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We are delighted that you have chosen to come and live in our lovely and historic Cotswold village. This pack is distributed by Quenington Parish Council to help you settle in and find your way around the local area.

Brief History of the Village

Quenington is situated in the attractive Coln Valley some nine miles east of Cirencester. The village, mentioned in the Domesday Book, has important medieval remains. The richly carved north and south doorways of St Swithin Church possibly date back to 1140, or even earlier, and the gateways near the church, are the site of the Preceptory of the Knights Hospitaller. The land was given by the de Lacey family to the Order in c.1190's.

The part of the village that lies along the river Coln, a tributary of the Thames, is adjacent to an area designated as being of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Over half the village is in a conservation area and there are many attractive walks in the vicinity.

Today the village has some 600 inhabitants and about 250 dwellings.

Quenington Parish Council

Quenington Parish Council is the first level of local government and is a point of contact for any community issues. Parish councillors are elected by the local community every 4 years and administration is carried out by the Clerk. There are six scheduled meetings a year on the second Thursday of the month commencing in January. The meetings are held in Quenington Village Hall at 7.30pm and residents are encouraged to join the meetings as there is an "open" section at the start and end of the meeting when any relevant issues can be raised. The parish may have up to seven elected councillors. The current members of the council, together with copies of the minutes of meetings and much more information can be found on the website www.queningtonvillage.uk Quenington Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the village green and playground and the running of Quenington Cemetery on Fowler's Hill, please contact the Clerk for further information (queningtonpc@gmail.com) or visit the website.

Quenington Parish Plan: Parish Plans are community led plans that set out a vision for the future of the parish. The Quenington Parish Action Plan was prepared in order to meet two objectives:

- To involve residents in the development of their own community by bringing about those small improvements that residents feel are necessary to enhance or maintain the quality of life we live here.
- To carry weight with local authorities when formulating policy which may affect us and with funding organisations to which we may apply for grants.

The latest review covers 2020-2025 and is available on the Quenington village website.

Churches

St Swithin Church: The Benefice, of which Quenington is a part, is known locally as CHQ, namely Coln St Aldwyns, Hatherop and Quenington. Services in one of the three village Churches take place each Sunday, details of all services are published in the CHEQS Community Magazine and on the Quenington village notice boards. You will be very welcome to any service. Rev Simon Brignall is available Thursday to Sunday on 01285 752662 or chqvicar@gmail.com. He is based at The Vicarage, Church Lane, Coln St Aldwyns

St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church: The local Roman Catholic Church is St Thomas of Canterbury and is in Horcott Road, Fairford. The parish priest is Father Michael Robertson Tel: 712586).

Medical Services

Doctors Surgeries

- Hilary Cottage Surgery, Keble Lawns, Fairford (Tel; 01285 712377)
Prescriptions for Quenington residents can be obtained and collected from the dispensary at the surgery. www.fairfordsurgery.co.uk
- Lechlade Medical Centre, Oak Street, Lechlade (Tel; 01367 252264)

Hospitals

- Cirencester Hospital (Tel: 01285 655711) – Nearest Minor Injuries Unit, which is open 8am to 8pm
- Swindon Great Western Hospital (Tel: 01793 604020) – **Nearest A&E Department**
- Cheltenham General Hospital (Tel: 0300 422 2222)
- Gloucester Hospital (Tel 0300 422 222)
- Fairford Hospital (Tel 0300 421 6470) - Out patient services only

Emergency Defibrillator

An emergency defibrillator is located at the village hall on the outside wall, near the front entrance. This should only be removed/used on instruction from the ambulance service AFTER dialling 999.

If you not confident in the use of a defibrillator, local trained volunteers are available to help by dialling the village emergency number 01285 610210.

There is also a defibrillator in the old telephone kiosk opposite Coln Stores in Coln St Aldwyns.

Schools

Most children in the village attend one of the following schools:

- Hatherop Primary School (Tel: 750318) www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk
- Hatherop Castle School (Tel: 750206) www.hatheropcastle.co.uk
- Fairford Primary School (Tel: 712543) www.fairford.gloucs.sch.uk
- Farmor's School (comprehensive with sixth form), Fairford (Tel 01285 712302) www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

Facilities

Quenington Village Hall

Quenington Village Hall is located just off the Green and can be hired for different activities, including wedding receptions, parties, exhibitions and meetings. Bookings can be made by on the Quenington village website www.queningtonvillage.uk or email to queningtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Shops

The nearest shop is the Coln Stores in Coln St Aldwyns, it has a wide range of food and useful products and also includes a post office and popular café. It is a Community Shop, so many of the staff are volunteers – if you are

interested in being involved then just speak to anyone on duty. More information and opening times can be found on www.colnstores.co.uk There are two local supermarkets in Fairford, the Co-op and Londis and a selection of cafés and other small shops. The nearest large supermarkets and shops are in Cirencester.

Markets are held in Fairford on Wednesday morning and Cirencester on Mondays and Fridays. There is a Farmers' Market in Cirencester on two Saturday mornings a month.

Playground

The playground is located off the village green, accessed from Snake Drive which runs past the car park for Greenview bungalows. There is a range of play equipment, a hard surfaced basketball area and a grass kickabout area with goals.

Rubbish Collection

Rubbish is collected by Cotswold District Council (01285 623000/ www.cotswold.gov.uk) on Fridays; food waste is collected weekly (small black bin) and all other waste and recycling is collected fortnightly.

Garden waste is collected in the green bin and costs £47 per year (from April), payable to the Cotswold District Council

Other rubbish, which includes general non-recyclable waste (in black bin), paper & glass (in separate black boxes), cardboard (in blue bag), and cartons, plastics & cans (in white bag). Old clothes, shoes, batteries and small electricals can also be left out for collection.

Changes to collections due to Bank Holidays are displayed on the Village Green noticeboard and Cotswold District Council website.

The nearest Household Recycling Centre is at Fosse Cross (GL54 4NW), which is open daily apart from Tuesdays.

Local Bus services

Bus services run between Cirencester – Fairford – Lechlade. Please see www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/travel for further details

Please use our local bus service whenever possible to help maintain the service.

Communications

The village has high speed broadband provided through the FASTERSHIRE scheme. You can order your landline / telephone / broadband from any of the major suppliers.

Mobile phone coverage within the village is poor but plans are underway to install a telecommunications mast just outside the village, which will improve the situation. Most of the major network suppliers have products that provide mobile phone reception within your home through your broadband service.

Library

The closest library is in Fairford on London Road. Tel 01285 712599. Opening times are available on the Glos County Council website

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

The telephone kiosk near The Keepers Arms is a local free book exchange and is well worth a visit, the books are updated regularly.

Local Information

Local information can be found on the following:

Websites: www.queningtonvillage.uk and www.whichq.net

Facebook: Quenington & Surrounding Hamlets

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/158971151827345>

Quenington Village Hall <https://www.facebook.com/Quenington-Village-Hall-128477417339737>

CHEQS magazine: Free monthly local magazine delivered to your home

Notice boards on the Green and Victoria Road

Leisure

Village Hall Activities

There are many local organisations that hold regular events/activities in the village hall and further details of the various activities can be found on the website.

- Monthly coffee mornings are held in the Village Hall on the second Saturday of the month from 10.30am to 12pm. This is a good opportunity for Quenington residents to meet each other.
- Brownies meet on Tuesdays at 6pm. Contact: Philippa Griffin 07793 562704.
- The Quenington Toddler Group meets every Monday morning in term time. Contact: Margaret Stranks 07729 129578
- Pilates classes operates every Wednesday
Contact: Fiona Wright www.fiona-wright.wix.com/fiona-pilates
- Yoga classes are held on Wednesdays at 9am. Contact: Becky Barry on sparkle1000@hotmail.com
- Stott Pilates is held on Wednesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm Contact: Carole Gardner evolvebodytherapy@gmail.com
- Coln Community Choir meet at the village hall on Monday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm. Contact mary@hatherop.com
- Messy Church meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon; it is a way of being in Church for families and others and involves Christ-centred activities for all ages.

Eating Out: Quenington has an excellent village pub called The Keepers Arms (www.thekeepersarms.co.uk), bed and breakfast is also available for visitors. Other nearby pubs are The New Inn in Coln St Aldwyns, The Victoria Inn in Eastleach, The Swan in Southrop and The Village Pub in Barnsley

A mobile fish and chip shop operates from the Xylem entrance in Springfield Road on alternate Tuesday nights. Check dates and times on <https://en-gb.facebook.com/TheCotswoldChippy/>

Quenington Car Boot Sales: Throughout the summer there are monthly Sunday morning car boot sales on the village green. Dates are advertised on the Quenington village website or for more information contact Don Downes on 01285 750304

Walking: Quenington Parish Council has produced a River Walks leaflet, describing three different walks starting in Quenington; copies are available in the telephone kiosk near The Keepers Arms, at Coln Stores or can be downloaded from www.queningtonvillage.uk on the Local Information page.

Quenington Society: Everyone in the village is automatically a member of the Quenington Society which provides a forum for a variety of events of specific and wider interest to residents of Quenington and surrounding parishes. Such events include exhibitions, illustrated talks, guided walks and local visits, etc. The chairman is Louise Russell Tel: 01285 750366 and the village archivist is Lucy Abel Smith Tel: 01285 750358

Fresh Air Sculpture: Quenington is home to the biannual outdoor sculpture show Fresh Air. It is held at The Old Rectory and attracts a lot of visitors in June/July and is well worth a visit; an educational programme runs alongside the exhibition. For more information visit www.freshairsculpture.com

Pilates Barn: The Pilates Barn offers day and evening classes. Contact is Jenny Iles (Tel: 750471) – see www.thepilatesbarn.co.uk

Coln Cinema: There is a local rural cinema that shows films in a converted barn in Coln St Aldwyns. Look out for details in the CHEQS magazine, notice boards and the Quenington village website.

Other useful numbers

- **Cotswold District Council** 01285 623000 www.cotswold.gov.uk Our local District Cllr is Ray Theodoulou email rtheo@aol.com Tel 01285 752000.
- **Gloucestershire County Council** 01452 425000. Our local County Cllr is Dom Morris email dom@dommorris.co.uk Tel 07500 894702.
- **Vet** The Bridge Veterinary Clinic, Lechlade Tel: 01367 252312
- Our **Village Agent** is Lynn Costello Tel: 0770-1281785. She provides help, advice and support to the elderly residents in our village.
- **Milk** deliveries are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Contact www.milkandmore.co.uk to find out full range of items.
- **Working for Wellbeing** is an organisation based in Fairford but also covers the nearby villages; it has been created to help residents improve their physical, mental and emotional well being. For more information on the various clubs and activities email Mary Ann Dibbs coordinator@working4wellbeing.org.uk Tel 07555 738138.

And Finally

We hope you enjoy our village as much as we all do. It is full of interesting people and offers a range of activities. As in any happy and successful community all activities rely on volunteers. If you would like to help with any of the groups or organisations, do please let one of us know, as your help will be most welcome. It will also help you to get to know other members of the community. If you have particular interests that we have not covered, maybe there will be an opportunity for you to set up a new interest group!

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