

WH DDON

NEWS SEPTEMBER 2026



A warm welcome to the September issue of the Whaddon News. If you are new to the area, it's a great place to find out about what's going on in your community and to get to know some of the people who live and work here. (Back copies are on the village website).

We want this newsletter to reflect as many people as possible, so if you have a hobby you want to talk about, or a favourite seasonal recipe, or an event, or would like to place an advert do get in contact.

A huge apology to Georgia Allott who runs the Yoga classes in the village hall on a Friday. For all the time that I have been editing the Whaddon News I have told you all that Georgia's yoga class runs from 19.15– 11.30. An absolute marathon I'm sure you would agree. Thankfully someone spotted it so it now reads correctly as 9.15 am –10.15 am. I believe she is looking at the possibility of doing another session too. If you notice any such blunders do please get in touch. Thank you.

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of Whaddon News is November 15th. Should your organisation meet after this date please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you. Contact Viv at newseditor@whaddon.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

2nd Coffee Morning

14th PC Meeting

16th Coffee Morning

October

7th Coffee Morning

12th PC meeting

21st Coffee Morning

November

4th Coffee Morning

9th PC Meeting

18th Coffee Morning

December

2nd Coffee Morning

16th Coffee Morning

Dates for a Race Night and a Quiz Night (events that raise funds for the Village Hall Trust) have yet to be finalised.

Coffee Mornings are held at the Village Hall –10.30am to 12pm on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month. £2 for a drink and a cake .

Parish Council meetings are held at the Village Hall on 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm except August and December. All welcome.



ST MARY'S CHURCH WHADDON

Normal Services

1st and 3rd Sundays Morning Prayer 9.30 am

2nd and 4th Sundays Holy Communion 9.30 am

5th Sunday Joint Service with Bassingbourn 9.30 am

Future services

6th September at 3pm HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please come and decorate the church during the week if you can. The church will be opened every day. All decorations will need to be done by Saturday. Your help is much appreciated



8th November Remembrance Service 10.45am

20th December Christmas Carol Service 6pm

24th December Informal Christmas Carols 5pm

**25th December Holy Communion Christmas Service
9.30am**

Church Wardens – Karen Coningsby, Peter Haselden

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See overleaf for more details

Opportunity to join the Parish Council

Would you like to make a real difference in Whaddon?

Whaddon Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Councillor to help shape the future of our village. If you care about your community and want to play an active role in local decision-making we'd love to hear from you.

As a Parish Councillor, you would work with a friendly team of local volunteers to:

- Represent the views of residents.
- Comment on planning applications.
- Help set the Parish Council's budget and priorities.
- Support improvements to village facilities and infrastructure.
- Organise and support community events.

The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of each month, around 10 times a year. Meetings are open to the public.

Could you be eligible?

You must be:

- A British, Commonwealth or eligible Irish citizen, or a qualifying citizen of the European Union.
- Aged 18 or over.

And meet at least one of the following:

- Be registered to vote in Whaddon.
- Have lived in (or within 3 miles of) Whaddon for at least the past 12 months.
- Have had your principal place of work in the parish for at least the last 12 months

No previous experience is needed—just an interest in the village and a willingness to get involved.

Interested?

For an informal chat or to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@whaddonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Help make a positive difference in Whaddon—become a Parish Councillor.

LOCAL EVENTS

Dates for your diaries –



Creative
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24 – 27 Sept 2026

Look out for programmes for The Royston Arts Festival, which will be delivered along with The Listing in early September. An extensive programme of events, which include music events and a film showing over 4 days is well worth a visit.

Three of the events can be booked now – details can be found on their website– creativeroyston.org

6th December– Whaddon Christmas Tree

Though we're still in the middle of a long hot summer, please pop a date into your diaries– Sunday 6 December for the Village Hall Christmas Tree decorating and lighting.

Make and bring a festive decoration for our tree.

Arrive from at 4:30pm, tree lighting at 5pm followed by carols from our very own village choir.



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WHADDON FETE



'Blues and twos' opened this year's Whaddon Village Fete, when the fire brigade from Gamlingay brought along one of their big boys' toys – and I don't know who was more excited, the adults or the kids!

A welcome breeze also gave some respite from the relentless heat so that villagers and visitors were all able to enjoy the afternoon, along with all the various stalls and activities that were on offer. Overall, the fete made a similar amount to last year, and we anticipate being able to distribute at least £1,500 to both St Mary's, Whaddon and the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust.

On behalf of the Whaddon Village Fete Committee I would like to thank all of those who helped in any way with this year's fete, along with all those who attended and helped contribute to an enjoyable village event.

David Grech

On behalf of the Whaddon Village Fete Committee





Whaddon Village Fete Saturday 11th July 2026





A very tired set up crew on Friday night.

Final Figures and some Winners

Having now balanced the books on this year's Village Fete, the net income was £3,420, which almost exactly matched the £3,460 that we made last year.

The Produce Tent was well supported, and was a delight for the eye, with perfect baking and vegetables on show, beautiful flower arrangements, and inspiring crafts.

The winner of the Maria Gould photography trophy was Gill Taylor. Best in Show-Handicrafts winner was Jenny Grech, and The Jim Law Award for Cut Flowers winner was Jo Hart.

Without the amazing generosity of both time and money from all who took part we could not have achieved what we have. A huge thank you to all those who were involved.

Whaddon Village Fete Committee.



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Whaddon has an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which is co-ordinated by Malan Peyton. Malan can be contacted on 07836 549871.

Dial 999 to report a crime in progress, or when lives are at risk.

**For non-emergency matters please consider using
www.cambs.police.uk/report or
web chat #safercambs to report a crime.**

Both of these are likely to have a quicker response than calling 101.

The "WhaddsApp" group also works very well for immediate alerts to the village. The village remains a very safe community with very little crime.

Unfortunately one of the crimes we do see from time to time is hare coursing. Please dial 999 if you suspect that this is occurring but **do not approach** those involved.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

A countryside walk is one of life's simple pleasures, and we are so fortunate to have lots of walks around this area. In our Whaddon village plans people have always mentioned enjoying living in the village because access to the countryside is so good. The other side of that is that we need to be considerate to those to who both live and work here. Much of the following is taken from the countryside code – a way of enjoying the countryside that considers others.

Leave space for farm work and countryside life

Before you start a walk, take care not to park in front of farmland access points or on narrow verges, as vehicles blocking gates or lanes can cause significant issues for landowners. Make sure you leave enough space for a tractor or an emergency vehicle to get through when parking on rural roads, especially in the current climate, with fire engines needing to access fields.

Say a friendly hello to farmers

If you bump into the landowner or farmer, a friendly greeting can go a long way. Many farmers are happy to see people enjoying the countryside and are proud of the work they do. You might even end up striking up a chat about their work and land.

Give farm animals plenty of space and leave gates as you find them

In the open countryside, make sure you give farm animals space, especially when they are with young. While it can seem natural to close all gates behind you, that doesn't mean you always should. The golden rule is always to follow instructions or leave gates as you found them.

Stick to paths:

Stay on public rights of way and avoid walking through private yards or crop fields. Dogs or small people running off the path into field of crops sounds like great fun but can flatten crops and adversely affect harvesting.

Where public rights of way run through gardens or very

close to private residences, take care not to linger or intrude upon family life.

Dogs

Dogs must be under close control at all times. If your dog does not have good recall or is likely to run off the path, you should keep it on a lead. This is especially true when there is livestock present – even well-behaved dogs can react unexpectedly to the presence of livestock, so choosing to walk your dog on a lead can reduce the likelihood of causing problems.

Dogs love to pick up sticks to carry and can sometimes drop them in awkward places. Always make sure your dog doesn't deposit his stick somewhere where it could cause damage to farm machinery or a trip hazard to other walkers.

Always pick up your dog's waste. There is a risk of contaminating produce and introducing disease, which can affect food safety standards and harm farming livelihoods. Dog faeces and urine deposited directly in fields where crops are grown or where plants are foraged can cause problems, as commercial processing plants could reject entire batches destined for human consumption.

Pathogens in dog waste (such as *Neospora caninum*) can survive in the environment and cause serious illness or fatal abortions in farm livestock if infected feed is introduced.

Admire but be careful not to trample

Fields of sunflowers, lavender or poppies might be commercial crops so while it can be tempting to pick them or get closer for pictures or selfies, make sure you stick to paths. Damaged flowers could damage a farmer's income.

Support local farms and farm shops

Look out for signs advertising farm shops or local produce for sale. Farm shops can be fantastic places to sample the local produce, and in this climate of low rates being paid to farmers by supermarkets, selling direct to the public can make a difference. Homemade jams, honey and fresh eggs are sometimes laid out on stalls accompanied by an honesty box so taking some change can be a great way to support a local businesses and treat yourself.

Plan your walk

Becoming accidentally lost can lead to trespass so make sure that you know the paths and if you are asked to leave do as asked. If you believe you have a legal right to continue note it down and follow up later.

Fire Safety

Both in the countryside and also in our gardens, everything is tinder dry.

To prevent wildfires and stay safe, it's best to avoid open fires and disposable barbecues in undesignated green spaces, woodlands, or near dry fields.

The Fire Service recommend we do not light bonfires, fire pits, or chimeneas in gardens during prolonged hot, dry, or windy weather.

Take all glass and litter home from a walk as bright sunlight shining through glass can focus rays and ignite dry grass or leaves, and make sure to fully extinguish smoking materials – especially cigarettes. Never toss a cigarette butt onto the ground or out of a car window.

If you spot an outdoor fire, move to a safe place and report it immediately.

BIN COLLECTION DAYS

	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Food</i>		<i>Black</i>	<i>Food</i>
				<i>Thursday 3rd September</i>		
<i>Thursday 10th September</i>				<i>Thursday 17th September</i>		
<i>Thursday 24th September</i>				<i>Thursday 1st October</i>		
<i>Thursday 8th October</i>				<i>Thursday 15th October</i>		
<i>Thursday 22nd October</i>				<i>Thursday 29th October</i>		
<i>Thursday 5th November</i>				<i>Thursday 12th November</i>		
<i>Thursday 19th November</i>				<i>Thursday 26th November</i>		

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

Home-start Charity

Homestart are always on the lookout for new volunteers – either to train as family support workers, or as part of their fundraising team. Next Home Visitor training starts Monday 21st September. A few places are still available. To find out more or book your place, call 01763 262262.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

It's not too late to host a coffee morning for this brilliant charity. Friday 25th September is the official day, or just do it on a better day for you and send your donation in.

Garden House Hospice and Arthur Rank Hospice

Our local hospice charities will be losing a large percentage of their funding next year and are having to scale down what they are able to do. Ideas of how you can fundraise for them can be found on their website.

SUDOKU PUZZLE 302- MEDIUM

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If you would like the solution to any of the puzzles just contact the editor.

MEET OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

SHIRE TREES LIMITED

Shire Trees Ltd has been established since 1995, with James Cante taking over from his father in 2017 and continuing the family business into its next chapter.

The business first came to Whaddon in 2008 and as a family we moved to Whaddon in October 2025 and Shire Trees continues to provide a personal, professional service with James still remaining the principal point of contact and front facing representative for the quotations.

The business is managed by James and Fiona Cante. James very much drives the day-to-day running and development of the business, while Fiona manages the office and oversees the administrative side of the company. As a family-run business, we pride ourselves on maintaining a personal approach, while continuing to grow and develop for the future.

James has written a timely article describing the effect that our current climate can have on our trees and what we should do about it.

Tree Surgery and the Risk of Summer Branch Drop

Summer is a time when trees are at their fullest, providing shade, beauty and important benefits for the environment. However, warmer months can also bring a lesser-known hazard known as Summer Branch Drop.

What is Summer Branch Drop?

Summer Branch Drop describes the sudden failure of a large limb from a mature tree during warm summer conditions, often on days with little or no wind.

Unlike storm damage, where high winds place branches under obvious stress, Summer Branch Drop can occur when trees appear perfectly healthy and calm weather gives little indication that a branch is about to fail.

The exact cause remains the subject of ongoing research. Arboricultural experts believe several factors may

contribute, including prolonged hot weather, drought stress, internal moisture changes within the branch and existing structural weaknesses that may not be visible from the ground.

Which trees are most susceptible?

Summer Branch Drop has been recorded on many broadleaved species, but it is most associated with mature trees that have large, spreading crowns.

Species that have been linked to the phenomenon include:

- Oak
- Beech
- Horse Chestnut
- Cedar
- Sweet Chestnut
- London Plane

This does not mean these trees are inherently unsafe. Millions of these species grow throughout the UK without incident. Rather, mature specimens with long, horizontal limbs appear more susceptible under certain environmental conditions.

Why does hot weather increase the risk?

Trees move vast amounts of water from their roots to their leaves every day.

During prolonged periods of high temperatures, this movement becomes more demanding. Some researchers believe that changes in water pressure within large branches, combined with the considerable weight of mature limbs and any existing defects, may contribute to sudden branch failure.

Can you spot the warning signs?

One of the challenges with Summer Branch Drop is that there are often no obvious warning signs.

However, some trees may show indicators that warrant closer inspection, including:

- Large horizontal branches extending well beyond the main canopy
- Cracks or splits where major limbs join the trunk
- Cavities or areas of decay
- Previous branch failures
- Deadwood within the crown
- Heavy limbs extending over buildings, roads, seating areas or public spaces

Many structural defects cannot be identified from the ground alone, which is why professional inspections are particularly valuable for mature trees.

Responsibilities for commercial landowners

For organisations responsible for schools, housing developments, business parks, local authority land and public open spaces, regular tree inspections form an important part of managing health and safety responsibilities.

While it is impossible to eliminate every risk associated with trees, a structured inspection programme helps identify defects before they become significant and demonstrates a proactive approach to tree management.

This is particularly important during prolonged periods of hot, dry weather when mature trees may experience additional stress.

We would advise –

Identify the targets beneath them. A huge limb over an unused grass area is very different from one over a picnic bench, playground, car park, entrance or frequently used footpath. Consider moving **benches, picnic tables, temporary workstations, play activities and parking** away from beneath significant limbs where practicable

Use temporary cordons or warning signs near vulnerable, heavy-limbed trees during prolonged hot, dry spells.

Good tree care is not about removing trees unnecessarily; it is about understanding their condition and managing them responsibly. A skilled tree surgeon can assess whether a tree requires maintenance, monitoring, or remedial work to help it remain safe and healthy.

Here are some useful websites for more information on Summer Branch Drop.

<https://www.trees.org.uk>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk>

<https://historicengland.org.uk>

https://rightchoice.wiltshire.gov.uk/Article/189960?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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Vintage Cars, Penny Farthings and Funeral Biers

Viv Williams

Today I spent a lovely hour sitting in the kitchen of Mike Plant, along with Lionel Pinner, talking about Mike's life, and especially his love of vintage cars.

In fact I first met Mike 30 years ago through a shared interest in art. Mike lived for many years in Hitchin and was a member of Hitchin Art Society. I loved watercolour painting and belonged to Letchworth Art Society. Occasionally I would attend a demonstration or the Annual Art Exhibition at Hitchin and I became aware of Mike's brilliant artwork– his subjects were often vintage cars. What I didn't realise at that time was that Mike actually owned some of the cars he painted, but I was very interested to find out that we lived in the same village– Whaddon.

Today we talked about Mike's love of cars, in particular the vintage variety, and some of the ways in which he acquired them. He told us of his first purchase– aged around 17. A chance encounter at a party in London saw him chatting to an American who owned a rather dilapidated Morris Minor. The American was keen to sell and Mike was interested in buying. The asking price was £12, but Mike only had ninepence. Fortunately, he was told– “ok– it's all yours”, and he drove it home in the dark. Mike “did up” the car with a paintbrush and a tin of bright yellow Valspar paint.

Thus began a love of collecting antiques, old cars and “pretty much anything that had wheels”. Over the next 60 years Mike rescued many rare vintage cars but also bought other items of interest such as a Penny Farthing bike, which was brought out from time to time with Lionel and other villagers keen to give it a go.



At a village Christmas drinks party Mike apparently served up the drinks on an old, wheeled, seven foot long funeral bier which he had acquired. *(see photo above for an example of an antique funeral hand cart or "Bier")*.

Mike says he didn't ever have a plan to do cars up to sell them on – but rather had a genuine love and enjoyment of sitting in old vehicles, while improving them as and when he was able.

For many years Mike lived and worked as a chartered accountant in Hitchin, He bought his house in Whaddon in around 1988 but didn't reside there until six years later. When he bought the house he set about building a custom garage in the garden. This was to house his– by now– extensive car collection, and gradually all of his beloved cars came home. Unfortunately, in the intervening time, when Mike was not living in the house, some thieves found his treasure and set about making regular visits to strip much of the chrome from one of the cars– an Alvis. They also broke into the house and attempted to steal a replica Austin pedal car, but whether disturbed or for some other reason they left it behind.

Although Mike declares himself to have no mechanical skills and he had very little spare time during his working career, he set about restoring some of the missing parts on some of the cars he owned.



The car above is an extremely rare 1934 Crossley Streamline 2L Sports saloon, designed by Sir Denniston Burney (designer of the R100 airship). In fact it is thought to be one of only two in existence.

The car was originally bought by Mike without an engine or a bonnet, and he later visited Beaulieu National Motor museum – who had the other car – to make a pattern for some replacement parts to rebuild the missing bonnet.

The car attracted worldwide interest at the auction (see below) due to its rarity and will be travelling to America. Strangely the engine was found more recently in an overgrown garden not far from where Mike purchased it, so it too is travelling to America.



Another car in the collection, shown above, was a rare 1932 Alvis 12/50 with a fold down “dicky seat”. Mike said this was the car he drove and enjoyed the most. It is thought that there are about 45 still in existence out of 642 units produced.

Over time Mike became great friends with those of similar interests, who would be sure to alert him to anything interesting coming up for sale, and often be on hand to help with restoration projects. The fascination with old cars draws many people in, and Lionel says he would often enjoy helping Mike get some of his collection out to clean. He loved the 1925 Alcyon cyclecar, shown below, which although extremely rare was still in usable condition.



Alcyon was a French firm, founded in 1902, and the cyclecar was designed to bridge the gap between motorcycles and full-size cars.

Earlier in the year Mike came to the sad conclusion that it was time to part with his collection. He feels fortunate to have found a firm of auctioneers– Humbert and Ellis– who were willing to sell his cars for him, and over a period of weeks, one by one, they went to their new homes.



While the Crossley Streamline went to America, others have found new owners closer to home. I find myself hoping that some owners of his cars that are closer will stay in touch with Mike, so that he can continue to enjoy their journey.

The BBC recently featured the sale in an article, along with some pictures of some of the cars. Humbert and Ellis took many photos of the cars and made Mike an album as a memento, which was a really lovely thought.

NATURE NOTES - SEPTEMBER

This is the “bountiful month” when blackberries, elderberries, haws, hazelnuts and crab apples are all ripening and allowing our fauna to lay down layers of fat for the winter ahead. Well, it should have been the bountiful month, but instead our wild fruit is looking decidedly thin and shrivelled this year.

One thing to look forward to is that it's also the spider mating season, and the orb spiders are spinning webs to encourage the opposite sex. Also, the young spiders that hatched in spring have now reached maturity and go ballooning off across your lawn and the fields, on long threads of silk that catch the breeze, off to find new territories of their own.

On dewy mornings you will note all the webs that have appeared on your lawn and shrubs. Most of these are made by the hammock spiders who build a flat, horizontal sheet of silk, the hammock, under which they are suspended awaiting their prey. Not for them, the traditional hub and spoke web of the orb spider. The hammock spider is only 5 mm long with spindly legs.

Then there are the harvestmen spiders, which are different from true spiders, and may be more closely related to the horseshoe crab! Unlike true spiders, the body of a harvestman appears to be globular, a single oval structure rather than two parts (thorax and abdomen), and they have very long legs. They suspend their bodies low to the ground with their legs bent above them, thus forming a capital 'M' shape, with the body at the central V of the M. Also, unlike true spiders, they have no venom glands.

Harvestmen will eat all kinds of food. Their omnivorous habits mean they will eat dead squashed slugs, bird droppings, jam, fruit and other plant remains, as well as small invertebrates which they catch using hooks on the ends of their legs. Generally, they are nocturnal. Their common name derives simply from the fact that most are mature in autumn, at the time of harvesting.

NATURE NOTES continued

In the stubble fields, you will see redshank (*Persicaria maculosa*), the weed with its petal-less pink and white flowers. It has evolved a rapid life cycle, flowering in 6 – 8 weeks before producing copious seeds which can lie dormant in the ground for years. The name redshank comes from its long red stems which sprawl over the ground. Also known as the Jesus plant as it was thought to have grown on Golgotha, the brown stains on its lanceolate leaves, which are so distinctive (*maculosa* means spotted or mottled), were said to resemble the dried spots of blood that dripped down from the cross. It is also called, in some parts, Virgin Mary's pinch or Lady's thumb, as it was thought the marks were from a woman's tight press upon the leaf. In East Anglia, it is called devil's arse-wipe which might explain another cause for its mottled leaves. But in Norfolk, it is called, inexplicably, saucy alic! It is apparently the only plant that is not useful for something. (*Much of this comes from the wonderful website Plant-lore.com*).

I was told recently that "sedges have edges, rushes are round; and grasses have knees and hang to the ground." I am still testing out this assumption but it doesn't seem to help with reeds. So, sedges are triangular in cross-section and solid. Rushes' stems are round but have no nodes. Reeds are actually true grasses with round, hollow stems and distinct nodes or joints along the stem. Thus, the largest of our rushes, reeds and mace is the common reed often over 4 metres tall. They form dense beds in the fens or around lakes and ponds. You will recognise the brownish feathery flowers which grow in tufts and are all around us. The common reed-mace or bulrush is next at 2 ½ – 3 metres tall and has a spike of straw-coloured male flowers immediately above the much stouter chocolate-brown sausage-shaped female flower base. Finally, the flowering rush is only about 1 metre tall and has a cluster of some 20 narrow-stemmed pretty pink flowers. You may find these along canals, but I have yet to discover where locally.

NATURE NOTES continued

Continuing my Ulmology (a word I have just made up) from the last Nature Notes, elm trees are dedicated by the ancient greeks to Oneiros, the god of dreams but the celts believed the trees stood at the crossings between life and death and harboured elves beneath them, whose job it was to protect the dead (it is not quite clear from whom).

So elms used to be associated with melancholy and death, probably because the trees can drop dead branches on your head without warning, often on warm, calm days. Indeed, there is a wonderful malediction. "The elm hateth man, and waiteth." Elm wood was also the preferred choice for coffins.

And yet, Norse mythology emphasised the elm's life-giving, feminine qualities since, in their creation stories, the first woman, Embla, was shaped from an elm tree (the first man, Ask, from an ash). The elm, once ubiquitous in the countryside was also linked to farming tradition, such as "When the elmen leaf is as big as a mouse's ear, then sow barley never fear." You see just how many rabbit warrens one can dive down when one is retired?

Elm has been used for building where oak is less commonly found, for example in Warwickshire, where it is called the "Warwickshire weed". Certainly, when I was going to school there in the 1970s, the hedgerows were lined with dead and dying elms, so prolific in that county were they. They were used particularly, it seems, in the construction of mills and closer to home, Bourn Mill has beams of elm dating back hundreds of years. Bourn mill has an open day on 13th September where you can inspect the old elm timber, but before that, on 5th September at our Bassingbourn Parish Church, there is a talk being given by Brian Eversham, Chief Executive of the Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust (7.30 for 8pm). He will talk on why the elm has been so prolific in these parts, and most excitingly the revelation that there is a Bassingbourn Elm. Brian will reveal all and how one can identify the Bassingbourn elm and how we can preserve it.

I am going to quote from a piece Brian has written which is illuminating. "Elms are most abundant in a small part of Central and Eastern England: Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Essex and eastern Norfolk and Suffolk. 48 elm species (of the 62 elm species found in this country) are here in Cambridgeshire. This is the area with the lowest rainfall and the highest prevalence of droughts and heatwaves: I suspect that elms were deliberately retained here, in hedges, shelter belts and on the outer edges of woodland to provide convenient and highly palatable fodder for livestock in dry summers, when farmers ran out of grazing and hay for their animals.

As recently as the 1960s Lord De Ramsey in Huntingdonshire was planting elm trees in pasture, specifically so branches could be lopped off to feed cattle in dry summers." I look forward to hearing more on Saturday 5th.

The autumn solstice is on 23rd September but earlier in the month, the new moon on 11th allows us the dark skies to see the Taurid meteor shower if you look to the northern sky between the Pleiades and the Taurus constellation.

Also in the north, Cassiopeia is high in the sky and Ursa Major is the right way up in "plough pose".

The full moon on 23rd of the month is the Harvest Moon (closest full moon to the autumn equinox) or the Wine Moon or the Song Moon. I love the idea of a Song Moon!

Perry Littleboy

Below- From left to right

Redshank, Common Reedmace and Bulrush





Opportunities to enhance ecology and biodiversity
Opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint

Continuing the theme for working towards better Biodiversity as described in the last issue of The Whaddon News, Cilla's article encourages us to improve our gardens to enable wildlife to thrive.

Gardening for Wildlife – Cilla Parish

Gardens – most of us in Whaddon have one, and many houses in the village are blessed with generous plots. Every one of those gardens has the potential to become a haven for wildlife.

The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. Habitat loss and changes in the way we manage our land have taken their toll. Gardens may seem small, but together they form one of the country's largest connected habitats. Astro turf, pesticides, extensive hard landscaping and large areas of closely mown lawn have all contributed to declining wildlife. As the countryside becomes more fragmented, gardens play an increasingly important role in linking habitats.

Autumn and winter are ideal times to improve your garden for wildlife. Trees and hedges establish well during the dormant season, making it the perfect time to tackle bigger projects before spring.

What is your starting point?

Work with what you already have. Do you have mature trees or hedges, a pond or borders, or are you starting with a lawn and patio? Think about how much time you want to spend gardening and whether you're aiming for a low-maintenance wildlife garden or enjoy being hands-on. This will help you decide where to focus your efforts.

Improvements you can make

1. Plant a tree.

A tree adds height, structure and valuable habitat. If this summer taught us anything, it's not to fear a little shade. For smaller gardens, consider dwarf fruit trees, hawthorn or rowan.

2. Plant a hedge.

A hedge offers far more than a fence ever can, providing shelter, nesting sites, flowers for pollinators and berries for birds.

3. Create a pond.

It doesn't need to be large. Water attracts wildlife incredibly quickly. I dug a pond in our garden this spring; to start with it had lots of mosquito larvae in it (this is normal with a new pond) and that draws all the other animals in. We then had frogs, dragonflies, water beetles, water snails and even a small grass snake. Nature then balances itself out and the larvae are eaten before they get to adulthood. I knew that wildlife quickly establishes itself if you build a pond, but I have been astounded at the speed watching it in my own garden. "Build it and they will come" is a common saying about wildlife and ponds.

4. Plant shrubs and flowers.

Variety is nature's friend. Choose plants that flower across a long season to support pollinators. If you're new to gardening and find garden centres overwhelming: **Shrubs** provide long-term structure, **Perennials** return each year but die back over winter, while **Annuals** flower for just one season.

5. Let some grass grow.

A closely mown lawn has limited wildlife value. Leaving even a small area to grow into a mini meadow provides food and shelter for insects. And don't limit it to 'No Mow May', keep



Hummingbird Hawkmoth -above

Photo below is Nepeta Walkers Low at Wimpole Walled Garden



Above right- carefully placed nesting boxes

Below- Bees enjoying nectar rich flowers

Photos by Cilla Parish



it long right up until September.

If you prefer a tidier look, mow a neat edge around it so it looks purposeful, or get creative and mow a maze.

6. Don't use chemicals.

Pesticides and weedkillers don't just affect the target species—they can also harm beneficial insects, reduce food for birds and damage soil health.

To completely alter your garden may be intense and expensive, but just doing one thing, planting one tree or a small container pond will be a start.

Two final recommendations:

- Plant **Nepeta “Walker's Low”** I've never grown another plant that's attracted so many pollinators, and it flowers for much longer than lavender.
- Watch David Attenborough's **Secret Gardens** on the BBC. Although all of the gardens on the program are well established and wealthy, even if you have a tiny garden there are ideas to take away from it.

No garden is transformed overnight, but every step helps. If everyone in Whaddon made just one change, together we'd create a remarkable difference for wildlife when it desperately needs it.

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The Big Garden Birdwatch

Sustainable Whaddon hopes to gather information on all species present in the parish and, over time, build up a picture of which species are doing well and which are declining.

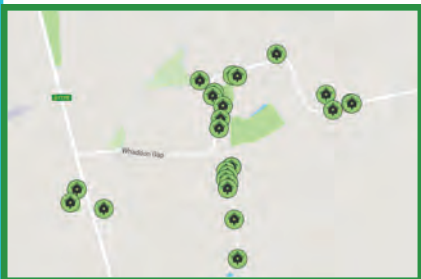
Jenny Grech

Homes for Swifts



We now have an incredible 29 swift boxes in the Village – no doubt welcome homes for the swifts who will appear in the Spring following their long flight from West Africa.

The Parish Council have given us a further grant and we plan to install a further fifteen boxes and at least two “callers” in March. If you have a north facing wall, at least 5m/12ft high with a clear approach and would like to offer a swift a home and then please just get in touch – sustainablewhaddon@whaddon.org





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Refreshments available

National Emergency Briefing

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The National Emergency Briefing sets out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy from ten of the UK's leading experts. It presents a clear, measured overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain, and what the evidence says about risks and responses and supports an informed democratic discussion and ensures that public institutions, businesses and communities share a common understanding of the scale and urgency of the challenge. The fifty-minute film will be shown in late September in partnership with ZCC Bassingbourn, Sustainable Shepreth and us, Sustainable Whaddon, at the Old School House in Bassingbourn. The actual date has yet to be finalised but will certainly be publicised and further details of the film itself can be found on their website – <https://www.nebriefing.org/>

Meldreth Road Seed Exchange

Don't forget if you have any surplus seeds, then the seed exchange would definitely welcome them.



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Hello Whaddon.

What a summer it has been. The grass on the course and range is very crispy much like everyone's gardens. It has been a challenging year for even the best golfers.

We welcome all golfers of any skill level. We have clubs of all sizes for borrowing, so if you or your children fancy a go come down and try.

The sunny weather has given us some lovely evenings at the Golf Centre. We welcomed back Slice of Price Pizza after their summer holidays and had a lovely pizza evening. Future dates for pizzas are September 11 and November 27.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for food traders who would like to come to the Golf Centre let me know.

I am hoping that the monthly quizzes will be back in October. Anyone who wants to come is welcome.

We like teams of between 4 and 6 people.

If you would like to set a quiz let me know.

Dates will be, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

We will of course celebrate Halloween with trick and treating and I am looking for volunteers to help with the return of the very popular Spooky walk.

You may have noticed the lovely sunflowers by our entrance. Considering the harsh weather conditions they have been beautiful. Thank you to David Short for planting and his dedication to their watering.

We welcome well behaved dogs to the golf centre. There is usually a bowl of water. Just a reminder to pickup and dispose of poo in the correct bin, to keep your dogs under control and on the footpath.

We thank you for your continued support of the Golf Centre. Do pop in for a coffee, a pint or some golf.

**Lorna and Richard
Whaddon Golf Centre**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Monday	17.00–19.00	Knit and Natter
Tuesday	09.15–10.15	Yoga
	18.00–19.30	Dog Training
	20.00–21.00	Table Tennis
Wednesday	10.30–12.00	Coffee Morning (1st and 3rd)
Thursday	18.25–20.25	Pilates
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Subs are £6.00 a month or £2.00 for a drop in if you can't
make it every week.

We welcome all ages, under 18s are £2.00 a month.

If you want more info email Diane Faben edfaben@gmail.com

Table Tennis in the Village Hall

Tuesdays 20:00 to 21:00



We have two table tennis tables and other equipment is
provided. The cost is £2.00 per person per week (£3.00 if
fewer than 5 players). There are about half a dozen regular
players.

Anyone who would like to join us are very welcome. An hour
of fun and exercise and an opportunity to meet other villagers.

Those interested please contact Nigel Strudwick, ncs3@cam.ac.uk

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Whaddon Annual Parish meeting –

Whaddon Parish Council Matters June–August

New email addresses for our Parish Council

Since the last newsletter the Parish Council emails have been changed. You will find our contact details at the front of this Newsletter.

Village Fete

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the Fete Committee on another successful Village Fete. The Committee met for 4 or 5 meetings prior to the Fete day to organise a day of fun for the village to enjoy. It is a hard day's work but made easier with volunteers both setting up and clearing away. Thank you to everyone involved.

Vacancies to join the Parish Council

The Parish Council currently has a couple of Councillor vacancies and if you feel that you have some time on your hands to join please contact the Chair or a Councillor to discuss what's involved. You would be welcome to come along to sit and observe at the next meeting to get an idea of what happens at the meetings. The next meeting is Monday 14th September at 19:30

Handyman

A big thank you to Jonathan Burgess for keeping our village tidy and maintained. We are very fortunate to have a handyman and Jonathan is very quick to attend to something in disrepair. Recently Jonathon mended the bookcase in our telephone box library.

Cardiff Place

For those who do not know, Cardiff Place and New Farm are within our Parish and after discussing with a resident of Cardiff Place, the Council are looking into how we can link Cardiff Place to the permissive path to enable safe walking routes to the village.

County Farms and affordable housing

The Parish Council continue to consider the items on the Whaddon Parish Plan. The Council are looking into the survey responses around affordable homes and are in communication with County Farms and South Cambridgeshire District Council with regards to funding.

Reports from the County and District Councillors

The County and District Councillors attend the Parish Council meetings and inform the council of current topics and trends. This quarter they have reported on unauthorised encampments on Parish and non-Parish land. The Council approved the draft policy.

At the July meeting District Councillor Sally Ann Hart reported that the Local Government reorganisation outcome was due imminently.

MVAS – Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

In following the Parish Plan we have noted that many Meldreth Road residents had concerns of the speeding traffic. The Council have bought another MVAS and are currently arranging for the pole ready for installation. Many Thanks to the SpeedWatch team for their continued efforts.

Bus Service review and Consultation

Lee Ginger responded on behalf of the Parish Council to the Bus Survey. The proposed Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) was discussed and concerns were raised that reliance on smart phone booking systems could disadvantage older residents and others without access to suitable technology.

Sustainable Whaddon Grant

Following the success of the uptake in the first swift box installation, the Parish Council approved a grant at Sustainable Whaddon's request to buy two swift callers and fifteen additional swift boxes.

The Biodiversity Plan

This has been adopted by the Parish Council and will be available on the village website very soon.

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th September 2026 19:30 hours– All Welcome.

NB at the time of printing the newsletter, no information had been received following the Bus Service consultation. Lee will hopefully be reporting back in the December issue.



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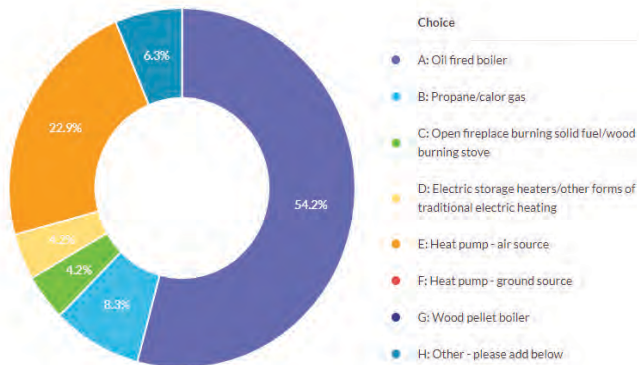
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Sustainable Whaddon Energy Survey

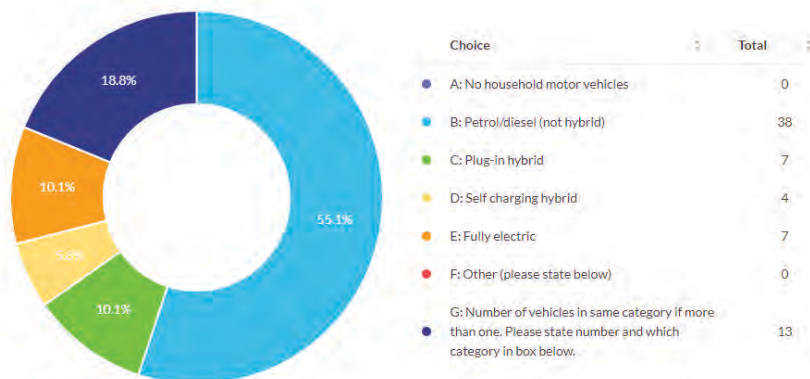
The survey received responses from 48 households, and the results are shown below. Lots of interesting information was given by those who have adopted newer energy tech as well as from those who have not. These results provide useful baseline data and will be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the Sustainable Whaddon group. For now, many thanks to all who participated.

Q1: What is the main method you use to heat your home?



Responses to H: wood burner with back boiler and propane; wood burning boiler, not pellet; Oil fired boiler

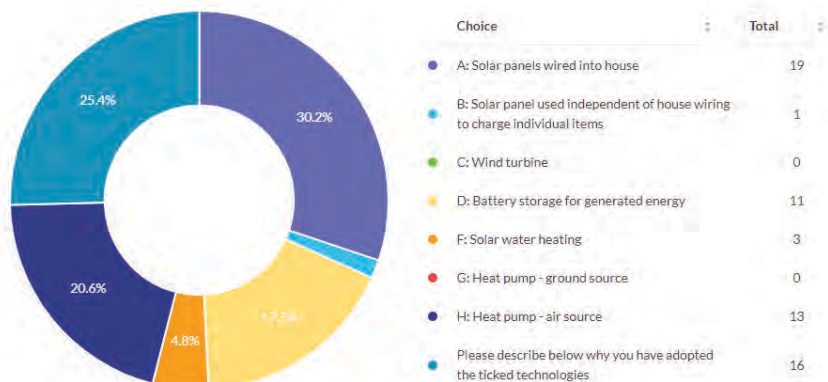
Q2: How are your household motor vehicles powered? Please tick all that apply. If you have more than one vehicle in the same category, please state the number/category in the box at the bottom.



Of the households with multiple vehicles in same category, 9 stated 2 petrol/diesel vehicles, 1 stated 3 petrol/diesel, 1 stated 4 petrol/diesel and 1 stated 5 diesel. One other responded, but vehicles not in same category and already recorded.

Q3: Do you have an electric car charging point at home
 Yes 12 (25%) No 36 (75%)

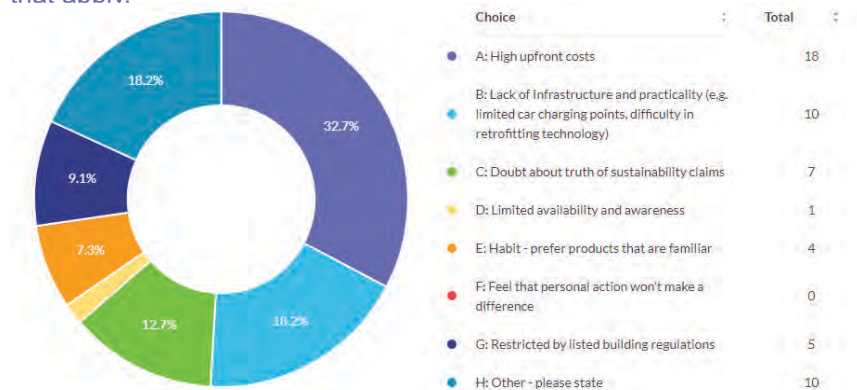
Q4: Do you use any of the technologies listed here? Please tick all that apply



Responses to why technologies were adopted:

- Goal to generate 70pc of our electrical needs and move away from oil to heat a large house for environmental reasons plus economic investment.
- Environmental reasons plus cheaper electricity. The amount we sell back to the grid essentially covers our own consumption.
- Reduce carbon footprint.
- Air source heat pump is well suited to our house and provides a cost effective form of heating, but we also wish to reduce our carbon footprint.
- More economic. Eco friendly.
- Economy and ecology.
- Easy to set up [in reference to B: Solar panel used independent of house wiring to charge individual items] and powers devices such as mobile phone and ipad.
- Modern technologies used to reduce carbon emissions and of course to save money long term.
- Economic and environmental reasons.
- This is as of mid June when solar panels and a battery are being installed.
- Environmental benefit and economy.
- A and F come out of the same system; we are also looking to install D. We did it to do our bit for the environment.
- To reduce my electricity bill and oil usage.
- Air heating system that cools as well as heats (not air con).

Q5: If you don't use non-traditional/eco technologies to heat your home or run your motor vehicles what are the main reasons why? Please tick all that apply.



Responses to H: Other:

- Unsure about effectiveness of an alternative heating technology and costs.
- We are in the process of replacing our oil boiler with an electric boiler (and fitting solar and battery options) - just waiting to save up the money :-).
- Restricted by landlord.
- Don't use air source heating as wouldn't generate heat to correct temperature.
- We would have solar panels but with a thatch roof it is not possible.
- We will once our house is built but currently in temporary accommodation.
- Large old house poorly insulated, research suggests heat pump not suitable.
- Planning to adopt eco-technologies for home heating/cooling in the future.
- We have a 10 year old LPG boiler which is in pretty good shape, so for the moment we don't need to change, but we could conceivably move to a pump system.
- Heat pump not currently feasible. Waiting for rooftop installation and boiler to heat water so I don't need a water tank.

Q6: Home insulation - please tick all the options that apply currently to your home. If you know your EPC rating, please add in the box at the bottom of the question.

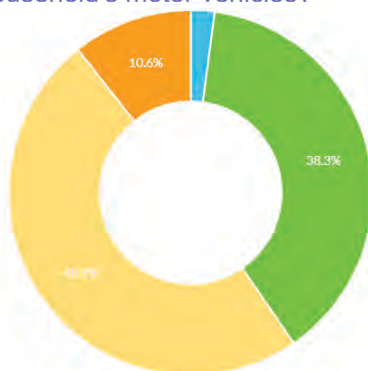
- Mostly timber frame insulation in between timbers, some internal wood fibre insulation and some external- so not all insulation is 'cavity'.
- Working towards 270 loft, not sure how old windows are; new extension will have underfloor insulation and warm roof..
- Roof insulation.
- External wall insulation.
- EPC - C.
- EPC is A plus 128 house is airtight with an MVHR (mechanical heat recovery).
- [Respond H but left box blank

See graphic below.



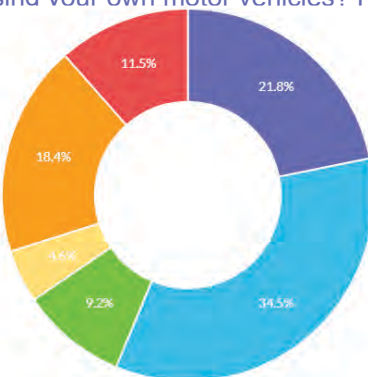
Choice	Total
A: Loft insulation at current recommended value e.g 270mm mineral wool or equivalent	26
B: Loft insulation, but below recommended value/ don't know	16
C: Cavity wall Insulation	18
D: Underfloor Insulation	8
E: Double glazing less than 15 years years old	22
F: Double glazing older than 15 years	18
G: Triple glazing	6
H: Other - please state in box below	7

Q7: What is the approximate total annual mileage done by your household's motor vehicles?



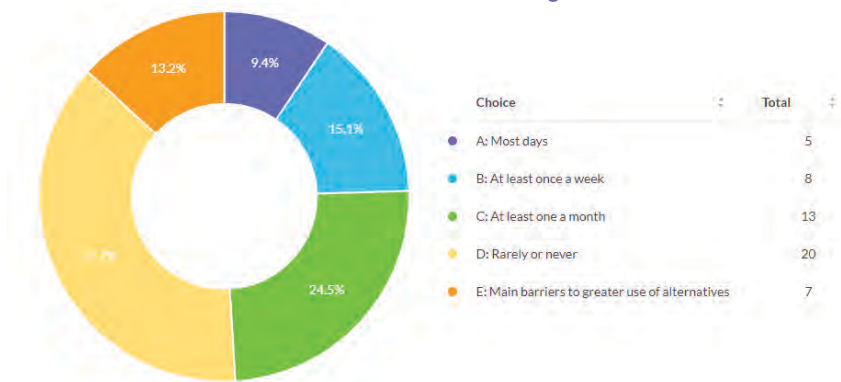
Choice	Total
A: Not applicable - no household motor vehicles	0
B: 0-3000	1
C: 3001-10000	18
D: 10001-25000	23
E: More than 25000	5

Q8: Does your household use any of the options below as alternatives to using your own motor vehicles? Please tick all that apply.



Choice	Total
A: Cycle	19
B: Train	30
C: Bus	8
D: Share lifts	4
E: Walk	16
F: Don't use alternatives	10

Q9: How often do you or someone in your household walk/cycle/use public transport or share lifts as an alternative to using your own motor vehicle?
Please also describe the main barriers to using alternatives more often.



Barriers indicated:

- Convenience and availability to destinations.
- A dedicated cycle path to a) Royston and b) Meldreth would be great.
- Lack of flexibility and convenience.
- Train cost. Bus service not convenient enough.
- Infrequent bus service and poor unsafe cycle access to Royston.
- No reliable public transport within walking distance going where I go most often.
- Convenience.

Q10: Please indicate if anyone in your household works from home.

A: No one works from home	23 (47.9%)
B: One person or more works from home	17 (35.4%)
C: One person or more works full time from home	8 (16%)

Q11: Are you considering using plug-in solar panels after regulations have been finalised (expected later this year)?

A: Yes	6 (12.8%)
B: No	20 (42.6%)
C: Don't know – need more information	

The Whaddon village email list web site and Whaddsapp group

As a number of families have moved in and out of the village in the last year or so, I just wanted to summarise what we have in Whaddon for communication.

Email list: this is probably the most immediate way of finding out what is going on in Whaddon. All you have to do is send an email to emaillist@whaddon.org asking to be added to the list, and I will gladly do so. There are usually no more than three to five messages in an average week, and I promise not to clog your inboxes with messages.

- The Parish Council sends round not just information relating to council meetings, but also very timely public service announcements—the usefulness of it was demonstrated when we were all restricted at the height of Coronavirus.
- The Village Hall Trust announces its public events.
- The Churchwardens send round weekly news and information about St Mary's.
- And lastly, we have heard about villagers announcing items for collection, Teddy bear hunts, Halloween pumpkin competitions, various jigsaws, or asking for recommendations, and also messages about lost and found pets and keys.

Emails from the Whaddon email list come from emaillist@whaddon.org. As the one who runs the list, I respect everyone's privacy, and individuals are only on the list because they have given me their explicit permission to be contacted for the purposes of village-wide emails ONLY. Remember, you only have to drop me an email to be removed and I will do it immediately.

We also have the web site (<http://www.whaddon.org/>) and Facebook (WhaddonCambs for the village and StMarysWhaddon for St Mary's Church).

Ideas and especially contributions for both would be welcome!

Whaddon's own "Whatsapp" group run by volunteer administrators is a popular source of information around the village as well. Some of the recent posts have included;

Alerts regarding delays on local roads.

Lost dogs to be looked out for.

Trapped sheep needing rescuing.

Recommendations for local trades.

Items of all sorts free to villagers– including waste food.

It's easy to use and great for getting to know your community. – just ask an administrator to add your details and explain how it works. Highly recommended especially if you're new to the village. Current admins; Anne Newberry, Annabel Bradford and Deborah Townsend.

Nigel Strudwick

Whaddon's local Bus 17 now gives a direct link with Cambridge via Royston

Our local Bus 17 has some journeys that run **to and from the centre of Cambridge via Royston**, giving nearly two hours in the city on Mondays to Fridays and over four hours on Saturdays. The key times for Whaddon are:

To Royston and Cambridge

Mondays to Fridays

Whaddon, top of Bridge Street	08:31	10:15
Royston, Tesco	08:39	10:35
Royston, Bus Station	08:57	10:50
Cambridge, Drummer Street	10:02	11:55

Saturdays

10:15
10:35
10:50
11:55

From Cambridge via Royston

Mondays to Fridays

Cambridge, Drummer Street	11:55	15:00*
Royston, Bus Station	13:10	17:10
Royston, Tesco	13:21	17:21
Whaddon, Bridge Street	13:33	17:28

Saturdays

11:55	16:02
13:10	17:10
13:21	17:21
13:33	17:28

*Take Bus 26 from Cambridge and then change at Royston to Bus 17

Extra journeys also run on Bus 17 to and from Cardiff Place -

- to Cambridge via Royston at 12.15 and to Royston at 14.40 and 16.40
- from Royston at 09.10 and 11.10 and at 14.15 from Cambridge (15.30 from Royston).

Bus 17 is run by local company, A2B Travel Group of Melbourn.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Citizens Advice:

Cambridge	03448 487979
Royston	03444 111444

Age UK: 0300 666 9860 Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm

infoandadvice@ageukcap.org.uk
www.ageukcap.org.uk

Councillors:

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District	Jose Hales	01763 221058
	Sally Ann Hart	07791 233303
MP	Pippa Heylings	pippa.heylings.mp@parliament.uk

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Orchard Surgery, Melbourn	01763 260220
Granta-Royston Heath Centre	0300 2345555 opt 7
Granta- Royston Market Hill	03002345555 opt 5
Roysia Surgery	01763 243166

Hospital: Addenbrookes 01223 245151

Police: Non emergency	101
Cambridge Fire and Rescue (Home safety assessments)	01480 444500

Samaritans:	01223 364455 (charges)
	116 123 (free)

Transport:

National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950
A2B TravelGroup (Bus 15, 17 & 26)	0800 001 6255
hello@a2btravelgroup.com	

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Utilities:

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Cambridge Water Co	01223 706050
Electricity Emergency/supply loss	08007 838838

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