

Cherhill Village

Wiltshire

Welcome Pack

A helpful guide for new residents



This welcome pack has been collated and produced by
Cherhill Good Neighbours

Welcome to Cherhill

*We are very pleased you have chosen Cherhill to be your home
and hope you will be happy here.*

Village Website: www.cherhill.org

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Where to find useful information

Cherhill has an official website: www.cherhill.org – which is a mine of useful up-to-date information.

Cherhill has its own Facebook page: [Cherhill Villagers](#) – which is a lively discussion group open to all residents.

There are a number of publications giving information about activities and traders in the local area.

- Parish Council – quarterly newsletter
- The Villages Parish Magazine- annual fee-
hilarywright1952@gmail.com
- The Town Crier 01249 811068
- Marlborough living 01225 308092
- Dentons Directory 0844 7761967

. Where possible we have included examples for you.

Village Overview:

Nestled in the Wiltshire Downs, an area of outstanding beauty, Cherhill has been occupied for over a thousand years, however people have been living in this area for over five thousand years, at Oldbury Fort on the downs above the village. Stone Age axes were found recently on The Street.

The old Roman road, now known as the A4 is the main thoroughfare, and was heavily used by carriages.

The **Cherhill Gang** was a notorious group of highway men who operated in the 18th century on the London to Bath main road (A4). They were noted for their robbery technique of attacking the carriages of rich Londoners while completely naked, thus shocking passengers into handing over their money and also making it harder to identify them. A painting

depicting one such attack can be seen in the Black Horse pub, on the main road in the village.

The village appears in records from the twelfth century, when St James' Church was built, and has a long agricultural history. Preceding that time, a processional avenue, marked with stones, passed through Cherhill on the way to Avebury just four miles away, where rituals of the time took place.

Our most famous landmarks are the White Horse carved from the chalk downs above the village in 1780 and the Lansdowne monument built in 1845 by the Lansdowne family on the then edge of the Bowood estate.

The current village has approx. 350 houses and a population of approx. 720 people ranging from octogenarians to new born. The houses are spread over three main parallel streets, running east to west with connecting roads and pathways and a small chalk stream running at the bottom of the valley.

Village Amenities

Village Hall – on The Street - is used by a number of organisations and is available for hire for parties. Plans to build a larger hall on land donated to the village near the A4 are currently in the planning phase.

Defibrillators - located at Village Hall and Cherhill Primary School

Bus Service – Bus timetable obtainable from Wiltshire Council. Stops situated in Middle Lane, and A4.

Notice boards - Middle Lane and The Street

Post boxes – Middle Lane and The Street

Mobile Library - parked on Oliver's Hill - once monthly

Nursery and Primary Schools – Middle Lane

Tommy Croker Playing Field - reached from Mill Lane.

Oldbury Wednesday Club – Celia **01249 815190**

Doggy Poop bin – corner of Middle Lane and Oliver’s Hill

Electricity –various suppliers

Gas – no mains gas available

High Speed Internet - available

Excellent Postal delivery service.

Mobile Phone - good connectivity

Like many rural villages, we no longer have a shop or Post Office but we have retained an excellent hostelry.

The Black Horse Pub on the A4 offers a warm welcome. Good food and beer at reasonable prices.

Current Landlord: Dean Stothard. Telephone: **01249 819069**

There are three working farms, several outlets for farm eggs and horse stabling.

Our Parish Council meets monthly in our Village Hall and current Councillors are:

Martin Purslow - Chair

Simon Tomlinson - Deputy Chair

David Grafton

John Cavanagh

David Evans

Anna Shantry

Paula Purslow – Parish Clerk 07384-595528

Contact details are on the website www.cherhill.org.

Residents are welcome to Parish Council meetings held at Village Hall in Cherhil and Yatesbury.

In addition the **Cherhill Good Neighbours Group** will be glad to assist you:

Susan Scott **07717 753 822**

Heather Crawshaw **07799 320 314**

Local Council Information:

We fall under the administration of Wiltshire Council. Their Head Office is in Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Council Website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Telephone Number: 0300 456 0100

(Lines open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)

They are responsible for a number of services, including

Rubbish Collection.

- Black Box recycling every alternate Monday
- Household waste every alternate Tuesday
- Plastic bottle/card recycling every alternate Tuesday
- Garden Waste every alternate Friday.

There is a charge of £48 for the collection of garden waste from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. You can sign up for the service at any point. If you wish to sign up part-way through the year, you will pay on a quarterly, pro-rata basis. Bins will be emptied fortnightly, except for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

Please remember to put your container out at the kerbside by 7 am on your collection day. Please ensure that your bin lid is closed and do not leave any household waste next to your bin for collection.

Collection calendars are available from Wiltshire Council and can be printed on line.

Collection Days can change over Christmas and bank holidays.

Parish Steward - road repairs, gulley cleaning, and clearing invasive weeds etc. Tasks can be organised by contacting Councillor Martin Purslow.

Household Recycling Centre – Lower Compton
Closed Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Places of Worship

Church of England



St James', Cherhill, our Grade II listed 12th Century church, lies at the heart of the village community and you are assured of a warm welcome there. All service details are displayed at the lych gate and in the church porch. Services aim to meet different age groups needs and we join with other churches in the Oldbury group of five churches.

There is a regular monthly magazine for the Oldbury Benefice group. If you are interested in our activities please contact the Rector Matthew Earwicker at The Rectory, The Street, Cherhill, Wiltshire, SN11 8XR -01249 821329 - mattearwicker@gmail.com or oldburybenefice@gmail.com

Other denominations are served by churches further afield.

Roman Catholic Church – St. Edmunds Church
65, Oxford Road, Calne, SN11 8AQ **Phone:** 01249 813131

Calne Methodist Church - 7 South Pl, Calne SN11 0JA
Phone: 01249 821451

Calne Free Church - Church St, Calne SN11 0HU
Phone: 07580 580472

Calne Baptist Church Castle St, Calne SN11 0DX
Phone: 01249 812389

Local Shopping and Services

Cherhill is centrally located between a number of towns:

- Calne – 3 miles
- Devizes – 8 miles
- Chippenham – 9 miles
- Marlborough – 10 miles
- Swindon – 15 miles
- Bath – 25 miles

All major outlets are available in most of these towns so we are well supplied with retail outlets.

The nearest Post Office is 1 mile away at Quemerford on the A4 towards Calne and the shop offers bread, milk and all short term requirements.

Calne, is a small town, but has a number of interesting independent traders, coffee shops, many good pubs and evening entertainment. The Town Crier publication is a good source of local business details. There is an excellent library where information about local charities can be found along with a great selection of fiction and nonfiction books, DVD, and magazines. They also have the Calne Visitor and Information Centre – 01249 814000

Railway Stations:

GWR -Chippenham Station, Stanton Hill, Chippenham,
SN15 3QE

GWR – Swindon Station, Station Road, Swindon, SN1 1DQ

Tel: National Rail 03457 484950

Taxi Services:

Eric's Taxis, 9 Angel Close, Calne – 01249 848688

Fuelling Stations:

Esso – Oxford Road, Calne

Texaco – Oxford Road, Calne

Tesco – Beversbrook Lane, Calne

Located within Cherhill itself are a number of businesses:

Building Contractors:

- SWS Building contractors Ltd- Elm Tree Cottage, Cherhill – 01249 812 688 - FMB and NHBC Registered
- Bodman Builders Ltd, 43, The Street, Cherhill - 01249 816932

Dog Walkers and Pet sitters:

- Bells & Whistles – Nichola Newton – 07879 274944
- Bex's Petz – Becky Lyons – 07872064268
- Caro's Canine Capers- Caroline Catt - 07584 411651

Designs and drawings for house extensions:

- Tim Wilkinson – FHL
timwilko@btinternet.com – 07752 255515

Electrician:

- Frank Watts Electrical Ltd – 47, The Street
NIC EIC Approved – 07974 688638

Music Lessons:

- Ridgway Music Studio. Piano lessons for all ages, tailored to the individual and incorporating a range of approaches to develop the whole musician. Alta is an ISM Registered Teacher with DBS clearance and more than 15 years' experience.
Email: ridgwaymusicstudios@gmail.com – 07817 134 116

Mobile Sports Massage Therapist

- Emma Wright – 0784 816 815

Yoga Sessions

- Liz Bates – Paradise Yoga Cherhill – 07702 387507
Classes: Monday 5.45 – 6.45 pm
Wednesday 7.00 – 8.30 pm
Friday 9.30 – 11.00 am

House and Garden Contractors:

- Catherine Crofts - Prune and Broom Ltd – 07877 661272
croftsies@hotmail.com
Cleaning and gardening; end of tenancy and home help.

Education:

Note: Many children attend the schools from local villages and are transported here by car.

- **Twice a day an informal ONE WAY system – East to West is operated in Middle Lane to assist in children drop-off and collection**
- **Operating times are 8.15 am to 9.00am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm during term times. Your co-operation is appreciated.**

Cherhill Pre-School – Middle Lane

Current Manager: - Kate Skuse

- **Tel: 01249 81287** admin@cherhillpreschool.org
- **Ages attending:** 18 months to 5 years
- **Current capacity:** 32 children

Cherhill C of E Primary School – Middle Lane

Headteacher: Andrew Ind

- **Current Ofsted rated** – A Good School
- **Ages attending:** Reception to Year 6
- **Tel: 01249 812100**
<http://www.cherhill.wilts.sch.uk/>

Secondary School – Calne The John Bentley School

Principal: Jason Tudor

- **Current Ofsted rated** –Requires improvement
- **Ages attending:** Year 7 to Year 11 and 6th Form
- **Tel: 01249 818100**
- **Email:** reception@johnbentley.wilts.sch.uk
- The John Bentley School, White Horse Way, Calne, SN11 8YH

Medical:

GP Practices in Local Area:

- Patford House Practice, 8A Patford Road, Calne,
SN11 0EF 01249 815407
- Beversbrook Medical Centre, Harrier Close, Calne,
SN11 9UT 01249 821831
-
- Northlands Surgery, North Street Calne,
SN11 0HH 01249 812 141

Dental Practices in Local Area:

- Kerry Crescent Dental Practice, 2 Kerry Crescent.
Calne 01249 821 113
- My Dentist, Oxford Road, Calne
SN11 8AA 01249 822380
- Ferndale Dental and Implant Clinic, Estcourt Street,
Devizes, SN10 1LQ 01380 725225

Veterinary Surgeons in Local Area:

- Calne Veterinary Clinic, 245 Oxford Street, Calne,
SN11 8RT 01249 811194
- The Hale Veterinary Group, Church Street, Calne,
SN11 9SG 01249 815563
- White Horse Veterinary Clinic, 15 Curzon Street, Calne,
SN11 0DB 01249 812715
- Macqueen Veterinary Clinic, Waller Road, Devizes
SN10 2GH 01380 728 505
24 hour service.

Clubs:

Cherhill 100 Club

Cherhill 100 club exists to support Cherhill Village Hall and St. James Church, Cherhill. Members pay £12 per number each year and a monthly draw, with six prize winners, is drawn each month. Currently there are 243 paid numbers.

If you would like to join the 100 Club or have more than one number contact one of the 100 Club committee members – **Dawn Carter, Maggie Moore, Diane Pickford, Lester Spencer or David Evans secretary (01249 815170).**

Cherhill Woman's Institute

Meets in the Village Hall every third Thursday in a month at 7.30 pm. A place for friends to meet and socialise whilst developing new skills and enjoying speakers, theatre trips and other activities take place annually. Details on Cherhill.org website.

If you would like to join contact Maggie Moore – 01249 814979

Cherhill Gardening Club

Meets at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Dates are available on Cherhill.org website. It is for all who share a common interest in gardens, gardening and related subjects. Informal and social with eleven months of speakers, other events and an Annual Show. No meeting in January. If you would like to join Email: thepearces60@btinternet.com

Cherhill Scouts Group

Groups meet in the Village Hall:

Beavers 5:45-6:30 Tuesdays

Cubs 7.00 – 8.30 pm Tuesdays

Scouts 7.30 - 9.00 pm Tuesdays

(Term Time Only)

Email: cherhill@midwiltshirescouts.org.uk and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Cherhill Theatre Group

Cherhill Village Theatre has been in existence in the village for 30 years. Over that time members have come and gone, but the main aim of the group remains constant and that is to provide community based amateur dramatic activities which involve all ages and abilities drawn from the local area. Its main performance activity has been its infamous annual pantomime, performed at the end of January.

Oldbury Wednesday Club

9.30 am at Village Hall. Provides a Day Centre service with lunch and companionship for people over 60 years living in Cherhill, Calne and the surrounding villages including Yatesbury and Lower Compton. The Club was set up in the early 1980s and is well established with a good level of volunteers and membership of between 28-35 people. Older and disabled people can become isolated for many reasons. By offering the opportunity for people to meet on a regular basis, the Club seeks to help to reduce loneliness, support members through activities and information and offer an element of monitoring of personal needs. Celia 01249 815190

Nearby organisations:

Calne Men's Shed

www.calnemensshed.org

An inclusive organisation aimed primarily at men of predominately retirement age, giving them a place to meet and take part in projects at whatever level feels comfortable. There is a well-equipped woodwork shop and a metal workshop in progress. Despite the name – women are not excluded but welcomed!

Meetings: Tuesday afternoon. Thursday evening.
Porte Marsh Trading Estate, Calne. **SN11 9BW**

Wiltshire Wild Life

At Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, they have volunteers from all walks of life, who love getting involved in every level of their work. From looking after their reserves and surveying wildlife to running Local Supporter Groups, office admin, leading children's Watch Groups, helping with fundraising and membership, carrying out vital conservation tasks or stewarding at large events, volunteers support everything that they do.

There are lots of ways you can help and you don't need volunteering experience. If you have the time, commitment or knowledge to share, they'll do everything they can to find a volunteering opportunity that develops your skills and interests, and works around your other commitments.

<https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org>

Derek Gard, Volunteer Manager

National Trust Properites- Avebury Manor, Landsdowne Monument and Lacock Abbey.

They are always looking for volunteers and offer an opportunity for making new friends, working in amazing places and knowing that you are helping great causes- three fabulous reason to get volunteering.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>

Local Walks.

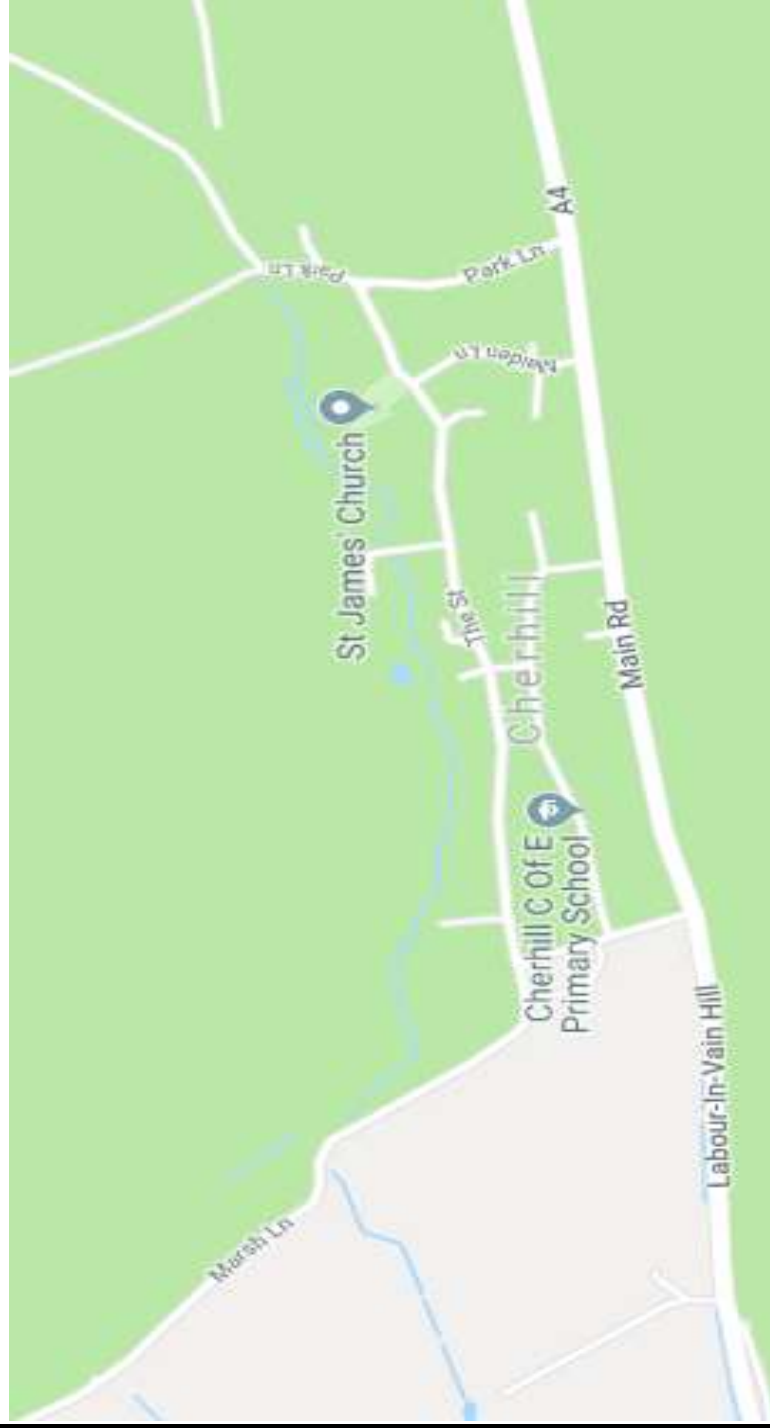
Try these websites for information:

www.wildlifetrusts.org/

www.discoveringbritain.org/

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/

www.walkingbritain.co.uk/find-walks-by-me.php





Useful Contacts in Emergency:

Medical Help – Out of hours – Call 111

Police Non-Emergency Number – Call 101

Environmental Health Direct Line – 01249 706555

Wiltshire Council general help Line – 0300 4560100

Cherhill Parish Clerk – Paula Purslow 07384 595528

Wiltshire Councillor Alan Hill - 01249 821855

Electrical Emergencies – SSEN -07384 798142