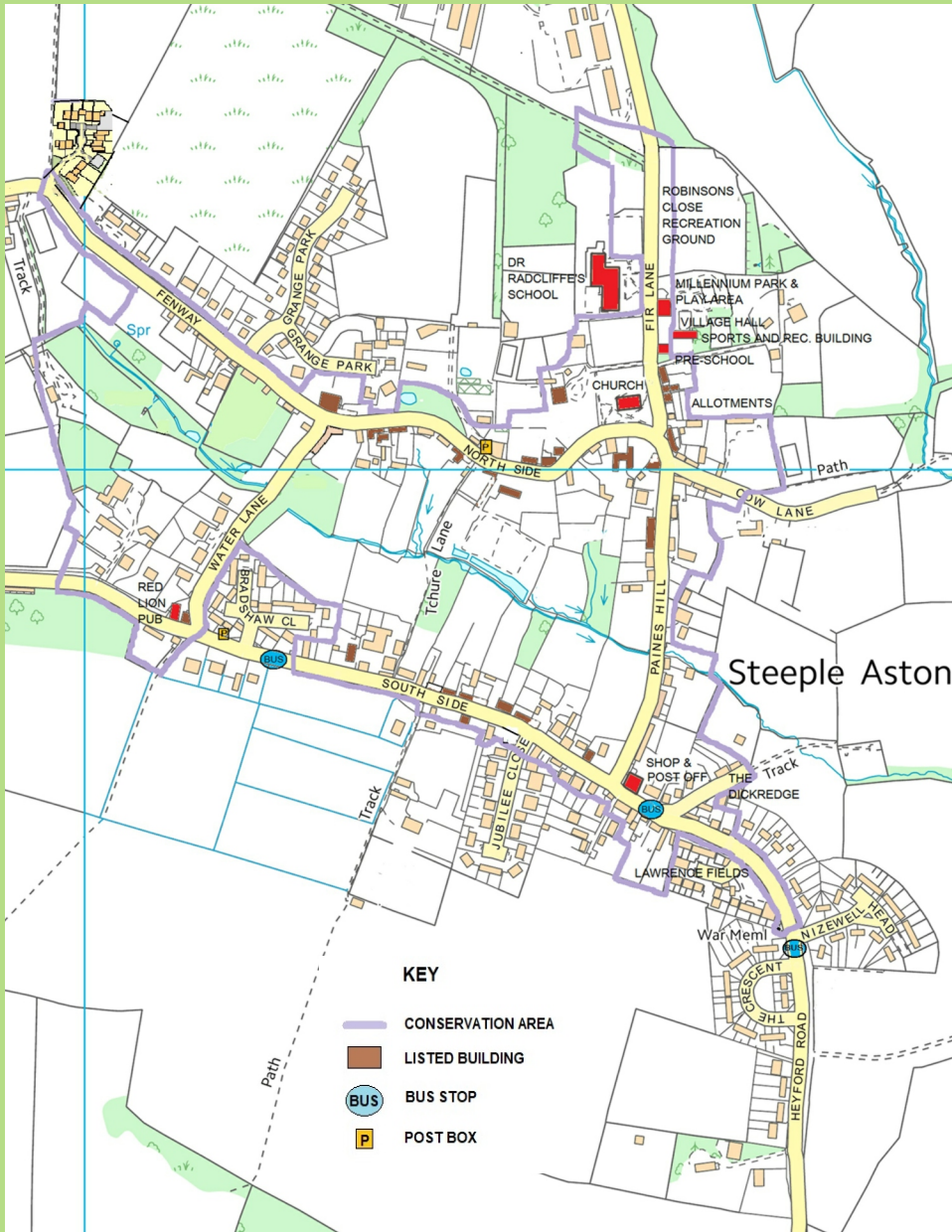


WELCOME TO STEEPLE ASTON



On behalf of Steeple Aston Parish Council (PC), we would like to wish you a very warm welcome to the village. We hope that the information contained in this leaflet will help you to settle more comfortably into your new home and the village.

Steeple Aston is a thriving community with some excellent facilities of which we are very proud. Amongst these are Dr. Radcliffe's School, the Village Hall, the Playgroup, the Sports and Recreation Centre, the Robinsons Close recreation ground, and the very popular Playground.

Neighbours usually become your first contacts and source of information but please feel free to get in touch with any member of the Parish Council for assistance. As residents, we trust you will soon feel, and become, part of this community. If you would like to be on the PC's email list to receive occasional updates, just let the Parish Clerk know.

We have tried to gather as much useful information as possible in this leaflet and would welcome any suggestions you may have for its improvement. Please contact our Parish Clerk if you have any thoughts on this. We wish you many happy years in Steeple Aston and hope you will join us in sustaining our friendly and active community, as we return to more normal times after a difficult 2020/21.

The village has its ancient roots in agriculture although its farmhouses and ancillary buildings have lost their original uses and become dwellings for some of the nearly 1000 people who now live here. The rural location between Oxford and Banbury, away from the main road yet still served by a bus route and with a nearby train station, makes our village a desirable and quiet place to live. Even so, the PC is frequently told about car parking issues, and asked about residents cleaning-up after their dogs. Please act considerably if these concerns affect you.

Parish Clerk: Cathy Fleet parishclerk.steepleaston@gmail.com or 01869 347000

The Parish Council meets on the third Monday of the month, in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm. The Parish Clerk and 7 councillors, whose details can be found on the Village Website, are happy for you to contact them about any parish issues, and the meetings are open to the public. The meeting agendas are displayed on noticeboards in the village, and on the website.

The Village Website www.steepleaston.org.uk is full of information and news and is regularly updated, and the **Facebook page** is in daily use by many residents. The village magazine - **Steeple Aston Life (SAL)** - comes through your door free of charge every month: all the result of voluntary activity by local people.

Cherwell District Council is the local planning authority, and is responsible for waste collection, housing and other services. **Oxfordshire County Council** is the Highway authority, and also provides Social Services.

The village Conservation Area covers the heart of the parish, and restricts some aspects of development which are permitted outside it. The PC is happy to give advice to residents considering building projects.

Broadband had been upgraded in recent years, and speeds are good. **Mobile phone reception**, however, remains quite poor, despite ongoing campaigns.

Harris Stores - the village shop and Post Office - is run by Raj and members of his family, and the **Red Lion**, the only remaining pub in the village, has re-opened after changing hands in 2021.

The Village Hall is also returning to its usual busy range of activities and the **Village History Centre** and its archive is open every Saturday morning for family and village history research.

The Playground is one of the most popular in the district, and is regularly maintained and checked for safety. It has a public WC close by.

Robinsons Close Recreation Ground is yours to use (but dogs aren't allowed), and home to football matches and village events such as the annual Flower Show, Church Fete, and Firework display.

The Allotments off Fir Lane are also popular, and occasionally have vacancies.

Bottle and Clothes Banks can be found in the Village Hall car park.

Recycling of many materials is available at Ardley Recycling Centre and there is also a village project: **Sustainable Steeple**
www.facebook.com/SustainableSteeple.

Waste Collection is on Thursdays, alternating between green bins (rubbish) one week, and blue (recycling) and brown (garden and food waste) the next.

Doctors' Surgery - the nearest is at Deddington Health Centre, and **Dentists** can also be found in Deddington, and newly at Heyford Park. Deddington also has a small pharmacy, and Woodstock a larger one. There are two **Defibrillators** in the village - at the Sports and Recreation Centre and the Red Lion.

The nearest A&E department is at the Horton Hospital, Banbury and we also have the world-class John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford for major health issues.

Vets can be found in Deddington, Woodstock and Bicester.

Buses serving the village are the S4 between Banbury and Oxford and the OurBus Barton service. Times can be found on the village website, in SAL, and at the bus stops.

Trains run to London and Birmingham from Bicester North, or to Oxford and London from Bicester Village. Heyford Station also serves Oxford and the North.

Details of **Local Walks and places to visit** (such as Rousham Garden) can be found on the village website.

Steeple Aston has many **Village Societies and Groups** covering sports, arts, music, gardening, history, walking, reading, WI, and groups for young and older residents. Again, details are on the village website.

