

## **Milton Abbas Welcome Pack**

*Welcome to the village of Milton Abbas; the Parish Council and all residents hope you will be very happy living here.*

*Please find below your **Welcome Pack** . We have assembled a pack of useful information about the local facilities and amenities which we hope will make life easier for you. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Parish Council.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Milton Abbas Parish Council*

This pack has been put together in the hope that it provides useful information about local facilities and amenities which might otherwise take a long time to gather.

The Parish Council now has its own website which can be found at  
<https://www.miltonabbas-pc.org.uk/community/milton-abbas-parish-council-20306/home/>

You will be able to find copies of all recent agendas and minutes, a list of recent planning applications and other information here. In the interests of transparency more information, such as annual returns, audits, asset, etc... will be added over the coming months.

*Any feedback is always welcome, thank you.*

Details of the Parish Councillors are below

Name	Position	email	Correspondence
Elizabeth Sellen	Parish Clerk	<a href="mailto:miltonabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk">miltonabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk</a>	If you wish to call or write to the PC please do so via the Parish Clerk, Elizabeth Sellen. Contact details;
Stuart Driver	Chair	<a href="mailto:stuart.driver@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk">stuart.driver@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk</a>	
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Steve Gould	CLr	<a href="mailto:steve.gould@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk">steve.gould@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk</a>	
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Tayab de Steiger Khandwala	CLr	<a href="mailto:tayab.khandwala@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk">tayab.khandwala@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk</a>	
Simon Martin	CLr	<a href="mailto:simon.martin@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk">simon.martin@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk</a>	
Dawn Wyatt	CLr	<a href="mailto:dawn.wyatt@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk">dawn.wyatt@miltonabbas-pc.org.uk</a>	

### **Post;**

Post is collected from the letterbox outside the Post Office and Catherine's Well details as follows:

- o Monday to Friday: last post **4 pm** ;
- o Saturday: last post **10 am** ;
- o Sunday: **no collection** .

### **Rubbish;**

*Collection (Rubbish and Food Waste):*

[Rubbish collection is divided into two tranches on alternate Wednesdays. Collection calendars can be viewed online at https://gi.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mapping/mylocal](https://gi.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mapping/mylocal) or on village noticeboards. On Wednesday mornings, please put your relevant containers/wheelie bins out by 7am at the kerbside or specific pick-up points.

- o Week 1: General and Food Waste;
- o Week 2: Recycling - paper, cardboard, plastic: Recycling - paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays, tins, cans, aerosols, glass bottles and jars (*all colours*) and Food Waste.

*Collection (Optional Garden Waste):*

This is an optional, chargeable service provided fortnightly, all year round; if you have paid for this service, a garden waste collection calendar will be sent to you. You can still take your garden waste to your local household recycling centre free of charge.

### **Reporting Problems:**

[To report a missed collection or other problems, request a service please go to. www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection.aspx](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/report-a-bin-problem/missed-bin-collection.aspx) call 01305 221040. Please wait until the end of the day before you report a missed collection as collection rounds may take longer to complete

**Refuse Tip:**

[Blandford Household Waste and Recycling Centre, Shaftesbury Lane, Blandford, DT11 7EG. Telephone Number 01258 456493. Website:](#)

**Opening Hours:**

Monday – Sunday 10am – 4pm

Open on all Bank Holidays

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day

**Bulky Waste Collection**

[If you have larger items such as a fridge, old sofa or bed and do not have suitable transport to take it to the household recycling centre, you can request a](#)

Furniture reuse groups;

[As well as Dorset Reclaim, there is a range of furniture reuse groups across Dorset that collect unwanted furniture and household items;](#)

All this information can be found on [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

[For further information on the following please go to, \[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/bins-recycling-and-litter.aspx\]\(http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/bins-recycling-and-litter.aspx\):](#)

- o What can I take to the Blandford Household Recycling Centre (Tip);
- o Charges for certain items;
- o Commercial waste;
- o Van and trailer restrictions at recycling centres;
- o Asbestos.

**Telephones;**

Usual providers and Area Code **(01258)** ;

There is a mobile mast which caters for Vodafone and O2 services. Mobile reception however can still be a bit '*hit and miss*'

Public telephone (*cards only*) outside the Post Office/Shop in the Street.

**Internet;**

Broadband is available in the village. Wessex Internet have installed a fibre network through the village which. Depending on your house location superfast fibre broadband is available with a number of providers.

**Bus Service**

Currently the only bus service operating is a school service operating only during term time to Dorchester, however this is a PlusBus service operating to Blandford & Dorchester on Thursdays on alternate weeks. Please contact 01258 287 987 or email [dorset@ectcharity.co.uk](mailto:dorset@ectcharity.co.uk) to book

### Local Amenities;

#### Post Office and Village Shop

- Located on The Street, phone number 01258 880253
- Cashwithdrawals and deposits for all banks available

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	9 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 4:30 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 4:30 pm
Wednesday	9 am – 1 pm	CLOSED
Thursday	9 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 4:30 pm
Friday	9 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 4:30 pm
Saturday	9 am – 12:00 noon	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

#### Steeptonbill Farm Shop

Steeptonbill Farm is located on the Hilton road, DT11 0AT (*Directions: Google map link , enter*

*Steeptonbill Farm in search bar*) Steeptonbill Farm Shop **Telephone Number 07891 079615**

<https://www.facebook.com/steeptonbillfarm>

#### Opening Hours

Monday	10 pm – 5pm
Tuesday	3 pm – 5pm
Wednesday	10 am – 5pm
Thursday	10 am – 5pm
Friday	10 am – 5pm
Saturday	10 am – 5pm
Sunday	10 am – 4pm

- o Fresh seasonal vegetables and fruit;
- o Free range pork, including sausages and wonderful dry cured bacon;
- o Lamb, hogget and mutton;
- o Locally reared, 28-day aged beef (*Dexter, a speciality*);
- o Free range chickens
- o Fresh fish from Winterborne Houghton (*Arctic Char and Rainbow Trout*);
- o A wide range of locally made cheeses;
- o Handmade preserves, breads, cakes & local honey;
- o Unhomogenised Milk and Cream available in recyclable glass bottles.

Plastic free/ bring your own container to fill dry goods – Range includes e.g. pasta, cereal, flour, coffee beans etc.

### CAFÉS;

#### SMITHS DORSET (Located at Steeptonbill Farm shop)

An independent hand built cabin and kitchen in the Woods offering unique dining, live music and events. Husband and Chef Mel uses seasonal produce with a daily changing Menu and regular favourites.

Open:

Sunday-Wednesday 9.30am-5pm

Thursday-Saturday 9.30am-9.30pm

Dogs welcome, parking on lane. Disabled parking available.

Facebook and Instagram: @smithsdorset

[www.smithsdorset.com](http://www.smithsdorset.com)

E: [smithsdorset@outlook.com](mailto:smithsdorset@outlook.com)

T: 07821175268

#### THE VIEW COFFEE SHOP

Selling cooked to order breakfasts and light lunches, cakes, traybakes, treats, local ice cream, great coffee, teas and cold drinks. Browse the unique range of homemade and eco-friendly gifts and products all supporting other local businesses. At the front is the sports field for family friendly fun with lots of games provided, including football, frisbee and cricket. There is free parking, a large bike rack and space for riders of all kinds. [www.theviewcoffeeshopma.com](http://www.theviewcoffeeshopma.com) or our Facebook page or on Google or Apple Maps.) Hours are seasonal.

#### DORSET'S CRAFTY BARN TEA ROOM

Unit 1A, LUCCOMBE Business

Centre, Milton Abbas, United

Kingdom

[dorsetscraftybarn@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetscraftybarn@gmail.com)

### MILTON ABBAS SPORTS CLUB

Milton Abbas sports club the heart of the community. The pavillion, with kitchen facilities, toilets and a view point looking over the hills. so why not come along and see for yourself, come and watch a cricket match, have a picnic with the kids or even hire it for a bigger event

Whatever you decide welcome and make great memories

Feel free to contact us for bookings, enquiries or just with a random question

Email: [miltonabbaspavilion@gmail.com](mailto:miltonabbaspavilion@gmail.com)

### SUPERMARKETS:

Blandford: Iceland Foods (DT11 7AT), Lidl (DT11 7FP), Marks & Spencer Food Hall, DT11 7EN, Morrisons (DT11 7AW), Spar (DT11 7AF), and Tesco (DT11 9PU).

Dorchester: Budgens (DT1 3FD), **Co-operative Food (DT1 1TT)**, Iceland Foods (DT1 1DH), Lidl (DT1 1XU), M & S (DT1 1DQ), Sainsbury (DT1 2FB), Tesco (DT1 1QT) and Waitrose (DT1 1BN).

### PLAY PARK:

The children's playground, basketball court and skate park are opposite the Doctor's surgery in (*Upper*) Catherine's Well

**OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**  
(in alphabetical order)

**CHURCHES:**

- o The Winterborne Valley and Milton Abbas Benefice: Worship is centred in six beautiful churches, you can find out more at <https://wmmabenefice.uk/> or on t
- o St. James' Church, Milton Abbas -

The Ministry Team:

At present there is no Rector for this Parish. However, people can still be baptised, confirmed, married and buried as other vicars are helping us out. The interviews will take place shortly so we are hoping the vacancy will be filled soon. If you have any queries please contact Jennifer Harrison, Benefice Secretary on - [mawvoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:mawvoffice@btinternet.com)

You will find which service will take place next on the notice board by the Church steps. Further information is in the Church porch.

Staff Team:

- The Reverend Jimmy Hamilton-Brown, Telephone Number **01258 880627**
- The Reverend Sue Litchfield, Telephone Number **01258 880054**

Church Details:

- i. 'Coffee Stop': Tuesday; 11.00 am – 12 noon in the South Aisle;
- ii. *Home Group Meetings:* Upper Home Group meets on alternate weeks on Monday evenings between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm. Please contact Paula Kelsall **01258 880258** or Jennifer Harrison **01258 881609** for more information
- iii. One Bell - chimed only;
- iv. Disabled toilet facilities accessible from the South Aisle.
- o *Other Christian Denomination Churches:*
  - a. Evangelical: Albert Street, Blandford, DT11 7HZ Telephone Number 01258 450689;
  - b. Methodist: Dewlish, Dorchester, DT2 7NH Telephone Number 01305 262421;
- c. Roman Catholic: Our Lady of Lourdes, The Presbytery, Whitecliff Mill Street, Blandford, DT11 7BN Telephone Number 01258 452051;
- d. United Reformed Church: Salisbury Street, Blandford, DT11 7PX Telephone Number 01258 451895.

**COUNCIL OFFICES:**

See Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/visit-us>

- Housing benefit and council tax support: 0345 0344 569
- Council emergency out of hours number: 01258 454111
- For Tree and Landscape queries please telephone **01258 484216**

Opening Times Monday to Thursday 8.45am – 5pm, Friday 8.45am – 5pm. Closed Saturday and Sunday

**DENTISTS:**

[A list of dentists can be found on the following website: www.masurgery.co.uk/local-services/](http://www.masurgery.co.uk/local-services/)

**DOCTOR'S SURGERY (Milton Abbas & Milborne St. Andrew Surgery):**

Milton Abbas Surgery, (Upper) Catherines Well, Milton Abbas, DT11 0AT, E-mail: [miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net](mailto:miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net), Website: [www.masurgery.co.uk](http://www.masurgery.co.uk), **Telephone Number 01258 880210** (phone lines open at 8.30am) this telephone number is for both the Milton Abbas Surgery and the Milborne St. Andrew Surgery

**HOME WATCH:**

- i. Voluntary basis, current village co-ordinator Ellie Payne **Telephone Number 01258 880981;**
- ii. Blandford Rural Neighbourhood Team: Currently under review.

**HOSPITALS:**

- i. Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (**including A&E**), Williams Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2JY, **Telephone Number 01305 251150.**
- ii. Blandford Community Hospital, (**Minor Injuries Unit – Nurse Led**), Milldown Road, Blandford, DT11 7DD, **Telephone Number 01258 456541).**

#### LIBRARIES:

Blandford Library, The Tabernacle, Blandford <b>Tel. No. 01258 452075</b> Email: <a href="mailto:blandfordlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">blandfordlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Opening Times</b>	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Times</b>
Monday	10am to 6.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am to 5pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30am to 6.30pm
Friday	9.30am to 1pm
Saturday	9.30am to 4pm

Dorchester Library and Learning Centre South Walks House, Dorchester <b>Tel. No. 01305 224440</b> Email: <a href="mailto:dorchesterlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">dorchesterlibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Opening Times</b>	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Times</b>
Monday	10am to 5.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am to 7pm
Wednesday	9.30am to 1pm
Thursday	9.30am to 5.30pm
Friday	9.30am to 7pm
Saturday	9.00am to 4pm

o *Services:* The library offers access to a wide range of services including books for adults and young people, feature films and music to hire, reference and information services, local history. It also provides internet access for all.

o *Accessibility:*

- i. Wheelchair accessible entrance, buggy/pushchair access;
- ii. In adverse weather conditions or other circumstances there may be a library closure;
- iii. The Mobile Library service terminated some months ago and there is a Home Library Service provided to individuals who for a variety of reasons cannot use the conventional library service.

#### LOCAL MP:

- o Mr. Simon Hoare – Conservative.

#### LOCAL COUNCILLORS:

- o Councillor Emma Parker – Conservative;

#### LOCAL PUBLICATIONS:

o *Magazines:*

i. The Blackmore Vale Magazine (*no longer delivered*): delivered Thursday pm weekly; please collect copies from the Post Office, The Hambro and the telephone box in Catherine's Well;

ii. The Bulletin (*Milton Abbas Newsletter*) now incorporating What's On (Online [http://www.miltonabbas.org.uk/Village\\_Life/thebulletin.htm](http://www.miltonabbas.org.uk/Village_Life/thebulletin.htm))  
Editor – Leo Hughes **Telephone Number 01258 881118** email: [leo.hughes@btinternet.com](mailto:leo.hughes@btinternet.com), 'What's On' /Treasurer - Paula Driver  
[stuartandpaula@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartandpaula@btinternet.com) **Telephone Number 07733 033747**

iii. Village News published monthly and delivered to your door. A small annual subscription to cover costs. Please contact **Molly**, **Telephone Number 01258 880994** if you wish to receive this publication.

o *Newspapers:*

- i. Daily
- ii. Dorset
- iii. Western  
Gazette;

#### LOCAL TRADESMEN:

There are too many to list here in this section however, many of the local tradesmen advertise in the publications listed above.

#### MARKETS:

o *Farmers' Markets:* A wonderful way to buy local produce is direct from the supplier. Farmers' markets are held at various towns throughout Dorset: The Visit Dorset website contains a list of markets available [www.visit-dorset.com/food-and-drink/farmers-markets](http://www.visit-dorset.com/food-and-drink/farmers-markets)

- i. Blandford: Second Friday of the month, 9am - 1.00pm (*average of 26 stalls*);
  - ii. For more information, please contact Dorset Farmers Markets Ltd **Telephone Number 01258 454510**
- o *Weekly Town Markets:* Many Dorset towns still have regular market days - a great opportunity to pick up something fresh :
- i. Blandford: Markets are held on Thursdays and Saturdays each week in the Market Place throughout the year. Trading hours are between 08.30 and 16.30 with a variety of goods being sold, these may include food, luggage, clothing or household goods.
  - ii. Dorchester: 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – Wednesday 06:30 – 14:00 and Sunday 06:30 – 14:00. Founded in 1860 by Thomas Ensor Dorchester Market boasts history and charm. With a large indoor market and an outside undercover section you will find a whole range of products on Wednesday market day from 200 different market traders. On Sunday a giant car boot is on offer which has proved highly popular, full of bric-a-brac, antiques and collectables

#### MATCH: (*Milton Abbas Trust for Community and Heritage*):

A registered charity set up to promote projects for the benefit of the community. (*see Appendix [ii]*).

#### **MILTON ABBAS COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS:**

Matchpatch provide and manage the Community Gardens along with the 'Diamond Jubilee Orchard'. The orchard is on the edge of the 'Millennium Green', and the Gardens are situated in the field behind the Surgery.

i. There are 24 plots of which there are only two half plots left available. It is suggested that you get your name on the waiting list if you wish to rent a plot;

ii. Large plots are 20mtrs x 20mtrs £30 per year, and half plots 10mtrs x 10mtrs are £20.

Please contact Chris Laundon (*Matchpatch Chairman*) on **01258 881053** or [chrislaundon@yahoo.com](mailto:chrislaundon@yahoo.com) for details.

#### **ST. JAMES' & ALMSHOUSES 180 CLUB**

St. James' & Almshouses 180 Club - operated for the residents of Milton Abbas to raise funds for specific village projects (see Appendix iii). £12 per year.

Contact Nigel Hodder, Telephone Number 07983 013781 for more information on how to join

#### **MILTON ABBAS NEIGHBOURCAR:**

*Milton Abbas Neighbourcar* is a community-based transport scheme that enables patients at the Milton Abbas surgery to benefit from a transport system operated by volunteers. It is suitable for people without access to public transport or a car. Any medical trips can be provided: surgery, hospital, dentist, and any other "ist", as long as it is medically related! There is a small "one off" registration fee of £5; thereafter you "pay as you go" at the current rate of 45p per mile. All our drivers are DBS checked.

If you feel you would benefit from this service, you can obtain a registration form from the surgery or by ringing 01258 470333 or email [miltonabbas.neighbourcar@gmail.com](mailto:miltonabbas.neighbourcar@gmail.com). You will be greeted with a short message but leave your contact number and a Coordinator will get back to you within 24 hours. Equally, if you would like to give up some time to Neighbourcar as a driver please ring the same number or email us.

#### **MILTON ABBAS STREET FAIR:**

This Eighteenth Century Fair is held biennially on the nearest Saturday to St. Sampson's Day (*July 28th*) when historically there used to be a Fair in the village. The Street is closed, and several thousand people come to enjoy the daylong event. The greens in front of the cottages in the Street provide the perfect setting for individual stalls, craft demonstrations and entertainment. Bunting is hung up across the Street, on hooks already in place under the eaves of the cottages. To create a truly Eighteenth Century feel, all residents and stallholders are encouraged to dress up in period costume. All the monies raised from the Fair are allocated to local clubs and charities plus a nominated "Dorset based" charity. A Committee is formed to organise the event, but all residents are encouraged to do their bit before and on the day.

Entry to residents of Milton Abbas is free.

More information (*See Appendix iv*) and on the website [www.miltonabbasstreetfair.co.uk](http://www.miltonabbasstreetfair.co.uk) or by contacting the Chair of the Organising Committee  
The Street Fair is a registered charity (No. 1162394) known as Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust. Membership of the Trust is free and can be obtained via the Membership Secretary, by emailing [masftrust@gmail.com](mailto:masftrust@gmail.com) or visit the Street Fair website where a form can be downloaded from the Trustees' section (*See Appendix [iv]*).

#### **PARISH COUNCIL:**

The Parish Council meet in January, March, May, July September and November on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reading Rooms, The Street, Milton Abbas; the agenda for these meetings is posted in advance on the Parish Council website <http://www.miltonabbas-pc.org.uk>, Milton Abbas website [www.miltonabbas.org.uk](http://www.miltonabbas.org.uk), in the Doctor's Surgery, outside the Post Office, in the Church and at the top of The Street as you turn left.

#### **POLICE:**

Blandford Police Station, Salisbury Road, Blandford, DT11 7HR, **Telephone Number 01258 452101**. For non **999** calls dial **101**.

#### **SCHOOLS:**

o *Within the Catchment Area:*

i. Primary: Dunbury Church of England Academy, Winterborne Whitechurch DT11 0AW, Telephone Number 01258 880501. Website [www.dunbury.dsat.org.uk](http://www.dunbury.dsat.org.uk)

ii. Secondary: The Blandford School, Milldown Road, Blandford, DT11 7SQ, **Telephone Number 01258 451121**, Website:

[www.blandford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.blandford.dorset.sch.uk)

o *Outside the Catchment Area:*

First Schools:

i. Milborne St. Andrew First School, Hopsfield, Milborne St. Andrew, DT11 OJE, Telephone Number 01258 837362 Website: [www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk)

ii. Cheselbourne Village School, Cheselbourne, DT2 7NT, Telephone Number 01258 837306 Website: [www.cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk)

Middle School:

i. St. Mary's C. E. Middle School, Coombe Road, Puddletown, DT2 2SA, **Telephone Number 01305 848293**.

Website: [www.stmaryspudd.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.stmaryspudd.dorset.sch.uk)

Upper School:

i. The Thomas Hardy School, Queen's road, Dorchester, DT1 2ET, **Telephone Number 01305 266064**.

Website: [www.thomas-hardye.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.thomas-hardye.dorset.sch.uk)

ii Independent School: Milton Abbey School is an independent school for day and boarding pupils (boys and girls) aged from 13 to 18. Milton Abbas, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0DA, **Telephone Number 01258 880484**. Website: [www.miltonabbey.co.uk](http://www.miltonabbey.co.uk).

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/family-information-service.aspx](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/family-information-service.aspx). Open from 7:45 am – 6 pm, offer school drop offs and pick-ups to and from Dunbury Academy (could pick up from other schools), run 51 weeks of the year, age range from 3 months - 11 years. Contact Portia Hannam: email: [stickleberriesdaynursery@hotmail.com](mailto:stickleberriesdaynursery@hotmail.com)

**VETS:**

- o *Damory Veterinary Clinic* , Damory Lodge, Edward Street, Blandford Forum, DT11 7QT, **Telephone Number 01258 452626**
- o *Weatherbury Veterinary Clinic* , The Square, Puddletown, Dorchester DT2 8SL, **Telephone Number 01305 848221**
- o *Vets4Pets* , Inside Pets at Home, Weymouth Ave, Dorchester DT1 2RY, **Telephone Number 01305 268794**
- o *Piddle Valley Vets* , The Surgery, Backwater, Puddletown DT2 8SD, **Telephone Number 01305 268794**

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**VILLAGE AND LOCAL PUBS:**

- o *The Hambro Arms* , Milton Abbas , **Telephone Number 01258 880233**
- o *The Crown* , Winterborne Stickland, DT11 0NJ, **Telephone Number 01258 880838**
- o *The Fox Inn* , Ansty, DT2 7PN, **Telephone Number 01258 880328**
- o *The Rivers Arms* , Cheselbourne, DT2 7NW **Telephone Number 01305 236586**
- o *The Oak* , Dewlish, DT2 7ND **Telephone Number 01258 837352**
- o *The Royal Oak* , Milborne St. Andrew, DT11 0JG **Telephone Number 01258 881561**

**VILLAGE HALLS:**

- i. Reading Rooms, Milton Abbas: Lettings Clerk, Mrs. Anthea Batrick **Telephone Number 01258 881776** ;
- ii. South Aisle, St. James Church, Milton Abbas: Contact person Mrs. Ellie Payne **Telephone Number 01258 880981**;
- iii. Old Brewery Hall, Ansty: Lettings Clerk, Mrs. Avril Stewart, **Telephone Number 01258 880108** ;
- iv. Pamela Hambro Hall, Winterborne Stickland, **Telephone Number 01258 880969**.

**VILLAGE WEBSITE:**

For further information about the village go to [www.miltonabbas.org.uk](http://www.miltonabbas.org.uk)

Appendix (i) - Clubs and Organisations  
in Milton Abbas and Surrounding Areas

ACTIVITY/EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	CONTACT
Milton Abbas Art Group	The Milton Abbas Art Group meet on Monday evenings from September until mid December and from April until mid July from 7pm until 9 pm	Reading Rooms	Eve Bonham
	Newcomers very welcome		<a href="mailto:eve@evebonham.co.uk">Email: eve@evebonham.co.uk</a>
	Demonstrations & advice.		
Aquacise	Every Monday 9.30am	Abbey Pool	Emma Broomhead <a href="mailto:info@swinsouth.co.uk">info@swinsouth.co.uk</a>
Bowls – Short Mat	Every Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 pm	Winterborne Whitechurch Hall	Francis Dennett on 01258 880129
Cheselbourne	Monthly, last Wednesday,	Cheselbourne	
Gardening Club	7:30 pm (for Speaker/Events programme see What's On)	Village Hall	Alan Brazier on 01258 881636
Choir Practice	Most Thursdays 7:00 pm		Richard Marchant on
	New Singers always very welcome	St. James' Church	01258 881716
			<a href="mailto:r.marchant@btinternet.co.uk">r.marchant@btinternet.co.uk</a>
Club and Scouts	Every Friday 6:30 – 8:15 pm	Dunbury School Gym.	<a href="mailto:Sam Elliott on Email">Sam Elliott on Email</a>
(Boys and Girls)	Boys & Girls 7½ - 18 years	Winterborne Whitechurch	<a href="mailto:thewinterbornes@gmail.com">thewinterbornes@gmail.com</a>
Coffee Stop (Fundraiser for St. James' Church)	Every Tuesday 11 am – 12 Noon	St. James' Church	Ellie- Payne <a href="mailto:E-mail, payne_ellie@hotmail.com">E-mail, payne_ellie@hotmail.com</a>
Community Garden Plots & Orchard (Matchpatch)		Plots Catherine's Well field Jubilee Orchard: Millennium Green	<a href="mailto:Chris Laundon (Matchpatch Chairman) on 01258 881053.or chrislaundon@yahoo.com">Chris Laundon (Matchpatch Chairman) on 01258 881053.or chrislaundon@yahoo.com</a>
Computer Café	Every Thursday 10 am – 1 pm Training given & Broadband access Newcomers of all ages welcome	Reading Rooms	Jennifer Harrison on 01258 881609 <a href="mailto:E-mail - hrrssnsup@aol.com">E-mail - hrrssnsup@aol.com</a>
Cricket	Cricket matches take place at the Sports Club. Contact the Sports Club directly to be involved or any details	Milton Abbas Sports Club	<a href="mailto:miltonabbaspavilion@gmail.com">miltonabbaspavilion@gmail.com</a>
Fishmore Hill Farm	Livery for horses, fully qualified riding instruction, farmhouse bed and breakfast and holiday lets		Sarah Clarke 7708003561
Luccombe Farm:			Luccombe Farm Riding Centre for further information & bookings contact Terri Cook - 07734 388501 Information and Other Facilities contact Murray/Amanda Kyall - 01258 880558 or 07780 660 457
Milborne St. Andrew Football Club	The Club invite anyone interested who would like to be involved in either a playing capacity or committee member, Sponsor or just to make contact with the club. Tuesday Evening 'kickabouts' on the Village Hall Playing Field. Youth coaching - 4 to 16 year olds every Saturday morning on the Village Hall Playing Field.		D. Gardineer on 01258 837010.
	Bring your child along, girls and Boys.		or J. Kane on 01258 837108.
Milton Abbey Golf Club	During the School term, the golf course is open from 8.30 am-12.30pm Monday to Saturday, and all-day Sunday, and all day throughout exeats, half terms and holidays.	Milton Abbey	Laura Butt on 01258 881872 / or Anne Litchfield on 01258 882246
(golf course is open to members and visiting players - excluding January and February - annually)		set in the beautiful grounds of the Milton Abbey estate	<a href="mailto:events@miltonabbey.co.uk">events@miltonabbey.co.uk</a>



Milton Abbas Local History Group	Monthly first Wednesday 7:30 pm	Come and find out all the exciting history of this amazing village, great presentations, discussions and lots of resources and support to find out more. Reading Rooms	Simon Martin
	<i>(no monthly meetings August or September)</i>		<a href="mailto:simonmartin@btinternet.com">simonmartin@btinternet.com</a>
			07799 646039
Milton Abbas Oil Buying Group	Register with Simon Valentine		email maoilgroup@gmail.com
Milton Abbas Quilters	Every Friday throughout the year	Reading Rooms	Mary Batrick
	9:30 am – 12 noon		on 01258 880748
Over 50's Lunch Club	Every month 2nd Wednesday 1 pm	Reading Rooms <i>(tickets on sale from the</i>	Reading Rooms Jennifer Harrisson
	We would love to see you if you are new to the village.	<i>Post Office £5)</i>	on 01258 881609
Parish Council Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month excluding February and August 7.30pm	Reading Rooms or the South Aisle, St. James' Church	Liz Sellen (Clerk/RFO) on 01258 880383
			<a href="mailto:miltonabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk">miltonabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.miltonabbaspc.org.uk">www.miltonabbaspc.org.uk</a>
Play Park Committee Meetings	<a href="http://www.miltonabbaspc.org.uk/play-park/">Please see agenda at http://www.miltonabbaspc.org.uk/play-park/</a>	Hambro Arms	Liz Sellen (Clerk/RFO)
			on 01258 880383 <a href="mailto:miltonabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk">miltonabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk</a>
Riding for the Disabled	Every Friday during term time	Luccombe Riding Centre	Sue Hodder
	10 am – 12 noon		on 01258 880229
	and every Tuesday during term time 4-5pm.		suehodder01@talktalk.net
	<i>(help always needed)</i>		
Round Robbin Ramblers -Guided walks through the countryside	First Sunday and third Wednesday in the month	Generally, within a max of 15 mile radius of Milton Abbas	Ian Bromilow, 01258-880055, <a href="mailto:igbromilow@gmail.com">igbromilow@gmail.com</a>
Table Tennis	Tuesdays 2 pm – 4pm and	Pamela Hambro Hall	Graham Case
	Fridays 7 pm – 9 pm		01258 880740
Whist Drive	Every month 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7pm	Reading Rooms	Ken and Mary Batrick On 01258 880748
Milton Abbas Community Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 pm	Reading Rooms	Brian Isherwood
	For programme of events see		On 01258 881154
	What's On		<b><i>(to be confirmed)</i></b>

### **CONSERVATION AREA:**

Much of the village lies within a designated Conservation Area which introduces a statutory duty to preserve or enhance its character or appearance. An adopted Conservation Area Appraisal incorporating a Management Strategy is in place which provides a helpful guide to carrying out works within the area. The appraisal which includes a history of the village together with maps, photographs and management policies can be found on the 'Dorset Council' website under 'Conservation Areas' <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-constraints/conservation-areas/north-dorset/conservation-areas-north-dorset.aspx>

The Appraisal and Strategy aim to:

- i. Provide a brief history of the area;
- ii. Identify those elements of the Milton Abbas Conservation Area that contribute to its character;
- iii. Identify those elements which detract from the character and appearance; and
- iv. Propose measures to maintain or improve the positive character, local distinctiveness and sense of place.

#### *Listed Buildings:*

Many buildings within the village have been identified as being of special architectural or historic interest and are included on a national list of buildings compiled by the Secretary of State.

#### *What requires Listed Building Consent?*

Consent is required for demolition of a listed building and any alterations (both internal and external) which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest before the works are undertaken. The following is a non-exhaustive list of works that usually require listed building consent unless otherwise agreed in writing by **Dorset Council** :

- i. Extensions;
- ii. Replacement or alterations of architectural components e.g. windows and doors
- iii. Abrasive cleaning of a building;
- iv. Removal or application of internal plaster, external render, claddings or linings;
- v. Extensive re-pointing;
- vi. Damp proofing;
- vii. Attachment of signage, external lighting, satellite dishes, alarm boxes;
- viii. Re-roofing including stripping of a multi-layered thatch roof or change in roofing material Insertion of flues and vents;  
Insertion of flues and vents;
- ix. Alteration of fireplaces and chimney stacks;
- x. External painting when a different colour or product is used to that existing, or where surfaces are currently untreated;
- xi. Removal or modification of structural timbers;
- xii. Removal or alteration of internal features such as doors, cupboards, panelling, floorboards and staircases;
- xiii. Changes to the plan-form of internal rooms (e.g. blocking door openings, removal or insertion of partitions or staircases);
- xiv. Works to pre-1948 curtilage structures;
- xv. Installation of solar panels or wind turbines.

In addition to the above it should be noted that **planning permission** may also be required for alterations and extensions to listed buildings as well as development within their curtilage such as the erection of garden sheds or other structures (irrespective of any additional controls such as the Article 4 Direction. Please note that in such circumstances a planning application will also incur a planning fee. If you are unsure, please contact **Dorset Council** for guidance.

#### *Repairs to Listed Buildings:*

Sensitive repair work does not normally require listed building consent however it is necessary to contact the **Dorset Council** in advance of any such work in order that a determination can be made to whether works qualify as a 'repair'. As a rule of thumb 'repair' involves small scale maintenance works (e.g. replacement of a rotted window sill could be considered repair though replacement of the whole or substantial part of a window would be considered alteration and require consent). A method statement and specification of materials used to carry out a repair job may be requested in advance in order to ensure that works are executed appropriately.

#### *Article 4 Direction:*

The Street is covered by what is called an Article 4 Direction. The Article 4 Direction enables the local planning authority to restrict permitted development rights covering numerous properties within the conservation area and restricting several classes (types) of permitted development. The result is essentially the need for planning permission for specified works which would previously have not required a formal planning application. This does not necessarily mean that the planning authority will refuse permission, but it does enable it to retain some control over design and detailing in order to safeguard the character and appearance of the conservation area

and setting of buildings and structures and possibly grant permission subject to appropriate conditions. The Direction was introduced as a result of concerns that the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and setting of listed buildings was being adversely affected by development together with a risk of harm as a result of possible future works. Whilst development affecting a listed building or its curtilage (i.e. garden) is already restricted and planning permission or listed building consent required for new structures such as porches or garden sheds, the Article 4 direction means that the following will require planning permission from the Council in all cases before works are undertaken:

- i. The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwelling house (i.e. extensions) the construction of a porch, the provision within its curtilage of a building, i.e. shed or swimming pool and the provision of a hard surface, (e.g. the formation of new runs for access and/or parking) or the installation of a satellite antenna or solar panel;
- ii. The erection, construction maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure within the curtilage of a dwelling house,
- iii. The painting of the exterior of any part of a dwelling house (note this does not mean re-painting the same colour or painting of windows in the same or similar colours or carrying out repairs) ;

For all other properties outside of the Direction, please check whether planning permission is required before carrying out any work.

#### *Trees:*

- o *Tree Preservation Orders:*

If a tree, group of trees or woodland within the village or its surroundings are protected under a Tree Preservation Order made by the local planning authority at **Dorset Council** the principal effect is to prohibit the:

- i. cutting down,
- ii. uprooting,
- iii. topping,
- iv. lopping,
- v. wilful damage or,
- vi. wilful destruction of trees without the Council's consent

The cutting of roots also requires the District Council's consent. The District Council have eight weeks within which to determine an application to carry out works to a tree or trees affected by a TPO.

o *Trees in the Conservation Area:*

The law relating to conservation areas also extends to trees as they may, along with other landscape features, also contribute to the special character of a conservation area. Trees in conservation areas which are already protected by a Tree preservation orders

(TPOs) are subject to the normal TPO controls. But legislation also makes special provision for trees in conservation areas which are not the subject of a TPO. Therefore anyone proposing to cut down or carry out work on a tree in a conservation area (as described

under the TPO section above) is required to give **Dorset Council** six weeks' prior notice (a 'section 211 notice'). The purpose of this requirement is to give the LPA an opportunity to consider whether a TPO should be made in respect of the tree.

*Planning Enforcement:*

*Planning enforcement investigates possible breaches of tree, planning and listed building control.*

Having to investigate alleged unauthorised works to buildings, structures or trees is unfortunately a problem faced by the District Council. Unauthorised works under the planning legislation are unlawful, unauthorised works under conservation and listed building legislation are illegal. As part of the enforcement process, in certain circumstances the District Council can allow a person responsible for the breach to address the situation. For example, this may mean:

- i. Reinstating removed fabric or reversing unauthorised alterations
- ii. Submitting a retrospective application in an attempt to regularise the unauthorised works;
- iii. Removing an unauthorised structure;
- iv. Stopping any unauthorised use.

If an application is submitted to the District Council in order to regularise unauthorised work and permission is not granted, then formal enforcement action will be taken to remedy the situation. The Council can also issue an enforcement notice without an application being submitted. Where necessary the District Council will issue a stop notice to prevent further work taking place (where planning permission is required) and in extreme circumstances the Council has the power to apply for an injunction where works relate to a listed building although other options will also be considered.

If a retrospective planning application is refused and/or an enforcement notice issued, the applicant can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. It can take a significant amount of time to secure a decision from the Planning Inspectorate. Depending on the decision made, the **Dorset Council** will consider whether further action is necessary.

Please ensure you read the Milton Abbas *Conservation Area Appraisal* and Management Guidelines document **before carrying out any work, both internal and external including garden work, and contact the Planning Department, Dorset Council** with any queries or to gain planning permission.

*Milton Abbas Parish:*

Please log onto the Parish Council Website [www.miltonabbaspc.org.uk](http://www.miltonabbaspc.org.uk) for the Milton Abbas Parish map showing

- i. Milton Abbas Article 4 Area;
- ii. Milton Abbas Conservation Area;
- iii. Milton Abbas Parish Boundary.

Trust for the Community and Heritage (MATCH)  
Registered Charity No. 1062336

MATCH was originally set up to buy the lake at the bottom of the village, but as this bid was not successful it was then felt to be appropriate to purchase Jane's Wood. This was completed on behalf of the Parish Council. The next project was to purchase some land on which a village hall could be built, (The money raised has been deposited in a savings account and is ring fenced for such an activity if the villagers still wish this to go ahead in the future), this remains an objective of MATCH at present. The Trustees look for funding to enable other social activities to go ahead that will benefit villagers. Below are some examples –

*Permanent Sub-Groups:*

1. *Woodland Group (Jane's Wood): Ian Maxwell ensures the wood is* maintained on behalf of the Milton Abbas Parish Council. The wood is owned by the Parish Council and access is available for all residents of Milton Abbas;
2. *Computer Café: Jennifer Harrison.* The computer cafe has been running now since 2009 and is held on a Thursday 10am to 1pm. Local inhabitants can be found e-mailing family and friends, getting recipes and buying items on line as well as surfing the net in the safety of the reading room with willing helpers available to help with the occasional mishap that might occur. Admission is free. Hot drinks and cake available.
3. The village web-site is maintained by the web master for free. Please send any articles you wish to be included to Jennifer to be included on a Thursday
4. *Over 50's Community Lunch Club: Jennifer Harrison:* The Lunch Club is still proving popular, with high quality meals being provided at low cost to the diners. This is only made possible by efforts of the dedicated team of village cooks and having access to the refurbished Reading Room kitchen. We recently acquired 5 stars after an inspection by the food safety team. Volunteers to help cook and tidy up are always gratefully received
5. *Marquee: Jennifer Harrison/Ian Maxwell:* MATCH has bought a marquee for use by villagers. Please contact Jennifer if you wish to borrow the marquee.

*Other Activities:*

1. *Sponsorship of The Bulletin:* The Bulletin: MATCH sponsors two issues a year.

*Additional Information:*

1. At present we are busy drafting a new constitution which will be discussed at the next AGM.
2. MATCH Trustees 2020

*Chair:* Jennifer Harrison ([hrrssnsup@aol.com](mailto:hrrssnsup@aol.com))

*Vice Chair:* Ian Maxwell

*Treasurer:* Edward Watts

*Secretary:* Jill Gipp

*Trustees:* Brian Isherwood, Hayley Bridge, Keith Gipp

*Appendix (iii) - Milton Abbas180 Club*

Milton Abbas revived its 100 Club in 2008 in order to support the fabric of St James' Church. It has since grown to become the 180 Club following the recent refurbishment of the Almshouses to assist with loan repayments.

Surplus proceeds are shared equally between the two causes.

Half the monthly income is allocated for prizes in each draw. The number & value of prizes will increase with membership. At the moment we have 6 cash prizes each month with some bonus prizes at Christmas when we give away £250:

- o 6 prizes at time of writing are - £30, £15, £10, £10, £5, £5

The draw is carried out on or around the 15th of each month to determine the next month's prize winners. The results are announced in 'The Bulletin' and on the village website.

You can join the Club at any time, and we will remind you when your renewal date comes around so that you do not miss out on future draws. You can buy as many numbers as you like.

Membership is £12 per number for a year (£1 for each month) and this can be paid by Standing Order – this way your membership is automatically renewed, in cash, or by cheque. This is a simple way of making a small financial contribution to the upkeep of two of our most historic buildings.

Please contact me by telephone or email (*see below*) for more details. I do hope you will consider joining the Club – there are nearly always a few numbers available but even if there are not, we can always increase membership to a 200 Club (*or more!*)

- o Telephone Number: 01258 880229

o E-mail: [nigel2749@talktalk.net](mailto:nigel2749@talktalk.net)

**What is it?**

The Milton Abbas Street Fair is an 18th Century themed fair to celebrate the village being built, over 225 years ago by Joseph Damer, to house the people evicted from the grounds of Milton Abbey.

To create an eighteenth-century festive atmosphere:

- homemade bunting is hung across and up and down The Street from hooks which are already installed just under the thatch.
- The Street is free of cars, residents move their cars to one of the temporary car parks for the day and the main street is closed to traffic.
- the cottage front lawns provide the perfect setting for stalls, entertainment and craft demonstrations.
- fantastic eighteenth-century costumes are worn by many residents, stallholders and some of the visitors also join in (*there are costumes available to hire in advance*).

Entertainment for children and adults is free all day with bands, musicians, Morris dancers, artists and traditional craft demonstrations. There is a wonderful selection of stalls, crafts, children activities, local ales and ciders, tasty food and local produce. The Street Fair is a highlight on Dorset events' calendar attracting thousands of visitors.

**When is it?**

Milton Abbas Street Fair is held every two years on the nearest Saturday to St. Sampson's day, the 28th July. King Athelstan granted the charter for the market and fair in the old town of Middleton held on the Feast of St Sampson, the patron saint of the town. The next Street Fair is on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

**How do I get in and out on the day?**

You will be issued resident passes so you can easily pass through the entrance gates.

How is the money raised distributed?

The Street Fair Trust is a registered charity that distributes profits of the Street Fair. It is a members' organisation and residents are encouraged to join by contacting the Membership Secretary, by emailing [masftrust@gmail.com](mailto:masftrust@gmail.com) or visiting the Street Fair website where a form can be downloaded from the Trustees' section.

Anyone can complete an application for funding to support a local community project or organisation. The Trustees have worked to make the application criteria and allocation transparent and welcome any feedback.

Details of Trustee Minutes and allocations of previous projects supported are available on [www.miltonabbasstreetfair.co.uk](http://www.miltonabbasstreetfair.co.uk).

In addition to supporting local clubs and organisations, a donation is also made to a registered charity serving Dorset. This charity is chosen by the Members prior to each Street Fair.

Who organises it?

The event is run entirely by volunteers so you can really feel the strong community spirit. Old and young can try their hand at event organisation. If you wish to be involved in organising or volunteering, please contact the Chair of the Organising Committee on [masfchair@gmail.com](mailto:masfchair@gmail.com).

Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust (Reg. Charity No. 1162394)

Appendix (v) -Tregonwell Almshouse Trust incorporating The Reading Rooms

The Almshouses were originally built (1674) in the old town of Middleton under the Will of the late John Tregonwell of Anderson, Esq. dated 7th February 1647. This made provision for "six Poor People of the said Town and Parish..." In the year 1779, during the period when the town was removed by the late Joseph Damer - the inhabitants being moved to the present site of Milton Abbas - Tregonwell's Almshouses were carefully deconstructed and re-erected in their original shape and Jacobean design, just as you see them today.

The inscription over the central doorway reads: "*Haec Sedes Senectatis Reaedificata Est Anno Domini 1779*"

("These homes for the elderly were re-built in the Year of Our Lord 1779").

Following the sale of Milton Abbey Estates in 1932, the responsibility for the Almshouses became vested with the Charity Commission & in 1935 the Tregonwell Almshouse Trust (registered charity:205134) was formed. The Trust is administered by five Trustees and a Clerk who acts as the CEO, all are local persons who give their services without remuneration. Today, following a major restoration and refurbishment project carried out in 2008/9, there are four Almshouses being the homes to five Residents. The Almshouse Trust is registered as a Social Housing Provider (A0069) with the Homes and Community Agency (now the "Regulator of Social Housing") and is also a member (308) of the National Almshouses Association. Contact: CEO & Clerk to the Trustees - David Duncombe-Anderson. Tel: 01258 880481. Email: [davidda2021@gmail.com](mailto:davidda2021@gmail.com)

The Reading Rooms form part of the Almshouse Trust and are leased to the village as a complex for community events and lettings. Administered by a Management Committee, on behalf of the Trust, the Reading Rooms comprise a large principal hall with a modern well-equipped kitchen and toilets (including disabled) on the ground floor with a small meeting room and an office upstairs - all are available for hire.

Contacts: Bookings Clerk - Anthea Battrick. Tel: 01258 269348. Email: [pabattrick@aol.com](mailto:pabattrick@aol.com)  
Treasurer/General Manager - David D - A. Tel: 01258 880481. Email: [davidda2021@gmail.com](mailto:davidda2021@gmail.com)

