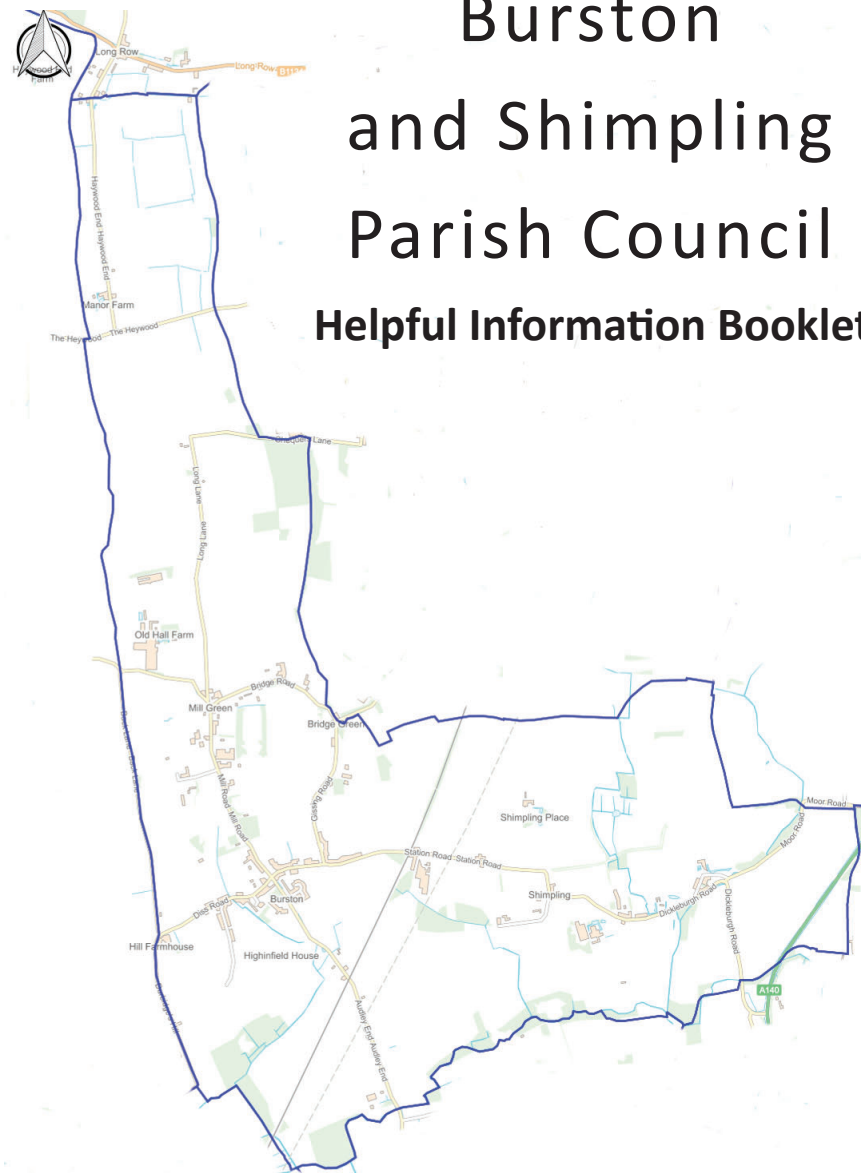




# Burston and Shimpling Parish Council Helpful Information Booklet



Website: [burstonandshimpling.org.uk](http://burstonandshimpling.org.uk)

### What is a Parish Council?

The villages of Burston and Shimpling form one parish in South Norfolk, 5 miles to the north east of the market town of Diss, in the Waveney Valley.

Parish and Town Councils are the local level of government in the England. They are independent bodies and have responsibility for representing all residents in the parish, running some local services, commenting on planning applications and long-term development issues. Collecting money for their budget through the 'precept' as part of council tax. And also have wide-ranging powers to become involved in further activities that contribute towards the improvement of the environment and quality of life in the parish.

The Parish Clerk—Ann Baker may be contacted by:

Email – [parish.clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk)      Phone – 01379 742937

## Regular Events

**Burston Strike School Rally**—the first Sunday in September on Church Green

This is a popular event and can attract 100s and occasionally 1000s people from all over the country depending who is speaking. See page 8 for a brief history of the Strike School.

**Community Café**—run by the Friends of Burston School on a Saturday morning usually once a month, in the school on Crown Green.

**Community Kitchen**—Tuesday early evening in the Strike School on Church Green. Free 2 course meal but donations (if you are able) very welcome. Updates posted on the [Burston and Shimpling Community](#) Facebook page



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## Church and Chapel

**St Marys Church** Diss Road Burston – [www.burstonchurch.org.uk](http://www.burstonchurch.org.uk)



St. Mary's is grade II listed and dates from the 15th century. The original tower collapsed in 1753 and has been rebuilt.

The church is part of the Diss Team Ministry.

**St Georges Shimpling** is now redundant and is managed by the Churches Conservation Trust, [information here](#).

The church is grade 1 listed and parts date from the 12th century with later additions.

Two regular events are held here, Candlelit Carols on the Thursday of the week before Christmas and a service on St George's Day (23rd April).



**Burston Chapel** – [www.burstonchapel.co.uk](http://www.burstonchapel.co.uk) Contact Pastor Sam or Ginni on 01379 741816. Burston Chapel is supported by Village Hope, an organisation committed to supporting Christian ministry in rural locations .



## Regular Events

**Litter Pick**— Spring and Autumn—meet on Church Green for equipment and to pick a route. Refreshments afterwards. Dates and times on the website, in the Parish magazine and on flyers around the village before each event.

**St. George's Day Service**—Shimpling Church on the 23rd April

**Candle Lit Service**—Shimpling Church on Thursday evening before Christmas . Wrap up warmly and bring a torch.



### Don Swanton Award

Each year in April or May a resident or organisation in Burston and Shimpling who has gone 'above and beyond' in their service to the Community is presented with an award – The Don Swanton Award. Don was a great member of the Community, a Director at Tuck's Mill who quietly helped many people, especially when they were in a difficult place. Described as a real gentleman who drove a Bentley, Don was a real asset to the Parish. The award is in his memory.

### Burston War Memorial

This was built and supported by many local people to honour the Burston men who didn't return from the First World War. There is a memorial book in the plinth. There is a service on Church Green to lay wreaths.



## Other Local Services .. continued

### Lime Tree Cattery



Awarded 5 star rating by South Norfolk Council for Animal Welfare (Licencing Act 2018) in January 2019 valid for 3 years.

Run by Hayley and her family this is a caring, safe place for your cats while you are away.

Full contact details on their website <https://>

[www.limetrecattery.co.uk/](http://www.limetrecattery.co.uk/)

### LK's School of Dance

LK's is a Dance School, teaching Hip Hop, Street, Disco Freestyle and Rock 'N' Roll.

Details and all there latest news on their website <https://>

[www.lksschoolofdance.co.uk/](http://www.lksschoolofdance.co.uk/)

## Pre-Schools and Schools

### Burston Primary School



Burston Primary is now linked with Tivetshall Primary (and many other schools in Norfolk and Suffolk) as part of the Sapientia Education Trust based at Wymondham College

Crown Green, Burston, IP22 5TZ Tel: 01379 741256 email: [office@burston.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@burston.norfolk.sch.uk) -

website: <https://www.burston-tivetshall-schools.co.uk/>

### Diss High School

Walcot Road, Diss, IP22 4DH. Tel: 01379 642424 [www.disshigh.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.disshigh.norfolk.sch.uk)

### Gissing Children's Centre

The Old School, Lovers Street Gissing, IP22 5UJ Tel: 01379 677300. A well-established, non-profit making organisation which as well as running a very successful daily pre-school also runs other facilities for the under 14s in the village of Gissing and its surrounding parishes. These currently include: a parent and toddler group, holiday playschemes and outdoor adventure evenings.

[www.gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk/](http://www.gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk/)

## Healthcare

### Doctors

Main medical facilities is Diss Health Centre, Mount Street, Diss, IP22 4WG shared by Parish Fields <http://www.parishfields.co.uk/> tel:01379 642023

and

The Lawns <http://www.lawnsgrp.com/> tel:01379 642021

Pulham Market—Church Hills Surgery, Station Road, Pulham Market, IP21 4TX <http://www.churchhillsurgery.co.uk/> tel:01379 676227

### Dentists

Diss Dental Health Centre, 3 Mount Street Diss, IP22 4QG. Tel: 01379 642522. [www.dissdentist.com](http://www.dissdentist.com).

BUPA Dental Care, 65 Mount Street, Diss, IP22 4QQ. Tel: 01379 643693. <https://www.bupa.co.uk/dental/dental-care/practices/diss>

Diss Dental Care Centre, 127 Victoria Road, Diss, IP22 4JN Tel: 01379 643789 <https://dissdental.co.uk>

Dentabrite Clinic 4 Church Street, Diss, IP22 4DD. Tel: 01379 652580 [dentabriteclinic.co.uk](http://dentabriteclinic.co.uk)

Fair Green Dental Practice ,63A, Lower Denmark Street, Diss, IP22 4BE Tel: 013796 51689

## Other Local Services

### Recreation Ground

The Parish Recreation Ground is situated on Crown Green next to the school. It has an extensive range of facilities for all ages, including a BMX track, 7-side football pitch, basket ball hoop, exercise equipment, play area (with zip-wire) and Pétanque court.

The Jubilee Pavilion provides additional seating, with benches arranged around the all-weather track through the trees and wildlife area. There is also a Community Orchard and Memorial area at the south end of the field.



### Burston Crown

There has been a pub in Burston for more than 200 years, located at the corner of Mill Road and Crown Green . Details of menus, opening times and events [here](#)



### The Space

The Space is a wellbeing centre that offers highly acclaimed wellness classes, therapies and treatments. Rooms can also be hired for classes or events. It is situated in Sterling House Mill Road Burston IP22 5TJ see their website for more details—[thespaceburston.com](http://thespaceburston.com)



## Public Services .. continued

### Police

We are covered by [Norfolk Constabulary](#) with the county grouped into Safer Neighbourhood Teams around the larger towns so we are under [Diss](#)

Although there is a police station in Diss it is rarely if ever manned. For **emergencies use 999**, but for other enquiries use 101 , the web form or live chat on the website or social media (Facebook, Twitter).

### Fire and Rescue Services

Diss Fire Station is staffed by on-call firefighters. The station is in Park Road Diss IP22 4AS near Morrisons and Aldi supermarkets.

### Hospitals

The main hospitals with A & E are:

The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Colney Lane Norwich NR4 7UY

Ipswich Hospital Heath Rd Ipswich IP4 5PD

West Suffolk Hospital Hardwick Lane Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 2QZ

Call **999** in an emergency or the NHS help line 111 or see the [website](#)

## Healthcare .. continued

### Defibrillators

There are three publicly available defibrillators located as follows:

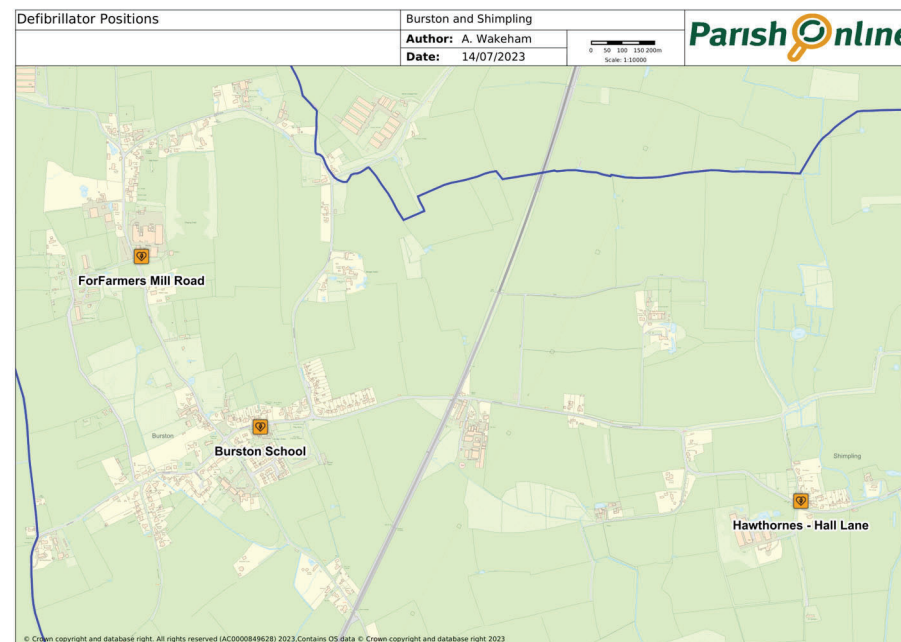
Burston—Primary School Crown Green by front door IP22 5TZ

Burston—ForFarmers Mill Road by office entrance IP22 5TJ

Shimpling— Hawthornes Hall Lane IP21 4UH

There is [map](#) showing the locations on the Parish Council website and below.

The devices have phone contact and help information on them, and talk you through the procedure.



## Local Clubs

### Jamie's Gang

Jamie's Gang is a club for children that is run at Burston Chapel on Wednesday evenings. At the club we have team games and individual games, crafts, visits around the village (usually for wide games), stories, and tuck shop. The club runs between 5pm and 6.30pm and at present there is a subs admission at the door of 50p. Further information [here](#)

### Youth Café

An after school drop-in youth cafe for years 7-9 offering free pizza and an opportunity to buy other snacks. Other activities on offer include a pool table, table tennis and football, chill area, computer games and other activities.

## Public Services

### Burston and Shimpling Parish Council

Your local council.

The Parish Clerk—Ann Baker may be contacted by:

Email – [parish.clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@burstonandshimpling.org.uk) Phone – 01379 742937

See the website at [burstonandshimpling.org.uk](http://burstonandshimpling.org.uk) for further information and contact details of current councillors and their areas of responsibility. For general enquiries please email or ring the Clerk. There is also a quarterly news magazine called Parish Planet, paper copies are delivered and an archive is on the website.

### South Norfolk Council (now South Norfolk and Broadland Council)

The website for [South Norfolk and Broadland Council](http://South Norfolk and Broadland Council) show all the services provided which includes recycling (bin collections), Council Tax, Planning Application, reporting fly tipping etc.

It is worth signing up for an account to view more detailed information for your specific property all in one place at the above website.

Many of the services listed have two links, one for each council area.

The [Help Hub](#) is a useful place to find support and help from a wide variety of Council and independent organisations.

### Norfolk County Council



The website for [Norfolk County Council](http://Norfolk County Council) lists their services which includes recycling centres, Highways and Trails (reporting pot holes or footpath issues), libraries, and Adult Social Services for example.



## Utilities

The electricity infrastructure in this area is provided by [UK Power Networks](https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/)



There is a great deal of information their website—<https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/>

You can sign up for alerts regarding power cuts or if you need extra support.

Dangerous problem? Please treat electricity cables as live, stay away and call immediately on [0800 31 63 105](tel:08003163105) or [105](tel:105).

Mains water is supplied by [Anglia Water](https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/) There is much information on their website at <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/> covering their services and options to have alerts for stoppages to supply. You can also report leaks.

Some parts of Burston also have access to mains sewerage, but most properties in the Parish use private treatment plants.

There are Open Reach cabinets in Burston (Crown Green) and Shimpling (Dickleburgh Road) for traditional telephone and broadband provision from a variety of suppliers (BT, Sky etc.)

Since 2020 it is also possible to have a full fibre to the property, 1GB service from Broad for The Rural North who have expanded into Norfolk through the hard work of local volunteers and support from landowners. See the website for details and to sign up [B4RN](https://www.b4rn.org.uk/)

Tel: 01524 555 887 or Email: [info@b4rn.org.uk](mailto:info@b4rn.org.uk)

Burston and Shimpling do not have access to mains gas.

## Museum



The Burston Strike School was at the centre of the longest running strike in British history, between 1914 and 1939.

The strike began when teachers at the village's Church of England school, Annie Higdon and her husband, Tom Higdon, were sacked after a dispute with the area's school management committee and

schoolchildren went on strike in their support. The Higdons set up an alternative school which was attended by 66 of their 72 former pupils. Beginning in a marquee on the village green, the school moved to local carpenter's premises and later to a purpose-built school financed by donations from the labour movement. Burston Strike School carried on teaching local children until shortly after Tom's death in 1939.

The Burston Strike School Museum is on Diss Road Burston IP22 4HS. There is parking next to the building. A rally is held every year on the first Sunday in September. Details on the website at <https://burstonstrikeschool.wordpress.com/>

There is a museum in Diss at 11 Market Hill Diss Norfolk IP22 3JZ 01379 673613

It is in the centre of Diss Market Place in the old Shambles building, once a butcher's shop. There are several car parks within walking distance.

As of March 2022, the Museum will be open on a Friday, Saturday and Monday, 11am to 3pm, as well as Sundays if there is an event happening in the town.

Admission is free. The Museum is wheelchair accessible.

Please check opening times on their website at [dissmuseum.co.uk](https://dissmuseum.co.uk)

## Transport



Burston has a limited bus service provided by Konectbus Service 1 between Norwich and Diss. The stop in Burston is by the Burston Crown pub on Diss Road.

Details of timetables, fares and maps are available on the [Konectbus website](https://www.konectbus.co.uk/) <https://www.konectbus.co.uk/>

For smartphone users there is also an app—details and links on the website.



The closest airport (about 23 miles) is Norwich Airport

<https://www.norwichairport.co.uk/>

which is to the north west of the city and flies to many European destinations.

London Stansted (Essex) is about 75 miles to the south and has a larger range of destinations. Details here <https://www.stanstedairport.com/>



Diss has a railway station (in Victoria Road) on the line between Norwich and London Liverpool Street. This is currently run by Greater Anglia details of fares and timetables on their website <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/travel-information/station-information/dis>

Car parking is available in the main Car Park off Victoria Road, with an extension from Nelson Road. On the west side of the line from Gilray Road (off Vinces Road). There are numerous ways to pay and book a space in advance via smartphone apps or the web.

## Transport .. continued

Borderhoppa Community Transport is a registered not for profit charity and has been in operation since 2002. The group has offices in south Norfolk and has a team of paid staff, drivers and volunteers.

The service currently covers parishes in south Norfolk and north Suffolk and continues to grow.

To use the Dial-a-Ride service all passengers need to become members. As from 1st February 2023 the membership fee is £15 per year.

There is a modest charge based on distance and single or return journeys. The latest details and an application form to join can be found on their website <http://www.borderhoppa.org/dial-ride>