

Welcome to Great Kingshill!

Welcome to your new home in Great Kingshill. This information pack has been produced by the Great Kingshill Residents' Association and offers information that may help you settle into our community. We do not pretend that it is exhaustive, nor are we endorsing any of the businesses or organisations that are mentioned, but hopefully it will provide you with a helpful base of information.



Having moved into the village you are already members of the Association, which was established in June 1988. Our aims are:

- to promote awareness of and interest in the community life,
- to protect and improve the amenities and environment of the village,
- to promote community and social activities.

We produce a Newsletter four times a year and this is delivered to all homes in the village.



You can find more information about the Association and about planned social activities, which are always very popular, on our web site: www.great-kingshill.co.uk.

You can find an aerial view map of the village on the last page of this information pack.

If you would like to get actively involved in the Association, contact details of the Officers are published in the Newsletter and you will find them listed on the web site – we would be delighted to hear from you.

If you would like to receive occasional notifications, by email, about village activities, issues and events please sign-up at www.tinyurl.com/GKRAalerts You can unsubscribe from this service by clicking on the link in one of our emails, and we will not share your email details with any third party.

Village history

Old Buckinghamshire maps make no mention of the village of Great Kingshill until the middle of the 18th century. The majority of the inhabitants of the village during that time were mainly engaged in farming. Details from the 1851 census indicate that there were 69 dwellings with a population of 340, equally divided between male (171) and female (169). Of the 110 males of working age there were 4 farmers, 60 farm labourers, 8 blacksmiths and 18 involved in the timber industry such as sawyers, wood turners, carpenters and wheelwrights. There were a few individual professions which have long since disappeared such as cordwainer, saddletree maker, drover and hawker. Of the females, 70 were listed as lace makers who made a significant contribution to the family income.

In the early 20th century the village saw the emergence of the chair making industry in High Wycombe and with the increasing use of new farming equipment and methods which required less labour, many farm labourers decided to transfer to the chair making industry and became bodgers (a name given to those who made the legs and back supports for chairs).

More information about the history of the village can be found on the Association's web site and in 'Great Kingshill in Words and Pictures', a book written about the village by people from the village, and copies at £10 each can be obtained by sending an email to newgkbook@hotmail.co.uk

The Village Hall

The Village Hall is at the junction of Missenden Road and New Road. A wide variety of clubs and activity groups use it on a regular basis, and there is a list in the latest edition of the Newsletter that will have been delivered to you with this leaflet as well as on the village web site.



The Hall is available for hire for private functions at very reasonable rates – the Bookings Secretary is Mrs Carol Sammut, who can be contacted on 07792 199151 or carolsammut@yahoo.co.uk.



Village Shops

In the centre of the village is the SPAR shop at the junction of Missenden Road and Hatches Lane, opposite the Recreation Ground. It offers a wide range of everyday goods.

To the south of the village, on Cryers Hill Road, is a Premier Convenience Store, which also houses Cryers Hill Post Office, which is the closest Post Office to the village. As with the Spar shop, it offers a wide range of everyday goods.



Milk delivery

This can be arranged with Wren Davis Ltd, Collings Hanger Farm, 100 Wycombe Road Prestwood, HP16 0HP, 01494 862224

Newspaper delivery

The Co-op at 37-39 Park Parade Hazlemere, HP15 7AA delivers to Spurlands End Road only.

The Kingshill Courier, based at Great Missenden Station, delivers throughout the village, 01494 868699, news@kingshillcourier.co.uk

Schools

The nearest combined schools are:

Great Kingshill Church of England Combined School, Cryers Hill Road, Great Kingshill, HP15 6JP, 01494 713159, www.greatkingshillsch.co.uk



Little Kingshill Combined School, Windsor Lane, Little Kingshill, HP16 0DZ, 01494 863744, www.lks.ik.org

The nearest grammar school is:

Royal Grammar School, Amersham Road, High Wycombe HP16 3QT, 01494 524955, www.rgshw.com

The nearest upper school is:

The Misbourne, Misbourne Drive, Great Missenden, HP16 0BN, 01494 862869,
www.misbourne.bucks.sch.uk

Catchment areas are not straightforward and in many cases overlap; they can be found at www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/schools/admissions/catchment_maps.page

Doctors

The closest to the village are:

Chequers Drive Surgery, 1-3 Chequers Drive, Prestwood, HP16 9DU, 01494 863899 or 862858

Hughenden Valley Surgery, Valley Road, Hughenden, HP14 4LG, 01494 562189 or 563275

John Hampden Surgery, 97 High Street, Prestwood, HP16 9EU, 01494 890900

Dentists

The closest to the village are:

The Geans Surgery, Wycombe Road, Prestwood, HP16 0NZ, 01494 866138

The Village Practice, 35a Station Approach, Great Missenden, HP16 9AZ, 01494 862081

Dr S Handa, Prestwood Centre, 99 High Street, Prestwood, HP16 9ER, 01494 865997

Hospitals

Stoke Mandeville Hospital (offers 24 hour Accident & Emergency services), Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8AL, 01296 315000

Wycombe Hospital (offers 24 hour emergency medical care, including minor injuries but not a full Accident & Emergency service), Queen Alexandra Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2TT, 01494 526161

Amersham Hospital (no emergency services), Whielden Street, Amersham, HP7 0JD, 01494 434411

Pharmacies

The closest to the village are:

The Prestwood Pharmacy, 145 High Street, Prestwood, HP16 9HF, 01494 862303

Kinton Pharmacy, 44 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AU, 01494 862060

Boots, 9 Park Parade, Hazlemere, HP15 7AA, 01494 711713

Opticians

The closest to the village are:

Susan Collier, 3 Wycombe Road, Prestwood, HP16 0NZ, 01494 866270

Chiltern Opticians Ltd, 75 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AN, 01494 868496

Post Offices

Cryers Hill Post Office, Cryers Hill Road, Cryers Hill, HP15 6JP, 01494 712245

Prestwood Post Office, 151 High St, Prestwood, HP16 9HF Tel. 01494 862219

Great Missenden Sub Post Office, 34 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AU, 01494 862308

Sport & Leisure

The village has a thriving Cricket Club based in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Information about the Club can be found on its web site: www.gkcc.org.



Great Missenden Lawn Tennis Club, London Road, Great Missenden, 01494 864135

Sports Centre, Honor End Lane, Prestwood, HP16 9QY, 01494 866688

Pub/restaurant

The Red Lion, Missenden Road, Great Kingshill, HP15 6EB, 01494 711262.

This is a friendly and welcoming pub, which also serves good food.



Library

Great Missenden Library, High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 0AL, 01494 864659

High Wycombe Library, 5 Eden Place, High Wycombe, HP11 2DH, 0845 2303232

Transport

Trains

Local train stations are Great Missenden, High Wycombe and Beaconsfield, all operated by Chiltern Railways (www.chilternrailways.co.uk), and Amersham, operated by London Underground (www.tfl.gov.uk).

Services from Great Missenden go to London Marylebone and Aylesbury Vale Parkway, from High Wycombe to London Marylebone, Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham Snow Hill, and from Beaconsfield to London Marylebone and via High Wycombe to Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham Snow Hill.

Chiltern Railway trains from and to Great Missenden pass through Amersham, which is also served by the London Underground Metropolitan Line.

Bus services

Local bus services are operated by Arriva. The village is on the 45 and 48 routes that run between High Wycombe and Great Missenden Rail Station. Information on times can be obtained on 0871 200 2233 or www.arrivabus.co.uk

Taxis

Kingshill Cars, Great Missenden Station, Great Missenden, HP16 9AZ, 01494 868699, www.kingshillcars.co.uk

Orchard Cars, Orchard End, Inkerman Hill, Hazlemere, HP15 7JH, 01494 712222

Local Government

County Council

Buckinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA, 01296 395000, www.buckscc.gov.uk

District Councils

The northern part of the village – north of a line along the middle of Copes Road and Stag Lane falls within Chiltern District, the southern part of the village falls within Wycombe District:

Chiltern District Council, King George V Road, Amersham, HP6 5AW, 01494 729000, www.chiltern.gov.uk

Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe HP11 1BB, 01494 461000, www.wycombe.gov.uk

Parish Councils

The village is split between three Parish Councils: Hughenden, Great Missenden and Little Missenden.

Hughenden Parish Council covers those parts of the village south of a line along Spurlands End Road, Copes Road and Stag Lane:

Hughenden Parish Council, Council Offices, The Common, Great Kingshill, HP15 6EN, 01494 715296, www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Great Missenden Parish Council covers those parts of the village north of a line along Spurlands End Road, Copes Road and Stag Lane:

Great Missenden Parish Council, Memorial Centre, Link Road, Great Missenden, HP16 9AE, 01494 864792, www.greatmissendenpc.co.uk

Little Missenden Parish Council covers those parts of the village east of a line along Spurlands End Road up to the point where it joins Copes Road:

Little Missenden Parish Council, Council Offices, 38 New Pond Road, Holmer Green, HP15 6SU, 01491 715429, (no web site).

Local places of worship

Church of England

The south and south-western parts of the village fall within the parish of St. Michael & All Angels, Hughenden Valley, the north and north-western parts within the parish of Holy Trinity, Prestwood, the north-eastern part within the parish of St. Peter & St. Paul, Great Missenden, and the south-eastern part within the parish of St. John the Baptist, Little Missenden.

Roman Catholic

The Immaculate Heart of Mary, 23 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA, 01494 862049

Baptist

Kingshill Baptist Church, Windsor Lane, Little Kingshill, HP16 0DZ, 01494 864734

Methodist

Cryers Hill Methodist Church, Cryers Hill Lane, HP15 6AA, 01494 713283

Veterinary Surgery

Wendover Heights Centre, Martinsend Lane, Great Missenden, HP16 9HR, 01296 623439

Temple End Veterinary Surgery, 43 Temple End, High Wycombe, HP13 5DN, 01494 522956

The Chiltern Society

The Chilterns is a range of hills covering an approximate 650 square mile area across parts of four English counties: Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. The Chiltern Society aims to maintain the uniqueness of the Chilterns in the face of growing pressures on this part of the country.

Contact details: 01494 771250, www.chilternsociety.org.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

This is a community based organisation, and most roads in the village are covered by a road co-ordinator. Membership is free, and members are encouraged to receive the police 'Ringmaster' messages via the co-ordinator and to display the door stickers to assist in keeping the village a low crime area. Success has been achieved in most

areas of crime: burglary, anti-social behaviour and car crime are rare, and thanks to the 'no cold calling' stickers, doorstep crime is also rare. We want to keep it this way!

The Community Police Officer is PC 3146 Lee Turnham, and any concerns should be notified to the Police non-emergency number, which is 101 or email at lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Other useful numbers are:

Trading Standards No Doorstep Selling Zone: 0845 404 0506

Crime Stoppers: 0800 555111

If you do not receive a visit from your road co-ordinator, but wish to become involved, please contact one of the two area co-ordinators who live in the village: Stan Jones on 01494 716278 or Terry Williams on 01494 712265.

Other local groups and services

For more information about local clubs, societies and community organisations of all sorts, go to www.bucksinfo.net

