



# Information

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## **Welcome to your village**

The first Parish Plan of 2005 helped to launch a really useful Welcome Pack of very local information for all residents. It is always useful to have a hard copy of key information to refer to.

Back in 2004, students at Harvard developed Facebook. The phrase 'social media' entered our vocabulary. Modifications come every month. Twitter evolved from 2006 and others have recently joined the family – Instagram in 2010 and Snapchat from 2011. The process is mind-boggling. Where it will be in one year, let alone ten, is almost beyond comprehension.

However, there is a proportion of our residents who are not 'online'. Most are, of course, but it is comforting to have a little booklet to refer to quickly, which you can update when amendments are published in the quarterly Parish Council Newsletter.

We hope you continue to enjoy your village, which has seen several significant changes since 2005. The importance to the community of the Parish Council, Village Hall and Church Room cannot be overstated. Details of all these, and much more, are in this publication, which has been delivered to every household and business.

We welcome all of the newcomers and say 'hello' to our old friends too.

We enter the Dorset Best Villages competition annually. I am delighted that we have had some success!

2013 – Runner up in the 'Best of the Large Villages in Dorset' category.

2015 – Certificate of Excellence from North Dorset District Council for the QEII Playing Field as the 'Best Community Area in North Dorset'.

2016 – Certificate of Excellence from North Dorset District Council as the 'Best Village in North Dorset.'

**Councillor Tim Hill, Chairman, Charlton Marshall Parish Council.**

# Charlton Marshall Parish Council

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email: [charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:charltonmarshall@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

Clerk to the Council: Marie Dando Tel: 01202 695962



The Parish Council meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the Church Room. All are welcome to attend. In the Spring, the Parish Council arranges an Annual Parish Meeting with key speakers from the local and wider community which all residents are encouraged to attend

To help you keep up to date the Council publishes a newsletter four times per year, sponsors the parish website, and maintains information boards at Thornicombe and outside the Church Room.

## Local Government and Services

**District Councillor:** Andrew Kerby. Tel: 07795 058568

**County Councillor:** Hilary Cox. (Via DCC) 01305 221000

**Member of Parliament:** Simon Hoare. Constituency Office – 01258 452585 or at Westminster – 020 7219 2787, e: [simon.hoare.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:simon.hoare.mp@parliament.uk)

**North Dorset District Council (NDDC):** 01258 454111

**Dorset County Council (DCC):** 01305 221000

Website for all Dorset Council Services: [www.Dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.Dorsetforyou.gov.uk)

**Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP),** waste and recycling collection and street cleaning 01305 221040. [www.Dorsetforyou.gov.uk/recycling-rubbish-and-waste](http://www.Dorsetforyou.gov.uk/recycling-rubbish-and-waste). Household Recycling Centre, Shaftsbury Lane, Blandford, DT11 7EG

**Highways:** Anyone with internet access can report a range of road issues on [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk) including potholes, overgrown hedges, broken street lights, flooding, blocked drains and many other issues. It is a simple process and a reference number is given to enable you to check progress of the work. If you do not have online access you can use the Online Centre at the Church Room or contact the Clerk to report the issue on your behalf.

**Library:** The Tabernacle, Blandford, DT11 7DW, 01258 452075  
[www.Dorsetforyou.gov.uk/blandfordlibrary](http://www.Dorsetforyou.gov.uk/blandfordlibrary)

## **QEII Playing Field, Hopegood Close**

The playing field at the end of Hopegood Close (and the dedicated car park for Playing Field and Railway users only) is owned and maintained by the Parish Council. There is fitness equipment, children's play park and football nets. Various organised events are held including an annual Fun Day sponsored by the Parish Council. The field gained QEII Fields in Trust status as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.

## **The North Dorset Trailway**

The Trailway is owned and managed by Dorset County Council. There are six access points from the village on to the trailway – Hopegood Close (by the Playing Field), Church Lane, Cereleton Park via Woodland Trust area, Park Hill, Charlton on the Hill, and from the A350 opposite Tannery Court.

The Trailway follows the route of the former Somerset and Dorset Joint Railway which closed to traffic in 1966. It is suitable for walking, cycling and horse riding, and runs from Louse Lane in Spetisbury to Ward's Drove in Blandford St Mary. At the site of the former station, off Damory Court Street in Blandford, you can re-join the trailway and follow it to Sturminster Newton. At Sturminster Newton and at Spetisbury you can join other footpaths and bridleways. See [www.northdorsettrailway.org.uk](http://www.northdorsettrailway.org.uk)

### **Dog waste bins are provided**

- On Park Hill by access to trailway
- On Church Lane by access to trailway
- In Hopegood Close by access to trailway near play area
- On Gravel Lane near Barnwheel
- On Bournemouth Road – opposite Meadow Road, near the church, and by the bus stop at the bottom of Park Hill

## **Other Amenities and Assets**

The Parish Council owns and maintains the Riverside Gardens behind the church, the Village Garden by the river in Gravel Lane and the two red telephone kiosks for which a use is still being sought.

## **Charlton Marshall Cemetery, Church Lane**

The Cemetery is located on Church Lane which is opposite the Church. For burials or interment of ashes please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Bournemouth Road**

**Vicar:** Rev Joe Edwards 01258 857620. email: [joe@bridgeparishes.co.uk](mailto:joe@bridgeparishes.co.uk)

**Licensed Lay Minister:** Jane Griffin 01258 454653

**Church Wardens:** Peter Elliott 01258 451763  
Colin Pickering 01258 453156

Services are held most Sundays and are usually at 10.00 am; for details see notice boards outside and in the Church Room, [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) or Three Villages News. The church is part of a group comprising Blandford St Mary, Spetisbury, Kingston Lacy. Shapwick and Sturminster Marshall. Everyone is welcome at all of the services.

The church community is drawn from varying Christian traditions and in addition to the regular services, various social and fundraising activities take place.

The church building is Grade 1 listed. There has probably been a church on the site since Saxon times but the main part of the present building dates from 1713; the tower is mediaeval with additions made in 1713. Considerable restoration work took place in 1895 and in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, with kitchen and toilet added more recently.



## **The Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road**

Food and drink seven days a week. Bed and Breakfast. 01258 453160

[www.thecharltoninn.co.uk](http://www.thecharltoninn.co.uk); email: [charltoninn@gmail.com](mailto:charltoninn@gmail.com)



## The Village Hall, Green Close

[www.charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk)

Contact Margaret Chambers 01258 456572  
email: [info@charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk)

Monday	Hatha Yoga	0930 – 1100
	Dog Agility	1400 – 1600
	Scouting, Cubs	1800 – 1930
	Zumba Fitness	1945 – 2045
Tuesday	Bowls	1400 – 1630
	Bowls Matches	1900 – 2130
Wednesday	Yoga	0930 – 1100
	Pilates	1400 – 1500
	Guiding, Brownies	1730 – 1900
	Bowls	1915 – 2045
Thursday	Dog Agility	1000 – 1200
	Music and Movement for Parents and Toddlers	1330 - 1430
	Guiding, Rainbows	1615 – 1730
	Table Tennis League	1945 – 2215
Friday	Kung Fu	1000 – 1100
	Puppy Training	1400 – 1500
	Scouting, Beavers	1730 – 1845
	Bowls	1900 – 2130
Sunday	Kung Fu and Tai Chi	1800 – 2000

Second Wednesday **Monthly Film Night**; contact Roger 01258 488431 for more information. Remaining Wednesdays – miscellaneous bookings.

The hall is a registered charity run by a committee of volunteers. Funds are being raised for building of a new hall. The current hall which opened just before World War 2 has a stage, toilets, and small kitchen facilities and is available for private bookings.

For information about the planned new hall and fundraising, see hall newsletters or [charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk](http://charltonmarshallvillagehall.co.uk)

## The Church Room and Village Centre, Bournemouth Road

Contact Pat Osborne 01258 453516

- Monday to Friday 1030 – 1230 Coffee Drop-in.
- Last Monday monthly at Coffee Drop-in, Stroke Association group
- Tuesday – Thursday at Coffee Drop-in, Online Centre – computer mentoring and internet access
- First Tuesday monthly 1930 Parish Council
- Tuesday and Wednesday 1800 Bagpipe lessons
- Second and last Wednesday monthly 1930 Charlton Marshall Art Society
- Thursday 1400 – 1600 Art and Craft group
- First Friday monthly 1300 Lunch Club
- First Friday as announced 1930 Bingo

At the Coffee Drop-in stamps, cards, stationery, seasonal produce, home-made cakes, preserves, second-hand books, jigsaw puzzles etc. can be purchased.



You can also pick up copies of local free papers – Blackmore Vale Magazine weekly, Forum Focus monthly. You can buy Three Villages News monthly if you are not a subscriber (to subscribe phone Sue 01258 489895) and there is a photocopy machine available for use. Bus timetables, local information leaflets and newsletters are available in addition to the information boards maintained by the Parish Council, Church, and local organisations.

At the Online Centre volunteers will help you get online or send emails. You can bring your own laptop or tablet if you need help using them whether you are a complete beginner or just need help with a new feature. For more details contact Paul 07752 138300.

The room is available for private bookings; there is a toilet and small kitchen.

## My Notes



## **A circular walk through Tarrant Crawford**

About 5 miles - 3 hours and varied scenery, mostly on the level. Parts can be muddy in wet weather.

Walk along the railway for a pleasant mile towards Spetisbury . On your right you get a glimpse of the watercress beds. On your left you will then see Spetisbury School & Church. Before the school, turn left down the slope to the road. Turn right, along the road, and cross straight over the A350, with care. You are on part of the Stour Valley Way.

Through Clapcott's Farm follow the footpath signs, to the left of the private garage, over the raised narrow footbridge (over the gardens of "Mill House" - quite a sight in any season). Then pass close by the Mill, over the millpond, & through a number of iron gates.

After the iron gates the meadows of the flood plain open out; head straight across to two bridges to cross the River Stour before passing the buildings of Keynston Mill. Opposite the disused farm shop, turn right into a field and follow the right-hand boundary through into a second field. The path bears left to reach a metal gate and road; the Tarrant stream is on your right.

Cross the road into a paved track that brings you to Tarrant Crawford Church (13th C.) with its mediaeval wall paintings; it is well worth the time to walk across the old churchyard and experience a place to meditate, and step back in time! When you come out turn left towards the old buildings of the Abbey Farm and in a few metres go left over a stile into a field to walk uphill and come out again on the road just north of Crawford Farm.

Cross the road, go through a gate keeping straight ahead along the edge of two fields. Cross a concrete track (access to local sewage farm, but don't let that put you off). Pass under the overhead power lines, and over a stile. Follow the blue arrow sign around the field until you reach a road. Turn right and follow the road to cross the River Stour by the Crawford Bridge

Walk up to the crossroads, and cross the main A350 with care, and continue up the road opposite (Louse Lane) for about 50 metres to a gravel track on the right. This is the start of the railway back to Charlton Marshall.





## **A walk on the railway and across farmland to the west**

About 4 miles - 1½hours and varied scenery, mostly on the level.

Walk along the railway towards Blandford. When you get to the T junction at Blandford St Mary (Ward's Drove) turn left up the drove and go over the hill as far as the cottages on the left in the valley. Beyond the cottages turn left into the bridleway; when you get to the farm, bear right through the yard and continue to the T junction at Littleton Drove, which is tarred. Go left for a few yards until you find a field gate on your right. Go through the field gate and the footpath goes straight across the field to the gap in the hedge on the far side. Continue across the second field heading for the corner of the wall at the rear of Birch Close Farm. Walk out on to Park Hill, cross it and continue down the lane opposite, heading for Lower Cottage, which you will pass on your right just before you reach a T junction. (which can be very muddy after rain). Turn left up the track, go over the hill and come down Church Lane to Charlton Marshall. Happy walking.

## **A walk through Manor Farm and Glebe Farm**

Up to 3½miles - 1½hours and varied scenery, some hilly stretches.

Go up Church Lane, over the top of the hill and down towards Manor Farm until you come to a field gate on the left before reaching the farm; go through the gate on the bridleway across the field to the far left corner. Go through the gate in the corner and turn left towards Glebe Farm; go straight across the field towards the farm buildings (can be very muddy here), pass them and the next house and bungalow on your left and continue until the lane bends to the right. Now choose either a or b:

a) continue on the lane to the T junction, turn left and walk towards Spetisbury; go under the railway arch and turn immediately right up the slope to the railway and return to Charlton Marshall.

b) Go through the field gate on the left and head for the tree in the centre, turn left at the tree and when you get to the corner of the field go over the stile, then across to the next stile, then diagonally up the hill to the stile in the far hedge; head for the farm buildings; go through the gate into the yard and out at the far left corner into The Close, and home.

## **Schools and pre-school**

(for admissions information see [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk))

Spetisbury Primary: 01258 452107

Blandford St Mary Primary: 01258 453331

Milldown Primary, Blandford: 01258 452456

Archbishop Wake Primary, Blandford: 01258453120

The Blandford School (Secondary): 01258 451121

Pre School – Scamps (at Spetisbury School): 01258 451413  
[www.scampspreshool.org](http://www.scampspreshool.org)

Parent and Toddler Group – Scampies see Scamps

Breakfast and After School Treehouse Club – see Scamps

Independent Preparatory and Senior Schools: [www.schoolsnet.com](http://www.schoolsnet.com)

## **Letter Boxes**

On Bournemouth Road at Parva Cottages, at Church Room and Village Centre, at Meadow Road junction and at Thornicombe just before the junction with Dorchester Road.

## **Post Offices**

**Blandford**, The Tabernacle: 0845 722 334

**Sturminster Marshall**, 66 High Street: 01258 858314

## **Deliveries to the Village**

Milk&More, Poole (Muller, was Dairy Crest): 0345 606 3606  
[www.milkandmore.co.uk](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk)

BV Dairy; Shaftesbury: 01747 851855; [www.bvdairy.co.uk](http://www.bvdairy.co.uk)

James Newsagents, Blandford: 01258 452910

## **Buses**

Morebus (formerly Wilts and Dorset): 01202 338420

[www.morebus.co.uk](http://www.morebus.co.uk)

Damory Coaches: 01258 452545, 01202 338420

[www.damory.co.uk](http://www.damory.co.uk)

Bus2Go (community bus for days out etc.) 0791 729 8321

[www.bus2godorset.org](http://www.bus2godorset.org)

Dorset Community Transport: 01258 287980

[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/bus/community-transport](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/bus/community-transport)

National Express Intercity Coaches: 0871 781 8181

[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

## **Taxis in Blandford**

Abell Cars: 01258 450260

Kens Kabs: 01258 456136

Oakwood Taxis: 01258 455555

Riverside Taxis: 01258 453553

Sunrise Taxis: 01258 268528

## **Trains**

Railway stations: Dorchester, Gillingham, Poole, Salisbury

National Rail Enquiries: 0345 748 4950. [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## **Airports**

Bournemouth International: 01258 364000

Southampton: 0844 481 7777

Bristol: 0871 334 4444

Exeter International: 01392 367433

## **Hospitals**

Blandford Community Hospital, Milldown Road, DT11 7 SH. No A&E but has Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) and hosts various outpatient clinics:  
01258 456541

Poole Hospital, Longfleet Road, BH15 2 JB: 01202 665511

Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2JY:  
01305 251150

Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock Road, SP2 8BJ: 01722 336262

Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Castle Lane East, BH7 7DW: 01202 303626

## **Doctors' Surgeries and Pharmacies**

Eagle House Surgery, WhiteCliff Mill Street, Blandford: 01258 453171

WhiteCliff Surgery, WhiteCliff Mill Street, Blandford. Includes in-house pharmacy: 01258 452501

Wellbeing Pharmacy, 66 High Street, Sturminster Marshall: 01258 857657

Boots, Blandford.

3 Salisbury Street: 01258 453108

10-14 Salisbury Street: 01258 452824

45 East Street: 01258 452619

## **Dentists in Blandford**

Alaska House Dental Practice, 80 Salisbury Street: 01258 452091

Diplomat House Family Dental Practice, Oakfield Street: 01258 456901

East Street Dental Practice, 25-27 East Street: 01258 452522

Gentle Dental, 14 East Street: 01258 450019

## **Veterinary Surgeons in Blandford**

Damory Veterinary Clinic, Damory Court Street: 01258 452626

Friars Moor Vets, Higher Shaftesbury Road: 01258 472160

## **Other Christian Denominations**

Catholic Church: Whitecliff Mill Street, Blandford, 01258 452051

Evangelical Church: Albert Street, Blandford, 01258 450689

Methodist Church: The Close, Blandford, 01258 450931

United Reformed Church: Salisbury Street, Blandford, 01258 459939

## **Other local amenities and information**

Blandford Leisure Centre (includes 2 swimming pools), Milldown Road:  
01258 455566. [www.everyoneactive.com/centre/blandford-leisure-centre](http://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/blandford-leisure-centre)

Blandford Skate Park, Stour Meadows (Town Council): 01258 454500  
[www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk](http://www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk)

Blandford Town Museum, Bere's Yard: 01258 450388  
[www.blandfordtownmuseum.org](http://www.blandfordtownmuseum.org)

Blandford Fashion Museum, The Plocks: 01258 453006  
[www.blandfordfashionmuseum.co.uk](http://www.blandfordfashionmuseum.co.uk)

The Royal Signals Museum, Blandford Camp: 01258 482248  
[www.royalsignalsmuseum.co.uk](http://www.royalsignalsmuseum.co.uk)

Blandford Market every Thursday and Saturday (Town Council):  
01258 454500 [www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk](http://www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk)

Blandford Farmers Market every Second Friday of the month

Blandford Information Centre, West Street: 01258 454770  
[www.visit-dorset.com/visitor-information/blandford-tourist-information-centre-p415933](http://www.visit-dorset.com/visitor-information/blandford-tourist-information-centre-p415933)

In and around Blandford you will also find other sports and fitness clubs and facilities, solicitors, undertakers, banks, supermarkets, chain stores, DIY suppliers, small individual shops, eating places and pubs, hairdressers, opticians, travel agents and other service providers to name just a few.



**The following are some businesses based in the Parish that responded to the invitation to be listed in this publication. The Parish Council cannot recommend or endorse a business.**

Charlton Inn, public house and B&B [www.thecharltoninn.co.uk](http://www.thecharltoninn.co.uk) 01258 453160

Consega Limited, business telecoms [www.consega.com](http://www.consega.com) contact Steve Bradshaw 01258 841111 or 07909 322752

Dorset Studio, watercolour animal portraits, acrylic art and designer wall stickers, [www.dorsetstudio.com](http://www.dorsetstudio.com) contact Sue Hutchings 01258 480020

Gorcombe Extreme Sports, [www.gorcombe.co.uk](http://www.gorcombe.co.uk) 01258 452219

Gorcombe Farm Bed and Breakfast, [www.gorcombe-bb.co.uk](http://www.gorcombe-bb.co.uk) 01258 480088

Honeybee Trees, tree surgery, felling, pruning, hedge cutting and log splitting contact 01258 454710

Jo D Designs, architectural design, planning and building regulations drawings and applications, [www.joddesigns.co.uk](http://www.joddesigns.co.uk) contact Jo Kempster 01258 721347 or 07703 034127

Pilot School of Motoring, driving instructor, [www.pilotsom.com](http://www.pilotsom.com) contact Chris Newby 07973 775754

St Mary Services, Complete landscape service, [www.st-marys-services.co.uk](http://www.st-marys-services.co.uk) contact 01258 451333, 07980 590710, 07773 147762

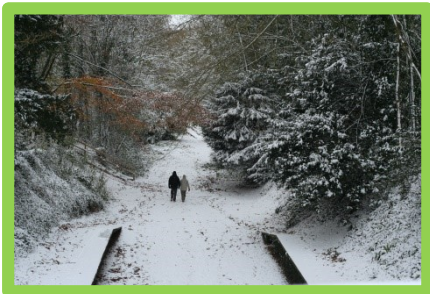
Toby Liddell, Electrician, Rivers Edge, 07772 014968

Weathervane Cottage, Weathervanes, [www.weathervanes-direct.co.uk](http://www.weathervanes-direct.co.uk) 01258 450193

- If you have a business based in the Parish and would like to be listed in any future revision please contact the Parish Clerk

## My notes

The information in this booklet is believed to be correct at time of publication. However, if you find any errors or if there is information you think should be added, please let the Clerk know. Updates will be advised via the quarterly Parish Council Newsletter.



## Emergency and other Contacts

Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance – emergency: 999

Police non emergency: 101, email: [101@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill: 01305 229084  
email: [pcc@dorset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pcc@dorset.pnn.police.uk)

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

Medical or Health advice and information – non urgent: 111

Doctor out-of-hours: 111

Electricity – to report or get information about a power cut: 105

Smell Gas?: 0800 111999

Water-main leakage – Leakstoppers: 0800 692 0692

Sewage overflow: 0345 850 5959

Plumber [www.watersafe.org.uk](http://www.watersafe.org.uk) 0333 207 9030