



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

Parish Councillors – and their main responsibilities:

Martin Elms – Chairman, Highways, Road Safety, Task Force, Community Care Overview, Personnel	01787 461 421
Steve Harris – Vice-Chairman, Communications, Footpaths, Project Funding, Personnel	01787 462 818
Peter Haylock – Development & Planning Overview	01787 460 302
Ian Johnson – Neighbourhood Watch & Crime Prevention, Transport Matters	01787 461 109
Simon Last – Neighbourhood & Local Plan Matters, Project Funding Lead, Financial Overview	01787 462 957
Patricia Maile – Ecological Programme/Projects, Tree Warden	01787 461 002
Joe Newton – Emergency Response Co-ordination, Playing Field, Car Parks, Ditch/Drainage Monitoring	01787 461 308

Useful Contacts:

St Giles' Church – holds the following regular services:

1st Sunday each month	6.30pm	Evensong/Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday each month	9.30am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday each month	11.00am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday each month	11.00am	Family Service

The Vicar is:
Rev. Gay Ellis 01787 460 273

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

Gill Peskett 01787 462 786
Jill Newton 01787 463 893



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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 includes a children's **Play Area** and is a community amenity owned by the **Parish Council**. The field is freely available for casual 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 six 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 Chelmsloe House** on the **Gestingthorpe Rd**
- near the junction of **Maple Lodge** and **Gestingthorpe Roads**
- at the junction of **Dynes Hall Rd** and **Purils Hill Rd**



Dog owners are requested **not** to use general litter bins for dog waste, nor 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 **5.30pm**; Sat **10.00am**]
- **Toldishall Rd** - at the T-junction with Lucking St.
[Last Collections: Mon-Fri **9.00am**; Sat **7.00am**]
- **Purils Hill** - at the junction with Dynes Hall Rd
[Last Collections: Mon-Fri **5.15pm**; Sat **9.30am**]



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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 of the T-junction with **Lucking St**.
- **Dynes Hall Rd.** – on the south side of the verge, 300m east of **Purils Hill Rd**.

Important Information:

Village Emergency Centres – These are the **Village Hall**, where a **fully-accessible heart defibrillator** is already fitted to an outside wall – **no code** is needed to open the cabinet – **St Giles' School** and **St Giles' Church**. Each of these centres has wi-fi, cooking/heating and first-aid materials and basic equipment to enable residents to respond initially to both village and 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:

Women's Institute – this meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For details contact:

Carol Brownlie – President	01787 461 527
Janice Chaplin – Secretary	01787 469 600

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

Martin Elms – Task Force Leader	01787 461 421
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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 events and other amenities like the **Bus Service**, the Wednesday **Church Coffee Mornings**, the **Maplestead Autumn Show**, **Refuse Collection and Recycling** schedules and the **Maplestead Fuel Syndicate**, go to the **Parish Council** website: <https://greatmaplesteadpc.co.uk/>

Local event information can also be found in the monthly **Parish Magazine**, copies of which are delivered free to every household in the village and can be picked up from the Church.