



A Guide to Services Available to the Residents of Charney Bassett

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

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

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

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WELCOME TO CHARNEY BASSETT

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

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

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

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

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

The village comprises a population of approximately 314 and 122 dwellings.

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

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

Accident and Emergency

Minor injuries unit - Abingdon Hospital, Marcham road Abingdon.

A&E - John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

A&E - The Great Western Hospital, Swindon.

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

Bus Services

Services via Southmoor: S6 Swindon to Oxford
x15 Witney to Abingdon

Services via E Hanney: S9 Wantage to Oxford
S8 Wantage to Oxford via Abingdon

Villages bus service to Wantage on Wednesdays, departing the bus shelter at 10.18 am and returning at 12.45 pm.

Charney Army

The Charney Army is a group of volunteers (under the general guidance of the Parish Council) who work on village projects with the aim of improving the village environment. There are occasional meetings to identify jobs to be done, with working groups co-ordinated to undertake necessary tasks as required. If you are interested and wish to be on the email circulation contact charneyarmy@gmail.com.

Charney Bassett and Lyford Education Trust (CLET)

CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to the community in Charney Bassett and Lyford. Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September. For further details see the Charney web site or email cletclerk@gmail.com. Application forms are available on line.

Charney Chatter

Charney Chatter is a free newsletter published monthly and delivered via email (to opt in email charneychatter@gmail.com) or exceptionally as a hard copy. It is co-edited by a small group of villagers. Occasional interim news updates may be sent to subscribers at the discretion of the editors. Contributions are welcome and should be emailed to charneychatter@gmail.com in MS Word format by the 20th of each month. The co-editors can be contacted via the same email.

Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT)

CHAFT manages the Village Hall and Charney Field on behalf of the village and has working parties managing and developing the Village Hall and Charney Field. These working parties welcome the participation and ideas of all residents. Details online.

Dentists (a selection only)

Cherrytree Dental Care, Grove, tel: 763322

Peter Walker & Associates, Faringdon, tel: 01367 240514

Oasis Wantage Dental Practice, tel: 768877

Portway Dental Practice, Wantage, tel: 762187

Filling stations (nearest)

East Challow: Mellors on the A417

Grove: Bellinger's Garage on the A338

Frilford crossroads (A338/A415)

Buckland on the A420

First Fridays Coffee, Cake and Chat

In Charney Village Hall, between 3 – 4 pm. All welcome.

Food Shops (nearest)

Co-ops: Southmoor, Kingston Bagpuize, Stanford in the Vale and Grove. Monday - Saturday: 7.00 am - 11.00 pm, Sunday 8.00 am - 10.00 pm.

Hanney Community Shop and Post Office. Shop: Monday – Saturday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm. PO: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, Tuesday 9.00 am – 12 noon (closed at weekends).

Millets Farm Shop, Frilford: 9.00 am – 5.30 pm, 7 days a week (open until 6 pm April – October).

Southmoor One Stop Shop: 6.00 am - 10.00 pm, 7 days a week.
Tesco Express, Millbrook Square, Grove. 7.00 am - 11.00 pm.

Gardening Clubs

Hanney Gardening Club meets on the first Monday each month, 7.45 pm, in the Hanney War Memorial Hall. See www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk.

Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club meets on the first Tuesday most months, at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall. See www.skbgardeningclub.org.uk.

Health Centres

Wantage Health Centre, Mably Way. Two practices, Newbury Street Practice, tel: 639521 and Church Street Practice, tel: 770245.

White Horse Medical Practice, Faringdon, tel: 01367 242388.

History

Charney has a History Group which meets up once or twice a year. The village also has a comprehensive [history web site](http://history.charneybassett.org.uk/) - <https://history.charneybassett.org.uk/>.

Hundred Club

The 100 Club raises funds for development of the Village Hall. Draws are made monthly with a 1st prize of £25 and 2nd of £10. First prize in the Summer draw is £50 and in the Christmas draw £100. To join, contact charney100club@gmail.com.

Market Days

Abingdon: Mondays, Faringdon: Tuesdays and also 3rd Saturday in the month, Wantage; Wednesdays & Saturdays.

Monthly Farmers' Markets – Abingdon: 3rd Friday, Faringdon: 1st Tuesday.

Member of Parliament

Charney Bassett is in the Witney Parliamentary constituency. MP is Charlie Maynard, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, email: charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk.

Milk

Milk deliveries from Milk & More, www.milkandmore.co.uk.

Newspapers

Newspapers are delivered by Rowes, Wallingford St. Wantage, <http://www.rowesnews.co.uk>.

Parish Church

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

Rector: Rev. Talisker MacLeod

Churchwarden: Iain McGregor

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

Pharmacies (a selection only)

Bretts, Millbrook Square, Grove, tel: 763941.

Faringdon Pharmacy, London Street, tel: 01367 244632

Allied Pharmacy, Wantage Health Centre, tel: 763028.

Police

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

Post Office

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

Kingston Bagpuize Co-op: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday – Friday.

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

Pub

The Chequers – currently closed until 2026.

Refuse Collection and Recycling

Normal collection day is Tuesday (alternate weeks general waste [black bin] and recycling [green bin]). Changes in collection days after Bank Holidays are included with the annual Council Tax documents.

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

Waste recycling centre: Stanford in the Vale (on the A417) Trailers may need a permit. Full details can be obtained from the recycling centre.

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

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

Riding Schools

Asti Stud, Goosey, tel: 01367 710288

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

Schools

Primary: St. James Church of England Primary School Hanney, East Hanney, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 0JN. See www.stjamesprimaryhanney.co.uk/ for more details.

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

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

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

Secondary: King Alfred's Academy, Wantage – www.kaacademy.org.

Scouting and Guiding

Scouts – King Alfred District (www.kascouts.org.uk/) has groups that meet locally.

Sew and Social Sessions

Thursdays in Charney Village Hall, between 10.00 am and noon. All welcome.

Superstores

Wantage/Grove: Sainsbury's and Waitrose. Lidl coming soon.

Abingdon: Waitrose and Tesco

Faringdon: Tesco, Waitrose and Aldi.

Table Tennis

A table tennis table and equipment is available to use in the Village Hall. Contact bookings@chaft.org for more details.

Vale Islanders

A small, friendly group that meets each week to learn traditional English country dances. No experience needed. Come along on Tuesdays, 8 pm in Charney Bassett Village Hall - <https://www.vale-islanders.org.uk/>.

Veterinary Surgeons

Court Vets' Practice, Stanford in the Vale, tel: 01367 710595

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

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

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

Village Hall

Located in Chapel Lane and managed by CHAFT. Hiring rate: £10 per hour for village residents.

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

Bookings: Linda Ritchie, bookings@chaft.org. Booking forms available on the [Charney web site](#).

Various events and classes are held weekly.

Web Site

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

Parish Council

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

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

Parish Councillors

David Roberts, Chairman	868285
Mary Castle, Vice Chair	868371
Kay Adamson	868599
Tracey Burge	07810 356206
Evelyn Campbell	868710

Clerk: Trevor Brown 868282

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

Vale of White Horse District Council

Charney Bassett is in the Kingston Bagpuize Ward of the Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon, tel: 422422.

District Councillor: Jill Rayner, tel: 07774 411111, email: jill.rayner@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

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

Oxfordshire County Council

Charney Bassett is in the Kingston and Stanford Division of Oxfordshire County Council.

County Councillor: Lee Evans, tel: 07724 601096 email: lee.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

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