

# Gretton Village

## Welcome Pack



## Welcome to Gretton

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome to Gretton. We hope that the information contained in this pack will help you to settle more comfortably into your new home and the village.

Gretton is a thriving community with many excellent facilities of which we are very proud. There is a Village Hall which hosts numerous and varied events and is also available for hire by residents. In addition there is also an extensive recreation ground which, as well as being the home for our football and cricket clubs, also provides an all weather multi use games area, a BMX track and children's play areas all in a safe and traffic free environment.

Neighbours usually become your first contacts and source of information but please feel free to contact any member of the Parish Council for assistance. Lydia's Coffee Shop is a treasure trove of local information and the staff there will always do what they can to help newcomers to the village.

As residents, we trust you will soon feel and become part of this community. We have tried to gather as much useful information as possible in this pack and the Councillor responsible for it, Julie Smith, would welcome any suggestions you may have for it's improvement.

We wish you many happy years in Gretton and hope you will join us in maintaining our vibrant and friendly community.

Chairman Gretton Parish Council

## History of the Village

There have been people living in this area since pre-historic times and there have been finds from the Roman and Iron-age periods. The first recorded mention of Gretton is in the Domesday book of 1086 when the village consisted of about 400 acres of land including meadow and woodland. There were some 22 families and a priest. A manor house existed in Hall field, with its own fish ponds, and there was a watermill on the Welland.

The village has been much rebuilt over the years and has many fine stone houses dating back to the 17th century or earlier. The church as we see it today dates back to the Norman period with many later additions and changes. Until the coming of the railway in the 1870's, the village had always been dependent on agriculture. However, when the rich seams of ironstone were discovered the men were taken away from the fields and into the quarries and steelworks of Corby.

The War Memorial on the village green is unusual, though not unique, in that it records the names of all the men who served the Great War of 1914-18, with those who lost their lives being picked out in gold. It was erected, paid for public subscription, in 1925.

## Parish Councillors



Jackie Lilley - Chair



Tim Fox - Vice Chair



Mark Thompson



Julie Smith



Spencer Nicholls



Fraser Wright



Susan Husk



Fiona Blamire



Rob Newby



Jackie Clark - Parish Clerk  
[clerkgpc@btinternet.com](mailto:clerkgpc@btinternet.com)

## Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Notice of the meeting and an agenda is posted outside the post office and on the notice board outside the village hall.

Villagers are welcome to attend and have the opportunity to speak to the council at a given point during the meeting.

Previous minutes can be found on our website [www.grettonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.grettonparishcouncil.co.uk), here you will also find other useful information about the village. You will also find information about all the Parish Councillors here and how to contact us.

## Other Village Representatives

Borough Councillor: Mr Kevin Watt (Con)  
07411 005111  
[kevin.watt@corby.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.watt@corby.gov.uk)

Member of Parliament: Mr Tom Pursglove (Con)  
[pursglovet@parliament.uk](mailto:pursglovet@parliament.uk)

## Parish Church

St James the Great, Station Road, overlooking the village green.

Priest in Charge: Revered Paul Frost  
07421 301 300

Services:      Weekly      10am Wednesday, Holy Communion  
  
                         Monthly      1st Sunday 9am Church Family Service  
                                              2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9am  
                                              Holy Communion

## Baptist Church

High Street, opposite the Blue Bell Public House

Minister: Reverend Peter Lloyd  
01536 772155

Services:      Sunday      10.15am morning worship  
                                              (including childrens club)

## Village Hall

The Village Hall, situated on Kirby Road, is the centre of many Village Events. It has bar facilities and is available for Private Hire. Please contact Jackie Cunningham on 01536 772672/07583961590 for further information or see the notice board outside.

## Health

### General Practitioners

Gretton Surgery, Kirby Road is a subsidiary of Uppingham Surgery and is open Monday 8.30 - 11.00, Tuesday 8.30 - 11.30 and Thursday 3.30 - 5.30. Telephone 01536 770488 for appointments.

There are various Surgeries in both Corby and Uppingham and choose from.

### Hospital

Kettering General is the closest Accident and Emergency department

Corby Lakeside has an 8 - 8 drop in centre for minor injuries

### Dentist

Corby and Uppingham have various dentists to choose from.

### Vets

Corby and Uppingham have various Vets to choose from.

## Education

- Pre School: Chirpy Chicks, Kirby Road  
01536 771711  
chirpychicks@btinternet.com
- Primary: Gretton Primary Academy, Kirby Road  
01536 770366  
www.grettonprimary.org.uk
- Secondary: There are various Secondary Schools in the local area. Uppingham Community College and Corby Business Academy are both popular choices

## Police

There is a Policemember who covers the rural area and we receive support from Police Community Support officers who can be contacted on 101, use this number to report non emergency cases.

## Fire Station

Located on Phoenix Parkway, Corby just past Asda Supermarket

## Library

There is an excellent Library located in the Cube at Corby open every day except Sunday.



## Sports Facilities

Again we are very lucky to have some excellent facilities both in the village and locally.

Situated just off Kirby Road is the Recreation Ground which host's football and cricket matches. In addition to this we have the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and Children's Play area. The MUGA is bookable via [bookthemuga@gmail.com](mailto:bookthemuga@gmail.com).

The Pocket Park opposite Gretton House has a Petanque Court which is available to all.

Corby boasts a recently built swimming complex which is fantastic facility. Telephone 01536 464643 for Swimming times and events, also swimming clubs that are run.

## Village Clubs

There are lots of different clubs in the Village to get involved in. A full list can be found at [www.gretton.info](http://www.gretton.info).

All sorts of clubs run including WI, bowls, gardening, netball, cricket, football, folk, history, Silver Band, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Please see the website for full contact information.

## Shopping

Lydia's Coffee Shop is located by the Village Green. They have a selection of household essentials on offer plus various sweets and biscuits. Newspapers can be ordered for daily pick up by prior arrangement. Tuesday and Friday mornings the mobile post office is also available here.

The Cottage Salon, situated on Kirby Road is run by Esther on 01536 770202

Corby town centre is a 15 minute drive away and has all the usual shops and supermarkets.

## Hostelries

Over the years there have been a large number of watering holes in the village, at one point as many as 14, currently we are down to 3.

### The Blue Bell Inn



Located opposite the Baptist Church.

Contact Pete or Nicola  
01536 770404

### The Hatton Arms



Located on Arnhill Road  
Contact Neil or Julie  
01536 770268  
[www.thehattonarms.com](http://www.thehattonarms.com)

Also the Sports and Social Club can be found on the Recreation Ground

Lydia's Coffee Shop is by the Village Green, they are open for Coffee, Cake and light lunches. Call 01536 772272 for details.

## Local Attractions

**Corby** is the nearest large town to Gretton situated approximately 5 miles away. It is a fast growing town and has an extensive shopping centre, restaurants, cinema, an international swimming pool and the Corby Cube, which houses the Borough Council and also a theatre

**Uppingham** is a market town 4 miles north of Gretton. With a wealth of history and a range of speciality shops and traditional retailers. The town's weekly market is held on a Friday morning.

**Rockingham Castle** is an amazing Norman Castle built under the instruction of William the Conqueror. Great for a family day out 3 miles from Gretton.

**East Carlton Country Park** situated 6 miles from Gretton and makes a lovely day out for the whole family with its nature walks, cafe and special events.

**Stamford** is 12 miles away on the river Welland. It was proclaimed by Sir Walter Scott as "the finest stone town in England". It has over 600 listed buildings of mellow limestone in the town centre including five medieval churches.

**Kirby Hall** is an Elizabethan country house located 3 miles away but still within the Parish of Gretton. The buildings and gardens are owned by the Earl of Winchilsea and managed by English Heritage.

**Rutland Water** is one of the largest man made lakes in Europe situated 10 miles north of Gretton. It is truly a beautiful location with a full range of water sports, cycling and pleasant walks with cafes and restaurants.

**Eyebrook Reservoir** is 5 miles away and specialises solely in fly fishing with no other water users, offering a haven of peace and tranquillity.

