

WELCOME TO PIDDINGTON

This leaflet has been put together by the Parish Council to help you get to know the village, what goes on here and who to contact if you need help. The village is a small, closely knit community; we have a lot to offer. We hope you find this information useful, but if you feel we have left anything out, or got anything wrong, please let Andrew Coleman know at andrew@ajcoleman.plus.com so that it can be updated. Thank you.

EMERGENCY: A defibrillator is fitted in the porch of the village hall; permission is awaited for a second one to be fitted in the Church porch.

Piddington online

Piddington Village Website

Piddington has an excellent website that is updated regularly with information about forthcoming events, minutes of meetings, and so on. Everything contained in this leaflet and much, much more is available on the website. Check it out at www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk

Other ways to connect with Piddington online

Sign up to village emails – you can find a link to do this near the bottom of the home page of the village website (www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk). Only local information is circulated. You can unsubscribe whenever you wish.

Like the Piddington Facebook page at www.facebook.com/piddingtonoxfordshire, and you can also ask to join the private Piddington Community Group Facebook page by clicking on the ‘Visit Group’ button on the Piddington Facebook page and answering the two membership questions.

There is also a public Piddington Advertiser Facebook page where anyone can advertise events or services that may be of interest to the village – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/piddingtonoxfordshire>

Finally, there is a Piddington WhatsApp Support Group. To join contact annmcummings1@icloud.com.

Broadband

Fast broadband is available from:

Gigaclear www.gigaclear.com/, which is a service that brings a fibre optic connection into your home

Village Networks <http://www.vnworks.net/>, which provides a wireless-based system

Fibre-to-the-cabinet services from several internet services providers.

Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors are listed on the village website:

<https://www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/parish-councillors.html>:

The Parish Clerk is:

Anne Davies – piddington.parish.clerk@gmail.com

The Parish Council meets at 7.30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall.

Half an hour is set aside for members of the public to ask questions or raise concerns. It would be really nice to see you at one or more of our meetings. At present there are TWO vacancies on the Parish Council to serve the village, if you are interested contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council is there to help you, so please feel free to contact any of your councillors if you need to.

Post boxes and public telephone

There are two post boxes in the village: one in the stone wall at the centre of the village in Lower End and another opposite the Church in Thame Road. There is no longer a public telephone box in the village.

Noticeboards

We have three village noticeboards: one in Lower End by the gates to the allotments, one in the centre of the village and a third opposite the Church. There are also noticeboards in the porch of the Village Hall and at the Church. It is always worth checking the noticeboards to see what is going on; events outside the village are also often advertised on the village noticeboards.

Rubbish and recycling

You should have been left with a brown bin, a green bin, a food waste caddy and either a blue bin or a blue box. The brown bin is for grass cuttings, hedge clippings, weeds, small branches, leaves, pet straw/sawdust, plants and flowers. There is an annual subscription charge for the brown bin, available from Cherwell District Council <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/10/rubbish-and-recycling>. The blue containers are for plastic bottles/containers, pamphlets/leaflets, newspapers and magazines, directories and brochures, mixed paper, card, and drinks and food cans. The food waste caddy is for any food waste. Any other non-recyclable household rubbish goes in the green bin. You can leave old batteries or small broken household appliances in a plastic bag on top of any of your bins, but Cherwell does not take glass, which you are encouraged to dispose of at bottle banks. The Council will only take a bin if the lid is down and they will not collect anything else put beside it. If you have a damaged bin, or if one is missing, the Council will repair or replace it free of charge. If you need an additional blue or brown bin, there is a charge of about £30.00. Contact Cherwell District Council on 01295 227003.

The brown and blue bins are emptied on alternate weeks on a Wednesday, brown and blue bins one-week, green bins the other week, food waste caddies will be emptied every week – please put them outside your gate. Collections can be very early, so make it a Tuesday evening routine.

If you have any bulky items, such as large appliances or broken furniture, or a large amount of waste, contact the Council on 01295 252535.

A full list of council services is available on its website – www.cherwell.gov.uk/

Recycling centres

The closest council recycling site is:

Ardley Fields, Brackley Road, Ardley OX27 7PH (between Middleton Stoney and Ardley)

Bottle banks

These can be found at Bullingdon Prison (turn into the prison then take the first right-hand turn), also near the Costcutter store in Ambrosden, Tesco and Homebase in Bicester, and the main tip at Ardley. For a full list of recycling sites, see www.cherwell.gov.uk/

Dog waste bins

There are four dog waste bins in the village – one opposite the Church near Vicarage Lane, one at the junction with Ludgershall Road and Thame Road, one in Lower End near Shady Lane and one in the Jubilee Reserve (Widnell Lane).

Allotments

There are allotments in Lower End. If you are interested in an allotment, please contact Trish Wills (trish.wills@piddingtonpc.com; 07778 007747). The allotments now have water available.

Churches

St. Nicholas Church, Piddington, has regular services – have a look on the noticeboards for times of services. We are part of the Ray Valley Benefice. The current Churchwarden for St. Nicholas Church is

Margaret Hutchings (margaret@bestnet.eclipse.co.uk; 01844 238724). The Church is usually open during daylight hours every Saturday if you would like to visit. Behind the door is a brief tour explaining its history.

Roman Catholic Services are held at Parish of Immaculate Conception, Bicester (<http://www.immaculate-conception.org.uk/>).

Methodist Services are held at Bicester Methodist Church (<https://www.bicestermethodist.org.uk/>).

Bell-ringing

There are five bells in the tower but at the moment there are not enough bell-ringers. For further information please contact the Churchwarden at: stnicholaspiddington@yahoo.com

Village Hall

The Village Hall is in Ludgershall Road. It has a large car park and there is a modern playground with safety flooring and various climbing frames at the back of the hall for children under the age of twelve. The Village Hall is a focal point of the village and is run by a committee of volunteers (the Piddington Village Hall Management Team). Village Hall events are publicised on village noticeboards, in the Piddington email newsletter and on the Piddington Village Website. Various clubs and societies use the hall regularly and it is available for private hire for all occasions – call 07922 289693 or email piddingtonvillagehall@gmail.com with enquiries or to make a booking. You can find more information on the Village Hall pages of the Piddington Village Website. www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/village-hall.html. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer on the management team, email piddingtonvillagehall@gmail.com.

Pop-up pub

A pop-up pub is held in the Village Hall on the last Friday of every month from 7 pm until 11 pm. It is the ideal place to meet new people and catch up with old friends.

Jubilee Reserve and the Pocket Park

Just outside the village, on Widnell Lane, you will find the Jubilee Reserve, which includes Widnell Park and the playing field. This area belongs to the village and is gradually being improved by the Parish Council. It is an ideal area for walking dogs, playing ball games or having a picnic. There are several picnic tables and a couple of benches to rest at. It is on the route of the five-mile Piddington Circular Walk. There is a Green Gym around the exterior of the playing field (not for young children). It is not difficult to use but just be careful. If you walk your dog there please clear up after them – there are dog bins and disposable bags on site. For a more restrained stroll try the Pocket Park at the end of Lower End, which has a comfortable bench for anyone wishing to admire the view.

Other useful services

The list below is not exhaustive, and will be amended from time to time on the Piddington Village Website. You can find contact details for many businesses and services in *Bicester Villages Postal Advertiser* (www.postaladvertisers.co.uk/bicester-villages.htm).

Minor Injuries Unit

There is a First-Aid Unit at Bicester Community Hospital (01869 604024). The First-Aid Unit sees all minor injuries, but has no X-ray facilities. This service is open outside normal working hours only: weekdays from 6 pm to 11 pm, and from 8.30 am to 11 pm on weekends and bank holidays.

Emergencies

Water, 0845 9200 800

Electricity, National Power Cut Helpline, 105; Other emergencies, 0800 072 7282

Emergency number: 0845 770 8090

Cherwell District Council, 01295 227001

Bicester Police, 101 (though always dial 999 for an emergency)
Hospital A&E departments – John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, and Horton Hospital, Banbury

Doctors

Alchester Medical Group (branches in Bicester and Langford Village), 01869 248585;
alchester.medicalgroup@nhs.net; www.alchestermedicalgroup.co.uk
Bicester Health Centre, Coker Close, Bicester, 01869 249333; <http://www.bicesterhc.co.uk/>
Montgomery-House Surgery, Piggy Lane, Bicester, 01869 249222;
<http://www.montgomeryhousesurgery.co.uk/>

Age Concern transport

Age Concern Bernwode have a volunteer scheme that covers Piddington providing transport to hospitals, clinics and doctors' surgeries. They ask for a donation of £8 per return journey plus parking costs. Contact Julie or Tony Hollingworth on 01844 238478 for more information, to book transport or to volunteer as a driver.

Dentists

Bicester Dental Care, 98 Sheep St, Bicester, 01869 252788
Bicester Dental Clinic, Bicester Causeway
Dental Practice, 23 Causeway, Bicester, 01869 252394
Greytown Dental Practice, 42-47 Sheep Street, Bicester, 01869 241122
Health Centre, Coker Close, Bicester, 01869 249066
Market Square Dental, 16 Market Square, Bicester, 01869 235261

Vets

Bicester Veterinary Centre, Victoria Road, Bicester, 01869 252077
Hart Veterinary Centre, Browning Drive, Kings Meadow, Bicester, 01869 323223

Newspapers

Constable's Convenience Stores, Brill, 01844 238511.

Milk delivery

Milk and More, <https://www.milkandmore.co.uk/>, comes to the village on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They can supply a lot of products as well as milk.

Window cleaner

Andy Lawrence 01869 324930; 07974 225 204, andydlawrence@hotmail.co.uk
EA Cleaning Services 07704441352

Coal/logs

Finmere Fuels 01280 848228
Mr Prentice 01869 253279
W G Hill & Son, Marsh Gibbon 01280 812666; 01869 278385
Jason (logs) 07961 538035
Carl Robinson, Marsh Gibbon (logs) 07786 756024

Sweeps

Stuart Adams 01869 323481; 07595 660867
Chris Cherry 01296 730358
Andrew Peace 01869 369592; 07851 480755

Oil

Brill and Bernwode Oil Buying Club, admin@brillbuying.com, brillbuying.azurewebsites.net
Fuelcare 01295 220660

Merton Oil Buying Group 01865 331183; 07968 096338, oilbuyingclub.com/sites/merton/
Nolan Oils Bicester 01869 343477

Bottled gas

Nolan Oils, Bicester, 01869 343477, supply and fit 47 kg propane (LPG) cylinders.

Libraries

Bicester Library, 01869 252181, bicester.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Thame Library, 01844 212288 thame.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Local shops

There are village shops in Brill, Arccott, Ambrosden and Launton, and the major supermarkets can be found in Bicester and Thame.

Post Offices

Merton Road, Ambrosden
Bicester Road, Launton, in the Costcutter shop

Market days

Bicester, every Friday
Thame, every Tuesday

Farmers markets

Thame, second Tuesday of month 8.30 am–1.30 pm

Public swimming pools

Bicester swimming pool and sports complex, 01869 253914
Thame swimming pool and sports complex, 01844 215607
Aylesbury Aqua Leisure, with seven pools, including an outdoor one, and a gym, 01296 488555

Local MP

Calum Miller holds regular surgeries in Bicester. For an appointment, write to Calum Miller MP, The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or email calum.miller.mp@parliament.uk

Oxfordshire County Councillor

Calum Miller, calum.miller@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Cherwell District Councillors

Gemma Coton, gemma.coton@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
Julian Nedelcu, julian.nedelcu@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
Alisa Russell, alisa.russell@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

The above 4 councillors cover Piddington as part of their brief.

Schools

Five Acres Primary School, Ambrosden, 01869 253193. School bus leaves from bus stop on Arccott Road.
Brill Church of England School, 01844 237710. School bus leaves from Village Hall car park.
Windmill Pre-school, Brill – takes children from two and half years, 01844 238859
The Bicester School (formerly known as Bicester Community College), 01869 243331. School bus leaves from bus stop on Arccott Road
The Cooper School, Bicester, 01869 242121
Lord Williams's School, Thame, 01844 210510
Waddesdon Church of England School, 01296 651382

Buses and other transport

The 108 bus service to Bicester runs from Monday to Saturday from the bus stop in Arcott Road. The bus leaves Piddington at 10.46 and arrives in Bicester at 11.10. It returns from Bicester at 2.30, arriving in Piddington at 2.54. The timetable can be checked at: <https://passenger-line-assets.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/oxfordbus/OXBC/108-timetable-20240701-a7fe2573.pdf>

Oxfordshire County Council run 'The Oxfordshire Comet' bookable transport service for those who can't access suitable public transport. For further information call 01865 792422 or see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-comet

There are several taxi firms in Bicester. A one-way trip from Piddington to Bicester costs around £15. See also the entry about Age Concern transport for medical appointments above.

Food and drink

Howes Mobile Fish & Chip van calls at Piddington on Saturdays at various times and locations from around 4 pm. For details see howeandcofishandchips.co.uk/chippy/. They will do gluten-free batter if ordered in advance.

Our closest pubs serving food are:

The Bull & Butcher, Ludgershall, 01844 238094, 07961 494088, www.thebullludgershall.com

The Pheasant, Brill, 01844 239370, www.thepheasant.co.uk

The Pointer, Brill, 01844 238339, www.thepointerbrill.co.uk

The Plough, Arcott, 01869 321228

Bicester and Thame have many restaurants and takeaways.