



Welcome Pack For New Residents In Priston

A very warm welcome to Priston and we hope that you will soon settle into the village and will have the chance personally to meet your neighbours and fellow "Pristonians".

This is an extremely friendly and sociable village; please see below for details of all the activities that exist, should you wish to be involved. Lots more information is available on the village website, www.priston.org.uk.

However, in the meantime this pack is designed to help you with any practical questions you might have on your arrival. Please contact any of the following who will be able to answer any questions, or point you in the right direction:

Peter Hopwood, Chair of the parish council (07540 889630)
Helen Burns, Councillor (0783 795 3430)
Jocelyn Nichols, Clerk (07734 069751)

Website: www.priston.org.uk

Local Shops

Large Sainsburys, Frome Road, Odd Down, Bath BA2 5RF 01225 498600 Open 7am to 10pm
Small Asda, Marksbury (also a garage) BA2 9HN 470202 01761 479610. Open 7am 10pm
Small Co-op, Timsbury BA2 0JH 01761 470202. Open 6am to 9pm
(All the above have ATMs)
McColls, Radstock incl. paper deliveries and Post Office
Farmborough Community Shop www.farmboroughshop.co.uk
Newton Farm Foods, Newton St Loe www.newtonfarmfoods.co.uk
Health and More, Pharmacy, Timsbury www.healthandmoreonline.com

Public Services

Landfill Rubbish and Recycling: (Collection Day is Friday)

This service is operated weekly by Bath & North East Somerset Council.
Council Connect: 01225 394041 or councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk.

Rubbish: Please put black wheelie bins out every other week. The timetable is on the BANES website.

Recycling: The Council collect most recycling, including paper, cardboard, glass and plastic. See website for further details. The recycling is collected every Friday. Please take all bins and recycling boxes back off the pavement or road after collections.

Garden Waste: The Council supplies green wheelie bins for garden waste. Collections alternate with the landfill rubbish. Apply to BANES for a bin (annual charge applies).

Bonfires: Please be considerate when lighting garden bonfires and limit this to late afternoon, not burning damp green garden waste. Try creating a 'dead hedge' to save having to burn branches and large twigs.

Recycling Centres

Managed by Bath & North East Somerset Council. Open weekdays 8.45 to 4.15pm, Saturday 9.00 to 3.45pm, Sunday 9.00 to 1.00pm.
Pixash Lane, Keynsham BS31 1TP
Wheeler's Hill, Old Welton, Midsomer Norton BA3 2AA

Schools

The local catchment schools are Marksbury C of E Primary School, Wellsway School, Keynsham (secondary). Buses are provided for the children from outside the Village Hall.

Public Transport

Elderly residents may make use of the Midsomer Norton Dial-a-Ride service:
Contact 01761 417504.

Newly introduced is **WESTLINK ON-DEMAND BUS SERVICE**. You can find initial information regarding the WESTlink on-demand bus service on the [WESTlink website](#).

Heating Oil

Priston operates a private, free, bulk buying syndicate for the purchase of heating oil. Please contact Bruce Clarke on bruce.clarke@care4free.net for further details.

Health

Doctor's Surgery

St Mary's, Timsbury: 01761 470 880. There are alternative surgeries, including Combe Down in Bath.

NHS Dentists

Peasedown St John: 01761 439191

There are further NHS dentists in Keynsham and also several private dentists in Bath.

Defibrillators

There are four defibrillators in Priston for use in case of severe heart attacks, one at the Village Hall, one at Willow Barn, one at Pressbarrow Farm and one at Wilmington. Many villagers are trained in how to use them and regular training sessions are provided. Contact Emma & Roger Morrad Email: rogermorrad@icloud.com for a list of trained users or if you would like to take part in future training yourself.

Hospitals

The nearest A&E is at the Royal United Hospital in Weston, Bath. There is also a minor injuries unit at Paulton Hospital.

Communication

Broadband

In addition to BT, Priston has ultra-fast (100 meg) "fibre to the home" broadband. (Phone lines also available.) contact TrueSpeed Communications Ltd on 01225 300370.

Website

We have a village website, www.priston.org.uk which is regularly updated with upcoming events and reports on local activities. Please contact Richard Bottle on 01761 471141 with any information you would like to appear on the site.

Facebook - Priston Chat

We also have a closed Facebook group to share information with villagers. Please feel free to join the group and join the conversation.

Village Newsletter

The Link is published every month with news and information for Priston, Nailwell and Inglesbatch. Cost £6 pa. Contact Aylet Anderson, Editor on 01761 470339 to subscribe or to contribute articles.

Priston Emergency Group (PEG)

PEG is a WhatsApp Group which has been established by the Parish Council to enable villagers to summon help or respond in the event of an emergency.

Further information is available on the Priston website at https://www.priston.org.uk/pc_PEG.html.

To join PEG, just send a WhatsApp message including your name and requesting membership to Richard Bottle at 0780 1371623.

Note - you should always call 999 before using PEG, and you should only use PEG for emergency messages.

Activities

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Priston Action Group for the Environment aim to do what we can to reduce our impact on the environment, and believe that we can make a difference by working together as a community to:

- **Save energy and other resources**
- **Increase biodiversity in the village and its surroundings**

For details of all PAGE activities, including talks, workshops, tree planting events and litter picking, check the village calendar at priston.org.uk or go to the PAGE section of the website.

Most of our community appreciate dark skies, and we try to limit light pollution by ensuring light sensors are properly set up to avoid activation whenever an animal passes, or outside our boundaries.

Village Hall

The village hall is available to hire for all private functions, including weddings and parties. Contact Maggie Rideout, (voluntary) Bookings Manager on 01761 471308 or vhbookings@priston.org.uk for further information.

Cafes

There is a weekly café run by volunteers on most Saturday mornings in Priston Village Hall. There is also a commercial cafe in Newton St Loe (at the Farm Shop).

Bell Ringing

The bell ringing group meets on Tuesday evenings. New members always welcome. Please contact Jill Wilkinson on 01761 470773 for further information.

Book Club

The book group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Ring o Bells. Everyone is welcome. For more information and a list of what we have read, go to the book group section of priston.org.uk.

Cricket Club

Priston has a vibrant and active 'village' cricket club. The pitch is located behind the church and all residents are welcome to join either as players or social members. Contact David Hassard on dih@hortonestates.co.uk. (07976 160838).

Football

All ages welcome to come along and play football on Sunday evenings. Contact Owain Jones (07871 572969) for further information.

Gardening Club

The gardening Club meets monthly in various gardens around Priston to discuss horticultural issues (with tea and cake). Contact Michele Cameron on 01761 479409.

Churches

St Andrew and St Luke, C of E (Priston). Contact Rev Martin Blewitt on 01761 472448.
St Joseph Catholic (Peasedown).

Leisure Centres and Sports

A number of different sports activities take place in the village hall including circuit training. There are swimming pools and sports facilities at leisure centres in central Bath and Keynsham. Writhlington Sports Centre also has extensive sports facilities. There is an outdoor cycle track and sports pitches at Odd Down Park.

Annual Village Activities

Priston has an active calendar of social activities run by different groups in the village. The year starts with a Duck Race on New Year's Day, followed by Wassailing, The Village Social, Cricket Club Quiz, Pantomime, Boules Tournament, Flower Festival, Music Festival, Safari Supper and a Candlelit Christmas procession with carol service.

Parish Council

The Parish Council is responsible for discussing planning, highways, footpaths and the defibrillators. Contact: Jocelyn Nichols parishclerk@priston.org.uk for any issue you may wish to discuss.