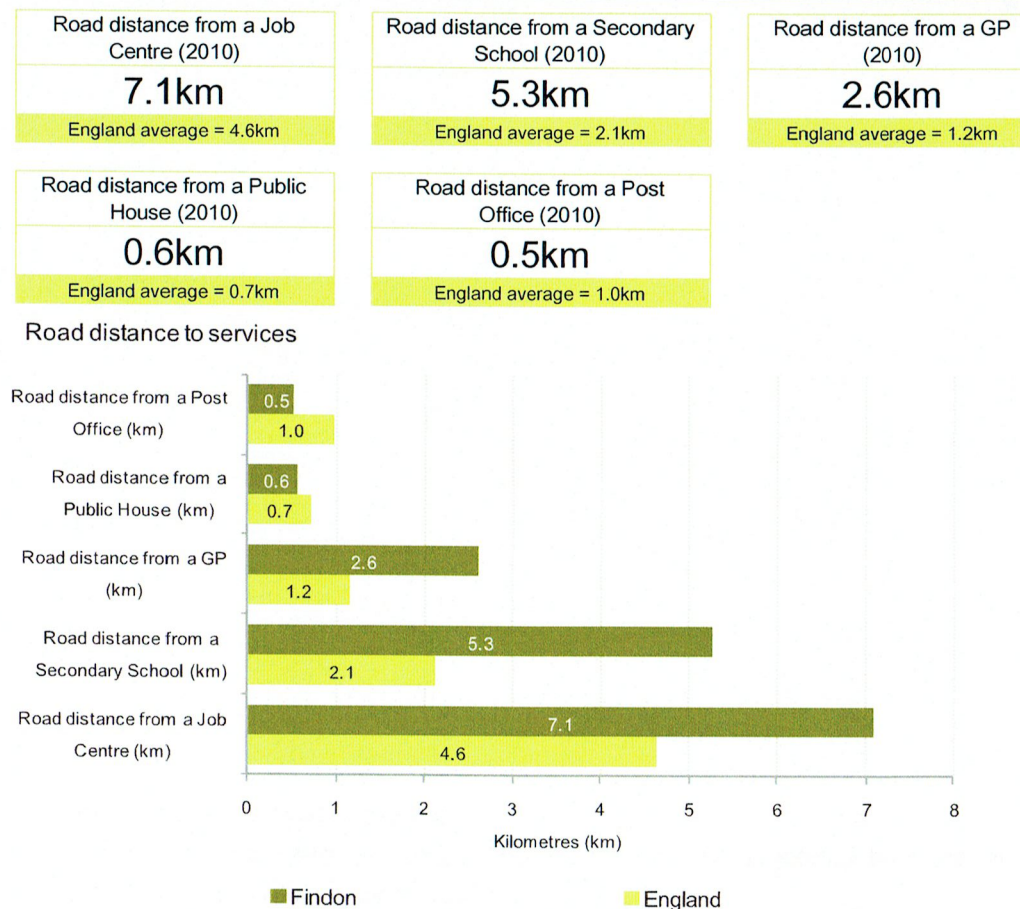
What information is shown here?

The data shown is taken from Commission for Rural Communities data on rural services, and shows average road distances from houses in the local area to a set of key services.

The bar chart on the right shows how the local area compares to the local authority and England averages in terms of road distances to these services.

Where next?

Data on distance commuted by local residents to work, and travel times to key services, are in the previous section on Transport & connectivity ([page 34](#)).



Source: Commission for Rural Communities 2010