

Welcome to Brixton Parish



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Dear Resident

On behalf of Brixton Parish Council I am writing to welcome you to the Parish of Brixton in the South Hams District of Devon. Brixton is a parish with a long history based on farming, with other rural and commercial activities based around the river Yealm. The village of Brixton reflects its long history with its 14th Century Church, Priests Cottages together with ancient Feoffee Trust owned cottages and park. Other housing, including Carrolsland, Chittleburn and Combe has shaped the character of the village and parish as demand for homes has grown over the years. The area, below the A379 in Brixton village, is in the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The construction of 5,500 for the new town at Sherford linking Brixton Parish with Plymouth's urban fringe at Elburton has started.

To find out more about Brixton please go to www.brixton-village.co.uk and for Brixton Parish Council please go to www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk. Parishioners can also stay in touch and up to date on local information, or express their comments and stay in touch is through the Love Brixton Face book page

We hope that the information contained within this pack will help you settle more easily into your new home and our local community. We have tried to gather as much local information as possible, which we feel may be useful to you. We would be grateful for any suggestions you may have on improvements to this pack to help other new residents. The Pack is regularly updated. You will see more local information is available through our website. Parish notices are also published in the 'Brixton Magazine which is published monthly and available on subscription or in the Brixton Village Stores and Post Office. They are also placed on the parish notice boards, in Brixton near the pedestrian crossing in the centre of the village and in Carrolsland on the left hand side as you enter the estate.

There are many opportunities to support and become involved in our local community, as you can see from the website, monthly local magazine, as well as at Parish Council meetings. As a community we are active in seeking ways to improve life locally and deal effectively with changes and challenges. We look forward to your ideas and contributions and wish you many happy years in the parish.

Yours sincerely

Liz Hitchins - Chairman of Brixton Parish Council



A History of Brixton

The parish of Brixton has a long history which can be traced back to the Domesday Book. The local economy was traditionally based on farming, together with other rural and commercial activities around the river Yealm. The village of Brixton visibly reflects its history with its 14th Century Church and Priests' Cottages, alongside the historic Feoffee Trust owned cottages and park. Numerous properties around the village show how villagers lived and worked and demonstrate how the village has developed.

Modern housing, such as Carroll Island (to the south west) and Canes Orchard in Brixton Village, has shaped the current character of the parish and the community, as demand for homes has grown over the years.

Construction started of the new town of Sherford in 2016 and in the long term this will affect the Parish as it continues to look to the future, preserving its independence but shaping the local area, whilst ensuring that community life continues to grow and thrive.



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Brixton Parish Council

Brixton Parish Council meets on the last Wednesday in the month at 7.00 p.m. usually in the Community Room, St. Mary's School, Brixton (except in August when there is no meeting). Two meetings a year are held at Plymstock Albion Oaks Rugby Club to enable residents of Carollisland to attend.

Parish Council meetings are held in public and you are welcome to attend and raise any local issues you have during the open forum at the start of the meeting. Alternatively, you can contact one of your parish councillors above.

The agendas and minutes of previous meetings are available on the parish council website www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk and on the parish notice boards and are published monthly in the 'Brixton Magazine'.

Other Parish Representatives

District Councillors

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South Hams District Council (SHDC) is based at Follaton House in Totnes. Its website has information on all District matters from Planning Applications to Waste Collection. www.southhams.gov.uk

County Councillor

John Hart Tel: 01752 403554 (Council Leader- Devon County Council)
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Devon County Council is based at County Hall in Exeter. Its website can be seen at www.devon.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

Gary Streeter MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA
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Carrollsland

Carrollsland is a development of 170 houses in Brixton Parish, South Hams District Council area. The information below relates to Carrollsland, whose residents will look to Plymstock for school and services GP Practices and to the Broadway for shopping, the Post Office, banking and the superstore at Billacombe. In nearby Elburton Village there is a Post Office, village store, butcher, takeaway, hairdressers and other opportunities for local shopping.

St Mary's Church, Brixton (Church of England)

St. Mary's Church shares the services of our vicar with the neighbouring parish of Yealmpton.

Priest in Charge: The Rev Owen Murphy Tel 880040
 Email owen.murphy52@btconnect.com

- 8am BCP Holy Communion every 1st & 3rd Sunday in the month
 (otherwise at St. Bartholomew's Yealmpton)
- 11am Eucharist every Sunday
 (unless otherwise indicated – see also the Brixton Village website page)
- 10am Holy Communion each Thursday

Methodist Communion Service every 1st Thursday
10.30am-12.30pm Messy Church for Families at St. Mary's Church every 1st Saturday during term time

St Mary's is the only place of worship within the village and has strong links with St Mary's School. There is a Methodist Church located in Yealmpton. Other religious and spiritual groups are well-catered for in Plymouth and details can be found under Places of Worship in Yellow Pages and online at www.findachurch.co.uk

Health

Yealm Medical Centre

The nearest medical centre is 1 mile to the east in Yealmpton. This is a purpose built modern centre designed to meet day-to-day medical needs. There are currently four doctors in the practice, working alongside practice nurses, a phlebotomist, a physiotherapist, midwives, a health visitor and dispensary staff.

Surgery Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 11.00am & 4.00 - 5.30 p.m.
Dispensary Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 6.00 pm (closed 1 – 3.30pm)
Telephone: 880567 [routine]
880392 [emergency during routine hours]

(NHS) 111 for Out of Hours

e.yealmmedicalcentre@nhs.net

Website: www.yealmmedical.co.uk

Patients Group

Yealm Medical Centre Patient's Group (YMCPG) would like to welcome you to the Practice area. We are a group formed to give feedback from patients to the practice and previously have provided some equipment for the benefit of patients over the years. A list of members is on display in the waiting room and we always welcome new members

Liz Hitchins, Chairman YMCPG Tel: 880715

Derriford Hospital PL6 8DH

This is the nearest and largest A&E in South Devon. The hospital also provides a huge range of speciality care. A&E services are well sign posted from the A38 towards Plymouth and then on the A386 out towards Tavistock.

Dentists

NHS Devon has a dental helpline which enables patients to obtain information about finding an NHS dentist, accessing urgent treatment and other enquiries relating to NHS Dental services. The helpline is available on weekdays between 8am and 6pm. During evenings and weekends there is an answer phone message directing patients to out-of-hours dental cover.

To find your local dentist use NHS search engine.

Opticians

The nearest optician is Newsome Opticians in Yealmpton on the main road next to the Post Office or Specsavers or Boots on The Broadway, Plymstock.

Community Facilities

Banking service

Banking services are available at Brixton Village Stores during Post Office opening times.

Mobile library

Devon mobile library visits Brixton every 4 weeks, calling at Venn Court on Thursday from 3.55pm to 4.30pm. Contact Devon library services for further information or go to www.devon.gov.uk/urlibrary or in the 'Brixton Magazine'. The nearest library is at Horn Lane, Plymstock.

Shops and Services

Brixton Village Stores and Post Office (the Village Green) Tel 881617

Opening times	Monday to Saturday 7am to 7.30pm Sunday 8am to 12 noon
Post Office	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 12 noon Thursday 1pm to 3 pm Closed Sat and Sun

The Foxhound and Restaurant (A379) Tel 880271

Just Williams Restaurant (A379) Tel. 880226

Brixton 'Fish and Chips' (A379) Tel. 880362

Otter Nurseries (Fordbrooke Lane) Tel. 405422

Fordbrooke Nursery (Fordbrooke Lane) Tel. 880315

Venn Farm Camping & Caravan Park. Tel. 880378

Brixton Magazine

The 'Brixton Magazine' is published by an independent village based editorial team. It offers a variety of village related articles, upcoming events and advertisements from local trades and business. It can be bought in the village shop for 50p or an annual subscription of £5 for delivery in Brixton village or by post for an annual subscription of £15. New contributors and subscribers are welcomed.

Contact Editors Roy Axell Tel. 880262 or Hilary Oates Tel. 880944

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Education

Nursery and Pre-school

Ladybirds Day Nursery

A secure and nurturing environment, providing play-based development and care for children aged 3 months to 5 years

Tel. 881161 Website: www.ladybirdsdaynursery.co.uk.

Primary School

Brixton St Mary's Church of England Primary School

The village primary school is situated both geographically and socially in the heart of the village. Brixton St. Mary's School has a warm and welcoming atmosphere with excellent SATS results and other achievement across the curriculum. In November 2105 Ofsted assessed the school as outstanding.

Head teacher Mrs C Webb Tel. 880436 email: admin@stmarys-brixton.devon.sch.uk

Website: www.stmarys-brixton.devon.sch.uk

Secondary School

Ivybridge Community College

St. Mary's School is a feeder school to Ivybridge Community College. In 2010 the College converted to Academy status. It has a strong academic and sports curriculum and is one of a few schools to have received 5 consecutive 'outstanding' Ofsted reports.

Principal Mr Rob Haring - Tel. 691000

icc@ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

Website: www.ivybridge.devon.sch.uk

Other Secondary Schools are located nearby within Plymouth boundaries,

Coombe Dean School, Charnhill Way, Plymstock, Devon PL9 8ES Tel : 406961

Plymstock School, Church Road Plymstock, Plymouth, PL9 9AZ Tel : 402679

Public Transport

Bus Services

The bus routes currently running through Brixton Village are

- 3 Plymouth to Dartmouth provided by Stagecoach
- 91 Plymouth to Totnes provided by Country Bus
- 94 Plymouth to Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo provided by Target Travel

Bus timetables are available at Brixton Village Stores

Voluntary Car Service

Brixton Feoffee Trust Car Scheme

The Brixton Feoffee Trust offers a Car Travel Service intended to help people who may need transport to go to hospital, doctor, dentist, optician or other similar destinations.

The service is intended for use by those who do not have their own means of transport and who are unable to use public transport.

If you wish to enquire about the possibility of transport or if you would like to be a volunteer driver contact Brixton Feoffee Trust Clerk, Sally Axell, on brixtonfeoffeetrust@googlemail.com or Shirley Henwood on Tel: 880578.

A mileage allowance is paid to volunteer drivers and drivers are always needed if you need assistance or think you could give an hour or two a week on an occasional basis as a voluntary driver.

Brixton is also served by the Ivybridge District Car Service. For further details or information on becoming a volunteer driver please contact Alex Thom on Tel: 690444.

Ring and Ride

The “Ring & Ride” bus provides a weekly shopping service to the local shops and supermarkets every Monday and the first Wednesday of the month. It is a door to door service and is available to anyone who would have difficulty using public transport. There are additional services to other towns on Fridays every 6 weeks. For many passengers it is a social event, with the opportunity to make new friends. For further details please contact Alex Thom on Tel: 690 444 or www.ringandride.net

Train

The nearest train stations are Ivybridge (Park and Ride to Plymouth) or Plymouth – North Road Station.

Local Taxis

Village Cars Tel. 07557 522215 or 0800 193 4000

covering Newton Ferrers, Noss Mayo, Holbeton, Yealmpton and Brixton.

Recycling

Household Recycling

South Hams District Council Recycling on 01803 861234 provides 2 ‘wheelie bins’ and 2 refuse sacks for segregation of household rubbish. There is a waste collection, of each rubbish type, brown bin, paper, plastic / cans fortnightly. Full details are on the SHDC website. For larger items of household waste, the nearest waste management centre is located at Ivybridge Recycling Centre, Ermington Road, Ivybridge

Community Composting

Brixton has a community composting scheme for residents of the parish, which provides an additional income for the village. Green garden waste can be deposited

Monday – Friday between 9.30 am -3.30 pm and on Saturday mornings from 10.00-11.00 am (March- November) at Catson Green. Green waste from your garden suitable for the scheme are grass mowings, hedge cuttings, weeds, prunings and small branches up to 6 inches diameter maximum and not food waste. This will be turned into compost and those contributing have access to the free compost in return. For further details contact Alan Powell on 880957 or by e-mail to apowell951@aol.com

Directions:

- Red Lion Hill and turn left at Wollaton Cross and the gate ¼ mile on the right hand side
- Lodge Lane to the crossroads, then turn right and continue 100 yards and on the left hand side is the gate

Neighbourhood Policing

The local policing team for Brixton consists of two dedicated officers; the Neighbourhood Beat Manager is PC 1701 Charlotte Mathers and the Police Community Support officer is PCSO 30540 Andy Potter. Both of these officers work from Ivybridge police station (Leonards Road, Ivybridge), with a responsibility for Brixton. Brixton is a low crime area but both officers can be regularly seen in and around the parish.

If you wish to contact them they can be reached via the main police non-emergency number Tel. 101.

Neighbourhood Watch

Within Brixton village there is an active neighbourhood watch team, run by separate 'area co-coordinators'. For more information contact John Salisbury Tel. 881171.

Community Emergency Plan

Brixton Parish has a Community Emergency Plan to support the Community during any emergency until the authorities arrive. Local co-ordinators are welcome to keep in touch during a crisis with their immediate neighbours.

Emergency Plan Co-ordinator – Cllr Helen Williams

Housing

DCH (formerly Devon and Cornwall Housing)

DCH is the local housing association serving the local community and owns and manages many homes within the village including Venn Court Sheltered Housing complex. For further information the website is www.dchgroup.com.

Brixton Feoffee Trust

Brixton Feoffee Trust is a local charity with a long history within the village. The Trust, works to assist individuals and families. It provides financial support for St. Mary's Church and supports organisations within Brixton, such as youth groups and individuals. If you are aware of anyone in Brixton who may be in need of support from Brixton Feoffee Trust contact the clerk Tel 880262 brixtonfeoffeetrust@googlemail.com. Further details are available on the village website.

Brixton Community Room and Hall.

These communal facilities attached to St Mary's School in Elliott's Hill and are available for private hire (with the larger school hall and kitchen subject to availability) at a very reasonable cost through Brixton Community Association (BCA)

For bookings contact Liz Hitchins, BCA Booking Clerk on 880715.

Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm

This community project, which has received national recognition, employs a part time coordinator to help people with dementia and their families maintain an active life in their own community. The coordinator, Maxine Kennedy, also talks to local groups, organisations, and businesses raising awareness across the parishes of Wembury, Brixton, Yealmpton, Holbeton and Newton and Noss on how to ensure people with dementia and their families can continue to take part in daily activities and interests. For more information the project please contact the Project Coordinator Maxine Kennedy on 07450206312 or go to www.dementiayealm.org

Yealm Harbour Authority

Brixton is one of the riparian parishes of the river Yealm and as such has a representative on the Yealm harbour authority. Any permanent resident of Brixton is entitled to apply for moorings on the river.

Demand for moorings is very high, the waiting list is managed by the harbour authority and it generally takes a few years before a mooring can be allocated. The time taken to receive a mooring allocation does vary greatly depending upon the type of mooring applied for, deep water moorings taking the longest.

If you would like to apply contact the harbour office on 872533. There is a £50 admin fee for joining the waiting list.

Face book

For instant updates and news of what's happening in the parish there is a Facebook page called 'Love Brixton DEVON'. This is updated with important news eg during emergencies.

Recreation

Sports and Fitness

Badminton Club

Monday and Wednesday in the School Hall from 7.00pm (term-time only).

Contact Mike Francis Tel: 863575 (Mon)
 Hilary Oates Tel: 880944 (Wed)

Ballet, Tap, Modern dance and Aerobics

Tuesday 4.45 – 8.45 (children and adults)

Thursdays 4.30-6.0 pm (children)

Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm (children) in the School Hall & Community Room (term-time only)

Contact Alex Robinson of Dance Fusion Tel: 482413

Gentle Exercise Group at Venn Court – improving fitness and posture

Tuesdays 11.30-12.30 led by registered Physiotherapists

Contact Roger Colwell Tel: 880500

Short Mat Bowls

Friday 6.45pm – 8.45pm and Saturday 1.45pm – 3.45pm

Contact Rosemary Deeley Tel: 880815 or Wendy Constable Tel: 402532

Plymstock Albion Oakes Rugby Club and Café with outdoor circuit training and other facilities www.pitchero.com/clubs/plymstockalbionoaks. Tel. 401142

Please see Brixton Magazine and notices in Brixton Village Stores for latest classes

Parish Footpaths

Brixton is very fortunate to be located in within an Area of Outstanding Natural beauty (AONB). There is a network of footpaths around the parish. These paths are maintained by Devon County Council but are monitored by our 'Parish Paths' coordinators Councillors Brenda Huxtable and Roger Wakeham who regularly walk the paths. A free leaflet detailing local walks is available in the Brixton Village Stores, the Church, The Foxhound and other local businesses.

Play Spaces

In 2011 Friends of Brixton Play Spaces raised the funds to have both of the larger play spaces in the village completely renewed. Brixstix is adjacent to the school playing field and Silverwood is at the end of Woodland Drive (just off Red Lion Hill). At Elliot's Hill there is an attractive seating area. These areas all form part of Brixton Play Trail which includes the Feoffee Park can be followed by looking for the play trail logo.

In Carrolsland there are also play spaces adjoining the housing development with links to the network of parish footpaths

Brixton Community Association (BCA)

The General Committee of BCA meets quarterly - meetings are advertised in 'Brixton Magazine'.

'The objects of the Association shall be to promote the benefit of inhabitants of Brixton... by associating voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving life for the said inhabitants' *Extract from the Constitution of the Brixton Community Association 1989.*

The Committee manages the hiring of the Community Room and Hall for sport and recreation and for public and private social events/meetings. Details of the hiring arrangements can be found on the www.brixton-village.co.uk website or from the booking clerk Liz Hitchins 01752 880715. The BCA also helps support the school financially; in 2015 the Committee contributed towards improved inside and outside lighting.

If you are interested in setting up new groups/interests locally come along and tell us about your ideas we may be able to help you. This meeting also provides an opportunity to update on the activities of different organisations in the community.
Chairman Vernon Bellerby Tel: 881424

Clubs and Societies

Stamps Hill Allotments

Contact Melissa Landricombe Tel: 881128

Brixton Bookworms

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Venn Court from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Contact Melissa Landricombe Tel: 881128

Beavers (6-8 year olds)

Meets Wednesday 5.30pm-6.30pm in the Scout Hut, Brixton (Term time)

Contact Jack Tel: 07860277181

Brownies (7-10 years old)

1st Yealm Brownies meet every Monday 4.30 - 6pm in Yealmpton Community Room.

Contact Lesley Mackay Tel: 880507

Cubs (8 -10.5 year olds)

Meets Wednesday 6.15pm-7.45pm in the Scout Hut, Brixton (Term time)

Contact Adam Tel: 07854044176

Craft Group

Monday 7.00-9,00pm - (term-time only) in the Community Room at St. Marys School.

Contact Hilary Pearn Tel: 880413

Livewires Community Café. - Monthly meeting for everyone for advice and information, and friendship. Second Thursday in the month 10.30am-12.15pm at Venn Court. Contact Liz Hitchins Tel: 880715.

Scouts (10.5-14 year olds)

Meets Tuesday 7pm-9pm in the Scout Hut, Brixton (Term time)

Contact Christian Meheux Tel: 880874

Village Airs (Choral Society)

Rehearsal Fridays by arrangement 2.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Contact Jenny George Tel: 880730

Yealm Art Society

Regular talks and events and exhibitions are published in Brixton Magazine

Contact Maggie Tel: 881481 or refer to www.yealmartsociety.com

Yealmpton and Brixton W.I.

Meets first Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in Methodist Church Hall, Yealmpton

Contact Sue Counsell Tel 880948

Yealmpton Gardeners Association

Meets Yealmpton Community Centre (Monthly). Contact S. Moore Tel: 881214

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