



Dear Resident,

On behalf of Wytham Village Hall Committee we would like to wish you a warm welcome to the village. Having spoken to many newcomers we wanted to put together this pack to help you settle into village life more easily.

Far from being a sleepy little village Wytham has a vibrant social scene with the Village Hall, All Saints Church, the Farm and Wytham Woods providing fun events throughout the year. There are also friendly, traditional village Cricket matches on summer Sundays and the most spectacular annual fireworks display in all Oxfordshire in November.

The easiest way to start is to join the Wythamites email list. This is a group email for residents only and is used to keep everyone up to speed with events, activities and daily goings-on in the village.

To join the list please contact Piero at piero@wytham.org

We also have a new and evolving Wytham Village website at Wytham.org and there are links to a Wythamites area which can signpost you to lots of useful information.

We hope you enjoy living in this beautiful village and all that it has to offer!

Wytham Village Hall Committee

The village hall committee

Events...

Among many beautiful dwellings that are architecturally interesting, e.g. Wytham Abbey (circa 1480), we also have a picturesque Church, and an attractive Village Hall with a large open green space for sport and recreation and children's playground.

Villager's Summer Party

A celebration of summer and of our community, this event is a treat for villagers with plenty of fun and games for everyone, drinks, summer foods and more. With many new children in the village this is sure to be a fun day.

Harvest Supper

As the nights draw in and summer gives way to Autumn the entire village comes together in the warmth of the village hall to share food, create memories and give thanks for a successful harvest. Residents can either buy a ticket or bring a dish to share. The result is a wonderful buffet of dishes that represent the many nationalities of Wytham residents. There's also a bar and raffle, raising funds for the village hall.

For many, this is the highlight of the year and one not to be missed!

Seniors' Christmas Lunch

If you're over 65, you are cordially invited to this annual Christmas party ... and if you're under 65 you're cordially invited to help out! Each year we prepare and serve a sumptuous Christmas dinner for the senior members of our community followed by dancing and considerable merriment. Extra pairs of hands to help with food preparation and decorating the hall are always welcome.

Villagers Meal at the Village Hall

On the first Friday of every month villagers' dine together at the Village Hall.

Bonny Jennings organises this and if you're part of the Wytham email list (and hopefully you are!), look out for an email from her with menu choices the week before.

For more information contact Bonny:

bonny@itldesign.co.za

All Saints' Church

Wytham, Oxford

Our village Church also hosts a number of events throughout the year, both religious and non-religious, including art exhibitions, festivals and the annual Christmas carol service.

Visit wytham-church.org.uk for more.

Around the village...

Wytham is a beautiful village and while resident numbers are small, the geographic area of the village is very large. There are a number of 'local landmarks' definitely worth exploring.

The Village Hall

Our charming village hall hosts village events, parish meetings and more. It can accommodate up to 100 people and is available for private hire.

Contact Stella O'Gara for more details.
hall@wytham-village.org.uk

The Recreation Ground

Next to the village hall is the recreation ground. This well-kept greenery is home to cricket matches, a children's play area and a number of memorial benches with beautiful views of the village.

All Saints' Church

Our beautiful church is a key part of village life and very welcoming to all. Services take place every Sunday at 9:45am - visit the church website for more details.

wytham-church.org.uk

Wytham Woods

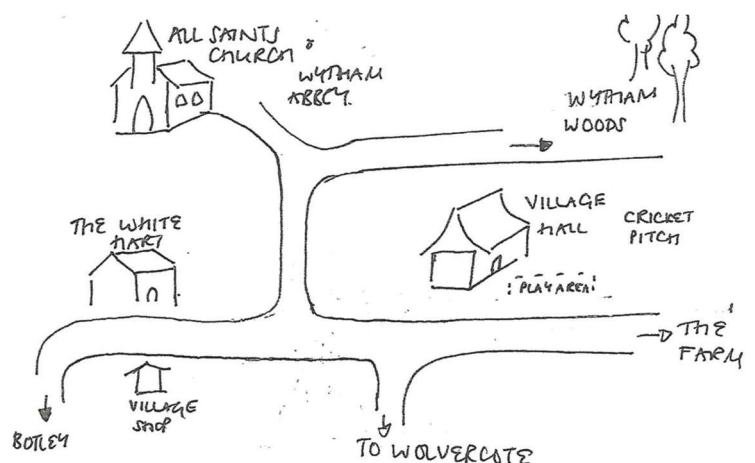
Oxford University's 'Living Laboratory', this stunning woodland is a magical place and famous across the globe for its contribution to climate change research.

The public are permitted to walk in the woods with a free permit and many events take place there throughout the year.

Visit wythamwoods.ox.ac.uk for details.

The ffennell Orchard

Part of the ffennell family's legacy, the ffennell orchard is a community orchard. Feel free to pick the apples, damsons, medlars, mulberries, pears, plums and quince that grow there. Just remember to leave enough for other villagers.



Daily life...

Village life is great but it's certainly not without its quirks. Here are a few pointers to help you settle in and enjoy living in Wytham.

The Village Hall Committee

The committee consists of a number of villagers of all ages who represent the needs of our community as a whole. We organise events and manage the upkeep of the village hall itself, recreation ground and play equipment. We also produce village communications such as this one!

We work on behalf of everyone in the village so if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please do get in touch with us at hall@wytham-village.org.uk

The Wytham Way Newsletter

Angie Johnson is the editor of our village newsletter, The Wytham Way, which is distributed monthly via email. It is a great way to keep up with village events and news. Contributions from villagers are always very welcome. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list drop her a line at bolamum@live.co.uk

Cricket

There's an artificial wicket on the recreation ground and a Sunday team that's always looking for new players. Nets take place on a Thursday evening. If you'd like to know more get in touch with Tom Hollis at wythamcricketclub@gmail.com

The Hope ffennell Trust

The trust provides non-means-tested grants to children and young people living in Wytham. Grants are made, against application, to support education in the widest sense, for example, books / equipment for further education; visits, including residential ones to enhance coursework; music, dance and sports coaching. The trust was formed in the early 1970's following the closure of the village school and is managed by a team of Trustees and a Clerk.

To find out more, or to make a grant application, please contact the Clerk, Dave King, at dave@hopeffennelltrust.org.uk or speak to one of the Trustees: Ann Dawson, Kate Day, Nigel Fisher, Addy Gresswell, Kate Tuckett or Louis Letourneau.

Bins ...and badgers!

Bins are emptied on Thursdays and alternate black and green each week. The green food waste caddy is collected every week. While bins are usually emptied mid to late morning, if you have a brown garden waste bin it will need to be at the curb-side by 7am!

Some Wytham residents like to rummage through the bins - by which we mean the badgers! If you can avoid putting your bins out until Thursday morning this is advisable as the badgers are very cunning and will take the liberty of emptying your bins for you.



Bus Service

Wytham is part of the Science Transit Shuttle route which serves Wytham Village, Oxford City Centre and The John Radcliffe Hospital, with several convenient stops in-between.

The ST2 service runs roughly every hour and you can catch the bus from the University Field Station or just outside the Village Hall (Monday to Friday)

Visit thames-travel.co.uk/science-shuttle for details

Village Shop

We have a small but well stocked shop in the village just opposite the pub which is handy for essentials. Graham and Shirley who run the shop also offer tea, coffee, sandwiches and other foods which can be enjoyed in their garden, particularly over the summer months or made to takeaway. The shop is open Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm (except Wednesdays 9am-12pm).

Postal Collection

Wytham has a post box located just outside the village shop. The last collection of the day is at 4pm Mon-Fri. The nearest post office is located in Kidlington.

Firewood

Firewood is available from the Wytham Sawmill (in Wytham Woods). It's competitively priced and delivered to your door. Email Nigel Fisher (the Conservator of Wytham Woods) for up to date prices and delivery times. nigel.fisher@admin.ox.ac.uk

Points of contact

Villagers

You can email everyone on the village email list using all@wytham-village.org.uk

Village Website

Wytham.org

Village Hall Committee

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