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**Welcome to Haddenham and to our
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We hope it will be both useful and interesting, whether you're a long standing resident or moving into one of the many new homes in our growing community.

Haddenham is a large village with a vibrant community, offering plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved in village life.

We hope this guide helps you make the most of everything Haddenham has to offer! You can also view this guide online at: View online at: haddenham-bucks-pc.gov.uk

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Townsend Green

History of Haddenham...

Haddenham is a historic village with a thriving community. First recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086, it has grown from farmsteads into a vibrant village known for its historic buildings, ponds, and Conservation Area. Once famed for farming and Aylesbury ducks, it has adapted over the centuries while preserving a strong sense of community and spirit.

Early History:

The Domesday Book shows that the manor of Haddenham was thriving in 1086. It was not yet a village, as dwellings lay in scattered settlements, but it had a church, water mills, and community organisation. Soon after the Norman conquest, King William granted the manor to Bishop Gundulf of Rochester, and the Dean and Chapter of Rochester held land and influence in Haddenham into modern times.

By 1295, the village was important enough to be granted a charter for a market and fair, though this was revoked in 1302 after objections from Thame. The annual September funfair, known

as Haddenham Feast, is unrelated to the medieval charter fair and instead celebrates the feast of St Mary, a long-standing village tradition.

For most of its history, Haddenham's inhabitants worked in farming, notably raising Aylesbury ducks. Change came with the 1830 Enclosure Act, when open-field strip farming gave way to enclosed fields and new machinery reduced the need for labour.

Many villagers moved to towns, factories, mines, or the colonies, and it took over a century for the population to recover beyond the 1851 census figure of 1,703. By then, new trades and occupations were emerging. In 1894, Haddenham Parish Council was founded, taking on civic and charitable duties once managed by the Church, and more than 130 years later it remains an active custodian of village assets.

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The 20th Century:

The railway arrived in 1905/6, bringing a mainline station and station master's house on Station Road.

Growth was still slow, and WWI saw the loss of 52 young men. By contrast, WWII transformed the village when the private aerodrome became RAF Thame. The grass airfield was used for training glider pilots and other military purposes, commemorated in 2023 by a memorial from the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust. Though never developed with runways, its support factories grew into today's large industrial estate, home to businesses including McCormick UK, DAF and GGR. A new road (*Pegasus Way*) now links the business park to the A418.

The wartime airfield's spirit continued through the Upward Bound Trust Gliding Club, which taught young people to fly from 1965 until 2018, with many going on to aviation careers. Though gliders no longer fill the summer skies, one is remembered on the village millennium sign. WWII also saw the recreation field at Banks Park requisitioned for military use. After the war, the Parish Council retained the huts for community activities, evolving into today's Village Hall complex, which has hosted roller skating, theatre, markets and céilidhs. Banks Park now also houses the Community Library, Scout and Guide Centre, dentist, gym, and Parish Council.

Part of Banks Park was controversially sold in 1952 to Spicer Hallfield for a printing factory, providing employment until its closure and redevelopment as housing at Spicer's Yard and Printer's Piece, which won a design award in 2015. That sale may have been offset by the gift of a new playing field at Woodways in the 1940s, later expanded with further

bequests and developed into a sports and recreation hub with pavilion, social club, playground and facilities for football, cricket and tennis.

Post-war Growth:

Haddenham's population, steady at around 1,700 in both 1851 and 1951, rose sharply to 4,815 by 1981, 4,502 in 2011, and 5,725 in 2021. The three original settlements of Townsend, Fort End and Church End had by then fully merged. Council and private housing expanded from the 1950s through the 1970s, with estates along Churchway, Stanbridge Road and Banks Road, followed by major development at Sheerstock in the late 1970s. The railway station's closure in 1963 under the Beeching cuts was less significant in an age dominated by cars.



Haddenham was used to portray the fictional town of 'Little Kirkbridge' in the Midsomer Murders episode 'Judgement Day' (season 3, episode 3, 2000) as well as in 'A Talent for Life' (season 6, episode 1, 2003) and 'Birds of Prey' (season 6, episode 5, 2003)



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During this period, the village gained new schools, a nature reserve at Snakemoor, Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, a Medical Centre with pharmacy, a Museum and a Garden Centre. At the same time, changing lifestyles saw the disappearance of traditional shops in the High Street and Church End, along with three banks, two garages and several pubs.

Into the 21st Century:

After little population change between 1980 and 2010, Haddenham was transformed by improved transport links. The opening of Haddenham and Thame Parkway Station in 1987, later upgraded by Chiltern Railways with track doubling (1998) and a link to Oxford (2015), placed the village firmly on the London–Birmingham line. The nearby M40 motorway (completed 1991) further reinforced its role as a commuter hub. Once a rural backwater, Haddenham is now classed as a "sustainable strategic settlement" and a focus for housing growth.

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (2013-2033) designated the village for 50% growth-over 1,000 new homes and 2,500 residents. Major sites at Aston Road, the southern airfield, and off Churchway

have delivered most of these, with smaller developments around Stanbridge Road and Green Lane. Together, since 2013 more than 1,200 homes for about 3,000 people have been added, alongside new football pitches, cricket ground, playgrounds, pavilions and recreation spaces, with most facilities transferred to the Parish Council. A new burial ground is also planned.

Since 2021, services have been provided by Buckinghamshire Council, with Haddenham represented by two councillors. At summer 2025, further applications for at least 1,000 more homes are under consideration as part of a forthcoming county-wide Local Plan.

Meanwhile, Haddenham has gained recognition in "best place to live" surveys and as a location for film and TV, notably Midsomer Murders. In 2018 it was shortlisted in Channel 4's Village of the Year. Its large Conservation Area, 120 listed buildings, witchert walls, historic ponds, and the listed Turn End garden highlight its heritage. Just as important is its thriving community culture, reflected in the remarkable number of active organisations that keep village life vibrant. Do get involved and help take forward our village history!

Local Government...

Who is responsible for what?

In April 2020, Buckinghamshire County Council and the four Buckinghamshire District Councils (*Aylesbury Vale, Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks*) were replaced by Buckinghamshire Council, which is responsible for the provision of the majority of services across Buckinghamshire.

To contact Buckinghamshire Council, or for more information, visit: [buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Haddenham Parish Council is also responsible for some of the local services within the village.

Haddenham Parish Council:

Haddenham Parish Council is responsible for managing the Allotments Site, as well as supporting a number of local charities, including parochial charities, and administering grants such as those awarded through the Educational Charity for students. The Council also looks after Banks Park Recreation Ground, which includes the Community Library, the Scout and Guide Centre, dentist, and FitLife Gym.

Among its devolved functions are the clearance of footpaths and the cutting of grass verges in 30mph zones. Planning consultations are another area of responsibility, *though the Council does not make final decisions*.

It manages a variety of green spaces, including ponds, public open spaces, the Community Orchard, and Snakemoor Nature Reserve. Several play areas are maintained by the Council, located at

Banks Park, Cricketers Way (*two separate sites*), Sheerstock, Tibbs Road on the Airfield development, and Woodways. Cricketers Way is also home to a dog walking area and country park.

The Council provides and oversees sports pitches and pavilions, including cricket, football, and tennis facilities at Woodways, football pitches at Tibbs Road, and a cricket ground at Aston Road, which is due to open in 2027.

In addition, the Council is responsible for St Mary's Churchyard (*which is closed*), residential street lighting, trees located on Council-owned land, and the village War Memorial.

Buckinghamshire Council:

Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for a wide range of local services affecting daily life. These include tackling anti-social behaviour, administering benefits, housing, council tax, business rates and universal credit.

The council manages car parks, transport and highways such as roads, footpaths and potholes, as well as waste disposal, recycling and household collections.

It also delivers care, community services, culture, leisure, health and wellbeing initiatives. Environmental matters including conservation areas, listed building regulations, planning, tree management, rights of way, environmental health, food hygiene and dog wardens fall under its remit.

In addition, the council oversees libraries, education, registration of births, deaths and civil partnerships, and taxi licensing, ensuring essential services are maintained for residents and businesses countywide.

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HPC is dedicated to serving the community, delivering key local services, and working with residents, organisations, and Buckinghamshire Council to enhance life in the village.

HPC's current business plan priorities:

- a) Dealing with the impact of being designated a "strategic settlement" and the accompanying large number of new homes, which amongst other things will see the transfer to us of extensive new sports & recreation facilities.
- b) Building new facilities incl. new Aston Road Pavilion, Village Hall refurb, creation of new burial ground at Aston Road, working with Haddenham Dental services to extend the dentist surgery at Banks Park.
- c) Adopting a planned approach to managing our assets: Knowing what we have, what condition it's in, and having the reserves to repair and replace in a planned rather than reactive way.
- d) Modernising our systems and procedures to make us match-fit to take on new responsibilities.

Contact HPC: Parish Council Office,
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Public open hours: 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm, Mon-Fri. Outside of these hours, please make an appointment.

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Parish Councillors: David Truesdale (Chairman), John Wheeler (Vice Chairman), Jim Brown, Sascha Desmier, Dave Hoare, Heather-Joy Garrett, Nick Kidby, Inderpal Matharu, George Millo, Gregory Smith and Alan Thawley. (All emails are: **first initial.surname@haddenham-bucks-pc.gov.uk**) with the exception of Jim Brown, whose email is: jbrown@haddenham-bucks-pc.gov.uk

Buckinghamshire Councillors:

Maru Mormina and Greg Smith.

(Both emails are: **first name.surname@buckinghamshire.gov.uk**)

Local MP: Greg Smith, **0207 219 4287**,
greg.smith.mp@parliament.uk

Council Meetings: HPC holds all meetings on a Monday in the conference room at Haddenham Village Hall.

- **Full Council:** All members present. Where majority of Council resolutions are made. These also include committee recommendations.

- **Planning Committee:** Responsible for commenting on planning applications within the parish.
- **Facilities Committee:** Responsible for maintaining facilities within Haddenham; such as allotments, street lights, grass cutting, playgrounds, buildings etc.
- **Finance and General Purposes Committee:** Responsible for financial management and governance of HPC.
- **Climate Emergency Committee:** Responsible for planning and implementing measures to reduce carbon emissions.
- **Allotments Sub-Committee:** *Reports to Facilities Committee.* Responsible for managing Townside allotment site.
- **Orchard Sub-Committee:** *Reports to Facilities Committee.* Responsible for managing Townsend Community Orchard.
- **Snakemoor Sub-Committee:** *Reports to Facilities Committee.* Responsible for managing Snakemoor Nature Reserve.
- **Sporting Facilities Sub-Committee:** *Reports to Facilities Committee.* Responsible for maintenance and development of village sporting assets.
- **Personnel Committee:** Reports to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, with responsibility for staffing matters.

All committees have their own terms of reference and report into the Full Council meetings. Public and press are welcome to attend meetings in person and via Zoom and time is set aside for public participation. See website for joining details and full list of meeting dates.



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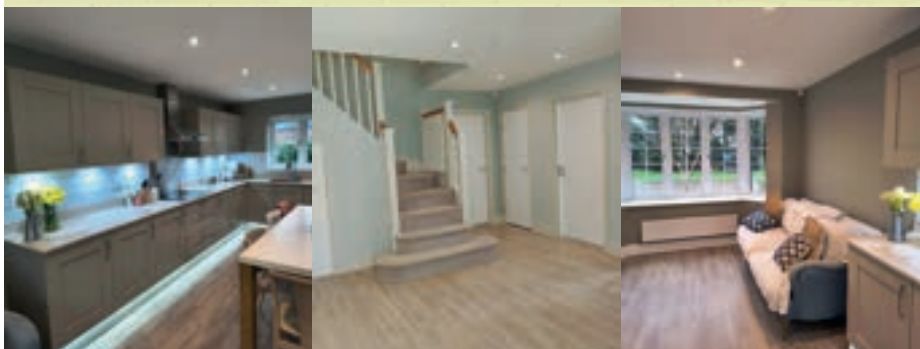


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Spring:

- Haddenham Parish Annual Parish Meeting
- Haddenham Parish Council Annual Council Meeting
- Haddenham Museum Opening
(in March, after winter break)
- May Day and Maypole Dancing
- Orchard Easter Egg Hunt
- Rotary Young Photographer Competition

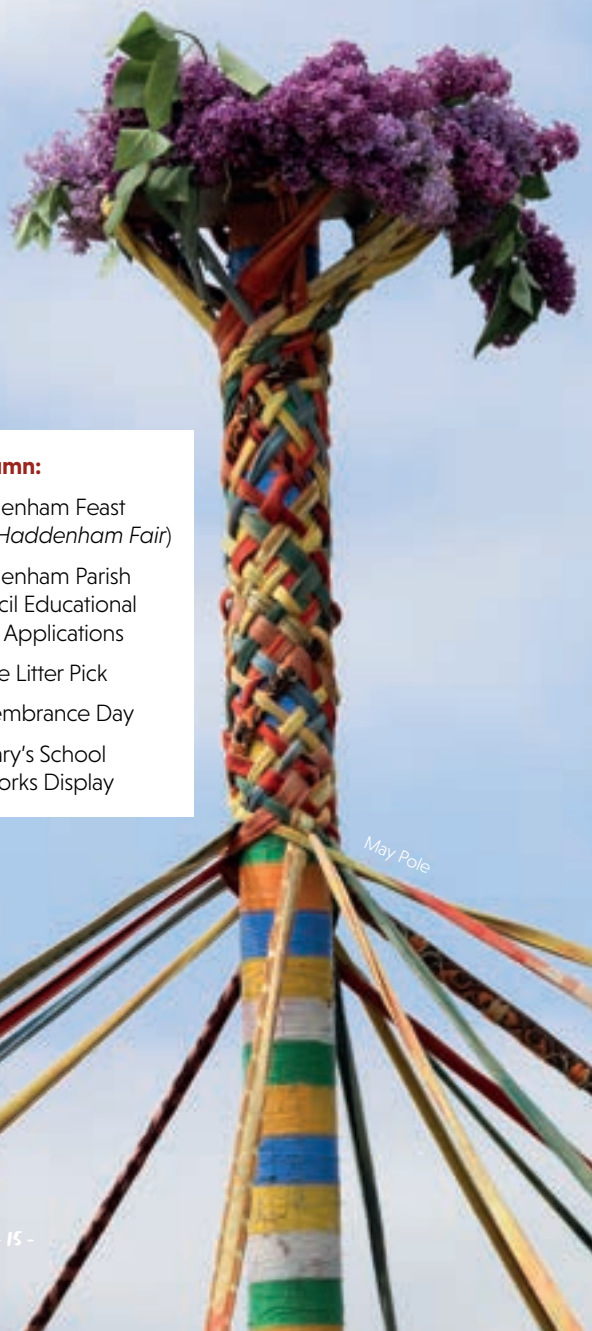
Summer:

- Scarecrow Festival
- Bucks Open Studios
- Haddenham Village Fête
- Summerfest (*Beer and Community Festival*)
- Orchard Community Picnic
- Open Allotment/Gardens

Winter:

- Christmas Tree Festival
- Haddenham Parochial Charities Grant Application Deadline
- Winterfest (*Beer and Community Festival*)
- Mummers Yuletide Folk Play Performance

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Local Charities...

Haddenham is home to several charities and community initiatives that support residents, fund local projects, and bring the village together. Here are some key organisations and how to get involved.

Haddenham Educational Charity:

This charity provides small grants to residents needing help with education or vocational course costs, from Reception to Postgraduate level, including arts, sports, and apprenticeships. Its income comes from investments following the sale of the Old British School in Churchway, a charity established by a deed in 1851. The Parish Council became Trustee in 1982 when the school was sold. More information, including an application form, can be found at: haddenham-bucks-pc.gov.uk/charitable-trusts or by emailing: finance@haddenham-bucks-pc.gov.uk

Haddenham Parochial Charities:

The Parish Council took over responsibility for these three charities from the Parish Church authorities in 1894. Originally, they supported the poor with bread, coal, and corn seed. Today, income comes from investments and the

Townside allotment site, and grants are made to individuals in need in December and to organisations serving residents year-round. Applications can be made via trustees John Wheeler **01844 296134**, John Wilson **01844 291200**, Frank Pitkin, Hilary Davies, and Leslie Wilkinson.

Haddenham Beer Festivals Trust:

Hosting two community festivals each year: Summerfest (*Airfield Recreation Ground, first Saturday in July, 11am-8pm*) and Winterfest (*Banks Park, second Saturday in December, 12pm-5pm*), the trust offers ales, lagers, ciders, artisan food, local music, and family-friendly activities. Profits fund grants to local organisations and charities. Email: haddenhambeerfestival@gmail.com

Haddenham Village Fête:

Held annually on the second Saturday in June around Church End and Flint Street, this community event features classic cars at Manor Farm, Open Gardens, a beer and Pimms tent, and music by local groups. Proceeds support local organisations. Contact Julia on **07951 115697** or haddenhamfete@gmail.com



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Snakemoor Local Nature Reserve: This delightful 4.5-acre nature reserve offers a pleasant place to visit and explore. It features several linked footpaths, a hay meadow, a pond, an orchard, and a wide variety of trees. The diversity of flora and fauna changes throughout the year and attracts an array of wildlife. The reserve is maintained by a team of knowledgeable volunteers with support from Haddenham Parish Council.

Townsend Community Orchard: This Parish Council project is run by volunteers to provide a variety of local and traditional fruit for the community to pick free of charge, as well as to create an attractive

green space for relaxation and events. The orchard contains a wide range of fruit trees, including apple, plum, quince, pear, and a medlar tree. A small outdoor seating area provides a welcoming space for community gatherings. The orchard is accessible from Townsend Green and via Mallard Croft.

Playgrounds: Haddenham Parish Council owns and maintains six playgrounds across the parish, located at Banks Park, Sheerstock, Tibbs Road, Airfield Recreation Ground, and Woodways Recreation Ground, along with two play areas off Cricketers Way. Over the years, the Council has invested in improving these play areas, offering equipment suitable for younger children as well as more challenging activities for teenagers. New equipment is regularly considered to ensure variety and enjoyment for families throughout the village.

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BMX Track at the rear of
Woodways Recreation Ground

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Sports Facilities: Sports facilities are provided and maintained by Haddenham Parish Council at both the Woodways and Airfield Recreation Grounds. At Woodways, football, cricket, and tennis facilities are available and serve as the home for local sports clubs. The Airfield site provides additional football pitches, offering further opportunities for sport and recreation across the parish. (See *page 29 for more on local sports*).

BMX Track: A BMX track is located at the rear of Woodways Recreation Ground. As there are few such tracks within the district, this facility represents a valuable asset for Haddenham. The track is maintained annually by the Parish Council.

Allotments: Haddenham has a large allotment site with more than 200 plots, situated off Townside. Demand for plots is high, reflecting the enthusiasm of residents for home-grown produce and healthy outdoor activity. Enquiries regarding allotments should be directed to the Parish Council.

Haddenham Community Library: A volunteer-run community charity offering free library and information services for all ages, in both physical and digital formats. It also acts as a Buckinghamshire Council

Access Point (*Monday-Friday, 8:45am-5pm*). Supported by council grants but mainly funded through donations and fundraising, the library supports the village's welfare, education, and cultural life and can be hired for clubs and activities. For more information, you can call: 01296 387865, email: info@haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk or visit: haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Green Lane: Upgraded in 2018, Green Lane lies to the north of the village, off Stanbridge Road. This improved bridleway and footpath provides a safe route for cycling, walking, and horse riding.

Haddenham Museum: Housed in the Old Schoolroom at the Methodist Church on High Street, the museum is open Sunday 2-4:30pm and Tuesday 10am-12pm (*closed Jan-Feb*). Run by a volunteer charitable trust, membership is £5/year. The trust also publishes *The Haddenham Chronicles* and offers talks and guided walks. For more information, you can email: alanrose524@gmail.com or visit: haddenham-museum.org.uk



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Alderson Way.....	D4	Jarvis Crescent.....	C1	Sedgwick Street	B2
Allotments	B3	Junior School	C2	Sheerstock	A2-B4
Anxey Way	B2	Kemps Piece	C3	Short Ditch	C2
Aston Road.....	C/D4	King's Head	B4	Skittles Green	C4
Banks Park	C2	Lapwing Mews	D4	Skylark Close	D3
Banks Pond	C2	Library	C2	Slave Hill	B4
Banks Road	C2	Long Ditch Furlong	C1	Slingsby End	A2
Baptist Church	C3	Long Furlong	B2	Snakemoor Nature Reserve.....	A3
Barn Owl Lane	D3	Long Wall	B4	South End	B3
Bradmoor Farm	D1	Lovell Way	A2	Spicers Yard	C2
Bridens Way	B2	Lower Road	D2	Spitfire Path	A3
Bristol Close	A2	Mallard Croft	C1	Stanbridge Close.....	C1
Brook Meadow	D3	Marriotts Close	B3	Stanbridge Road	D1/2/3
Burch Mews	D4	Marriotts Way	B3	Station Road	A3-C4
Burial Ground	C3	Mash Close.....	C1	Stockwell	C3
Butte Furlong	D2	Maslin Elms	D3/4	Stockwell Furlong.....	C3
Carwithen Close	B2	Mead Furlong	D3	Stokes Croft	C2
Church End	C4	Medical Centre	D2	Stokes End	C1
Church Way.....	C1/2/3/4	Merrill Close	C1	Stokes Lane	C2
Community Orchard.....	C1	Methodist Church	C3	Straffords Way	C3
Cottland Clay	D2	Millway Furlong	A2/3	Sturbridge Drive	C1
Cotts Field	A3	Museum	C3	Tacks Lane	B2-C2
Coxon Close.....	A/B2	Nicholson Road	D4	Thame Road	A3-B2
Crabtree Road	C3	Nursery Field	D3	The Bush.....	B4
Cricketers Way	D4	Old Mill Close	C3	The Clays	C1
Dawes Lane	C1	Paine Close	D4	The Closes	C2
Dentist	C2	Parrish Office	C2	The Croft	C3/4
Dollicott	C2	Pavilion Tibbs Road	A2	The Gables	C3/4
Dorset End	C1	Pavilion Woodways	D2	The Paddocks	C4
Dovecot	B2	Pegasus Way	A2	The Whistler	D2
Dovecot Close.....	B2	Pharmacy	D2	Thompson Mews	D4
Dover Lane	C1	Pilots Place	A3	Tibbs Road	A2
Dragonail	C4	Platers Road	B/C1	Tiggiewinkles	D4
Fairchild End	B1/2	Playing Field	C2/3	Wildlife Hospital	D4
Fairfield Close	D3	Plover Furlong	C1	Townsend	C1
Fern Lane	C2	Popes Acre	B4	Townside	B2/3/4
Fire Station	D2	Post Office	C1	Turnstile	C4
Flint Street	C4	Potash Close	B4	Veterinary Surgery	D2/3
Fort End	C2	Printers Piece	C2/3	Village Hall	C2
Franklin Close	C1	Quakers Mead	C2	Waggoners Court	C3
Franklin Road	C1	Railway Station	A1	Waterslade Pens	B2
Garden Centre	D3	Ricketts Close	C2	Westland Close	A/B2
Gibson Lane	C4	Rising Sun	B2	White Cross Road.....	B4
Green Lane	D1	Roberts Road	B2/3	White Hart Lane	C4
Greenway	B3	Roman Catholic Church	C3	Willis Road	C2-D3
Halifax Green	A2	Rookery Piece	D3	Willoughby Lane	D3
Handley Drive	B2	Rose Meadow	D3	Willow Rise	C1
Harts Road	D3	Rosemary Lane	C1	Windmill Road	B2
Harvard Grove	A2	Roundhill View	C1	Wirethorn Furlong	A2/3
Hedge Furlong	D3	Rudds Lane	C1	Woodlands	D2
Hedgehog Way	D4	Rudds Pond	C1	Woodwards Pen	D3
High Street	C2/3	Runfurrow	C2	Woodways	C2-D2
Horners Close	B3	Saffrey Mews	A2	Wykeham Way	B3
Horner Place	C1	Saint Mary's Centre	C4	Wyre Close	C2/3
Hotspur Close.....	A2	Saint Mary's Church.....	C4	Yolsom Close	A2/3
House of Spice.....	C2	Saint Mary's School.....	C4	Youth and Community Centre	D2
Infant School	C2	Scout & Guide Centre	C2		
Ivion Close	D3				



Shopping and Eating in Haddenham...

A day in Haddenham is a chance to enjoy the charm of a thriving Buckinghamshire village, with independent shops and eateries adding to its warm character.

From fresh bread and stylish interiors to pub lunches and coffee with friends, there's plenty to enjoy for visitors and residents alike!

Shopping in Haddenham:

Start your day with a wander through the village's shops and services. At Fort End, *The Cottage Bakery* is a morning favourite for fresh bread, cakes, and pastries, while just along Banks Parade you'll find *Blooming Fruity*, a friendly greengrocer overflowing with fresh fruit and veg. Everyday needs are well-catered for too, with the *Co-op* on Pegasus Way, *Morrisons Daily* at Banks Parade, and the *Haddenham Post Office and Convenience Store* on Churchway ensuring all essentials are close at hand.

Beyond the practical, Haddenham offers a wonderful mix of specialist shops and creative enterprises. *Beautiful Blooms* (an online florist based locally) provides elegant floral arrangements for every occasion, while *Baby Art Studios* captures

precious family memories with charming photography. For the home, *Last Interior Design* brings stylish inspiration, *Haddenham Carpets and Kitchens and Bathrooms by Blanchfords* help transform living spaces, and *Pinefinders* showcases timeless pine furniture from its Thame Road showroom.

Bradmoor Farm is a destination in itself. Alongside its farm shop, sports bar and restaurant, it's home to businesses as varied as *Exotics@Heart*, the *Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Shop*, *Township Tattoo*, *Focus Hairdressing*, and much more - all under one roof. A little further along Stanbridge Road, *Haddenham Garden Centre* is the place for plants, gifts, and garden inspiration, complete with its popular *Gardener's Retreat Restaurant* for a well-earned rest.

Services are never far away in the village, from *The Ironing Board* at Banks Parade for dry cleaning and laundry, to *Ivor Miles of Haddenham* for trusted garage services. For hair and grooming, locals are well looked after by *The Powdered Wig*, *Ace of Shaves*, and *Studiosn Barber Shop* - proof that Haddenham really does have something for everyone!



Eating and Drinking in Haddenham:

After a morning of shopping, take time to enjoy the village's food and drink. **Bradmoor Farm Café** is a great stop for coffee and a light bite, while Banks Road offers both ***Tickety Brew Café*** (a popular meeting spot) and ***Smarts Fish and Chip Shop***, a long-standing local favourite.

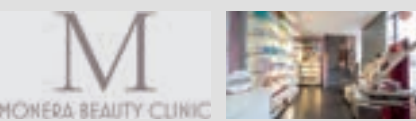
If you're after something more substantial, head to **Norsk** at Fort End for Scandinavian-inspired style and cuisine, or call into one of the village's pubs. ***The King's Head*** is full of character and tradition and serves up lovely dishes.

Food lovers should also mark their calendars for the **Vale Harvest Farmers Market**, held on the first Saturday of each month at Banks Road. It's a chance to stock up on seasonal produce, artisan foods, and handmade treats while chatting with the producers themselves. And of course, no mention of Haddenham's social life would be complete without the **Haddenham Beer Festival Trust**, whose community events bring people together over great ales and live entertainment.

Supporting Local:

What makes Haddenham special isn't just its shops, cafés, and restaurants, but the people behind them. Shopping locally keeps these businesses thriving, sustains the village's character, and ensures residents and visitors alike enjoy friendly service, quality products, and a true sense of community.

Whether picking up essentials, finding a gift, or enjoying a leisurely meal, shopping and dining in Haddenham is always rewarding!



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Dog friendly Haddenham...

Whether you live in Haddenham, are here on holiday or just passing through, this is a lovely village for you and your dog to explore and enjoy!

Local walks:

- **Country Park:** Located off Stanbridge Road, where dogs can be let of their leads to roam and have fun!
- **Circular Walks from Haddenham to Westlington and Cuddington:** If you fancy something a bit longer, there's a circular route starting in Haddenham and heading out to nearby villages like Westlington and Cuddington. It's a mix of countryside paths, fields, and village lanes. Might get muddy in places depending on weather, so boots are recommended!
- **Walk from Haddenham to Thame/ the Greenway:** For a more linear route, the countryside between Haddenham and Thame offers pleasant walking. Some paths follow green corridors, old footpaths and river-valley views. It's nice if you want to combine walking with a bit of gentle adventure.
- **Woodways and Airfield:** These Parish Council sports recreation areas welcome dogs but they must be kept on a lead.

Dog-friendly pubs: After a walk, nothing better than a pub where your four-legged friend is also welcome. Here are a couple worth trying:

- **The Rising Sun, Haddenham:** A cosy pub with wooden beams, a warm atmosphere, a lovely garden and a truly

dog-friendly policy. Great for a pint or two after a stroll.

- **The King's Head, Haddenham:** A welcoming traditional village pub with a well stocked bar, great quality home cooked food and fantastic service.
- **The Crown, Cuddington:** Not even two-miles north of Haddenham, you'll find this charming grade II listed pub. Think oak beams, warm fire, and good food and drink... Perfect after a day spent out and about with your four-legged friend.

Vets: Just in case your dog should feel under the weather, you can find **Hampden Vets** at 14 Roberts Road, Haddenham, HP17 8HH, phone: **01296 745372**.

Guidance for dog walkers:

- Be aware of and adhere to, restrictions limiting where dogs can go, particularly if it impacts local wildlife or livestock.
- Keep your dog close to you and under control at all times.
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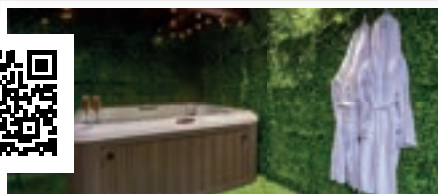
The Coach House, Haddenham

Sleeps 2 guests in 1 bedroom. 1 bathroom. A stylish, detached property above three garages (*not included*), with private parking for one car, an outdoor seating area, and open-plan living. Just a short walk from shops and pubs, it includes a bedroom with en-suite. The famous Ridgeway is close by as is the Chilterns AONB.



The Spread Eagle Hotel, Thame

Just 3 miles outside of Haddenham, The Spread Eagle Hotel offers 35 boutique en-suite rooms, from cosy courtyard singles to elegant Garden Rooms with garden access. Luxury suites provide standout comfort with spacious living areas and ornate features. Guests can enjoy breakfast, dining in the restaurant, and drinks in the bar.



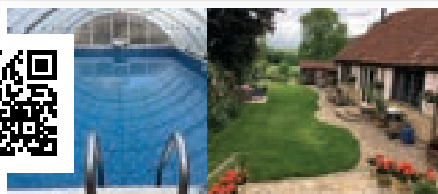
Haddenham Hideaway, Haddenham

Sleeps 2 in 1 bedroom. 1 bathroom. A beautiful apartment in rural Haddenham with all amenities for a comfortable stay: King-sized bedroom, private hot tub, outdoor balcony, and complimentary TREK bikes. Enjoy modern comforts, a welcome hamper, and your own patio with all-weather seating, just steps from the countryside.



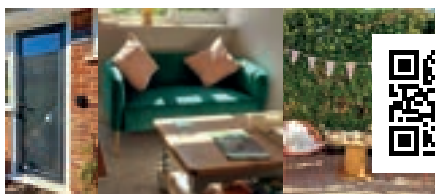
Little Barn, Haddenham

Sleeps 4 guests in 1 bedroom, 2 beds. 1.5 bathrooms. Little Barn is a stylish, light-filled retreat for 2, with a king-size bed, luxury bathroom, and a fully equipped kitchen - Plus a sofa bed for 2 extra guests. The private patio is perfect for the late evening sunshine. This is also an outstanding place for longer stays!



Tyringham Small, Cuddington

Sleeps 6 guests in 3 bedrooms, 3 beds, 2 bathrooms. Charming country cottage in the grounds of a 16thC Elizabethan manor, set in 2ac of gardens. Elegantly furnished cottage has log fire, modern kitchen, & 3 bedrooms. Manor house rooms & experiences (eg: spa treatments, clay shooting, flower-arranging) available on request.



The Snug, Haddenham

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Titans Netball Club

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haddenhamnetball@gmail.com

Haddenham Cricket Club

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haddenhamcricketclub.co.uk

Haddenham Runners

Meet Thu from 7pm at Village Pond
pmcd15@hotmail.com

Haddenham Short Mat Bowls Club

Haddenham Village Hall
(every Thu 2pm-4:30pm)
01844 338534
lockwood999@btinternet.com

Haddenham Tennis Club

Woodways Recreation Ground
haddenhamtennisclub@hotmail.com
haddenhamtennis.co.uk

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League, amie.hufc@hotmail.com
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Haddenham Tennis Club

Clubs, Organisations and Support Groups...

Haddenham offers a wide range of clubs, organisations and support groups that cater to all interests and age groups.

Freemasons: Haddenham Lodge 8944: Vibrant lodge with several social events throughout the year.
Meet at Thame Masonic Hall.
info@haddenhamlodge.co.uk
haddenhamlodge.co.uk

Girl Guiding: Rainbows (4-7), Brownies (7-10) and Guides (10-14) meet across the village. See girlguiding.org.uk for details. Rainbows: Mon, 5pm-6pm @ The Scout and Guide Centre. 1st Brownies: Mon, 6:15pm to 7:30pm @ The Scout and Guide Centre. 3rd Brownies: Tue, 6pm to 7:30pm @ Community Infant School. Guides: Mon, 7:45pm to 9pm @ The Scout and Guide Centre.

Haddenham 'No Fear' Bridge Club:
Meets in Haddenham Library on Mon, 6:30pm-9:30pm. All standards welcome. Singles and pairs welcome.
Carol: **01844 292236**
mason.carol@gmail.com
David: **01844 217751**

Haddenham and District Rotary:
Mon 7:45pm-9:45pm at The Seven Stars, Stars Lane, Dinton.
Martin: **01844 292335**,
gmartin.andrew@btinternet.com

Haddenham Church Bell Ringers:
Wed 7:30pm-9pm at St. Mary's Church.
Age 12+ upwards.
Melvyn: melvyn.s.rose@btinternet.com
Phillip: rose_phillip@btinternet.com

Haddenham Classics Car Club: Meets last Sat each month, Bradmoor Farm, 9am-12pm. Open to all, with workshops, driving tours and museum visits.
haddenhamclassics.com
haddenhamclassics@gmail.com

Haddenham Handbell Ringers:
Mon 7:30pm-9pm. Beginners welcome. Also provides entertainment bookings.
Alan: **01844 291004**,
alanrose524@gmail.com
Jacky: **01844-291014**,
jacky.keates@btinternet.com

Haddenham Safe Walking and Cycling:
Campaigning to improve safety for pedestrians, wheelchair users, mobility scooters, buggies, and cyclists.
haddswac@gmail.com
facebook.com/HaddSWAC

Haddenham Scout Group: Open to boys and girls, with Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts (10½-14), meeting at Scout and Guide Centre, Banks Park. Beavers: Wed, 6pm-7:15pm. Cubs: Tue, 6:15pm-7:30pm. Scouts: Thu, 7:30pm-9pm.

Haddenham Stitchers: Patchwork and cross stitch. Haddenham Village Hall, 1st and 3rd Tue each month 2pm-4:30pm.
Val Young: **01844 290269**
valyoungstitchers@gmail.com

Haddenham Village Society:
300+ members promoting village life and coordinating community views.
Juanita Hughes:
hvsmembership@gmail.com
villagesociety.org

Horticultural Society:
Talks, plant sales, shows, seed order scheme, organised outings and excursions. **01844 291490**
gay.jordan@outlook.com

Hunca Munca Baby and Toddler Group:

Soft play, crafts, story time & singing. Thur (term time only) for ages 0-5. 9:30am-11:30am at St. Mary's Centre, Church End.
huncamuncatoddler@gmail.com

Kaleidoscope Women's Group:

Speakers, summer ramble, theatre, garden visits & meals out. Meet monthly.
bonny.moore@btopenworld.com

Monday Club: St. Mary's Centre 2nd and 4th Mon of the month 2:15pm. Activities and friendship for older generation.

Ann: **01844 292273**,
warris@mypostoffice.co.uk
Christine: **01844 290694**,
c.headlong@btinternet.com

Scout and Guide Association: Runs the Scout and Guide Centre in Banks Park for unit meetings and as a community hall available for activities and events.

Richard Kendall: **01844 290788**,
rkendall@btinternet.com

Slimming World: Meet at St. Mary's C of E School on Thu, 5:30pm/7pm. New and returning members always welcome.
Fiona Quinn: **07963 131419**

Small World Baby Group: Meets on alternate Fri mornings at the Methodist Church, HP17 8ES, 10am-12pm (term time only). Small friendly group, all welcome.
bonny.moore@btopenworld.com

The Sixty Plus Club:

Twice-monthly friendship, games, quizzes, talks, and afternoon tea.
Mary Welby: marywelby@gmail.com

U3A: Welcomes retired and semi-retired people to learn, socialise and enjoy activities. Meetings 2nd Tue, 2:30pm, Village Hall, with talks, tea and biscuits. Also Pickleball (Wed and Fri, Oct-Feb) and Table Tennis at Airfield Pavilion.
01844 292184, haddenhamu3a.co.uk
membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk

Zero Carbon Haddenham:

Local charity promoting climate action with tree planting, repair café, and community events.

info@zeroch.org
facebook.com/zerocarbonhaddenham

Support Groups:**Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity**

(HCSG): Local volunteers that raise funds for the hospice through community events and activities.

Angela Hart: **01844 292070**
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facebook.com/fnhcsrg

Haddenham Community Vehicle 'Carrie':

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Haddenham Fish Scheme: Volunteer-run service providing transport for residents to appointments when other options aren't available. **07553 148068**

info@haddenhamfishscheme.org
haddenhamfishscheme.org

Haddenham Medical Centre Patient

Group: Membership offering updates on the centre, allowing patients to provide feedback and support. **01844 293300**

chairman@theppg.org
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Music, Drama and the Arts...

Haddenham Arts Centre

Haddenham Arts Centre: Supports artists/craft makers and performers in and around the village. **01353 749188**
haddenhamartscentre.org.uk
haddenhamarts@gmail.com

Haddenham Players Drama Group: Village amateur dramatic society, new members welcome.
haddenhamplayers@outlook.com
facebook.com/HaddenhamPlayers

Haddenham Pop Choir: Choir for ages 16+, no experience required. Meets Mon, 7:45pm-9:30pm at St. Mary's Centre (term-time only).
haddenhampopchoir.com
haddenhampopchoir@gmail.com

Haddenham Screen: Community cinema. Screenings at Haddenham Village Hall. Alt Tues, doors 7:30pm, film 8pm. Tickets £6 online/OTD. Refreshments available.
haddenhamscreen.org.uk
films@haddenhamscreen.org.uk

Haddenham Youth Theatre: For ages 8-18, local and friendly. Meets Mon at Haddenham Youth Centre. **07957 658434**
hytmembership@gmail.com

More Than Brushes Art Group: Informal creative group - Make art and try new things. Meets Thurs 7:30pm-9:30pm and Fri 2pm-4pm at Village Hall, £5 PAYG.
Beth **07866 504780**
facebook.com/morethanbrushes

Red Kite Radio: Local radio station covering Haddenham, Thame and surrounding areas. **01844 299107**
redkiteradio.com

Thame Choral Society: Thame's longest running SATB choir. Rehearses Wed 7:30pm-9:30pm at Haddenham Junior School: thamechoralsociety@outlook.com

The Haddenham Mummers Drama Group: Performs traditional plays raising money for local charities.
Tim Chowns: timothychowns@gmail.com
facebook.com/HaddenhamMummers

The Vibe Acoustic Café: Perform your songs, instrumentals, stories, poems and anecdotes.
facebook.com/TheVibeAcousticCafe

Ukulele Musos: 1st and 3rd Wed of the month, 7:30pm-9:30pm, play popular songs from the last 100yrs on the ukulele. Beginners and experienced musicians welcome. Adrian Broadway **01844 214728**. abroadway3@gmail.com

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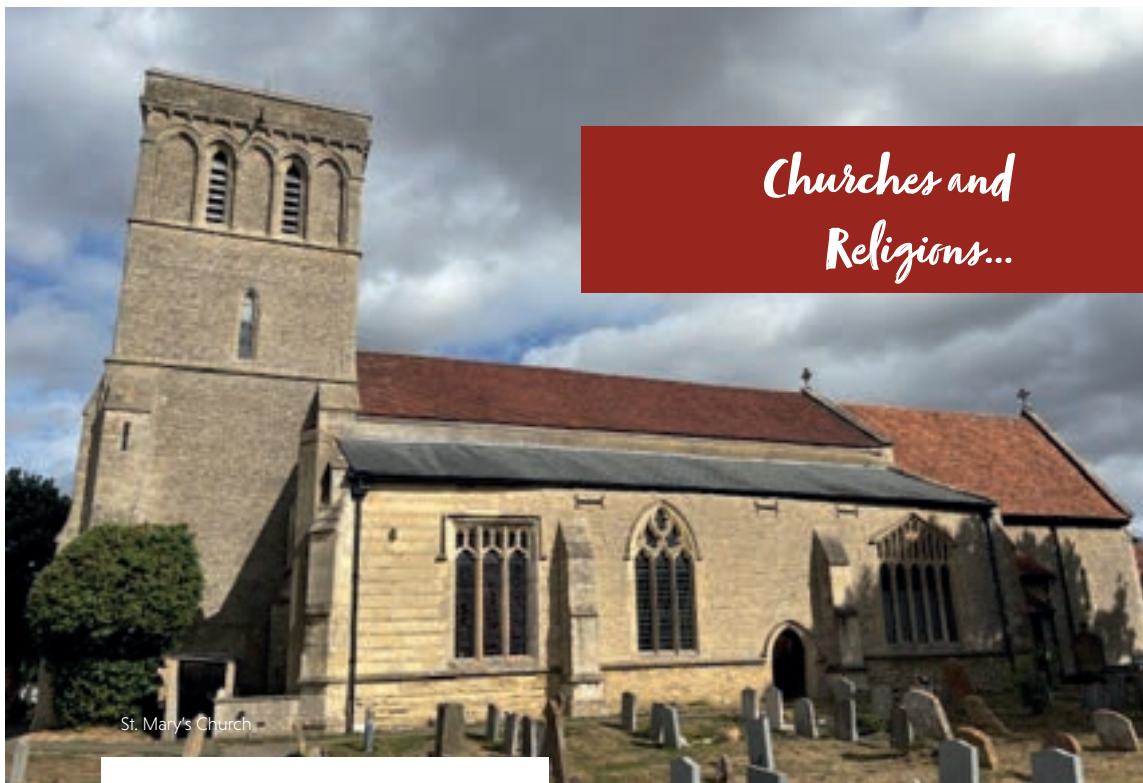
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St. Mary's Church

Churches and Religions...

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The Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd:

Weekend Masses at 5pm every Saturday for the Vigil Mass and at 9:30am on a Sunday, followed by refreshments in the Rosary Room. Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am.
catholicchurchhaddenham.org.uk
parish.haddenham@northamptondiocese.org

Haddenham cum Dinton Baptist Church:

Weekly Sunday service at 10:15am.
01844 290060
info@haddenhambaptistchurch.com

Haddenham Methodist Church: Sunday services, mother and baby groups and coffee mornings.

Rev Hee-gon Moon **01844 291011**
heegon5@gmail.com

St. Mary's Church: A lively, friendly church of all ages with worship in contemporary and traditional styles, please see our website for times. We have a wide range of community activities including Pitter Patter Toddler Group, Monday Club and Café+ Pop Up events. **01844 291108**
office@haddenhamstmarys.org
haddenhamstmarys.org
facebook.com/StMarysChurchHaddenham

The Bahá'í Community: Rooted in the principle of the oneness of humanity, the Bahá'í Faith inspires people to improve their lives and contribute to society. Local activities include children's and youth programmes, devotional gatherings, and discussions on moral and spiritual issues.
info@aylesburyvalebahais.org.uk
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Facilities to Hire...

Haddenham offers a wide range of venues and community facilities available for hire, whether you're planning a meeting, club activity, children's party, sporting event or special occasion. From village halls and pavilions to smaller rooms and modern function spaces, there are plenty of options to suit every need. This section also includes useful local services such as defibrillator locations and the village electric car hire scheme.

Haddenham Community Library: The library can be hired and is the venue for several local clubs and activities. Call: **01296 387865** or email: info@haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Scout and Guide Centre: A small community hall located at Banks Park. Can be booked for regular activities or one-off events. Call Richard Kendall: **01844 290788** or email: rkendall@btinternet.com

St. Mary's Centre: St. Mary's Centre has a variety of rooms for hire, either weekly, monthly or for a one-off party/meeting. Very reasonable rates of hire. For more details, email: office@wychertvale.org

Haddenham Village Hall: The Village Hall has several rooms available for hire, including the large village Hall itself (*suitable for recreational activities and larger meetings*), the Walter Rose room (*a smaller room with self-contained kitchen, toilet and baby change - regularly used for smaller meetings and younger children's parties*) and the Conference Room which has been recently refurbished and is suitable for meetings. The room has access to free WiFi, toilets and a private kitchenette. Modern audio visual equipment can also be hired for use in presentations, screenings or hybrid meetings. To check availability and rates, visit: haddenhamvh.uk



Conference Room at
Haddenham Village Hall



Haddenham Airfield Pavilion

Haddenham Airfield Pavilion: Divided into two areas to provide flexible hiring for a multiple uses such as children's parties, sporting activities and formal meetings.

Airfield Function Room: A large versatile space, the Function Room is perfect for a wide range of activities including conferences, exercise classes and special occasions. The 113m² function room is capable of accommodating 60 people seated and 100 standing. It is connected via a serving hatch to a large, fully-equipped kitchen, there's free WiFi and free access to a sound system. A large presentation screen is also available and there's double doors leading to outside terrace. Discounts are available for Haddenham residents and groups

Airfield Pavilion Sports Wing and Playing Fields: The Airfield Pavilion also provides facilities for local youth football teams and other sports teams to use. There's two U11/U12 pitches, one U15/U16 pitch and one full pitch. The sports wing includes toilets, changing room and showers, including a designated area for match officials. The sports wing and outdoor space is also available for hire for exercise classes, events, and more. The hiring of facilities at the Haddenham Airfield Pavilion and sports pitches is managed by Active In the Community (AITC) and they can be contacted by emailing: lettings@aitc.org.uk

Location of Defibrillators: Defibrillators can restore a normal heart rhythm during a cardiac arrest and may be used on adults and children over one year old. Heartbeat Haddenham has installed eight public defibrillators at: Haddenham and Thame Parkway Station, St. Mary's Centre, The Church of the Good Shepherd, The Whistler Woodways Pavilion, Stonehill House, The Community Library, The Co-op, and Haddenham Airfield Pavilion. Additional units are listed on The Circuit (*British Heart Foundation*) and maintained by volunteer guardians: Haddenham Community Junior School, Haddenham Infant School, Butte Furlong, Defaqto Limited, 3 Stanbridge Road and McCormick Security Office. Local defibrillators can also be found by searching 'DefibFinder' on Google.

Electric Car Hire: Haddenham Parish Council and Zimbl have launched an electric car hire scheme from just £8 an hour, with no membership fees and free local delivery or collection; book easily via the Zimbl app or website, with a quick car introduction for first-time users.

Haddenham Beer Festivals

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This section brings together key contacts and resources to help you stay connected and supported in Haddenham.

Village website: The Haddenham village website (haddenham.net), created by Keith Milmer and run voluntarily with local input, shares news, events, business contacts, and job listings. It also hosts a large photo gallery of village life. An active Facebook page provides a forum for residents' views and concerns.

Haddenham Village Society: HVS works to preserve village heritage, promote its visual appeal, support appropriate development, and foster a strong community. It also campaigns for safer walking and cycling routes. The society hosts events such as talks, walks, concerts, and fundraisers, with members receiving regular updates (villagesociety.org).

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(non-emergency): **101**

Useful Information...

Medical:

Haddenham Medical Centre:
Stanbridge Road, 01844 293300

Thame Community Hospital: *East Street, Thame, OX9 3JT, 01844 212727*

Stoke Mandeville Hospital:
Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8AL
01296 315000

John Radcliffe Hospital: *Headley Way, Headington, OX3 9DU, 0300 304 7777*

JMW Vicary Pharmacy:
Stanbridge Road, 01844 291960

Haddenham Dental:
Banks Road, 01844 292118

Travel:

Red Rose Travel (*route 121*) from Haddenham to Thame and back:
01296 747926

Chiltern Railways: **03456 005 165**

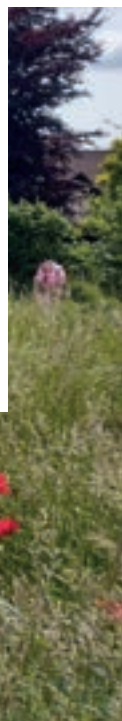
Ivor Miles of Haddenham
(*petrol and servicing*): **01844 291263**

Schools:

Haddenham Community Infant School:
01844 291207

Haddenham Community Junior School:
01844 291829

Haddenham St. Mary's CE School
Infant School: 01844 291455



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