



# Great Maplestead Community Information

This document is designed to tell you things you may like to know about **Great Maplestead** and how to access the services and activities that are available. For information and guidance about other informal community services contact the Church Wardens or the Parish Clerk.

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## Useful Contacts:

**Parish Council** – any enquiries, requests or correspondence should initially be made or sent to the **Parish Clerk**:

**Ann Crisp** New House, St Giles Close, Gt Maplestead, CO9 2RW  
Telephone: 01787 460 216 (4-6pm Mon-Thurs)  
E-mail: [anncrisp@greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk](mailto:anncrisp@greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk)

**Parish Councillors** – and their main responsibilities:

<b>Steve Harris</b> – Chairman, Communications (Newsletter/Website/Social Media) Footpaths, Projects, Personnel	01787 462 818
<b>Simon Last</b> – Vice-Chairman, Financial Overview, Neighbourhood/Local Planning, Projects/Funding, Personnel	01787 462 957
<b>Ian Johnson</b> – Neighbourhood Watch Representative, Local Police Liaison, Personnel	01787 461 109
<b>Joe Newton</b> – Emergency Response Co-ordination, Playing Field Maintenance, Car Parks, Tree Warden	01787 461 308
<b>Rob Brudenell</b> – Highways/Road Safety, Task Force/Litter Picking Co-ordination, Public Transport	01787 829 524
<b>Barry Vincent</b> – Planning Overview, Community/Church Liaison, Council Risk Assessments, National Grid Liaison	07740 067 329
<b>Dorothy Weight</b> – Community Care, Cost of Living Support, Environmental/Ecological Monitoring, Projects, Planning	01787 461 643

## Useful Contacts:

**St Giles' Church** – up-to-date information about the monthly Services and any special events can be found at the following website:

[http://www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk/church\\_services.html](http://www.knights-hospitallers.org.uk/church_services.html)

The Vicar is:

**Rev. Beverley Vincent**

01787 460 273  
khvicar@gmail.com

If you would like to attend, but have no transport, please feel free to contact the **Church Wardens**:

**Paula Sillett** 07975 571 253  
**Denise O'Connell** 07795 170 048



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**St Giles' C of E Primary School** – for information about admissions, term dates and syllabus enquiries contact:

**The School Office**

01787 460 481

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**Village Hall** – this is available to hire for all types of functions. For booking forms, details of facilities, availability and the rates and conditions of hire, contact the **Bookings Secretary**:

**Liz Newton** 01787 461 308



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**Village Playing Field** – this is a **Parish Council**-owned community amenity, featuring, amongst other things, a **Boules Court**, **picnic benches**, an exciting new children's **Adventure Play Area** and an all-weather '**Access-for-All**' exercise path. It is freely available for casual social activities but, to hold an **Organised Event**, an '**Application for Use**' needs to be made – **at least eight weeks before the required date** – on a form obtainable from the **Parish Clerk**.

## Where things are:



**Village Information Board** – this is located in the **Village Playing Field** car park. It provides both residents and casual visitors to **Great Maplestead** with information about the village, local footpath walks and places of interest.

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**Bottle Recycling Bank** – this is situated to the left of the **Village Playing Field** car park entrance and is maintained by **Braintree District Council**. If the containers are full, **do not** leave bottles beside them but notify the **Parish Clerk** to have the containers emptied.

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**Dog Waste Bins** – there are seven of these, located:

- by the **footpath steps** opposite **the Village Hall**
- in the **Village Playing Field** car park
- at the junction of **Lucking St** and **Toldish Hall Rd**
- opposite **Little Chelmshoe House** on the **Gestingthorpe Rd**
- near the junction of **Maple Lodge** and **Gestingthorpe Roads**
- at the junction of **Dynes Hall Rd** and **Purles Hill Rd**
- in the field entrance where **Footpath 19** crosses **Toldish Hall Rd**



Dog owners **can** use general litter bins for double-bagged dog waste, but are requested **not** to leave full waste bags dumped in the open.

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**Post Boxes** – there are three of these, located in:

- **Church St** - next to the bench near Magpies.  
[Last Collections: Mon-Fri **9.00am**; Sat **7.00am**]
- **Toldishall Rd** - at the T-junction with Lucking St.  
[Last Collections: Mon-Fri **9.00am**; Sat **7.00am**]
- **Purles Hill** - at the junction with Dynes Hall Rd  
[Last Collections: Mon-Fri **9.00am**; Sat **7.00am**]



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**Village Notice Boards** – there are three of these, carrying information about local events and **Parish Council** matters, located at:



- **St Giles' Church** – to the left hand side of the entrance gate in **Church St**.
- **Toldish Hall Rd** – on the verge at the T-junction with **Lucking St**.
- **Dynes Hall Rd**. – on the south side of the verge, 300m east of **Purles Hill Rd**.

## Important Information:

**Village Emergency Centres** – These are the **Village Hall** (where an **accessible heart defibrillator** is already fitted to an outside wall – a **code** obtained by dialling 999 is needed to open the cabinet), **St Giles' School** and **St Giles' Church**. Each centre has wi-fi, cooking/heating, first-aid materials and basic equipment to enable residents to respond initially to either village or other local emergencies. Further details of the facilities provided at each of these centres, and **key-holder contact information**, can be found on the **Emergency Information Leaflet**, printed copies of which are available in the Church, and on the **Parish Council Website**.

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## Some Community Activities:

**The Maple Leaves – Independent Ladies Social and Dining Club** meets on the first Thursday of each month, usually in the Village Hall. For details of events and other venues contact:

**Angela Davis**

01787 236 007

**WEA** – this runs Monday evening Spring/Autumn term adult education courses in the Village Hall. For current course details contact:

**Jean Bowers** – Secretary

01787 460 181

**Task Force** – a volunteer group undertaking general tidying and work in the village's public spaces. If you'd like to help, contact:

**Rob Brudenell** – Task Force Leader

01787 829 524

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This document covers just a small selection of the various community services and activities available in **Great Maplestead**.

For information on current and future events and other amenities like the Wednesday **Church Coffee Mornings**, the annual **Autumn Show** and **Jumble Sale**, **Refuse Collection** and **Recycling** schedules and the **Maplestead Fuel Syndicate**, go to the **Parish Council/Village** website: <https://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/>

Local supplier and event information can also be found in **Parish News**, a monthly on-line and print magazine, copies of which are delivered free to every household and can also be picked up from the Church.