

HAMSTEAD MARSHALL

A-Z guide to services in and near the village

ACCOUNTANTS

GMC Associates (Gill Cook ACA), Park Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HL
07867 801218 gmc@gmc121.co.uk.

BROADBAND

Gigaclear <https://www.gigaclear.com> delivers fibre-to-the-household for most of Hamstead Marshall.

Alternatives:

Most houses in Hamstead Marshall with an 01488 telephone number are unable to receive broadband by BT landline, because the houses are more than 5km (by cable distance) from the telephone exchange. They can however pick up a 4G broadband signal by using a high-gain, roof-mounted antenna, linked to a router with an express card.

BUSES

Newbury Buses no 13 service runs along the Kintbury Road between Newbury, Inkpen and Hungerford.

Check www.reading-buses.co.uk/kennections for the current timetable.

CHIMNEY SWEEP

Howard the Sweep

trevor@howardthesweep.co.uk 07531 277668, 01635 202262

CHURCHES

Anglican

[St Mary's Church](#) stands on upon a hill in the north of the parish, overlooking the river Kennet.

The ecclesiastical parish of Hamstead Marshall is part of a united benefice which also includes Enborne, West Woodhay, Inkpen, Kintbury and Combe.

(www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk), served by one rector, who lives in Kintbury, supported by associate priests.

Priest-in-charge: Rev Mark Wilson

Associate priests:

Rev Sue Webster 01635 32708, 07747 391291

Rev Matthew Cookson 01488 669043

Jenny Veasey

Church contact: John Stevenson 07775 521704

Roman Catholic

The nearest Roman Catholic church is **St Francis de Sales** in Wash Common. There are also Catholic churches in Newbury (**St Joseph's**) and Hungerford.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (ladies' group)

The group meets usually on the first Thursday of the month in the village hall at 7.00pm, usually to hear an arranged talk, but sometimes to have an outing or a local walk. There is no membership as such – anyone is welcome to come, and to bring a friend. The entrance fee of £3.00 covers tea/coffee and the raffle. If you would like to know more, look for details on parish noticeboards,

www.hamsteadmarshall.net/whatson.htm, in the *Hamstead Hornet* or contact Sue

Watts: 01488 658932 or soosy.watts@gmail.com

COMMUNITY MARKET

Hamstead Marshall & Enborne Community Market is held on the second Saturday of each month, usually from 10am until 1pm at the village hall in Park Lane. There are larger special markets held at Elm Farm in mid-summer and at Christmas. Details are available [online](#) and on [facebook](#).

Stalls vary, but they usually include home-made cakes & pastries, eggs, bakery, refreshments, secondhand books, sometimes cheese, and the chance to meet your neighbours. The summer and Christmas markets are bigger, and feature gifts and crafts.

For further information or to book a stall, call 01488 658932 or 658168.

COMPUTER HELP

Crossplatform: Patrick Rogers <http://www.crossplatform-it.co.uk>
07920 168996 or 01635 226116

DOGS

Dog and puppy training classes are on offer at the village hall. See details on www.hamsteadmarshall.net/social-life/whats-on.

Dogs' Trust Newbury, Plumb's Farm, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HR
01488 658391 (rehoming of abandoned and unwanted dogs).

Enborne Kennels and Cattery, Enborne Street, Enborne RG20 0JP
01635 253288.

Fraser (gun dog breeding and training) Old Post Office, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HW.

FISH AND CHIPS

A mobile fish and chip van (**Flippers**) calls at Ash Tree Grove every Monday at 6.45pm.

GARDEN SERVICES

Penwood Nurseries, The Drove, Penwood, Highclere RG20 9EW
01635 254366 webmail@penwoodnurseries.co.uk.

Yew Tree Garden Centre, Ball Hill, East Woodhay, Hants RG20 0NG
01635 255250 www.yewtreegc.co.uk.

Fairoak Machinery (same place as Yew Tree) 01635 244533.

Enborne & Hamstead Marshall Garden Society

was re-created in 1984 from a society whose origins go back to 1910. Members (and guests) meet four times a year, usually on a Wednesday evening:

- in spring (end of March or early April) either at a garden centre or in the village hall to hear a talk;
- in summer (end of June or first week in July) usually as an evening visit to an interesting private garden;
- in autumn for the **AGM, wine & cheese and quiz evening**;
- and in December for a Christmas-themed talk.

Details of meetings are mailed to members, and are also posted [online](#).

New members are always welcome. The annual subscription is £5 per individual, payable on 1 January each year, and it entitles the member to certain garden centre discounts. Contact Penelope Lake (19 Glendale Avenue, Wash Common, 01635 48701).

HAMSTEAD HORNET

The *Hamstead Hornet* is an independent, privately owned newsletter which comes out each March, June, September and December. It is published [online](#), and anyone may ask to be added to the email list which notifies readers and links to each issue as it becomes available. The *Hornet* does not take adverts, but the editor is always pleased to hear about parish news admin@hamsteadmarshall.net.

HEALTH CARE

West Berkshire Community Hospital

London Road, Thatcham RG18 3AS

01635 273500

Minor Injuries Unit open 0800-2200 daily

nearest A&E

Royal Berkshire Hospital

London Road, Reading RG1 5AN

0118 322 5111 www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk

or

The Great Western Hospital

Marlborough Road, Swindon, Wilts SN3 6BB

01793 604020

NHS GP surgeries which normally accept new patients from Hamstead Marshall:

Falkland Surgery

Monks Lane, Newbury RG14 7DF

01635 279972 www.falklandsurgery.co.uk

Eastfield House Surgery, Dr Weller and partners

6 St John's Road, Newbury RG14 7LW

01635 41495 or 522751

Kintbury Surgery

Newbury Street, Kintbury RG17 9UX

01488 658294

For GP out-of-hours services dial 111 NHS Direct

NHS dentistry

ADP Dental Surgery

32b Fairview Rd, Hungerford RG17 0BN

01488 686309

Dental Surgery

95 High Street, Hungerford RG17 0NB

01488 684142

Baldev's Dental Care

2 St Johns Rd, Newbury RG14 7LX

01635 49999

HORSES

Morewood Estate, Hamstead Marshall, RG20 0HD (DIY livery)

[Holtwood Stables](#), Sandra McDermott, Holtwood Farm, Watery Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0JH 07788 775854 (riding activities).

Organisation of Horsebox & Trailer Owners (OHTO) Whitehill Farm, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HP 01488 657651 www.horsebox-rescue.co.uk (breakdown assistance for members)

W&S Lamperd Services Ltd, White Hart Stables, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HW 07812 193747 www.whitehartstables.com (training horses and riders)

Enborne Equestrian www.enborneequestrian.co.uk 07929 873071 (riding lessons, hacking, livery, horse sales and horse shows)

MEMBER(S) OF PARLIAMENT(S) FOR HAMSTEAD MARSHALL

House of Commons UK constituency: Newbury. MP **Richard Benyon** (Con) local office on 01635 551070; House of Commons office on 0207 219 8319 www.RichardBenyon.com BenyonR@parliament.uk

European Parliament UK constituency: South East. See www.europarl.org.uk/uk_meps/MembersMain.htm for details of the MEPs

MILK DELIVERIES

H J & A J Whiting, Dodds Farm, Burghclere, Hants 01635 278206

MOBILE LIBRARY

visits Hamstead Marshall every third Thursday at the village hall 10.20 - 11.00am

For dates see the [what's on calendar](#) ring 01635 519827 or email NewburyLibrary@westberks.gov.uk quoting D route.

MUSIC TUITION

Jamie Ryder-Phillips, drum lessons for children and teenagers, all grades, two drum kits, after school, weekends, holidays 01488 758731, 07917 123336

Viv Toll at The Barn House, Watery Lane, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0JH 01635 253072 (piano tuition at all levels)

NEWSLETTERS AND WHAT'S ON INFO

See *Hamstead Hornet* under **H**

Also see [Pennypost](#): community news and events calendar for West Berks and east Wilts. You can sign up to receive a weekly email digest of local news and events [The Breeze](#) (Newbury's radio station)

NEWSPAPERS

Daily deliveries are made by Rob McGregor 07766 316486.

OIL BUYING GROUP

Lanie Allen runs an oil buying group which now has about 400 members in the villages around Hamstead Marshall, including Enborne, Kintbury, Inkpen, West Woodhay, East Woodhay, Ball Hill, East End, Wash Water, Woolton Hill, Penwood and Highclere. Bulk-buying can achieve significant price savings. Members supply their details and requirements to Lanie, who orders monthly, having rung round the oil companies to get the best price each time. Members pay their own bills directly to the company that delivers to them. A charge of £10 a year to group members is payable to Lanie to cover admin costs.

01488 658168 or laonee@btopenworld.com

OIL PAINTING CLASSES

for all levels are held in Hamstead Marshall village hall on Monday afternoons. New learners are welcome. Pupils provide their own art materials, but can take a trial lesson with materials provided if wished. Further details from **Chris Turner** on **01488 658587**

PARISH COUNCIL

Members:

John Handy

10 Salters, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HH

01635 254800 john@jphandy-forestry.com

Peter Benest

Little Farm, Holtwood, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0JH

01635 253627 peterbenest@newburyweb.net

Stuart Morton

Elm View, Hamstead Marshall RG20 0HW

01488 657465 stuarttmorton@googlemail.com

Anne Budd

8 Ash Tree Grove, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury RG20 0HJ

01488 657022 anne.budd1@btinternet.com

parish clerk

Sarah Bosley parish_clerk@hotmail.co.uk

Meetings usually take place on the third Monday of January, March, May (the annual parish assembly), July, September and November in the village hall. Details are published [online](#) and parish noticeboards. All residents are welcome to attend. Any parishioner who is concerned about a local issue may ask any councillor or the parish clerk for the matter to be raised at a council meeting.

PARISH PLAN

Hamstead Marshall's Parish Plan is currently under revision. The team involved consists of:

Jane Arnold-Round 01635 36370

Anne Budd 01488 657022

Hallam Goad 07597 127801

Nick Wallis 07747 792549

Sue Watts 01488 658932

The first parish plan was adopted by West Berkshire Council in 2007, since when many of its planned actions have been completed, thanks to funding from a variety of sources

such as WBC, Vibrant Villages, Greenham Trust and North Wessex Downs AONB. The plan can be read in full [online](#).

The Village Design Statement (VDS) is a separate document defining the character of the village for the purposes of future planning. It was drawn up in consultation with village residents over two years, and was adopted by WBC in August 2009. The VDS can be read in full [online](#).

POLICE

Hamstead Marshall is part of Thames Valley Police, Hungerford area.

Hungerford no longer has a police station.

Newbury police station is at Mill Lane, Newbury RG14 5QU.

Open 8am to 10pm daily, except for Christmas Day.

Contact the neighbourhood police team

HungerfordandDownlandsNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

For all non-emergencies (or to verify that a caller at your door is the police as s/he claims) ring 101. In emergency ring 999.

If you want to report something anonymously ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

The police and crime commissioner for Thames Valley Police is Anthony Stansfeld, who is also one of the two West Berkshire councillors representing Hamstead Marshall.

POST OFFICES

Kintbury Corner Stores 01488 658358

Stockcross Post Office Stores 01488 657602

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING CONSULTANCY

Avril Chaffey MCIPR, 5 The Village Hamstead Marshall, RG20 0HN

01488 657115 avril.chaffey@btinternet.com

PUBS/RESTAURANTS

The White Hart Inn closed in September 2015.

Craven Arms, Enborne RG20 0HG 01635 253336

Red House, Marsh Benham RG20 8LY 01635 582017

Dundas Arms, 53 Station Rd, Kintbury RG17 9UT

01488 658263 www.dundasarms.co.uk

Furze Bush, Ball Hill, East Woodhay, Hants RG20 0NQ

01635 253228 www.furzebushinn.co.uk

RUBBISH

Wheelie bins are emptied by West Berks Council on Monday mornings, alternating weekly between the green bins for compostable waste, and the black bins for general waste.

Food waste in compostable bags should be put out in the green wheelie bin.

Garden waste collection (green wheelie bin) now requires payment of £50pa to WBC.

Recycling baskets for paper, card, glass, plastic bottles and cans, and the green bin, are emptied every other Monday.

The council will collect bulky domestic rubbish from householders on request.

See also *Unwanted household goods* below.

For a leaflet on recycling, or information about the tip at Sandford ring Streetcare on 01635 519080 or email streetcare@westberks.gov.uk.

Streetcare (see above) is also the agency to which flytipping, litter, abandoned cars, potholes and road obstructions should be reported.

SHOPS

Kintbury Corner Stores, The Square, Kintbury 01488 658358

Stockcross Post Office Stores, B4000, Stockcross 01488 657602

Ball Hill Convenience Store (formerly the Old Bakery) RG20 0NU 01635 255111

UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Furniture, bedding, curtains, kitchen stuff, baby equipment, gardening equipment, CDs DVDs, household ornaments, even electrical goods (but not gas): if they are usable they can be sold to people in need by **Newbury Community Furniture Project** (charity). Deliver yourself or arrange collection. 01635 43933

www.cfpnewbury.org/donateus.php

VEG BOXES

Order a weekly organic veg box from Harroway Organics. Orders are placed through ORC Elm Farm (01488 658298) and paid for by Tuesdays. Delivery is to Elm Farm for collection on Thursdays usually after 11am.

VETS

Falkland Veterinary Clinic, 214 Newtown Rd, Newbury RG14 7ED

01635 46565

Small Animal Vets, The Coach House, Burlyns, East Woodhay RG20 0NU

01635 528017

VILLAGE HALL

The village hall and the recreation field alongside hold a wide variety of public social events such as the Bonfire Night Party, dog-training classes, keep-fit classes and the Circle of Friends. It is also available for private hire. See details [online](#) or contact Sue Watts on 01488 658932.

WALKS

Several walks of varying lengths in and around the village can be seen on

www.hamsteadmarshall.net/getting-around/local-walks.

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

Hamstead Marshall is represented as part of Kintbury Ward by **James Cole** (Con)

jcole@westberks.gov.uk and **Anthony Stansfeld** (Con)

astansfeld@westberks.gov.uk.

Anthony Stansfeld is also police and crime commissioner for Thames Valley Police.

WEBSITE

Almost everything you could want to know about the village – what's on, walks, activities, services, facilities, topography, history etc – is detailed on

www.hamsteadmarshall.net.

YOGA, REFLEXOLOGY, AQUA-DETOX, MEDITATION

Inga Craven, 25 Chapel Corner, Hamstead Marshall RG20 OHR

01488 658744

Neeta Madahar

Hatha Flow and Chair Yoga classes and Natural Breath Awareness meditation

www.neetamadahar-yoga.com; [email](#)