



## VILLAGE INFORMATION PACK

Web-site: [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/cottonpc](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/cottonpc)

Facebook: cottonvillagegrapevine

If you are new to the village, you are very welcome, we and hope you find the following information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact a Councillor or the Parish Clerk if you need further information.

### PARISH COUNCIL

#### Chairman

Sarah Wenban, Dandy Hall, Willow Lane , Cotton

Tel: 781095

#### Vice Chairman

Paul Howlett, Jasmine Farm, Wickham Lane, Cotton

#### Clerk to the Council

David Rayner

Tel: 07754877664

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mail: [parishclerk@cotton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@cotton-pc.gov.uk)

For dates of meetings and agenda see Parish notice board &

Web-site [www.onesuffolk.co.uk/cottonpc](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/cottonpc) , or register with David Rayner to join the village email circulations

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### Mid-Suffolk District Council

54, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1AD

Tel: 0300 123 4000

Services include - Planning, Environmental Health, Housing, Council Tax, Licensing, Waste Collections, etc.,

**District Councillor**

Andy Mellen,  
20, South View, Westhorpe Road, Wyverstone  
Tel: Mobile: 07790 992619 e-mail:  
andrew.mellen@midsuffolk.gov.uk

**Suffolk County Council**

Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX  
Tel: 01473 583000  
Services include - Education, Health, Highways etc.,

**County Councillor**

Andrew Stringer  
Broadway House, Broad Road, Cotton. IP144 ND  
Tel: 07545423842 e-mail  
[AndrewStringer@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:AndrewStringer@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Member of Parliament**

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**PLACES of WORSHIP**

**Parish Church of St Andrew, Church Road**

**Services**

Second and Fourth Sundays 11.00 am  
Fifth Sunday - Benefice Service at one of the churches in the Bacton Benefice

**Rector** - vacant

**Parochial Church Council:**

PCC Secretary(acting)

Tel:

**Church Warden**

Carole Jones

Tel: 781874

**Catholic Parish of Our Lady Stowmarket**

Fr. David Finegan

Tel: 612946

**COTTON VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD**

**Chairman**

Steve Winder,

**Hall Bookings**

Tel: 781851

**Village Hall Facilities**

Main hall (with small stage available & sound system)

Kitchen / Bar area (can be licensed)

Changing room for playing field (with toilet)

Toilets - Ladies, Gents, Disabled

Car Parking - front and rear

Children's Play Equipment - swings, slide, climbing frame

Junior size football pitch with goals

General playing field for public use

Moveable tables and chairs

Paper and clothing re-cycling box

WiFi

**Village Hall Activities**

Grapevine Community Pub, a new venture on Friday evenings (details on Facebook)

Dances, Fund raising events, Quiz Nights, Variety Shows,

Private Parties, Public Meetings, Voting station

All variously advertised on the Parish notice boards, in the Parish Magazine, newsletter on the website & by posters around the neighbourhood.

**Village Hall Activity Groups**

**Junior Football, boys and girls (Bacton United)**

Neil Hitter

Tel: 780037

**Village Produce Association**

Christine Marston

Tel: 781567

Meetings monthly on all gardening and related topics

**Community Café** Every four weeks on a Saturday, see publications for details

## ORGANISATIONS & AMENITIES

### **Carter's Meadow, Mendlesham Road**

Carter's Meadow Trust is responsible for a piece of land that was bequeathed to the village in the 1990s. The Trust is trying to develop the land in such a way as to encourage local flora and fauna and also to re-establish species that have been lost from the locality while, at the same time, encouraging its use as a recreational amenity for the community. A Work Party takes place the first Sunday of the month, plus other activities.

If you are interested in becoming involved then please contact the Peter Gibbs on 781308

### **Good Neighbour Scheme - 07980948641 Secretary**

Mike Hall

Tel: 782004

### **Cotton Heating Oil Buying Group**

Organiser - Peter Mead Tel: 07845 0686879 or Email: [Peter\\_mead@sky.com](mailto:Peter_mead@sky.com)

### **Bacton & Cotton Local History Society**

#### **Secretary**

Peter Gibbs

Tel: 781308

We meet monthly with the exception of December, July and August on the third Tuesday at 7.30 pm at Bacton Village Hall, Church Road. The Society welcomes a wide diversity of knowledgeable speakers to give illustrated talks about the different aspects of the fascinating history of East Anglia and the local area. We aim to find subjects of general interest and not too academic but which enliven a natural curiosity about what has influenced where we live.

**Membership £5 a year. Per meeting Members £2 Non-members £3**

## SERVICE PROVIDERS

### **Bacton Shop & Post Office**

Proprietors: Rod and Sue Wickenden

Shop Green, Bacton IP14 4LG

Tel: 781366

In store bakery, fresh milk and dairy produce, extensive range of grocery items, wines from around the world, newspapers and magazine, greeting cards, stationery, wrapping papers etc.

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 7.30 - 20.00

Sunday and Bank Holidays 9.00 - 20.00

Post Office: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9.00 - 12.30; 14.00 - 17.30

Wednesday and Saturday 9.00 - 12.30

### **Mendlesham Shop and Post Office**

42, Old Market Street, Mendlesham IP14 5SA

### **Trowel and Hammer Pub**

Mill Road, Cotton

The lovely 16<sup>th</sup> century country pub.

### **Milk Deliveries**

Suffolk Dairies Ltd.

Tel: 01449 676746

### **Lamberts Service Station, Shop Green, Bacton Tel:**

781260      Mobile:      07850 260634

e-mail: [lamberts@unipart-direct.co.uk](mailto:lamberts@unipart-direct.co.uk)

For petrol & diesel , car sales and servicing, tyres and batteries

### **Finbows Yard, Station Road, Bacton, IP14 4NH**

Containing a diversity of services and retail businesses.

Including **J. Lawes**      Tel: 781452

Extensive hardware, ironmongery, garden and building supplies including hand tools, power tools, paints, plumbing supplies, timber, sheds, fencing, electrical fittings etc.,etc.,

## **LOCAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS & OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS**

### **Mendlesham Health Centre**

Chapel Road, Mendlesham, IP14 5SQ Tel:

767722

e-mail: [Receptionists@gp-D83091.nhs.uk](mailto:Receptionists@gp-D83091.nhs.uk)

*-also at*

**Bacton Health Centre**

Taylors Green, Bacton

Tel: 781777

**West Suffolk Hospital**

Hardwick Lane, Bury St. Edmunds IP32 2QZ

Tel: 01284 713000

**Ipswich Hospital**

Heath Road, Ipswich, IP4 5PD

Tel: 01473 712233

**Citizens Advice Bureau**

1 Milton Road, Stowmarket, IP14 1EZ

Tel: 01449 676280/676060

**Suffolk Constabulary**

For all police contact (other than 999 calls) tel: 101 or 01284 774100 or 01473 613500,

**Neighbourhood Watch**

All residents of Cotton are members and there is no annual fee. The Parish Council are the coordinators

**Mobile Library**

Visits Cotton every other Friday and stops at the Old Methodist Chapel 15.50 - 16.05 and Cotton Church 16.10 - 16.30

**Bus Services**

**Bus Service** - subject to change but the timetable is on the internet. Look for services 457 and 456

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Cotton, Bacton & Wyverstone Year Book \***

Delivered to every household in the spring

**Cotton, Bacton & Wyverstone Parish Magazine**

Delivered monthly at minimal cost

**Parish Leaflets** delivered as and when

**Noticeboard** by the Village Hall