

# Welcome to Down Ampney

Useful information about the village and activities

As a small village, we hope everyone will participate one way or another so that we get to know each other and help make a cohesive community.

Whatever your reasons for settling here and wherever you have moved from, we hope your time in this village will be a truly happy one.

## **Down Ampney claims to fame**

Down Ampney is the birthplace of the quintessential English composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams. His father was vicar here in the 1870s and Ralph was born in what is now The Old Vicarage. His father is buried in the churchyard and there is an exhibition in the Church to which many devotees come.

The village's other claim to fame is the part Down Ampney played in the Second World War as much of the estate was a large airfield, hospital, barracks etc. Hundreds of men and women were stationed here and were part of the Arnhem Airborne Operation and D-Day landings. Dakotas and Horsa gliders were flown from here. There is a memorial near the airfield and a garden of remembrance on the north side of the church.

## VILLAGE AMENITIES

### Village Community Shop

Open: Tues, Wed, Thurs 08.30-16.30 - Mon, Fri 08.30-12.30  
Sat, Sun 09.00-12.00 Bank hols 10.00-12.00

Contact: 01793 752590 [www.downampneyvillageshop.co.uk](http://www.downampneyvillageshop.co.uk)

Newspapers can be ordered (for collection) but some are always available

Wide range of everyday/essential items

Café

Volunteers are always needed: Speak to a volunteer in the shop

or email [shop@downampneyvillageshop.co.uk](mailto:shop@downampneyvillageshop.co.uk)

or telephone Pam Cook on 01793 759050.

The shop needs people to give as much or as little time as you are able to – it can be behind the till, baking or helping in other ways

### Post Office

Located in the Village Shop. Post Mistress: Sheila Bull

Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 09.00-12.00

Contact 01793 750385

### Down Ampney Online

Village Website: [www.downampneyvillage.co.uk](http://www.downampneyvillage.co.uk)

Use this website for information about all the events, classes, interest groups etc which take place in the village hall (eg Yoga, Pilates, ballroom dancing etc)

or [www.facebook.com/groups/1934517210170348/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1934517210170348/)

### Down Ampney News (village magazine)

Free. Published monthly and delivered at the end of the preceding month. Contains news of forthcoming events and reports of other activities.

Editorial: Marilyn Robson 01793 75142

[t.f.robson30@btinternet.com](mailto:t.f.robson30@btinternet.com)

## **Village Hall**

Available to hire for parties, wedding breakfasts, meetings, classes etc

Contact: Peter Bailie 01793 751429 or  
[bookings@downampneyvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@downampneyvillagehall.co.uk)

## **Village Primary School**

Contact: Sharon Woodruffe, School Administrator 01793 750294  
[www.downampney.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.downampney.gloucs.sch.uk)

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Report worrying issues direct to 101. In an emergency dial 999

Co-ordinator: David Job 01793 750532

## **Defibrillators**

These are available, with full instructions, in the village hall porch and at the football club

## **Noticeboards**

There are two, one by The Old Estate Yard and the other at the corner of Broadleaze Road. They are available for anyone to put up notices. The village hall and shop also have notice boards.

## **Playground**

There is a young children's playground accessible from the village hall car park. Next to this is the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), an all-weather area marked out for both netball and 5-a-side football.

## **Tennis Courts**

There are two hard courts and practice wall next to the village hall. Social tennis and club events open to all levels of players. Single, family and junior memberships available

Contact Tony Peel re membership:  
email [simpeel@btinternet.com](mailto:simpeel@btinternet.com)

## **Fish & Chips**

The mobile fish & chips van visits Down Ampney every other Tuesday evening and can be found in the car park of the Football Club. Reminder of next date can be found in the village shop.

## **Good Neighbours**

Providing collection of prescriptions and transport for medical appointments for older members of our community.

Contact: Caroline McKemey 01793 751780

## **Community Garden**

Accessible from the village hall car park. 22 growing areas, organic, environmentally sound, pesticide and chemical free, wildlife friendly. For further information or to register interest:

Contact: Melanie Fouracre [dacommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:dacommunitygarden@gmail.com)

# COUNCIL

Cotswold District Council (CDC) 01285 623789 [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)

## Refuse Collection and recycling

Put bins out before 7am on alternate Fridays

- Green wheelie bins cost £35pa and are optional. Garden waste only
- Kitchen caddy for food waste, biodegradable bag liners can be purchased from the shop
- Black wheelie bin is for non-recyclables
- Black box 1 is for glass bottles and jars
- Black box 2 is for paper, envelopes, catalogues, newspapers, magazines
- Large blue bag is for brown and grey card. Cardboard must be inside the bag to be collected
- Large white bag is for tins/cans, aerosols, clean foil, milk/juice cartons, plastic bottles, trays, pots etc

Recycling bins outside Tesco Extra and Waitrose, Cirencester, for crisp packets, chocolate wrappers, soft plastic, cellophane etc. Otherwise this waste must go in the black wheelie bin

Further information and replacement bins, boxes and bags are available from CDC

There are recycling bins in the shop porch for toner cartridges, batteries and stamps and large bins in the carpark for bottles, paper, clothing etc.

## Buses

Stage Coach. Broadleaze bus stop

No 77 Mon-Fri: leaves Broadleaze 07.27 arrives Cirencester 07.50

Leaves Cirencester (The Forum) 16.35 – arrives Broadleaze 16.57

No 76B Mon, Tue, Thur: leaves Broadleaze 10.10 arrives Cirencester 10.25

Leaves Cirencester (The Forum) 12.40 – arrives Broadleaze 12.58

No 76 Saturday: leaves Broadleaze at 10.40 – arrives Cirencester 10.55

Leaves Cirencester (The Forum) 14.20 – arrives Broadleaze 14.35

No 51 An hourly service from Latton to Cirencester and on to Cheltenham, and back.

More information at [west.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com](mailto:west.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com)

## **Parish Council**

Clerk: Gail Dillon email: [downampneypc@gmail.com](mailto:downampneypc@gmail.com)

Councillors: Ray Jenkins (Chairman), Geoffrey Tappern, Antony Matthews,  
Ann Higson, Karen Dangerfield, Gareth Cope, Elizabeth Bellamy

Meets in the village hall on the 1st Tuesday of the month, bi-monthly, and meetings are open for villagers to attend

## **Cotswold District Ward Councillor**

Contact: Lisa Spivey

Tel: 01285 653405

email: [lisa.spivey@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.spivey@cotswold.gov.uk)

## **Mobile Library**

Every 4 weeks on Wednesdays outside the school 3.15-4.00pm. for more information and timetable:

Contact: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-timetables](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/mobile-timetables)

**Library** In Fairford and Cirencester Contact: 01285 659813

## **CLUBS**

**DAFFERS** (Down Ampney Fund & Fundraising Entertainment Recreation Society!)

A not-for-profit organisation which raises funds for Down Ampney good causes through such events as barn dances, the Saga Louts (60s and 70s music group), film nights etc.

Contact: Gareth Cope 07764 829821  
David Job 01793 750532

### **Football and Social Club**

Visit the clubhouse any evening to find out more about the club and how to get involved. Licensed bar, darts, skittle alley.

Open: Weekdays 7.00pm-11.00pm  
Contact: Mr Lawrence 01793 750593

### **Gardening Club**

Meets at 7.30pm, 3rd Thursday in every month (except August), Village Hall Dakota Room, with guest speakers and social events. Annual membership, guests welcome.

Contact: Helen Baillie 01793 751429

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simpeel@btinternet.com

### **Down Ampney Local Ladies**

First Tuesday of each month at 7.15 for 7.30. Village Hall Dakota Room.  
For more information

Contact: dasec@inm.email

## **MIDAB** (Men's Institute of Down Ampney Branch)

A club for men to come together for a social drink, film nights and attend away events – rugby, dog racing, comedians, wine tours etc

Contact Gareth Cope: [midab@btinternet.com](mailto:midab@btinternet.com)

## **Book Club**

Meet monthly

Contact

Anne Frost 01793 750308

## **Art & Craft Circle**

A social gathering to express your creativity. 13.00 – 16.00, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in village hall

Contact [isabelle.erskine@outlook.com](mailto:isabelle.erskine@outlook.com)

or [su.moody1889@gmail.com](mailto:su.moody1889@gmail.com)



# CHURCH

## **All Saints Church of England**

Open daily: 10.00am-4.30pm

Services: first Sunday of the month at 10.00 – see Church News page in DA News or church noticeboard.

Contact: Revd Cannon John Swanton, The Rectory, Ampney Crucis  
01285 851309  
[www.ampney.info/vicars](http://www.ampney.info/vicars)

Church wardens: Derek Skinner 01793 750598,  
Adrienne Stokes 01793 750674

The Church needs volunteers to lock in the evenings and unlock in the mornings, please contact Adrienne Stokes 01793 750674

Also to help with setting up for and reading at services. Contact Peter Armitage 01793 759176

## **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

As with most villages, there are numerous opportunities to help the community on a voluntary basis:

### **Down Ampney shop**

Speak to a volunteer in the shop or email: [shop@downampneyvillageshop.co.uk](mailto:shop@downampneyvillageshop.co.uk) or telephone Pam Cook on 01793 759050. The shop needs people to give as much or as little time as you are able to – it can be behind the till, baking or helping in other ways.

### **The Church**

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Also help with setting up for, and reading at, services. Contact Peter Armitage 01793 759176

### **Open the Book**

Fortnightly fun plays acting out biblical stories to the school children. "Actors" needed!

Contact: Sally Scarth [sally.scarth@outlook.com](mailto:sally.scarth@outlook.com)

### **The school**

Needs people to listen to the children read and make reading enjoyable so that they are keen to do it

New Governors are also needed

Contact: Sharon Woodruffe, School Administrator 01793 750294  
[www.downampney.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.downampney.gloucs.sch.uk)

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### **DA News**

Needs help with monthly deliveries.

## **War memorial**

Needs help with maintaining the garden around the base.

Contact: Ray Jenkins 01793 751894

## **Summer fete & Christmas bazaar**

Information will be in the Down Ampney News

## **Annual village litter pick and tidy up**

Information will be in the Down Ampney News

## **Playground**

Needs help with maintenance and keeping it tidy.

Contact: Ann Higson

[annahigson@downampneyvillage.co.uk](mailto:annahigson@downampneyvillage.co.uk)

## **Parish Council**

Needs new members

## **Clubs**

Need new committee members

Down Ampney House has cedars tall,  
Ornate chimneys - Tudor Hall:  
Warplanes flew from nearby field,  
Now splendid crops our "Airfield" yields

All Saints Church with graceful steeple  
Memorials has to valorous people.  
Pheasants strut in every copse -  
No Huntsmen now pursue the fox.  
Enthusiasts at the Vicarage peer;  
Yes - Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Was born here!

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