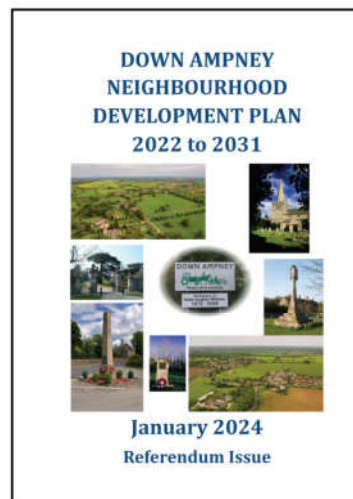




DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

REFERENDUM DAY 29th February 2024



**Copies of the Plan, the subject of
the vote, are available to view in
Down Ampney Village Shop**

Please vote on this important document



The total taken from the 3 Soup Lunches was, I think, £1,267.87. This includes the holiday draw which was won by Geraldine Busby. This sum has to be verified by our Soroptimist Treasurer. This will be presented to Cirencester Food Bank (cirencester.foodbank.org.uk) at our next meeting. Thank you to all my helpers and all in Down Ampney who supported it.

Jackie Gloyn – Soroptimist International – Cirencester & District, sigbi.org/cirencester/

When life gets tough

FIND THE SUPPORT YOU NEED

Be Well Gloucestershire is a local campaign supported by the county's NHS and care organisations aimed at promoting health and wellbeing support and information to help when those challenges become hard to deal with.

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If you would like to advertise your business, please email us with your contact details and to discuss prices and requirements. Charity adverts benefit from special rates.

Please send submissions in MS Word, Word compatible, or Publisher format, or as a JPG or PNG, as we do have to reformat or resize some contributions. It would also help if you use Calibri font, size 11 or 12. Please avoid underlining or formatting. Emails are also acceptable.

Thank you — Su Moody, Editor

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DOWN AMPNEY

Dear Friend

At the start of February the season of Christmas comes to and end (I bet you thought it was over in December!). The 2nd February is the Feast of Candlemas when the church remembers Jesus' parents talking their baby to the Temple in Jerusalem, as was the custom, to be presented before God. It is a time in the church calendar between Christmas Day and Easter. Of course we have the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' – which run from Christmas Day; and then the Feast of the Epiphany, when we remember the Wisemen seeking out the Christ Child in Bethlehem. This joyful season of Epiphany lasts for a month.

At the same time as lots of people are starting their New Year regime, following New Year resolutions – buying gym membership or weight watchers, or doing 'Dry January' - the church is still 'Feasting' until Candlemas!

But then – paraphrasing the Dog's Trust – the church is not just for Christmas, we are here all the year round - offering Sunday Services in our parishes, the opportunity to join together in song, prayer, praise and fellowship. Its great that our churches are where people can meet and make new friends.

There are always those life events too – a wedding, wedding blessing or a baptism, when the church will be there to celebrate with you and make these times really special. Or in different times to draw alongside in time of trouble, and from time to time to mark the passing of a loved one, both mourning their loss yet celebrating their life.

We have some beautiful, ancient, special buildings which are open each day for visitors to use for prayer or simply to enjoy their peace and beauty. And it you ever want to talk – about anything at all – please simply call.

'The church' is not just for Christmas!

As ever — *John*



CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday 4th February *Candlemas Sunday*

10am Parish Communion Down Ampney

Sunday 11th February *Sunday before Lent*

10am Parish Communion Driffield

10am Word & Worship Harnhill

Sunday 18th February *1st Sunday of Lent*

10am Parish Communion Ampney Crucis

10am Word & Worship Harnhill

Sunday 25th February *2nd Sunday of Lent*

10am Parish Communion Poulton

10am Word & Worship Harnhill

Sunday 3rd March *3rd Sunday of Lent*

10am Parish Communion Down Ampney

10am Word & Worship Harnhill

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LENT LUNCHES

You would be welcome to join us for a Lent Lunch (homemade soup, cheese and a roll) at The Rectory, Ampney Crucis – near the Village Hall:

12.30 Tuesday 27th February

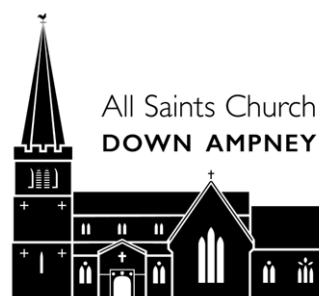
12.30 Wednesday 27th March

Donations towards Youth and Children's Work in the Cotswolds.

Please let us know if you are planning to join us. You would be very welcome. Thank you.

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There will be a **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 28th February** at Down Ampney Village Hall 11-12 – coffee, cake, chat and good company! All welcome.



Church website: www.ampneychurches.info

Rector: The Rev'd Canon John Swanton Tel: 01285 851309

Email: ampneyrector@gmail.com



Down Ampney Arts & Craft Circle

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1:30pm-4pm
Down Ampney Village Hall



Watercolours, acrylics, pencil, pen & ink, crafting, knitting, crocheting, etc. - anything creative you wish. It's a friendly space to create, explore, develop, help and support each other, share, be inspired, and express yourself. Feel free to come along for a cuppa and to see what's happening.

The next meetings will be **Tuesday 13th and 27th February**

(Membership £40 for 2024 including SAA group membership, £3 per session as a visitor)

Occasional workshops will be notified and priced separately.

Contact: DAACCGL7@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/DAACC/



Cotswold Writers Circle

This is a small group of people who enjoy writing stories, both short and long. You don't need to have published - we meet on a **Tuesday morning at 10.30** in the Dakota Room of our Village Hall.

Paying £2 for our coffee and biscuits, having a laugh together and enjoying writing and listening to our friends.

For further information contact Derek Skinner. Phone 01793 750598 or email derekskinner1@talktalk.net



FRIDAY NIGHT FILM NIGHT

7 for 7:30pm, Down Ampney Village Hall in the Dakota Room. Open to all (over 18's only), the bar will be open before and after. Entry is £2, all profits going to the Village Hall.

APOLOGIES FOR CANCELLING THE JANUARY FILM – “Knives Out” will be shown in March

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for information or with your film suggestions



Cricklade and District Probosc Club

We are looking forward to our coming group meetings when the following talks will take place.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8 th February | The Story of a Violin |
| 15 th February | The President's Lunch |
| 22 nd February | Putin's Russia |

The meetings normally take place fortnightly on a Thursday at 10.00 am at the White Hart Hotel in Cricklade. Ours is a friendly group who enjoy keeping our minds active and socialising over a drink in the bar after the meetings. We are actively seeking to expand our numbers and look forward to welcoming new members to the Club.

For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, Richard Roberts on 01793 751063



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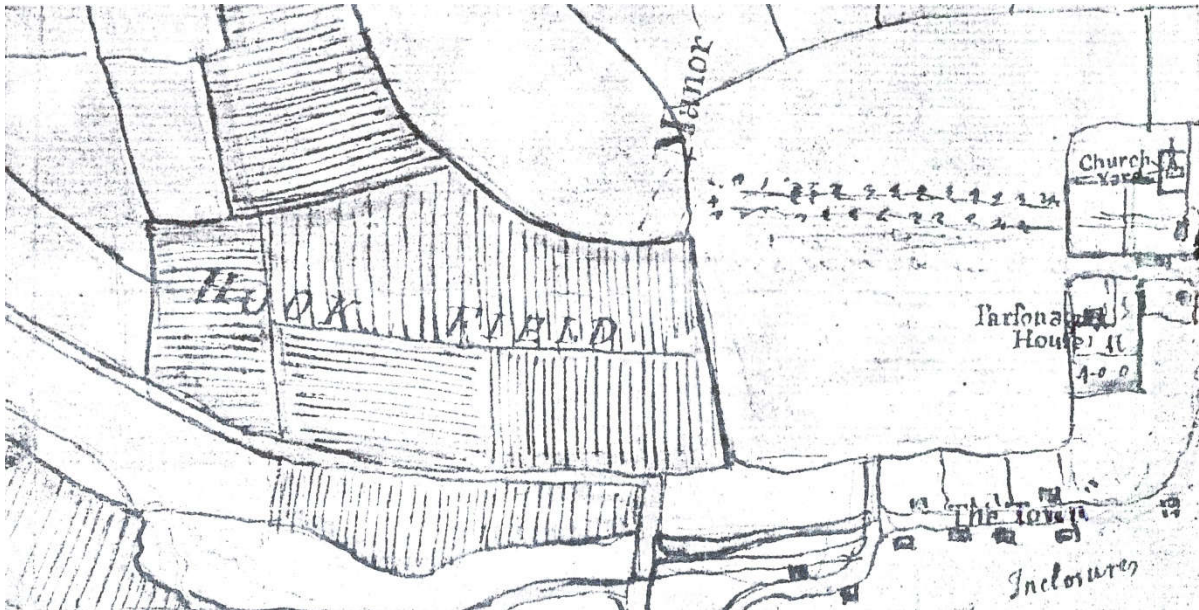
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If you're interested or for more information please contact:

Tony Peel simpeel@btinternet.com or Peter Baillie davs2016@hotmail.com



SYCAMORE WALK

This is part of a 1773 map of Down Ampney. It shows 'Parsonage House', 'Church Yard' and the group of houses in the main 'street' is rather grandly called 'The Town'. It also shows avenue of trees leading up to the gates of Down Ampney House.

Normally, avenues such as this would line a carriage drive up to the gates of such a house, but this is unlikely to be the case here as the 'other end' of the lines of trees do not lead to a road which carried traffic between villages. Oak Road was, and still is just an access road to fields. In fact, the main road to the village was via Latton and was the route taken when Queen Elizabeth I visited in 1592.

Then what was its purpose if not to line a carriage drive? They were probably planted just to provide a pleasing aspect- and why not!

There was outrage in some quarters in 2000 when the Co-op ordered the trees to be cut down, but many had already fallen and many more, it transpired, were rotten inside.

In the twenty-three years since they were planted, the new trees have grown to maturity and we can enjoy them as our forebears did all those years ago.

Pamela Varey

DOWN AMPNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NOTE THE DATE!

At last, at the culmination of four years' work by the Steering Group and, indeed, the engagement of Down Ampney residents, Cotswold District Council has announced the date for the referendum on the Down Ampney Neighbourhood Plan:

Thursday 29th February 2024

Poll cards will have been sent out to all registered electors around 25 January. Anyone not already registered, can do so online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and the deadline is Tuesday 13 February.

Postal votes will be issued as usual to anyone with a postal vote in place. If anyone would like a postal vote, they can apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote or contact CDC for a paper form to be sent.

The Steering Group urges everyone to vote on this very important matter.

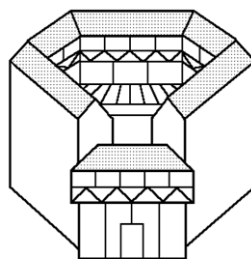
We would also urge everyone to study the policies put forward: there are policies affecting Duke's Meadow (the Millennium Field), surface water flooding and sewerage problems, and the general look of the village. Voters must make their own decisions as to what is important to them.

Printed copies of the plan, the subject of the vote, are available in the Village Shop.

Please, please vote, it's important!

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

FAIRFORD THEATREGOERS



We currently have a few membership places available to join the Fairford Theatregoers. Every member receives a show offer for each month (usually about 10 offers a year in practice). All the theatres are within a two hour coach trip of Fairford and they leave and return to Fairford marketplace. Shows in 2023 costs ranged from £30 - £47.50 per person, which included the coach. Every member can also invite one guest per show and the guest is charged £2 extra for their ticket.

The annual membership is £7 for a single membership or £11 for a couple, to cover the running costs.

If you would like any further information or an application form please call Alison & David: 01285 713182 or email: bookingftg@btinternet.com

From Down Ampney Parish Council

January has been a quiet month though it is nice to see some blue sky and cold crisp days. Let's hope the ground has time to dry out before the next downpour.

Due to the timings of writing this, for publication, we don't yet have the results from the Consultation.

Bromford, via their contractors have been clearing out the drains in Broadleaze and have committed to doing this fortnightly until a permanent solution is found.

Some of you may have noticed that they were digging the road up to test whether a soakaway is viable to alleviate the flooding in Broadleaze.

THE HUB

We have, at last, managed to arrange for the District Council's clothes recycling bin to be removed from the village hall car park. Subject to further discussions with the village school, we are proposing to allow them to locate their recycling bin in the car park in its place. permission will be on a three-month trial basis and subject to the school removing any bags that are not put into the bin. That said, we would again, sincerely request, that villagers do not place bags alongside the recycling bin as inevitably, the bag contents are subject to weather damage and must be disposed of as general refuse.

The other item that we are investigating, is the possibility of relocating the shops red refuse container to the entrance to the car park and housing it in a wooden enclosure.

More work will be undertaken on the tall hedge that runs parallel to the tennis courts. It will be reduced to approximately 6ft-6.5ft by cutting into mature wood, and the sides will have a further trim. The reduction will allow CCTV to monitor the play areas and we anticipate the work will be done before the end of February, well before the nesting season.

GRASS CUTTING

Having accepted the bid from Glebe Contractors, the Parish Council are now in the process of signing a new three-year contract with this company to cut and maintain designated grassed areas and verges throughout the village.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP

This will take place on Sunday, 17th March, meeting up at the Village Hall at 11.00. Please try to take part in this activity to keep our village tidy. More details will appear in the March Newsletter that is delivered at the end of next month.

LORRY WATCH

Cllr Hedges has had a report giving details of two heavy lorries passing through the village. However unfortunately there is a high volume of lorry traffic entering the village with building materials for the Broadway Farm housing development and it is difficult to check if any are passing through in contravention of the weight limit restriction. The report concerning the two lorries is being investigated.

Please continue to contact Cllr Hedges on the email below details (and ideally pictures) to include vehicle registration number, time, and direction to Cllr Hedges Brian@downampneyvillage.co.uk.

PLANNING

No new planning applications.



Key Stage Two visit to the Mosque and Gloucester Cathedral

On Monday 15th January, all of the children from Key Stage two travelled to Gloucester to visit the Mosque and join with other church schools at the cathedral for a Christingle Service.

At the Mosque, the children learnt about the 5 pillars of Islam, as well as experiencing the washroom and having a chance to try on traditional Muslim clothing. The Imam answered many questions the children had. At the Cathedral, we came together with other church schools to celebrate the work done by the Children's Society. Each school donated money to the charity before coming together in prayer and song by candlelight.



Raffle Prize Winners at the Christmas in the Community Event at Down Ampney Village School

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the festive occasion held in the school hall. The children sang beautifully, the mulled wine was enjoyed and the variety of stalls made for a lovely event.

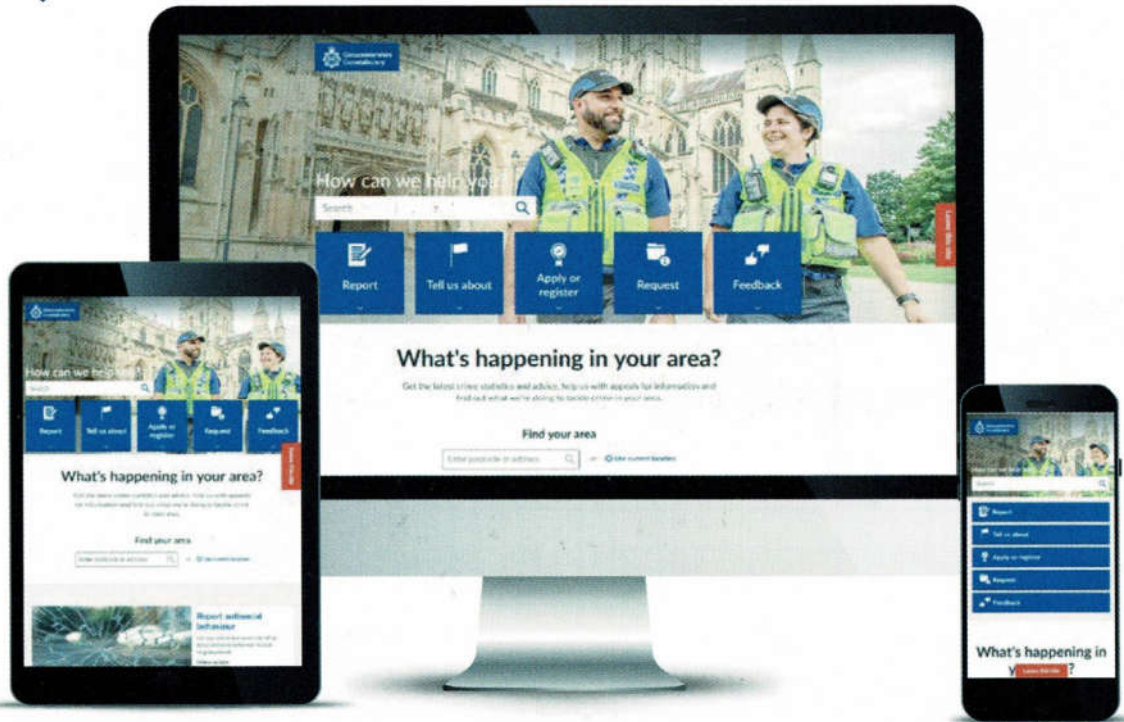
First Prize of £200.00	Denis Quittenton
2nd Prize Tickets to the Wildlife Park	Ally Richards
3 rd Prize Champagne Tea at The Crown, Ampney Brook	Sue Mills
4 th Prize The large hamper	Sue Quittenton
5 th Prize Cotswold Driving Experience	Mrs Walters
6 th Prize A bottle of Malt Whisky	Lilian Stevens
7 th Prize A bottle of Malt Whisky	Sam from Broadleaze
8 th Prize Champagne Tea at The Crown, Ampney Brook	Mrs Keech of Wychwood
9 th Prize Bottle of Prosecco	Elaine Eddy
10 th Prize Chocolate and Wine Gift bag	Mr and Mrs Berry
11 th Prize Moulton Brown set, Cotswold print & chocolates	Mrs Newman
12 th Prize 2 Tickets to Gateway Ice Rink	Ben Gamsa, I Knowle
13 th Prize Roves Farm Tickets for 2	Nellie Frost
14 th Prize Child's Gift Bag	Amanda Johnson
15 th Prize Clifton Photography photo shoot	Mr J. Kiernan
16 th Prize Clifton Photography photo shoot	Pip Taylor
17 th Prize Craft hamper for children	Anit, 53 The Farm
18 th Prize Sweet Hamper	Nicky, 4 Charlham Way
19 th Prize Child's gift bag	Mrs Robson
20 th Prize Giant box of craft	23 Down Ampney
21 st Prize Bag of chocolate and beauty item	Mr and Mrs Berry
22 nd Prize Cotswold Christmas Duo set from Poulton Hill	Chris Parsons
23 rd Prize The Corinium Museum family ticket	Liz Haywood, c/o T H Willis
24 th Prize Christmas Cake from Sister Bakes	J. Pearse
25 th Prize Rugrats and Halfpints family ticket	Milton of Nell Farm



Down Ampney FC Social Club Bar opening times

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EDNA DAWES LUNCH CLUB

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The Lunch Club is ideally for the isolated and lonely members of the community aiming to provide a sociable day out on a regular basis. It can also be used to support carers who can benefit from some respite.

The Lunch Club includes a morning activity, a hot meal with pudding, a group activity and hot drinks throughout the day. The cost for the day is £10 which includes transport if necessary.

**REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST NOW**

Contact Katie Bull, EDLC Team Leader



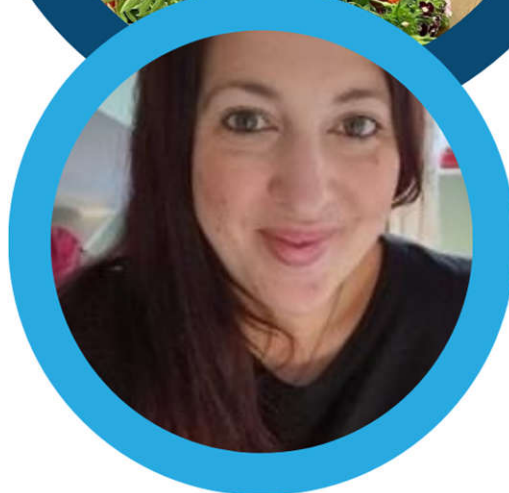
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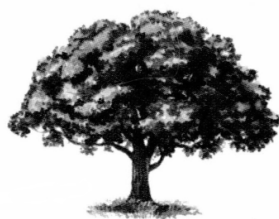
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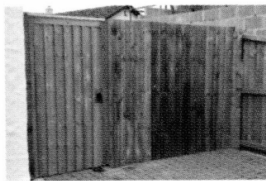
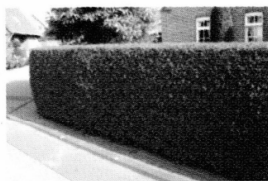
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Neighbourhood Watch	Report incidents by calling 101 or visit Gloucestershire.police.uk IN EMERGENCY call 999 Co-ordinator: Julia Campbell – 07743930453 downampneyNWS@gmail.com
Village Hall NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	Available to hire for parties, wedding breakfasts, clubs, meetings, etc. www.downampneyvillagehall.co.uk Contact: NEW BOOKING SECRETARY WANTED, bookings@downampneyvillagehall.co.uk
Village Shop NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	Next to Village Hall. Open M-F 9am-12 noon, Sat&Sun 9am-12 noon Contact: 01793 752590 www.downampneyvillageshop.co.uk Volunteers are always needed. Contact: Tony Peel 07751 723399, simpeel@btinternet.com
Post Office	In the Village Shop. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-12 noon 01793 750385
Village Web Site	For news, local information, and useful links. www.downampneyvillage.co.uk
Down Ampney Village Facebook	www.facebook.com/Down-Ampney-Village-176038752590936/community/
Down Ampney Online Facebook	www.facebook.com/groups/DownAmpneyOnline/ Email: su.moody1889@gmail.com to post to the Facebook page if you don't use Facebook
Down Ampney Businesses and Services Facebook	Adverts and information by local businesses and services www.facebook.com/groups/DAOnlineBusinessesandServices/
Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard	News desk: email news@wiltsglosstandard.co.uk 01453 769427 Submit articles, events & photos online: www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/send-us-your-news/
Cotswold Community Wellbeing Service	A free and confidential service which offers support to help improve your health and wellbeing. Amanda Wragg 07738 106384 email: cws.grcc@nhs.net
Football & Social Club	Open Fri & Sat 7:30-11pm, Sun 7:30-10:30pm. Contact: Sandra Wyndow 01793 750983
Village Primary School	Contact: School Administrator, Mrs S Woodruffe 01793 750294 admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk www.downampney.gloucs.sch.uk
All Saints' Church	Open daily 10-4. Services: see pg 3 / Church notice board / www.ampneychurches.info Contact: The Rev'd Canon John Swanton, The Rectory, Ampney Crucis 01285 851309 Church Wardens: Mr G Newman 01793 750087, Mrs A Stokes 01793 750674
Fix My Street	Report issues within Down Ampney: potholes, fly tipping, etc. www.fixmystreet.com
Good Neighbours	Collection of prescriptions and transport to medical appointments for older members of our community. Contact: Mrs Caroline McKemey 01793 751780
Library Service	Contact: 01285 659813 www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-timetables
Down Ampney Fundraising Group	Contact daevents@gmx.com or Maureen Gregory on 07813 035473
Down Ampney Arts & Craft Circle	1:30-4pm on second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Village Hall. Email: DAACCGL7@gmail.com www.facebook.com/groups/DAACC/
Gardening Club	Meets at 7:30pm on third Thursday every month except August. Contact: Karen Dangerfield 01793 752529 email: karendangerfield23@yahoo.com
Tennis Club	Courts next to Village Hall. https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DownAmpneyTennisClub Contact: Tony Peel 07751 723399 email: tennis@downampneyvillage.co.uk

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