



# Oakington and Westwick Community Plan

## ***Executive Summary***

A Community Led Plan, initiated by the Oakington and Westwick Parish Council, has been created by a team of volunteers from within the villages of Oakington and Westwick.

By accepting the aims and objectives of this Community Plan the Parish Council agrees to provide advocacy during discussions with external authorities as appropriate, and to give due regard, during the normal course of Parish business, to the results of the 3 village wide questionnaires where relevant.

The information to create the plan was gathered by:

- Surveying every household within the Oakington and Westwick Parish
- Initial analysis of the questionnaires by the Community Plan Steering Group
- The creation of three Action Groups
  - a. Community Life
  - b. Travel and Transport
  - c. Environmental
- Identification of the top issues from each questionnaire
- Local information research

For the plan to succeed in trying to deliver the aspirations of the residents of Oakington and Westwick as identified from the analysis of the questionnaires, there needs to be:

- Parish residents volunteering to participate in the Action Groups
- A close practical working relationship with the Parish Council, ideally this would include a Parish Councillor being active within each of the groups.
- Regular review and update by each Action Group of their objectives and proposed activities based on data from the questionnaires or other initiatives that may occur from time to time.

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## ***Introduction***

Welcome to the Oakington and Westwick Community Plan. What you are about to read is the result of the work carried out by a group of volunteers to produce a community led plan that tries to identify the hopes and aspirations of the community encompassing Oakington and Westwick. The idea for the plan originated from within the Parish Council but is independent from the council in its operation and management. It is guided by a process developed by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) which has been tried and tested in many towns and villages.

The plan presented here is not intended to be exhaustive but to act as the starting point for future community inspired projects to improve our villages. The three primary areas that are addressed here are:

Transport and Travel

Environment

Community Life

The summary results of three questionnaires identifying the initial issues to be addressed have been circulated to every household in the Parish as supplements in the Oakington and Westwick Journal (“the Journal”). Regular updates have also been put into the Journal to ensure that all the information is readily available to the community. The results of the three questionnaires have been lodged in the community section of the Parish Council Website. There have been displays at every village day since the inception of the Steering Group and many, many, conversations have produced a wish list of things that the community said it would like to see implemented.

As mentioned above, the plan is just the start of an ongoing set of activities that have been identified. Some of these have already started to be addressed, but there is always opportunity for others to get involved to realise the ideas and wishes of the community.

Many responses had excellent ideas for projects, but we have given priority to those that have most support based on the questionnaire responses. Some decisions were difficult to take and even if your idea has not appeared in the published plan it will still have been recorded in the responses that are on the Parish Council website and may well be acted upon in the future.

## ***Background - the path to the Plan***

The formal start of the community plan can be traced back through Parish Council (PC) meeting minutes to the AGM of the 27th April 2011 when Catherine Shilton of Cambridgeshire ACRE addressed the meeting.

A subsequent PC meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 formally approved the project and Councillor Butlin took responsibility for starting the process.

## ***The Steering Group***

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012, a public meeting was held in the Oakington and Westwick Pavilion to gauge the level of interest and to seek volunteers to form a Steering Group. There were 28 people who completed forms expressing interest in taking part in the creation of the Community Plan.

A core Steering Group (SG) emerged under the then chairmanship of Adam Broadway, and discussions were held about how we should gather the information required. Membership listing of the Steering Group can be found in the Appendices section of this document. The key requirement of this was to gather the views of the whole community.

## ***Gathering the information***

To achieve this, 3 questionnaires were created and published one in each of three consecutive editions of the Journal. In order to distribute the questionnaires throughout the Parish the SG were fortunate to be able to use the well-established distribution network for the Journal. This enabled a copy of each questionnaire to be delivered to every household. After allowing a suitable period of time a hardy team of volunteers went around to every home in the village to collect the responses for later analysis. This was later augmented by online versions of the questionnaires. Finally, all the responses were put online, which made the work of analysis much easier.

All responses were anonymous and un-attributable to ensure confidentiality.

<b>Questionnaires Analysed</b>	
Travel and Transport	301
Environmental	240
Community	185

The early analysis of the data gathered, suggested that it would be essential to establish three action teams to identify key projects for each of the three areas addressed by the questionnaires.

Summary results, and more, recently progress reports have been published in the Journal. This again enabled every household to follow the progress of the plan. The Steering Group has also had a presence at every village day since 2012, displaying relevant information which has been manned by members of the action teams.

## ***Analysis***

The analysis of every question from every questionnaire was simplified by using Survey Monkey which produced graphical representations of those questions where there were simple yes/no, or multiple-choice answers. Open questions which invited a more personal response were reviewed and analysed separately.

## ***The Launch of the Plan***

A public consultation was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in the Oakington and Westwick Pavilion so that the Steering Group could present the key findings of the questionnaires, and to propose the adoption of the Plan.

## ***The Community Moving Forward Together – The Plan***

Thanks to the very many of you who responded to the various questionnaires – we had an overall 41% response rate which is very high for such initiatives and gives the Plan real authority. We have now carefully analysed the questionnaire results and have also taken account of informal feedback including at the Village Day and at the final consultation meeting in November.

The Plan reports what you have told us you want – some aspirations will be easier to achieve than others and others may not be achievable!

Each of the tables below identify the top items initially selected to be addressed.

### Travel and Transport

Coordinator: Alister Bailey (Resigned), Jim Bryant (from November 2016)			
No	Topic	Why	Status as of March 2016
T1	Better maintained and safer cycle ways and footpaths	Cycleways and paths get overgrown, narrow and unsafe	Currently being driven by the Environmental Action Group
T2	Create new cycle ways/footpaths	To provide access to other areas in the locality	Active – proposals made for Oakington to Girton
T3	Lobby for better speeding restrictions	A clear majority felt it would improve safety of pedestrians, especially children	Discussions held with PC. Survey of speed limits in the Parish with recommendations for changes. Support the purchase of speed camera
T4	Lobby for school bus for all	Strong sense that the current system is unfair	No Action
T5	Lobby for more Citi6 services, also to busway Stop or create drop-off	Need to link Citi 6 bus to the busway, and increase frequency	Active in proposals for Rural Bus Hub at the Busway.
T6	Lobby to open Longstanton Rd for use by O&W residents	At present the status of the road is inconsistent and remains officially closed to most vehicles.	Investigation has indicated that this will not be viable due to the Northstowe South Access Road crossing the road and effectively blocking through traffic

Environmental

Coordinator: John Terry & James Youd (from November 2016)			
No.	Topic	Why	Status (as of March 2018)
E1	Explore community-wide local energy scheme	Lots of interest expressed; save money help environment	Work with Parish Council initiatives towards sustainable Oakington & Westwick
E2	Explore Transition Village	Lots of interest expressed; save money help environment	Work with Parish Council initiatives towards sustainable Oakington & Westwick
E3	Improve crossroads area	Over 100 individual requests for this; improve 'face' of village to visitors and others passing through	Improvements to village appearance & safety through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Crossroads development including Pond Restoration</li> <li>b. Street Cleaning / Cleaner Communities Pilot Scheme</li> <li>c. Oakington &amp; Westwick in Bloom (movable planters)</li> <li>d. Use of CCC Highways 'ReportIT' website</li> </ul>
E4	Dog free/dog only zones	Would make green areas more user-friendly and healthier, especially for children	No action, as measures already taken by PC
E5	Improve woods	Top priority for school children and young people	No action by EAG. Proposed to be considered by Open Spaces project team
E6	Flood protection	To protect as many homes as possible from flood damage	Flood mitigation group is working to influence Homes England & Environment Agency to improve water flow through the parish, & is involving third parties i.e. MP

Community

Coordinator: Adrienne Dengerink Chaplin (Resigned), Jo Mills (Oakington and Westwick Neighbours – from November 2016)			
No.	Topic	Why?	Status (as of March 2018)
C1	Employ local caretaker and handy person	To maintain public spaces, hedges, pavements, clear litter; possibly to do odd household jobs too small for businesses	Not within OWN remit; this was earmarked as an issue for the Parish Council.  Some tasks have been very successfully undertaken by EAG in the interim.N/A
C2	Local skills/services and hobbies exchange schemes	To create a network of people with similar interests or needs who might not know of each other	As OWN continues to develop, we will learn more about the needs of people within the community and how best to cater those needs.  OWN was working on a village website when the OakyFolk page was created on Facebook, which met many of the proposed objectives of the CLAG website. The Facebook page can facilitate links to the OWN website for more detailed information, so what would now be an additional village website has been put on hold.  Other schemes such as the promotion of <a href="http://www.streetbank.com">www.streetbank.com</a> met with limited interest,



			<p>and this type of activity could also be facilitated through the Facebook page.</p> <p>The Crossways project now offers community space for interest groups. OWN is keen to see how that develops and how we might interact.</p>
C3	Central, multi-purpose community centre/drop-in centre	To explore whether there is scope for more ongoing permanent centre in the village	<p>The village already had The Oakington and Westwick Pavilion and Church Hall, which are used for a number of activities. With the Crossways project opening this provides even more available space. The Olive Tree Café and White Horse Pub are also venues for community activities.</p>
C4	Support scheme for elderly	Some older persons are isolated and need practical help with routine chores	<p>OWN has set up this support scheme within the county-wide Care Network scheme.</p> <p>We now have 19 DBS-Checked volunteers and have helped 13 older people in the village.</p> <p>We have been contacted directly by some elderly villagers and others have been referred through the Care Network and</p>

			<p>directly by Social Services.</p> <p>OWN offer its service to all, and is keen to reach beyond the elderly. At the AGM, there was a talk on mental wellbeing services in Histon and Impington, and agreement to seek to work together to support people in Histon, Impington and Oakington.</p>
C5	Welcome initiative for newcomers	Make a friendly village even friendlier by helping new residents settle in quicker	<p>A Welcome Leaflet has been produced and is delivered to newcomers.</p> <p>Review the leaflet, and update as necessary</p>
C6	Explore Heritage Centre	Clear interest expressed following world-famous archaeological discoveries	<p>This is a joint activity with the Historical Society and EAG.</p> <p>It is our understanding that the research is still underway, though the schedule of digs have been completed.</p> <p>A County Council information board such as for the Martyr's Graves and Permissive Walks would be welcomed.</p> <p>Work with the Historical Society, EAG and others to facilitate communication of archeological</p>

			information, including seek to work with Northstowe to create local history resources.
C7	Create local market	Clear interest expressed	<p>A Christmas Fair hosted by The White Horse Pub was planned for the 9th December but had been deferred till the spring to allow a longer preparation time.</p> <p>The Westwick Winter Fayre was independently organised and a great success. The organiser at Westwick is happy to work with us on a Spring Fair.</p>
	<p>To seek to combat loneliness and social isolation</p> <p>Provide opportunities for people to come together to have fun and combat loneliness</p>	Natural extension of good neighbour scheme	<p>OWN has organised and run several social events including a Beetle Drive, Lakeside Jazz &amp; Afternoon Tea and a BIG LUNCH. It has booked a theatrical production for April 2018.</p> <p>To continue to run and support social events open to everyone.</p>

	To work with partners to share knowledge and extend opportunities /services	To broaden range of support for Oakington residents	OWN has worked with Cottenham Carecar scheme to promote the social car in Oakington and uptake by older people has increased markedly
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From the Plan three Working Groups emerged consisting of volunteers from the parish, assigned to the areas of Transport & Travel, Environment and Community. Members of the Steering Group would co-ordinate each of these.

Action Groups are keen to recruit new members. Those volunteered to help with specific tasks should have been contacted by the relevant Group coordinator but if you have not, please get in touch.

The Steering Group continued with a ‘light-touch’ supervisory role, although the initiative has now passed to the three Working Groups who will prioritise tasks, do further research where necessary, set timelines and plan next steps.

Groups have access to all the comments from the questionnaires. All the results of the questionnaires have been uploaded on to the Community Plan page of the Parish Council website and can be viewed by following the link below.

**[Parish Council Website Community Plan Pages](#)**

***Other ways to View Questionnaires Results***

For those without access to the PC website either contact one of the members of the Steering Group or make an enquiry to the individual action teams.

***Reporting back***

There are two ways in which the Action Groups report on progress towards achieving the goals laid out above:

- Regular Articles in the Oakington and Westwick Journal
- Yearly Reviews presented by each Action Group at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Presentation of Activities at the Village Day

***Final Words: The Plan needs you to make it happen!***

If you are interested in joining one of the Working Groups or just want to find out what it might involve, please contact the relevant Group coordinator (indicated at the top of each table above).

It is expected that each of the Action Groups will evolve over time taking on new projects and addressing new issues that arise as circumstances change in the village and surrounding area.

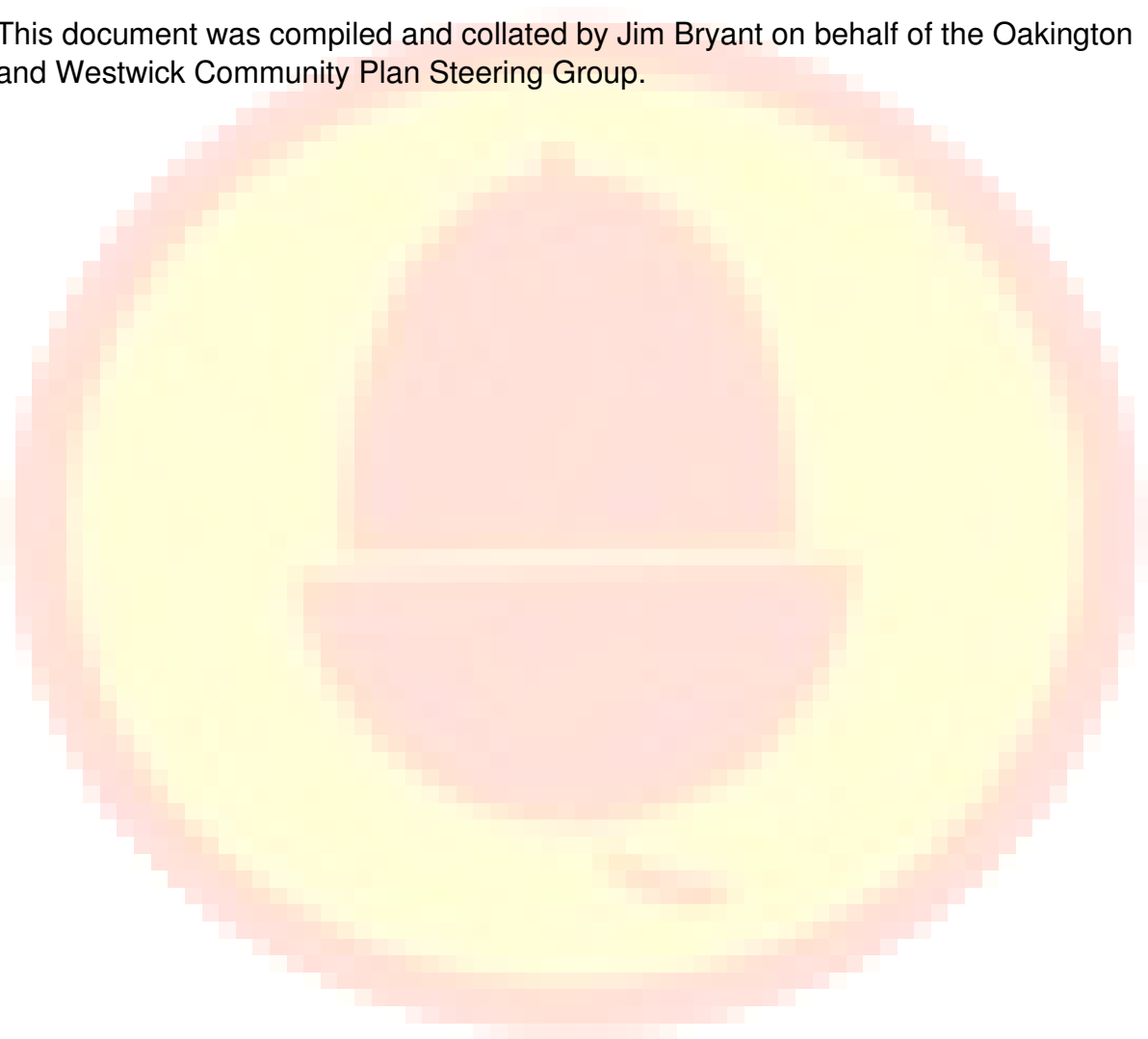
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## Appendices

The majority of the following information was included in the Journal to complement the publication of each questionnaire as a source of background data. It has subsequently been updated but it should be validated by referring to the primary sources as it likely that changes have occurred.

### Travel and Transport

*Information Sheets providing baseline data for the Oakington & Westwick Community Planning questionnaire.*

#### Traffic management

Over many years the O&W Parish Council has battled with higher authorities to make our roads and pavements safer.

Traffic calming chicanes are now in place on Cambridge Road, Dry Drayton Road and in Westwick.

The road to Longstanton was closed to traffic when the MOD took over Oakington Airfield as an operational base during the war and has been ever since. Today vehicles travel both ways. Occasionally the police patrol the road and fine drivers who are using the airfield road illegally. Views within our community vary widely as to how this road should be managed in the future and how this might be affected by Northstowe.

Local traffic volumes have recently been measured but the results are not yet published.

The recently published plans to improve the A14 are of course overdue but welcome.

#### Public transport

The village is connected by buses which travels twice each hour between Oakington and Cambridge (Citi 6), and towards the end of the day the service is less frequent and supplemented by buses from Cambridge to Bar Hill via Oakington (Citi 5).

Citi 6 and Citi 5 timetables can be found online at: <http://www.stagecoachbus.com/>

### COMMUNITY IDEAS, ENERGY and ACTION



*The new pre-school building is brilliant.  
But how did it get built and who paid for it?*

*Community energy perhaps sums it up.*

*In 1998 the Pre-school committee began fund raising for a new building and had raised about £25,000 by 2011, but then the old building was discovered to be in danger of collapsing, so a team was formed to “get a new building”.*

*Jo Mowatt, Clare Chapman and Lynn Macaulay set about finding £65,000 more. By July 2012, all this had been raised from grants from CCC, SCDC, O&W PC, Thomas Cook, Westerner and Garner and the ‘Oakington 7’ by running the Cambridge half marathon, and further local fund raising. In addition, several local professionals and service providers helped in important ways to keep costs down.*

*All in all, a brilliant example of how local ideas and energy can produce a significant addition to our community.*

*It is expected that this Community Planning process will identify other projects that keen residents can get behind to make Oakington & Westwick an even better place for us all.*

The Guided Bus goes to Huntingdon (some to Peterborough) and also to Addenbrookes & Trumpington P&R, leaving the tracks near the city to run like a normal bus in Cambridge. Bus users from the village have to walk or bike to the stop near Westwick, or get dropped off because there are only two parking spaces. There are 30 bike parking spaces at this stop which is well lit and has CCTV coverage.

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/buses/>

#### *Travel to Impington Village College*

Those who live within the designated 3-mile radius of IVC get free bus transport. But this remains a point of contention because of this arbitrary distance AND how it is deemed to be measured.

#### *Travel Plan*

Jenny Prince (school governor) writes: Oakington C of E Primary School has a travel plan because walking and cycling to school keeps children and parents fit and establishes active travel habits for the future. It reduces the number of cars on the school run and helps the village as well as the global environment. As well as switching journeys away from driving, the school travel plan includes tackling parking on Water Lane and liaising with the community to improve road and path safety.

The Primary School is a "Bike It" school - a project run by the sustainable transport charity Sustrans which encourages children to cycle, especially to school. Cycling skills give young people independence, confidence, fitness and safety. During the first three years the number of children cycling to school has risen from 3% to around 20%.

Among the many activities run to achieve school travel plan objectives are:

- cycle training (at all levels),
- after-school bike club,
- "Park & Stride" scheme for families who live outside of catchment,
- Active Travel weeks, bike competitions and cycling sports days.

#### *Cycle paths and footpaths*

There are a number of historic paths in and around the village. Records suggest the oldest is the track from Rampton via Lambs Cross on the Cottenham Road to Histon. This is on the border of Westwick and Cottenham. A Cambridgeshire County Council interpretation board next to the Cottenham Road explains the historic connection. It was the main route from Cambridge to Ely in the middle ages, crossing the Aldreth Causeway and known as the Portway. The Lambs Cross to Histon Section, called Guns Lane, is 2 km.

The path from Westwick Hall to Gatehouse Road, Histon is 3km. The bridge at Westwick dates from 1279 and was rebuilt out of clay gault in 1835. The new permissive footpath from the recreation ground (which can also be approached from the bus shelter), through Mansell Wood and around Centenary Wood to Gatehouse Road, is about 2km.

The footpath and cycle path alongside the guided bus from Westwick to Histon bus stop is about 3.5km. All these footpaths are suitable for dog walking but there is a



need to ensure that sheep and cattle are not molested and that dogs are safe from guided buses.

The network of footpaths and bridleways is shown on the FOOTPATH map. Most can be used by dog walkers.

A safe, scenic and largely traffic free network of cycle paths now exists for the whole of England. Called Sustrans, it includes a route alongside the guided bus from St. Ives to Cambridge via Oakington. The alternative is along Longstanton Road.

### *The Localism Act 2011*

*The Bill has devolved greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods and given local communities more control over housing and planning decisions.*

The government Localism web site ( <https://tinyurl.com/pcl4k5h> ) lists 20 'key provisions', but the gist of this latest political fashion, is that we, at the local level are being offered more powers to determine our community.

Perhaps the most significant new opportunity will be to challenge higher level councils (district and county) to take control of services, land or property, that they currently operate or own.

**Building a Community Plan at this time offers interesting possibilities, it is therefore a good time to get engaged in shaping OUR FUTURE.**

### South Cambridgeshire District Council

SCDC has just published its proposed Local Plan. This Local Plan when adopted will guide development in the District for the next 20 years. The draft Plan is available on:

<http://www.scambs.gov.uk/localplan>

This plan aims to "promote and deliver sustainable transport" with much emphasis on cycling and walking. The Community Plan questionnaire is a good opportunity to give your views.

### Cambridgeshire County Council

CCC has a lot of information on Transport on its web site at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/>

For example, gritting routes:

<https://tinyurl.com/pamrofd>

and accident incidences:

<https://tinyurl.com/3xk3rom>

among many other things.



The CCC has recently been monitoring traffic in our area as part of a major Transport Monitoring commitment for Northstowe.

Encouraging recent news is the government's announcement of an £8.2m investment in cycling infrastructure for Cambridgeshire which seems to include an upgrade of the cycling path on the Huntingdon Road into Cambridge.

### *Time for ideas and action*

Please share in the questionnaire, even way-out ideas for new cycling routes and footpaths.



#### *O&W Parish Council*

Over the last two years the O&W Parish Council has been active in the area of Traffic & Transport, on these things:

- A14 drainage works
- A14 widening between Histon & Girton
- Airfield Road rights of way
- Cambridgeshire future transport
- Church View bridleway
- cycle path Oakington – Cottenham
- guided bus
- historic rights of way
- illegal parking in Forge End/Cambridge Road
- issue of Northstowe access road via Mill Road
- liaise with MPs re excessive cost of advertising parish council funded highways alterations
- old airfield boundary fence
- resurfacing the Crossroads
- school bus
- speed stickers for bins
- speeding traffic in Longstanton Road
- speedwatch
- Stocks Green parking licence
- street lighting
- traffic management schemes
- winter gritting

**Housing & Environment**

Information Sheets providing baseline data for the Oakington & Westwick Community Planning questionnaire.

*Housing and growth*

The CCC 2001 Census data can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/puojkoa>

It is hoped that Census 2011 data should be available before the Community Plan is completed.

**Housing needs**

Listed below are details of the number of housing applicants who have a connection to Oakington & Westwick. A review of the register for Oakington took place in March 2012.

	bed requirements for applicants under 60				bed requirements for applicants aged 60+				
beds	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	total	compared to 2011
need	6	11	8	3	1	3	1	33	-10

This information is taken from: the **South Cambs District Council** (SCDC) HOUSING REGISTER INFORMATION (DECEMBER

2012) Leaflet, see <https://tinyurl.com/n9j9eew>

**Action with Communities in Rural England** (ACRE <http://www.acre.org.uk/>) is about to undertake an affordable homes Housing Needs survey. For a useful guide to the role of community leadership in delivering rural affordable housing, see: <https://tinyurl.com/qhyeee2>

### *Housing development*

**The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** (SHLAA) is one of a number of evidence based supporting studies produced or commissioned by the SCDC to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan. The SHLAA was first published in July 2012, and includes an assessment for **Oakington & Westwick** (O&W). For a map of the proposed sites see:

<https://tinyurl.com/pwh4hts>

All these assessments concluded that none of the proposed sites were suitable for development.

There are usually only proposals for minor, infill or extension developments going through the SCDC planning office. There are no brownfield/greenfield sites in O&W. Nor are there any exception sites (provision for the development of sites for affordable housing outside the settlement boundary of villages).

### *Local Plan*

A Local Plan is different from a Community Plan. A Local Plan is Council initiated, while a Community Plan is formed by residents.

A Local Plan sets out the planning policies to guide the development and use of the land in the district up to 2031. SCDC is currently drawing up their Local Plan, see:

<http://www.scams.gov.uk/services/local-plan>

### *Neighbourhood Plan*

A Neighbourhood Plan is also different from a Community Plan. The government has introduced the community right to do neighbourhood planning through the Localism Act:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents/enacted>

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to decide some aspects of the future of the places where they live and work. Neighbourhood planning is optional, not compulsory, but can only influence where housing development should happen. It can plan on more, but not on less than the development set out in the Local Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan is quite an ambitious enterprise and is expensive, but the Questionnaire provides an initial way of testing local interest and may therefore be useful for future discussions and planning.

For details, see:

<https://www.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>

### *Greenbelt land*

Policies are changing with regard to greenbelt.

## COMMUNITY IDEAS & ENERGY

*The new playground at the recreation ground was an excellent example of teamwork between residents and the Parish Council.*



*Anne Christie led a team of residents to raise funds of more than £100,000 during 2010-2012 from grants and local fundraising for this significant addition to our village.*

*It is expected that this Community Planning process will identify other projects that residents can get behind to make O&W an even better place for us all.*

The originally proposed greenbelt between O&W and Northstowe has come under threat, but O&W Parish Council has applied for a 'Local Green Space' between O&W and Northstowe.

#### *Conservation*

The conservation areas in O&W, and approximate positions of most of the O&W listed buildings are shown on the HOUSING map provided with this pullout.

Westwick Hall

BARN, WESTWICK HALL FARMHOUSE

WESTWICK HALL FARMHOUSE

CHURCH FARMHOUSE, 56, HIGH STREET

25 AND 27, HIGH STREET

68, HIGH STREET

69, HIGH STREET

CHURCH OF ST ANDREW, HIGH STREET

WHITEHALL FARMHOUSE, 13, LONGSTANTON ROAD

Plus eight cantilevered or mushroom topped pillboxes at RAF Oakington, arranged around the east and south side of the former airfield (not shown on map) - what will happen to these with Northstowe development is unknown.

For full details, see:

<http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/cambridgeshire/oakington+and+westwick>

There are very few **Tree Preservation Orders** (TPOs) in O&W. Information from the Trees & Landscape Officer of SCDC is unclear and very hard to include on a map.

#### *O&W Parish Council*

Over the last two years the O&W Parish Council has been active in the area of Population, Household and Development, on these things:

Localism Act

Planning applications

SCDC empty homes consultation

SCDC housing strategy consultation

## Environment

The total **area** of the O&W is 1862 acres (754ha) with 630 houses, roadsides and gardens, 5 farms (mostly County Council holdings), 2 nurseries on Dry Drayton Road, the Cambridge Road allotments, and grave yards around the Parish Church and next to the Sports Oakington and Westwick Pavilion.

The soil is heavy where the Gault or Kimmeridge clay outcrops, or light and sandy where the Lower Greensand outcrops. These deposits, eroded over millennia, were first laid down in the Cretaceous period, about 115 million years ago. The landscape is largely flat, the land is around 8-15 metres above sea level with a water table that is surprisingly close to the soil surface in winter.

The farming is largely arable and where they have heavy soil, local farmers choose winter-sown crops, mainly wheat and oil seed rape. In the spring of 2012 a large area of potatoes was planted under contract and this encouraged birds like lapwing, which were possibly attracted by the gaps in the crops for feeding or even egg laying, opportunities usually denied to them by the dense growth of winter crops.

There is a significant area of pasture, providing grass for sheep (Mansell's Farm).

The air quality is reasonable and clearly better than the middle of Cambridge. The main dangers are the traffic passing through the village and on the A14. Exhaust emissions from the A14 reach the village given the main wind direction is from the south west. Traffic flow, as and when Northstowe develops, is likely to cause some extra concerns. Light pollution includes lights at the guided bus stop, the recreation ground and the street lights,

although these are being replaced with less polluting white lights this autumn.

Verges in our parish are the responsibility of **Cambridge City Council** (CCC) or SCDC. The Parish Council pays for the cutting of grass at the recreation ground and Stocks Green.

### Allotments

O&W currently has allotments on Cambridge Road. These are on private ground and have been there for many years.

Because there has been a waiting list for several years, the Parish Council has been battling with Shire Hall to secure more allotments. Unfortunately land allocated for allotments at the back of Church View has been found to be contaminated from wartime airfield use. A new site nearby is currently under investigation.

### Village green

After several years of bureaucratic battling, the Parish Council has had the small patch of ground at the junction of High St with Water Lane which houses the village sign designated as a (very) nominal Village Green.

Oakington, like many Cambridgeshire villages has a very long and narrow layout, whose built form has evolved over centuries. The Anglican church is typically located at the northern extreme of the village, due to re-location of residents after the Black



Death in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. But sadly, along the way, our community never got itself a nice central village green with a cricket pitch and pub. There have been suggestions about digging a lake to create a park and meeting place with attractive environmental and landscape features. Fish stocking, floating islands for bird nesting, hides and a nature centre could be considered. Such a lake could also provide a balancing pond for flood reduction.

### *Public spaces*

O&W is blessed with several green spaces including a large recreation ground, which now includes the Sports Oakington and Westwick Pavilion, **Multi Use Games Area** (MUGA), children's' play area, community orchard, dog walking area and



tennis courts.

There are other green gaps in our built-up area including the two PVAA's (see below), the large field between the school and the recreation ground and the village school enjoys large grounds.

There are no **Sites of Special Scientific Interest** (SSSI's) or national or local nature reserves in the village but there are some important wildlife habitats and species on the local farmland and rough grass, some covered by Cambridgeshire Biodiversity Action Plan, e. g. skylark.

The graveyards can provide important habitats for wildlife and perhaps they can be managed even more sensitively for people and wild plants and animals.

Archaeological digs near the Oakington and Westwick Pavilion unearthed a Saxon Burial ground. The dig will continue for another two years. Some people would like a heritage centre where specimens could be housed and displayed.

**Mansell Wood**, planted about 20 years ago, breaks up the landscape and provides valuable wildlife habitat. Nearby **Centenary Wood** between Oakington and Girton was planted to celebrate 100 years of the County Farms Estate, with about 8,000 trees and shrubs. Both woods were planted by local people as community woodlands and both woods include footpaths for public access.

Next to the guided bus stop in Westwick is a wild flower meadow, with a fine display of ox-eye daisies. These may give way over time to other wildflower species as the nutrient status changes.

### *Protected Village Amenity Area (PVAA)*

Oakington has two PVAA's: part of the field near the Crossroads and the horse exercising field between High St and Water Lane. The criteria used for assessing PVAA sites are as follows:

The green area must be demonstrably special to a local community;

The green space must hold a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife;

The green space must be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;

The green area must be local in character and not be an extensive tract of land;

Most green areas or open space will not be appropriate. Must be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services.

Quite how the SCDC decided on our two PVAAAs is hard to find out, but we have them. It would be interesting though to consider how our community might improve these PVAA sites in Oakington to more closely meet the above criteria.

The SCDC web site has further information on PVAAAs at: <https://tinyurl.com/pdfey8c>

### *Areas prone to flooding*

There are three water courses, no wider than a few metres, which bring water north from Girton and Histon and east from Bar Hill. They come together near Mansell Wood, to become the Beck Brook, called a river by the **Environment Agency** (EA). The water unfortunately runs through tunnels under bridges in Dry Drayton Road, Cambridge Road and Cottenham Road in Westwick, towards Rampton, before entering the Great Ouse near Smithy Fen. The management of these water courses is the responsibility of the EA, although land owners either side of them are required to keep the banks clear to specified distances. These water courses are part of an agricultural drainage system that carries water from the field drains which are largely maintained by farmers. Unlike many parishes in the fens, there is no Drainage Board covering this area. The concreting and tarmacking of Bar Hill added significantly to the flow through O&W.

The building of Northstowe is seen as an additional flooding risk but the extent of this is not yet clear. And likewise, the University development west of Cambridge threatens more flow through Girton and into Westwick.

There is a small overgrown 'village' pond next to Crossways Garage. Another pond is shown on Ordnance Survey maps, opposite this pond in Longstanton Road, but has not been seen in living memory. There is also a one acre lake on private land on the west extremity of the village which acts as a local balancing pond, and another balancing pond at the Tomato Farm. On the Airfield a lake, called Sapper Lake, was dug as part of a military training course, and attracts many wild geese. Although there are several garden ponds, there are no other areas of open water in the village.

The Environment Agency (EA) flood map: <https://tinyurl.com/pluaukg> indicates areas of risk of flooding in O&W, 1 in a 100 years and 1 in a 1,000 years.

The 100-year flood level is 9.15 m over sea level.

One idea for reducing the likelihood of flooding in O&W is to dig a balancing pond, which would store a large volume of water temporarily, water which would otherwise flood homes.

### *Sustainability*

It is clearly up to all residents to ensure the minimum waste of resources (energy, especially fossil fuels and water), reducing pollution and wasted food, encouraging

biodiversity and encouraging a more vibrant and helpful community. Currently the three bins for each household seem to work well. Blue bins for recycling and green bins for garden and green waste are collected fortnightly. Black



bins for the rest of the rubbish are collected fortnightly in the intervening week. Bigger items, clothing, cardboard, soil and hard core can be taken to the local recycling centre which is about 5km. away between Impington and Milton. SCDC will collect bulky household items by arrangement. There is a charge of £30.00 for the first three items and £5.00 per extra item booked at the same time.

O&W has a small litter problem which gets a lot worse when bags and paper from the car boot sale on Saturdays, blow towards the village. There are litter bins at bus shelters opposite Midfield Lodge and at Saxon Way, a bin on Stocks Green, at the recreation ground and outside the shop. There are dog litter bins on the public footpath at Mill Road/Water Lane , at the recreation ground, and by the Baptist Church in the High Street.

There are recycling bins for clothes and DVD's etc at the car park near the recreation ground and emptied by the SCDC.

**Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP)** is a membership club for parishes within SCDC. Its purpose is to help parishes and communities of South Cambridgeshire to reduce energy bills, tackle climate change and build a more sustainable future. Oakington joined this year.

The idea is that by working together communities can explore ways to become more sustainable. A dedicated officer is able to offer advice and support to the members. There are a number of highly successful projects including a local Green Deal project, Gamlingay Community Energy Project and energy assessment initiatives. For more information, see:

<http://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/sustainable-parish-energy-partnership-spep>

#### *Parish precept*

Each year all residents receive a 'council tax' demand from SCDC. Included in the bill is the precept from your Parish Council which pays for the running and administration of this parish; costs such as maintenance of parish-owned land and property and insurance. The current precept is £34,438, covered by approx. 600 households.



It also pays for the salary of our Parish Clerk who carries out a great deal of work in public and behind the scenes to keep our wheels running smoothly.

*O&W Parish Council*

Over the last two years the O&W Parish Council has been active in the area of Natural Environment, on these things:

- airfield - hedge
- allotments
- archaeological dig test pits
- Cambridgeshire Strategy for Flood Risk Management consultation
- Church footpath – clearing ivy and tree roots
- Coles Lane - protruding manhole cover

**Community**

*Information Sheets providing baseline data for the Oakington & Westwick*

**The community Planning Steering Group has endeavoured to collect data for the lists in this Pullout, but recognises that this information might not be complete, nor accurate, so please help us by letting us know any corrections or changes: email [geoffrey@thebutlins.net](mailto:geoffrey@thebutlins.net)**

**Community: Facilities and Services**

*Retail outlets*

Avicentre	General Retailers	Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
Bedford's Markets	General Retailers	c/o Oakington Business Park
Crossways Garage	Motor Engineers	3 Longstanton Road, Oakington
Crossways Hair Studio	Hairdresser	1 Longstanton Road, Oakington
Oakington Garden Centre	Garden Nursery	Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
Graham Wisby Upholstery	Household Goods & Home Construction	4 Water Lane, Oakington
Village Stores & Post Office	General Retailers	27 Longstanton Road, Oakington
White Horse Public House	Public House	28 Longstanton Road, Oakington
Oakingtons	Osteopaths	1 Longstanton Road, Oakington

*Businesses*

C.P. Gawthroup	Food Producers	Lambs Cross Farm, Westwick
Cambridge Crop Consultants	Support Services	Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
CBM	Charity	Vision House, 7/8 Oakington Business Park
Chameleon Studios	Software & Computer Services	2 Oakington Business Park
Claydon Design Centre	Industrial Engineering	12 High Street, Oakington
College Street Market Garden	Food Producers	Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
D. Pearson and Son	Food Producers	Westwick Farm, Oakington
Fare Acres Farm	General Retailers	Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
Fen Technology	General Industrials	4 Oakington Business Park
Flitton Commercial Ltd	General Industrials	Unit 5 Oakington Business Park
Gawn Associates	Construction & Materials	Unit 1 Oakington Business Park
Goepel Electronics	General Industrials	Unit 1A, The Old Granary, Westwick
Graham Wisby Upholstery	Household Goods & Home Construction	4 Water Lane, Oakington
Hot Rot Organic Solutions Ltd	Industrial Engineering	The Old Granary, Westwick
L2S2 Ltd	Software & Computer Services	Unit 2a/2b, Oakington Business Park
L F Dean & Sons	Automobiles & Parts	4 Water Lane, Oakington
Martindales Architects Ltd	Construction & Materials	1a Oakington Business Park
Research in Real Life / Optimum Patient Care	Health Care Equipment & Services	5a Coles Lane, Oakington
CPS	Buildings Services Engineers	Tyburn House, Station Road, Oakington
Roskel	Construction & Materials	6 Oakington Business Park
Sylvia Newman Garden Design Ltd	Construction & Materials	Suite 5, The Old Granary, Westwick
The Dessert Company	Food Producers	Fare Acres Farm, Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
Tom's Kitchen	Food Producers	Fare Acres Farm, Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
Typomania	Software & Computer Services	11a Coles Lane, Oakington
Victoria's Catering	Food Producers	Fare Acres Farm, Dry Drayton Road, Oakington

WFL Group	Automobiles & Parts	Dry Drayton Road, Oakington
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### Access to key services

#### *GP Surgeries (approx. distance from High Street Oakington)*

Longstanton Branch Surgery 01954 207600	Magdalene Close, Longstanton, CB24 3EG	5.1 miles
Girton Branch Surgery	1A Pepys Way, Girton, CB3 0PA	2.4 miles
Firs House Surgery, Histon 01223 234286	Station Road, Histon, CB24 9NP	2.9 miles
Maple Surgery, Bar Hill Health Centre 01954 780442	Hanover Close, Bar Hill, CB23 8EH	3.3 miles
Dr. Grande and Partners 01954 251180	42 Telegraph Street, Cottenham, CB24 8QU	3.5 miles
Cottenham Medical Practice, Lewis House 01954 250079	188 High Street, Cottenham, CB24 8SE	3.6 miles
Arbury Road Surgery 01223 364433	114 Arbury Road, Cambridge, CB4 2JG	5.9 miles
Willingham Medical Practice 01954 260230	52 Long Lane, Willingham, CB24 5LB	6.5 miles
The Surgery, Swavesey 01954 230202	58 Boxworth End, Swavesey, CB24 4RA	5.9 miles
1 Huntingdon Road 01223 364127	1 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0DB	4.7 miles

#### *Pharmacies (approx. distance from High Street Oakington)*

The Co-operative Pharmacy 01223 234754	115 Station Road, Impington, CB24 9NP	3.9 miles
The Co-operative Pharmacy 01223 232672	1 Station Road, Histon, CB24 9LQ	2.5 miles
The Co-operative Pharmacy 01954 250556	222, High Street, Cottenham, CB24 8RZ	3.4 miles
Willingham Pharmacy 01954 261787	52 Long Lane, Willingham, CB24 5LB	6.5 miles
Rowlands Pharmacy 01223 368537	189 Histon Road, Cambridge, CB4 3HL	4.3 miles
Tesco 0845 6779031	15-18 Viking Way, Bar Hill, CB23 8EL	3.2 miles

#### *Banks (approx. distance from High Street Oakington)*

Barclays Bank plc 0845 7555555	15-17, High St, Histon, CB24 9JD	2.3 miles
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Lloyds TSB Bank plc 0845 3000000	9, High St, Willingham, CB24 5ES	6.6 miles
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Some banking services available at Oakington Post Office, Oakington Village Stores

*Local Shops & Supermarkets (approx. distance from High Street Oakington)*

Oakington Village Shop (NISA) 01223 232327	27 Longstanton Rd, Oakington, Cambridge CB24 3BB	0.3 miles
Co-operative 01954 250225	273, High St, Cottenham, CB24 8QP	3.4 miles
The Longhorn Farm Shop	Cuckoo Hill Farm, Oakington Road, Cottenham, Cambridge CB24 8TW	2.4 miles
Co-operative 01223 276258	120, Girton Road, Girton, CB3 0LW	2.4 miles
Co-operative 01223 234351	30 High Street, Histon, CB24 9JD	2.3 miles
Co-operative 01223 367927	Histon Road, CB4 3HL	4.3 miles
Co-operative 01954 780729	High Street, Longstanton	5.2 miles
Tesco Superstore 0845 6779031	15-18, Viking Way, Bar Hill, CB23 8EL	3.2 miles
Tesco Superstore 0845 6779466	Cambridge Rd, Milton, CB24 6AY	6.9 miles
Tesco Express 01223 234351	30, High St, Histon, CB24 9JD	2.3 miles
Sainsbury's	27 Eddington Avenue Cambridge CB3 1SE	3.9 miles

*Libraries (approx. distance from High Street Oakington)*

Bar Hill Library 03450 455225	Gladeside, Bar Hill, CB23 8DY	3.0 miles
Histon Library 03450 455225	School Hill, Histon, CB24 9JE	2.2 miles
Cottenham Library 03450 455225	Margett St, Cottenham, CB24 8QY	3.7 miles
Willingham Library 03450 455225	Church St, Willingham, CB24 5HS	6.6 miles

*Mobile Library, 4th Thursday of each month:*

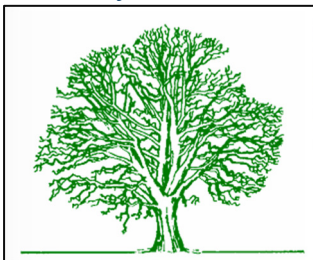
Location	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Girton	Thornton Court	09:30	10:10
Girton	St Vincents Close	10:20	10:50
Girton	Orchard Close/Scallywags	10:55	11:15
Girton	Hicks Lane	11:20	11:40

Girton	Gretton Court	11:45	12:15
Girton	Playgroup/ Church	12:20	12:50
Girton	Churchfield Court	13:00	13:25
Oakington	Coles Lane/High Street	14:35	14:50
Histon	St. Audrey's Close	15:00	15:20
Histon	Kay Hitch Way	15:25	16:05

*Care homes*

Nearest care home is Midfield Lodge between Oakington and Girton.

**Primary School**



Oakington Church of England Primary School in Water Lane.

Head teacher is Sally Daggianti.

Chair of the school governors is Edmund Buss.

In the summer of 2012, the school added an extra classroom, at a cost of £140,000, funded by LEA, school capital plus Church School funds, led by

the head teacher. It took two years to secure permissions and funding.

Website: <http://www.oakingtonschool.org.uk/>

(Note: Federated with Dry Drayton Primary School January 2018)

*Outdoor recreation spaces*

The recreation ground includes a full size football pitch, a junior football pitch, two tennis courts and the children's play area, redesigned and refurbished in 2012 at a cost of £86,945, with funding raised by a team led by Anne Christie.

In the past ten years energetic residents together with the Parish Council have overseen and contributed to the following projects.

2005 – Tennis Court Refurbishment (£17,250)

2008 – Sports Oakington and Westwick Pavilion (£819,000)

2009 – MUGA (£70,695)

Allotments have been provided for residents for many years next to the Cambridge Road. Because there has been a waiting list for some years, the Parish Council worked hard with the County Council to secure more land at the rear of Church View and after work had started on making these ready for some time in 2013, it was discovered that the soil had been polluted when the airfield had been in use and is not suitable for gardening. A new site is currently

**COMMUNITY**

**IDEAS & ENERGY**



*In 2007 Elaine Bailey, Neil Cook, and several others formed themselves into a committee to establish a village Oakington and Westwick Pavilion. The £819,000 was put together over the next two years from various sources including government, SCDC, Parish Council, and local efforts.*

*It is expected that this Community Planning process will identify other projects that residents can get behind to make O&W an even better place for us all.*

under investigation. A few additional allotment spaces may be available to Oakington residents at the Histon allotments at Gatehouse Road.

*Local activities and groups*

1st Oakington Scout Group Brownies	Oakington C of E (A) Primary School Oakington English Country Dance Club
Humpty Dumpty Pre-School Oakington & Westwick Baby & Toddler Group	Oakington Garden Society Oakington PCC
Oakington & Westwick Badminton Club Oakington & Westwick History Society Oakington & Westwick Ladies Society Oakington & Westwick Over 60s Club Oakington & Westwick Parish Council Oakington & Westwick Short Mat Bowls Club	Oakington School Governors Oakington School PSA Oakington Vikings Football Club St Andrews Church Ten Sing Community Plan Steering Group
Oakington & Westwick Table Tennis Club	Oakington & Westwick Community Association
Oakington & Westwick Tennis Club	Oakington & Westwick WI

The village web site is currently being developed to include links to all of these organisations:

<http://www.oakington.org.uk/organisations.html>

When the village web site has been updated, all organisation reps will be asked, through the Oakington & Westwick Journal, to fill out their web pages.

*Transition towns*

From the website: <http://www.transitionnetwork.org>

**Venues for meetings and other activities**

Oakington and Westwick Sports Oakington and Westwick Pavilion and MUGA	Queens Way, Oakington, Cambs, CB24 3AW	01223 237740
Oakington C of E Primary School	Water Lane, Oakington, CB24 3AL	01223 232328
Humpty Dumpty Pre-School	Water Lane, Oakington, CB24 3AL	07598 312050
White Horse Public House	28 Longstanton Road, Oakington, CB24 3AB	01223 232417
St.Andrews Church Hall	High Street, Oakington, CB24 3AN	01223 232396
Crossways CommuniTea Cafe	1 Longstanton Road	

## Young People

The village has a number of activities for young people:

- Cubs meets every Friday evening in term time at 6 – 7.15 pm at Oakington Oakington and Westwick Pavilion
- Scouts meets every Friday evening in term time at 6 - 7.30 pm at Oakington Oakington and Westwick Pavilion
- Brownies meets every Wednesday evening in term time at 6 - 7.30pm at Oakington Oakington and Westwick Pavilion
- Ten Sing meets every Thursday evening in term time at 7 – 9 pm at Histon Baptist Church
- MUGA open every, all day till 21.30 pm.

The Connections Bus Project is a charity that runs a mobile drop-in youth facility, operating from a double-decker bus.

The Project aims to support young people by providing a programme of recreational, educational and personal development opportunities.

The bus is brought to the Oakington Oakington and Westwick Pavilion car park most Monday evenings and is paid for out of Parish Council funds.

<http://www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/>



## Older People

The village has an Over-60s Club, and some older people participate in other clubs. Some communities have established a pool of vetted volunteers willing to do basic chores, such as shopping, visiting, dog walking, odd repair jobs (an hour or two each week) for the elderly who wish to remain in their own homes but find it increasingly challenging. SAGA is reporting such support schemes:

<http://www.saga.co.uk/saga-magazine/2012/january/beacon-hill-203.aspx>

### Village events

The Oakington and Westwick Village Day is now held every year on a Saturday in June (29 June 2013) at the recreation ground. Most societies and groups attend and probably a third of the residents of the village.

The village also comes together to celebrate Guy Fawkes evening also at the recreation ground.

A car boot sale is held near the Business Centre in Dry Drayton Road on Saturdays in the spring, summer and early autumn.



## Safety

### *Police and crime*

AREA Sergeants: [Paul.Rogerson@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Paul.Rogerson@cambs.pnn.police.uk)  
[James.fuller@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:James.fuller@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

Sample report from South Cambridgeshire Local Policing Team, dated 9 April 2013:  
 Histon Neighbourhood Crime in Oakington, from: Sgt Paul Rogerson  
 1668 South Cambs Impact team (tel) 101 (mobex) 7110814  
[Paul.Rogerson@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Paul.Rogerson@cambs.pnn.police.uk) )

There were four house burglaries in Oakington which is of concern given the size of the village. Break-ins occurred at Church View, Croft Lane and Lowbury Crescent. Two of these burglaries which occurred in late January are linked by their modus operandi, and a third is similar but occurs later in February. The fourth offence is not believed to be linked. Local police info:

<http://www.police.uk/overview/?q=Oakington%2C+Cambridgeshire%2C+UK>

<http://southcambscops.org/>

<http://my.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/?tab=maps>

### *Neighbourhood watch*

NHW Area Coordinator Polly Wilderspin [polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com](mailto:polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com)

VILLAGE COORDINATOR Vacancy

Street coordinator	Area covered
Keven Mansell	Westwick
Jenny Prince	Station Road, Mill Road, Vicarage Close, Meadow Farm Close & Water Lane, up to Saxon Close
Gerry Westoby	Saxon Close
Fran Guinee	Queensway, rest of Water Lane and Arcadia Gardens
Doreen Harradine	High Street up to Manor Farm Close
Mike Oakley	Manor Farm Close and rest of High Street
Peter Nicholas	Church View
Elaine Bailey	Orchard Way
Steve Green	Mead View
John Bullimore	Dry Drayton Road and Broadway
Volunteer street coordinators needed for	Coles Lane, Croft Lane, Days Meadow, Longstanton Road beyond the drift, Lowbury Crescent, Kettles Close, Cambridge Road, Holme Close, Cherry Orchard

## Communications

Local notice boards are installed at the crossroads, the shop, the bus shelter and the recreation ground.



Bi-monthly Oakington & Westwick Journal:

Editorial Team can be contacted by email at : [oakwestjournal@gmail.com](mailto:oakwestjournal@gmail.com) or [editor@oakington.org.uk](mailto:editor@oakington.org.uk)

Monthly Parish Church magazine

The Parish Council recently awarded a contract to a professional web service provider to establish and maintain an Oakington & Westwick Parish Council website. This site will include links to all community organisations and will eventually include all the information from these Information Pullouts.

#### *Internet and Broadband*

Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign

<http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/the-plan/frequently-asked-questions-faqs/>

Over 24,000 homes and businesses supported the Connecting Cambridgeshire campaign during 2012 – making it the biggest in the country and showing the high demand for better broadband across the county. This was achieved with the support of 100 Broadband Champions, local Councillors and organisations encouraging people to register. The Connecting Cambridgeshire programme has now progressed to the next stage of appointing British Telecom (BT) to roll-out better broadband across the county over the next three years. The contract will mean that the County can achieve its ambition for more than 90% of homes and businesses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to be able to receive superfast broadband (at least 24Mbps) with the aim of bringing basic broadband (of 2Mbps minimum) to 100% of premises by 2015. The reason that the Cambridge does not show for upgrade on the BT's Openreach website is that the BT website only shows BT's commercial roll-out plans. The Connecting Cambridgeshire Programme is not part of BT's commercial roll-out plans.



#### *Parish Council*

Over the last two years the O&W Parish Council has been active in the area of Community Facilities and Services, on these things:

- archaeological dig
- broadband
- cemetery fees
- community chest grant
- community emergency plans
- community hub (resident access to public services)
- community orchard
- Community Plan
- Connections bus & alternative youth club provision
- crime prevention
- diamond jubilee mugs to primary schoolchildren
- energy self-generation/sustainability
- graffiti on signposts

- IVC academy conversion
- memorial headstones safety check
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Northstowe consultation
- Oakington and Westwick Pavilion maintenance and caretaker
- play area safety inspections
- Police liaison
- positioning of potential allotment sites in the future
- siting of jubilee oak tree
- siting of memorial benches
- textile and media recycling
- village day
- village sign land as nominal village green
- village website



Useful internet links

**Oakington & Westwick Parish Overview**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakington>

<http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/doc/700000000001345>

*OWCP - Steering Group (Founding Members)*

Adam Broadway Chair (resigned)

Jim Bryant Chair (current)

Adrienne Dengerink-Chaplin

Jonathan Chaplin

Geoffrey Butlin

Irené Butlin

Bruce Sutherland

John Terry

Alister Bailey

Jo Bryant

