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 County and District Councillors normally attend meetings, and members of the public, especially parishioners, are warmly invited to attend. The agenda is always published in advance on the various village notice boards. 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 <u>www.hardington.net</u> 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 hitech 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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6. Andy Webb,

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Grove House, Pendomer, BA22 9PH

07545 554145 <u>hardingtonclerk@rocketmail.com</u>

District Council

9. Hardington Mandeville is a Parish within the area covered by South Somerset District Council, Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT 01935 462462 www.southsomerset.gov.uk

District Councillors

10. Gina Seaton,

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11. Nicola Clark, 5 Silver Street, Stoford, BA22 9UF 07429 831737

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County Council

12. Somerset County Council, County Hall, The Crescent, Taunton, TA1 4DY 0300 123 2224 www.somerset.gov.uk

Local County Councillor

13. Mark Keating,

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Member of Parliament

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REFUSE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Refuse collection

Household waste is collected every two weeks on a Wednesday morning. 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 Wednesday morning. Car batteries, clothes, shoes, glass, papers, cans, foil, cardboard, plastic bottles and food waste are collected. Items to be collected (except food waste) should be placed in the black and green boxes (sorted appropriately) and left outside. Food waste should be placed in the appropriate brown container.

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. There is a charge for using the Crewkerne site.

Further information about refuse collection and recycling can be found on the village website (www.hardington.net) or from South Somerset District Council (01935 462462 or www.southsomerset.gov.uk).

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As the village is so spread out, the normal kind of Neighbourhood Watch schemes would not work but we can at least keep an eye on our neighbours' property and also report any suspicious activity seen around the village to the Police together with car description and registration where possible.

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 MUGS

These are available to purchase from the village shop and Post Office or from Sue Phillips at Windmill Cottage on 01935 862866. They are made by Dunoon from fine bone china and depict various scenes around the village and at a cost of £8 each make lovely gifts or keepsakes.

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). Please contact Robin Carpenter on 01935 862339 (robinsheila@icloud.com).

COMMUNICATION

The Messenger

On the first of every 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

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The Village Website

The village is very fortunate in that it 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 valid

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. The bookings secretary is Val Marden (862556). A calendar of Village Hall bookings appears 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 Rector is the Reverend Colin Simpson:

7 Cedar Fields, West Coker, Yeovil BA22 9DB, 01935 862429

Email: rectorcokerridge@gmail.com 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 Space

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.

Public House

The Royal Oak - open every day. 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. **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 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 Annual Pantomime-late January/early February
- -The Village Breakfast-late February/early March
- -The Horse & Dog Show June
- -The Flower & Craft Show- late August
- -The Turkey Supper-early December
- -The Village Christmas Lunch-December
- -The Street Fayre late June

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

VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Art & Crafts Group	Shirley Heal	01935 863937
Women's Institute	Sue Phillips	01935 862866
Hardington Players Drama Group	Anne Lunt	01935 862538
Garden Club	Andy & Kate Palmer gardenclub@hardington.	
Cricket Club	Alan Grassam	01935 863673
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) and *Yeovil Pen Mill* for stations on the Weymouth-Bristol Temple Meads line. There are often timetables at The Village Shop/Post Office.

Taxis

A list of local taxi companies that serve the greater area around Hardington Mandeville can be found in the telephone directory.