

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*Please 'contact us' if details/information are out of date or if you are a local business/group and would like to be listed here.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

Manager: Liam Riggs

104 High Road, Shillington. SG5 3LP

email: info@thecrownshillington.pub

OPENING HOURS: 7 days a week:

Sunday to Thursday - 12 noon to 11pm

Friday & Saturday - 12 noon to midnight

SKY Sports in public bar

Premium Rijo 42 Coffee

Wide range of wines and spirits and 2 craft beers always available

Kitchen and restaurant now open for home cooked food.



The Musgrave Arms - ☎ 01462-712789

Landlord: Giuseppe Cauteruccio (☎ 07739-864634)

16 Apsley End Road, Shillington. SG5 3LX

email: info@themusgravearms.co.uk

OPENING HOURS: Monday to Sunday: 11.30am to 10.30pm

Monday to Sunday 11.30am to 9.00pm Food

Italian cuisine and traditional Sunday roasts. Large garden and play area.

Area for caravans with electric hook-up. Kids and dogs welcome. Takeaway service. Fortnightly classic car meets during summer months. 2-for-1 pizza offer on Wednesdays.



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

Manager:

Pegsdon Way, Pegsdon. SG5 3JX

e-mail: info@theviewsg5.co.uk

OPENING HOURS: Monday to Saturday 11am to 11pm / Sunday 11am to 10pm

FOOD SERVING TIMES:

Monday to Saturday – 12 noon to 3pm / 5pm to 9pm / Sunday – 12 noon to 5pm

Bar, restaurant and inn with 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 B&B rooms. Enjoy a long weekend break here with everything on your doorstep. Enjoy the stunning views whilst you indulge in our cuisine and cocktails. Offers a unique pod experience exclusive.



Shillington Social Club

Greenfields, Shillington. SG5 3NX

Licensee: Gavin Jenkins ☎ 07826-518667

www.facebook.com/shillingtonsocialclub



OPENING HOURS:

Mondays: 7.30pm-11.00pm / Thursdays: 7.30pm-11.00pm / Fridays: 7.30pm-11.00pm

Saturdays: 12 noon-11.00pm / Sundays 12 noon-8.00pm

Meat Raffle every Saturday with proceeds to the Club Refurbishment.

Come and check out the newly refurbished Club which looks amazing. Phase 1 was completed last year and cost in the region of £30k. Works included extensive roof repairs, removal of pillars and RSJ supports. Phase 2 (completed October 2025) cost in the region of £120k and included new bar and related equipment, cellar, kitchen, office, storage and Gents, Ladies and Disabled toilets. Also a complete re-wire and full decoration.

Now housing local history display panels and local history publication library (enquiries to Andy Gibbs – ☎ 07922-017051).



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.



PAINTING & DECORATING:

Martin Roe – ☎ Mobile: 07973-532430

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



T & S – BUILDING & LANDSCAPING:

☎ Mobile: 07915-885926 / 07739-586698

e-mail: ts.builders@outlook.com

No job ever too big or too small

- New builds – extensions – Renovations
- Driveways – Fencing - Patios



ROOFING:

Rattle Roofing & Co – ☎ 07534-313511

rattle-roofing@outlook.com

- GRP Specialists – we cover all aspects of flat roofing
- Torch on / Single ply
- Chimney repointing
- Gutter cleaning
- Facia & Soffit

KITCHEN DESIGN:

DL Kitchen Design ☎ 01462-232324

www.dlkitchendesign.co.uk Enquiries@DLKITCHENDESIGN.CO.UK

Luxury kitchens and fitted furniture for all styles, designs and budgets.

German made kitchens at competitive prices.

Get in touch to arrange a visit.



ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – REPAIR SERVICES

Warden Domestic - ☎ 01582-451881 www.wardendomestics.co.uk

Specialists in domestic appliance repairs – washing machines, tumble dryers, cookers. Over 40 years' experience.



Shillington Services - ☎ 07975-944394

Martin Brogan

Mobile business - took over the 'Electric Shop' business which used to be based in Church Street for repairs to electrical appliances.

COOKER CLEANING:

Cooker Buddy – Professional Oven Cleaning Services

Steve Poulsen ☎ 01462-810065/07768-366356 www.cookerbuddy.co.uk

Professional Oven Cleaning Services

All types of ovens cleaned – built in or free standing: Aga – Raeburn - Ranges

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 (Shillington based) - ☎ 07801-144555

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



SINCLAIR FIREWOOD - ☎ 07870-396007 or 01462-814531

Sinclairfirewood.com

Local supplier of quality seasoned hardwood logs from responsible sources. Delivered Shillington and surrounding areas. Bulk discount available.

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.*



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*
- *Nearly 50 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/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES :

Grangers - Grounds Maintenance – ☎ 01462-713020

www.mjgrangergrounds.co.uk

- *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*
- *Based in Shillington with over 30 years' experience.*



A & B Gardening Limited – ☎ 01462-711430 / 07821-155763

www.aandbgardening.com office@aandbgardening.com

Shillington based

- *Garden & Ground Maintenance*
- *Hard Landscaping & groundworks*
- *Fencing*
- *Forestry & Tree Surgery*
- *Construction / Ditching / Aggregates / Excavator Works*
- *Earth moving / Garden Rooms / Home Offices*
- *Full insured / City & Guilds NPTC Qualified.*
- *18 years' experience*



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.*
- *Over 20 years' experience*
- *Fully insured and NPTC qualified*



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, Shillington ☎ 01462-711247.

www.bowlesgarage.co.uk

markbowlesuk@yahoo.co.uk

Celebrating 51 years of service – 1974-2025

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, Shillington ☎ 01462-457070 / 07595-875414

www.johncoxcars.co.uk

john@johncoxcars.co.uk

A family run business with over 30 years' experience. Supplier of quality 'pre loved' Cars and Vans. Located in Shillington close to Hitchin, less than 10 minutes from Junction 10 of the A1 (M) - Baldock Services or 10 minutes from Junction 10 of the M1 - Luton Airport.



- *Part Exchange of any vehicle always considered.*
- *Nationwide delivery service to your home or business premises.*
- *FCA Authorised so we can arrange finance for you if required. (subject to status, a guarantor may be required)*
- *RAC Approved Dealer so you can buy with confidence*
- *Autotrader 'highly rated' for our customer service 2022*
- *We buy Cars and Vans, taking the hassle out of the process by visiting you*

D W Automotive, Vehicle repair shop, High Road, Shillington ☎ 01462-713560

- *10+ years in business*
- *Prompt, courteous service*
- *Fair pricing*



TAXIS/CAR HIRE:

Barton Taxis - ☎ 01582-584723

Village Cars - ☎ 01462-686868

Village Taxis - ☎ 01462-6374374

DRIVING SCHOOL:

JuLe's ControlLs – driver training – Shillington based
Julie Alvarez (ADI) 📞 **07507-284312**

Driver training and refresher lessons in Shillington and surrounding areas.





VILLAGE SHOPS & POST OFFICE & LOCAL FOOD OUTLETS



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

Jignesh Patel / Mandeep

- 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
- Lottery tickets.



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



Roger's Bakery

High Street, Meppershall - ☎ 01462-813398

17 High Street, Shefford - ☎ 01462-813428

33 Bedford Road, Barton - ☎ 01582-881257



Mobile Chippie - Spartan's Feast - ☎ 07707-787752

In the Village Hall Car Park every 2 weeks on a Wednesday evening (green bin day!) from 4.30pm to 8pm. Available for hire at events and private functions.



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: Revd. Jenna Dearden

Church wardens:

Liz Brewer ☎ 01462-711594 / Ian Moss ☎ 07789-988301

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.

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:

Chair – Andy Gibbs ☎ 07922-017051 // Membership Secretary – Jackie Fletcher



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CHURCH STREET

www.shillingtoncong-church.org.uk

Minister: Revd. 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: Mrs. Sarah Flack (from 6 January 2026)

Secretary: Mrs. Jenny Woodward - ☎ 01462-711637

www.shillingtonstondon.co.uk



Pixie Pre-School Class now open for full and part time applications. Contact the school office or e-mail for more info.

Morning session: 9:00-12 noon / afternoon session: 12 noon-15:15 / full day: 9:00-15:15

Non-funded hourly cost: £6.50ph for children over 3 years / £7.90ph for children under 3 years.

The Lower School Day

- Gates open at 8.45am
- Gates close at 9.00am
- School starts at 9.00am
- School ends at 3.30pm
- This adds up to 6½ hours in a day (32½ hours per week) with a 15 minute break in the morning and 1 hour break at lunchtime.

Breakfast & After School Club:

Breakfast Club runs every day from 7.50 to 8.50am and After School Club Monday to Thursday from 3.30 to 5.30pm and until 4.30pm on a Friday. Breakfast Club costs £5.50 per session with After School Club at £5.50 for the first hour or £10 for a 2 hour session. Sessions can be paid for by parent mail, childcare voucher or the Government tax-free childcare scheme.

ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY, BLOOMFIELD DRIVE, SHEFFORD

(Year 5 to Year 8)

☎ 01462-628800 rba-enquiries@bestacademies.org.uk

Outstanding OFSTED report (February 2025)

School begins at 8:50 with a morning line up and then registration in year areas.



am reg.	8:50
Period 1	9:10
Period 2	10:05
Break - All students	11.00 - 11:25
Period 3	11:25
Period 4 / KS2 Lunch	12:20
Period 5 / KS3 Lunch	13:15
Period 6	14:10
pm reg.	15:05
End of School Day	15:30

Key Stage 2 will have lunch during "Period 4" and Key Stage 3 will have lunch during "Period 5"

The school week is 32 hours.

SAMUEL WHITBREAD ACADEMY, SHEFFORD ROAD, CLIFTON

☎ 01462-812798

Each teaching day has 5 one-hour lessons, 25 hours per week and 50 hours per cycle. This amounts to 33.3 hours per week, including breaks, which students are expected to be in school. Enrichment lessons and some compulsory Sixth Form lessons also take place in period 6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Lunch and Break

There is a mid-morning break and a lunch time. There are many places to buy or eat your packed lunch around the academy including the main canteen, the Graze hatch in the Street, the Pit Stop in DT and the Blues Cafe for Sixth Formers. Our canteens operate on a fingerprint system. Students can add money to their account at machines around the academy and then pay for their food using their fingerprint.

08:15	Warning Bell - Go to registration
08:20 - 8:45	Tutor registration
08:45 - 9:45	Period 1
09:45 - 09:50	Changeover time
09:50 - 10:50	Period 2
10:50 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 12:15	Period 3
12:15 - 12:20	Changeover time
12:20 - 13:20	Period 4
13:20 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Period 5

SHUTTLEWORTH COLLEGE, OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE

☎ 0345-658- 8990 (for support with course information or applications).

Post 16 education (check out website for more information on available courses)

Set within the stunning location of Old Warden, near Biggleswade, a specialist land-based college which offers agricultural and environmental education as well as animal sciences, equine studies and outdoor adventure within the acres of parkland, farmland, lakes and woodland.



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 :

Henlow Golf Club – situated within the boundaries of **RAF Henlow Camp, Bedfordshire.**

☎ 07739-759116

Open to all golfers. One of the best value golf courses in the area. This little-known course is a jewel in the crown and is still waiting to be discovered by many. Entrance to the Golf Course is through the main gate at RAF Henlow – please get in touch with Pete Blanch, the Club Manager, to arrange a visit on.

*Visitors are required to sign in at RAF Henlow reception to have access to Henlow Golf Club. This is not a painful experience. All you need to do is notify Pete that you are coming and **bring your Photographic ID (driving licence/passport.)** He will meet you in the visitors' car park and show you around the club. However, when you become a member, you will be issued an annual pass, giving you the freedom to come and go as you please without the need to sign in at reception.*

Mount Pleasant Golf Club, Stondon

☎ 01462-850999 - closed October 2025 although Club House remaining open as a leisure venue.



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 :

Pets' Pals (Shillington based)

Gary or Becky - ☎ 01462-713484 or 07803-479252

- Dog walking – Pet Sitting
- Pets to Vets – Pop in Fuss & Feed



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

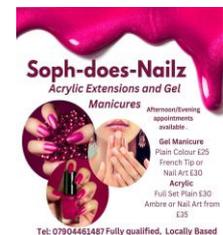
- *Over 20 years' experience.*
- *Wide range of hairdressing services, luscious lashes and highly defined brows on offer.*
- *To book an appointment or to discuss your requirements, simply call or message on above number.*



Soph-does-Nailz - ☎ 07909-694121

Acrylic extensions and gel manicures

- *Fully qualified*
- *Locally based*



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.

CRICKET:

Shillington Spitfires

Started up in 2023 and began playing home games in the village in 2024. We are always on the lookout for new players or why not join our growing band of loyal fans. We are looking forward to your support. If you would like to join the Club, help in any way or require further details please don't hesitate to contact me: alancordt@gmail.com.



COMPUTER SERVICES:



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

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

Laptop & Computer – printer problems - ☎ 01525-306316/07925-338435

PcLaprepairs@gmail.com

- *Set up / repairs / internet/ wireless / virus infection / hacked / email setup / network / data recovery.*
- *7 day service from £40. No fix – no fee.*
- *Qualified and experienced.*
- *We visit you.*

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.

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

AIR BnB – The Pine Loft, Bury Road, Shillington

(just google and complete on line booking)

2 guests / 1 bedroom / 1 bathroom / 2 beds

Modern self-contained studio apartment, complete with kitchen, en-suite and living space. Located at the start of the Chilterns area of outstanding natural beauty, offering great hiking and outdoor activities. Near the historic town of Hitchin, full of independent cafes, restaurants, shops and entertainment venues. The Pine Loft is on the side of our 19th century home in Shillington (a rural village boasting two walkable gastropubs) fully sealed off from the house once you are inside.



DOCTOR / DENTIST & ALIGNED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

DOCTORS :

Barton Surgery - ☎ 01582-528700

Doctor A. Sulakshana and Partners, The Surgery, Hexton Road

Lower Stondon Surgery - ☎ 01462-850305

The Hawthorns, 109 Station Road, Lower Stondon

Dr. Michael Carragher

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

THE WELLNESS HUB (Shefford) :

☎ 01462-850228 or 07519-938472

www.thewellnesshub.co.uk

- Back and neck pain – muscle and joint pain
- Chiropody and Podiatry
- Massage
- Acupuncture



HEALTH COACHING or REFLEXOLOGY:

☎ 07772-547809 – Helen (Shillington based)

info@womenshealthhub.co.uk // www.womenshealthhub.co.uk

To help with:

- Stress
- Relaxation
- Fertility
- Pregnancy

The MIND & BODY HUB - ☎ 07378-516130 (Bury Road, Shillington)

admin@themindandbodyhub.co.uk

- Therapy with Dr. Emma Davies-Brooks – Clinical Psychologist
- Personal training with Jack in a fully equipped studio

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 Boarding Cattery - ☎ 01462-711064

Greenacres, 78 Hanscombe End Road, Shillington. Established 1991.

Opening hours for arrival and departure of your cat/s: Monday to Saturday 9am to 10am / 5pm to 6pm

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

SHEFFORD LIBRARY ☎ 0300-300-8067 :

High Street, Shefford, SG17 5DD

Visit website to see full range of services currently on offer

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday - 9.00am to 6.00pm // Saturday - 9.00am to 4.00pm



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e-mail: ed4shillingtonnews@btinternet.com

ANNUAL VILLAGE EVENTS

- Shillingfest – village organisations coming together at the Playing Fields with stalls, sideshows, fundraising activities, food and music – last Saturday in June
- Annual Fireworks Spectacular – professional fireworks company, BBQ and outside bar, followed by live band at the Social Club – all at the Playing Fields. Nearest Saturday to Bonfire Night.
- Service of Remembrance – Congregational Church – Sunday nearest 11th November
- Annual Xmas Tree lighting @ War Memorial – last Saturday in November
- All Saints Church – Xmas Bazaar – 1st Saturday in December
- Congregational Church – Xmas Tree Festival – 1st Friday, Saturday & Sunday in December



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

SHILLINGTON CHILDMINDERS:



Looking for Flexible, High-Quality Childcare in a Home-from-Home Setting?

We are experienced, Ofsted-registered childminders offering safe, nurturing, and stimulating home environments where children can play, learn, and thrive. Through play-based learning, we help children develop important life skills and confidence at their own pace. Our days are filled with fun and enriching activities—including visits

to farms, play centres, splash parks, museums, and libraries. We also involve children in everyday experiences like shopping, gardening, and cooking to help them build practical life skills.

We are:

- Fully registered with Ofsted
- Covered by public liability insurance
- Trained in Safeguarding, First Aid, and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework
- Kept up to date with best practices through regular training and professional bulletins

Children in our care enjoy opportunities to build social skills and explore a wide variety of toys and learning resources through baby and toddler groups and other local settings. We also work together to provide cover for each other during holidays and absences whenever possible.

We are registered to offer **15 and 30 hours of funded childcare** for eligible children from 9 months old, just like nurseries and pre-schools. (Funding usually starts the term after your child turns 9 months). Additional charges may apply for meals 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.

Get in touch today to discuss your childcare needs—whether you're looking for immediate care or planning ahead for the future. We'd love to hear from you!

Katie Brettell 07974-676089 katiebrettell@icloud.com	Carli Mauger 07912-549931 carlimauger@gmail.com	Deb Pateman 07934-480446 debpateman@msn.com
Anita Hare 07485-025775 anitahare@outlook.com	Laura Griffiths 07493-903621 lauralgriffiths820@gmail.com	

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE :

President: Liza Starling - ☎ 07442-019089

Meet the 1st Thursday in the month (apart from August) in the Congregational Church Hall from 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 59 local men who meet on an ad hoc basis throughout the year. 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, when able will meet regularly on Monday afternoons from 14:00 to 17:00 and Friday evenings from 19:00 to 22:00 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 CARE SCHEME: ☎ 01462-711594 (Liz) 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 2 Parish Councillors, co-opted members and representative members from user groups.



VILLAGE HALL (Registered charity no: 300066)

Treasurer – Denise Randall / Secretary – Katie Brettell /

Vice-Chair - Sally Stapleton ☎ 07711-504489 / currently no Chair person.

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.

WASP

(Wild About Shillington Parish)

is a group of people keen to enhance the biodiversity of Shillington village, share photos of the fabulous wildlife we have here and to improve our village environmental engagement.

We have been active for nearly a year now and have over sixty members. There are some great posts and photos to view and regular alerts for things that we can look out for in the wonderful environment around us.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wasp.shillington>

SHILLINGTON & DISTRICT CLASSIC CAR GROUP:

Zara - ☎ 07860-646323

Bring along an interesting car, motorcycle, light commercial or 3-wheeler to our twice monthly Tuesday evening meets at The Musgrave Arms, Apsley End from April to September. Informal get togethers for all the family. Don't worry if you don't have a suitable vehicle just pop along for a chat. Enthusiasts gather from 5pm and stay til late.



POLICE:

Emergency :

☎ 999

To report incidents:

☎ 101



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

STREETWATCH:



Street Watch gives you and your community an opportunity to keep your area safe by walking around your neighbourhood and encouraging people to report things, like antisocial behaviour, vandalism and suspicious behaviour, to us, which can really help.

As a Street Watch member, you'll patrol your local area alongside one of your neighbours for at least two hours every month, at times which suit you. You'll talk to people you meet and encourage them to take an active interest in keeping your area safe. So your neighbours know what you're there for, you wear a high-visibility Street Watch jacket.

You'll be supported by:

- the local Street Watch co-ordinator
- your local police

We'll provide an induction and training, as well as an attack alarm, torch and notebook.

Become part of Street Watch. For further information or to join Street Watch, please email our [Watch Schemes Team](#). Please note: we do need to put volunteers through vetting.

SPEEDWATCH:



This is a scheme set up for the public to let us know about locations where they're concerned about speeding.

We'll assess the location and if we think it's a good and safe place for monitoring to happen, trained members of the community will visit the location to record the details of offending vehicles. Anyone caught speeding will be sent a letter from us informing them of their offence. We also monitor the data so we can take action against repeat offenders or those severely breaking the speed limit.

If you'd like to join a Community Speed Watch group near you, or want to know more about the scheme:

Email: WatchSchemes@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk or read our [volunteer guidance and complete our registration form](#).

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 - ☎ 01462-713224.

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

Parish Councillors :

John Hyde Chair ☎ 01462-713826	Derek Turner ☎ 01462-712462	Gavin Jenkins ☎ 07826-518667	Liam Keene ☎ 07867-993393	Angus McCormick ☎ 01462-712096
Richa Mitra Vice-Chair Contact via Clerk	Annie Palmer Contact via Clerk	Mark Thyne Contact via Clerk	Shelby Long Contact via Clerk	Joe Olding Contact via Clerk

Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor :

Blake Stephenson (Conservative)

☎ 0300-300-8526

Blake is also our Mid Beds MP (blake.stephenson.mp@parliament.uk)

NEAREST HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE :

Ampthill - Abbey Lane - ☎ 01525 403611

Now need to book an appointment time to visit.

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 bin with black lid), one for recycled items (black bin with green lid) and garden waste (green bin with green lid).

Collections are on alternate Wednesdays – once a fortnight for recyclables and garden rubbish from March to December (which you now have to pay for – license from CBC, which has to be stuck on bin for it to be emptied) and once a fortnight for household. Garden rubbish collections are suspended for 12 weeks from beginning of December until end of February.

Small electrical items in plastic bags will also be collected kerb side as well as coffee pods in specific disposable plastic bags.

Weekly collections for food waste go into small biodegradable green bags, 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) or by 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 in the Village Hall car park in High Road. This bin brings funds into the Village Hall charity per weight of clothes donated. All clothing items are recycled.



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