



# Welcome to Bulkington in Wiltshire

[www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)



## Welcome to Bulkington

This pack is designed to give you all the information you may need on moving into the village and surrounding area. It may also be helpful as a reference whilst living in Bulkington, and we hope it is a handy quick start to knowing the village and local area, its key features and areas of activity, local businesses and leisure facilities.



The nearest shop is a 5 minute drive away in the neighbouring village of Seend whilst the nearest junior school, Keevil Primary School can be found a couple of miles away in the village of Keevil.

The local secondary schools are in Market Lavington, Devizes, Trowbridge and Melksham.

Bulkington gives you the best of all worlds; situated in an idyllic rural location nestling on the edge of Salisbury Plain and with a choice of three market towns all within a 10 minute drive – Trowbridge, Devizes and Melksham.



We also have, almost on our doorstep, two of England's most attractive cities – Salisbury and Bath. The village itself has excellent amenities; a Village Hall, Playing Field, Church and The Well Inn.

## The History of Bulkington

The Parish of Bulkington and its surrounding land was originally part of the manorial estate of the Gaisford family from Keevil whose family name is recorded on the War Memorial erected by them after the Great War.



The Gaisford Estate was sold in 1919 and bought by a consortium from the village. It was further dismantled and sold off at a later date. There were seven farms in the village at the time together with a bake-house and a shop, which closed circa 1993.

The base of the Cross, prior to having a War Memorial placed on it, is rumoured to be a medieval market stand where produce and sheep were sold and quite possibly used for 'the hiring' of seasonal labour for the farms.

The pond, which was situated near the Cross, was filled in in 1932-33 as it was deemed unsanitary and unsafe for the children, and a set of swings was erected.

The village also supported a cobbler, a gravedigger and a garage which sold petrol and repaired farm machinery and cars until the late 1980's. 'Poplars Farm', now replaced by houses had a flourishing dairy, which sent milk to London daily, even through the Blitz. They also made cheese, butter and

cider, as there were several cider apple orchards in the locality.

The Pub, until recently known as the Topsy Toad, but now called The Well at Bulkington, used to brew its own beer. It burnt down and was replaced by the current building around 1920. Before being known as The Topsy Toad it was variously called 'The Bell' and even previously 'The Well'. Owners Tim and Sam Taylor carried out a major refurbishment including a great new restaurant, and the **Well Inn** re-opened it's doors in October 2009.



The first church in the village burnt down and the present one was built and consecrated in 1860. It remained in the parish of Keevil and Bulkington until 1971 when the church became part of Seend Parish. The vicar at the time paid nearly all the school expenses. The school remained until 1896, but it is unclear what happened to the children until 1901 when six started at Keevil School. Most of today's children still go to Keevil.



## **Bulkington Parish Council**

### **Chairperson – Sally Oliphant**

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Wick Leaze Farm

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### **Councillor – Clare Crawford**

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14 The Close

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### **Councillor – Simon Barratt**

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### **Councillor – Ron Elliott**

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The Old Stables

Home Farm

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### **Councillor – Calum Ogilvie**

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Nimrod Cottage

18 Bulkington

SN10 1SJ

### **Councillor – Angela Read**

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Plain View

12 Bulkington

SN10 1SJ

### **Parish Clerk – Felicity Price**

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1 The Croft

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SN10 4RT

## **Bulkington Parish Council Meetings**

The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of every other month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Meeting dates can be found at the end of all Council Minutes, available at the bus shelter and on the Bulkington Village Website [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)

Members of the public are always welcome to attend and copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk 3 working days prior to the meeting.

There will be an opportunity for the Public to ask Questions at the start of each meeting.

Contact : Parish Clerk - Felicity Price

Tel : 01380 840294

Email : [FelicityPrice@BTInternet.com](mailto:FelicityPrice@BTInternet.com)

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings**

Recorded Minutes of the most recent meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council Notice Board mounted within the bus shelter adjacent to the War Memorial.

Hard copies of earlier Meeting Minutes can be requested from The Parish Clerk.

These are also available on the Bulkington village website: [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)

## **Meeting Dates for Bulkington Parish Council 2014 & 2015**

- 19 March 2014 Precept Setting
- 21 May 2014 19.00hrs Annual Parish Meeting
- 21 May 2014 also. Annual Meeting of the Council, Election of Chairman\*
- 16 July 2014
- 17 September 2014
- 19 November 2014
- 7 January 2015 Precept meeting
- 18 March 2013 Preliminary Accounts meeting
- 13 May 2015. Annual Meeting of the Council, Election of Chairman\*

\*This meeting normally combines the bi-monthly Parish Council Meeting with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (Election of Chairman). However in 2013 there is a Parish Council election and this will be the first meeting of the newly-elected Parish Council; it depends on the date of the Local Council Elections and declaration of the result. The Annual Parish Meeting will as usual be held immediately beforehand; the Chairman 2013-2014 remains in office until the new Council takes over, and both the Chairman's Report and the Clerk's Financial Report refer to the year past.

Up to date Meeting dates can also be found on the website: [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk) together with other information on the Parish Council.

## Local Services

**Dustbin Collections:** Alternate Tuesday mornings approx 7:30 am – grey bin (household rubbish), green bin (garden waste) and black boxes (recycling) one week and the following week blue bin (cardboard & plastic bottles).  
For further details see [www.recycleforwiltshire.com](http://www.recycleforwiltshire.com)

### Recycling Centres:

Melksham – Bowerhill Industrial Park

Devizes – Hopton Park Industrial Estate

Trowbridge – Canal Road Trading Estate

**Newspaper Delivery:** Daily and Sunday Papers – can be arranged from Seend Village Stores and Post Office.

**Village Store** (Seend): The shop, which incorporates The Post Office, is run by Richard and Melanie Walker, selling a range of foods, stationery and household goods. Tel: 01380 828250 7 days a week 8.00am - 5.30 early closing Thurs 1.00pm

**Post Office** (Seend): 6 days a week 8.00am - 5.30pm Weds 4.30pm / Sat 1.00pm

<b>Milk Delivery:</b>	Tues / Thurs/ Sat - Planks Dairies 01380 828600
<b>Village Pub:</b>	The Well Inn – Tim & Sam Taylor 01380 828287
<b>Local Car Servicing:</b>	MRC Cars - Mark Raby-Cox 01380 828274
<b>TV Aerials/Repairs:</b>	Roberts TV Services 01380 723464
<b>Coal Deliveries:</b>	Chivers Coal Merchants 01380 723411
<b>Chimney Sweep:</b>	Andrew Underwood 01225 706447 771505
<b>Fencing:</b>	M & S Fencing 01380 739953 07813 776797

**NHS Direct** [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk) Tel: 0845 46 47  
24-hour medical advice and information service offers advice and information covering all aspects of health, illness and health services.  
A dedicated team of 54 nurses, all with at least five years experience, and 15 health information advisers.

**Melksham Community Hospital** [www.ruh.nhs.uk](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk) Tel: 01225 703088  
Spa Road, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 7NZ ( NOT Casualty )

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## Accident & Emergency

- **Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Trust** (14.2 miles) Combe Park, Bath, Avon, BA1 3NG Tel: 01225 824391 or 01225 824007
  - **The Great Western Hospital NHS Foundation Trust** (21.2 miles) Marlborough Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN3 6BB Tel: 01793 604020
  - **Frenchay Hospital for North Bristol NHS Trust** (22.7 miles) Frenchay Park Road, Bristol, Avon, BS16 1LE Tel: 0117 9701212
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## Doctors Surgeries

- **Spa Surgery** Melksham Tel: 01225 706613
- **Spa Medical Centre** Appointments: 01225 709311 Enquiries: 01225 703236  
Snowberry Lane, Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6UN
- **St. Damians Surgery** Tel: 01225 791212  
Spa Road, Melksham SN12 7NZ
- **Southbroom Surgery** Tel: 0844 477 8657  
The Green, Devizes SN10 1LQ
- **St. James Surgery** Tel: 0844 4778648  
Gains Lane, Devizes SN10 1QU
- **Giffords Surgery** Tel: 0844 477 2565  
Spa Road Melksham Wiltshire SN12 7EA

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## Dentists Surgeries

- **Dr Shrimpton** Tel: 01380 722387  
64 New Park Street, Devizes SN10 1DP
- **Devizes Family Health Centre** Tel: 01380 725089  
New Park Street, Devizes SN10 1DR
- **The Market Place Dental Practice (NHS)** Tel: 01380 722007  
1a The Little Brittox, Devizes SN10 1AR
- **Long Street Dental** Tel: 01380 723691  
14 Long Street Devizes SN10 1NN

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## Wiltshire Police Authority

**Local Police** Tel: 0845 408 7000

Email: [Melkshamruralsouthlnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Melkshamruralsouthlnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

Community Beat Manager; P.C Emily Thomas  
Police Community Support Officer; P.C. Rose Baldock

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## Railway Stations Tel: 0845 700 0125

- **Trowbridge** (5 miles) Station Approach Stallard Street, Trowbridge BA14 8HW
- **Westbury** ( 6 miles) Station Approach, Westbury BA13 4HP
- **Chippenham** (12 miles) Cockle Bury Road, Chippenham SN15 3QE

## Bus Services

- **Number 77** to and from Devizes and Trowbridge
- **Connect2Wiltshire** Door-to-door 01985 212213

**Seend Link & District Link Scheme** - Local organisation which provides lifts to hospitals etc. All requests for help should be made with at least two working days notice to the LINK Scheme Co-ordinator, Sasha on: 07532 055560 between 9:00am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday.

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**Bed and Breakfast at Rew Farm**, Seend Cleeve, SN12 6PS (near Bulkington)  
01380 828289 <http://www.rewfarm.com/>

## Places of Worship



### **Church of England: Christ Church, Bulkington**

Spotlight magazine delivered monthly to all homes in Bulkington and Seend

Rector: Renée Coulson 01380 827285 Church Wardens:  
Liz Futter 01380 828485 and Anne Saywell 01380  
828391



### **Roman Catholic: Our Lady of Immaculate Conception**

Tel: 01380 723572

St Joseph's Presbytery

St Joseph's Place, Devizes SN10 1DD



### **Non Conformist: Devizes Christian Fellowship**

Tel: 01380 720891

The Lighthouse Centre, Salem Chapel

New Park Street, Devizes SN10 1DY



### **United Church (Methodist and URC): St Andrews, Devizes**

Tel: 01380 724314/01380 72426

Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NJ



### **Methodist: Seend Methodist Chapel**

Tel: 01249 813340

2 Bell Hill, Seend



## The William Breach Playing Field

The William Breach Centenary Playing Field was donated to the Parish by William Breach on 10 February 2006 for the enjoyment of the whole village.

The objectives of the Playing Field Committee in managing the Field are:

- to provide a safe environment where people of all ages can meet and play
- to maintain the field, any equipment and infrastructure so that it is fit for purpose
- to improve the field, in keeping with the village, ensuring villagers have the opportunity to consult where appropriate



The Playing Field Committee meets monthly and currently has six members:

- Chairman; Dave Crawford 07891949663
- Secretary; Sally Oliphant 01380 828987 (also Parish Council Representative)
- Treasurer; Sallie-Ann Bown
- Other Members; Clare Crawford, Debbie Richardson, Gaby Goldsack and Laura Cady. New members are always welcome.

There are no formal booking arrangements and villagers are welcome to use the Field for birthday parties or family do's etc. The Field is ideal for mums/dads/grandparents etc to meet with their children where they can socialise and play in a large open green space. Older children who like to play basketball, football and cricket, may find the Field better suited than their own back gardens!

Bulkington Parish Council cover costs for annual insurance, maintenance (e.g. grass cutting) and an annual Rospa Safety Report.



The playing field committee buys additional play equipment, picnic benches etc using fund raising activities and donations at annual events such as the Fireworks Night and Easter Egg Hunt. These events have always been well supported and any profit generated is reinvested in equipment. The playhouse and sand pit were added in the summer of 2008 and the willow domes and tunnels added in 2009 have proved very popular.

The village applied successfully for a Lottery Grant in 2010 to fund play equipment such as zip wire, cantilever swing, mound & tunnel, sensory garden with speaking tube, and a climbing tower. These were installed in 2011. Come and play.....

## Local Shopping

### Foodstuff

Asda Stores Ltd, The Shires, Trowbridge BA14 8AT	Tel: 01225 751318
Tesco (Home delivery) County Way, Trowbridge BA14 7AQ	Tel: 0845 677 9685
Budgens Stores Ltd, 9 Hackett Place, Trowbridge BA14 7GW	Tel: 01225 764707
Sainsbury's, 3 Monday Market Street, Devizes SN10 1DN.	Tel: 01380 729 130
Iceland, 37 High Street, Melksham SN12 6JY	Tel: 01225 709696
Somerfield, Bath Road, Melksham SN12 6LP	Tel: 01225 707435
Marks & Spencer, 36 Monday Market St, Devizes, SN10 1DW	Tel: 01380 724 952
Tesco 21-24 Maryport Street, Devizes SN10 1AG	Tel: 0845 677 9218
Morrison's, Estcourt Street, Devizes, SN10 1LA	Tel: 01380 720290
Sainsbury's, 3 Monday Market Street, Devizes, SN10 1DN.	Tel: 01380 729 130
Somerfield, 9-12 High Street, Devizes SN10 1AT	Tel: 01380 723156
Iceland, The Brittox, Devizes, SN10 1AL	Tel: 01380 739331

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### Local DIY & Hardware

Roses - 4 Estcourt St, Devizes, SN10 1LH	Tel: 01380 722689
Wickes - Unit 10 Kennet Way, Canal Road Industrial Estate, Trowbridge, BA14 8RN	Tel: 01225 776 580
B & Q Superstore - Bradley Rd, Trowbridge, BA14	Tel: 01225 777 891

## Local Amenities



### **Free House and Restaurant -The Well at Bulkington**

Extensively refurbished to include an excellent restaurant and a comfortable bar with a selection of real ales. Owners Tim and Sam Taylor invite you to try the village pub, a great place to meet other villagers and friends, whether simply to enjoy a drink in the comfort and luxury of the bar or to eat in the restaurant where the food is excellent and the choice varied.

**Tel:** 01225 705115

**Email:** [tim.taylor3@btopenworld.com](mailto:tim.taylor3@btopenworld.com)

**Website:** [www.thewellatbulkington.co.uk](http://www.thewellatbulkington.co.uk)



### **The Village Hall**

In recent years successful applications by the Village Hall committee to the "Awards for All" scheme have secured funding to carry out a number of improvements to the hall and the car park, to provide an excellent venue for many social activities including parties, exercise classes etc.

The Hall is available for hire at £10 per session.

If you are interested making a booking please contact Roger Futter on 01380 828485



**Mobile Library** - alternate Mondays  
10.55-11.25am at The Well Inn Car Park

Operated by Wiltshire Council. Visits last between 10 minutes and half an hour.

Vans hold story tapes, CDs and videos as well as books for adults and children of all ages. Vehicles are wheelchair accessible. Customers can reserve items not available on the van via the Warminster Library website:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/artsheritageandlibraries/librarieshome/mobilelibraries.htm>





### **The Great Bulkington Railway (GBR)**

The railway offers sit-on train rides and can be hired (subject to weather conditions) together with the village hall for children's birthday parties. For more information contact The Station Master, Nev Boulton, on 01380 828101

All monies raised go towards village hall funds and other worthy charitable causes.



### **The Fun Station Children's Club, Christ Church, Bulkington**

This facility is not currently in operation,. However, it may one day return so watch out for this

### **Music and Movement Classes in The Village Hall**

Low Impact Exercise To Music - Monday mornings weekly 9am – 10am, £4.00 per session.

Just come along and join in the fun. All standards are welcome.

Contact:

- **Thelma Boulton** on 01380 828101 or
- **Emma (Ladies PT) Hibberd**  
[Emmahibberd666@gmail.com](mailto:Emmahibberd666@gmail.com)



### **Bulkington Ladies Group**

Meetings throughout the year on the last Thursday of each month for all age groups, aimed at sharing outings, common interests and just getting to know one another.

This is a fairly informal group with no particular alliances or followings except to share in activities of all sorts, and all are welcome to participate and to propose and arrange outings, visits, walks etc.

## Neighbourhood Watch and News

Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Website - <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/>

### Village Co-ordinator

- John Scott 01380 828026

Manesty House 3 Northfields Bulkington SN10 1SE

E-mail : [johnann.scott@virgin.net](mailto:johnann.scott@virgin.net)

### Local Co-ordinators

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- Andy Stables 01380 828261 20 Bulkington SN10 1SN

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- Jim Elliott 01380 828083 33 Bulkington SN10 1SL

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- James Seddon 01380 828081 2 Northfields Bulkington SN10 1SE

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- Roger Marsh 01380 828000 12 The Close SN10 1SR



Semington Brook from Brasspan Bridge – digitally rendered watercolour