



Welcome to the community and parish of Siddington!

www.siddington.com

www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Here in Siddington we are very lucky to have the best of both worlds; a beautiful rural setting just a couple of miles from the lovely Cotswold town of Cirencester.

We also have a range of amenities not often found in villages of this size; a shop and post office, a primary school, village hall, church, playing field, pub, allotments and a regular bus service to Swindon and Cheltenham.

This means that Siddington has a good social mix of all ages and backgrounds and can offer an active community life.

This pack has been produced to help you make the most of being a Siddington resident, offering practical information (refuse collection times, shop opening times etc.) and giving you a taste of the groups and organisations that you can join.

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Parish Council

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The Parish Council usually meets on the second Tuesday of every month (excluding August) at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room (at the back of the hall). Any resident over the age of 18 is welcome to attend the meetings and there's an opportunity for residents to ask questions and raise concerns at the end of each meeting. Agendas are published on the notice board at the Post Office and on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council deals with many different aspects of Siddington life, including the following:

- Planning applications – Cotswold District Council seeks comments on all planning applications within the parish. The Councillors' local knowledge can highlight issues that may not otherwise be considered. However, the Parish Council does not have the power to prevent development going ahead.
- Maintaining the playing field – the land is leased from the Bathurst Estate but the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the playing field and its equipment.
- Liaising with other agencies – the Parish Council acts as the 'eyes and ears' of authorities such as Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council, reporting areas where maintenance is required (potholes, fly tipping etc.). There is also



regular contact with the Bathurst Estate, Bromford and local charities.

- Supporting community projects and groups – the Parish Council offers financial and practical support to parish groups and organisations.
- Dealing with any queries raised with the Clerk or Councillors. These are passed on to the appropriate body if the council is unable to help directly.

If you wish to raise any matters regarding Siddington, please speak to one of the Councillors or contact the Parish Council through the Clerk:

Mr Robert Cowley Tel: 07498 282 290

Email: siddingtonclerk@gmail.com

A list of the current parish councillors and their addresses is maintained on the web site: www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk, where you may also find the minutes of council meetings and financial records.



Siddington C of E Primary School

01285 652866

www.siddington.gloucs.sch.uk

Siddington Church of England Primary School is a small, caring school set in beautiful grounds. We offer an engaging, challenging and balanced curriculum, together with a caring, nurturing environment, to support each child in becoming a confident, creative and successful individual.

Our Ofsted in March 2017 said that 'You demonstrate a deeply held belief that every pupil deserves the best education. All staff work tirelessly to support pupils' well-being and ensure that they make good progress in their academic and personal development. The school has developed a strong ethos where every child is valued.'

We make sure that the children have opportunities to excel in sports and the arts as well as academically. We have a breakfast club and after school club on site too.

In September 2018, the children chose to use the parable of the Good Samaritan to represent our school vision showing how they value caring for others. It is through creating this caring Christian community, the children feel confident to do their very best and to have fun.

Come and visit and see why we are so special!

Katie Cook

Executive Head Teacher



St. Peter's Church

01285 862632 www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

St. Peter's is part of the Churnside Group of Churches, along with the parishes of South Cerney, Cerney Wick and Preston. We are a friendly and active benefice and our aim is to share God's love with all people.

Monthly services at St. Peter's are published in the Village News but there is usually a 11.15am Family Service on the first Sunday of the month, Evensong or Songs of Praise at 6pm on the second Sunday of the month, Holy Communion at 11.15am on the third Sunday and another service on the fourth Sunday. There are also occasional informal 'Cafe Church' services at the Elizabeth Way Community Room. You may, of course, also attend services at the other churches in the benefice.

We hope that this page will provide you with the information you are looking and that you will come and meet us in person. We guarantee a warm welcome.

Vicar: Reverend Jennifer McKenzie

Church Office: 01285 862632 (Tuesday & Thursday 9am – 1pm)
office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

Church Wardens: Allen Howe: 01285 643574
Michael Painter: 0797 740 9260

Church Flowers: Jill Simmonds: 01285 654633

Bell Tower Master: Alister Painter: 01285 650624

Siddington



Village Hall

07407 352 025

siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

Siddington Village Hall sits in the heart of the village on Ashton Road, just a short distance south of the shop and post office. It was built in 1921 in memory of those who died in World War I, and since then it has become the hub of the community, providing a venue for clubs, classes, fetes, parish events and celebrations as well as private parties.

Anyone can hire the hall on a regular or one-off basis. We offer a choice of the spacious main room, which holds up to 100 people or the smaller committee room, which is ideal for meetings or smaller groups. Hire charges are very reasonable and there are discounted rates for Siddington residents. Additional reductions are available for regular bookings and block bookings of a whole morning or afternoon. See the website for a full list of hiring rates.

The hall is managed by a team of friendly trustees, all Siddington residents themselves, whose aim is to maintain the building to the highest standards.

If you would like to find out more about what's going at the hall, or if you would like to make a booking, check the notice boards on the front of the building, visit the website - www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk – or call the bookings secretary on **07407 352 025**.



Siddington Post Office and Stores

01285 652290

The shop, which is run by Balendran Thibakaran and his friendly team, supplies all you need on your doorstep, from the daily newspaper to dry cleaning, from banking facilities and foreign currency to your favourite chocolate bar or tippie. This is so much more than a place to buy your newspaper. There's free parking nearby, easy access and the post office is open whenever the shop is open.

- Post Office services - Cash withdrawal, foreign currency, bill payment
- Full range of newspapers and magazines – your favourite publications can be ordered and kept to one side for collection
- Groceries and daily fresh bread from Malmesbury Bakehouse
- Lottery
- Cakes from a local bakery, snacks, take-away tea, coffee and hot chocolate, sweets, chocolate and biscuits
- Tobacco and off licence
- Greetings cards and stationery

Opening Times

	Shop	Post Office
Mon-Fri	7am - 7pm	7am - 7pm
Saturday	7am - 7pm	7am - 7pm
Sunday	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm



The Greyhound

01285 653573

info@thegreyhound-inn.co.uk

Owned by Wadworth & Co Ltd, the Greyhound is a beautiful Cotswold stone pub with large beamed ceilings, open log fires and a very warm welcome, whatever the time of the year. The large car park and newly refurbished beer garden make it perfect for summer days. The menu is traditional pub food. There are ladies and gents darts teams as well as regular quiz nights, beer festivals, live music and charity events. The Greyhound is a great place to eat, with a strong focus on being family friendly.

Pub Quiz on the last Sunday of the month at 8pm

The cost is £2 per person, with a maximum team size of eight. You have a chance to win spot prizes throughout the evening and there is a cash prize at the end for the winning team. Just turn up to join in.

Live music on the last Friday of the month from 9.30pm

Opening Times

Mon-Wed	11.30am - 3pm and 5.30 - 11pm
Thurs - Fri	11.30am - 3pm and 5.30 - 11.45pm (Food 12 - 2.30pm and 6 - 9pm)
Sat	11.30am - 11.45pm (Food 12 - 9pm)
Sun	11.30am - 11pm (Food 12 - 6pm)



The Village News

georgie@uppersidd.co.uk

The Village News is a free monthly publication that's delivered to every household in the parish at the beginning of each month, giving you up-to-date information about what's going on in Siddington; Parish Council news, events at the Village Hall, news from the school and church, clubs and groups, fetes and celebrations etc.

It's produced by a team of editors who take turns to collate each monthly edition but anyone can submit an article – just email it to the editor or leave a paper copy in the folder at Siddington Stores.

The Village News is funded by contributions in the Village News tin in the shop, sponsorship of an edition by local businesses, regular contributors, private individuals, support from the Parish Council and a small amount of advertising. It's distributed by a dedicated team of volunteers who each cover a small area.

If you would like to become involved with the Village News, either as a writer, an editor, a sponsor or a distributor, we would love to hear from you. Contact Georgie Hayward: georgie@uppersidd.co.uk for further details.



Recycling and waste collection

Recycling

Cotswold District Council supplies various containers for recycling, these can be requested free of charge from the council offices or through their web site.

Details of collections days and which containers to use may be found here:

www.cotswold.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/



Useful Numbers

Organisation	Contact
Electricity (power cut or dangerous situation)	08000 727 282
Gas (call immediately if you smell gas)	0800 111 999
Hospital (Cirencester)	0300 421 6200
Police (emergency) (non-emergency)	999 101
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Gloucestershire Highways (road flooding, street lighting, hazards)	08000 514 514
Water - Thames Water leak: Road flooding: Sewer flooding: River flooding:	0800 714 614 08000 514 514 0800 3169 800 0800 807 060
The Greyhound (public house)	01285 653573
Siddington Stores & Post Office	01285 652290