

WELCOME TO CHEDWORTH



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The Parish Council, on behalf of the community, would like to welcome you to Chedworth and hope that you will find this information helpful.

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Introduction to Chedworth

There is much evidence of Roman occupation in the countryside surrounding Chedworth but the first mention of it as a settlement appeared in the 9th century when '*Ceddanwyrde*', or '*Cedda's homestead*' was listed. In the Domesday book the settlement was recorded as *Cedeorde*. The church of St Andrew's contains Early English and Norman features so the core of the village must have been well established by that time.

By the beginning of the twentieth century the population was still only a few hundred people but the Parish boasted several farms, at least five pubs, shops, post office, cobbler, blacksmith, farrier and many other trades.

The railway line from Cheltenham to Southampton ran through the village with a station near St Andrew's School until its closure in 1961. It is still possible to determine the course of the old railway line through much of the village as it ran through cuttings, on embankments, over road bridges and through a tunnel below Hartshill and into Chedworth woods.

The village is geographically divided into Upper, Middle and Lower Chedworth, the titles reflecting the position of each settlement on the un-named stream that flows through the valley to feed the River Coln at Fossebridge. The parish of Chedworth also embraces the western part of Fossebridge, part of Fosse Cross and the outlying hamlet of Chedworth Laines within its boundaries.

Today we are fortunate to have a thriving Church and primary school as well as three pubs and a Farm Shop within the Parish.

The Gloucestershire County Council mid-year population estimate for 2009 suggests that Chedworth has a population of 811. According to the 2004 National Census there were 313 households of which 21 were second homes.

A **Parish Plan** published in March 2008 revealed the existence of over 100 small businesses operating within the Parish although the majority of employment opportunities are centred on Cirencester and Cheltenham. It is a lively village with a whole host of societies and clubs providing an opportunity for almost everyone to take part in some activity.

Our Parish Magazine, the Hill and Valley News produced by the church, is an essential communication tool for Chedworth and the surrounding villages. Published and delivered monthly, the Hill and Valley News contains not only details of church services (see below) but is also a source of information on what's on, reports on what's been, and a comprehensive guide covering the many local goods, services and enterprises.

Visitors to Chedworth invariably get lost mainly because of a dearth of road names. To compensate for this the Parish Council has positioned **roadside maps** at strategic points around the village which divide the village up by postcode.

The Parish Church and Church Services



St Andrew's Church in Chedworth is combined with the churches in Coln St Denys, Coln Rogers, Yanworth and Stowell to form the Hill and Valley Benefice. There are separate councils but they cooperate closely to provide a range of services.

You will be very warmly welcomed at any of our churches.

For Chedworth the service pattern is:

- 2nd Sunday of month, 9am Prayer Book Holy Communion; 4pm Tea Time service.
- 3rd Sunday 10.30am Family Service.
- 4th Sunday 10.30am Parish Communion (Common Worship) alternately with Yanworth.
- 5th Sunday 10.30am Parish Communion in rotation throughout the Benefice.

Full details of services and other activities in the whole Benefice are printed monthly in the parish magazine "Hill and Valley" and on notice boards in church porches.

Friends of St Andrew's church (FoStA) was set up in February 2013 to ensure that both the fabric of this beautiful and ancient church is maintained and that it continues to play a meaningful and relevant role in the life of our community. One of its aims is to welcome newcomers to the Benefice. See the [Church website](#) for full details.

Further information is available from the vicar, Rev Stephen Goundrey-Smith (email: - Stephen@goundrey-smith.freeserve.co.uk) who lives in Chedworth (01285 720392) or the Chedworth St Andrew's Church Wardens Robert Young (01285 720398) and Irene Catton (01285 720515).

The award-winning team of bell ringers practises on Thursday evenings and is led by Malcolm Brown (01285 720757) who is always looking out for new recruits.

Doctors' Surgeries

Chedworth is served by surgeries in Rendcomb and Northleach/Bourton-on-the-Water.

Rendcomb

Telephone: 01285 831257

Practice Partners: Dr. S.E. Whittles
Dr I. Davis
Dr C. Henderson

www.rendcombsurgery.co.uk

In addition to the surgery and dispensing facilities at Rendcomb the Doctor normally holds an open surgery at the village hall on Thursday afternoons at 3.00pm. You can also arrange to collect medications at that time provided you give 2 working days' notice to the surgery at Rendcomb.

For details of surgery times and the appointment system please contact the receptionist at the above number or refer to the website.

Cotswold Medical Practice

Telephone: 01451 820242 (Bourton)
Telephone: 01451 860247 (Northleach)

www.bourtonandnorthleachsugeries.nhs.uk

Formed from the merger of two practices in 1964, the practice is now one of the largest in the Cotswolds and covers an area of nearly 300 square miles of rural Gloucestershire. Eight doctors work from two main surgeries, providing general medical care to 10,000 patients.

The practice has been operating from its present premises at Moore Health Centre in Bourton-on-the-Water since July 1998, and from the Westwoods Surgery in Northleach since 2003.

Both surgeries have a dispensary which dispenses drugs to patients who live outside a 1-mile radius of the local pharmacy, or in an emergency. Patients within the mile must get their prescriptions from a local pharmacy.

For further information on surgery times or to make an appointment, please contact reception on the telephone numbers above or refer to the website.

Village Agent

Cynthia Laird is our Village Agent, appointed by the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to look after the interests of the over-50s in Chedworth and the surrounding parishes. She provides information and assistance to ensure full access to services and facilities for the over 50s and also organises social events.

Cynthia can be contacted on 07776 245780 or email: cynthia@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Schools

Chedworth has a thriving village school – [St Andrew's Church of England Primary School](#) - which takes children from the age of four up to eleven years of age. There are currently 100 children on the roll.

The head teacher, Mrs Tina Buck, is always pleased to show parents of prospective pupils around the facilities and can be contacted on 01285 720427. There is more information on the school's website. There is a very active Parent Teachers Association which organises many social and fund-raising functions.

For older children, Chedworth is in the catchment area of [The Cotswold School](#) at Bourton-on-the-Water, a comprehensive school for 11-18 year olds which has recently gained Academy status. Children also go to Kingshill and Deer Park schools in Cirencester.

The Village Hall

The [Village Hall](#) stands at the crossroads of Fields Road and Cirencester Road. It was built in 1976 and provides a focal point within the village for a variety of community purposes and recreational activities. In addition to the main hall, which incorporates a stage, there are various smaller anterooms for meetings.

The grounds contain a playground for children and an extensive grassed area to the front of the building. This is used as the venue for the annual horticultural show.

The hall, which has full kitchen and bar facilities, is available for hire and booking forms are available within the entrance or on line via the web site - www.chedworthvillagehall.org.uk.

For further information Tel. 01285 720669 or email: chedworthvh@live.co.uk

Local Authority Services

Three local councils cover the services provided in Chedworth:

Gloucestershire County Council

Telephone: 01452 425000

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TG

The County Council is responsible for, among other things, Education, Highways, Social Services, Libraries, and Trading Standards.

Cotswold District Council

Telephone: 01285 623000

Website: www.cotswold.gov.uk

Trinity Road, Cirencester GL7 1PX

The District Council is responsible for Refuse Collection, Planning, Administering the Council Tax and for leisure facilities throughout the District

Chedworth Parish Council

Telephone: 01285 720313

Website: www.chedworth-pc.org.uk (for full details of the Parish Council)

Email: clerk@chedworth-pc.org.uk

The Clerk, Brookvale, Cheap Street, Chedworth GL54 4AB

The Parish Council plays an important role at the grass roots level of Local Government, directly representing and promoting the interests of the community.

The council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Meetings are open to the public and start with an Open Public Session when matters can be raised for general discussion. Items that require a formal decision by the Parish Council should be added to the agenda by contacting the clerk by the preceding Wednesday evening.

A redundant red telephone box at the bottom of Hemplands Hill has been converted into a public information point, lost property depot & book exchange. It also contains a portable defibrillator unit, there are two others in the village - at the Village Hall & at the Seven Tuns.



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Planning Guidance

Much of the village is contained within a Conservation Area and we are governed by strict planning rules affecting not only the construction and modification of homes but also the preservation of the visual amenities of the village, its landscape and trees.

As a basic tenet we want to help retain the visual charm of a long-established Cotswold village, as, we are sure, do most of its residents.

All trees above a certain size within the Conservation area are protected under the 1990 Town & Country Planning Act. Specific procedures must be followed before any pruning or felling can be undertaken. The tree warden for Chedworth is Susie Moore. She can be contacted on **01285 720214**.

The Parish Council is not the arbiter of planning permission but Cotswold District Council seeks our views on every application. We welcome residents to Parish Council meetings to discuss their applications.

Inevitably local planning issues and developments can be controversial so our best advice is to seek professional or competent opinion before going to the expense of submitting planning applications to Cotswold District Council.

Refuse and Recycling

Cotswold District Council has achieved dramatic increases in recycling rates, with corresponding reductions in waste going to landfill, through a collection system which has been constantly evolving.

Compostable food waste (small green bin) is collected every Thursday. Non-recyclable material for landfill (black bin) and cans, paper, bottles and cardboard (in the appropriate recycling containers supplied by the Council) are collected on alternate Thursdays.

A similar pattern exists for collections from Fossebridge but these are made on Fridays. Please note that this is a KERBSIDE collection so bins should be left tidily by the roadside ready for early-morning collection.

On payment of an annual charge of £30 the bin men will also make a fortnightly collection of compostable garden waste (large green bins).

More facilities for recycling are situated in the car park of the village hall.

A household recycling centre is handily situated at Fosse Cross (turn right off the A429 southbound after the Hare and Hounds pub). All types of household rubbish – except car tyres, gas cylinders and asbestos - may be recycled here and it is open seven days a week.

Please address any enquiries on this complex but important topic to the District Council's waste hotline on 01285 623123

Post Collections

There are a number of post boxes throughout the village and these are emptied daily between 4.00pm and 4.30pm. Boxes in Upper Chedworth are emptied last. There is no Sunday collection.

Postal services are operated by Northleach Post Office : 01451 860205

Newspaper Deliveries

These may be arranged through local business DB News: 01285 720190

Telephone Kiosks

There is one operational telephone kiosk in the village in Upper Chedworth by the Vicarage.

Bus Services

There are return bus services to Cirencester on several days of the week. Timetables are available from the Parish Council clerk on 01285 720313.

Societies, Clubs & Organisations

There are numerous societies, clubs and organisations in the village. Many of them are listed below.

Group/Society	Contact	Telephone
Badminton Club	Beth Pryor	01285 720192
Bell Ringers	Malcolm Brown	01285 720757
British Legion (Chedworth & District) Men	Lt Col Andrew Tabor	01242 890196
British Legion (Women)	Lou Tabor Anne Bradford	01242 890196 01285 720517
Chedworth Environment Group	Martin Spooner	01285720788
Chedworth Oil Club	Paul Lunt	01285 720668
Chedworth Singers	Neil Irving	01285 720403
Chedworth Society	Iain Robertson	01285 720683
Cheery Club (Seniors)	Mary Peace	01285 720669
Cricket Club	Clive Poulton	01285 720690
Drama Group	Venetia Champniss	01285 720548
Hill and Valley Tennis Club	Fred Shaftoe	01285 720074
Horticultural Society	Simon Colbeck	01285 720146
Silver Band	David Broad	01285 720313
Table Tennis Club	Geoff Bailey	01285 831836
Women's Institute	Emma Isaac	01285 720276

A full list can be seen in the [Village Directory](#) on the Parish Council website

Chedworth Horticultural Society

This is Chedworth's oldest society in continuous existence. It was first formed in 1880 and is thought to be the oldest such society in Gloucestershire. It is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and membership is open to residents of the Chedworth group of Parishes and adjoining areas.

The Society holds an Annual Show and Fete in late summer as well as competitions for Best Garden and Best Vegetable Plots. The AGM is held in November each year. In the spring and summer there are evening visits to interesting gardens within easy reach of the village by car. There are occasional visits further afield.

The Chairman of the Society is Simon Colbeck (01285 720146) and the General Secretary is Sophie Blackwell (01285 720626). Further details can be found on the Chedworth Village website - www.chedworth.org.uk/hortsoc/index.php.

The Chedworth Society

Founded in 1969, The Chedworth Society is a registered charity (No 259277) whose main object is 'to preserve and enhance the character of the parish of Chedworth and to improve in every way possible its appearance and amenities'. This remit embraces many aspects of Village life, including historical interest, conservation, environmental concern, planning and housing development, and provision of amenities. During any year, the Society is therefore involved in a wide range of activities that include: communicating with the Cotswold District Council and other Government Departments on planning and environment matters; undertaking projects of practical or aesthetic value; arranging talks and activities of historical and topical interest; acting as a voice for members on matters of concern: and also bringing members together at an Annual Supper.

The Society has about 180 members, and membership is open to all residents at a cost of £3.00 (individual) or £5.00 (family) per annum, The Society very much seeks to become 'Your Society', and is therefore always delighted to welcome new members.

The Secretary of the Society is Iain Robertson (01285 720683 or iain@robertsonmail.co.uk) and Membership Secretary is Ian Morgan (01285 720885 or ianmorgan@asc.co.uk) . The website is <http://chedworthsociety.org.uk>.

The Chedworth Oil Club

Chedworth Oil Club is an independent and voluntary domestic oil buying organization within the village. On 1st January 2014 there were 186 households who were signed up members.

The main objectives of the Club are:

- to achieve competitive price discounts for its members and, to add a little spice, give all members a chance to win 1000 litres of oil (donated by the supplier) in the annual draw currently held during the Horticultural Show in August.
- to raise funds for environmentally-friendly projects which are beneficial to Chedworth.
- to reduce the number of oil delivery vehicles into the village and thus help free the local environment from excess lorry traffic which has been responsible for damage to verges, stone walls and buildings. The lorries also impede traffic flow and pollute the country air.

For further details see the website www.chedworth.org.uk/choc/index.php or contact the committee members Paul Lunt (01285 720668), Ted Broughton (01285 720440), Paul Deamer (01285 720525).