



Dear New Resident

Welcome to Chalgrove.

Please find enclosed a selection of useful information which we hope will make your transition to Chalgrove life a little easier. Any feedback would be gratefully received, good or bad.

You will find a list of shops, local eating places, regular meetings, and an outline of waste collection. Also available if you phone are a bus timetable, our bookmark, and a map of Chalgrove produced by the History Group, one of many interesting groups in the village.

Please let me know if you find you're missing something you need, in case I can add that to the pack in future, but you will, I'm sure, find Chalgrovians helpful and friendly.

The Link, the village magazine, is also full of useful information. This is delivered monthly, free of charge, to every home, and also available in Londis and the paper shop.

This village website, www.chalgrove.info, also has with links to various village groups. You might also be interested in maps of nearby walks, of which several are available from shops in Watlington.

Yours sincerely

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LOCAL SHOPS

Post Office	PO services, Car tax, currency etc, plus Stationery, gifts, jewellery, cards and handmade cards 9 – 5.30, Saturday 9 – 12.30
Londis	Wide range of groceries, some fruit and veg, and off-licence. Open 365 days, Mon – Sat 8.30 a.m – 7.30 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Paper Shop	Papers, sweets, stationery, cards, sundries, Paypoint Mon – Fri 5 a.m. -1 p.m., 2.15 – 6.00 p.m. Sat: 5 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2.15 – 4 p.m. Sunday 6 a.m. – 12 noon. Tel: 01865 890459 Newspaper deliveries can be arranged.
Chemist	Mon – Fri 9 – 6 : Closed for lunch Sat 9 – 1 p.m.
The Village Store (next to PO)	Groceries and off licence , photocopier and cash point. 6.45 a.m. – 9.45 p.m.
Posies and Presents –	Fruit, Veg, Gifts and Flowers (Teleflorist Agent). Mon – Fri 8.30 – 6 Sat 8.30 – 1pm

ELSEWHERE

Watlington

Butcher, Co-op, kitchen shop, library, design shop, post office, delicatessen.
Greengrocers - Tuesday, Thurs, Sat; Hairdresser. Mostly close at lunch.
Petrol
Market Garden - Tony Gee at Garden Cottage, Pyrton, OX49 5AN
Flower plants, veg plants, tubs and baskets, herbs, sundries

Benson

Co-op, butcher, greengrocer and pet food, off-licence, card and gift shop, chemist, small furnishing/design, hairdresser. Petrol

Stadhampton

Petrol station with shop and post office.

Large supermarkets in the area: Tesco, Sainsbury, Waitrose, Asda (all of which deliver)

Markets in the area: Wallingford (Fridays), Thame (Tuesdays),

Farmers markets: Grt. Haseley, Cowley.

Farm shops: Red Lion at Britwell Salome, Crazy Bear at Stadhampton,
Acorn Nursery, on the road to Thame, a little north of Stadhampton.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Chalgrove

The Red Lion	Not the cheapest, but yummy food (some take-away can be arranged)
The Crown	Under new management
The Lamb	Pub, meals, quizzes.
Picnic Hamper	On the Business Park, the other side of the Bypass Coffee, daytime meals, wi-fi.
Fish and Chip Van	Tues, Thurs, Saturday evenings outside Londis.

Stadhampton

The Crazy Bear - Thai and English

Cuxham

The Half Moon - under new management

Chiselhampton

The Coach and Horses

Watlington

House of Spice

Various pubs and a fish and chip shop

Berrick Salome

The Chequers (under new management)

Roke

The Home Sweet Home

Little Milton

The Lamb

Benson

The Waterfront Café and various pubs
House of Spice
The Village Plaice – eat in and take away

Brightwell Baldwin

The Lord Nelson

Britwell Salome

The Red Lion

Great Milton

Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons (v. posh)

And many more.

Regular Meetings of Chalgrove Groups

Mondays			
1 st in the month 3 rd in the month	Chalgrove History Group	John Hampden Hall	7.30 p.m.
Tuesdays	Age Concern	Village Hall	10 a.m. – 2p.m.
1 st in the month	Chalgrove Festival Committee	Red Lion	7.30 p.m.
	Parish Council Surgery	Parish Office	9 a.m – 12 noon
3 rd in month	Chalgrove Book Group	Red Lion	8.30 p.m.
4 th in month	Chalgrove District Flower Club	John Hampden Hall	7.30 p.m.
In term time	Circle Dancing	St. Leonards Hall, Watlington	7 p.m.
Wednesdays weekly	Mobile Library	Car park by school (alternate weeks at the Acreage)	2.15 – 3.45 p.m. (3.50 - 4 p.m.)
	Play days	John Hampden Hall	9.30 – 11.30 a.m.
2 nd in the month	Women’s Institute	Chapel, Chapel Lane	7.45 p.m.
weekly	Scrabble Club	John Hampden Hall	2 – 4.30
Thursdays	Coffee and internet café and computer assistance	John Hampden Hall	10 – 12 a.m .
1 st in month	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30 p.m.
1 st in month	Folk and Blues Club	Red Lion	8.30 p.m.
2 nd in month	Chalgrove Cavaliers FC	Red Lion	8 p.m.
Last in month	Royal British Legion	Red Lion	7.45 p.m.
Fridays	Chalgrove Parent and Toddler	Community Hall	9.30 – 11.55 a.m.
	Parish Council Surgery	Parish Office	9 – 12 a.m.
	St. Mary’s Church Choir	Church/John Hampden Hall	7.30 – 9 p.m.
	Chalgrove Health Walks	Various	a.m. tel: 890730

There are many more groups, including football, netball teams, and zumba classes
 There’s the Chalgrove Wildlife and Conservation Society (CWaCS for short!)
 There’s Cleaner Chalgrove, and CALL, the Chalgrove Association for Lifelong Learning, and Chalgrove Communicating.
 Watch the notice boards, ask around, and read the Link for information.

Groups will always welcome new members.

Churches - St Mary’s C of E, in Church Lane.
 Methodist Chapel, in Chapel Lane.

COMMUNITY WASTE SERVICE

Rubbish is collected weekly, alternating landfill and recycle. Dates for each month are published in the Link.

The **grey** wheelie bin is landfill – anything that can't be recycled

The **green** wheelie bin is recycling - paper, card, glass, and plastics – but not film or expanded polystyrene.

The **small green bins** are for food waste only, which should be wrapped in paper or compostable bags (available at supermarkets). The tiny one is for inside, the bigger one for outside. The handle pushed over the front locks the bin, keeping contents away from passing animals.

The brown wheelie bin is for garden waste (compostable and not too chunky for the council shredder) – you have to pay a fee for this.

The grey goes one week, the brown and green go the alternate week. The list is published in the Link, or look to see what your neighbours are putting out and go with the majority.

Food waste is collected every week.

Bins need to be left on the outside of the property, or just a step inside. They don't walk up paths, unless special arrangements are made for the less able. They can come early, so evening is the best time to put them out.

Other methods of disposal

Bottle bank – in the village car park by the school.

Clothing - in the car park of the Lamb

Dump - Oakley Wood (through Ewelme and keep going)

Redbridge (adjacent to Park and Ride, and near Sainsbury's)

Bins various – Tesco in Cowley, and Asda in Wheatley have bottle/paper/can banks.

GARAGES

Chalgrove: - John Boyd near the Business Park, and some travelling mechanics.

Watlington - FW 4 x 4 - (Ian Prior)

Copas Farms, Lys Farm Buildings, Watlington, OX49 5EP Tel: 01491 613303

Thame Road - RCP

Nearest Petrol: Stadhampton and Watlington –

Supermarket sources at Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda.

DOG WALKING

Dog walkers are, in the main, responsible, walking at all hours, around the streets or on the recreation grounds, or along the various footpaths around the village. Chalgrove is very well furnished with red bins for the disposal of dog waste, and poo bags can be bought in Londis.

The pubs are dog-friendly, as long as the dogs are too!

REGULAR EVENTS

Quizzes:

2 per year organised by the Church

2 per year by Age Concern

Regular quizzes at the Lamb in Chalgrove and at the Chequers in Berrick Salome (subject to change of ownership)

Chalgrove Midsummer Ball sadly no longer exists, due to lack of response this year. But could be revived with new interest.

Chalgrove Music Festival in August, in a field in Mill Lane.

Fun Dog show – at the May Festival, run by Cleaner Chalgrove.

The Chalgrove Village Festival – on the May Day Bank Holiday - various entertainments for all the family on the Recreation Ground.

Litter picks: monthly by the Scouts, quarterly by Cleaner Chalgrove volunteers.

Swapshop: A **freecycle** event held 3 or 4 times per year.

You can bring items no longer required, but still serviceable, to the village hall.

But you don't have to bring something, you might just come along to see if there's an old microwave or garden chair that someone has no further use for, and that you need.

There is no charge, and no money changes hands.

The intention is to keep useable things out of landfill that are still of use. You may not need that old dinner service any more – but someone might. Bring it along, and it could find a new home.

No rubbish please, only useable items. All electrical items will be tested.

You can also bring along good clean unwanted clothes, and for each good item you will receive a token which you can swap for other people's good unwanted clothes.

Easter also sees a plant swap.

Check the Link for details.

DENTISTS

Your local NHS dentist is closer than you think, **according to information received.**

'There is an ongoing perception that there are no NHS dentists for patients wishing to find one. Guess what ! There are currently 40 dental practices in Oxfordshire accepting NHS patients right now. To find out your closest one call 08000 1134 824 or look them up on www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/dental'. (from Oxfordshire Dental Services Manager).

WINDOW CLEANERS

There are several around.

One recommendation we have received is Lee West and his mobile: 07791 662193.

Another is Phillip Moores (PJM Services): 890539

Useful Phone Numbers

Age Congern: Janet Betts		01844 279238
CHATS (Doctor/Hospital Transport)		01865 400708
Clerk to Parish Council Jo Donoghue		01865 890432 (office) 07946 383199 (mob)
Doctor's Surgery		01865 890760
When closed call		0845 345 8995
NHS direct		08 45 46 47
Minor Injuries Units	Abingdon	01865 425161
	Henley	01491 637435
First Aid Unit	Wallingford	01856 425200
Libraries	Watlington	01491 612241
	Benson	01491 838474
Police –		101
Chalgrove Neighbourhood Crimestoppers		0800 555111
Schools: Chalgrove Primary/ Nursery		01865 890385
Icknield Community College		01491 612691
South Oxon Dist. Council:		01491 823000
District Councillor Dave Turner		01865 891169
Vets: Larkmead in Benson, Didcot and Cholsey		
Medivet in Wheatley		
Vet in Watlington.		

CFAG – Chalgrove Flood Alleviation Group

We have no personal phone number to offer you, but they have their own website, or for information about the brooks, contact the parish council clerk, listed above.

BUS TIMETABLES

(For up-to-date information, please check Thames Travel or GoRide websites)

There is also a rush-hour shuttle bus from Watlington to Junction 6, to serve the Oxford Tube bus, and occasional buses to Thame and Wallingford.