

Welcome to Drinkstone Village



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We know there is a lot to do when you settle into a new place without worrying about where your nearest shop/vet/ petrol station is, or which bin is collected on which day. With this in mind, we thought it would be useful to gather together as much local information as possible for all newcomers to this lovely village.

We hope you will find it useful. Neighbours are often the first point of contact in a community, but please feel free to make contact with Parish Councillors, the Rector or Churchwardens for any information and help that you may need. The village postie (Pat) is also a great source of information...

We trust this information will help you settle into your new home.

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A Bit about Drinkstone...

Drinkstone is unusual in that it has no village centre. It is widespread geographically in three clusters, Drinkstone (Church end), Drinkstone Park and Drinkstone Green to the south. If you were wondering why we have two exchange codes (01359 & 01449), this explains why—Drinkstone Green end comes under the Stowmarket exchange, while the rest of the village comes under Pakenham!

The resources seem modest – about 550 people, a Playing Field (known locally as the ‘Cricket’), two Windmills and a 14th century Church. But, there is much going on beneath the surface. A considerable number of clubs, sports, activities and social events go on in the village.

It is a quiet, unspoilt village, surrounded by beautiful countryside and a wonderful network of footpaths. Recently

classified as a ‘Village in the Countryside’, further development is unlikely in Drinkstone—so it should stay peaceful. We have few facilities—yet nowhere is far away. Day to day shopping needs, plus a Health Centre and Pharmacy can be found in Woolpit—only two miles away. Just about everything else can be found in Bury St Edmunds (7 miles) or Stowmarket (5 miles).



Local Services

Mobile Library:	Calls at Drinkstone Green Close on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 12.25pm.
Milk delivery	Dairy Crest Tel. 0800 615715
Neighbourhood Watch	Ted Coleman, Holly Tree House, Rattlesden Road. Tel. 01449 737136
Newspaper delivery	Felsham Post Office—Drinkstone Green only Tel. 01449736260
Parish Magazine	Magazine editor: Graham Todd 01449 737168 10 issues per year for £4.00. Subscriptions: contact the Subscriptions Editor, Julie Beard: 01359 271962
Police	Ipswich HQ Tel. 01473 613500 Stowmarket Rural Area Tel. 01473 383390
Post	<i>Delivery</i> Monday to Saturday between 9.30am and 2.00pm depending on which end of Drinkstone you are. <i>Letterboxes:</i> By the bus stop at the top of Rattlesden Road, and by All Saints Church. <i>Collections:</i> Monday to Friday 4.00pm, Saturday 11.00am (Collections at Woolpit Post Office are later.)
Refuse collection	Mid-Suffolk supply a black bin for ordinary waste, and black with a green lid for recyclable materials, each being collected on alternate weeks. Collection days vary depending on which part of Drinkstone you live in, 8am onwards Wednesday morning Rattlesden Road from Green Farm to the Rattlesden end, Tuesday am for everywhere else. But do check with your neighbour to be sure.

	<p>Recyclable materials include: plastic bottles and containers, food & drink cans, foil, paper, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, directories & catalogues (no hardbacks though) Brown bins are available at £40 per year for fortnightly collection of garden waste; apply to Mid-Suffolk, 01449 720711.</p>
Recycling	<p>Nearest paper and bottle bank is the Village Hall site. Profits go to the Village Hall.</p> <p>Household Waste Recycling Centres (for everything else!):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bury St Edmunds, Rougham Road, A14 exit 44, town side of A14.• Stowmarket, Old Bury Road, A14 exit 49 <p>www.midsuffolk.co.uk and follow the links to Waste & Recycling.</p>
Rural Coffee Caravan	<p>Visits 2 to 3 times per year, Good source of information about organisations and the services they offer—with coffee and home made cakes, too! Check the Parish magazine for dates.</p>
Telephone boxes	<p>Junction of Gedding Road and Rattlesden Road. The box by All Saints Church is soon to be taken out of service.</p>
Vegetables to your door	<p>John Talbot 01449 736578</p>
Village website	<p>www.drinkstonevillage.co.uk</p>

Education/Care

Pre-school Baby & Toddler Group, Monday & Thursday mornings in term time, 9.30—11.30 am in Woolpit Village Hall. Contact: Rev. Ruth 01359 242244.

Woolpit ARC (All Round Care) provides Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and Nursery.
Contact: 01359 245868

Listed here are the schools in the catchment area; for other schools please contact the LEA at Mid-Suffolk: 01449 720711

Primary Woolpit Community Primary: 01359 240625

Middle Beyton Middle School: 01359 270347

Senior Thurston Community College: 01359 230885

Medical

Health Centre Heath Road, Woolpit, tel. 01359 240298
Hours 8.00-6.30 pm Monday to Friday, by appointment. Early appointments are possible Mondays and Fridays. There is a walk-in surgery on Saturday mornings between 9 and 10 am for emergencies.
www.woolpithealthcentre.co.uk

Pharmacy Woolpit Health Centre, tel. 01359 242394
Hours 8.30-6.30pm Monday to Friday,
Saturday 8.30-11.00am.

Dentist Nearest dentist (not NHS) is Abbey Dental Practice, The Street, Woolpit, tel. 01359 242064.
For NHS dentists please contact the Primary Care Trust: 0800 389 6819 (Patient Advice & Liaison)

West Suffolk Hospital 01284 71300

Local Amenities

Bakery	The Bread Bin, Woolpit Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 8.30am-1pm
Butcher (& Farm Shop)	Grange Farm, Woolpit 01359 241467
Church	All Saints Church is available to hire for public events and has toilet and refreshment facilities, and excellent acoustics. For further details, contact Rev'd Ruth Farrell 01359 242244
Coffee Shop	Teacups Tearooms, Woolpit Tue—Sat 10am-4pm
General Stores	Woolpit Co-operative: Mon-Sat 6am-8pm, Sun 10am-4pm Rattlesden Post Office & Community Shop: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm (PO) Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm (Shop)
Gift & Coffee Shop	Elmtree Gallery, Woolpit Mon-Sat 10am-6pm
Hairdresser	Beyond the Fringe, Woolpit 01359 240770
Post Office	Woolpit: Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm Sat 9am-12.30pm NB Closed for lunch 1-2pm
Plant Nurseries	Woolpit Nurseries, Old Stowmarket Road Open every day 9am to 6pm: 01449 240370 (Usually closed in the month of August)

Petrol stations	Felsham Garage (cash only!) 01449 736477
Playing field & playground	Contact Parish Clerk: 01449 736221
Pubs	Bull Inn, Woolpit 01359 240393 Swan Inn: Woolpit 01359 240482 Brewers' Arms: Rattlesden 01449 736377 Crown: Buxhall 01449 737521 Six Bells: Felsham 01449 736268
Takeaway	Fish & Chips, Woolpit 01359 252125 Chinese Takeaway, School Road, Elmswell 01449 240507 Fish & Chips, School Road, Elmswell 01359 244672
Village Hall : Clubs & Classes	See next page

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Amenities further afield

Boarding kennels/Cattery	Check with your vet
Leisure centres	Mid-Suffolk Leisure centre, Gainsborough Road, Stowmarket. 01449 674980 Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre, Beetons Way. 01284 753496
Main libraries	Elmswell: Cooks Road 01359 240974 Stowmarket: Milton Road 01449 613143 Bury St Edmunds: St Andrews Street 01284 352545
Markets (street)	Bury St Edmunds: Wednesday & Saturday Stowmarket: Thursdays & Saturdays

Markets (farmers)	Stowmarket: first Friday of the month Needham Market: third Saturday of the month, 9am-1pm (Alder Carr Farm) Wyken Vineyard: every Saturday
Vet	Stowe Veterinary Group has several practices. Nearest is Old Tea Room Veterinary Surgery, Elmswell 01449 241761 Main practice: Bury Road, Stowmarket 01449 613130. Emergency clinics on Sundays 10am-10.30am and 5pm-5.30pm

Churches

Church of England

Drinkstone Village Church

Rector: Rev'd Ruth Farrell: 01359 242244

Christian Fellowship

The Room, While Elm Lane, Woolpit 01359 240656

Roman Catholic

A Mass is held at St. Mary's Woolpit, 6pm on Saturdays,

The main Parish Church is Catholic Church of Our Lady, Stricklands Road, Stowmarket 01449 612946

Baptist

Lower Road, Rattlesden 01449 737381

Methodist

School Road, Elmswell 01449 614264

Local clubs and classes

Classes used to take place in in the Village Hall until it was destroyed by fire. We will have another hall eventually! Many are term time only. Please see Magazine/website for current locations.)

Art Club	Friday 10am	01449 737101
Bingo	Wednesdays at 7.30pm, fortnightly See Parish Magazine	01449 736432
Film Night	Usually the 1st Friday 7.30pm	01359 242244
French Class	Thursday 7.30pm	01449 737101
History Group	Variable dates; see Parish magazine	01449 737101
Reading Circle	1st Tuesday 10am	01449 737101
Tai Chi	Tuesdays 11.30am	01449 736455
Tuesday Club	Coffee & chat 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays	01449 737101
Village Lunch	4th Monday 12.30pm	01359 242244
Yoga	Tuesdays 6.30-8pm Wednesdays 9.30-11am	01449 736557
Young people		
- Junior Club	Fridays 6pm, for up to age 11yrs	01449 737101
- Youth Club	Fridays 7.30pm, for the over 11's. fortnightly on Fridays, through till 9pm. (Not the first Friday in the month due to Film Club.)	01449 737101
Village Draw	A fund raising draw, with monthly cash prizes, drawn at Bingo once every four weeks. Contact 01449 736432.	

Sport & Recreation



Playing field/playground/footpaths		01449 736221
Tennis	Woolpit Tennis Club	01359 241569
Cricket	Woolpit Cricket Club	07779 020288
Swimming	Mid-Suffolk Leisure Centre, Stowmarket	01449 674980
Aerobics	Woolpit Primary School, Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm	01359 232204

(This course is run from Thurston Learning Centre, one of the campuses attached to West Suffolk College. There are other courses in villages nearby.

www.westsuffolk-ac.co.uk/adult_learners/thurstonlearningcentre.php

Adult Education West Suffolk College, Bury St Edmunds. Brochure download from www.westsuffolk-ac.co.uk/adult_learners/brochures.php or call 01284 716333

386 Monday to Saturday

To Stowmarket:

Blacksmiths Corner	9.23	12.03	14.03	16.46
Rattlesden Road	9.25	12.05	14.05	16.48
Arrives Stowmarket	9.47	12.27	14.27	17.10

Return from Stowmarket 9.50 12.30

377 Monday to Saturday

To Bury St Edmunds

Rattlesden Road	7.30
Blacksmiths Corner	7.32
Arrives Bury St Edmunds	8.15

Return from Bury St Edmunds 17.45

321 Wednesday & Saturday (Bury market days)

To Bury St Edmunds via Sainsbury & Tesco

Rattlesden Road	10.46am
Arrives Bury St Edmunds	11.28am

Return from Bury St Edmunds 13.56pm

452 Thursday only

To Stowmarket Tesco via town centre

Blacksmiths Corner	10.20am
Rattlesden Road	10.22am
Arrives Tesco	10.56am

Return from Tesco 13.37pm

472 Thursday only

To Woolpit Health Centre via Felsham & Rattlesden

Blacksmiths Corner	10.05am
Rattlesden Road	10.08am
Arrives Health Centre	11.00am

Return from Health Centre 12.30pm

Trains

To London via Ipswich & Colchester

Frequent trains (about every 20 minutes) to London Liverpool Street from STOWMARKET station. Journey time approximately 1 hr 30.

To Norwich

Trains (approximately hourly) from STOWMARKET station. Journey time approximately 30 minutes.

To Cambridge

Ipswich to Cambridge train (approximately hourly) stops at Stowmarket, Elmswell, Thurston and Bury St Edmunds. Journey time from Thurston approximately 50 minutes.

Parish Council & Parish Plan

Council

Drinkstone Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of every month (except in August). When the first Monday of the month is a Bank Holiday the meeting is held on the following Monday. Meetings are held at 8pm, currently in the Church, and are open to all residents of Drinkstone and invited guests. Regular topics discussed are District and County Council news, planning applications, crime reports, footpaths, finance and various other items of interest. Residents are invited to come along to discuss any issues they may have.

Councillors

(Initial contact with councillors should be made via the Parish Clerk)

Moira Goldstaub (Chair)	Goldstaub@goldstaub.co.uk
Lyn Hannant (Vice Chair)	lyn.hannant@lanecott.keme.co.uk
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Cora Munford	Contact via the Parish Clerk
Sharon Rose (Clerk)	nigel@rose068.fslife.co.uk 01449 736221

County/District Councillor

Penny Otton	penny.otton@midsuffolk.gov.uk 01449737870
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Mid-Suffolk District Council Offices

Needham Market, IP6 8DL 01449 720711

Parish Plan

Drinkstone published a Parish Plan in March 2008 after considerable consultation with the whole village.

A copy may be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council, or from the Village website

And finally...

We know it is not easy to know who to contact for service and advice when you are new to a place. This resource is intended to help with first steps but we are not making specific recommendations regarding tradespeople and services; that is not our remit. However, the Parish Magazine (complimentary with this leaflet) is an invaluable source of information about what's going on, and also has a considerable number of people advertising a variety of services. In addition, you can ask for a copy of the Woolpit Diary (01359 212146). There are notice boards in Drinkstone and Woolpit, and several shops in Woolpit carry advertisers in their windows—and then there is always Postie Pat!



Drinkstone Welcome Leaflet

Please send any suggestions/corrections to:
lynnewoodward@bigfoot.com or call 01449 737560