

# 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 650 people, a Playing Field (known locally as the ‘Cricket’) and some allotments, two Windmills, a 14th century Church and a new Village Hall, opened in July 2013. 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. It is **classified as a ‘Countryside Village’**, so 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	<a href="http://www.milkandmore.co.uk">www.milkandmore.co.uk</a> 0345 6063606
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	Urgent calls 999. Otherwise, please call 101 and you will be directed appropriately.
Post	<i>Delivery</i> Monday to Saturday between 9.30am and 2.00pm depending on which end of Drinkstone you are. <i>Post boxes:</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 box - 4.45pm)
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. Calendar <a href="http://www.drinkstonevillage.co.uk">www.drinkstonevillage.co.uk</a> 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.

Recycling

Recyclable materials include: plastic bottles and containers, food & drink cans, foil, paper, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, directories, catalogues and books, soft and hard back. NO GLASS!

Brown bins are available at £40 per year for fortnightly collection of garden waste (collected Thursday in same week as black bin); apply to Mid-Suffolk, 01449 720711.

Nearest paper and bottle bank is the Village Hall site. Profits go the Village Hall.

Household Waste Recycling Centres (for everything else!):

- Bury St Edmunds, Rougham Road, A14 exit 44, town side of A14.
- Stowmarket, Old Bury Road, A14 exit 49

[www.midsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.co.uk) and follow the links to Waste & Recycling.

Telephone boxes

Junction of Gedding Road and Rattlesden Road, and by All Saints Church.

Vegetables to your door  
Village website

John Talbot 01449 736578  
[www.drinkstonevillage.co.uk](http://www.drinkstonevillage.co.uk)



## 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, Lunch Club, Afterschool Club and Pre-school care. [www.woolpitarc.org](http://www.woolpitarc.org) Contact: 01359 245868

Listed here are the schools in the catchment area; for other schools please contact the Suffolk County Council 01473 265265 or [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

Primary                          Woolpit Primary Academy: 01359 240625

Secondary                      Thurston Community College: 01359 230885

Sixth Form                      Thurston Sixth: Beyton Campus: 01359 234557

## Medical

Health Centre                  Heath Road, Woolpit, tel. 01359 240298

Hours: Mon-Fri by appointment, Saturday walk in surgery for emergencies

Monday:    7.15am-7.30pm

Tue-Fri:    8.00am-6.30pm

Saturday:   8.00am-11.00am

Online access to make appointments/order prescriptions is available. Also a bus service on Fridays from Drinkstone to the Health Centre and back. See [www.woolpithealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.woolpithealthcentre.co.uk) for times.

Pharmacy                      Woolpit Health Centre, tel. 01359 240298

Hours: same as the Health Centre.

Free prescription delivery Tuesday/Friday for housebound patients in Drinkstone.

Dentist                      Nearest dentist (not NHS) is Abbey Dental Practice, The Street, Woolpit, tel. 01359 242064. For NHS dentists please contact Patient Advice & Liaison 0800 389 6819. Or [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)—search dentist and by postcode

West Suffolk Hospital    01284 71300 [www.wsh.nhs.uk](http://www.wsh.nhs.uk) (also A&E unit)

## Local Amenities

Bakery                      The Bread Bin, Woolpit 01359 242700  
Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 8.30am-1pm

B&B accommodation    Drinkstone Park B&B 01358 272513  
Swan Inn, Woolpit 01359 240482  
Grange Farm, Woolpit 01359 241467  
White Horse, Beyton 01359 270324

Butcher (& Farm Shop)    Grange Farm, Woolpit 01359 241467

Coffee Shop                Teacups Tearooms, Woolpit  
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm

Footpaths & walking      Please keep to the (generally clearly marked) footpaths and do not walk across farmed fields. Please pick up dog waste; there are dog bins provided. Please note that the field adjoining the Village Hall is NOT public land, nor owned by the Village Hall, and dogs should not be exercised on it.

General Stores              Woolpit Co-op:  
Mon-Sat 6am-9pm, Sun 8am-4pm  
  
Woolpit Costcutters Shop and Fuel  
Sun-Sat 6am-10.30pm  
  
Rattlesden Post Office & Community Shop:  
Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm (PO)  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm (Shop)

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Gifts & Coffee Shop	Elmtree Gallery, Woolpit (limited seating) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm	
Hairdresser	Heavenly Hair, Drinkstone 01449 736682 Beyond the Fringe, Woolpit 01359 240770	
Post Office	In Woolpit Co-op: Same hours as the shop. Note last collections: Mon-Fri: 4.30pm (4.45pm at post box) Sat: 10.30am (10.45am at post box)	
Plant Nurseries	Woolpit Nurseries, Old Stowmarket Road Open every day 9am to 6pm: 01449 240370 (Usually closed in the month of August)	
Petrol stations	Woolpit Costcutters Sun-Sat 6am-10.30pm	
Playing field & playground	Contact Parish Clerk— see page 13	
Pubs (within three miles)	Bull Inn, Woolpit	01359 240393
	Swan Inn, Woolpit	01359 240482
	<b>Brewers' Arms, Rattlesden</b>	01449 736377
	Bear, Beyton	01359 270249
	White Horse, Beyton	01359 270324
	Five Bells, Hessett	01359 270350
	Crown, Buxhall	01449 736521
Takeaway	Fish & Chips, Woolpit	01359 252125
	Mon-Sat: 11.45am-1.45pm/4.45pm-9.30pm	
	Chinese Takeaway, School Road, Elmwell 01449 240507	
	Tue-Sat 5pm-11pm, Sun 5pm-10.30pm	
Village Hall : Clubs & Classes	See page 10	
Village Hall: Hirings	Contact 01449 737264	



## Amenities further afield

Boarding kennels/Cattery	Check with your vet, or ask a local pet owner
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 morning
Supermarkets	Asda, 6.4 miles, Wilks Way, Stowmarket Lidl, 6.9 miles, Bury Road, Stowmarket Sainsburys, 7.5 miles, junction 44 A14 Tesco, 9 miles, junction 43 A14 Aldi, 10.1 miles, Dettingen Way, BSE
Vet	Stowe Veterinary Group: Main practice: Bury Road, Stowmarket 01449 613130. Emergency clinics on Sundays 10am-10.30am and 5pm-5.30pm. Nearest practice: Old Tea Room Veterinary Surgery, Elmswell 01449 241761. Thurston Veterinary Centre (on call 24 hours) 01359 232200.

## Churches

### Church of England

Drinkstone Village Church

**Rector: Rev'd Ruth Farrell: 01359 242244**

### Christian Fellowship

The Room, While Elm Lane, Woolpit 01449 674010

### Roman Catholic

A Mass is held at St. Mary's Woolpit, 6pm on Saturdays. Main Parish Church is Catholic Church of Our Lady, Stricklands Rd., Stowmarket 01449 612946

### Baptist

Lower Road, Rattlesden 01359 240088

### Methodist

School Road, Elmswell 01449 614264



## Local clubs and classes

Most classes take place in the Village Hall. Many are term time only. Please see Magazine/website for up to date timings/locations.

Art Club	Friday 10am	01449 736314
Bingo	Wednesdays at 7.30pm, fortnightly See Parish Magazine	01449 736432
Circle Dancing	Thursdays 10am	01284 705548
Flix in the Stix	Usually the 4th Friday 7.30pm	01359 242244
Gardening Club	Usually the 3rd Monday 7.30pm	01449 736245
History Group	Monthly on Wednesday, 7.30pm Details, refer to Parish magazine	01449 737101
MYB2	Breakfast, story and activities for families. 9.30am, 1st Sunday	01449 737560

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Reading Circle	1st Tuesday 10am	01449 737101
Reading Circle 2	1st Wednesday 2.30pm (Meets in members' homes)	01449 737168
Stitch & Craft	(WI) 4th Monday daytime	01449 736280
Tai Chi	Tuesdays 11.30am	01449 736455
Tuesday Club	Coffee & chat Every Tuesday at 10am	01449 737264
Village Lunch	Usually 3rd Friday 12.30pm	01359 242244
WI	Usually 4th Monday 7.30pm	01449 736280
Yoga	Tuesdays 6.30-8pm Wednesdays 9.30-11am	01449 736557
Young people		
- Junior Club	Fridays 6pm, for up to age 11yrs	01449 737538
- Youth Club	<b>Fridays 7.30pm, for the over 11's fortnightly on</b> Fridays, through till 9pm.	01449 737538
Village Draw	A fund raising draw, with monthly cash prizes, drawn at Bingo once every four weeks. Contact 01449 736432.	

## Annual Events

Sale Trail	May	01449 736314
Village Fete	August/September	01449 737264
Harvest Supper	September	01449 737560
Village Quiz	October	01449 737264
Christmas Coffee Morning	November	01449 737560
Christmas Hamper Draw	December	01448 737264
Carol Service	December	01359 242244

## Sport & Recreation

Playing field/playground/footpaths                      drinkstoneclerk@gmail.com

Bowls                      Elmswell Bowls Club                      01359 240555

Cricket                      Woolpit Cricket Club                      07779 020288

Swimming                      Mid-Suffolk Leisure Centre, Stowmarket                      01449 674980

Tennis                      Woolpit Tennis Club                      01359 241569

Adult Education

<http://www.westsuffolkcollege.ac.uk/adult-education.aspx>



## Other organisations

Age UK (formerly Age Concern)                      Local link: 01449 674222

Allotments                      Council Clerk-see page 13

British Legion (Felsham&Drinkstone)                      Secretary: 01359 241159

Educational Charity: gives grants towards young people's and adults' education & activities with an educational context (it stretches to sport and the arts).                      Secretary 01449 736602

First Responders: Drinkstone has three trained First Responders, part of a local Community First Responders group, covering 11 local villages. At any one time, someone will be on duty to respond to an emergency, following a 999 call, together with the ambulance service/paramedics. All responders carry a defibrillator; there is also one outside the Village Hall. To find out more about the scheme:                      Lyn Hannant 01449 736245

Hut Theatre: all sorts of drama                      01449 737101

# Parish Council

## 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 in the Village Hall, 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 other other items of interest. Residents are invited to discuss any issues they have.

## Councillors

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

Daphne Youngs (Chair)	drinkstonechair@gmail.com
Lorna Thurlow (Vice Chair)	lornathurlow@gmail.com
Sue Cousins	sue.drinkstone@btinternet.com
Christine Harbutt	chris@drinkstonepark.co.uk
Gary Hembra	garyhembra@gmail.com
Tim Moss	timmo69@tiscali.co.uk
Haslet Schofield	schofihjst@aol.com
Parish Clerk	drinkstoneclerk@gmail.com

## 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

# Transport

## Buses

Services 377 and 386 come through Drinkstone every day except Sunday. There are other services which only operate on certain days.

**There are two ‘official’ bus stops: the Gedding Road/Rattlesden Road junction, and Blacksmith’s Corner (the crossroads at the Church End). In practice, the bus driver will let you off anywhere, and will stop anywhere for you to alight—just put out your hand! Please see the timetable on the facing page.**

## 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.

**Galloway European Coachlines Ltd**  
 Valid from 1st September 2013

**Rattlesden - Bury St Edmunds**      **377**

**Stowmarket - Bury St Edmunds**      **386**

**Mondays to Saturdays (excluding Bank Holidays)**

Route No.	SCC	SCC	SCC	SCC	SCC	SCC	SCC	SCC	SCC
<b>Stowmarket, Bury Street</b>	377	386	386	386	386	386	386	386	386
Onehouse, Forest Road, Steam Drive	0959	1220	1520						
Hereson, Cude's Lane, Village Sign	0659	1229	1529						
Buriall Fen Street, Lower Road, Fen Street	1001	1231	1531						
Rattlesden, Brewer's Arms	0700	1008	1238	1538					
Rattlesden, Top Road, Hill Top Farm	0702	1008	1238	1538					
Higham Green, Loose Lane Junction	0705	—	—	—					
Brettonam, Church	0708	—	—	—					
Thorpe Melieux, Chapel Hill, Church Corner	0713	—	—	—					
Great Green, Felsham Road, Pough & Fience	0719	—	—	—					
Felsham, Cockfield Road, Bury Road	0724	1014	1244	—					
Gedding, Drinkstone Road, Bus Shelter	0727	1017	1247	—					
Drinkstone Green, Rattlesden Road Junction	0732	1022	1252	1542					
Drinkstone Street, Blacksmith's Corner	0734	1024	1254	1544					
Hessett, The Street, Five Bells	0737	1027	1257	1547					
Rougham, Bennet Arms	—	1032	1302	1552					
Bradfield St George, Holyfouls Corner	0742	—	—	—					
Bradfield St George, Church Road, The Green	0743	—	—	—					
Rougham, opp Post Office	0745	—	—	—					
Higham Green, Bus Shelter, The Green	0747	1034	1304	1554					
Blackthorpe, Mendrope Road	0751	1038	1308	1558					
Blackthorpe, White House	0752	1037	1307	1557					
Morton Hall, Lady Miriam Way	—	1043	1313	—					
Morton Hall, Sandburys	—	1047	1317	—					
Bury St. Ede, Herwick Lane, West Suffolk Hosp.	0802	1062	1322	1507					
Bury St. Edmunds, Bus Station	0807	1067	1327	1512					
<b>Bury St. Edmunds, Bus Station</b>									
Bury St. Ede, Herwick Lane, opp West Suffolk Hosp.	1110	1410	1620	1750					
Morton Hall, opp Sandburys	1120	1420	1630	1800					
Morton Hall, Lady Miriam Way	1123	1423	1633	1803					
Blackthorpe, White House	0659	1129	1439	1609					
Blackthorpe, Mendrope Road	0800	1130	1430	1640	1810				
Higham Green, Bus Shelter, The Green	0602	1132	1432	1642	1812				
Rougham, Post Office	—	—	—	—	1814				
Bradfield St George, Church Road, The Green	—	—	—	—	—	R			
Bradfield St George, Holyfouls Corner	—	—	—	—	—	R			
Rougham, Bennet Arms	0904	1134	1434	1644	—				
Hessett, The Street, Five Bells	0909	1139	1439	1649	1819				
Drinkstone Street, Blacksmith's Corner	0912	1142	1442	1652	1822				
Drinkstone Green, Rattlesden Road Junction	0914	1144	1444	1654	1824				
Gedding, Drinkstone Road, Bus Shelter	0919	1149	1449	—	1829				
Felsham, Cockfield Road, Bury Road	0922	1152	1452	—	1832				
Great Green, Felsham Road, Pough & Fience	—	—	—	—	—	R			
Thorpe Melieux, Chapel Hill, Church Corner	—	—	—	—	—	R			
Brettonam, Church	—	—	—	—	—	R			
Higham Green, Loose Lane Junction	0928	1158	1458	1658	—	R			
Rattlesden, Top Road, Hill Top Farm	0930	1200	1500	1700	1840				
Rattlesden, Brewer's Arms	0935	1205	1505	1705	—				
Buriall Fen Street, Lower Road, Fen Street	0937	1207	1507	—	—				
Hereson, Cude's Lane, Village Sign	0940	1210	1510	R	—				
Onehouse, Forest Road, Steam Drive	0945	1215	1515	R	—				
Stowmarket, Voeat Hill Road	0946	1218	1518	R	—				
Stowmarket, Bury Street	—	—	—	—	—				

Codes: SCC Journey supported by Suffolk County Council

## 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!



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Please send any suggestions/corrections to:  
[lynnewoodward44@googlemail.com](mailto:lynnewoodward44@googlemail.com) or call 01449 737560