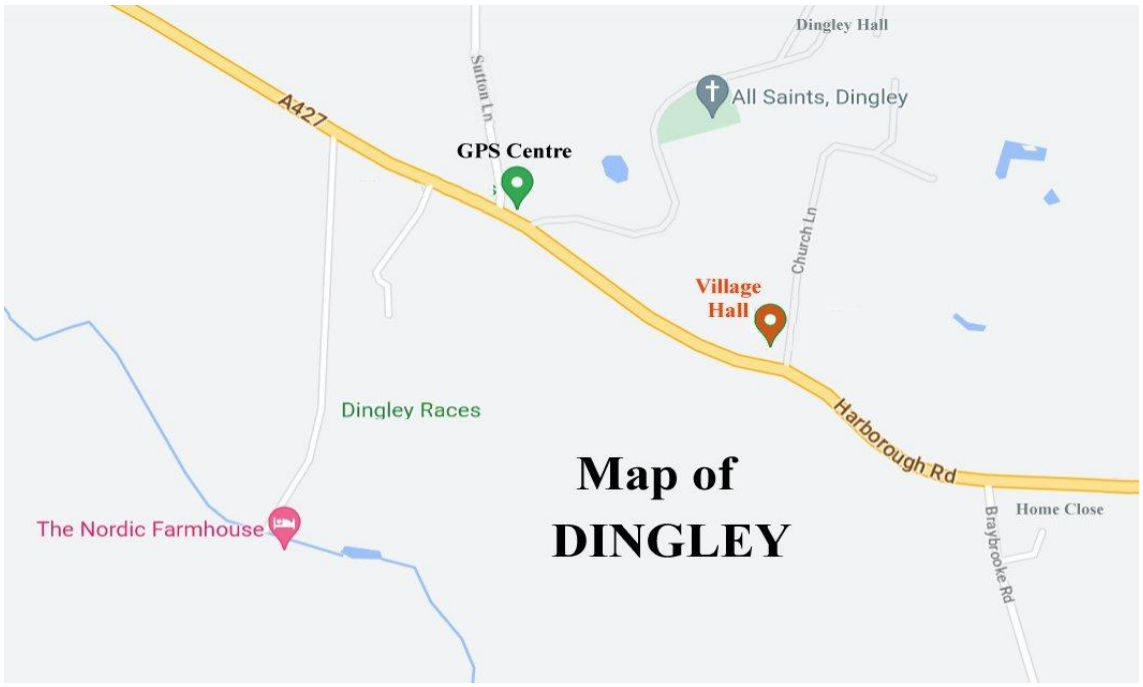
Welcome to Dingley

Updated November 2026

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

We are a friendly community so 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

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.



Village website: Dingleyvillage.co.uk

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 for some events flyers are delivered in advance of each one.

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.

If you'd like to join the committee or just help out at some events, please contact the Chair as below.

Village Hall Committee

David Plimsoll (Chair)		herald66@hotmail.co.uk
David Adderley (Treasurer)		15consulting@btconnect.com
Tony Lucas (Bookings)	01858 535201	tonylucas@aol.com
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Roger Read		roger.read@gmail.com

Trustees

Jamie Robertson	robertsondingley@btinternet.com

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, and links with the Village Hall committee. The meetings are often 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 Council website and on the noticeboard on the A427 opposite the junction of Braybrooke Road and on the Noticeboard on the Village Hall.

Councillors

Roger Read (Chair)	roger.read@gmail.com
Steve Dudson	steve.dudson@gmail.com
Elaine Lomer Wood	ea.wood@outlook.com
Laura Harding	warrenlodgefarm@gmail.com
Rebecca Winship	rebeccawinship1@googlemail.com

Parish Council Clerk

Justina Medwell (clerk)	clerk@dingley-pc.gov.uk

Council Website: https://www.dingley-pc.gov.uk

All Saints – Dingley Parish Church



A place of worship has stood on this site for over a thousand years. Built in 1292 by Hugh De Dingele, church dates mainly from the 15th 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 8th and 9th 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. As burials no longer take place in the churchyard, there is a graveyard 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
The Community Centre
Lower Street,
Desborough.
NN14 2NP

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-17th century. It remained the family home of a series of families until the mid-20th century. 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 responsibly 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.

Friends of Dingley Park

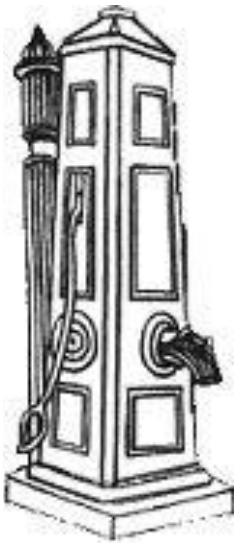
On the north side of Dingley is a beautiful stretch of 100 acres of traditional parkland adjacent to Dingley Hall. This is private land which previously residents had controlled access to, but sadly currently restricted by the landowner's agent.

Discussions continue, led by Councillor Steve Dudson (steve.dudson@gmail.com), to try and restore access.

Look out for further details which will be circulated via the Pump.

Village Communication

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, residents' travels, new residents, occasional healthy recipes, restaurant reviews, 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 at e.whitesides@btinternet.com.

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 (you can unsubscribe at anytime), and if you want to join the WhatsApp group, please message Mark on 07849 669754 or Peppy on 07598 461761.

Fitness

For the fitness minded villagers, Market Harborough has plenty of leisure and sports facilities such as the Leisure Centre on Northampton Road, Snap Fitness, Pure Gym and many others. There are also several other wellness centres such as Optimum You Yoga, Archway Health and many other health and beauty centres.

Useful Numbers

Medical

GP practices – Market Harborough

Market Harborough Medical Centre,
67 Coventry Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9BX
Tel: **(01858) 464242**

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 Great Bowden Academy and Meadowdale Primary, both of which are around a mile away from the village. They are both managed by the same Trust - Learn Academies Trust (https://www.learnat.uk). 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.

www.dingleyvillage.co.uk

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
Bill McElhinney	07359 634662	bill.mcelhinney@northnorthants.gov.uk
Harry Howes	07597 044115	harry.howes@northnorthants.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

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

Member of Parliament for the Kettering Constituency
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
Tel: 01536 414715 / 020 7219 8373 / 07979 850126
E-mail: Rosie.wrighting.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. Note – some parts of Dingley (e.g. Braybrooke Road) have a different day for bin collection so best to check with your neighbour.

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 £50 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

Bus services

Dingley is served by a single scheduled bus route and demand-responsive service, according to the latest publicly available transport data.

Bus services serving Dingley

LC11 – Market Harborough ↔ Corby
Stops in the village are Bus Shelters (Harborough Road and Church Lane).
First bus toward Dingley around 10:08, last around 17:17 on weekdays.

There is a timetable in the Church Lane bus shelter, but the service changes regularly so check the website for details.

Dingley is also covered by a demand-responsive area, bookable transport rather than a fixed timetable. Details on this service can be found via https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/demand-responsive-transport.

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.

Newspaper Deliveries

No Name Services do home delivery of newspapers – contact dnoname5@outlook.com, 01858 565472.

Local shop & Cafe

Weltons Deli and café, Great Bowden, LE16 7EU
shop@weltonsdeli.co.uk, 01858 465433

Best bakery

The Garage Bakehouse, 8 Roman Way, Market Harborough, LE16 7PQ
hello@garagebakehouse.co.uk

For advice and recommendations for other services (septic tank, heating oil, painter, plumber etc,), use the Village WhatsApp group or see the "Local" section on the website.