

Hunton



*Welcomes
You*

A warm welcome from all of us in Hunton!

This welcome pack has been designed to help you settle in a little easier, providing details of local facilities and amenities in the surrounding area. We hope you will enjoy living in this lovely village.

Emergencies, Doctors & Dentists, Police & Fire

Always dial **999** in the case of an emergency – **if life is in danger or a crime is in progress**.

Call **101** for police non-emergencies. See www.kent.police.uk
101 is available 24 hours, 7 days a week

If deaf or speech impaired text '**police**' and your message to **60066**

Hunton has an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme operating. Huntonwatch is run by Sue and Steve Wyles with the support of a number of local co-ordinators each looking after a different area of our village. For further details, and/or to join Huntonwatch, please contact Sue and Steve at huntonwatch@gmail.com. or call them on 07907 019996.

Hospitals, Doctors & Dentists

The nearest A&E is at Maidstone Hospital Hermitage Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME16 9QQ. There is also Pembury Hospital with A&E at Tonbridge Road, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4QJ. Contact phone number for both hospitals is 0845 155 1000. Limited fee-paying parking is available at both hospitals.

Call 111 (24 Hour Service) if:

- You need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency
- You think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service
- You don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call
- You need information or reassurance about what to do next

Call 999 only in a life-threatening emergency

Local doctors and dental surgeries are in Coxheath, Marden and Yalding. All details on finding your nearest A&E, GP and Dentist can be found at **NHS Choices** www.nhs.uk

Greensand Health Centre, Heath Road, Linton, ME17 4NU	01622 745585
Marden Medical Centre, Church Green, Marden, TN12 9HP	01622 831257
Yalding Surgery, Burgess Bank, Benover Road, ME18 6ES	01622 814380

If you have trouble getting registered, please contact Kent Primary Care Agency, 11 Station Road, Maidstone, ME14 1QH 01622 655000

Your local pharmacy is also a good source of help and advice for minor ailments. Late night and Sunday pharmacies can be found online. Nearest pharmacy is:

Coxheath Pharmacy, Heath Road, Coxheath

01622 745567

Further advice can be found at www.healthhelpnow-nhs.net

Refuse Collection

Refuse is collected every Monday. The recycling waste is collected fortnightly alternating each week with the normal waste. Food waste (to be disposed of in the small bin) is collected weekly. More items can be recycled such as glass and plastic food trays. A new service is also being introduced to collect textiles and small electrical items. See www.maidstone.gov.uk for more details.

Waste and Recycling Centre

Our nearest is at: Burial Ground Lane Tovil Maidstone ME15 6RJ. For more information on what you can recycle see www.kent.gov.uk for more details.

Local Transport

Buses: www.nu-venture.co.uk

22 – Maidstone, Tovil, East Farleigh, Hunton East Street, Chainhurst, Collier Street, Marden, Goudhurst

25 – Maidstone, Tovil, Gallants Lane, Hunton West Street, Bensted Close, Yalding, Benover, Laddingford.

26 – As above.

Please check website for times.

Trains (stations) and parking:

Hunton is near two stations: Paddock Wood and Marden station to London and Ashford. Paddock Wood also serves the Medway Valley Branch Line to Strood. For more details see www.southeasternrailway.co.uk. Both car parks are fee paying. If you are travelling from Marden after 08:15 there is **free** parking behind the library.

There are trains from Maidstone East on the Ashford to Victoria line and you can go to Barming Station for this line.

Maidstone West is on the Medway Valley line but additionally has some high-speed trains going to St Pancras.

Post Offices & Post Boxes

The village does not have a post office. You can find these in the surrounding villages of Yalding, Marden and Coxheath. They are open Monday to Friday 08:00 – 17:30 and 08:30 – 17:30 on Saturday but if it is quiet they close earlier, about 16:30. Yalding Post Office closes at 12:30 on Wednesday and Saturday. If you bank with

any of the following you can withdraw money and pay in cash and cheques at the Post Office. www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder

Information copied from the Post Office website:

Access the cash in your bank account

We offer two options when it comes to withdrawing cash from your bank account.

- **Counter service:** you can withdraw cash and check the balance of your bank account **free of charge** over the counter in any of our 11,500 branches.
- **ATMs:** we have over 2,100 **free-to-use** ATMs. Use our **branch finder tool** to locate an ATM in a branch near you, don't forget to select ATM from the dropdown box.

Deposit into your bank account

It is also free to deposit money into most major bank accounts at the counter in any of our branches.

- **Convenient:** a simple, safe and free counter service
- **Helpful:** check your balance while you're depositing your cash or cheque

Banking Services

Current & basic accounts	Make cash withdrawals and balance enquiries in branch	Deposit cash and cheques in branch
Bank of Ireland	✓	✓
Bank of Scotland	✓	
Barclays	Cash withdrawals only	✓
Cahoot (current account only)		✓
Clydesdale Bank	✓	✓
Danske Bank	✓	✓
First Direct		✓
First Trust Bank (basic account only)	✓	
Halifax	✓	✓
HSBC (basic account only)	✓	
Lloyds TSB	✓	✓
Nationwide Building Society	✓	
NatWest	✓	
Santander (accounts opened with Alliance & Leicester before July 2010)	✓	✓

Smile	✓	✓
The Co-operative Bank	✓	✓
The Royal Bank of Scotland	✓	
Ulster Bank	✓	
Yorkshire Bank (basic account only)	✓	

There are three post boxes: two located on East Street; one at the junction of East Street and Hunton Hill and the other just past Redwall Lane; and one on West Street opposite the Primary School (at the corner of Grove Lane).

Shops & Markets

Coxheath has a good number including a newsagent, chemist, vet, wool shop/haberdashers at Clockhouse Farm, library, small supermarket, Tesco convenience store, bakery, and an off licence. There is a café and a number of takeaways: Chinese, Indian, Fish & Chips. There is a large Shell petrol station at Linton crossroads. www.coxheath.net

Marden has a butcher, two Indian restaurants (with takeaway facilities), Chinese takeaway, fish and chip/kebab shop, small supermarkets, newsagent, library, bakery, chemist, barbers, hairdressers, tool repair shop, petrol station, beauty salon, and vets. www.mardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Yalding has a small supermarket, café, library, Indian restaurant, and the post office. www.yaldingpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Larger shops include:

Tesco - Farleigh Hill, Tovil, Maidstone, ME15 6RQ

Lidl - 1A Farleigh Hill Maidstone Kent ME15 6RG

Waitrose - Church Road, Paddock Wood, TN12 6EX

Morrison's - Sutton Road, Maidstone, ME15 9NN

Aldi – Langley Park Centre, Maidstone, ME17 3FU

Sainsbury's - Quarry Wood Industrial Estate, Mills Road, Aylesford, ME20 7NA

All supermarkets with on-line shopping facilities will deliver to Hunton.

There is a large farmers' market shop at Teston. The address is: Tonbridge Road, Teston, Maidstone, ME18 5BU. It is in a large barn with a big selection of fruit and vegetables, pet food, logs and kindling and fish on Thursdays. There is another Farm Shop at Loddington Lane, Boughton Monchelsea, along the Heath Road.

There are some Farmers' Markets in the area – best to check them out online.

Maidstone is not far away with plenty of shops and a market at Lockmeadow on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Paddock Wood is useful for shops, a local department store, and a NatWest Bank.

Tunbridge Wells also has a wide range of shops and other facilities.

Pubs/Clubs

The Hunton Village Club is a members' only Club, but you can visit three times before deciding if you want to become a member. Annual membership, running from January to December, is £25 (£15 for those over 65). The Club has a variety of activities taking place over the course of the year with a good and varying selection of beers and ales. Local interest groups also use the Village Club as a meeting place. For more information about the club check out their website www.huntonvillageclub.co.uk or see the village diary for events.

Hunton Village Club opening hours

Wed 8-11pm, Fri 6:30-10:30pm, Sun 8-10.30pm

There are local pubs in East Farleigh, Marden, Benover and Yalding.

Village Hall

The Village Hall on West Street is used for many different activities. The hall can be hired for weddings and parties – please contact the Bookings Secretary through the website www.huntonvillagehall.uk for more information.

Schools

We are lucky to have a pre-school and a primary school in the village: Hunton Pre-School (01622 820309) based in the village hall, and Hunton C E Primary School at Bishops Lane (01622 820360).

Hunton C E Primary School is a small rural primary school, rated Good by Ofsted in 2021. It is a 'Good' Church of England School. The school has strong links with the local community and welcomes volunteers and visitors. Please contact the school office for further information or a tour of our school. www.huntonschool.co.uk

Church

St Mary's Church is situated opposite the Village Hall on West Street. For information on church services see the village diary, the Hunton Herald and/or contact the Reverend Lorna Faulkner 01622 747570 or Rev David Jones 01622 741474

Libraries

Coxheath, Marden and Yalding all have libraries. Check kent.gov.uk for opening times.

Member of Parliament, Local Government and Parish Council

MP

Katie Lam – katie.lam.mp@parliament.uk

Your local County and Borough Councillors

Cllr Robert Ford (Kent County)	robert.ford@kent.gov.uk
Cllr Mike Summersgill (Maidstone Borough)	michaelsummersgill@maidstone.gov.uk
Cllr Claudine Russell (Maidstone Borough)	claudinerussell@maidstone.gov.uk
Cllr Grace Couch (Maidstone Borough)	gracecouch@maidstone.gov.uk

Parish Councillors & Parish Clerk

Cllr David Heaton (Chairman of Parish Council)	dhhuntonpc@gmail.com
Cllr Iain Simmons	isimmons@huntonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Tony Stanbridge	tshuntonpc@gmail.com
Cllr Mike Summersgill	msummersgill@huntonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Cllr Annette Trought	annette@trought.com
Cllr Simon Webb	simon.webb5@btinternet.com
Cllr Stephen Banks	sbanks@huntonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Sharon Goodwin (Parish Clerk)	clerk@huntonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Minutes of meetings and agendas for forthcoming meetings are available on-line through the village website www.huntonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Notification of meetings can also be found in the noticeboards. To contact the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@huntonparishcouncil.gov.uk or ring 01622 681238.

Communications and Publications

- **Wealden Advertiser.** A free weekly magazine with a diary of local events in the Weald of Kent and advertisers. Available from Marden train station and local newsagents every Thursday.
- **Wealden Times.** A free glossy magazine featuring lifestyle news and information from villages in the Weald. Available from Waitrose, Paddock Wood.
- **Kent Messenger.** Local weekly newspaper with event listings and local events. On sale every Friday in local shops. Also, online www.kentonline.co.uk/kent_messenger/where_i_live/f-k/hunton.aspx
- **Hunton Herald.** A free monthly publication sent to each household in the village containing news and articles about Hunton as well as events and advertisements from local companies and tradesmen.
- **Village Website.** The website is a good source for Parish Council minutes and agendas as well as other local information. www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk
- **Village events.** Events are listed on the website. The website also has a notices section.
- **Hunton Facebook page.** We have a Facebook page listing village news, event information and photos.
- **Hunton Kent - Community Group on Facebook.** This is a closed group where members can pass on information, offer and request help, sell or give away items no longer required.
- **Noticeboards.** Information about local events and Parish Council news can be found in the notice boards. There are several in the village: outside the Village Hall (West Street), outside the Village Club (West Street) and East Street at the junction of Redwall Lane.
- **Twitter.** Hunton is also on Twitter.

Newspaper deliveries. The newsagents at Coxheath provide a newspaper delivery service extending to the residents of Hunton. Your paper can be delivered early in the morning before you leave for work.

Some of the Events that take place during the Year

Snowdrop display in the churchyard
Village Club run a series of events throughout the year
Hunton CEP School May Fayre
Various lunches held in the Village Club
Local walks around the village including lunch afterwards
Harvest Supper
Christmas Fayre
Christmas and other services at the church including Hunton CEP School Nativity and Christingle Service
Steam Train Day

Please look out for the dates on the village diary, the website, Hunton Herald and Hunton Facebook page.

Local Clubs and Interest Groups

You will be welcome to join these groups which are run by volunteers and, if you can spare some time, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Bell ringing	Friday evenings at St Mary's West Street. Contact Michael Webb 01622 745716
Bowls Club	Membership Secretary Angela Baptie angela.baptie@btinternet.com
Church and Churchyard tidy up group	Contact Lesley Lee on lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or 01622 820210 for more details or see village diary for dates and times. Tidying up includes cleaning inside the church and gardening in the churchyard.
Cricket Club	Contact the Secretary Andrew White 07837 490641 andrew.white@version1.com https://hwcc.play-cricket.com
Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts	Some groups meet at Boughton Monchelsea. Check scouts.org.uk .
Darts	Two darts teams play on Wednesday evenings at the village club. One plays on a traditional

	<p>doubles board and the other on a standard trebles board. Both play in local leagues with weekly matches against other local pubs and clubs.</p> <p>Pop into the club on a Wednesday to ask for info.</p>
Girl Guides	<p>www.girlguidingkentweald.org.uk Use 'Contact Us' section to email and the message will be passed on.</p>
Hunton Football Club	<p>Contact Scott Elliott – scott.elliott@medway.gov.uk</p>
Gardening Group	<p>Contact Lesley Lee for more details or look at the village website and diary for more information. lesley.a.lee@btinternet.com or 01622 820210</p>
Hunton Herald	<p>Editors change every month huntonherald@outlook.com</p>
Hunton Book Group	<p>8pm on 2nd Thursday of the month. Co-ordinator Chris Summersgill. Venue: Village Club, West Street</p>
Hunton Ladies Group	<p>1st Tuesday of the Month in the Club Christine Summersgill c.a.summersgill@btinternet.com</p>
Hunton Run Club	<p>Adam Moore mail@adammoore.net 07766 566449</p>
Hunton Walking Group	<p>Usually 2nd and 4th Monday in the month. Contact Jane Langdon ejanelangdon@yahoo.co.uk</p>
Huntonwatch	<p>Contact Sue & Steve Wyles on huntonwatch@gmail.com or 07907 019996</p>
Needles & Natter	<p>Held on 3rd Friday of each month at 8pm at the village club. To find</p>

out more contact Christine
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Hunton Speedwatch

Mike Summersgill
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Village clean up team

Contact James Forster
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