

Bentley Parish Council

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Dear Resident

The Parish Council has produced this letter to welcome newcomers to the village, and also to provide information for our residents. Parish notices and the minutes of the monthly Council meetings are displayed adjacent to BJ's hairdressers, on the notice board in the Village Hall car park and on the Parish Council website www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net. Parishioners are always welcome to come along and have an opportunity to comment during the public sessions of our regular meetings. For your information, a contact list of village activities etc. follows.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The Village is compiling a Neighbourhood Plan to provide statutory input into Babergh District planning Policy. The information for this is based on the results of a comprehensive survey of residents' opinion performed in 2018. It is hoped that this will be ready for affirmation by referendum by the end of 2019. For further information see <https://bentleyneighbourhoodplan.wordpress.com/>

CHURCHES: St. Mary's Parish Church is situated to the north of the Village and forms part of the Anglican parishes of the Dodnash Group (Bentley, Tattingstone and Copdock with Washbrook) now joined with Sproughton and Burstall in a new benefice. The church newsletter is distributed bi-monthly to each household within The Bentley Bugle. Bentley Baptist Church is situated near the War Memorial. Roman Catholic services are held in the Anglican Church in Capel St. Mary, approximately two miles west, and the nearest Roman Catholic Church is at Branham, approximately three miles to the south. The nearest Methodist Church is at Capel St. Mary.

VILLAGE HALL: The village hall is available for private hire to village residents only. Paper and bottle banks are located in the car park. For booking enquiries <http://www.krpa.co.uk/village-hall>

VILLAGE STORE: Adjacent to the Case is Altered. This was funded by grants and donations and is staffed and run by volunteers, with a wide range of goods and produce with a local emphasis. For further information see <http://www.bentleystores.co.uk/>

POST OFFICE: The nearest Post Office is at Capel St. Mary. Opening hours 08.00 – 18.00 Monday to Friday – 09.00 – 13.00 Saturday.

PUBLIC HOUSE: 'The Case is Altered' is located at the western edge of the village and has been acquired by over 150 members of the Community as a Community Asset. It is run by volunteers. See website for opening times – www.thecasepubbentley.co.uk/.

SCHOOLS: The C of E VC Primary School is situated in Church Road. Website: www.bcps.suffolk.dbprimary.com/suffolk/primary/bcps/arenas/website. Pupils over the age of 11 travel by bus to East Bergholt High School in the next village. www.eastbergholthigh.suffolk.sch.uk

PLAYING FIELD: Pedestrian access is via Case Lane. The main gate is kept locked at all times but should emergency access be required the key holders are Mr P W Willis – 01473 314014 and Mr G A Cribb – 01473 310623

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOTPATHS: There is an extensive network of signposted public paths and a 3½ mile circular walk around the outside edges of the village with short cuts back to the centre like spokes of a wheel. A map is available on the Parish Council website and through the 'Case' pub website <http://www.thecasepubbentley.co.uk/walks/>

MEDICAL: The Constable Country Medical Practice and dispensary are located at 36, The Street, Capel St. Mary, IP9 2EE (01473 310203) – Pharmacy (01473 31322) and Heath Road, East Bergholt (01206 298272) www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk

DENTAL: Capel Dental Practice, 63 Thorney Road, Capel St Mary, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2LL – 01473 311130.

PARENT & TODDLERS: Monday 9.30 to 12.00 Parent and Toddlers Wednesday 9.30 to 12.00 Parent and Toddlers Meet at Village Hall Phone 01473 310283 for information. **POLICE STATION:** Capel St. Mary Police Station– Bentley Road, Capel St Mary, IP9 2JN. Since April 2016 this building has been closed to the public. There is a public telephone located at the front door of the building from which the emergency number 999 and non-emergency number 101 may be contacted.

BUSES: Timetable is located in the War Memorial bus shelter. A 'Park and Ride' scheme into Ipswich town centre starts from the Park and Ride site near the A12/A14 junction 55 at Copdock Mill Interchange.

LIBRARY: The mobile library visits the village every four weeks on a Wednesday afternoon at Bentley Village Hall - 1.30 – 2.15 and Bentley Station 2.20 - 2.30 pm. The details can be found by going on to the Suffolk Libraries website, click on mobile library and follow on from there. Other library facilities at Capel St. Mary Village Hall. – Telephone 01473 311699

WASTE COLLECTION: Wheelie bins are emptied on Monday mornings (One day later after a Bank Holiday). A twin bin scheme is in operation. Bins for general rubbish and the blue bins for recycle waste are collected on alternate Mondays.

There is also a Brown Bin scheme for garden rubbish (fee payable) with collections on alternate Tuesdays. Brown Bin subscription - www.babergh.gov.uk or 08456 066 045

BENTLEY BUGLE: The Community and Church News is delivered bi-monthly to each household. Copies are also available from BJ's, Village Hall, Case is Altered and the Ipswich Building Society at Capel. It can also be viewed on the Internet at www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net

WEBSITES: The Parish Council's own website - www.bentleypc.onesuffolk.net, is the noticeboard for the Parish Council and contains updates of Parish information.

<http://www.krpa.co.uk>: private website gives further village information

BENTLEY DIRECTORY AND OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

PARISH, DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILS

Parish Council

Chairman Dr Michael Bamford 01473 730164 Parish Council
Vice Chair Cllr Robert (Bob) Feltwell 01473 310735
Parish Council – Clerk
Mrs Joy Scott 01206 298174

Babergh District Councillor (Copdock and Washbrook ward) Cllr Dave Busby
07855 777147

County Councillor (Samford ward) Mr Gordon Jones 01206 263072

BENTLEY ORGANISATIONS CLUBS

Aerobics Ms Jill Sharp
Bentley Primary School (Head Teacher) Mrs Jo Austin 01473 310253
Bentley Primary School (Chair Governors) Rev Don Mehen 01473 310383
Bentley Primary School (PTA) Mrs Alison Partridge 01473 313092
Bentley Comrades Mr Ray Savage 01473 311122
Bowls Club Mrs Lillian Calvert 01473 311756
Carpet Bowls Mrs Pam Rayment 01473 310283
Computer Club Mr John Blackmore 01473 310655
Constable Country Medical Practice – Patient Representative Mr Eric Rayment
01473 310283 Footpath Society Mr Tim Hamstead
Horticultural Society Mr John Blackmore 01473 310655
Link Lunch Club Mr Jim Smith 01473 310121
Parent & Toddlers Mrs Pam Rayment 01473 310283
Recorders Mrs Moira Usher 01473 310322
Scrabble Club Mr Robin Owen 01473 311844
Coffee & Company Mrs Sandra Mehen 01473 310383
Tree Warden Mr Colin Hawes 01473 310678
Tuesday Club Mrs Margaret Blackmore 01473 310655
Village Hall – Bookings Mrs Margaret Blackmore 01473 310655

Village History Recorder Mr John Tombs 01473 310737
Whist Club Mrs Veronica Howe 01473 310344
Women's Institute Mrs Sandra Ford 01473 310072

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BENTLEY

Rector Rev Annette Shannon 01473 807674
Ordained Local Minister Rev Don Mehen 01473 310383
Benefice Secretary Mrs Lyn Tomlinson 01473 328251
Churchwardens Mrs Carolyn Evans 01473 311090 Mr Ray Savage 01473 311122

BENTLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr Craig Whale 01473 311976 Mr Chris Cordle 01206 230923

USEFUL CONTACTS

Babergh District Council Suffolk Endeavour House, Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX
03001234000 County Council Endeavour House, Russell Road Ipswich IP1 2BX
01473 583000

Capel St Mary Post Office Capel St Mary 01473 310237

Capel Dental Practice Capel St Mary 01473 311130

Police HQ Ipswich 01473 613500 Police Capel St Mary 01473 613500

Buses Carters Coaches 01473 601120

Electricity UK Power Networks 0800 7838838

Gas Transco 0800 111999

Water Anglian Water 08457 145145

Trains (Customer Services) National Express 08456 007245

Doctor/Surgery/Dispensary Capel St Mary 01473 310203

Pharmacy 01473 311322 East Bergholt 01206 298272

Schools

Bentley CEVCP 01473 310253

East Bergholt High 01206 298200

Bentley Bugle (Parish magazine) Copy: Adrian Mills 01473 311103