

# FUNTINGTON PARISH INFORMATION

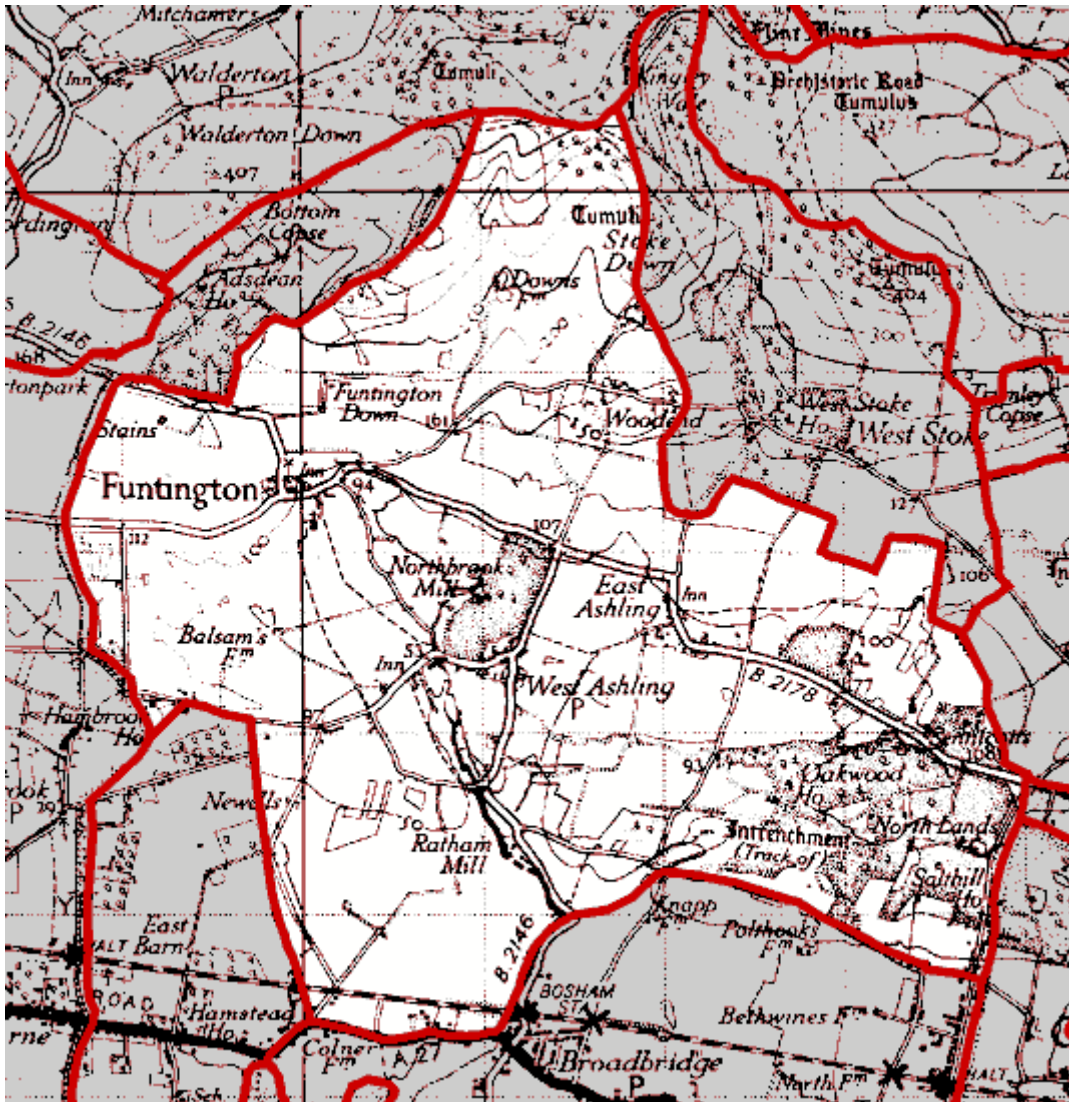


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## THE PARISH OF FUNTINGTON



Funtington is a pleasant rural parish of approx 6 sq. miles nestling under the Downs to the west of Chichester. The 1500 strong community is spread over the villages of Funtington, East and West Ashling and West Stoke and surrounding areas. The northern parts of the parish fall within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and within the newly created South Downs National Park.

The place names are Saxon. Funtington, the settlement of the dwellers by the funta or spring, Ashling or Aescelingas, the people of Aescal, Stoke or Stoc, the gathering place of stock. We know from the archaeological evidence of Neolithic flint mines on the Downs, Bronze Age round barrows and boundaries on Bow Hill and traces of Iron Age fields, that the area has been farmed for at least three millennia.

The pre-Roman Chichester Dykes running westward through the Parish tell us that much of the area belonged to the Celtic Regni tribe in the first century BC and these settled lands probably became part of the large estate serving Fishbourne Roman Palace and later, the Saxon and Norman manors of Bosham. Our villages were tythings of the manors of Bosham in the 1086 Domesday Book, except for West Stoke which is recorded as a separate manor under the Hundred of Benestede. There was a Church at West Stoke from the 11th Century and Funtington had its own Church by the 12<sup>th</sup> Century.



### **Kingley Vale**

King Charles II rode past the northern boundary of the parish along what is now called the Monarch's Way during his flight from the Battle of Worcester in 1651. It is said that the King drew rein above Kingley Vale and looking down on its beauty, exclaimed "England is surely worth fighting for". Three hundred years later Funtington airfield which was in operation between 1942 and 1944, played its part as a fighter dispersal station for RAF Tangmere and hosted Canadian and Norwegian squadrons in the D-Day invasion of France.

Copies of a fuller history **Funtington - History for the Millennium** are still available.

01243 575751

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Funtington Parish Council usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend. The Parish Council publishes a monthly Newsletter which is available at Country Fare and with the Parish Magazine. Your Parish, District and County Councillors are listed below. Much of their work is done in Working Groups such as Finance, Amenities, Planning, Environment, Transport and Community Safety. Membership of these committees changes, but any Councillor will be pleased to help.

Visit: [www.funtington-parishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.funtington-parishcouncil.co.uk)

JIM SEWELL(Chairman)	01243 573189	1 Funtington Hall, Funtington PO18 9LL
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**Chichester District Councillor** JULIE TASSELL 01243 575450  
[www.chichester.gov.uk](http://www.chichester.gov.uk)

**West Sussex County Councillor** LOUISE GOLDSMITH 01243 513253  
[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

## LOCAL SERVICES

**Shop and Post Office:** Country Fare at Funtington, open 7 days a week, also sells lottery tickets, is an off-licence, a newsagent, and will have your dry-cleaning and shoe repairs done for you. It has a cash machine and displays local notices. The shop is owned and managed by Guy and Belinda Vinall. 01243 575245 Bosham Co-op and Hambrook Stores also have Post Offices.

**Adsdean Farm Shop:** Adsdean shop sells its own fresh and frozen meats, fish and game and produce from neighbouring farms. The farm has been owned and run by the Hoare family for more than 50 years and currently there are three generations of the family working. Tim Hoare was named Sussex Farmer of the Year in 2008. 01243 575212

**The Grange Fruit Farm and Farm Shop:** On the road heading west out of Funtington, this shop has a good supply of fruit, vegetables and other local produce. Pick Your Own fruit in season. 01243 575372

**East Ashling Forge:** Agricultural Engineer, blacksmith and welders H J Knight & Son service garden machinery and garden tools. 01243 575333

**East Ashling Nursery:** An excellent range of bedding plants, geraniums, fuscias, hanging baskets, patio plants, shrubs, herbaceous and clematis. 01243 575523

**Mobile Library:** Alternate Thursdays, Heather Close West Ashling 09.40-10.00, Haresfoot Close Funtington 10.05-10.30. See [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) for dates.

### **Buses:**

Route 54 Chichester-Petersfield via Funtington (some via W Stoke, E & W Ashling). Operated by Countryliner 01483 506919.

Route 300 Chichester-Horndean-Denmead via Hambrook & West Ashling. Operated by Emsworth & District 01243 378337.

Route 700 (Coastliner) Brighton to Southsea calling locally at Emsworth, Southbourne, Nutbourne, Bosham, Fishbourne and Chichester

**Chichester Community Transport:** Bookable Dial-A-Ride service for those having difficulty using public transport. 01243 816616.

**Trains:** Coastal train service from Bosham or Nutbourne, and main-line services to London and cross-country destinations, from Chichester or Havant. National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950, SW Trains 0845 6000 650, Southern 08451 272920

**Local Amenity Tip:** Marlpit Lane, (off Common Road). Open Mondays (except bank holidays) 08.00 -15.00.

**Household Waste & Recycling:** Coach Road Westhampnett. Weekdays 0800-1700 Weekends 0900-1700 Closes at 2100 from April to September 01243 642106

**The Millpond in West Ashling:** The Millpond is privately owned, but is enjoyed by many visitors as well as residents.

**The Children's Playground** is located near the Village Hall, Southbrook Road, West Ashling. This playground was a Parish millennium project, and the money to build it came from Millennium activities, parish fund raising, donations, and grants from Chichester District Council and elsewhere.

**The Dell Recreation Area:** West Ashling Road, West Ashling, is Parish Council owned and can be enjoyed by all ages for a kick about with a football, kite flying, picnicking or just strolling.

**Village Notice Boards:** Display all local notices, Parish planning applications, the Parish Newsletter and local information. Located at Country Fare Funtington, the Village Hall West Ashling, Heather Close West Ashling, Chichester Road East Ashling. West Stoke Village Hall

**Walks:** Many fine walks can be taken in the area. Leaflets with suggested walks in the parish are in process of production. They will be on sale at the Village Shop as well as some other local outlets.

**Kingley Vale:** This National Nature Reserve contains one of the finest yew forests in western Europe, including a grove of ancient trees which are among the oldest living things in Britain. The thin soils support a rich downland turf with up to 50 species of flowering plants and grasses within a square metre. One of the most important archaeological sites in southern England, it has 14 scheduled ancient monuments, including Bronze Age burial mounds at the top of Bow Hill. From here, there are stunning panoramic views.

**Sports Facilities:** These are limited within the parish, but excellent facilities are available within a very few miles at Chichester, Southbourne and Havant. Westgate Centre 01243 785651

**Ashling Cricket Club** is a village Cricket team. The ground is in Down Street, West Ashling. Fixtures are displayed on all Parish Notice boards and the club is always looking for new members of any age. The ground and pavilion can also be used for other sporting activities. Paul Simmonds 01243 574546  
[www.ashlingcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.ashlingcricketclub.co.uk)

**Equestrian interests:** There are a number of livery stables within the Parish and for riding tuition there are also stables at Lavant House School. 01243 527211

**Funtington & District Village Hall, West Ashling** is available for private hire and is also the venue for many Parish groups and clubs. Please contact Chris Harvell on 01243 575314 for bookings <http://www.funtingtonvillagehall.org.uk/>

**West Stoke Village Hall** is also available for private hire for smaller groups and meetings. Wireless Broadband is available in the hall. Please contact Mrs. Eileen Wiseman on 01243 575583 for information.

## EDUCATION

### **Funtington Primary School**

**West Ashling** 01243 575675 [www.funtington.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.funtington.w-sussex.sch.uk)

#### *From the Ofsted Report 2009*

*This is a good school. There are some outstanding features, such as the way pupils are encouraged to relate to each other and become mature, confident young people. The school's pastoral care is also outstanding. The school works very well in partnership with others, such as parents, who are generally very positive about the school and particularly how happy their children are. Several stated that their children love school and this is reflected in good levels of attendance. The parent teacher association has done much in the way of fundraising to improve the accommodation, such as the splendid new library that is encouraging pupils' love of learning.*

### **Bishop Luffa CE School**

**Chichester** 01243 787741 [www.bishopluffa.org.uk](http://www.bishopluffa.org.uk)

### **Bourne Community College**

**Southbourne** 01243 375691 [www.bourne.org.uk](http://www.bourne.org.uk)

### **Chichester High School for Boys**

01243 787691 [www.chsb.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.chsb.w-sussex.sch.uk)

### **Chichester High School for Girls**

01243 787041 [www.chichestergirls.wsussex.sch.uk](http://www.chichestergirls.wsussex.sch.uk)

### **Lavant House School**

01243 527211 [www.lavanthouse.org.uk](http://www.lavanthouse.org.uk)

### **Loveders Nursery School Nutbourne**

01243 377934 [www.loveders.co.uk](http://www.loveders.co.uk)

### **Oakwood Preparatory School**

01243 575209 [www.oakwoodschool.co.uk](http://www.oakwoodschool.co.uk)

### **Westbourne House School**

01243 782739 [www.westbournehouse.org](http://www.westbournehouse.org)

### **The Prebendal School**

01243 782026 [www.prebendalschool.org.uk](http://www.prebendalschool.org.uk)

### **Chichester College**

01243 786321 [www.chichester.ac.uk](http://www.chichester.ac.uk)

### **University of Chichester**

01243 816000 [www.chiuni.ac.uk](http://www.chiuni.ac.uk)

## SOME PARISH GROUPS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>The Women's Institute</b>	Maggie Webb 01243 771870
<b>The Flower Group</b>	Dawn Robinson 01243 389689
<b>Bridge Group</b>	Beth Buss 01243 575762
<b>Funtington Players</b> <a href="http://www.funtingtonplayers.org.uk">www.funtingtonplayers.org.uk</a>	Paul Pridmore 01243 574879
<b>Brownies</b> (Tues 4.30-6.00)	Jane Mottershead 01243 575980
<b>Guides</b> (Tues 6.00-7.30)	Debbie Thompson 01243 862310
<b>Scouts</b>	Stewart Royle 01243 374489
<b>Cubs</b>	Caroline Taylor 02392 631479
<b>Beavers</b>	Mike Crockford 01243 631479
<b>BetaPlus Computer Club</b> <a href="http://www.betaplus.org.uk">www.betaplus.org.uk</a>	Bruce McGavin 01243 789286
<b>Book Clubs</b>	
1. David Harris 01243 574420	
2. Linda Sims-Williams 01243 575384	

### **Funtington Music Group**

Membership Secretary: Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, The Granary, Lordington Court, Lordington, Chichester, PO18 9DP  
<http://funtingtonmusicgroup.org.uk>

## DOCTORS, DENTISTS & VETS

St Richards Hospital	01243 788122
Bosham Clinic (Dentist & Dr.) Main Road Fishbourne	01243 778888
Langley House Surgery 27 West Street	01243 782266
Lavant Road Surgery 8 Lavant Road	01243 527264
Parklands Surgery 4 Parklands Road	01243 782819
Southbourne Surgery	08444 770945
The Medical Centre Cawley Road	08334 778707
Westgate Surgery 15 Westgate	01243 782866
Downland Veterinary Group 2, Stirling Rd	01243 786101
Kingley Veterinary Surgery Oldwick Farm, West Stoke Rd	01243 528899
Mrs Darling Veterinary Surgeon 254 Main Rd. Southbourne	01243 379955
Pet Doctors Veterinary Clinic 3, Parklands Rd	01243 782880
Priors Leaze Veterinary Centre, Nutbourne	01243 376000

## **PUBLIC HOUSES, RESTAURANTS & ACCOMODATION**

### **Public Houses:**

The Horse and Groom, East Ashling (also B & B).	01243 575339
The Fox and Hounds, Funtington.	01243 575246
The Richmond Arms, West Ashling. (Bowling Alley)	01243 574414

### **Restaurants:**

Halliday's of Funtington.	01243 575331
West Stoke House (also Bed and Breakfast).	01243 575266

### **Bed and Breakfast:**

A number of places offer Bed and Breakfast or self-catering accomodation. Latest information may be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre, South Street, Chichester 01243 775888 or [www.chichesterweb.co.uk](http://www.chichesterweb.co.uk)

## **USEFUL NUMBERS**

<b>West Sussex Council</b>	01243 777100
<b>Chichester District Council</b>	01243 785166
<b>Citizens Advice</b>	01243 776528
<b>Samaritans</b>	0845 7909090
<b>Police(non emergency)</b>	0845 6070999
<b>Neighbourhood Police</b>	0845 60 70 99 ext:27901
PC Colin Booker	
<b>Portsmouth Water</b>	02392 477999
<b>Job Centre</b>	01243 224124
<b>Southern Water (waste)</b>	0845 2720845
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b>	01243 786211
<b>Gas emergencies</b>	0800 111999
<b>Natural England</b>	0845 6003078
<b><u>Electric emergencies.</u></b>	
<b>EDF</b>	0800 7838866
<b>Southern Electric</b>	0845 7708090
<b>Tourist Information</b>	01243 77588
<b>Amenity sites</b>	01243 642106
<b>Road repairs, signs etc</b>	01243 642105
<b>Environment Agency</b>	08708 506506
<b>Education office</b>	01243 777128
<b>Southdowns Joint Committee</b>	01243 558700
<b>Pest Control</b>	01243 534604
<b>Fly tipping</b>	01243 534610



## **CHURCHES**

**St Mary's Parish Church Funtington  
with  
St Mary's Sennicotts  
and  
St Andrew's Parish Church West Stoke**

Website: [www.funtington-parish.org.uk](http://www.funtington-parish.org.uk)

### **Vicar and Rector**

Vacant  
The Vicarage  
Church Lane  
Funtington  
PO18 9LH

### **Honorary Assistant Priest**




The Reverend Dudley Gummer  
Telephone: 01243 573002

### **Reader**

Colin Webb  
Telephone: 01243 771870

## The Parishes of Funtington with Sennicotts and West Stoke

The secular parish of Funtington is covered by two Church of England ecclesiastical parishes: **Funtington with Sennicotts** covers all parts of the secular parish except **West Stoke Village** and its surrounding countryside. The Vicar of Funtington is also Rector of West Stoke.

<p><b>St Mary's, Funtington</b> Church Lane</p>	
	<p>The Church dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. A tower was added in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, and six bells installed in 2007. The church was considerably enlarged in 1859. An extension with a meeting room was added in 2006. Except for the Family Service on the third Sunday of each month, most services are in traditional language. The church is normally open daily from 8.30am to 5.30pm.</p>
<p><b>St Mary's Sennicotts</b> Chapel Lane</p>	
	<p>Sennicotts was built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century when the then owner of Sennicotts House built this little church and appointed his own priest. After 100 years or so it became a Chapel-at-Ease to Funtington. All services here follow the Book of Common Prayer. It has box pews and gallery and is lit with candles. It is only open for services.</p>
<p><b>St Andrew's West Stoke</b></p>	
	<p>The church, situated at the western end of the village, is 11<sup>th</sup> century of Saxon origin, but has been considerably modified over the centuries, especially in the 19<sup>th</sup>. It had its own Rector until the 1950s. Except for the Family Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, all services follow the pattern of the Book of Common Prayer. The church is open daily.</p>

## Sunday Services

<u>Sunday of the Month</u>	<u>Funtington</u>	<u>West Stoke</u>	<u>Sennicotts</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am Matins	9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am Family Communion	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Matins
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Matins	8.00am Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Family Communion	11.00am Family Service	8.00am Holy Communion

**NB:** on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday the service is held jointly in turn at one of the three churches This pattern varies for Festivals and Special Occasions.

## Midweek Services

Holy Communion is said on Wednesdays at Funtington at 10.30am.  
Holy Communion for the sick or housebound can be arranged.

## Organisations and Activities

**Funtington Church Choir:** Sing at most Sunday services. Limited availability for Weddings. Practice on Mondays at 5.30pm. Director: Jo Wardroper (01243 786542)

**Bell Ringers:** Before most main services. Available for weddings. Practice on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. Tower Captain: Andrew Rose (01243573168). Steeple Keeper: John Kitchener (01243 573899).

**Crèche:** Younger children are welcome at services. However a crèche facility is available at all main services at Funtington. Parents may take their children into the Tower Room, where the service can still be heard on a speaker system, but little noise from the children escapes!

**Funtington Sunday School:** Takes place during Family Communion in school term time. Leader; Jane Gummer (01243 573002).

**Mothers' Union:** Meets monthly at Funtington on the 2nd Thursday, usually at 10.00am. Leader: Anne Maddock (0124357574900)

**Prayer Group:** Meets in private houses on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 10.00am.

Coordinator Jane Gummer (01243 573002)

**Bible Study Group:** Usually meets for short courses on a weekly basis three times a year. Leader: Colin Webb (01243 771870)

**Mothers and Toddlers:** Meet on Mondays from 10am to 12pm in Funtington Church Room. Leader: Julie Morrow (01243 575356)

**Coffee Hour:** Every Wednesday in the Church Room 11am –12.00pm Coffee/tea and biscuits — donation of 50p. A chance to meet and chat.

**Parish Magazine:** Published monthly. This contains much more information about all of the above, including who to contact and more. Available for all our churches and can be delivered to your door. Editor: Julie Tassell (01243 575450) Distribution Managers: John & Dena Kitchener (01243 573899)

### **Church Officers**

#### **Funtington:**

<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Nick La Hive	(01243 576266)
	Julie Tassell	(01243 575450)
<b>PCC Secretary:</b>	Colin Webb	(01243 771870)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bill Maddock	(01243 574900)
<b>Verger &amp; Key Holder:</b>	Jim Day	(01243 575800)

#### **Sennicotts:**

<b>Council Secretary:</b>	John Rank	(01243 574514)
<b>Key Holder:</b>		

#### **West Stoke:**

<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Richard Elwes	(01243 574677)
	Anna Mallam	(01243 575398)
<b>PCC Secretary:</b>	Frank Garrett	(01243 576007)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Esmond Pope	(01243 575455)
<b>Verger &amp; Key Holder:</b>	Gordon Quennell	(01243 575745)

### **Other Denominations and Other Faiths**

There are no places of worship for other denominations or faiths within the Parish. If you need help in locating one the Vicar will try to a

