



**A Guide to Services Available to the Residents
of Charney Bassett**

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This Guide was compiled to help newcomers to the village. It provides information on services and facilities available to villagers. While every effort has been made to ensure the information was up to date at the time of printing, the Parish Council cannot guarantee the information is correct. The latest version of the guide is available on the Parish Council Web site at www.charneybassett.org.uk. If you need any further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Trevor Brown at parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk.

Services listed are those which are likely to be the most convenient to residents of Charney Bassett and listing does not imply any recommendation of the services on offer.

Telephone numbers are local 01235 numbers except where a different dialling code is given.

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WELCOME TO CHARNEY BASSETT

The village of Charney Bassett lies in open country beside the meandering river Ock. It is situated in the north of the Vale of White Horse, in Gainfield Hundred, and there has been a settlement here since Anglo-Saxon times. The earliest surviving record shows there was a grant of lands to the Abbot of Abingdon Abbey in 811 AD. The land originally was largely marsh and the meaning of 'Charney' is Cearn-isle or island beside the river Cearn

To the north of the village is Cherbury camp, an Iron Age fortification, the meaning of the name being the barrow beside the river Cherne or Cearn.

St. Peter's Church has some sections as old as the 12th century – a fuller history is available in the Church. The Church is normally open during the day and at service times, which vary throughout the month. For access at other times, contact the churchwardens (see Church notice board).

Charney Manor was built as a grange for Abingdon Abbey when it owned extensive land around the village. It is now a Quaker house and conference centre. For further information see the Manor Web site.

Opposite the Manor and Church is the Water Mill owned by Oxfordshire County Council and leased to Charney Bassett Parish Council. The Mill is undergoing restoration by volunteers, and is open for visitors on a number of occasions throughout the year.

The village comprises a population of approximately 230 and 122 dwellings.

More comprehensive information about the history of the village can be found on the Charney Bassett history web site - <http://history.charneybassett.org.uk/>.

For up-to-date Parish Council news and information about upcoming village events see *Charney Chatter*, published monthly on line. Email echatter@btopenworld.com to subscribe to your monthly copy.

Accident and Emergency

Minor injuries unit - Abingdon Hospital, Marcham road Abingdon.
A&E - John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.
A&E - The Great Western Hospital, Swindon.

There is a public access defibrillator in the telephone box on the junction of Main Street and New Road. In case of need, phone the emergency services who will provide the code to access the machine. Usage information is available on the Charney Web site.

Bus Services

Services via Southmoor: S6 Swindon to Oxford
x15 Witney to Abingdon
Services via E Hanney: S9 Wantage to Oxford
S8 Wantage to Oxford via Abingdon

Charney Army

The Charney Army is a group of mainly retired people who work on village projects with the aim of improving the village environment. Meetings are currently held on the second and last Thursdays of the month at 10.00 a.m. for a couple of hours, usually on Charney Field. Peter Busby: 868520.

Charney Bassett and Lyford Education Trust (CLET)

CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to the community in Charney Bassett and Lyford. Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September. For further details contact Ruth Clements, Charney Bassett, e-mail: cletclerk@gmail.com.

Charney Bassett Village College

The College was set up in January 2001 by the Parish Council. Its objectives are:

- to provide facilities in Charney Bassett to assist villagers to learn new skills;
- to act as a channel through which CLET funds can be used to benefit villagers;
- to improve the viability of the Village Hall by putting it to greater use.

For information on current College activities, contact Christine Trotman, e-mail cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com.

Charney Chatter

Charney Chatter is a free newsletter published monthly and delivered via email (to opt in email echatter@btopenworld.com) or exceptionally as a hard copy. It is co-edited by Amanda Graham and Stephanie Wright. Occasional interim news updates may be sent to subscribers at the discretion of the editors. Contributions should be e-mailed to chatterinbox@btopenworld.com in MS Word format by the 20th of each month. The editors can be contacted via the Chatterinbox.

Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT)

CHAFT manages the Village Hall and Charney Field on behalf of the village and has working parties managing and developing the Village Hall and Charney Field. These working parties welcome the participation and ideas of all residents. Details from Chair, Lucy Gildersleeves: 868782.

Coffee Hour

Every Tuesday (except Christmas, Easter and August) at 10.30 am in the Village Hall, for refreshment and a chat. Mary Daghish: 868557.

Dentists

Cherry Tree Dental Care, Grove, tel: 763322
Peter Walker & Associates, Faringdon, tel: 01367 240514
Oasis Wantage Dental Practice, tel: 768877
Portway Dental Practice, Wantage, tel: 762187

The above are only a selection of local dentists.

Filling stations (nearest)

East Challow: Mellors on the A417
Grove: Bellinger's Garage on the A338
Frilford crossroads (A338/A415)
Buckland on the A420

Food Shops (nearest)

Co-ops: Kingston Bagpuize, Stanford in the Vale and Grove. Monday - Saturday: 6.30 am - 11.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am - 10.00 pm.
Dews Meadow Farm, East Hanney: Monday - Friday 8.30 am - 6.00 pm, Saturday to 5.00 pm, Sunday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.
Hanney Community Shop and Post Office. Shop: Monday - Saturday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. PO: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, Tuesday 9.00 am - 12 noon (closed at weekends).
Millets Farm Shop, Frilford: 9.00 am - 5.30 pm, 7 days a week (open until 6 pm April - October).
Southmoor One Stop Shop: 6.00 am - 10.00 pm, 7 days a week.
Tesco Express, Millbrook Square, Grove. 7.00 am - 11.00 pm.

Gardening Clubs

Hanney Gardening Club meets on the first Monday each month, 7.45 pm, in the Hanney War Memorial Hall. See www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk.
Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club meets on the first Tuesday each month, in the Village Hall. See www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk.

Health Centres

Wantage Health Centre, Mably Way. Two practices, Newbury Street Practice, tel: 763451 and Church Street Practice, tel: 770245.
White Horse Medical Practice, Faringdon, tel: 01367 242388.

Hundred Club

The 100 Club raises funds for development of the Village Hall. Draws are made monthly with a 1st prize of £25 and 2nd of £10. First prize in the Summer draw is £50 and in the Christmas draw £100. To join, contact Sally Hawkins: 868334.

Market Days

Abingdon: Mondays, Faringdon: Tuesdays, Wantage; Wednesdays & Saturdays.

Monthly Farmers' Markets - Abingdon: 3rd Friday, Faringdon: 1st Tuesday, Wantage: last Saturday

Member of Parliament

Charney Bassett is in the Wantage Parliamentary constituency. MP is Ed Vaizey, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, tel: 0207 219 6350, e-mail: vaizeye@parliament.uk. Constituency Office, tel: 769090.

Milk

Milk deliveries from Milk & More, tel: 0845 6063606, www.milkandmore.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Watch

Village Co-ordinator - Margaret Roberts: 868285

Street Co-ordinators

Barnfield - John Daghish: 868557

Buckland Road - Frances Rothwell: 868704

Longworth Road - David Sibbert: 868734

Main Street - Margaret Roberts: 868285

New Road - Sylvia Gibbons: 868752

Orchard Close - Jackie Harris: 868410

The Green - Brian Hook: 868477, John Ingram-Johnson: 868961

Newspapers

Newspapers are delivered by Rowes, Wallingford St. Wantage, tel: 763134.

Parish Church

St Peter's Church, situated to the south of the village, is one of a group of seven churches in the Benefice of Cherbury with Gainfield. The others are St Mary's Longworth; St Margaret's, Hinton Waldrist; St Mary's Lyford; The Church of the Holy Ascension, Littleworth; All Saints, Pusey; and St Mary's Buckland.

Rector: Rev. Talisker Tracey-MacLeod, tel: 01865 596224

Churchwardens: Iain McGregor: 868738

Details of services are posted on the church notice board and published in the Benefice e-newsletter, available on line - www.cherbury-gainfield.org.uk/.

Pharmacies (a selection only)

Bretts, Millbrook Square, Grove, tel: 763941.

Faringdon Pharmacy, London Street, tel: 01367 244632

Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd, Wantage Health Centre, tel: 763028.

Playgroups

Hanney Pre-school Playgroup meets during term time in the Elliott Building in the grounds of St James School. See www.hanneypreschool.co.uk.

Longworth Pre-School – see <http://www.longworthpreschoolco.uk/> for further details.

Police

Emergencies ring 999. Non-emergencies ring 101. CrimeStoppers ring 0800 555111.

Community Policing: Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group. Charney representative: David Sibbert: 868734.

Post Office

East Hanney Community Shop and PO: Monday – Friday, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm (noon on Tuesdays).

Kingston Bagpuize: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm (relocating in 2019)

Stanford in the Vale Co-op: Monday – Friday 9.00 am to 5.30 pm. Saturdays 9.00 am – 12.30 pm.

Pub

The Chequers serves meals daily: Monday – Saturday, 12.00 – 2.00 pm and 6.00 – 9.30 pm and on Sundays, 12.00 – 8.00 pm. Tel: 868642.

Refuse Collection and Recycling

Normal collection day is Monday (alternate weeks general waste [black bin] and recycling [green bin]).

Changes in collection days after Bank Holidays are included with the annual Council Tax documents.

Small electrical items can be recycled with the black bin collection. Old clothing and bedding (not fit for charity) can be placed in a carrier bag on top of the green bin.

Waste recycling centre: Stanford in the Vale (on the A417) Trailers 1.8m to 3m long will need a permit (up to 1.8m free, over 3m not allowed). Full details can be obtained from the recycling centre.

Open 7 days, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm (8.00 pm on Thursdays, from April to September).

Brown wheelie bins for garden waste can be ordered from the Vale Council for an annual charge. They are emptied fortnightly on Mondays with the recycling. Order one on line from the Vale Council Web site.

Riding Schools

Asti Stud, Goosey, tel: 01367 710288

Abingdon Riding for the Disabled, Longworth Rd, tel: 763731.

Schools

Primary: St. James Church of England Primary School Hanney, East Hanney, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 0JN. See www.st-james-pri.oxon.sch.uk/ for more details. Children from Charney can be taken by school transport.

John Blandy VC Primary School, Laurel Drive, Southmoor, OX13 5DJ. For more information see www.johnblandyprimary.org.uk/website.

Longworth Undenominational Primary School – see www.longworthprimaryschool.uk/home/ for more details.

Buckland Church of England Primary School – see www.Bucklandprimaryschool.org.uk for information.

Secondary: King Alfred's Academy, Wantage. Prospectus and information are available from the Centre Site office, tel: 225700 or on the Web – www.kaacademy.org. A school bus picks up students from the Village bus stop.

Scouting and Guiding

The Grove Scout Group meets at the Scout HQ, Recreation Ground, Cane Lane Grove. Details can be found on the Web – www.grovescouts.co.uk.

The 1st Stanford in the Vale Troop caters for similar groups to Grove and details can be found on the Web – www.stanford-in-the-vale.scoutsites.org.uk.

Hanney Guides (girls 10+) meet on Mondays 6.30-8.00 pm. For details see www.thehanneys.org.uk/clubs/hanney-guides.

Hanney Brownies (girls 7+) meet on Tuesdays in the British Legion Hall from 6.00-7.30 pm.

Rainbows (5+) in Grove on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Details can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Superstores

Wantage: Sainsbury's and Waitrose

Abingdon: Waitrose and Tesco

Faringdon: Tesco, Waitrose and Aldi.

Vale Islanders

A small, friendly group that meets each week to learn traditional English country dances. No experience needed. Come along on Tuesdays, 8 pm in Charney Bassett Village Hall. Dianne Godfrey tel: 868492 or Ruth Gerring, tel: 869083.

Veterinary Surgeons

Robert Elliott, Stanford in the Vale, tel: 01367 710595

Danetree, Grove Road, Grove, tel: 770227 or Faringdon, tel: 01367 242777

The Elms, 30 Gloucester Road, Faringdon, tel: 01367 242416

Abivale Veterinary Group, 12A Belmont, Wantage, tel: 770333

Village Diner

Every third Wednesday in the month from 12.15 am, the Village Diner (Buckland village hall) offers a delicious two-course lunch with tea or coffee, for £5 per person. Villagers, friends and neighbours are all welcome. Further information from Lucy, tel: 07894 219972.

Village Hall

Located in Chapel Lane and managed by CHAFT. Hiring rate: £5 per hour for village residents.

Residents may borrow crockery etc, tables, chairs and gazebos in exchange for a donation.

Bookings: John Wright: 867418. Booking forms available on the Charney Web site.

Web Site

The Village has a dedicated Web site – www.charneybassett.org.uk – on which more information on most topics in this guide can be found. For comments on or input for the Web site, contact charneybassettwebmaster@gmail.com.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Charney Bassett is governed by a three-tier council system, parish, district and county.

Parish Council

The Parish Council is responsible for local matters within the confines of the village and should be the first port of call for villagers requiring advice or action on village issues. It maintains the village environment either by paying for such things as grass cutting and street cleaning or by calling upon the services of the District or County Councils on matters such as planning applications and highway maintenance. Contact with the Council can be made via an individual councillor or The Clerk.

The Council has five elected members and is served by the Parish Clerk. Meetings (open to the public) are held in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the odd-numbered months (January, March, etc.) starting at 7.30 pm. The date and agenda of each meeting is advertised on the Notice Board by the bus shelter. Minutes of meetings are available on the Charney Web site.

Parish Councillors

David Roberts, Chairman Tel: 868285

David Nellist, Vice-chairman Tel: 868593

Kay Adamson Tel: 868599

Mary Castle Tel: 868371

Evelyn Campbell Tel: 868710

Clerk: Trevor Brown Tel: 868282

The village Web site is at www.charneybassett.org.uk.

Vale of White Horse District Council

Charney Bassett is in the Longworth Ward of the Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon, tel: 520202.

District Councillor: Eric Batts, 35 Cherry Tree Close, Southmoor, OX13 5BE, tel: 01865 821565, e-mail: cllrericbatts@gmail.com

The Vale Council web site is at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk.

Oxfordshire County Council

Charney Bassett is in the Kingston Bagpuize Electoral Division of Oxfordshire County Council, tel: 01865 792422 (general enquiries).

County Councillor: Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor, Hatford House, Hatford, Faringdon, SN7 8JF, tel: 01367 710719, e-mail: anda.fitzgerald@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

The County Council web site is at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.