



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**:

Denise Ellison 25 Monks Road, Earls Colne, Essex CO6 2RY
Telephone: 07566 265 447 (4.30-6.30pm Mon/Tue/Thurs)
E-mail: clerk@greatmaplestead-pc.gov.uk

Parish Councillors – and their main responsibilities:

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

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 **Purls 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**]
- **Purls 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 **Purls 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

The Carpet Bowls Club – this meets on Mondays at 2.00pm in the **Village Hall** from January-May, then September to Christmas:

Janice Chaplin

01787 469 600

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://greatmaplestead-pc.gov.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.