

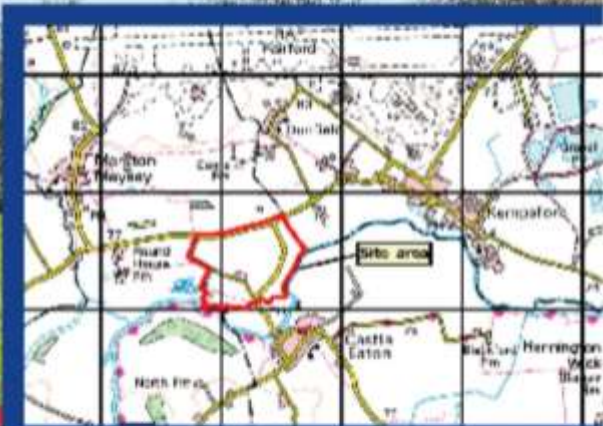
Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

March 2021

An invitation to view and comment upon
Blackburr Farm Quarry Development Proposal
Monday 8th March 2021 to Sunday 21st March 2021



Blackburr Farm Quarry

Located between the villages of
Marston Meysey and Castle Eaton, in Wiltshire.



Earthline Limited invite you to view the proposals for mineral extraction at Blackburr Farm at a 'virtual' public exhibition (link below).

A planning application is being prepared for submission to Wiltshire Council in May 2021.

We welcome your feedback at the link below.

EARTHLINE LTD

The proposed development of the site at Blackburr Farm includes:

- The extraction of sand and gravel
- Infilling and restoration using imported inert materials
- The installation and use of processing plant and machinery
- Vehicular access onto the C124 and vehicular crossing points on the rural lanes to Castle Eaton
- Restoration of the site to agriculture and nature conservation

Visit www.earthlineltd.co.uk/blackburr-farm-quarry
from 8th to 21st March 2021 to view information
and register your comments.

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Teresa Griffin, Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB

Tel: 01285 713691 Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video conferencing software until further notice.

If any member of the public wishes to participate, please contact the Clerk for further information. It would also be helpful if the topic of any questions to be asked could be provided in advance.

Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.45pm

Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.45pm

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by

MONDAY 22ND MARCH 2021 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Please see the notice below.

The Parish Council has been informed that *'Works will be in the evening to limit the restricted access. They will have road plates on site.*

The works will start on Monday and hopefully finished at the latest Wednesday morning.'



**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF 500937 HAM LANE
(KEMPSFORD PARISH) COTSWOLD DISTRICT**

Gloucestershire County Council intend to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to temporarily close part of the C500937 Ham Lane outside the property known as Glebe Acres for a distance of approximately 30 metres.

The reason for the closure is to carry out the installation of a new water service.

The road is expected to be closed from 22nd March 2021 until 28th March 2021 only or until the works have been completed. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on **08000 514 514** or visit **www.gloucestershire.gov.uk**.

Alternative Route – as signed on site

Pedestrian access and emergency access to premises on or next to the road will be maintained.

DATED: 4th March 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Benze', on a light blue rectangular background.

for Assistant Director of Legal Services

EB/71895

Legal Services, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TG

Kempsford Parish Council

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Further to the recent notice about the vacancy arising from the retirement of Alison Ward, the time has passed for an election to be called so the Parish Council now wish to co-opt a new parish councillor.

Could this be you? Are you interested in serving your local community?

Kempsford Parish covers the villages of Kempsford and Whelford, and the hamlets of Dunfield and Dudgrove.

The Council meets monthly, usually the third Tuesday in the month, and meetings are generally held at Kempsford Village Hall, with Whelford Village Hall as a reserve option.

Parish Councillors volunteer their time to work on behalf of their local community. If you have lived in the Parish, or within 3 miles of it, for at least a year and are over 18, you are probably eligible (please check with the clerk for further eligibility criteria). Training will be given by the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils, and funded by the Parish Council, if desired.

For a copy of the Application and Eligibility Form, or any further information, please contact the Clerk or visit the **'News' page of our website** – www.kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Applications close on Friday 12th March 2021.

A decision to co-opt an applicant will be made at the next meeting of the Parish Council which will be held on Tuesday 16th March 2021.

Mrs Teresa Griffin, Clerk to Kempsford Parish Council, Winterwood, Whelford, Glos. GL7 4EB Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net Tel: 0781 8626158

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



**IF YOU CARE ABOUT
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

**JOIN US AND MAKE A LOCAL CHANGE
CONTACT**

Kempsford Parish Council

Kempsford Village Hall Regular Bookings

| | Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays | Sunday |
|---------|--|---|--|--|---------|--|
| AM | 10:00-11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 07885 991673 | | | | | |
| PM | 15:30-16.30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch | 11.15 – 12.00 Fit Steps Adriana Mattos acsmattos@gmail.com 07975 648194 | 12.00 to 13.00 Pilates Janice Koo Jvkhoo@aol.com 01285810249 | 12:00-14:00 Post Office | | |
| Evening | | | 19.00 – 20.00 Pilates Rona Bennett 07885 991673 | 15:30 to 17:00 Brownies Ms Philippa Griffin 01285 810754 / 0779 3562704 | | |
| | | 19:45-21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3 rd Tuesday) | 20:00-21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2 nd Wednesday) | | | 19:00 – 20:15 Yoga Charlie McKenna 07885759879 yoga@atwestcottage.com |
| | | 20.00 to 21.00 Yoga Charlie McKenna yoga@atwestcottage.com (except 3 rd Tuesday of month) | | 20:00-21:00 Meditation and Gong – Shilpa Vadlamudi 07809548174 | | |

See <http://kempsford.net/villagehall/calendar.php> for the up to date Events Calendar which will vary week by week.

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Hannah Dickens, Chair

*Joy Cross, Secretary

*Amy Durban, Health & Safety

*Mark Britt, Vice-chair

*Mel Denny, Bookings Secretary

Louise Jeffrey, Safeguarding

*Jo Colson, Treasurer

*Kate Collins

Mark Strange, Parish Council Rep.

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome

Community Emergency Plan

The Parish Council is in the process of updating it's Community Emergency Plan.

If you would like to be included as a volunteer that could assist with help such as transport, serving refreshments, or just general help, please contact the Clerk.

Personal contact details will not be displayed on the public version of the plan, and are only available to key contacts for the community.

Thank you



A big thank you to all those who contributed to the Food Bank last month. We gave 28.05 kg of food to help families in Cirencester, Fairford, Tetbury and the surrounding villages. In all 7.5 tonnes was collected.

With the lockdown, now more than ever there has been a need for this charity. Boxes are situated outside in the porches of **St Anne's**, Whelford and **St Mary's**, Kempsford for your donations or you can give financially to allow them to buy products in at <https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

Items needed regularly are: long life milk, jars of instant coffee, teabags, instant mash, long life sponge puddings and particularly, at this time of COVID-19, bottles of washing up liquid, and surface detergent and bleach.

Many thanks for your continued generosity



Together, we will RISE

KEMPSFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

High Street, Kempston, Gloucestershire, GL7 4EY



Kempston Primary School is a small village school that provides equal access to the curriculum for all our pupils in a caring, well-resourced environment. We enable all children to be happy whilst reaching their full potential and developing a sense of self-worth within our Christian Vision:

At Kempston Primary there is pride and passion about our togetherness: 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!' (Psalm 133:1).

Through our commitment to RISE, we ensure that every child flourishes in all that they do: 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10.10 NIV/ Diocese of Gloucester 'Life' Vision)

We have 98 children on role (September 2020) across seven year groups plus a pre-school.

The Hive Pre-School and Reception Year

Class 1 Year 1 and Year 2

Class 2 Year 3 and Year 4

Class 3 Year 5 and Year 6

To download our full prospectus visit; www.kempstonschool.com/information/admissions

For further information on admissions for our pre-school (from 3 years old), Reception intake September 2021 or in-year transfers, please contact Mrs Hannah Brooks;

admin@kempston.gloucs.sch.uk



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Together, we will RISE

KEMPSFORD PRE-SCHOOL



Kempsford Pre-School is part of **The Hive**, our Early Years Foundation Unit, and is run as an integrated part of Kempston Church of England Primary School.

Age: 3 – 4 year olds

Term Time

8:45am – 3:15pm

15 & 30 hour funding

Places Available

For further information or admissions & registration
please email admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk
or call 01285 810367



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ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

March 2021

As I write, signs of spring are bursting forth all around us; glimpses of new life as the earth warms up, bringing hope of better days. We have never been more in need of hope as we wait for the announcements that our **days of hardship may be drawing to a close. I've found reading poetry a real comfort during lockdowns when I've lacked concentration span** and these lines by Mary Oliver seemed to point me beyond our current struggles:

Truly, we live with mysteries too marvellous to be understood.

How grass can be nourishing in the mouths of the lambs...

How two hands touch and the bonds will never be broken...

Let me keep company always with those who say "Look!"

and laugh in astonishment, and bow their heads.

Mysteries, Yes by Mary Oliver

My spirits are lifted by noticing the mystery of God around us in creation, nature unfolding its eternal pattern of new life following the darkness of winter. Lambs, snowdrops, catkins! These all seem like miracles of hope after the long darkness of the Covid winter. Soon we will celebrate Easter, which symbolises hope and new life offered as a gift to all, in the dying and rising to new life of Jesus.

Ahead of that time of celebration, we enter the season of Lent and take **time to look at our inner life and heart. Maybe we've become jaded or cynical**, or perhaps begun to ponder what life is really all about after surviving the pandemic. Lent invites us to examine our lives and find new **hope in the mystery of God's love for each one of us in creation, and shown most fully through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.** With love, Rev Kim.

CHURCH SERVICES IN KEMPSFORD AND WHELFORD FOR MARCH

Until we have further information from the government about coming out of lockdown, services on Sundays will continue via Zoom starting at 9.30 am.

Contact Rev Kim Brown on revkimbrown10a@gmail.com or Rosemary Andrews (PCC Secretary) on rosemary.andrews@btintinernet.com if you would like further details.

As an alternative, the South Cotswold Team Ministry are streaming a service every Sunday on

www.worship-at-home.weebly.com

Morning Prayer takes place every weekday from 8 am on the Facebook page The 5 Villages.

During this season of Lent via Zoom Canon Rev John Swanton is leading a series **of talks based upon the book “Encounters” written by Bishop Rachel Treweek.** These will take place every Wednesday at 6.30 pm for an hour, starting on 24th February and running until 31st March. To join these or to receive further information, please email: john@swanton.plus.com.

St Mary’s, Kempsford is open on a Wednesday and a Saturday for private prayer and St Anne’s, Whelford is open on a Friday.

Any updates to this information will be published on the Facebook pages of Kempsford Village and The 5 Villages and in the next newsletter.

And also on the website: achurchnearyou.com

Caroline and Susie Marsden would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who lined the High Street from the church to the other end of the village, to pay their respects to our mother, Anne Marsden, as the hearse took her on her final journey having made Kempsford her home for some 50 years.

It was a bitterly cold morning and we were overcome with pride for Mummy at how many people turned out. A massive thank you to you all

Moments of Joy & Inspiration

You are invited to be part of a special book

For so many of us, life since March 2020 has been filled with changes, worries, stress, and even the death of loved ones and friends. No matter our age, our home or our belief, it has touched us all. In difficult and uncertain times, we have treasured small moments of joy. Actions, words and nature have brought us inspiration, in the midst of a world struggling to heal physical and mental illness. Like rainbows, these moments have brought light on a dark day.

We are asking you to share some of your happy moments, helping us to put together a little book, which we hope will spread joy and inspiration to others - to bring a smile, offer thanks, share comfort, and open hope for the future for everyone wherever you may be.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds –Hebrews 10:24

We cannot cure the world of sorrows but we can choose to live in joy - Joseph Campbell



Collecting Rainbows

Moments of Joy & Inspiration



Whatever brought you joy or inspiration, please be kind enough to share it.

What are we looking for?

- It could be something simple or unexpected, like something someone did, something that was said, something you read, or something in our natural world.
- It could be finding something new, like a hobby, a recipe, a skill, or an on-line way of connecting with family and friends.
- It might even be something 'normal' which was sorely missed during the periods of 'lockdown'... like a haircut, a sport or just meeting a friend. You will have your own thoughts on what you have missed. Things in our daily lives which we no longer take for granted and see with renewed joy.
- You may be able to help us to include moments of joy **brought by Key Workers** and moments of joy **felt by Key Workers**. For example, medical workers, school staff, or the many who kept essential services going for the rest of us, sometimes by living away from their own families, risking their own health, or working unsociable and long hours.

How can I help?

Simply:

1. Think back over the months since March 2020, remembering some of the moments that brought you joy or inspiration
2. Chose one, or more if you can! Think about what that moment meant to you; how it made a difference or helped you
3. Write what you want to say about the one(s) you choose to share – add a photo/drawing if you can
4. **REMEMBER** to include :
 - a title for each 'Moment'
 - your name (*For contact only or for inclusion in the book*)
 - your age (if you are school age); and
 - a contact email or phone number so we can send you the draft page with your contribution to check, as we put the book together.

Who can contribute?

ANYONE, young or old, who is willing to share some joy or inspiration. If you would like an entry form & more information, email Ann at this address: collectingrainbows4PCC@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Please help us to collect rainbows filled YOUR Moments of Joy & Inspiration

THANK YOU

for being kind enough to share a moment that has brought you joy or inspiration in these difficult times.

You will be helping to create a book to bring a smile, joy, comfort, thanks and hope to others.

Money raised from sales the book will be used to improve the facilities for EVERYONE who uses St Mary's Church Kempford for celebrations, services and more.

Please use one form for each moment

Title :

Tell us about the moment you have chosen. Think about what it meant to you; how it made a difference or helped you

Name

Use my name for contact only
Yes/No

I give permission to print my
name in the book
Yes/No

Age (if school age)

Email :

Phone:

Send your 'Moments of Joy & Inspiration' to Ann at this address:

collectingrainbows4PCC@gmail.com

9.02.2021

DEADLINE LOOMS FOR EU NATIONALS TO GET HELP WITH EUSS

Following the UK's departure from the EU, the UK government launched the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). The deadline for applications is 30.6.21. Stroud and Cotswolds Citizens Advice is helping EU nationals to understand the scheme and how to apply. It can provide help EU nationals to apply until 31 March.

The EUSS allows those EU nationals resident in the UK by 31.12.20 to apply for settled or pre-settled status. Any EU nationals who fail to apply by the deadline risk losing their right to live, work and study in the UK. They could also lose access to public funds, pensions and the opportunity to apply for British citizenship.

Chief Officer, Alison Gibbon said "EU nationals play an important part in the economy and public services of the Stroud and Cotswolds particularly in healthcare, agriculture and industry. It's vital that citizens of EU countries understand their rights and obligations under the scheme. Citizens Advice can help EU nationals, particularly those who may be digitally excluded or lack the necessary language skills to secure their status. If you need help, please contact us before 31 March."

For more information contact:

Paul Lock

Paul.lock@ca-scd.org.uk

01285 425871



Did you check, switch and save this winter?

This winter, Citizens Advice in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust ran a UK campaign for three months to help people cut their energy bills and access specialist energy saving advice.

If you didn't see the digital campaign (we know not everyone uses social media) there are three actions to take:

1. **Check** that you're not paying too much for your energy, and find out whether you're eligible for discounts, grants or other financial support.
2. **Switch** your energy tariff or supplier to make sure you're getting the best deal. This can save people lots of money on their energy bills.
3. **Save** money by making your home more energy efficient. Making small changes can save you money and help the environment. For example, fitting your hot water cylinder with an insulating jacket will save you £20 a year in heating costs and 150kg of carbon dioxide emissions.

If you haven't **checked, switched and saved** this winter and would like help to do so please get in touch. Your gas, electricity and water bills do not have to be worrying issues.

Our advisers can:

- Check you are on the best energy tariff for your circumstances and help you switch to a cheaper tariff.
- Explain your energy bills.
- Help you sort out problems and complaints with your energy supplier.
- Identify financial support and grants which you may be eligible for.

Our service is confidential, impartial and independent.

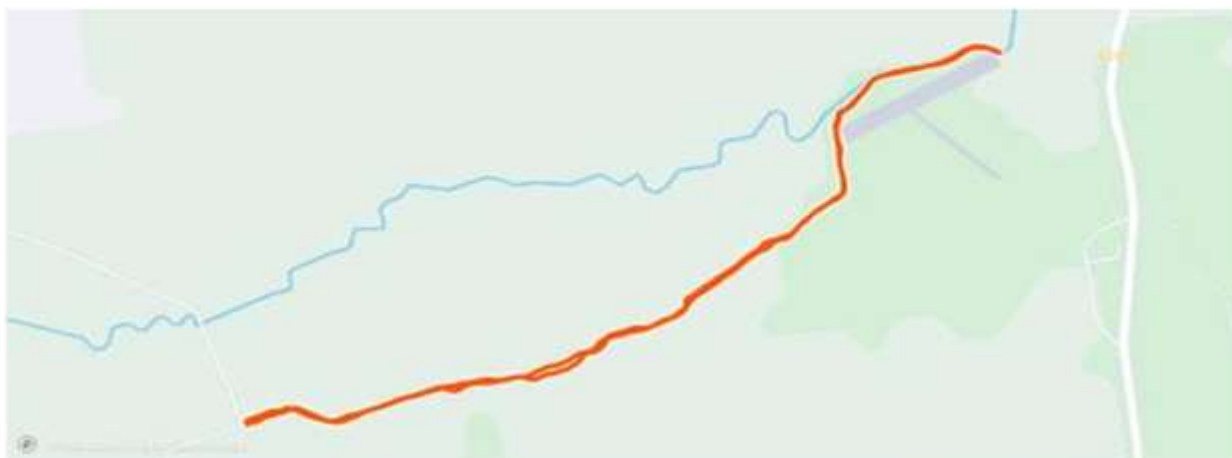
Call 0808 109 2056, 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511 (Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm) to speak to one of our friendly advisers.

Walk 2: Towards Lechlade from Hannington Wick

Distance: **3.9 mi**

Elevation: **8ft**

Time: **1:08:4**



We're going "national" with the second walk – but in February you probably won't see a soul. This is the Thames Path going east towards Lechlade (and London!). For this I started by driving down to Hannington Wick and parked on the bend perhaps 200m after the Thames bridge (pic1). Walk down the short tarmaced road and then fork right at the end. You are going to go through several fields and wooded areas



before you get along-side the Thames. Being the Thames Path the sign posting will help so that it is impossible to get lost! Pic 2 shows the typical terrain – lots of birds singing and flying about. The walk here feels lovely and remote – no houses or cars in sight. For one of the fields you walk down the middle – probably once a hedge-row. Last growing season this

was maize so in the autumn it was a bit like walking through a tunnel without a roof. At the end of this there is a boardwalk which at this time of the year is very useful (pic3).



You then come to the only junction – again well signposted (pic4). The old route would have taken you to the right to Inglesham village, and then you had to walk along the A361 before rejoining the Thames. Now the much better new route forks left, and although it is still not by the Thames it is at least road-free. The route is quite wet as



pic 4 implies, so in February wellies or boots are a good idea. Next walk along a fenced path to a bridge and at last you are alongside the Thames (pic5). But what is this sign asking you to keep off the airfield? Bet not many of you know about “Inglesham Airport”



– not that I have ever seen a plane there. Now you will have the Thames on your left and the airfield on your right and good open views ahead towards Dudgrove. You will see the outline of the “runway” on the Strava map (and thanks BTW to those who joined the Kempford-WOTM club).

Today to keep the walk around the one hour mark, I turned round at the next bridge where a couple of boats are moored (pic6) and then walked back to the car. When things are back to normal you can carry on a bit further to see the Inglesham church – much loved by William Morris, and then you could carry on to Lechlade for a well earned pint. This would add ~1.5 miles so having another car or someone to pick you up in Lechlade would be useful.



Richard Caswell

CLOTHING COLLECTION

March 2021

Kate Griffin & Hannah Sampson's are still raising funds for their World Challenge trip to Costa Rica in July.

If you have any of the following unwanted items then please bag them up and call **Nina 07788 710583** or **Philippa 0779 3562704** to arrange drop off or collection.

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We ***DO NOT*** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

Items needed by Thursday 11th March 2021 please.

Please visit <https://bag2school.com/> for more information.

or

<https://weareworldchallenge.com/uk/>

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

| | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Church Wardens | Elizabeth Emberson | Email:dizzylizzy@sky.com | |
| | Keith Howlett | | 01285 712268 |
| Church Choir | Mrs Cathy Stanford | | 713033 |
| Church Bells | Iris Lewis | | 810770 |
| Kempsford School | Mr Richard Mendum | (Head Teacher) | 810367 |
| Chairman of School Governors | Darren Jeffrey | chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk | 810875 |
| Farmors School | Mr Matthew Evans (Head) | | 712302 |
| Kempsford Village Hall Bookings | Mel Denny | villagehallbookings@kempsford.net | 0734 1901986 |
| Whelford Village Hall & bookings | Sue Griffin | 374croft@gmail.com | 712979 |
| Kempsford Angling Club | Mr J Hussey | | 810446 |
| Kempsford Brownies | Philippa Griffin | https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/ | |
| Cricket | Anthony Axel-Berg | | 07766222951 |
| Royal British Legion | Mr A Hill | | 810035 |
| Soldiers, Sailors & Airman's Acc.(SSAFA) | Mr & Mrs A Hill | | 810035 |
| Scottish & Southern Electricity | | | 0800 072 7282 |
| Thames Water | | | 0800 316 9800 |
| Non-emergency Police Contact | | | 101 |
| NHS 111 Service | | (when less urgent than 999) | 111 |
| Environment Agency | Floodline—0845 9881188 | General Enquiries - | 03708 506 506 |
| Bulk Refuse | (phone to book) | | 01285 623000 |
| Highway Matters & Street Light Faults | | highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk | 08000 514 514 |
| Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells) | Iris Lewis | | 01285 810770 |
| Cotswold District Councillors | Steve Trotter | Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk | 07710 405323 |
| | Stephen Andrews | Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk | 01285 719924 |
| Cotswold District Council | | | 623000 |
| Gloucestershire County Council | | | 01452 425000 |
| | | Out of hours <u>Social Care issues only</u> | 01452 614194 |
| Gloucestershire County Councillor | Mr Raymond Theodoulou | raymond.theodoulou@gloucestershire.gov.uk | 01285 752000 |
| Constituency MP | Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown | cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk | 01242 514551 |
| Parish Council Clerk (see Parish Council page for Councillors) | Mrs Teresa Griffin | teresagriffin@kempsfordparishcouncil.net | 0781 8626158 |
| Newsletter items | Mrs Teresa Griffin | As above | 0781 8626158 |
| Kempsford Website | | www.kempsford.net | |
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Kempsford

Online



'Kempsford Village'
'Kempsford Mums & Dads'