WELCOME TO CHENIES

Chenies Parish Council have together put this leaflet to help you get to know the village, what goes on here and who to contact if you need help. We hope you find it useful, but if you feel we have left anything out, or got anything wrong, please let the Parish Clerk know at clerk@cheniesparishcouncil.gov.uk

Your Parish Council

Chenies Parish Councillors' contact details and areas of responsibility can be found on the Chenies Parish Council website. This is updated regularly with a huge amount of information about the village (including a map); we urge you to visit the site. It includes forthcoming events, minutes of meetings and such like. Everything contained in this leaflet and much more is available there. Check it out at https://cheniesparishcouncil.gov.uk/

Normally, the Parish Council meets at 8 pm on the third Wednesday of alternate months in the Baptist Chapel - January, March, May, July, September and November. Please check the agendas and minutes section of the website at https://cheniesparishcouncil.gov.uk/your-parishcouncil/agendas-and-minutes for details of the next and past meetings. The public is always welcome to attend.

The first 15 mins of each meeting is the democratic quarter hour where any resident can ask questions or raise concerns. It would be lovely to see you at our meetings! The Parish Council is there to help you, so please feel free to contact any of your councillors if you need to.

Our Buckinghamshire County Council ward is "Chess Valley". There are three councillors representing us – currently these are Gareth Williams, Joseph Baum and Emily Culverhouse. Contact details available via https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0

Our parliamentary constituency is Chesham and Amersham, and our local MP is Sarah Green (Liberal). She can be contacted via Sarah.green.mp@parliament.uk .

Planning

Chenies is a beautiful village set within the Chilterns Area of Natural Beauty and the Green Belt. Most of the village is also within a Conservation Area and if your property is within then the usual Permitted Development Rights do not apply. Many things you may have thought would not be subject to planning consent are - for example putting up a garden shed, erecting fences and even trimming your trees. The Parish Council **strongly** advises anyone who is considering any alterations at all

to their property and/or gardens to consult Buckinghamshire County Council website at https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planningand-building-control/ for more details.

If you go to the Planning and Building Control section, look for 'Check if you need Planning permission'. If the situation is not covered then to be certain that changes do not require planning permission, you should apply for a lawful development certificate on the Planning Portal. This will require you to submit drawings of the proposals and pay a fee. You can contact the Planning Advice Service for which there is a small fee.

Chenies Village Society

Chenies Village Society (CVS) is a Social Society keeping the village informed & arranging events for the community. All villagers are automatically members. Please contact Jasmine Lewis at jasmineflewis@yahoo.co.uk

There is a Village emailing list. Please email marcus.chenies@gmail.com to be added to it.

There is also a Chenies Village Society group on Facebook. Sign up through Facebook in the usual way.

Post boxes and public telephone

There are two post boxes in the village: one at the entrance to Bedford Close and the other one on the Greensward between the Bedford Arms and Red Lion. There is a public telephone box in the village by the old bus shelter on the Green, where the village notice board can also be found.

Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator at the Bedford Arms (postcode WD3 6EQ) facing the main road on the wall outside the stables block. Should it be required, contact the emergency services (via 999) who will provide the keycode.

Bus Service

Although we have a bus shelter on the village green, except for historic bus trips, busses do not visit the village.

There are bus stops on the A404 at the Claypits Lane junction and between Village Road and Green Street at the Chorleywood end of the village which is served by the 336 service between Watford and Amersham. Details at https://bustimes.org/services/336-watford-amersham - note that only services serving Little Chalfont pass by Chenies.

Rubbish and recycling

Rubbish is usually collected on Fridays. General waste one week and recycling the next. You can find the next collection date by following the "Check your bin collection day" link at https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/. After entering your postcode, you can down-load the collection schedule.
The brown food waste bin is collected weekly.
The green bin is for grass cuttings, hedge clippings, weeds, small branches, leaves, pet straw/sawdust, plants. You will need to pay for this service by following the "arrange a garden waste collection" link from https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/
The blue containers are for plastic bottles/containers, food trays, glass bottles and tin cans.
The black (or green) box is for newspapers and magazines, directories and brochures, mixed paper, card,
The black bin is for all other household non-recyclable rubbish
Please place bins safely outside your property.
You can leave old batteries on top of your blue bin in a clear plastic bag as well as clean clothes/ rags in a separate clear bag.

Recycling /Waste centres

The closest council recycling sites are at:
Chesham : Latimer Road, Chesham HP5 1TL.Open every day except Wednesday and Thursday
Amersham : London Road East, Amersham, HP7 9DT. Open daily
There are different opening hours in summer and winter – follow the links from https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/ .

You will need to show ID to indicate you are a Bucks resident and pay a small charge for all non-household items

Churches

Baptist Chapel – Rev. Jon Bishop
Various services and activities. Sunday service at 10:30am
Website : https://www.cheniesbaptist.org/

St Michael's – Rev. David Whale rector@cheniesbenefice.org

Services are normally held on Sundays at: 8am BCP Holy Communion; 11:15am Common Worship Morning Praise or Holy Communion; 6pm Evensong

Website : https://www.cheniesbenefice.org/