

Welcome to

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE



A brief guide for new residents

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Please note; the information in this guide is believed to be correct at time of issue, but you are advised to check the services mentioned here using the contact details provided.

The Parish Council hopes that you find this Welcome Pack useful and wishes you a very happy and peaceful time in your new home.

Welcome to Hardington Mandeville

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to welcome you and your family to our beautiful village. The Parish Council comprises 7 members, ably assisted by our Clerk, Nancy Chapman, and meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Occasionally other meetings may be needed, and we usually have a rest in December! One or both of our Somerset Councillors normally attend meetings, and members of the public, especially parishioners, are warmly invited to attend. Opportunity is given to speak on agenda or other matters before the meeting starts, and again for comment at the end.

Once a year the meeting is preceded by the Annual Parish Assembly and representatives from local village groups are invited to attend and address the meeting.

Contact details for councillors can be found on the village website www.hardington.net and in this welcome pack.

Do take this opportunity to get involved in what happens in your new village.

Robin Carpenter
Chairman
Hardington Mandeville Parish Council

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE - a brief description.

Hardington Mandeville is a rural village 4 miles south-west of Yeovil. At the 2001 Census the number of households was 220 with a population of 600. Of the 2007 population, 60% are over 45 years of age whilst 5% are under 15. Over 90% of houses are owner-occupied and approximately half the households have 2 cars. Over 50% of residents have lived in the village for more than 15 years and a quarter for less than 5 years.

The Village is in the centre of farming country and there are a number of working farms in the Parish. In addition, many residents are employed, directly or indirectly, in the local hi-tech aerospace industry, whilst others are engaged in a diverse range of employment activities.

There are many leisure/recreational activities taking place throughout the year and new members are always welcome.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY

The Parish Council

The Parish Council meets at the Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month (except December) at 7.30pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. The Annual Village Assembly is usually held in the Village Hall in April and all residents of the village are welcome.

Parish Councillors

1. Robin Carpenter, **Chairman**
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Somerset County Council

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Somerset County Councillors

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REFUSE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Refuse collection

Household 'general waste' is collected every three weeks. Check your day using your address on www.somerset.gov.uk. Residents are advised to place their black wheelie bin outside the house the night before the collection day as the bins are usually emptied quite early.

Recycling

A collection of recyclable waste is made each week – again, check your day using your address on www.somerset.gov.uk. Plastic, foil and tins are placed in the 'blue bag'. Glass, cardboard and paper should be put in the boxes provided. Food waste should be placed in the appropriate brown container. Batteries, clothes and shoes will also be collected.

Garden waste can be collected fortnightly by annual subscription to Somerset Council (www.somerset.gov.uk).

Other recyclables such as electrical items, wood, hardcore and garden waste can be taken to one of the council facilities that are located at Artillery Road, Yeovil and at Blacknell Trading Estate, Crewkerne.

Further information about refuse collection and recycling can be found on the village website (www.hardington.net) or from Somerset Council (www.somerset.gov.uk).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The neighbour-watch is co-ordinated by David Griffiths (griff235888@yahoo.co.uk). Please contact him for further information.

To contact Avon and Somerset Police by telephone for non-emergency matters call 101.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can textphone them on 18001 101

999 should be used for an emergency, when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

VILLAGE MAPS

A village map is available at a cost of £5 (to cover printing, OS licence, ink and a £3 donation to churches). These are printed on A3 heavy gauge paper (laminating also available). These are available at the Village Shop and also available from Robin Carpenter (01935 862339) (robinsheila@icloud.com).

COMMUNICATION

The Messenger

At the start of each month a free village newsletter is distributed to all households within the Parish. This informative publication gives details of village activities for the coming month(s) as well as the names of key contacts within the village.

The Messenger Coordinator is:

Sheila Carpenter 01935 862339 (hardingtonmessenger@rocketmail.com)

The Village Website

The village has its own website (www.hardington.net) which provides a valuable source of information such as changes to the refuse collection schedule due to Bank Holidays, etc. It also provides details of the Parish Council agendas and minutes. The Web-Master can be contacted at webmaster@hardington.net

Hardington & Pendomer Community Facebook Group

This Facebook group is for residents, their immediate families and those that have a connection to the community. It has proved a very useful way to communicate all sorts of current village news such as criminal activities, lost pets, village events, road closures etc.

Postal Service

There is a Royal Mail postal service that delivers mail each day (except Sunday) and collects from a variety of collecting boxes situated around the village. The nearest postal sorting office is in Yeovil.

LOCAL FACILITIES

Village Post Office

Hardington Mandeville is fortunate to still have a post office at Hardington Moor that is open daily (except Sunday and Bank Holidays) from 7.30 am until 1pm. The post office is part of a shop that sells newspapers, groceries, stationery goods, etc. The shop/PO is fully up to date, and can be used as a cash point, recipient of cheques and provider of foreign currency.

The post office also tends to be the booking office for village events such as the annual pantomime, and the post mistress, Daphne Creed, is a mine of local knowledge and invaluable information (01935 862363).

The Village Hall

The Village Hall (formerly the village school) is the main focus for the vast majority of village events. The Hall can be hired for private use. Further information (include bookings) is available on the Village web-site www.hardington.net.

The Church

With its origins in Norman times, The *Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin* is part of the Coker Ridge Benefice that includes the neighbouring parishes of East Chinnock, West Coker, Pendomer, East Coker, Closworth and Sutton Bingham.

The current Church Wardens are:

Daphne Creed 01935 862363

Richard Middleton 01935 863812

Email: churchwardens@hardington.net

Places of worship for other denominations and faiths will be found in Yeovil.

The Hardington Community Field

Located off Coker Hill Lane, the recreation ground, opened in June 2012, has a picnic area, a small football pitch, a BBQ, a cycle track, fitness equipment and is well equipped with play equipment, including a 50 metre zip-wire. The field is also used for outdoor village events. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk (hardingtonclerk@rocketmail.com).

Public House

The Royal Oak www.royaloakhardington.co.uk (01935 862354)

Located at Hardington Moor, serves real ale, wines and food and has a skittle alley.

Defibrillator

The parish owns a 'Heartsafe' defibrillator, located in a box under the outer canopy of the village hall, and registered with the ambulance service. A second defibrillator is fitted at Brookfield, Lyatts. **Always contact the emergency services first.** When contacted, if a decision is made that this may be needed, you will be given the 4-digit code to open the nearest box and guided through its use.

VILLAGE EVENTS

Included in the many events that tend to be regular features in the Village diary are:

- The Village Breakfast-late February/early March
- The Flower & Craft Show- late August
- The Street Fayre
- Regular coffee mornings in the village hall, and in private homes.
- 'Party in the Park' Summer in the Community Field.

Individual Clubs/Societies may, from time to time, organise events that are open to all villagers. Details of such events are published on the facebook group, in the Messenger or on the village website

VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Women's Institute (inc. crafts and organised walks)	Sue Phillips	01935 862866
Hardington Players Drama Group	Anne Lunt	01935 862538
Garden Club	Andy & Kate Palmer gardenclub@hardington.net	01935 863016
Cricket Club	Kris Pearse	07816 454175
Niblets Golf Group	Nick Lunt	01935 862538

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus Service

Bus service No 44 - Over Stratton – Yeovil. Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays) stopping Hardington Mandeville Phone box at 10.10 a.m. and Hardington Moor at 10.14. a.m. Returning from Yeovil Borough at 12.45.

Rail Stations

There are two railway stations in Yeovil:

- **Yeovil Junction** for trains on the London-Exeter line (including Crewkerne).
- **Yeovil Pen Mill** for stations on the Weymouth-Bristol Temple Meads line.