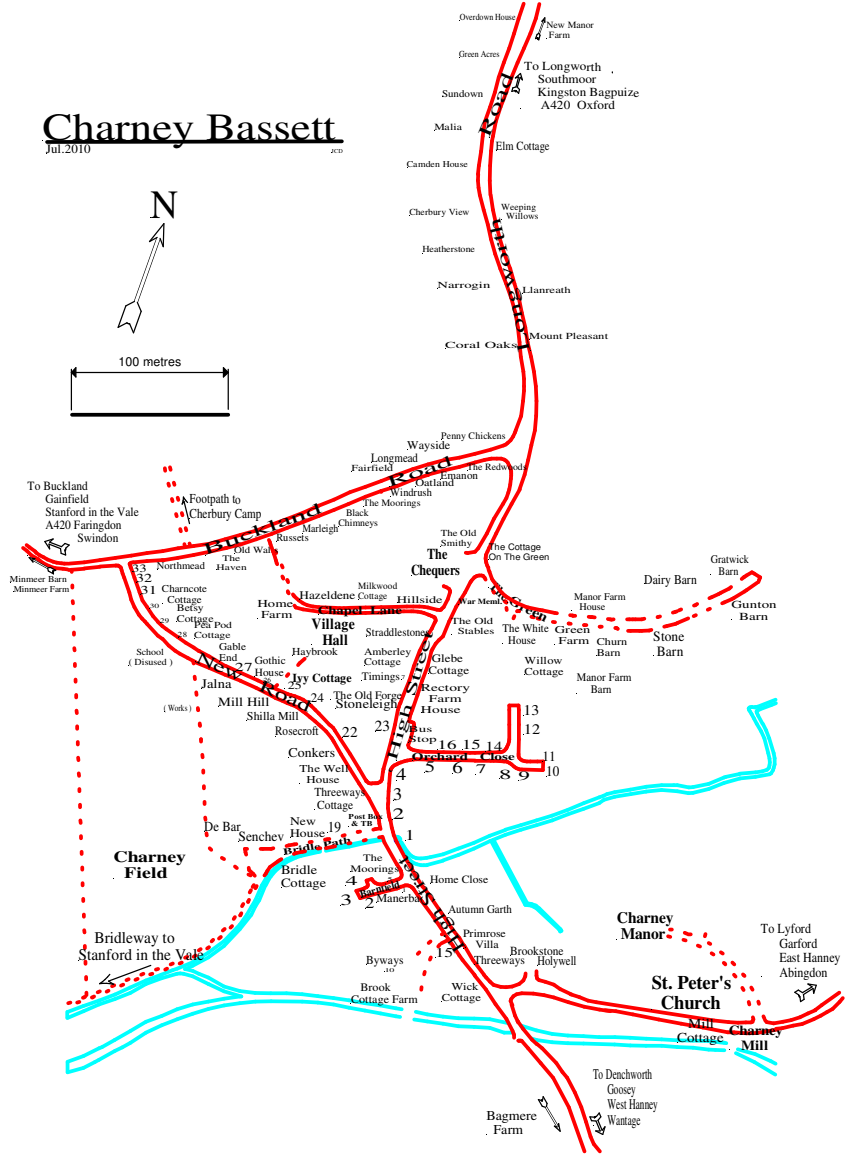


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A Guide to Services available  
to the Residents of  
Charney Bassett

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This Guide, specially designed to help newcomers to the village, provides information on services etc. 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. However, an up-to-date version is available on the Parish Council web site at [www.charneybassettpc.org.uk](http://www.charneybassettpc.org.uk). If you need any further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Stephen Cowlam on 868318, or e-mail him at [stephencowlam194@btinternet.com](mailto:stephencowlam194@btinternet.com). or the editor John Daghish on 868557, e-mail [daghish@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:daghish@gotadsl.co.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 for the services on offer.

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

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## **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 p.m. The date and agenda of each meeting is advertised on the Notice Board by the bus shelter.

#### **Parish Councillors**

Geoff Rumble, Chairman Tel: 868738  
Mike Cox, Vice-chairman Tel: 868276  
Jim Harper, Barnfield Tel: 868288  
Jos Bath, Buckland Road Tel: 868260  
Doug Hughes, Main Street Tel: 868438  
Clerk: Stephen Cowlam Tel: 868318

The village web site is at [www.charneybassettpc.org.uk](http://www.charneybassettpc.org.uk).

### **Vale of White Horse District Council**

Charney Bassett is in the Longworth Ward of the Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon, Tel: 520202.

District Councillor: Anthony Hayward, Parsonage House, Goosey, Faringdon, Oxon, SN7 8PA, Tel: (01367) 710389,

E-mail: [anthony.hayward@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.hayward@whitehorsedc.gov.uk).

The Vale Council web site is at [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)

### **Oxfordshire County Council**

Charney Bassett is in the Kingston Bagpuize Electoral Division of Oxfordshire County Council, Tel: (01865) 792422.

County Councillor: Melinda Tilley, Appleby House, Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 5AP

Tel: (01865) 820385 E-mail: [melinda.tilley@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:melinda.tilley@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

The County Council web site is at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> century - an interesting 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. Full details can be found in the **Cherbury News**, which is published monthly and also carries news of the Parish Council and village events.

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. An illustrated brochure is available.

Opposite the Manor and Church is the Water Mill now owned by Charney Bassett Parish Council and undergoing restoration by volunteers. The Mill is open for visitors on a number of occasions throughout the year.

At the last census in 2001, the population of the village was 271 in 116 dwellings.

### **Accident and Emergency**

Abingdon Hospital , Marcham road Abingdon

### **Bus Services**

The Stanford-in-the-Vale Community bus runs between Charney Bassett and Wantage, departing on Wednesdays at 10.00 a.m., returning at noon and 1.50 p.m. and departing on Saturdays at 10.00 a.m., returning at 12.05 p.m. Once a month there are trips to Oxford and Newbury and it is available for private hire. It is run by volunteers - and needs drivers! Details from: John Smith Tel: (01367) 710494.

Services to Oxford from Southmoor and Hanney are included in the Public Transport timetable produced by Oxfordshire County Council and available from the OCC web site, [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).

### **Charney Army**

The Charney Army is a group of mainly retired people who work on village projects with the aim of improving the village environment. Meetings are currently held on the second and last Thursdays of the month at 10.00 a.m. for a couple of hours, usually on Charney Field. John Daglish Tel: 868557

### **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 contact the Clerk: Mrs Frances Rothwell, "Oldwalls", Buckland Road, Tel: 868704. E-mail: [fc.rothwell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fc.rothwell@tiscali.co.uk).

### **Charney Bassett Village College**

The College was set up in January 2001 by the Parish Council. Its objectives are:-

- to provide facilities in Charney Bassett to assist villagers to learn new skills.
- to act as a channel through which CLET funds can be used to benefit villagers.
- to improve the viability of the Village Hall by putting it to greater use.

For information on current College activities, contact the College Manager, Jos Bath, Tel: 868260 or E-mail [villagecollege@aol.com](mailto:villagecollege@aol.com).

### **Charney Chatter**

Charney Chatter is a free newsletter published bi-monthly and delivered with Cherbury News. (see Parish Church p7) Editor: John Daglish, Tel: 868557, or [daglish@gotadsl.co.uk](mailto:daglish@gotadsl.co.uk)

### **Scouting**

The Grove Scout Group meets at the Scout HQ, Recreation Ground, Cane Lane Grove. It caters for boys and girls from 6 to 16 yrs in four groups: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Details from the Group Scout Leader, Janet Green Tel: 223177.

The 1st Stanford-in-the-Vale Troop caters for the same groups and details can be obtained from the Chairman,

### **Superstores**

Wantage: Sainsbury's and Waitrose, and Abingdon: Waitrose and Tesco,

### **Taxis and Private Car Hire**

Southmoor Cars operate a 24-hour pre-booked taxi service. Tel: (01865) 820984

### **Vale Islanders**

A small, friendly group that meets each week to learn traditional English country dances. No experience needed. Come along on Tuesdays, 8 p.m. in Charney Bassett Village Hall

Diney Godfrey Tel: 868492 or: Ruth Gerring Tel: (01367) 870245

### **Veterinary Surgeons**

Robert Elliott, Stanford-in-the-Vale Tel: (01367) 710595

Danetree Practice, Grove Road, Grove, Tel: 770227. (also at Faringdon).

Elms Practice, 30 Gloucester Rd., Faringdon Tel: (01367) 242416

### **Village Diner**

The Village Diner provides home-made food from local sources in Buckland Village Hall, every third Wednesday in the month. For £4 you get a splendid meal, tea or coffee and a chat. Details from Deborah Lewis Tel: 868536.

### **Village Hall**

Located in Chapel Lane and managed by CHAFT. Hiring rate: £3.50 per hour for village residents. Residents may borrow crockery etc. in exchange for a donation. Gazebo's are also available for hire to villagers for £15.

Bookings: Eunice Davies Tel: 868646

CHAFT General Secretary: Frances Rothwell, Tel: 868704.

### **Youth Group**

KHAOS (Kids Here, Adults Out of Sight) Youth Group (for secondary school age) meets fortnightly on Friday evenings in Longworth Village Hall, or Buckland Village Hall Contact Rev. Neal Phair Tel: (01865) 821215., and for primary school age on the second Sunday each month in Charney Bassett Village Hall at 3.00-4.30pm. Contact Lucy Gildersleeves on 01235 868782

### **Pub**

The Chequers serves meals (lunchtime and evenings) every day except lunchtime on Monday. Children welcome. Tel: 868642

Opening Times: Weekdays: 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.

Sundays: 12.00 noon - 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

### **Refuse Collection and Recycling**

As from 4th. Oct. 2010 **Charney Bassett** is now a Wheelie Bin zone. Normal collection day is Monday. Changes in collection days after Bank Holidays are included with the annual Council Tax documents.

Waste Re-cycling Centre: Stanford-in-the-Vale (on the A417) From 1 Nov.2010 trailers 1.8m to 3m long will need a permit. (up to 1.8m free, over 3m not allowed) Full details can be obtained from the recycling centre

Open 7 days, 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (8.00 p.m. on Thursdays, from April to September).

Brown Wheelie Bins for garden waste and cardboard can be ordered from the Vale Council for an annual charge of £29. They are emptied fortnightly on Mondays. Order one on-line from the Vale Council web site or ring 520202.

### **Riding Schools**

Asti Stud, Goosey: Tel: (01367) 710288

Abingdon Riding for the Disabled, Longworth Rd. Tel: 0845 241 1335.

New House Livery, Southmoor. Tel: (01865) 821180.

Southmoor Riding Centre, Beggars Lane. Tel: (01865) 820442.

### **Schools**

**Primary:** St. James Church of England Primary School Hanney, The Causeway, East Hanney. OX12 0JN. A small, friendly school for rising 5's to 11 years. Visitors are welcome and a prospectus is available. Tel: 868232 for the secretary, or ask for an appointment with the teaching Head. Children from Charney can be taken by school transport.

**Secondary:** King Alfred's Sports and Community College, Wantage. A maintained, co-educational comprehensive school for students aged 11 - 18 years. The school has an excellent reputation. Prospectus and information are available from Centre Site office, Tel: 225700. The Principal is also based at Centre Site: Tel: 225690. A school bus picks up students from the village bus stop.

### **Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT)**

CHAFT manages the Village Hall and Charney Field on behalf of the Parish Council 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 from General Secretary Frances Rothwell, Tel: 868704, or Treasurer Geoff Rumble, Tel: 868738.

**Coffee Hour** Every Tuesday (September - April) at 10.30 a.m. in the Village Hall, for refreshment and a chat. Eunice Davies Tel: 868646

### **Eggs**

Free-range eggs from Katy Dedman, Manor Farm, Longworth Road. Tel: 867598.

### **Equestrian Services**

Educated Equines, Longworth Road. Schooling, selling and breaking ponies. Bernie Jones, Tel: 07930 513256

### **Filling stations (nearest)**

East Challow: Mellors on the A417 (Esso).

Grove: Bellinger's Garage on the A338.

Frilford crossroads (A338/A415)

Buckland (with Little Chef), on the A420.

### **Food Shops (nearest)**

Southmoor General Groceries: 9.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m., 7 days a week

Co-ops: Stanford-in-the-Vale and Grove. Monday - Friday: 8.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m. Sat: 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Hanney Community Shop and Post Office. Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. 9am to 4pm  
Tues. & Sat. 9 to 12 noon

Tesco Express, Millbrook Square, Grove. 6.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Millets Farm Shop, Frilford: 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m., 7 days a week.

Dews Meadow Farm, East Hanney : Monday to Saturday 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (6.00 p.m. Fridays).

### **Gardening Clubs**

Hanney Gardening Club: Meets on the first Monday each month in the Hanney War Memorial Hall. See [www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk](http://www.hanneygardeningclub.org.uk)

Contact Jane Bradley on 868176

Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club:

Contact Doreen Cowan on 01865 821520

### **Guiding**

Hanney Guides (Girls 10+) meet on Mondays from 6.30 p.m. during term time. Sue Clark 765885.

### **Health Centres**

Wantage Health Centre, Mably Way, Tel: 774567: Two practices, Newbury Street Practice, Tel: 763451 and Church Street Practice, Tel: 770245  
Grove Medical Centre, 3 Vale Avenue, Grove. Tel: 08444 773952  
Faringdon Health Centre, Volunteer Way, Faringdon. Tel: (01367) 242388.

### **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 Dave Nellist Tel: 868593.

### **Livery Yard**

Weir Farm, East Hanney - with free farm tours. Nicky Kauert, Tel: 868431

### **Market Days**

Wantage; Wednesday & Saturday. Abingdon: Monday, Faringdon: Tuesday

**Monthly Farmers' Markets** (8.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.):

Faringdon: 1st Tuesday, Wantage: Last Saturday

### **Member of Parliament**

Charney Bassett is in the Wantage Parliamentary constituency. MP is Ed Vaizey, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, Tel: 0207 219 6350.

E-mail: vaizeye@parliament.uk. Constituency Office Tel: 769090.

### **Milk**

Milk deliveries, together with a variety of other goods are made on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays by Dairy Crest Limited, Oxford Hill, Witney. Tel: (01993) 702347.

### **Mobile Library**

Oxfordshire County Council South West Mobile visits Charney Bassett bus stop on alternate Thursdays from 10.15 to 10.30 a.m.

### **Mothers and Toddlers Group**

Mothers and Toddlers meet in the Village Hall on Mondays from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Kids can play, do craft, sing songs and have a snack and there's coffee for the Mums. Cost is £1.50 per family per week.

Marian Gardiner, Tel: 868319, E-mail mariangardiner@onetel.com.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Village Co-ordinator: Margaret Roberts Tel: 868285

Street Co-ordinators:

Main Street: Teresa Cox, Tel: 868529

Longworth Road:

Buckland Road: Frances Rothwell, Tel: 868704

New Road: Sylvia Gibbons, Tel: 868752

Barnfield: John Daghish, Tel: 868557

Church end: Margaret Roberts Tel: 868285

Orchard Close: Jackie Harris, Tel: 868410

The Green: Brian Hook, Tel: 868477

### **Newspapers**

Newspapers are delivered by Rowes, Wallingford St. Wantage, Tel: 763134 or The Log Cabin, Southmoor, Tel: (01865) 820314.

### **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. Neal Phair, Tel: (01865) 821215

Associate Priest: Joy Hance, Tel: (01367) 870618

Churchwardens: David Douglas, Tel: 868788 and Sue Wales, Tel: 868182

Details of services are posted on the church notice board and published in the parish magazine, **Cherbury News**. Contact John Daghish (Tel: 868557) to get on the distribution list.

### **Pharmacies**

Bretts, Millbrook Square, Grove, Tel: 763941.

Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd, Wantage Health Centre. Tel: 763208

### **Playgroups**

Hanney Pre-school Playgroup meets during term time in the Elliott Building (behind the school) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9.00 a.m. - Noon. On Wednesdays 2/3 yrs old meet from 9.00 to 11.30 a.m. and 3+ yrs from 12.45 to 3.15 p.m. Contact Angie Stockwell Tel: 868236.

### **Police**

Emergencies ring 999 or 112. Non-emergencies ring 0845 8 505 505

Community Policing: Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group

Tel: 0845 8 505 505.

### **Post Office**

The Post Office is opposite the bus shelter. Look for the white 5-bar gate and go to the back door. Postmistress: Teresa Cox, Tel: 868529. Opening hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Other Post Offices: - East Hanney: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday 9.00 a.m. to noon. Kingston Bagpuize: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.