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Dear New Resident

Welcome to Chalgrove.

Please find below a selection of useful information which we hope will make your transition to Chalgrove life a little easier. Any feedback would be gratefully received, good or bad.

You will find a list of shops, local eating places, regular meetings, and an outline of waste collection.

Please let me know if you find you're missing something you need, in case I can add that to the pack in future, but you will, I'm sure, find Chalgrovians helpful and friendly.

The Link, the village magazine, is full of useful information. This is delivered monthly, free of charge, to every home, and also available in Londis and the Post Office. Other sources of useful information are the Parish Council website, and www.chalgrove.info, which has links to various village groups. It is handy to get on the Parish Council e-mailing list, which will keep you well informed on a regular basis. There are also Chalgrove Village Noticeboard, Chalgrove Recycles and Chalgrove Gardening Facebook pages. The Shield website (Chalgrove Airport Action Group) is dedicated to that matter.

You might also be interested in maps of nearby walks of which several may be available from shops in Watlington.

Yours sincerely

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LOCAL SHOPS

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| Post Office | PO services, including cash, Car tax, currency, etc, plus Stationery, gifts, jewellery, cards and handmade cards 9 – 5.30, (half-day Wednesday) Saturday 9 – 12.30 |
| Londis | Wide range of groceries, some fruit and veg, and off-licence. Papers, sweets, stationery, cards, sundries, Paypoint , dry cleaning. Open 365 days, Mon – Sat 6 a.m. – 7.30 p.m. Sunday 6 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| Pharmacy | Mon – Fri 9 – 6 : Closed for lunch 1 - 2 Sat 9 – 1 p.m. |
| The Village Store (next to PO) | Groceries and off-licence, photocopier and cash point. 6.30 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. Sunday 7.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. |
| Posies and Presents – | Fruit, Veg, Gifts and Flowers (Teleflorist Agent), pastries, coffee and delicatessen. Mon – Fri 8.30 – 5 p.m. Sat 8.30 – 1 p.m. |
| Outside shops | Mobile wet fish van, Thursdays 1130 for a few minutes. Fish and chip van twice a week – Wednesday and Saturday. |

ELSEWHERE

Watlington

Butcher, Co-op (Post Office inside), kitchen shop, library, design shop, delicatessen, Chocolatier, So Sustainable.

Greengrocers – Thursday and Saturday morning, in the undercroft;

Hairdresser. Barber. Charity Shop. Bicycle service. Shops are mostly close at lunch with half day closing Wednesday.

Petrol

Market Garden - Michael Gee at Garden Cottage, Pyrton, OX49 5AN

Benson

Co-op, occasional butcher, card and gift shop, chemist, others changing hands. Petrol at the roundabout.

Stadhampton

Petrol station with M & S shop

Large supermarkets in the area: Tesco, Sainsbury, Waitrose, Asda (all of which deliver)

Markets in the area: Wallingford (Fridays 0830 –p.m.), Thame (Tuesdays, closes 1500),

Farmers markets: Grt. Haseley, Cowley. Once a month at Thame market.

Farm shops: Red Lion at Britwell Salome, Crazy Bear at Stadhampton,

Acorn Nursery, on the road to Thame, a little north of Stadhampton.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Chalgrove

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| The Red Lion | Excellent food |
| The Crown | ditto, takeaway style |
| The Lamb | excellent food, slightly different from the Lion |
| Picnic Hamper | On the Business Park, the other side of the Bypass Currently doing take-away. |
| Fish and Chip Van | Wednesday (alternate weeks) and Saturday evenings outside the shops 4.30 – 8.30 p.m. |

Stadhampton

The Crazy Bear - Thai and English

Cuxham

The Half Moon - mostly Italian food

Chiselhampton

The Coach and Horses

Watlington

House of Spice

Various pubs and a fish and chip shop

Berrick Salome

The Chequers

Roke

The Home Sweet Home

Little Milton

The Lamb

Benson

The Waterfront Café and various pubs
House of Spice
The Village Plaice – eat in and take away

Brightwell Baldwin

The Lord Nelson - now a deli with takeaway, not a pub.

Britwell Salome

The Red Lion

Great Milton

Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons (v. up-market)

And many more.

Regular Meetings of Chalgrove Groups (subject to Covid rules)

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| Mondays | | | |
| 1 st in the month | Chalgrove Local History Group | John Hampden Hall | 7.30 p.m. |
| 3 rd in the month | | | |
| 1 st in the month | Chalgrove Festival Committee | Red Lion | May vary dates |
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| Tuesdays | Over 55s Tuesday Club | Village Hall | 10 a.m. – 2p.m. |
| Weekly | Tots music stop | John Hampden Hall | 09.15 – 10.15 a.m. |
| | Parish Council Surgery | Parish Office | 9 a.m – 12 noon |
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| 3 rd in month | Chalgrove Book Group | Red Lion | 8.30 p.m. |
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| 4 th in the month | Mah-jong | Red Lion | 8.00 p.m. |
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| Wednesdays | | | |
| weekly | Play days | John Hampden Hall | 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. |
| 2 nd in the month | Women's Institute | John Hampden Hall | 8.00 p.m. (and on line) |
| Weekly | Tai Chi | Village Hall | 9.15– 10.30 a.m. |
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| Thursdays | Coffee and chat | John Hampden Hall | 10 – 12 a.m . |
| 1 st in month | Parish Council | Village Hall | 7.30 p.m. |
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| 2 nd in month | Chalgrove Cavaliers FC | Red Lion | 8 p.m. |
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| Fridays | Chalgrove Parent and Toddler | Community Hall | 9.30 – 11.55 a.m. |
| | Parish Council Surgery | Parish Office | 9 – 12 a.m. |
| | St. Mary's Church Choir | Church/John Hampden Hall | 7.30 – 9 p.m. |
| | Chalgrove Health Walks | Various | a.m. tel: 890730 |

There are many more groups, including football, netball teams, and yoga and zumba classes, and walking football and table tennis (and netball soon) for the over-50s (see below). Some are on Zoom. Chalgrove.info has links to most groups.

Chalgrove Wildlife and Conservation Society (CWaCS for short!)

Cleaner Chalgrove, and Chalgrove Communicating.

Watch the notice boards, ask around, and read the Link for more information.

Groups will always welcome new members.

Church St Mary's C of E, in Church Lane, combined with the Methodists since the Chapel closed.

COMMUNITY WASTE SERVICE

Rubbish is collected weekly, alternating landfill and recycle. Dates for each month are published in the Link.

In a nutshell

- the **grey (black)** wheelie bin is anything that can't be recycled. For broken toasters, kettles, irons, hairdryers, drills, radios, small electronic toys, telephones, power tools, straighteners, shavers, and other small electricals - put those items in a tied clear carrier bag next to your grey bin.
- the **green wheelie** bin is recycling - paper, card, glass, clean aluminium foil and suitable clean plastics – but not film or expanded polystyrene. Household batteries separately in a clear plastic bag. Tatty, torn and unusable old clothes and textiles also in a tied clear carrier bag next to your bin on your normal collection day. (Useable clothes should go to a charity shop or advertised freecycle pages.)
- the **small green bins** are for food waste only, in any form of lining or bag. The tiny one is for inside the house, the bigger one for outside. The handle pushed over the front locks the bin, keeping contents away from scavenging animals. Loose food in these bins tends to end up on the roadway, so it's better to bag it.
- the **brown wheelie bin** is for garden waste (compostable and not too chunky for the council shredder) – you have to pay an annual fee for this. Contact SODC.

The grey goes one week, the brown and green go the alternate week. The dates are published in the Link. Food waste is collected every week.

Bins need to be left outside the boundary, or just a step inside. They don't walk up paths, unless special arrangements are made for the less able. They can come very early, especially the food waste chaps, so evening is the best time to put them out. Overflowing bins can cause littering – please weight the lid on a windy day.

Other methods of disposal

Clothing - in the car park of the Lamb

Dump - Oakley Wood (through Ewelme and keep going or Wallingford roundabout and turn left)
Or Redbridge (adjacent to Park and Ride, next junction from Sainsbury's)

Bins various – Asda in Wheatley have bottle/paper/can banks and a Salvation Army bank.

GARAGES

Chalgrove: - John Boyd near the Business Park, and some travelling mechanics.

Watlington - FW 4 x 4 - (Ian Prior)

Copas Farms, Lys Farm Buildings, Watlington, OX49 5EP Tel: 01491 613303

Thame Road - RCP

Nearest Petrol: Stadhampton and Watlington

Supermarket sources at Tesco, Sainsbury, and Asda. Benson on the Reading Road

Buses - Public transport is very limited, but we still have the 11 (time-table on their website), and there is a Thame Market bus.

REGULAR EVENTS (not until covid19 clears – watch the Link)

QUIZZES: 2 per year organised by the Church
1 organised by Age Concern,
Some others yet to become regular, but watch the Link for details.

Fun Dog show – at the May Festival, run by Cleaner Chalgrove. (new organiser needed or won't happen)
The Chalgrove Village Festival – on the early May Day Bank Holiday - various entertainments for all the family on the Recreation Ground.
Litter picks: monthly by the Scouts, twice a year by Cleaner Chalgrove volunteers.

OVER 60s SPORTS:

Table Tennis: every Thursday 1000 – 1100 at Chalgrove Village Hall Youth Centre. Fee £2
Zumba Gold for 60+: Fridays, 1100 – 1200, Chalgrove Village Hall. Fee £5
Senior Circuits: Fridays, 1000 – 1100, Watlington Memorial Club. Fee £4
Walking Football: Wednesday 1830 – 1930, Friday 1100 – 1200, Chalgrove Multi Games Court Fee £3 for 1, £5 for two.
Walking Netball
Nordic Walking; Thursdays 1000 – 1100, Watlington Sports Pavilion. Fee £5
Health walks every Friday for all levels.

Other exercise – watch Link and Facebook Noticeboard for details – Yoga, Zumba, pilates

DOG WALKING:

Dog walkers are, in the main, responsible, walking at all hours, around the streets or on the recreation grounds, or along the various footpaths around the village. Chalgrove is very well furnished with red bins for the disposal of dog waste, and poo bags can be bought in Londis. There are a few boxes adjacent to poo bins for **emergency** poo bags. These are supplied, thanks to fund raising events, by Cleaner Chalgrove, a group of volunteers. Please, only take the ONE you need. If you don't pass a red poo bin, please take home and put in your grey bin.

The pubs are dog-friendly, as long as the dogs are sociable.

There are professional dog-walkers and sitters in the village, and in the area.

DENTISTS

Searching the internet, there appear to be several NHS dentists in the Cowley/Headington areas, including one (Westbridge Dental Practice) in Templars Square in Cowley, which you can get to by bus. There are also dentists in Benson, Berinsfield and in Watlington.

WINDOW CLEANERS

There are several around.
One recommendation we have received is Lee West and his mobile: 07791 662193.

HAIRDRESSERS

There are at least three hairdressers who come to your home – see the Link or ask around.
A salon in the Post Office, One in Benson, one in Watlington. But I think one has opened on the Business Park. See the Link or the Village Noticeboard Facebook page

Useful Phone Numbers

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| Tuesday Club (over 55s): | Naheed Qureshi | 01865 890879 |
| Chalgrove Post Office | | 01865 890231 |
| Chalgrove Pharmacy | | 01865 890587 |
| Chalgrove Relief in Need | | Wendy Ace, Chair, 90 Brinkinfield |
| CHATS (Doctor/Hospital Transport) | | 07495 636744 |
| Clerk to Parish Council Jo Murphy | | 01865 890432 (office) 07946 383199 (mob) |
| Doctor's Surgery | | 01865 890760 |
| When closed call | | 0845 345 8995 |
| NHS direct | | 08 45 46 47 |
| Minor Injuries Units | Abingdon | 01865 425161 |
| | Henley | 01491 637435 |
| First Aid Unit | Wallingford | 01856 425200 |
| Libraries | Watlington | 01491 612241 |
| | Benson | 01491 838474 |
| Police – | | 101 |
| Chalgrove Neighbourhood Crimestoppers | | 0800 555111 |
| Schools: | Chalgrove Primary/ Nursery | 01865 890385 |
| | Icknield Community College | 01491 612691 |
| South Oxon District Council: | | 01491 823000 |
| District Councillor Dave Turner | | 01865 891169 |
| Vets: | Larkmead in Benson, Didcot and Cholsey | |
| | Medivet in Wheatley | |
| | Vet in Watlington. | |

CFAG – Chalgrove Flood Alleviation Group

We have no personal phone number to offer you, but for information about the brooks, and the duties of those living alongside the brooks (riparian owners) contact the Parish Council Clerk, listed above.