STANTON ST BERNARD

VILLAGE GUIDE

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Introduction

Welcome to Stanton. The purpose of this Guide is to give newcomers to Stanton, together with any interested villagers, a summary of information about the village and the surrounding area. It is not intended to be a detailed guide or to give any named recommendations. Where names are given it is purely to make a factual statement or where there is only a single source supplier to the village. This Guide is intended to be read in conjunction with the Stanton website, details of which are given later.

Stanton St Bernard is a small village comprising approximately seventy five residences with the Kennet & Avon Canal running along its southern edge. (See small map an the end of this Guide) Although it is a quiet cul-de-sac village with no through traffic as such it is in the middle of working farmland and therefore has farm equipment regularly passing through it. The two local towns are Marlborough (approx. 9 Miles) and Devizes (approx. 7 miles). There is also the large village of Pewsey (approx. 6 miles) with a mainline station to London and the southwest.

What is in Stanton?

The Church – All Saints Church is open during the day for anyone that wishes to use it. It is part of the Pewsey Vale Team and usually has one or two services per month details of which are given in the church magazine, The Messenger, which is available to collect from the church each month. Car parking is available next to the village hall.

The Village Hall – The Village Hall was the old village school and is located next to the church. It holds a variety of events throughout the year (details of which will be found on the village website) and is also available for private hire (with a marquee if required). For details of hiring, please contact Jane Pratt (Tel 01672 851165). Car parking is available next to the Village Hall.

The Children's Playground – The children's playground is located in the centre of the village and has a variety of play equipment together with a small football pitch. It is fenced and gated to keep dogs out.

Local Footpaths and Bridleways – These are marked with signposts around the village. Further details can be found on the Ordnance Survey map for the area. (Landranger Series Sheet 173 and Explorer Map Sheet 157). The Village has recently opened The Coronation Walk and Coronation Wood. This is accessible either from the end Coate Road as you leave the Village or from the top of Cowleaze (off Fowlers Lane) near the main road where the walk runs parallel to it.

Governance

Stanton has its own Parish Council with five Parish Councillors and a Parish Clerk.
Chairperson – Bryan Read (Tel 01672 851326)
Parish Clerk – Karyn Bidmead (Tel 01672 852337) kbidmead37@gmail.com
Overall control is through Wiltshire Council. For further information see Council website.
http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/

Local Medical Services

Doctors –The designated surgery for Stanton is the Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership located in Marlborough and Pewsey. There are other surgeries that serve Stanton in Devizes and Upavon

Dentists – Dentists are located in Pewsey, Marlborough and Devizes

Opticians – Opticians are located in Pewsey, Marlborough and Devizes.

Hospitals - The nearest large hospital with 24-hour A&E departments is Great Western Hospital Swindon (approx. 19 miles). There are closer hospitals but their A&E departments are not open 24 hours and their facilities vary.

Defibrillator – A defibrillator is located in the old telephone box in the centre of the Village.

Veterinary Surgeon – Local surgeries are located in Pewsey, Marlborough and Devizes

Local Travel and Roads

Buses – A new on demand local bus service that visits the village has been introduced by Wiltshire Council called "Wiltshire Connect". Further details will be found at WiltshireConnect.co.uk or phone 01225 712900. There is also a local bus service run by Salisbury Red, Route 101 which runs between Pewsey and Devizes where connections to other bus services are available. However, this service DOES NOT now enter Stanton (except for school bus service to and from Pewsey Vale School) – nearest stops are Alton Barnes/Priors, Honeystreet or All Cannings. Details will be found on the following website: https://www.salisburyreds.co.uk/Route 101

Rail – For rail services the nearest stations are; (a) Pewsey (approx. 6 miles) for London (Paddington) and the Southwest, (b) Swindon (approx. 20 miles) for London (Paddington), Bristol, Wales and the Southwest, (c) Grateley (approx. 23 miles) or Salisbury (approx. 24 miles) for London (Waterloo) and the south.

Taxis – Historically Stanton hasn't been well served by taxis and a reliable 24 hour service is hard to find. Taxi services operate from Devizes, Pewsey and Marlborough. It is best to look on line.

Roads and Parking – There is a private carpark for use by the Church and the Village Hall. Village residents are allowed to park there but will be required to move their vehicles should parking be required for Church, Village Hall and Village events. In winter the roads may become impassable due to snow and ice – be prepared.

Lay-by/Passing places – There are two designated lay-bys/passing places; one opposite Canal Cottages, near the canal bridge and the other in the centre of the village where the old telephone box is located. These are required when large vehicles are passing through the village and permanent parking in these lay-bys should be avoided.

Essential Services

Electricity – Emergency Number - 105
Water & Sewage – Emergency Number – 0345 600 4600
Gas – Mains gas is not available in the village.
Postal Services – The post box is located in the centre of the village next to the old telephone box. There is a week day collection in the afternoon.
Public Telephone – There is no public telephone in the village. Villagers have to rely on a landline and/or mobile phones.

Schools

Stanton is located in the following catchment area for schools:

Primary – Woodborough C of E School
Secondary (11 – 16 years) – Pewsey Vale School
Secondary (11 – 18 years) – St John's Marlborough
All schools are served by school buses. Contact each school for details.

Local Shops and Services

Local independent shops:

All Cannings – Village Store – A £5 voucher scheme for Stanton operates. Details available at shop.
Coate – Butchers and Vegetable Suppliers.
Honeystreet – Farm shop.
Woodborough – Garden centre with shop and a delicatessen.
Pewsey – a variety of local shops.

Local independent services:
Coal – Local suppliers of coal will be found in Devizes and Marlborough
Logs – Local suppliers of logs will be found in Honeystreet (by the canal), Devizes and Marlborough
Oil – Local suppliers of oil can be found in Devizes although many households now purchase online.
Newspaper deliveries – Daily newspapers are delivered by R and J News. Tel 07793 556561. Email rroncollier@aol.com
Milk Delivery – Milk is delivered to the village by Planks Dairies, Poulshot. Tel 01380 828600.

Supermarkets are located in:
Pewsey – Co-op and Spar
Devizes – Morrisons, Marks & Spencer, Lidl and Sainsbury's
Marlborough – Waitrose and Tesco.

Local Pubs and Cafes
The nearest village pubs are located in Honeystreet, All Cannings, Bottlesford and Wilcot with the nearest village cafes in Honeystreet and Pewsey

Refuse Collection Services
Wiltshire Council arranges collection of (a) landfill waste (black wheelie bins) fortnightly on a Wednesday, (b) recyclable waste (blue bin for paper and cardboard and black box for glass) fortnightly on a Tuesday and (c) garden waste (green bin) fortnightly on a Wednesday. Please note that there is an annual charge for garden waste collection. Full details of collection dates will be found on the village website or the Wiltshire Council website. Please also note that in Stanton we have a separate and privately arranged collection of all varieties of scrap metal which is collected on two Saturday mornings a year, i.e. approximately every six months. A village email will notify everyone of the next date. We ask that villagers place items near their gates for collection. Please see the village email for details. All profit goes to the Church Fabric Fund.

Recycling Centres
Wiltshire Council has two recycling centres located in Devizes and Marlborough. See the Wiltshire Council websites for full details and opening times as they are not open every day.

Mobile Library Service

There are Libraries in Marlborough, Devizes and Pewsey plus a mobile library service visits the village every month See website for details: https://apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Route/Index/9

Allotment

The village has an allotment near the children's playground. Please contact Jacky Read for details. Tel 01672 851326

Livery Stables

The village has livery stables located at Church Farm. Please contact Bryan Read Ltd for details. Tel 01672 851237

Village Website, Email System, WhatsApp Group and Noticeboards

The village website will be found at https://stantonstbernard.org/
The church notice boards are to be found in the churchyard near the metal gate and inside the church porch.
The Village Hall noticeboard is located at the front of the village hall.
The Parish Council and general village notice board is located next to the old telephone box.

Stanton also has an informational email system, which is free to villagers.
Emails cover village event details, church services, emergency alerts, things for sale (or for free) etc.
You can subscribe yourself via the website or if you would prefer you can send an email to contact@stantonstbernard.org asking to be added.
Your email details are never shared without your direct permission.
Stanton has a WhatsApp Group – please contact Alison Bushby for further details. bushbyalison6@gmail.com

Local Volunteer/Interest Groups/Church/Charity

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The PCC is the governing body for the village church and for overseeing church services and for organising church events which are advertised in The Messenger, the village website and on various noticeboards around the village.
Rector – the Reverend Canon Rhona Floate.
Team Vicar – TBC
Secretary –Kay Newman – kaynewman@clara.co.uk
Treasurer – John Fisher – johnf137@yahoo.co.uk
For other details about the Pewsey Vale Team see the Messenger monthly magazine available from the church porch.
Church Cleaning and Churchyard mowing. We rely on villagers to help keep our church clean and Churchyard cut and tidy. Please contact Jacky Read 01672 851326 to help with the church cleaning or Gerald Tarver (Tel 01672 851493) to help with the church mowing.

Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee is the body responsible for the running of village hall and for organising village hall events details of which will be found on the village website and on the various noticeboards around the village
Chairperson – Alison Bushby Tel - 07845 282641
Secretary - Gary Minnitt – Tel – 07545 209890
Treasurer – Karyn Bidmead – Tel – 01672 852337

Millennium Committee

The Millennium Committee was originally set up for the Millennium celebrations but has continued as a separate organisation responsible for sundry fundraising including overseeing National Events/Celebrations and arranging an annual village party, profits from which go to the Millennium Fund and are shared between the Church, the Village Hall and the Village Fund.

Chairperson – Philip Humphries-Cuff – 01672 851855

Treasurer – Gerald Tarver – Tel. 01672 851493

Secretary –TBC

History Group

For those interested in local history, archaeology and related subjects we have an active History Group within the Village. Please contact Val Knowles for details. Email vknowles601@gmail.com

A History of Stanton St Bernard written by Val Knowles is available for sale from Val Knowles, Jacky Read (Tel 01672 851326) or Philip Humphries-Cuff (Tel 01672 851855) All profits go to the Millennium Fund.

The Group also collects documents, maps and photographs relating to Stanton, past and present, called the "Stanton Archive". If you have anything that you would like to add to the collection please let us know.

Fowle & Smith Charity

The Fowle & Smith Charity originates from the early 18th century and at present gives an Educational Grant up to a maximum of £80.00 and a copy of the book titled 'A History of Stanton St Bernard' to young people in Further Education, employment or apprenticeship.

Applicants are required to have lived in Stanton St Bernard for two years and be under 21years of age to claim.

For further information please contact-Dominic Hawker (07887 653809) or see the village website.

All villagers are welcome to join any of the above groups – we need your support.

The Environment

Stanton is committed to doing what it can to support both the environment and a sustainable future and integrates these objectives into the work of the Church and other village committees.

The Annual Village Clean-Up – We have an annual village clean up around the village where all villagers are invited to join in. Details will be found on the Village website.

The Stanton Spirit

Stanton is well known for being a warm, friendly, welcoming and sociable village with events held throughout the year, such as its Pop Up Bar (held every two months), its annual carol singing around the village, various lunches and evening events and all villagers are welcome to get involved (especially on our various committees) because without our volunteers nothing could take place.

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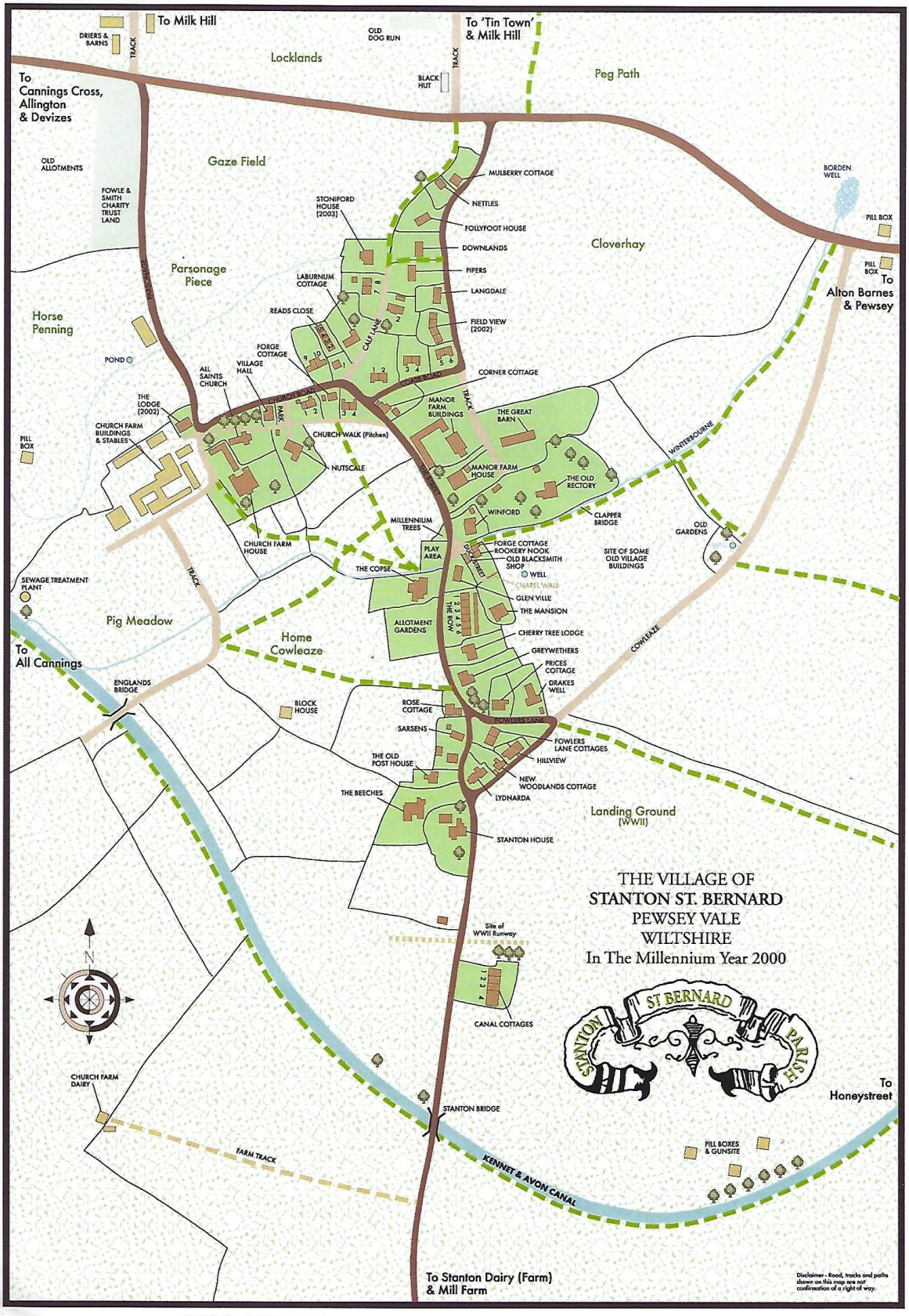
Village Map

The village map shown is one made for our Millennium celebrations. We insert it to give users an indication of the names and locations of village property. Since drawn in 2000 new properties have been built (i) behind “The Lodge” and is named “Pipistrelle House” and (ii) between 4 & 5 Coate Road and five properties have had name changes; “Lydnarda” is re-named “Wheatsheaf”; “Nettles” is “Winterbourne”, “Fowlers Lane Cottages” has been split into two, “Lovedays” and “Fowlers Lane Cottage”, “The Old Blacksmith Shop” is now” The Forge” and the adjacent “Forge Cottage” is now “Cowleaze Cottage”.


To Milk Hill
To 'Tin Town' & Milk Hill
Locklands
Peg Path
To Cannings Cross, Allington & Devizes
Gaze Field
Cloverhay
Parsonage Piece
Horse Penning
To Alton Barnes & Pewsey
Pig Meadow
Home Cowleaze
To All Cannings
Landing Ground (WWII)
To Honeystreet
To Stanton Dairy (Farm) & Mill Farm
KENNET & AVON CANAL
THE VILLAGE OF
STANTON ST. BERNARD
PEWSEY VALE
WILTSHIRE
In The Millennium Year 2000
STANTON ST BERNARD PARISH
Disclaimer - Road, tracks and paths shown on this map are not confirmation of a right of way.