

COMMUNITY FACILITIES BUILDINGS & LAND

The housing development in the Parish of Burghclere has slowly increased since 2009 by 43 dwellings with a mixture of 1 bed to 5 bed dwellings. At the 2001 census, the parish of Burghclere had a population of 1,138, increasing to 1,152 at the 2011 Census an increase of 1.23% .

The Parish Of Burghclere has not had a Doctor's surgery in living memory but it did have a district nurse along with a local policeman both of which were allocated housing by the council in Breachfield during living memory. Local surgeries are either Newbury or Woolton Hill.

Car Parking is is a constant problem when there is any function in the village i.e. A wedding or funeral at the church, a function in the Hall, sports matches in the recreational Field, events at the Schools.



The Portal Hall

A grade II listed built in the arts and crafts style in 1890.

Has most of the facilities to function as a centre for the community to use & enjoy.

In frequent use daily as a preschool, with evening classes and activities with functions at the weekends. Plans to upgrade the Club Room to a meeting/actives room with independent facilities to provide more community usage.

Has provision to seat in the main hall Theatre style 160 people or 120 seated at tables, the Club Room can seat in theatre style 37 or 18 in a classroom. It can accommodate parking for 12 cars including 2 disabled places.



Village Playground

Original started with a set of swings in the corner of the recreational Field funding was raised by the public. As funding became available more items were added including a fence to make it a safe area. With the addition of 18 houses in a new development Cobbett's View funding was available to modernise the whole of the playground with new equipment.



Village Car Park

This area was tarmacked over in the early 2000's providing a more durable surface than potholed gravel. It has parking for approx. 30 cars but is frequently full. It is also the site for recycling bins for the village.



Recreational Field

This land was given to village in 1946 having been used as a cricket ground from some years previous. Today it belongs to the Village with the Burghclere Parish Council as the sole trustee and the Pinder recreational Trust as the management committee. It has space for a cricket pitch and football pitch. It also supports 3 junior football teams.

Recently a miniature railway is to be installed around the perimeter of the field to diversify the interests and create people traffic.



Burghclere Sports Club

This was derived from the original Mens club who also ran the Cricket team this continued and a new club house was built and open in July 1980 it has since been extended to provide a games room. It provides a base for the current sports facilities.



Millennium Garden

This was an area of ground next to the allotments, this was created into a quite space with seating and tables for the villagers to enjoy to mark the Millennium.



Allotments

There are three allotments which the Parish Council found the land for, the annual fee goes to the Pinder Recreational Trust.



Church of the Ascension

Built in 1838 and enlarged in 1875 and is a grade II listed building. It is in regular use for religious services as well as providing a weekly drop in café for the villagers. It also provides a monthly Messy Church for the children.



Sandham Memorial Chapel

Situated to the south of the village this was built to remember the fallen of the 1st World War. The 19 oil paintings are by the world renowned artist Sir Stanley Spencer who took some 6 years to complete the work. It is owned and operated by the National Trust and is open a set time to the public, there is a recently completed car park for patron use.



Carpenters Arms PH

This is the only PH in the immediate centre of the village and is located on Harts Lane, it is being modernised to accommodate a bigger restaurant it also has a cottage next door which is converted into a B & B for guests.



The Carnarvon Arm PH

This was an original coaching inn and lies just south of the centre of the village on the Winchester Road (old A34) it is grade II listed. It has been recently refurbished to its former glory with a high vaulted ceiling dining room.



Burghclere Preschool

The Preschool uses the Portal Hall in Church Lane and can accommodate 26 children during the tender years up to primary school. It operates 5 days a week in line with Hampshire school term times. It has an overflow and special projects Log Cabin in the play area of the Hall. It has a OFSTED report of Good. 50% of the present children are from the parish with a further 6 children whose Parents have siblings at the primary school. Car parking is a problem even for drop off & pick up.



Primary School

The location is in Church lane some 200 meters from the Preschool which creates a parking Has approx. 115 pupils up to 11y olds. It was original built and extended in the 1800's to take 150 children but is now controlled at a level of 119. There are only 3 designated parking places which includes 1 Blue Badge, the other parking is Road side parking which creates problems in turn Church Lane into a single file road.

The primary school is always oversubscribed due to its OFSTED record of good and a good reputation with the musical activities in the past. There are no plans to expand the school, as the numbers are to be controlled by PANs within the 8 local primary schools in the area.



The Clere School

The OFSTED report in 2017 shows an overall picture and is reported as 'Requires Improvement'. There are at present no published plans to review the PAN (**P**ublished **A**dmission **N**umbers) which is 448 (on Roll) or to accommodate a 6th form in the Hampshire Places Plan 2017-2021 for any of the Secondary Schools in Hampshire. Pupil numbers are again controlled by PANs.

During this term, the Clere Community Room which hosted the After-Hours School Club on Mondays to Thursdays and the Community Club which meet monthly on a Tuesday morning for 2Hours is to close at the end of the summer term (24th July 2018) the available space is to be remodelled into a class room.

(a footnote on the places plan 2017 – 2021 Basingstoke & Deane states Kingsclere /Whitchurch secondary schools – shortfall of places will be managed through future PAN increase).

Kingsclere secondary school closed in 1966 when The Clere opened! Car parking is at a premium within the school grounds which necessitates using the grass verges on the road side.

