Welcome to – Brigstock

Village Welcome Pack

www.brigstockcouncil@aol.com
Welcome message

Welcome to Brigstock. On behalf of the Parish Council I hope that you will settle quickly and happily into your new home and community. Whilst I am sure that your neighbours will be only too happy to help if you need pointing in the right direction we have developed this Welcome Pack for all new residents to help you find your way round the village and feel part of your community. I hope that you find this pack useful and that it will help you settle in to our happy and active community. Please feel free to call me or any of our Parish Councillor’s if you have any specific questions.

This information is also included on our website www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk and this is updated on a regular basis.

The Welcome Pack also includes a lot of information about local village groups that always welcome new members and volunteers.

Sally Wilks
Chair Brigstock Parish Council
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Parish Council

Your parish council is a local authority that makes some decisions on behalf of the people in the parish. It is the level of government closest to the community with East Northamptonshire District Council above it in the hierarchy. The parish council is often the first place people will go with concerns or ideas and for this reason it is a vital part of the community.

Brigstock Parish Councillors

Mrs. Sally Wilks Chair 01536 373428 sallywilks@mac.com
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Parish Council Meetings

There are 10 Parish Council Meetings per year held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Meetings are held in the village hall upstairs meeting room. Notice of the meeting and agenda are posted on the village notice board and website about a week in advance. Members of the public are welcome to attend. There are no meetings in August or December

Website

Further information about the Parish Council including minutes of meetings can be found on the Parish Council website: www.brigstockcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council responsibilities

The parish council is responsible for Street Lighting, St Andrews Church Yard, Village Cemetery, War Memorial site and the recreation ground in Bridge Street.

Roads, Footpaths, grass verges are the responsibility of Northampton County Council.
Other local representatives

**Northamptonshire County Council** 0300 126 1000 [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)
Our County Councillor is Wendy Brackenbury
wbrackenbury@northamptonshire.gov.uk,

**East Northamptonshire district council** 01832 742000 [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)
Our District Councilor is Sylvia Hughes sylviahughes@gmail.com,

Our Member of Parliament Tom Pursglove 020 7219 8043
tom.pursglove.mp@parliament.uk,

**Village Magazine**
This quarterly magazine is produced by the village hall committee and keeps you informed of forthcoming events and other developments within the village. The magazine is delivered to all villagers free of charge every three months.

The editor of the magazine is Mr. Chris Allen chrisallen043@gmail.com

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**Parish Church**
St Andrews
Rector: Incumbent not in place
e-mail: beneficeoffice5@btinternet.com
Village contact Allison Porter on 01536 373509

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**United Reform Church**
Minister Rev. Samuel Silungwe
e-mail: s.silungwe@yahoo.com
Village contact Mrs Sheila Smith 373225

There is a meeting room (June Small Room) at the Church to hire for small groups
Village Hall

The Village Hall is the centre for many village events and is available for private hire. It is located in Bridge Street
Booking Secretary: Mrs R Briggs Tel: (01536) 373579 e-mail:- rosybbriggs@btinternet.com

Pubs

Green Dragon
Hall Hill
01536 373870

The Three Cocks
High Street
01536 373476

Shops

Co-op
High Street
01536 373223
Local clubs and societies

We are very proud of the amount and variety of social activity in the village. Most of these groups are run by volunteers and are often looking for help to ensure they can continue to flourish. If you think that you can help out in any way then please get in touch with the contacts below.

**Women’s Institute**
Elizabeth Searle 01536 373672
The WI meet the 2nd Tuesday at the WI hall in Park Walk
The hall is available for hire for small groups and activities contact Hilary on 01536 370015

**Kurling**
Contact details
Judith Beeby 01536 373672
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the village hall from 2 till 4

**Open Door (Coffee Morning)**
Contact details. Sharon Eldred
Every Wednesday morning 10 till 12 in the Joan Small Room at the United Reform Church
Art clubs  
Contact details  
Sue Philips 01536 37014

Book Club  
Contact details  
Mrs Sophia Robinson  
Tel: (01536) 373520

Historical Society  
Contact details Bill Simon  
01536 373388  
simon.bill428@gmail.com

Cricket  
Contact details  
Pete Burdett 01536 373478

WEA (Workers Education Association)  
Contact details Ann Shrive  
01536 373216  
annshrive@btinternet.com

Ladies Leisure  
Meet 3rd Monday of each month at the United Reform Church in Mill Lane  
Contact details  
Sheila Smith 373225 or Sharon Eldred 373832

Knit and Natter  
Meet every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon  
Contact details  
Gill Darcy 373779

Film Club  
Contact details Alison Millen  
01536 373028  
themillens@hotmail.com,

Over 60s groups  
Sunnysiders  
Harpers Court Lounge  
Tuesday 2 till 4pm  
Contact details  
Mrs Winrow 01536 373617

Film Club  
Contact details Jim Clark  
01536 373717  
Old Three Cocks. (2 course meal)  
Thursdays 12:30 till 2pm

Mens Group  
Contact details Des Robinson  
01536 3733090  
Old Three Cocks. Mondays  
10:30 till 12noon  
( Newly formed group frequency to be confirmed)
Regular events in the village

**Brigstock beer festival**  Village Hall, 3rd weekend in September
[www.brigstockbeerfestival.com](http://www.brigstockbeerfestival.com)

**Christmas tree lighting**  Village square, See publicity information nearer the time

**Carols by candlelight**  Fermyn Woods Country Park, See publicity information nearer the time

**Firework event**  The meadow Bridge Street. See publicity information nearer the time

**Mayday**  Brigstock Primary School 01536 373282 See publicity information nearer the time

**Living advent**  Contact Jane Jones @BrigstockAdvent See publicity information nearer the time

**Remembrance Sunday**  Village Square War memorial site

**Woodland Pytchley Hunt**  Meet on Boxing day on village square

Parks/Recreation Spaces

**Swing park**  Located between Lyveden Road and Sandlands Avenue

**Recreation Meadow**  Located on Bridge Street

**Fermyn Woods Country Park**  Walking, wildlife spotting and fishing in a diverse landscape of meadows, marshes, forest and ponds. Lyveden Rd, Brigstock, Hours: 9am–5pm 0300 126 5933

Health

**General Practitioners**
Brigstock Surgery 01536 373283 Bridge Street, Brigstock Northants NN14 3ET
The Surgery is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Tuesday 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Minor Injuries Unit and Urgent Care (open 8 till 8)**
The Willowbrook Health Complex, Cottingham Road Corby NN17 2UR
Unit. 01536 202121

**Hospitals** (Accident and Emergency)
Kettering General Hospital Rothwell Road Kettering Northants NN16 8UZ
General enquires Tel: 01536 492000 Fax: 01536 493767 E-mail: enquiries@kgh.nhs.uk

**National Health Service (non-emergency)**  111  [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
Contact Glenda Stephen to find the coordinator for your street

Child care and education –
Brigstock Preschool Playgroup  www.brigstockplaygroup.co.uk
Monday to Friday sessions from 8:45 to 11:45
Also on Monday and Thursday sessions 11:45 till 2:45
Brigstock Pre-School Playgroup, Brigstock Village Hall, Bridge Street, Brigstock
NN14 3ET Sarah Connellan Manager
01536 373197 / 07708 977714
contact@brigstockplaygroup.co.uk

Primary / First schools
Brigstock Latham's Primary School
14 Latham Street
Brigstock
Northants.
NN14 3HD
Phone: 01536 373282
www.brigstockprimary.org.uk

Transport

Buses
CallConnect is a unique bus service whose timetable is not fixed but responds to passenger requests. This means its routes are different each day depending on the bookings made by passengers. Journey requests can be made by telephone or online. Book a CallConnect journey by calling the booking team on 0345 263 8153. www.wellandcallconnect.co.uk The booking office is open from 8.00am to 6pm, Monday-Friday; 9.00am to 4pm on Saturday; and closed Sundays and Bank Holidays

There is also regular bus service to Kettering and Corby. Bus stops on Hall Hill, Stanion Road and Sudborough Road
Trains
Trains operate through the following stations:
Corby
Kettering
Peterborough

Community transport schemes
Volunteer Action Helping you to stay active in your community. They provide a car scheme for those who cannot access public transport, not just the hospital and doctor's surgery. There is no membership fee. We do need 2 working days notice of drives but will consider medical drives at any time.
01832 275433  admin@volunteeractionoundle.org.uk

Libraries
Local public libraries are located in the following Towns.
Corby  The Cube Parkland Gateway George Street, Corby NN17 1QG
01536 470470
Kettering  Sheep St, Kettering NN16 0AY 0300 126 1000
Thrapston  High St, Thrapston NN14 4JJ 0300 126 1000

A mobile library service is available on Second Saturday of each month at 2pm till 2:45pm. Meeting at Barnards Way

Household waste and recycling

Recycling Centres (Tips) (Northamptonshire County Council)
Corby  Kettering Road, Weldon NN17 3JG open 5 days a week, 10am till 6:00pm closed Wednesday & Thursday.
Kettering  Garrard Way, Telford Industrial Estate Kettering NN16 8TD
Open 5 days a week, 10:00am to 6:00pm closed Monday & Tuesday

Household waste collection (East Northamptonshire Council)
Fortnightly collections alternate
Week one recycling (green bin)
Week two general waste (Black Bin)
Food waste (Small Green Bin) collected weekly.
There is also available a brown bin for garden waste for annual fee. Contact ENC on 01832 742043
Some Village History

Brigstock has been the largest village within Rockingham Forest since medieval times and the population, exceeding nine hundred since 1500, has remained relatively constant since that time. Rockingham Forest was a royal hunting forest designated by William the Conqueror around the time of the Domesday survey. The forest was split into three administrative areas (known as bailiwick) and Brigstock was the administrative centre for the bailiwick of "Bricstoc".

Forest officers held manorial courts at Brigstock Manor House until they were abolished in 1817. 18th century maps show that most of Brigstock parish was covered by ridge and furrow with a few hedged fields immediately around the village. The present style of the village, with its closed plots containing gardens and small barns or outbuildings with a variety of uses interspersed amongst its dwellings, was established at the time of enclosure which occurred comparatively late to the rest of England. The style was reinforced when villagers received portions of land close to the village in compensation for commons rights lost during enclosure. It is only recently that the working farms within the bounds of the village have been lost.

Historic Features The parish church of Brigstock, St Andrews, is Saxon in origin. The church contains a semi-circular stair turret and nave dating from the late tenth century. Brigstock’s Saxon tower is one of only three in the country. The church also comprises a Norman north aisle, a 13th century Lady Chapel, a tower raised in the 14th century and a later spire.

Brigstock Manor House dates in part from the mid-12th century. It is believed to have been used by King John as a hunting lodge at the turn of the 13th century and was later occupied by the Montagu family.

The village market cross, situated in Hall Hill, has been dated from 1586 and the weekly market was held here until 1623.

Wallis’ factory at the junction of Back Lane and Old Dry Lane was a clothing factory from 1872 to 1979.

The kennels of the Woodland Pytchley Hunt have been situated on Kennel Hill since 1873.

The Coronation Oak, planted to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, stands at the junction of Grafton Road and Sudborough Road.