

# Welcome to Dingley

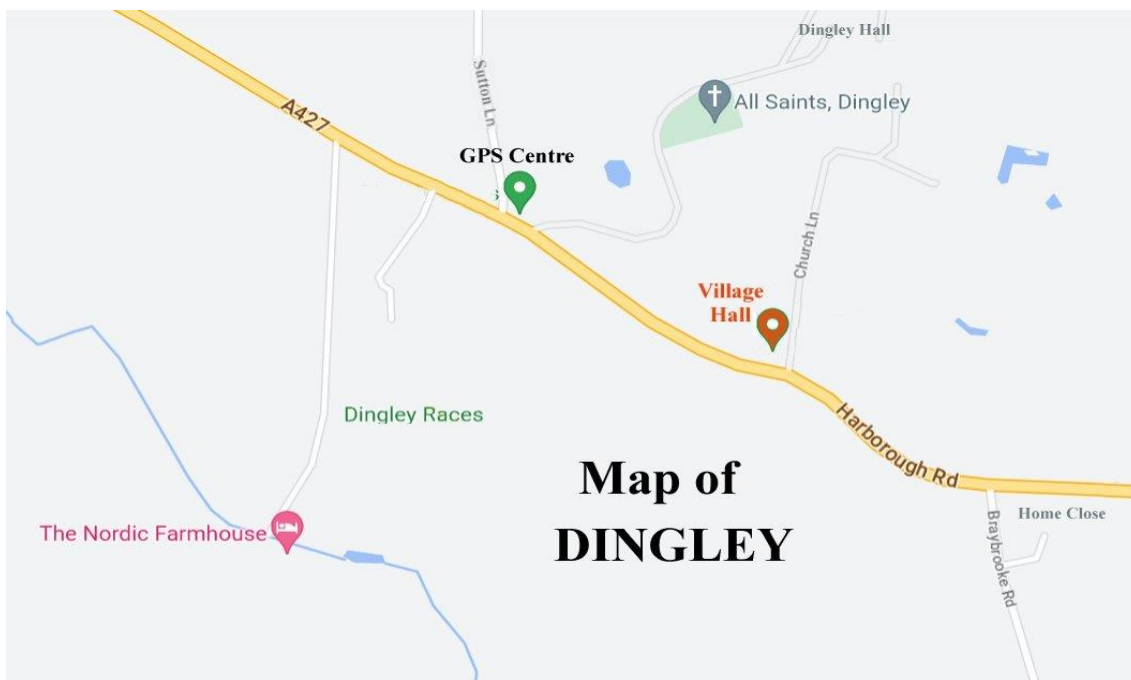
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<b>District:</b>	Kettering
<b>Unitary Authority:</b>	North Northamptonshire
<b>Region:</b>	East Midlands
<b>Height:</b>	147.4m

We hope you will enjoy your new home and find the information in this Pack helpful.

Please say hello to your neighbours and if you need help or information about anything hopefully one of them will be able to assist you. Please also add your contact details to the email list so that we can keep you in touch with Village news and events – see page 8.

Dingley is known as a "scattered" community. That is to say the homes in the Parish are spread along the A427, down Braybrooke Road and Sutton Lane (as it is known locally, but actually named Dingley Lane on Ordnance Survey and Satellite Navigation Systems), and along Church Lane and within Dingley Hall.



## The Village Hall

The Village Hall can be found near the top of Church Lane behind the last of the thatched cottages. This is probably the most important meeting place for the community. On the first Friday evening of most months there is a social event of some kind, organised by the Village Hall Committee. These range from simple Pub Nights, when the bar is open, to the fish and chip charity supper, to full blown Burns Supper. A programme of events is published in the Dingley Village Pump (more later), and flyers are delivered in advance of each one.

The Village Hall is also used for the meetings of the Parish Council, held every month except January and August.

It is also possible to hire the Village Hall for private events. This can be done by contacting any member of the Village Hall Committee.

### Village Hall Committee

Jolyon Ingham (Chair)	01858 535300	<a href="mailto:jolyon.ingham@talk21.com">jolyon.ingham@talk21.com</a>
David Adderley (Treasurer)		<a href="mailto:15consulting@btconnect.com">15consulting@btconnect.com</a>
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### Trustees

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**The Automatic Exterior Defibrillator is situated on the outside wall of the Village Hall, and is regularly checked to ensure it is in working order. The code to unlock it is available by dialling 999**

## Dingley Parish Council

The Parish Council meets regularly to discuss local issues such as planning applications, Neighbourhood Watch, safety of parish assets, rights of way, links with the Village Hall committee.

There are single projects, such as drawing up a plan for if there were an emergency that affected some or all of the village. An example of this would be if there were to be a major traffic accident on the A427, maybe involving fire or chemical spill.

Currently the Council are involved, along with interested villagers, in trying to solve the problem of heavy and speeding traffic on the A427 through the village. Alongside this, the council is in contact with the Unitary Authority councils concerning the lack of continuous footway through the village.

The meetings are attended by one of our Councillors from the Unitary Authority to act as a link with the bigger authorities. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings.

Dates of meetings are posted on the parish website and on the noticeboard on the A427 opposite the junction of Braybrooke Road.

### Councillors

Bill Jones (chair)

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Steve Dudson

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### Parish Council Clerk

Justina Medwell (clerk)

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<https://www.dingley-pc.gov.uk>

## All Saints – Dingley Parish Church

A church has stood on this site for over a thousand years. Built in 1292 by Hugh De Dingle on the site of an older place of worship, the church dates mainly from the 15<sup>th</sup> century but on the south side of the chancel and the nave the arcades are Norman. The church has a perpendicular porch which is at least 500 years old and has carved bosses in the beams of the roof, one an angel with hands folded in prayer and a very fine moustache!

The Griffin and Hungerford families, who resided at the Hall, are represented and there are two brass tablet memorials to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Viscounts Downe.

In the churchyard is a grave prepared for Admiral Lord Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, and his wife Ethel Lady Beatty. Lord Beatty was interred in Westminster Abbey, leaving Lady Beatty alone in Dingley churchyard. Also in the churchyard is one grave identified by the Wargraves Commission. There is an 'Adopt a Grave Scheme' in the churchyard, whereby some villagers look after old graves where the families are long gone.

As burials no longer take place in the churchyard, there is a cemetery next to the Village Hall at the top of Church Lane.



The Church is found by going through the blue gate set in the wall at the bottom of Church Lane. From the gate a gravel path leads you through a pleasant, gardened walk to the Norman church set on a slight mound. The walk to the church is along a wooded path set at all times throughout the year with flowers, especially

snowdrops and wild daffodils in the spring and naturalised cyclamen in the late summer.

**Rector**

Revd. Hannah Jeffery      01536 506209      [revhj@outlook.com](mailto:revhj@outlook.com)

The Community Centre  
Lower Street,  
Desborough.  
NN14 2NP

**Church Wardens:**

Jamie Robertson      01858 535573      [robertsondingley@btinternet.com](mailto:robertsondingley@btinternet.com)

## Friends of Dingley Park



On the north side of Dingley is a beautiful stretch of 100 acres of traditional parkland adjacent to Dingley Hall. This is private land, but there is a limited amount of access to it for walking.

Between October and Easter, it is possible to buy a permit to become a Friend of Dingley Park; £25.00 per season per household. From October to Easter there is no access. This is the decision of the land agent who acts for the absentee owner.

The Friends scheme is administered for the village by Councillor Steve Dudson.

Contact him for further details at [steve.dudson@gmail.com](mailto:steve.dudson@gmail.com).



## Dingley Hall



Dingley Hall sits on a high ridge overlooking the Welland Valley. Originally a foundation of the Knights Hospitallers the house and land were given to Edward Griffin, treasurer to the boy king Edward VI. During the 1550s Edward Griffin built a fine house on the site. Since then, the building has been modified many times.

The bulk of what stands today dates from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century. It remained the family home of a series of families until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

After serving as a nursing home in World War Two, the house fell into disrepair and was in danger of complete dereliction until it was rescued and converted into seven houses and three apartments.

The house and its grounds are private, and should be respected as such. However, the residents of the Hall jointly own the drive from the lodge on the A427, and the land around it, and are happy to give permission for villagers to walk there.

For obvious safety reasons, children should be under supervision, and dogs must be kept on a lead. The drive is effectively a fairly busy single-track road and should be treated as such.

## The Dingley Village Pump



The Pump is a quarterly newsletter delivered to every home in Dingley.

The Pump has details of all social events as well as other items submitted by villagers. Recent issues have covered topics such as recent social events, gardening tips, travels in South America, a look at interesting words, healthy recipes, some village history, as well as the usual Village Hall and Parish Council reports.

Submissions to the Pump are very welcome, in fact necessary or the editor would have to write it all herself. If you are reading this it is probably because you are new to Dingley, so why not introduce yourself with a short article.

Submissions to [elaine.whitesides@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.whitesides@btinternet.com) .

### Village Communication

Besides the Pump, we have two other forms of communication in the village, an **email list** and a **WhatsApp** group. If you want to join the email group, please email [dingleyvillagenews@gmail.com](mailto:dingleyvillagenews@gmail.com) (you can unsubscribe at anytime), and if you want to join the WhatsApp group, please message Mark on 07849 669754.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### MEDICAL

#### GP practices – Market Harborough

**Market Harborough Medical Centre**, 67 Coventry Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9BX

Tel: **(01858) 464242**

**Two Shires Medical Practice**, Torch Way, Market Harborough LE16 9HL

Tel: **(01858) 464242**

This is now part of the South Leicester Medical Group with surgeries in Market Harborough, Kibworth and Fleckney.

#### Minor Injuries

St Lukes Hospital, 33 Leicester Road, Market Harborough, LE16 7BN

Tel: **(01858 410300)**

Urgent Care Services (minor injury) with x-ray facilities available between 8.30am – 5pm on weekdays only.

Also: Corby Urgent Care Centre, Corby NN17 2UR Tel: (01536) 202121

#### Nearest Main NHS Hospitals

Leicester Royal Infirmary Tel: **0300 303 1573**

Leicester General Hospital Tel: **0300 303 1573**

Northampton General NHS Hospital Tel: **01604 634 700**

Kettering General NHS Hospital Tel: **01536 492 000**

## Schools

### Primary

The linked primary school for Dingley is Wilbarston School, LE16 8QN

There are several well-regarded primary schools in Market Harborough, the nearest being in Great Bowden.

Search online: primary schools near LE16 8PG for up to date Ofsted ratings.

### Secondary

Nearest to Dingley are Robert Smyth School and Welland Park Academy in Market Harborough.

Because Dingley is in Northamptonshire schools in Kettering and Corby are also available. Again, up to date information available online.

### Independent

Stoneygate Prep Leicester

Leicester Grammar School

Leicester High School

Oakham School

Uppingham School

These are probably the most accessible from Dingley

## Government

### Local Government

#### North Northamptonshire Council

Sheerness House  
41 Meadow Road  
Kettering  
Northamptonshire  
NN16 8TL

**Contact** 0300 126 3000

Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. An out-of-hours services in the event of an emergency can be reached via this number.

#### Councillors for Desborough Ward

**David Howes** 07968 348369 [david.howes@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:david.howes@northnorthants.gov.uk)

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**Michael Tebbutt** 01536 505711 [michael.tebbutt@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:michael.tebbutt@northnorthants.gov.uk)

### Member of Parliament

Dingley is in the Kettering Constituency. Our Member of Parliament is currently:

#### Philip Hollobone MP

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E-mail: [philip.hollobone.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:philip.hollobone.mp@parliament.uk)

## Refuse and Recycling in Dingley

Household Waste (black bin) and Recycling Materials (blue bin - Cardboard, Paper, Glass, Foil and tin, Plastic) are collected on alternate *Thursdays*. Bins should be left outside your property on Wednesday evening.

### Garden waste

Residents can subscribe to the garden waste service with collections every two weeks (green / grey bin). The service is charged but optional - you don't need to sign up.

To use the service, you need to subscribe (currently £40 p.a.) and have a sticker for your bin.

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/bin-collections/garden-waste>

### Local Tip

There are local tips in Market Harborough and south of Kibworth which are strictly speaking in Leicestershire but easiest to access. Our official tips are in Corby and Brixworth – see <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/find-household-waste-recycling-centre-hwrc>

## Contact Details for other services

### For all local government services including:

- Benefits
- Bereavement Services & Crematorium
- Planning & Building Control
- Comments, Compliments and Complaints
- Council Tax Billing Enquiries
- Electoral Register
- Environmental Health
- Housing Enquiries and Repairs
- Museum and Gallery
- Pest Control Enquiries
- Website Queries

See: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk>

### Milk deliveries

Milk & More do home deliveries of milk and groceries in the Dingley area – see [www.milkandmore.co.uk](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk).

### Newspaper Deliveries

No Name Services do home delivery of newspapers – contact [dname5@outlook.com](mailto:dname5@outlook.com), 01858 565472.