

Welcome to Lacey Green and Loosley Row

Congratulations on moving to our village – The Village Hall Committee would like to welcome you and try to help you settle in quickly. This document contains reference information that we believe will be of use to you. It will inform you as to 'What's On', contact phone numbers and emails for village organisations. This information is also published online at www.laceygreen.com. Please give me any feedback to help improve the information, email mike.piercy@gmail.com

Community information

Our community is based around the Village Hall (aka Millennium Hall) and most village events are held here. Some events are also held in St John's School Hall, the Sports Club pavilion next door and the Church opposite. See contact details on last page. Regular weekly sessions include:

Day	Time	Function	Location
Every Monday	14.00	Short Mat Bowls Club	Millennium Hall
Every Monday	18.00	Karate	Millennium Hall
Tuesday	Morning	Yoga with Claire	Millennium Hall
1st Tuesday of the month	12.15	Over 50s Pub Lunch Club	Black Horse
Every Wednesday	Morning	Pilates with Rosie	Millennium Hall
Every Wednesday (April - Sept)	Evening	Whiteleaf Bowmen	Millennium Hall
1st Wednesday of the month	19.45	Windmill WI	Millennium Hall
2nd Wednesday of the month	10.30	Happy Wanderers walks	Millennium Hall
3rd Wednesday of every other month	20.00	Horticultural Society presentations	Millennium Hall
4th Wednesday of the month	20.00	University of the 3rd age	Millennium Hall
Every Thursday	10.00 – 12n	Coffee morning	Millennium Hall
Every Wednesday	Morning	Pilates	Millennium Hall
Every Thursday (April - Sept)	Evening	Whiteleaf Bowmen	Millennium Hall
Alternate Fridays	19.30	Youth Club	Millennium Hall

The Thursday coffee morning and the over 50's pub Lunch (First Tuesday of the month) are aimed to let newcomers meet other residents – come along and make some new friends. Your kids are welcome to join the Youth Club. Contact names and emails are on the website.

We have fibre broadband in the village and 40MB downloads appear to be easily obtainable. Gigaclear has installed fibre cables direct to most of our houses: this will enable much faster speeds.

There is

- a village website at www.laceygreen.com which contains local news and an index to all the house names in the village - click to open a map of the street its in – and much more.
- Facebook pages "What's happening in Lacey Green" and "The Risborough Community Grapevine" contain local (Princes Risborough) gossip blogs.

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Shopping

A travelling Post Office is open in the hall on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9am to noon. The nearest full time post office is in Naphill in the convenience shop half a mile short of Coombe Hill and Hughenden. The last post collection is at 16.00 from Speen village store and post office.

The village shop (Londis) sells a wide range of top-up goods. The next closest commercial shop to us is Speen Village Stores. They have a good range of essentials and do some nice deli products and bread. The nearest full service store is the Coop in Walters Ash opposite the petrol station. Risborough has a Tesco, M & S Food, a Co-op and also a street market on Thursday. McColls newsagents in Risborough will deliver daily papers and magazines to Lacey Green, though with a steep delivery charge.

Council Services

The Parish Council looks after some sites and arranges grass cutting. Email clerk@laceygreen-pc.com

Buckinghamshire Council arranges various services – notably refuse collection. The bin men come every week see www.mywycombe.wycombe.gov.uk for their schedule (and lots of other information). They will take away almost anything for recycling including glass bottles. If you have bulky waste to dispose of then the nearest recycling site is at Wigans Lane (HP14 4BH) near Bledlow Ridge.

Health

Lacey Green is in the catchment area for 2 large doctors' practices. Hughenden Valley Surgery (HP14 4LG) <http://www.ourpractice.co.uk/> and The Cross Keys Practice, High Street, Princes Risborough. HP27 0AX Tel: 01844-344488 <http://www.crosskeyspractice.co.uk/index.htm>.

There are 2 pharmacies in Risborough. The Numark next to M&S has a much better reputation than the ones in the High Street. If you need obscure medicines at short notice then the Midnight Pharmacy on Frogmoor Road in High Wycombe can fill prescriptions that the mainstream chemists find difficult.

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The nearest A&E is at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The hospital in High Wycombe has a minor illness and injury clinic but they don't deal with anything life-threatening. (It also has a specialist Heart and Stroke Unit but direct access is only via emergency ambulance.)

There is no vet in Risborough. Popular vets are Sprinz and Nash in Thame, Temple End in High Wycombe and Wendover Heights in Halton and Prestwood.

Transport

Our village lies on the Redline 300 route between Aylesbury and High Wycombe with a service every 15 minutes at busy times. The X30 goes along the bottom road A4010 and does not come through Lacey Green. **NB:** *The pick-up point in Risborough High St is in the one way system so ensure the 300 you get on is heading for Wycombe to come home and not Aylesbury.*

The bus station in High Wycombe links to many nearby towns and the airports. There are regular fast coach services on the motorway between London and Oxford and the airports; some people drive to M40 Junction 11 near Chinnor to catch the coaches as they halt beneath the motorway here. However car parking is not secure.

Princes Risborough train station is served by Chiltern Railways and they provide good services to London, Oxford, Birmingham and Stratford.

Taxis are always available at High Wycombe station (Yellow Cars 01494 444402). Many local taxi firms compete for business – see adverts on our website.

Sports

The Sports Club plays on the fields beside the school (opposite the church). It has a nice pavilion with a bar. The club has two cricket teams – contact Stephanie Dell 07768 831196 or steph.dell@btinternet.com. The tennis section is very active with a good junior programme. They play all year round with floodlights. Contact Nigel Glenister 01844 342771 or ne.glenister@btinternet.com.

There is a commercial gym in the village which has machines and free weights. It focuses on evening circuit training classes not ad-hoc use. See woodbyne.co.uk. There is a conventional gym and swimming pool in Risborough see www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/risborough-springs-swim-and-fitness-centre

The local football team is Risborough Rangers. They have adult and youth sections and are keen for new people to join in (or just support them). The most popular mainstream football team in the area is Wycombe Wanderers.

Badminton is played in the Risborough Community Centre and there is a snooker club in Risborough High Street at the Literary Institute see <http://prsnookerclub.co.uk/>

Short Mat Bowls in the Village Hall every Monday afternoon from 2pm. Contact Leigh Axe on 01844 345216 or just come along – they have spare bowls and some lousy players.

Retailers

Other than the Londis grocer shop in Main Road opposite the Village Hall, there are two retail businesses in the village.

- Widmer Feeds in Pink Road has a warehouse of pet foods and many equine services.

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- Gomme's Forge in Loosley Row sells wrought iron and metal furnishings for the home. They also do special commissions for foundry work.
- There is a commercial day care nursery behind Grymsdyke Farm past the Church.

If your **car needs servicing** McDonald Motors behind Risborough station provides an excellent quality service at low price. Risborough Coachworks on New Road also has a good reputation for servicing, tyres and bodywork repairs. Alternatively going towards High Wycombe there is Manor Garage in Walters Ash (HP14 4TH) who also have a good reputation for helpfulness.

If you have **DIY needs** for your new house there is a good builders' merchants – Buildbase in Hughenden Valley (HP14 4LG). Bryants in Longwick (HP27 9SG), provide fences, timber and mower servicing and Country Supplies in Walters Ash (HP14 4UZ - on right past RAF base) can provide every type of paving, outdoor materials and compost.

The nearest large **garden centre** is in Haddenham (HP17 8HN) or there's a small one at Hidreth's in Prestwood.

Chilterns walks and cycling

You have moved into a superb area of outstanding national beauty. The National Trust owns a lot of land near here where you can walk freely. The nearest National Trust property is Hughenden Manor. You can walk from Hughenden up to Downley Common, through the ancient woods of Naphill Common into Bradenham Woods beside RAF Air Command. You and your (well-behaved) dog can run freely across all this land. "The Friends of Naphill Common" organise occasional guided nature walks.

The Chiltern Society owns and tends various nature reserves in the area; they also welcome walkers. They sell a wide range of footpath maps and publish recommended walks on their website. The Society maintains Lacey Green Windmill – the oldest smock mill in the country. This is open to visitors on summer Sunday afternoons and is a really interesting visit when your friends come to stay.

The Chiltern Cycleway for cyclists provides a marked circular route and the Ridgeway path goes through the edge of the parish. The Phoenix Trail is an old railway track from Risborough to Thame which has been turned into a leisure footpath and cycleway see <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/route/phoenix-trail-princes-risborough-to-thame>

Princes Risborough Visitor Centre also has a set of recommended circular walks in the area. The Centre is located in the public library at the top of the High Street.

The Happy Wanderers are a village walking club that organise local walks each month, on Sundays, they are very social. Contact Liz Lewin on 01844 274961.

The Arts

A well-established drama group (Equus) is based in the village. They put on frequent plays in this village and nearby locations. They are always keen to find new actors and backstage helpers. Watch the website for coming shows.

The West Wycombe Fine Arts Society hold monthly Village Hall meetings with speakers (1045am 3rd Wed of month) and organise cultural visits. Contact: info@theartsocietywestwycombe.org.uk

There are some groups of Artists in the local area who get together for support and to run some shows in the village hall – watch for adverts.