

PARISH WELCOME PACK

covering Shillington, Pegsdon and Higham Gobion.



WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF SHILLINGTON

You have chosen to live in a special place. Shillington is a friendly and thriving village in an attractive rural area, but close enough to many towns to enjoy their facilities and within easy reach of London.

Shillington sits in an attractive countryside with fine views to and from All Saints Church and part of the parish of Pegsdon lies within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Here too there are extensive views, as well as nature reserves with unusual plants and wildlife. The footpaths and quiet roads are well used by walkers and cyclists.

But a village isn't just about the place, it's about its people. They make the village what it is by their actions. People have lived in this area for thousands of years, mostly making a living from farming the land. Before 1200 years ago, Scyttle's people had settled in what is now the centre of the village and a church was built on top of the hill. The population increased and to accommodate them, separate clusters of homes grew up in the 'Ends' including Upton, Hanscombe and Apsley. The Shillington we live in today is the work of all of these people and the lives they've led. It will continue so in the future.

Now that you have joined us in Shillington, you too can contribute to the village. There are many ways of doing so. Sending your children to the village school, using the shops and pubs, supporting events in the Village Hall or on the Playing Field, attending the churches and joining one of the many clubs and voluntary groups, are all opportunities to make new friends and put something back in return for the benefits of living here.

This directory gives information that will help you to settle in Shillington. By supporting the businesses, services and voluntary groups listed here, you can help them prosper. Without your help, they will die.



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*Please 'contact us' if details/information are out of date or if you are a local business/group and would like to be listed here.
No charge for inclusion.*



VILLAGE PUBS & RESTAURANTS



The Crown Inn - ☎ 01462-711667
Landlord & Lady: Philip & Victoria Kelly
www.crownshillington.co.uk
104 High Road, Shillington. SG5 3LP
email: info@crownsillington.com



FOOD SERVING TIMES: *Tuesday to Friday: 12 noon to 2.30pm & 6pm to 9pm*
Sat: 10am to 11.30am (breakfast) / 12 noon to 2.30pm & 5pm to 9pm
Sun: 10am to 11.30am (breakfast) // 12 noon to 6.00pm

DRINK SERVING TIMES: *Monday to Thursday: 12 noon to 11pm*
Friday & Saturday: 12 noon to 12pm // Sunday: 12 noon to 11pm

- Burger night Tuesdays from 6pm. Just £11 each.
- Steak night Wednesdays from 6pm. All steaks half price. Need to book in advance.
- Pie night Thursdays from 6pm – pies only £11 each
- Seafood Fridays. Selection of seafood specials.

The Musgrave Arms - ☎ 01462-712789
Landlord: Giuseppe (☎ 07739-864634)
16 Apsley End Road, Shillington. SG5 3LX
email: info@themusgravearms.co.uk

OPENING HOURS: *Tuesday to Sunday: 11.30am to 10.30pm*



Italian cuisine and traditional Sunday roasts. Large garden and play area. Kids and dogs welcome. Takeaway and local delivery service.

The View (formerly The Live & Let Live) – ☎ 01582-882555
Manager:
Pegsdon Way, Pegsdon. SG5 3JX
e-mail: info@theviewsg5.co.uk



Premium bar, restaurant and inn with its very own courtyard and garden, centrally located in the heart of the picturesque hamlet of Pegsdon, situated between Barton-le-Clay and Hitchin. Magnificent views across Pegsdon Hills.

Also offering a range of new refurbished rooms. Enjoy a long weekend break here with everything on your doorstep. Enjoy the stunning views whilst you indulge in our scrumptious cuisine and heavenly cocktails. The unique pod experience gets even better, you will be fully waited on within the pod with your own group as each pod is exclusive to you.

OPENING HOURS: *Tuesdays to Thursdays 11am to 10pm // Fridays & Saturdays 11am to 11pm*
Food Serving Times: *Tuesday to Saturday – 12 noon to 3pm / 5pm to 9pm // Sunday – 12 noon to 5pm*

Shillington Social Club

Greenfields, Shillington. SG5 3NX

Licensee: Gavin Jenkins ☎ 07826-518667

www.facebook.com/shillingtonsocialclub



OPENING HOURS: *Mondays: 19:30-23:00 / Thursdays: 19:30-23:00/ Fridays 19:30-23:30
Saturdays 12:00-20:00 / Sundays 12:00-20:00*

- *Licensed bar with variety of beers, wines and spirits at social club prices - £1 pint less than most pubs.*
- *Regular monthly live music and fund raising events and great pool table.*
- *Look out for updates on events on Village and Social Club facebook pages.*



LOCAL SERVICES

PLUMBING:

Matthew B. Harris - ☎ 01462-857859 (Mobile: 07860-850583)

Campton

Plumbing & Heating. GasSafe & OFTEC registered.

- All plumbing work undertaken – Servicing & Repairs
- Boiler & Central Heating – Systems Installation & Repairs
- Complete Bathroom – Installation & Tiling Service
- Plumbing & Heating – Breakdown & Upgrades
- 30 years' experience.



Martin Roe – Painting & Decorating

☎ **Mobile: 07973-532430**

- All aspects
- Quality assured
- Free estimates
- Reasonable rates



Interior Exterior - Maintenance – Design – Furniture

☎ **Mobile: 07707-739478**

e-mail: interiorexterioruk@gmail.com

Over 20 years' experience. Based in Barton-Le-Clay.

- Interior and exterior general repairs
- Bespoke furniture
- Kitchens – Bathrooms - Interior design - Refurbishment
- Flooring – Decorating – Carpentry
- Doors – Stud Walls
- Garden Maintenance & Projects - Fencing



ELECTRICAL:

Graham Evans Electrical

Industrial, Commercial & Domestic Contractor

☎ **07774-457435** www.gevanselectrical.com

Email: evanselec831@btinternet.com

A family run business established over 30 years in Shillington. All works certified and insured.

- Fusebox upgrades
- Extra sockets
- TV outlets
- Smoke Detectors
- Complete rewires
- External & Security Lighting
- Garden Installations
- Showers
- Data Cabling
- Testing & Inspection



Graham Evans Electrical – EV Installations

☎ 07774-457435 www.gevanselectrical.com

Easee One is intelligent and adapts to all electrical vehicles, power supplies and mains.

Easee One will automatically detect what power the vehicle requires.

Built to comply with UK regulations it comes with both integrated type B RCD protection and open PEN conductor protection.

A versatile scalable and secure solution for home and commercial installations.

NicEic approved contractors and certification is provided with every installation.

Shillington Services – ☎ 07975-944394

Martin Brogan

(mobile business - took over Electric Shop business in Church Street run formerly by John Carter) for repairs to electrical appliances.

CHIMNEY SWEEP:

Jim The Sweep (Campton) – for all your chimney sweeping needs

Jim Turner – ☎ **07891-306566**

- *All types of fireplaces and chimneys swept*
- *Open fires, log burners, stoves and inglenooks*
- *Evening and weekend appointments available*
- *Insurance Certificate provided*
- *Registered member of the Institute of Chimney Sweeps*
- *Available for Weddings !*



LOGS:

LOGMAN - Shaun Dewick & Son (Shillington based) - ☎ **07801-144555**

Mixed, air dried, partly seasoned, hardwood or softwood and kindling.



SECURITY:

GRD Security Systems ☎ **07703-338334** Email: garydyke69@gmail.com

(Shillington based)

Intruder alarms & security camera installations.

- *New installations, repairs and upgrades.*
- *Wired and wire free systems & servicing*
- *Houses, offices, garages and outbuildings*
- *Telephone support*
- *Over 20 years' experience offering friendly expert advice.*

CLEANING SERVICES:

SPARKLE OVENS

Phil Channing ☎ **07557-773766**

e-mail: info@sparkleovens.com

Professional Oven Cleaning Services

WINDOWS:

Barry Bolton Windows, Doors & Conservatories - ☎ 01582-484600/01234-739736

A FENSA registered company. A member of the UK Trades Confederation

- *In Upvc and Aluminium*
- *Maintenance free fascias and gutters*
- *Over 30 years' experience*
- *Discounts for pensioners and the retired*
- *Friendly, no pressure advice without obligation.*
- *No deposit - payment on completion and satisfaction.*
- *Ask to see some of our hundreds of letters of recommendation from satisfied, local customers.*



GARDENING SERVICES :

A & B Gardening Limited – Ben Jepps - ☎ 07821-155763

Shillington

- *Garden & Grounds Maintenance*
- *Landscaping*
- *Tree Surgery*
- *Full insured*
- *City & Guilds NPTC Qualified.*



C & N Garden Services – Carl ☎ 07402-952524

Shillington candngardenservices78@gmail.com

- *All aspects of gardening and grounds maintenance*

Grangers - Grounds Maintenance – ☎ 01462-713020

www.mjgrangergrounds.co.uk

- *Based in Shillington with over 30 years' experience.*
- *Tree surgery / Stump grinding*
- *Hedge & Grass cutting*
- *Fencing and gates supplied and fitted*
- *Garden machinery and mini digger hire*
- *Wood chippings and logs supplied*
- *Fully Insured and qualified*



Donna's Garden Designs - ☎ 07833-670934

- *Garden design*
- *Maintenance*



Stumpbusters – Tree Stump Grinding Specialists

Roger Simkins, Shillington. ☎ 01462-713264 mobile 07788-888283

- *Minimum ground disturbance*
- *Surface root removal*
- *Competitive prices and prompt service*
- *Trees do not grow again after grinding. We grind down 8-10 inches below ground level.*
- *Our modern machinery only requires 36" wide access to your garden.*



Shillington Mowers

Repairs – Services – Sales – ☎ 07475-303221

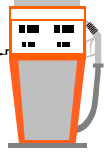
www.shillingtonmowers.co.uk e-mail: info@shillingtonmowers.co.uk

- *From winter servicing and general maintenance to specific repairs.*
- *Competitively prices service for all your needs.*
- *All major brands covered.*



Anthony Bond Lawnmowers, Brookside, Campton - ☎ 01462-817379

- *Repairs & Servicing of All Types of Garden Machinery*
- *Specialist in Petrol Mowers*
- *Collection and delivery service*
- *Cleaning and maintenance*
- *Competitive rates*



GARAGES / VEHICLE SERVICE



Bowles Garage & Accident Repair Centre, 84 High Road, Shillington. SG5 3LP

☎ 01462-711247.

www.bowlesgarage.co.uk

markbowlesuk@yahoo.co.uk

Celebrating 49 years of service – 1974-2023

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 08:00-18:00

- *MOT Testing Station*
- *Servicing*
- *Approved accident repairs and body shop*
- *Tyres, exhausts and batteries*
- *Smart repairs/alloy wheel refurbishments*
- *Non-fault accident repair specialists*
- *Diagnostics*
- *General repairs*
- *Courtesy Cars Available*
- *Fuel / Retail Shop*
- *New and used car sales*

John Cox Car & Commercials Ltd, 25 High Road, Shillington. SG5 3LL

☎ 01462-457070

- *Used car dealer*

DW Automotive, 25 High Road, Shillington. SG5 3LL

☎ 01462-713560

- *Vehicle repair shop*

TAXIS/CAR HIRE:

Barton Taxis - ☎ 01582-584723

Village Cars - ☎ 01462-686868

Telephone

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DRIVING SCHOOL:

JuLe's ControlS – driver training – Shillington based

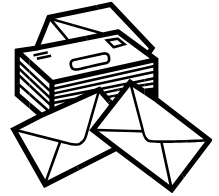
Julie Alvarez (ADI) ☎ 07507-284312

Driver training and refresher lessons in Shillington and surrounding areas.





VILLAGE STORE & POST OFFICE & LOCAL FOOD OUTLETS



Shillington Village Stores & Post Office, 55 High Road - ☎ 01462-711676

Jignesh Patel

- *Post office*
- *Off licence – good range of wines, beers and spirits*
- *Hot food counter and bread baking facility.*
- *Home made sandwiches*
- *Newspapers & Magazine rack*
- *General grocery and dairy products*
- *Dry Cleaning & Cobbler Service*
- *Lottery tickets.*
- *Notice board facility - For Sale / Services / Wanted*
- *Photocopying – black & white and colour.*



OPENING HOURS:

SHOP: *Mon to Fri - 6.30am to 7.30pm/Sat - 8.00am to 7.30pm/Sun & Bank Holidays: 8.00am to 1.00pm*

POST OFFICE: *Mon to Fri - 9.00am to 1.00pm & 2.00pm to 5.30pm/Sat – 9.00am to 12.30pm*

Disco-licious Food Store, Farm Shop & Kitchen

Ion Bridge Farm, Lower Gravenhurst. MK45 4HJ

Jo Redman

☎ 01462-711000 (Shop) / ☎ 07710-831834 (Jo)

OPENING HOURS: *Seasonal opening hours.*

Saturday & Sunday 9.00am-1.00pm

Tuesday to Friday 10.00am to 6.00pm for foodstore and 5.00pm for kitchen



Mobile Fish & Chip Van – THE HAPPY PLAICE ☎ 07833-786108

www.thehappyplaice.co.uk

- *Quality Fish & Chips*
- *Wednesday evenings – Village Hall Car Park, High Road*
- *From 16:00 to 19:00*



Youngs Famous Fish & Chips, Silsoe - ☎ 01525-860007

11 The Gateway, Blackthorn Place, Silsoe MK45 4PZ

Now fully open in the shopping parade in Silsoe adjacent to the Co-op.

OPENING TIMES: *Evenings – Monday to Saturday - 16:30 to 20:30*

Roger's Bakery

High Street, Meppershall - ☎ 01462-813398

17 High Street, Shefford - ☎ 01462-813428



Letter Box Collections:

Apsley End Arch

Monday to Friday – 9.00am. Saturday - 7.00am

Hillfoot Road (opposite turning into White City)

Monday to Friday – 4.30pm. Saturday – 9.15am

Wheelwright Close/High Road

Monday to Friday – 4.45pm. Saturday – 12 noon

Marquis Hill/Upton End Road

Monday to Friday – 9.00am. Saturday – 7.00am

Junction of Woodmer Close/Bury Road

Monday to Friday – 9.00am. Saturday – 7.00am

Higham Gobion

Monday to Friday – 4.00pm. Saturday – 10.30am

Pegsdon

Monday to Friday – 4.00pm. Saturday – 10.30am



PLACES OF WORSHIP



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHURCH STREET

(www.allsaintsshillington.org.uk)

Parish Priest: Vacant at present – contact church wardens

Church wardens: Liz Brewer & Dick Brewer - ☎ 01462-711594

To illuminate the Church – ☎ **Catherine** on **07710-823384** or e-mail:

catherine.schleater@btinternet.com. It only costs £25 to sponsor a whole week's illumination.



“THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH” was founded in 1993 to raise funds for the maintenance of the fabric of the church.

All Saints' Church – the church on the hill - a wonderful example of 14th century architecture, stands watch over us 24/7 and has done for 100s of years. It has seen Christenings, Weddings, Burials, numerous sermons (good and bad!) and more recently concerts - anything from rock & pop to classical.

We have laughed and cried in its warm (and frozen) body - it has had cuddly toys parachuted from its tower, donkeys led up and down its aisles and felt the joy and laughter of children at Christmas time. What 'EVER' would we do without it?



As a new member of our community, you will soon get a warm fuzzy feeling as you drive back to the village and spot the church lights indicating that you are almost home. “The Friends” spend tireless hours raising money to preserve this monument, whilst getting their brain cells around the very complex building regulations.

Would you please consider subscribing to be a member of “The Friends?” For (upwards of) £10 a year you will be making an invaluable contribution to our local heritage by helping to maintain our wonderful church. Your potential membership not only provides funds through your subscription but increases our chances of securing grants from charitable trusts due to high membership numbers.

Look out in the Parish Magazine – delivered FREE to your door every 2 months – for our fund-raising events.



During 2019 we hosted a 1970's disco, a live rock band, summer lunch with live jazz, 'Flying Teddies' for the children and every Sunday afternoon from May to September we served tea and home-made cakes in the church. Sadly the COVID pandemic severely restricted our 2020/21 fund raising plans but we are starting to arrange outdoor activities for 2022.

To become a member please complete and return the form below together with a cheque for your subscription. Or simply turn up to one of our events, meet new people and have some fun – there is ALWAYS a bar at our events!

You can rest assured that every penny of the money raised goes towards the upkeep of what is regarded to be one of the most important buildings in the area.

Welcome to Shillington.

For more information please feel free to contact:

Peter Lambert 01462 713663 or Denise Randall 01462 237533

If you would like to make a donation and receive regular updates on the work of
Friends of All Saints' Church, Shillington

THERE ARE 2 EASY WAYS TO PAY:

1. You can make a donation by cheque/post

I/we enclose a donation of £..... to Friends of All Saints' Church,
Shillington for the current year.

Name

Home address

.....

email address

I would like Friends of All Saints to be able to reclaim tax on my donation (see below):

(Yes / No) *(Please delete as appropriate)*

Signed..... Date

Please return this form, signed, together with your donation, to the Membership Secretary of
Friends of All Saints' Church:

Joy Robertson, 18 Vicarage Close, Shillington SG5 3LS

Or

If you'd prefer to pay online, send an email to find out how to: jcmr@hotmail.co.uk

How we can ADD 25% to your donation

*Under tax legislation, the Friends can recover some of the income tax you pay on any of your taxable income. In allowing us to recover this tax, you must have paid, or be due to pay, an amount of income tax at least equal to that we will be able to reclaim on your donation, this being **25p for every £1 you give.** In order for us to reclaim this very valuable bonus to our income, you need do nothing at all except sign and tick the box above to confirm that you are a taxpayer. We thank you in advance if you are able and prepared to do this.*

Reg Charity Number 1060329



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CHURCH STREET

www.shillingtoncong-church.org.uk

Minister: Rev. Angus McCormick - ☎ 01462-712096

- *Services commence at 10.30 a.m. All welcome.*
- *Service leaders advertised on noticeboard and in Parish News calendar.*
- *Regular collections for the Bedford Foodbank from 1 Bells Close.*

PLACES OF EDUCATION

SHILLINGTON LOWER SCHOOL, GREENFIELDS

Head of School: Kerry Young

Secretary: ☎ 01462-711637

Pixie Pre-School Class now open for full and part time applications. Contact the school office on 01462-711637 or e-mail shillington@cbc.beds.sch.uk for more info.



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, BLOOMFIELD DRIVE, SHEFFORD

☎ 01462-813366

SAMUEL WHITBREAD ACADEMY, SHEFFORD ROAD, CLIFTON

☎ 01462-812798

Upper School with 6th form and evening classes



SPORTS & LEISURE

HALL HIRE

Village Hall, High Road

Bookings Secretary: Margaret Johnson
e-mail: shillingtonvillagehall@yahoo.com

☎ 07376-682935

Congregational Church, Church Street

Mrs. Janet Hall

☎ 01582-881824

Lower School Hall, Greenfields

☎ 01462-711637

GOLF - NEAREST CLUBS :

- Mount Pleasant Golf Club, Stondon - (2 miles east of Shillington)
- Beadlow Manor - (3 miles north of Shillington)



PUBLIC POOLS

Hitchin: Swimming Centre

☎ 01462-441646

Letchworth: North Herts Leisure Centre

☎ 01462-679311

Flitwick: Leisure Centre

☎ 01525-717744



HORSE RIDING :

Shillington Riding Club – Marquis Hill, Shillington - ☎ 01582-883203 www.shillingtonrc.co.uk

“Local active riding club for people with their own horses”

- Training Clinics
- Demonstrations
- Social Events
- Team Competitions



PET CARE :

Happy Pets at Home – June ☎ 07950-704980 or 01582-881482

e-mail: petvisitsatyourhome@aol.co.uk

- 45 minutes of companionship and one-to-one care.
- A purr-fect alternative to using a cattery.
- Ideal for small caged furry pets.
- Home security – lights turned on/off. Curtains opened and closed, bins put out, plants and garden watered.
- Text message updates including photos.
- DBS checked and fully insured. Client testimonials available.



BEAUTY:

Beauty Therapy, Shillington - Beverley Croft, MGPBT - ☎ 01462-711358

Call between 09.00 – 19:00 Monday to Friday for further details.

- *Specialist facial using Galvanic Plus Facials with essential oils*
- *Manicure/Pedicure*
- *Waxing*
- *Ladies' Massage*
- *Lash & Brow Tinting*
- *Electrolysis*
- *Make Up Advice*
- *Gift vouchers available.*



Milli's Locks & Lashes, Shillington - ☎ 07909-694121

- *Over 20 years' experience.*
- *Wide range of hairdressing services, luscious lashes and highly defined brows on offer.*
- *To book an appointment or to discuss your requirements, simply call or message on above number.*



FOOTBALL:

AFC Shillington, Greenfields, Shillington, SG5 3NX

Contact: Vicky Forth ☎ 07846-235760

AFC Shillington is an FA Charter Standard Club, and provides a fun, family focused football environment for players from age 4 living in the Bedford Borough/Central Beds area.



We are an inclusive, charter standard club and welcome applications from parents/ carers of new players at all age groups. We are delighted to have been selected to be an SSE Wildcats host centre from 20019/2020 season - this offers free, girls only, football training and is for girls aged 5-11 years old.

For 2020/21 season we had teams at the following age groups U-5/Reception - development training U-6/Year 1 - development training in Chiltern Junior Sevens League U-7 U-8 U-9 U-10 2 x teams U-11 U-12 In Beds FA Girls Football League U-12 in Bedfordshire Youth Saturday League U-13 U-14 2 x teams U-15 2 x teams U-16.

CRICKET:



Shillington Spitfires Cricket Club

Contact: search Facebook & Instagram (Shillington Spitfires CC)

Now up and running with a full squad and games under its belt. Been holding regular training sessions at the Playing Fields on a Thursday evening from 6pm. Hope to be able to use our home ground for the 2024 season. Why not come and join us.

OTHER SERVICES:

Auctioneers & Valuers: W & H Peacock – ☎ 01234-266366.

www.peacockauction.co.uk Established 1901.

Eastcotts Park, Wallis Way, Bedford, MK42 0PE.

Valuation, collection and auction service of individual items through to complete property clearances.

- *Open Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Extended opening on Friday to 7.00pm. Saturday from 8.30am to 4.00pm*
- *Monthly antique and collectors' auction.*
- *Regular valuation days*
- *Collection service – Valuations*
- *Commercial and specialist auctions*
- *Onsite sales. Live online auctions*
- *Timed auctions. Insolvency specialists.*

Also now offer "The Café" where you can view the sale rooms for upcoming auctions, then relax with a coffee and cake. Seats over 100 customers and offers free wifi. Serves cooked breakfasts, paninis and sandwiches, light lunches and snacks plus a range of hot and cold drinks.



COMPUTER SERVICES:

Frantik (Toby White) - ☎ 01462-888147 – www.frantik-web.co.uk

- *Freelance IT Support and Web Hosting for MAC and Windows.*

LOCAL B & B ACCOMMODATION:

The View (formerly Live & Let Live) ☎ 01582-882555

Pegsdon Way, Pegsdon, SG5 3JX

Chalets offering continental breakfast

www.theviewsg5.co.uk



Yew Tree House Bed & Breakfast - ☎ 01582-521592 (mob: 07768-398616)

19 Bedford Road, Barton Le Clay, Bedfordshire. MK45 4JX

www.theyewtreehouse.co.uk

DOCTOR / DENTIST & OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

DOCTORS:

Stondon - ☎ 01462-850305

The Hawthorns, 109 Station Road, Lower Stondon

Barton - ☎ 01582-528700 (appointments).

Doctor Sulakshana & Partners, The Surgery, Hexton Road

DENTISTS:

Shefford Dental Practice - ☎ 01462-814020

Whitworth Chambers, 34-34A High Street

Barton Dental Surgery - ☎ 01582-882600

81 Bedford Road



OSTEOPATHICS:

Clare Richmond, 1 Bury Road, Shillington www.osteopathics.co.uk

☎ **01462-713031** for an appointment.

- *If you are in pain or just uncomfortable – can't do the things you'd like to – call me*
- *Safe effective treatment for all age groups*
- *Registered with most private medical insurance companies*

PHYSIOTHERAPIST:

Linda Allsop

Daneway Granary, Rectory Farm Barns, Barton Road, Lower Gravenhurst, MK45 4JR

☎ **01462-711978** or **07989-257026** e-mail: lindaallsop@btinternet.com

Chartered physiotherapist with over 30 years' experience in both the private sector and NHS.

- *Back and neck pain / Sports injuries*
- *Headaches / Whiplash*
- *Sciatica / Post-op rehabilitation*
- *Arthritis/joint pain and stiffness*

FOOTCARE:

ANN at THE SHAMROCK CLINIC

Salon in Lower Stondon ☎ 01462-613252

- *A variety of medical footcare treatments available, including diabetes footcare and treatment of hard calluses, corns, verucas and nail & fungal infections.*
- *Home visits available.*

VETERINARY SURGERIES & BOARDING KENNELS

Boness Vets

125 Bedford Rd, Barton-le-Clay, Bedford, MK45 4LP

☎ 01582-882761

- 24 hour emergency service.
- Consultations by Appointment.



Henlow Veterinary Centre :

22 Bedford Road, Lower Stondon, Henlow, SG16 6EA

☎ 01462 416416

An independent Veterinary Practice dedicated to providing high quality care in a homely environment. Our small friendly team care for your pets as if they were our own.



Davies Veterinary Specialists Limited

Manor Farm Business Park, Higham Gobion, Herts. SG5 3HR

☎ 01582-883950 www.vetspecialists.co.uk E-mail: info@vetspecialists.co.uk

Davies Veterinary Specialists is one of the largest and most diverse small animal veterinary referral hospitals in Europe. We were founded in 1998 by Dr Jerry Davies and his wife Olivia, and we now employ more than 35 specialist clinicians, 60 nurses and 30 client care and support team members.

Cats Country Club, Shillington - ☎ 01462-711064

Set in secluded grounds in a very tranquil and rural setting. Ample off road parking. Home collection and delivery service. Premises fully alarmed

- Large luxury heated chalets with music and covered outside runs
- Individual diets catered for – typically we feed Whiskas and Felix wet food with Iams, Hills Science and James Wellbeloved dried foods as a matter of course.
- Fully licensed by Central Beds Council
- Choice of aspect with garden or meadow view
- Local vet hospital on 24 hour call if required
- We can administer medications to your cats
- Inclusive pet insurance with up to £1,250 cover per cat.



LIBRARY

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ANNUAL VILLAGE EVENTS

- Shillingfest – village organisations coming together at the Playing Fields with stalls, sideshows, fundraising activities, food and music – next one Saturday, **29th June 2024**.
- Annual Fireworks Spectacular – professional fireworks company, BBQ and outside bar – gates open at 5pm/fireworks at 7pm, live band at the Social Club 9pm – all at the Playing Fields. Next one - Saturday, **28th October 2023**.
- Service of Remembrance – Congregational Church – Sunday nearest 11th November
- All Saints Church – Xmas Bazaar – 1st Saturday in December
- Congregational Church – Xmas Tree Festival – 1st Friday, Saturday & Sunday in December





Shillington Baby & Toddler Group

Every Friday 9.30am - 11.30am

Come and join us with your 0-4 year olds at Shillington Village Hall for crafts, play, music, singing, tea, biscuits & friendly chat.

Entry £1.50 per adult and £1.00 for children (over 6 months) a healthy snack & drink for the child is included!

We look forward to meeting you!

We also have toddler sized tables, chairs, ride-ons, plastic slides, rockers and soft blocks for hire - ideal for parties!



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SHILLINGTON CHILDMINDERS:



Childminders provide safe, friendly home environments for children to play and have fun whilst gently learning through their play.

We take children on outings to farms, play centres, splash parks, museums and libraries, as well as teach them life skills such as helping to do shopping, gardening and cooking. We are individually registered to Ofsted, have public liability insurance, follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, undertake regular training including Safeguarding and First Aid and receive regular newsletters and bulletins from professional organisations.

We provide the children with opportunities to learn social skills and experience different play resources at baby/toddler groups and other settings. We are able to cover holidays and other absences for each other where possible.

Some of us are able to provide up to 15 hours of free childcare a week for eligible 2 year olds, as soon as care starts, in the same way that nurseries and pre-schools can. We are also able to provide the free sessions for all 3 and 4 year olds; at least 15 hours per week or up to 30 hours per week (for 38 weeks of the year) depending on parental eligibility and the childminder's policy. The free sessions normally start the term after the child's 3rd birthday. There may be additional charges to cover e.g. food and outings.

We each have differing childcare availability such as before and after school care, daytime childcare, overnight childcare, ad-hoc care or flexible care e.g. for shift workers.

Please contact us as below if you have any childcare requirements for now or the future:

Katie Brettell 07974-676089 katiebrettell@icloud.com	Laura Griffiths 07493-903621 lauralgriffiths820@gmail.com	Carli Mauger 07912-549931 carlimauger@gmail.com	Deb Pateman 07934-480446 debpateman@msn.com
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE :

President: Julia Bruce - ☎ 01462-712412

Meet the 1st Thursday in the month in the Congregational Church Hall at 19:30. Good programme of speakers, demonstrations, social evenings and outings. Book and Craft Groups, Walking for Health Group, Theatre Group and Lunch Club.



WIVES' GROUP :

Chairperson: Pauline Haley - ☎ 01462-711711

Every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Congregational Church Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Great programme of speakers, demonstrations, social activities and outings. Ladies of any age and marital status welcome to come along.

MENS' CLUB :

Chairman: Kevin Johnson - ☎ 01462-712768 e-mail: kevinjohnson360@msn.com

The club now has a membership of 41 local men who meet on an ad hoc basis throughout the year when able. The only regular meeting is the Annual Meeting in January of each year. Formed in 2005 the Club has steadily grown and enjoys meals in local hostleries; visits to interesting places such as Bletchley Park, Duxford, etc; talks and family social nights.

A 'try before you join' plan operates so if any more information is required contact the Chairman.

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Chair: Derek Lewison - ☎ 01462-711504 or Jeanette Waller - ☎ 01462-622737

Established in June 2008, meet regularly on Monday afternoons from 14:00 to 17:00 and Friday evenings from 19:15 to 21:15 at the Village Hall.

HISTORY SOCIETY

Contact: Derek Turner - ☎ 01462-712462.

derek.turner@phonecoop.coop



BEAVERS:

Leader: Amy Hanks - ☎ 01462-713763

GUIDES / RANGERS:

Leader: Carol Summerfield - ☎ 01462-711496



RAINBOWS:

Rainbows are for girls between the ages of 5-7 years old. When able we will meet Tuesdays during term time in Shillington. Register your daughter before her 5th birthday at www.girlguiding.org.uk

VILLAGE DESIGN ASSOCIATION:

Chair – Richard Brettell – ☎ 01462-713054

The SVDA exists to promote the principles and use of the Village Design Statement to ensure that any further development will contribute positively to the future of Shillington and protect and enhance its special qualities. If you are interested in being kept informed, or want to get involved in current planning issues and new developments, please join us now. We welcome new members, and the Annual Subscription is only £2 per person. Both the Village Design Statement and Membership form can be downloaded from the Village Website Home page via the Village planning tab www.shillington.org.uk

VILLAGE CARE SCHEME: ☎ 01462-711594 or 07930-812940

Do you need help with transport from Shillington? We can get you to the surgery, hospital or collect your prescriptions. Shillington Care has changed and is now an informal group of people able to give help. Give us a call and we will arrange for someone to pick you up and bring you back. Initially speak to Liz on the above number or leave a message.

MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS (Registered charity no: 300065)

Chair - Gavin Jenkins ☎ 07826-518667 / Secretary – Sally Stapleton ☎ 07711-504489

During the war the villagers used to collect money into a “comfort fund” to send parcels to our boys at the front. After the war, with some of this fund remaining, it was decided to try and purchase a playing field with it. A village committee worked hard to raise the funds rather than put it on the rates. 4.5 acres of land were identified (numbered 330 on the ordnance survey map 1924 edition). Members of this committee were: Alan Harris, Stan Flint, Frank Ansell, Eric Day, Dick Bradley and Polly Aldridge.

Much fund raising took place including whist drives, auctions, boxing matches at ‘The Gables’, ladies football matches, annual fetes, fairground, etc. Where there was a shortfall in the funding several villagers contributed their own money, which was paid back, interest free, over time from ongoing fundraising events

The conveyance and trust deed were made between William Hammond Hanscombe and another of the one part and the Reverend Herbert William Cooper and six others of the other part. The trust deed was dated 25th March 1948 and the deed of transfer dated 1st April 1948. The object of the Charity “shall be the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of Shillington, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants”.

Originally the Shillington Football Team used to play in Ansell's Field (High Road – behind council houses). Sometime later this team split and "Shillington Rangers" continued on this ground with "Shillington Athletics" playing in Oscar's Meadow (back of Stan Cole's house in Bury Road).

The land sloped down from 'The Gables' field across to 'Hornes Pastures' and a firm from Clapham was brought in to turn the meadow field into a 'football field'. Two large American Cleartrack Crawlers (ex-USAF for moving bombers) were used to level and smooth the existing playing field, with the excess soil being pushed down to form the slope into Hornes Pastures. A number of natural ponds stood in the area, so the field was always very wet as no proper drainage was put in.

The original play equipment was purchased from Kettering Park – comprising a huge metal slide, roundabout and rocking horse.

In 1984 the field came under the trusteeship of Shillington Parish Council and remains currently managed by a Playing Field Management Committee made up of 3 Parish Councillors, co-opted members and representative members from user groups.



VILLAGE HALL (Registered charity no: 300066)

Chair – Sylvia McCafferty ☎ 07711-005926, Vice-Chair - Sally Stapleton ☎ 07711-504489, Treasurer – Denise Randall, Secretary – Katie Brettell

On the 29th January 1921 Mrs. Hanscombe and others donated a 'Deed of Gift' to the Trustees of the site of the Hanscombe Memorial Hall, Shillington in the county of Bedford. The Hall was called "Hanscombe Memorial Hall".

The hall is available for hire through the **Booking Secretary – Mrs. Margaret Johnson** – contact details: ☎ **07376-682935** or e-mail shillingtonvillagehall@yahoo.com

Facilities on offer: large hall – stage – small committee room – kitchen and bar area – disabled access and toilet. Occasional separate use of car park by prior arrangement.

THREE 'Cs' - Mondays from 10:00am to 12:00 noon – Congregational Church

For more information: Linda ☎ **01462-711761** or Trish ☎ **01462-711761**

Hosted by Linda & Trish from All Saints' Church and Angus & Nola from The Congregational Church. Join them for COFFEE, CAKE and CHAT. Voluntary donations welcome. Bring your knitting, reading, songs and games if you wish.

POLICE:

Emergency :
To report incidents:

☎ 999
☎ 101



Streetwatch:

Village Co-ordinator: Andy Neaves - ☎

a.neaves@yahoo.co.uk

Speedwatch:

Village Co-ordinator: Andy Ralph - ☎ 07810-751529

andrewcralph@me.com

Central Bedfordshire Council - Public Protection - Trading Standards

Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, SG17 5BP

t: Citizens Advice consumer helpline ☎ **0345 404 0506** e: trading.standards@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL - www.shillington-pc.gov.uk

Meet every first Tuesday of the month (apart from August) in the Congregational Church Hall, Church Street at 7.45pm. Doors open at 7.30 p.m.

Clerk to the Council: Ms. Lauren Darnell - ☎ TBC.

E-mail: clerk@shillington-pc.gov.uk to whom all Council business should be addressed.

Parish Councillors :

John Hyde 07799-537346	Gavin Jenkins 07826-518667	Liam Keene 07867-993393	Angus McCormick 01462-712096	Richa Mitra via the Clerk
Annie Palmer via the Clerk	Tracey Petrie via the Clerk	Blake Stephenson 0300-300-8526	Mark Thyne 01462-712201	Derek Turner 01462-712462

Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor:

Blake Stephenson (Conservative) – ☎ 0300-300-8526.

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Blake.Stephenson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

ENVIRONMENTAL

NEAREST HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE :

Ampthill - Abbey Lane - ☎ 01525 403611

For more details on mid Bedfordshire recycling please visit: www.recycle-now.co.uk

KERBSIDE RUBBISH BIN COLLECTIONS :

Households in mid Beds have waste collected weekly and are provided with 3 bins – one for household items (black), one for recycled items (black bin with green lid) or orange bags and garden rubbish (green bin with green lid) or green bags.

Collections are on alternate Wednesdays – once a fortnight for recyclables and garden rubbish from March to December and once a fortnight for household.

Weekly collections for food waste go into small green bags supplied by Central Beds Council, which go into the small brown bins. Upper Church Street works on alternate Wednesdays to the rest of the village as a smaller truck is required due to narrowness of street.

RECYLING BINS FOR MIXED GLASS & CLOTHES :

Nearest glass recycling bins are located in the car park at the top of Greenfields, Shillington (by the Playing Field); near to Morrisson's Store in Shefford or at Ampthill Tidy Tip.

Nearest clothes bin apart from the one in the car park at the top of Greenfields is located at the Village Hall in High Road. This bin brings funds into the Village Hall per weight of clothes donated.



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



CBC's trading standards department has provided the following numbers, to assist residents in identifying doorstep cold callers, purporting to be from energy or water companies, and enable checks with these organization if any reason for concern.

British Gas	General Enquiries	0800 048 0202
EDF Energy	Customer services	0800 096 9000
National Gas	Emergency Service Helpline	0800-111-999
npower	General Enquiries (landline)	0800 073 3000
	General Enquiries (mobile)	0330 100 3000
ScottishPower	General Customer Service (landline)	0800 027 0072
	General Customer Service (mobile)	0345 270 0700
SSE	General Enquiries	0800 980 8831
Anglian Water		0800 145 145
UK Power Networks	To report or get info on power cuts Text POWER and your postcode to 80876	National number 105

Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ. (www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

General enquiries	0300 300 8000
<small>(customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)</small>	
Highways	0300-300-8049
Dog Fouling/animal welfare	0300-300-8302
Flooding	0300-300-8049
Planning	0300-300-8307
Recycling/Flytipping	0300-300-8302
Police (Emergency)	999
Bedfordshire Police (non-Emergency)	101
Bus Information	0870-608-2608 or 01234-228337