

# HINTON ST GEORGE

## GUIDEBOOK

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**Hinton St George** came top of a long-life league in 2012, with the highest life expectancy in Britain. It is regarded as one of the best kept villages in Somerset as it retains the character of a rural community with its own shop & Post Office, Church and award winning Pub.



*Dorothy's Tea Rooms*



*Our Shop*

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## A SHORT HISTORY OF HINTON ST GEORGE

*First mentioned in the Domesday Book as the village of Hanstone and was owned by William of Ow. It then transferred to the Powtrel family during the reign of Richard I and came to the Poulett family through marriage during the 1400's. The family remained in the village until 1968 and occupied Hinton House for over 500 years.*

*During the Middle Ages a number of the village points of interest were built. The church dates to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and a guide book is available at the Church. The preaching cross once marked the medieval village centre. Opposite the preaching cross is The Priory, a medieval manor house with a chapel. The parish once contained the hamlet of Craft, which was to the south west of the village.*

*Hinton St George used to hold cattle fairs and many cattle were brought in along the droves of South Somerset. A fair was held annually on St George's Day until the late 1940's. The wide village main street is a legacy of those former days when drovers herded their cattle into the village.*

*The Almshouses were situated near the church and dated from 1648. The present Almshouses in Gas Lane date from 1872 and were provided by the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl Poulett and his aunt, Lady Augusta.*

*The school was built in 1850 but there is evidence that the Poulett family provided education for the village children from 1776.*

*In 1863 a gas manufacturing plant was built in Gas Lane, at Gas House, which supplied gas to Hinton House and the rest of the village. As a result, Hinton became the first gaslit village in England.*

*Today, most of the village lies within a conservation area. There are 234 properties in Hinton, many of which are listed buildings. Further information is on the village website: [www.hintonstgeorge.org.uk](http://www.hintonstgeorge.org.uk)*

## **LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

**MP:** *David Laws – LIB DEM (01935 423284)*

**MEP:** *Sir Graham Watson – LIB DEM (01458 252265)*

### **LOCAL AUTHORITIES:**

- *South Somerset District Council (01935 462462)*  
*www.southsomerset.gov.uk*
- *Somerset County Council (01823 355455)*  
*www.somerset.gov.uk*

### **PARISH COUNCIL:**

*Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Village Hall and minutes of those meetings are displayed on the Parish Council notice-board located outside Our Shop.*

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

- *CHAIRMAN – Fred Voss (01460 72361)*
- *CLERK – Colin Payne (01460 72804)*
- *VICE CHAIRMAN – Jane Bourne (01460 75843)*

### **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR:**

*Paul Maxwell: CONSERVATIVE (01460 271155)*

### **VILLAGE LENGTHSMAN:**

*David Ogilvey works for the Parish on certain days of the week, undertaking various tasks related to the overall safety, tidiness and appearance of our local environment. If there is something you believe could be improved or requires attention, please contact the Lengthsman Co-ordinator who is Brian Smith (01460 76155) or any other member of the Parish Council.*

*If you see evidence of fly tipping please contact the District Council on the number above.*

## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

*POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE: 999*

## NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS/CONTACTS

*LOCAL POLICE STATION: 101 (CREWKERNE)*

*POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER: Michelle Haimes*

*EGGWOOD BEAT OFFICERS: PC Louise Cowell; PC Pete Raskin*

*CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: 01935 421167*

*CRIMESTOPPERS: 0800 555111*

*FIRE: 01935 382000*

*NHS DIRECT: 0845 4647*

## SOME LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<i>Crewkerne Aqua Centre</i>	<i>77665</i>
<i>Crewkerne Dental Centre</i>	<i>75210</i>
<i>Crewkerne Health Centre</i>	<i>74797</i>
<i>Crewkerne Rail Station</i>	<i>0845 6000650</i>
<i>Crewkerne Taxis</i>	<i>75088</i>
<i>Dinnington Docks</i>	<i>75239</i>
<i>Dorothy's Tea Rooms</i>	<i>271777</i>
<i>Lord Poulett Arms</i>	<i>73149</i>
<i>Neighbourhood Watch: Brian Smith</i>	<i>76155</i>
<i>Our Shop</i>	<i>72706</i>
<i>Sunday Newspapers</i>	<i>241200</i>
<i>Village Hall bookings</i>	<i>73500</i>

## GENERAL SERVICES

*Hinton is very lucky to have Our Shop and Post Office owned and run by the community. There is a wide range of groceries, freshly baked bread, fresh fruit & vegetables, newspapers, cards, stationery, an Off Licence and lots of helpful advice. Our Shop is often able to supply specific items requested. The shop also acts as an agent for dry cleaning, laundry and shoe repairs. Volunteers help to run the shop and new volunteers are always most welcome. Telephone 01460 72706 or email: ask@ourshophinton.org  
Hours of opening are:*

<b>DAY</b>	<b>OUR SHOP</b>	<b>POST OFFICE</b>
<i>Monday - Friday</i>	<i>08.00 – 5.30pm</i>	<i>Closed 1 - 2pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>08.00 – 4pm</i>	<i>Closed from 1pm</i>

*Fish can be obtained from the mobile service which visits the village on Wednesdays (01308 425048). You can get Fish 'n Chips in Merriott. Milk deliveries are available from Dairy Crest (01935 475512). Sunday papers can be ordered (241200).*

*In nearby Merriott there is a Pharmacy which offers free delivery (72222), a Co-op and a butcher's/grocery store which are open on Sundays. South Petherton also has a Co-op and a variety of small shops. The nearest large supermarkets are located in Crewkerne (Co-op, Lidl & Waitrose), Chard (Tesco, Sainsburys & Lidl), Ilminster (Tesco & Co-op) as well as various large stores in Yeovil.*

*For DIY and home improvements, there is a B&Q in Yeovil as well as various builders merchants. In Crewkerne, there is a small but well stocked ironmongers (James) and a branch of Bradfords. Chard also has a B&Q and builders' merchants.*

*The nearest petrol station is at Merriott and another just off the A303 at the South Petherton roundabout.*

## EDUCATION

### **PRIMARY:** *HINTON ST GEORGE C of E FIRST SCHOOL*

*Tel: 01460 72653*

*This is an excellent First School for pupils aged 4-9 years. There is an Independent Pre-School on the premises for those aged 2½-4 years. Tel: 01460 73033*

### **MIDDLE:** *MAIDEN BEECH ACADEMY*

*Tel: 01460 72677*

*Located on the edge of Crewkerne for pupils aged 9-13 years.*

### **SECONDARY:** *WADHAM SCHOOL*

*Tel: 01460 270123*

*The nearest Secondary School is in Crewkerne for pupils aged 13-18 years.*

*In addition, there are a number of independent schools in the surrounding area. There are Libraries at Crewkerne, South Petherton and Ilminster*

**ADULTS:** *Courses for adult education are available as advertised with:*

- *Workers Education Institute (01392 457300)*
- *University of the Third age (U3A) – Henhayes Centre, Crewkerne (01460 271776)*
- *Dillington House: (01460 258648)*
- *Somerset Courses & Workshops (01278 459023)*
- *Somerset Active Living: meets at Dorothy's Tea Rooms on Monday mornings with a special meal on the first Monday of each month (call Gill Esp on 72355 or 271777).*

### **MOTHERS, BABIES & TODDLERS' GROUP:**

*Hinton Honeybees meets in the Village Hall on Monday mornings during school terms. Call either Louise (249101) or Gilly (259311).*

## UTILITIES

**ELECTRICITY-** *Western Power (0800 365900) is responsible for installation and maintenance.*

*The local supplier is SWEB, although any power company can be used for the provision of electricity.*

**GAS –** *Wales & West Utilities are responsible for installation and maintenance. In the case of **EMERGENCY phone 0800 111 999 immediately***

*Any power company can be used for the provision of gas.*

**WATER –** *Wessex Water (01225 526000) is responsible for installation, maintenance and provision.*

**COLLECTION OF REFUSE –** *Every 2 weeks on Mondays, except during a holiday period, when collections are made on Tuesdays.*

**COLLECTION OF RECYCLING ITEMS -** *Every week on Mondays. Black Box for cardboard\*, cans, plastic bottles (no tops), clothes and shoes (in bags) as well as car batteries.*

*Green Box for glass, paper and foil (folded in bags).*

*The brown box is used for food waste.*

*All recycling collections are suspended for a week around Christmas bank holidays. There is a different collection day on other bank holiday periods. Call 01935 462462 for further advice.*

*There is a fortnightly collection of garden waste by our local authority which can be subscribed to. Re-cycling centres are in Crewkerne (chargeable), Chard and Yeovil. Opening times do vary but you may check by calling 01935 462462.*

*\* Cardboard and paper collection takes place monthly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend at the Village Hall car park. Proceeds from this collection go towards the Church Restoration Fund.*



## **THE VILLAGE HALL**

*Located on the Merriott road just outside the village, the Hall is used for a variety of occasions. It has its own kitchen, 2 changing rooms, toilets, stage with lighting and open floor area suitable for seating, dancing or displays. The Hall and Playing Field is managed by a committee which meets monthly. Bookings - Brian Cornelius 73500.*

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

*Our parish church of St George is a most beautiful building and visitors are very welcome to look around or attend weekly services. There is an informative booklet at the church. We share our rectors (Rev Julia Hicks & Rev Bob Hicks) with 3 other local C of E churches and as a result there are variations with regard to timings and personnel. RC services are held on Saturdays at 5.30pm St Joseph's in Ilminster and on Sundays at 9am St Michael's in South Petherton as well as St Peter's in Crewkerne.*

## **PARISH MAGAZINE: THE CHUCH LINK**

*This is printed monthly and can be either purchased from Our Shop or delivered to subscribers (72704). It is a very helpful booklet about local issues and includes a range of useful adverts from traders.*

## **CHARITIES**

*Hinton Fundraisers (75843), Hinton Village Charity (72361) and The Reading Room Trust (72931) all assist local worthy causes and applications can be made to each organisation for funding. The Poulett Almshouses are managed by a Trustee Committee (74544).*

## **VILLAGE PLAN & WEBSITE**

*The process was started in 2008 and various local projects have developed as a result. Our website: [www.hintonstgeorge.org.uk](http://www.hintonstgeorge.org.uk)*

## CLUBS, SOCIETIES & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

<b>CLUB/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>WHEN/COMMENT</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b>Active Living</b>	<i>Mon am - Dorothy's</i>	<i>Gill Esp 72355</i>
<b>Allotments</b>	<i>Private field South Street</i>	<i>Brian Cornelius 73500</i>
<b>Bowling - Indoor</b>	<i>Wed 7pm Village Hall</i>	<i>J Singleton 77514</i>
<b>Boule League</b>	<i>Wed/Sun in summer – Pub</i>	<i>Michelle 73149</i>
<b>Community Choir</b>	<i>Thurs evenings - weekly</i>	<i>Amanda Khan- Davis 72553</i>
<b>Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>	<i>Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</i>	<i>Gary Osborne 78969</i>
<b>Cricket Club</b>	<i>Sunday pm - Summer</i>	<i>Bill Newey 75329</i>
<b>Dog Training</b>	<i>Tues pm - Village Hall</i>	<i>Lorna Fleming 242563</i>
<b>Fete</b>	<i>Occasional</i>	<i>Village Hall Cttee &amp; other clubs</i>
<b>Film Club Flix in the Stix</b>	<i>Sat evenings - monthly Village Hall</i>	<i>Eric Burgess 74959</i>
<b>Football Club Youth Football</b>	<i>Sat pm – Playing Field Merriott</i>	<i>Ross Jewell 72276 Hayden 74449</i>
<b>Gardening Club</b>	<i>3rd Thurs monthly Sept to April 7.30 pm - Village Hall Annual Horticultural Show Biennial Open Gdns Weekend</i>	<i>Diana Porter 75686</i>
<b>Girlguiding UK</b>	<i>Rainbows, Brownies &amp; Guides</i>	<i>Tina Brownlow 01823 288428</i>
<b>Honeybees Babies/Toddlers</b>	<i>Monday am Village Hall School terms</i>	<i>Louise 249101 Gilly: 259311</i>
<b>Minimarket</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Thurs am monthly - Church</i>	<i>Gill Esp 72355</i>
<b>Music Festival</b>	<i>Biennial festival</i>	<i>See notices</i>
<b>Pilates</b>	<i>Mon evenings - Village Hall</i>	<i>Sue Davison 57362</i>
<b>Punkey Night</b>	<i>Last Thursday in October</i>	<i>See notices</i>
<b>Safari Supper</b>	<i>Biennial roving dinner</i>	<i>See notices</i>
<b>Tennis Club</b>	<i>South Petherton</i>	<i>Bill Newey 75329</i>
<b>Wine Club</b>	<i>Friday evenings monthly Dorothy's Tea Rooms</i>	<i>David Clements 77214</i>

## LOCAL TRANSPORT

*There is a demand responsive service organised by Somerset County Council, but you need to book your journey in advance by contacting 01935 823888 for the following Nippy Bus services:*

- N6 – Martock & Yeovil
- N8 – Yeovil

*Further information can be found on [www.nippybus.co.uk](http://www.nippybus.co.uk); the bus stop is located just past the crossroads on the Merriott road.*

*Bus transport for longer journeys can be taken with Berrys (01823 331356) nearest pickup at the South Petherton roundabout, or National Express (08717 818181) from either Taunton or Yeovil.*

*Crewkerne is our nearest rail station (0845 6000650) with a direct service to London Waterloo. There are various local taxi services advertised in Yellow Pages as well as in Our Shop.*

*Hinton is well situated with regard to cycle trails and walks with numerous routes around the local countryside as shown in the local booklet 'Country Walks' which can be obtained at Our Shop.*

## PUBS, FOOD & ACCOMMODATION

*The Lord Poulett Arms is our local pub which has won various awards for dining and offers a special 2 course menu to villagers on Monday evenings. Our other local pub is at Dinnington Docks which is just over 1 mile from the village. Dorothy's Tea Rooms are open every day and offers a variety of meals. In addition, it is a cyber café with a community laptop and wi-fi facility.*

*Bed and breakfast can be found at The Lord Poulett Arms (73149) [www.lordpoulettarms.com](http://www.lordpoulettarms.com) as well as The Old Post Office (271777) [www.hintonstgeorgebandb.co.uk](http://www.hintonstgeorgebandb.co.uk) and Little Orchard (78272). Also, there are holiday lets at certain properties in the village, such as Summer Hill Cottage (77161).*

## **AMENDMENTS AND UPDATES**

*There were a number of very helpful suggestions following the printing of the first edition.*

*If you would like to suggest any amendments or additional details, please contact:*

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