

DIRECTORY OF COUNCILS AND CLUBS WITH LOCAL INFORMATION

MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD 1999

With the compliments of the Parish Council

Elected Members:

Mr Graham Collett – Chairman	Mrs Sheena Walker – Vice Chairman	
Mr George Harrison	Mr Arthur Hunt	Mr Peter Rawlins
Mr Michael Burson	Mr Ian Marsden	Mr Rodney Rose

Clerk – Mrs Esther Parsons 831365

Council Meetings are held in the Village Hall
on the third Wednesday of each month

Milton-under-Wychwood is a parish in the West Oxfordshire District. Its 2,080 acres stretch from the River Evenlode in the NE to Crows Castle, over the Downs in the SW.

For most of the last century Milton was a hamlet or township in the parish of Shipton-under-Wychwood although Milton had been the larger of the two villages (at least since 1811) with more inhabited buildings and more numerous population. Significantly, it was Shipton which had the larger houses such as Shipton Court, Lodge and Prebendal. In that time Milton's local management was conducted by the Vestry which met at the Butcher's Arms or Quart Pot until the vestry came with the building of the Parish Church in 1854.

Milton became a separate Civil Parish in 1894, and together with Lyneham and Bruern, became a separate Ecclesiastical Parish in 1895. The first parish meeting was held in 1894, and since then the Parish Council has been the village's tier of local government.

The enclosures of 1849, followed by the deforestation of the Wychwood Forest and the construction and arrival of the railway, not only changed the landscape, but created work. This led to an increase in the population of 84% between 1811 and 1871. But once those work sources dried up and were coupled with the slump in agriculture, there was a decline of 26% in the population from 1871 to 1911, with many seeking work in the Antipodes and the New World as well as in the industrial areas of this country.

Since the Second World War Milton's population has more than doubled between 1951 and 1981, as has the number of inhabited buildings, with most of the new buildings erected in the 1970s.

In 1951 Milton's population was 714 persons living in 249 households; which has risen to 1,475 persons in 550 households by the census in 1981.

Between 1981 and 1991 (the last census) the population had risen by another 10% to 1,634 living in 14% more households (630). The car population also rose in the same decade by 42% to 848 in 1991, and there was a 70% increase in the number of households with more than one car. Many regret the proliferation of the motor car, but, when going to work only 8% of Milton's persons walked, whereas 69% of the working population need a car.

In spite of the above changes and those created by the modern lifestyle Milton has gained something of a reputation among the local Estate Agents as being a 'friendly village'. With your help, the Parish Council will try to keep it so.

(Figures from the Census Village Profiles)

Oxford County Councillor – Mr R Rose 01993 830584

District Councillor – Mr N Owen 01993 830875

Wychwood Primary School

Headmaster – Mr G Padmore 01993 830059

PTA

Mr M Stacey, Secretary 01993831452

Wychwood Surgery

High Street, Milton-Under-Wychwood

Emergencies and Out of Hours 01993 830260

Appointments and repeat prescriptions 01993 831061

Places of Worship

Parish Church of St Simon and St Jude

Vicar – Rev. Michael Williams 01993 830257

Parochial Church Council

Secretary – Mr J Burgis 01993 830553

Baptist Church

Secretary 01993 830153

Library – Wychwoods Branch 01993 830281

British Red Cross

Mrs M Bradley 01993 830431

Lady Reade Educational Trust

Grants can be made to apprentices and school leavers for further educational expenses such as books and tools.

Applicants must be a resident in the Parishes of Milton, Shipton, Leafield or Ramsden.

Trustee – Mrs Sheena Walker (Milton Rep) 01993 831968

Milton Welfare Trust

Grants can be made to relieve hardship, need and distress

Clerk - Mr John Naish 01993 830213

Allotments have been provided in Bruern Road.

Anyone interested please contact the Clerk.

Playgroup

Sue Childe 01451 810042

Village Hall Management

Chairman Mr J Miller, 4 Pear Tree Close 01993 830369

Bookings Mrs V Miles 01993 831442

Royal British Legion (Women's Section)

Chair Person Mrs Cicely Miller 01993 830369

Evergreen Fellowship

Persons over 60, their spouses, and widows over 55

Alternate Fridays in the village hall, April to October 7pm

Mrs Joyce Dore 01993 830474

Mother's Union

First Tuesday in the month 2.30pm in the Church Room

Branch Leader - Mrs Hilary Soden 01993 831226

Women's Institute

Third Tuesday in the month at the Village Hall

Secretary - Mrs Rosemary Hartley 01993 830776

Cricket Club

Secretary - Mrs Davey 01993 831889

Football Club

Secretary - Mr Robin Perry 01993 830177

Wychwood Boys Football Club

Secretary - Mrs K Perry 01993 830177

Bowls Club

Secretary Mrs S Cambray 01993 830774

Wychwood Handicraft Society

Secretary - Mrs J Brooks 01993 830014

Milton-Under-Wychwood Allotments and Garden Society

Secretary - Mrs Thorpe 01993 830616

Wychwood History Society

Meetings on Thursday from September to May.

Alternate months in Shipton and Milton Village Halls 7.30pm

Secretary - Mrs Wendy Pearce 01993 831023

Milton Millennium Fund

For further details or to join the weekly draw please contact

Secretary - Mrs Sheena Walker 01993 831968

Toddlers

Milton Village Hall Monday PM

Contact - Mrs Leslie Blackwell 01993 831861

Wychwood Rainbows

Mrs Fiona Currie 01993 831706

Wychwood Brownies

Brown Owl - Mrs Roz Harrison 01993 830841

Wychwood Guides

Mrs Tracey Dixon 01451 810478

Mrs Sally Summerhill 01993 831689

LOCAL POLICE STATION

Carterton 01993 893951

Area Beat Officer (Community Policeman) PC Dave Rich

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The Parish Council of Milton Under Wychwood meets on the third Wednesday of each month and parishioners are welcome. The Chairman gives an opportunity for Villagers to express concerns or comments at the beginning of the meeting.

At our June meeting concern was expressed regarding the overhanging of trees and hedges onto public footpaths and the highway. Not only does this make it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely but in some cases is obscuring the lighting.

Could you check the trees and hedges which border your property and carry out the necessary trimming and cutting back?

It has also been noticed that because of the constant need to park vehicles in the high street, the roadsweeper is unable to clear and sweep the gullies. Perhaps residents could be aware of this and try to keep the path and gully in front of their property clear.

Thank you