

Skills Committee: FE Cold Spots Appendix 2

This Appendix spotlights FE Cold spots in Huntingdonshire and East Cambridgeshire by parish.

Methodology:

This analysis uses the final 2020/21 data return from providers (learning which started in 2020/21 only) to identify these areas of low provision, or 'cold spots' relative to the population size and compared to average participation across the sub-region.

Population data uses the ONS mid-year 2020 population estimates from Cambridgeshire Insights. The number of learners and the number of residents for each area was calculated as a proportion of the total number of learners and total resident population across the sub-region. The proportion of CPCA residents was then deducted from the proportion of CPCA learners for each local authority, ward, or parish. This gave a resultant figure which was less or greater than 0 depending on which proportion was greater. In the maps and tables this is referred to as 'Percentage Difference'

The lowest 10% of wards and parishes with the greatest negative percentage difference between the proportion of learners and proportion of population can be defined as cold spots. In the heatmaps, darker blue areas are colder, yellow and red areas are 'hotter'

- **Huntingdonshire**

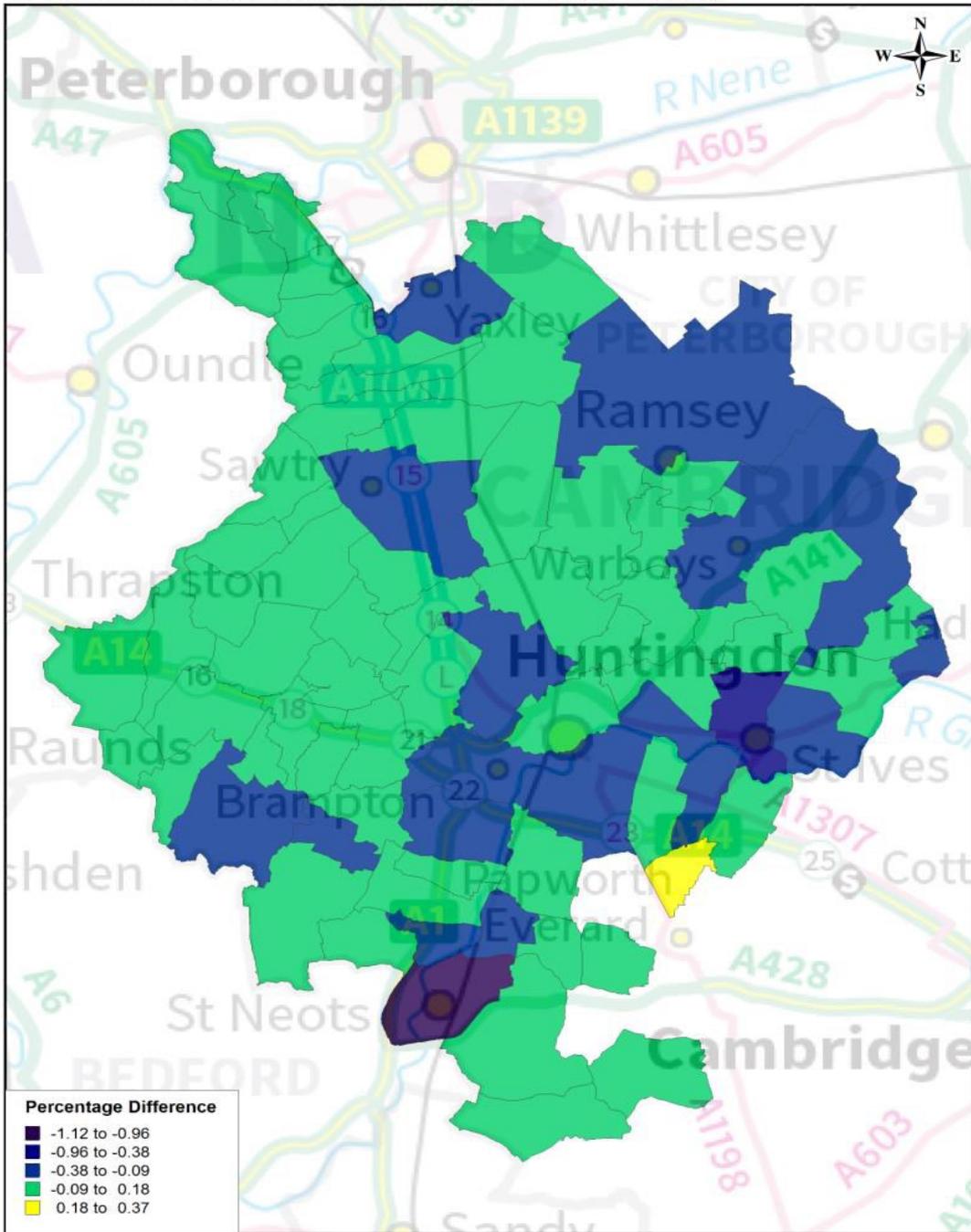
When looking at cold spots across all Adult Education, **St Neots** stands out as the parish with the greatest negative percentage difference -1.12 between the proportion of CPCA learners and the proportion of the CPCA population.

The table below shows the top ten parishes with lower than the sub-regional average for participation in adult education.

Top 10 coldest parishes in Huntingdonshire (Adult Skills and Community Learning)	
Parish	Percentage Difference
St Neots	-1.12
St Ives	-0.45
Little Paxton	-0.29
Yaxley	-0.24
Ramsey	-0.20
Perry	-0.17
Godmanchester	-0.16
The Stukeleys	-0.16
Houghton and Wyton	-0.15
Somersham	-0.15

The heat-map overleaf visualises the FE Cold spots across the district.

Huntingdonshire
Coldspots by Parish of Learner Residence (Adult Skills and Community Learning)



Credit: Cambridgeshire Insights (2022)

- **East Cambridgeshire**

Ely and Soham are within the top-three 'coldest' parishes for adult education in East Cambridgeshire. While participation is not as low as St Neots, given the expected demographic growth, this could become more pronounced in the future:

Top 10 coldest parishes in East Cambridgeshire (Adult Skills and Community Learning)	
Parish	Percentage Difference
Burwell	-0.35
Ely	-0.31
Soham	-0.29
Haddenham	-0.17
Cheveley	-0.15
Isleham	-0.13
Bottisham	-0.12
Woodditton	-0.12
Swaffham Prior	-0.11
Fordham	-0.10

