

# LOWER HEYFORD AND CAULCOTT

## WELCOME PACK

All of the residents of the villages wish you a very warm welcome.

As a new resident of either Lower Heyford or Caulcott there are a number of bits of information that you may find useful. These are set out in the sections below.

In order to keep you better informed about local matters and local issues it is suggested that you **contact the Parish Clerk to let her know your name, address and e-mail address.**

The clerk maintains a directory that is not circulated to anyone except the parish councillors and so, if you feel that it may be useful for them to know, **please include a note of any of the following** which you feel may be of help: **your telephone numbers (home and mobile), your occupation or former occupation if retired.**

You can contact the Parish Clerk by:

e-mail at : [parishclerk.lowerheyford@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.lowerheyford@gmail.com) , or

phone on: 01869 347 000, or

post at: Westfield Farm Cottage, Fenway, Steeple Aston, OX25 4SS

### **Doctors' Surgery**

The nearest surgery is at Deddington Health Centre, Earls Lane, Deddington, OX15 0TQ

The telephone is: 01869 338 611.

To register you will need to visit the surgery and complete a form. You will need to have a proof of identity, a proof of address and your NHS number.

All details can be found at:

<http://www.deddingtonsurgery.co.uk/>

One very useful facility is that if you require regular medication you can arrange to have it delivered to the Shop at Heyford Wharf each four weeks and collect them from there. For this service just ask the pharmacy desk at the surgery

### **Defibrillators**

There are three at the following locations:

- The Bell public house in Lower Heyford on the way into the Garden;
- The Horse and Groom public house on the B4030;
- On the front of the King George's Field Community and Sports Centre in Lower Heyford.

In each case the procedure is to call the emergency services via 999 and quote the box number on the front of the box in which it is housed.

They will give you the code to unlock the box in which the defibrillator is located.

Hopefully you will never have to use one but please be assured that the equipment is designed to be used by a novice and, literally, talks you through how to use it.

It is not possible to use it when it is inappropriate: the equipment is designed to avoid this.

### **Recycling and residual waste collections**

These are carried out every on alternate Wednesdays as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday:	Brown Bin	Green waste ( <i>including food waste</i> )
	Blue Bin	Recycling: paper, cardboard, hard plastics, tins, metals, metal foil (but not glass - see below)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday:	Green Bin	Residual waste (not collected in Brown or Blue)

Look at what your neighbours have done to know which week it is!

Please note that glass **MUST NOT** be left in any of the bins and must instead be deposited at one of the bottle banks. The nearest ones can be found at: Heyford Wharf or Caulcott Layby.

Other items such as clothes, shoes etc. can also be left at Caulcott.

You can leave batteries or small electrical goods out with the regular bin collections in separate bags on top.

For a full explanation of the Cherwell recycling and waste collection arrangements go to:

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/recycling>

The villages have an annual Litter Blitz that is manned by volunteers and you will be advised by flyer and/or e-mail about this. It is usually carried out in March or April each year. Please do offer to join in and contribute to the village.

The nearest household waste recycling centre is at Ardley where there are some limits as to how many things can be taken at once.

## **Village Facilities**

The following is a selection of some of the facilities that are available in the villages:

**Bell Public House** in Market Square in Lower Heyford: serves a wide range of drinks and food.

**Horse and Groom Public House** in Caulcott: serves a wide range of drinks and food. It is currently closed on Mondays. Hold a Bastille Day celebration each year as the owner is French!

**Shop at the Wharf:** sells a wide variety of newspapers, groceries and other items

**Kizzie's Bistro at the Wharf:** open for meals and drinks, fully licensed

**Heyford Wharf:** rental of canal boats by the day or week

**Allotments:** There are a number of allotments available at the top of the village by the crossroads. Chris Cox at The Old Steam Mill Cottage (which is on the left hand side of the road towards Upper Heyford, just outside the village) is the person to contact if you are interested. Chris can also be reached on 01869 340844 or by e-mail at: [chriscox233@gmail.com](mailto:chriscox233@gmail.com)

**Heyford House B & B** in Church Lane: <http://www.heyfordhouse.org/>

**Canal Cottage B & B** near the canal: <http://www.oxfordshire-narrowboats.co.uk/canal-cottage.html>

**Newspapers:** are available either from the shop at the wharf or there is a home delivery service offered by Smiths in Banbury: <http://smithsnewsagents.co.uk/>. The delivery time is around 5 a.m. in the week or 6 a.m. at the weekends.

**St Mary's Church:** in Church Lane, Lower Heyford. Service times are to be found at <http://www.cherwellvalleybenefice.org.uk/ministry/services.html>

**Pop up Café:** This is held every Thursday morning in school term time in St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Lower Heyford when all are welcome to join in and meet your fellow residents. Please check with Emily at : [emilyannedaly@gmail.com](mailto:emilyannedaly@gmail.com) for the actual dates.

**King George's Field Community and Sports Centre:** This is to be found on the field in the middle of Lower Heyford. There are a variety of functions held there throughout the year with pilates and yoga classes, darts, quiz nights etc. The centre can be hired for private parties etc. Booking and all details can be found at: <https://heyford.info/residents/king-georges-field/>

**Heyford Athletic Football Club:** Two adult teams. The teams both play in the Oxfordshire Senior league Saturday afternoons, 2pm kick offs. Train on Wednesdays and either Tuesdays or Thursdays depending on the time of year. Contact is Anthony Alder: [ant.linda@hotmail.com](mailto:ant.linda@hotmail.com) or 07730 309 141 or 01869 245 737.

**Lower Heyford Sports & Social Club:** Situated in the King George's Field Community and Sports Centre. All residents are automatically members and the bar is open on most

Saturdays and other times by arrangement. There are two darts teams and there is an Xmas party for the children, Christmas raffle and a quiz on the last Saturday of every month.

**Village News:** contains the news and views from the Cherwell Valley and is published every two months and delivered to every house in Caulcott, Heyford Park, Lower Heyford, Somerton and Upper Heyford. If you wish to advertise or have any community message that you wish published please contact the editor: Ian Lough-Scott at [ianloughscott@btinternet.com](mailto:ianloughscott@btinternet.com) or call him on 01869 23 27 88.

### **Village Events**

The following village events are held each year:

**May Day Fete:** held on the first Saturday in May in the sports field with a procession of the May King and Queen to and from the Bell Public House accompanied by Morris dancers.

**Firework Display and Bonfire:** held on a Saturday close to November 5<sup>th</sup> in the field on the other side of the lift bridge at the end of Mill Lane, on the other side of the canal.

**Carols, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies:** usually held on the Friday before Xmas each year in Market Square with the Bletchingdon Silver Band orchestra.

### **Village Societies and Organisations**

**Village Bowls:** meets every Wednesday at Lower Heyford Bowls Club on Station Road in season. Please contact: Roger Bowen on 01869 340 406 or at [rogerbowen@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerbowen@btinternet.com)

**Bell ringing:** At St Mary's Church in Lower Heyford. Please contact: Eric Ball on 01869 343 364

**Friends of Heyford Station:** This is a station community adoption group working in conjunction with Great Western Railway to maintain the station and its environs and is funded by donations, principally from the Parish Council. If you would like to be involved please contact: Please contact: Roger Bowen on 01869 340 406 or at [rogerbowen@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerbowen@btinternet.com) or Peter Stoddart at : [petercstoddart@gmail.com](mailto:petercstoddart@gmail.com)

**Lower Heyford Relief In Need Charity:** Provides confidential support for any needy parishioners as well as help for students, people changing careers and other organisations in the village that are there to help all residents. Please contact Liz Goodwin by e-mail at [liz\\_goodwin@ymail.com](mailto:liz_goodwin@ymail.com) or on 01869 34 99 50 or look at the web site for more information.

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council seeks to look after the interests of the community of Lower Heyford and Caulcott. It deals with the District and County Council on local issues such as highways, traffic, housing, rights of way and street lighting. It is consulted on all local planning matters.

Parish Councils are part of the local government system and work with District and County Councils to help ensure that the services in the village are maintained and developed. Representatives from the District and County Council often attend Parish Council meetings.

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.00pm in the Church. There is no meeting held in either August or December. All villagers are very welcome to attend. The agenda is posted on the website and village notice boards at least three days before the meeting and will confirm the date of the following meeting.

If you have any matter that you wish the Parish Council to consider just mention it to any of the councillors or send them an e-mail or send an e-mail to the Parish Clerk at:

[parishclerk.lowerheyford@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.lowerheyford@gmail.com)

A list of the current councillors can be seen on the notice boards in the villages and at:

<http://www.heyford.info/councils/lower-heyford-caulcott-parish-council/>

## **Planning Matters**

We live in a beautiful part of Oxfordshire and within no less than two conservation areas the aim of which is to ensure that they remain beautiful. We have many listed buildings in and around our villages for which planning regulations are more detailed and onerous.

Partly to this end but also because good planning is a wisdom we are subject to fairly rigorous planning rules which are overseen by Cherwell District Council.

As a statutory consultee the Parish Council receives, for its comments on behalf of the wider community, a copy of all planning applications that it receives.

To this end it is worth noting that planning consent is required for all building works greater than a certain size or nature and there are more specific requirements in place covering Listed Buildings.

To decide whether or not your plans require consent we suggest that you look at the 'planning portal' : <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/>

This sets out in detail what does need planning permission, as well as the process for obtaining permission. Ignorance of the rules is of course no defence so the advice must be that it is better to be safe than sorry.

## **Tree works**

As our villages lie in a Conservation area we are required to give notice of our intention to undertake tree works including removal or re-shaping. You are required to give notice of no less than 6 weeks of your intentions.

This permits any particular tree to be subjected to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) if in the interests of conservation the particular specimen is deemed worthy of such by the Arboricultural Officer.

Conservation area legislation includes legal protection of *all trees* with a trunk/stem diameter greater than 75mm, when measured at 1.5m above ground level.

You are legally required to provide six weeks 'Notice of Intent' to the Local Planning Authority.

To find out whether your tree is subject to a TPO contact or for other guidance contact the Arboricultural Officer on 01295 221 804 .

Again this is a complex area but ignorance of the rules is, of course, no defence hence it is better to be safe than sorry.

### **Village Website**

Please make use of the village website: <http://www.heyford.info/> where you can find a wide range of information.

You can advertise any business that you have free of charge and there is a wealth of local information about village organisations and groups available there.

### **Other information**

If the information you want is not listed here we must apologise. We try and keep it up to date and inclusive but inevitably things do get out of date. If you find that something is out of date please tell the parish clerk at the address below.

Likewise if you have any brilliant ideas about something that should have a mention please do contact the parish clerk and she will make sure it gets an entry in future.

Please e-mail her at: [parishclerk.lowerheyford@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.lowerheyford@gmail.com)

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And last but not least:

*Welcome again to the villages !*