



**Welcome  
To  
EGERTON  
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***Your Information Pack***

Congratulations on choosing Egerton as your home. If you dip into the information in this guide and use it wisely, you should reap the benefit of many years of enjoyment without having to buy an extended warranty.....

Egerton is a small village in terms of population, just over 1000 inhabitants at the 2001 Census, roughly the same at the last Census in 2011 (1073). However, because of the commitment and dedication of many people in the village, it is a very lively and active village. The village won Ashford's Community of the Year in 2000, was Environment Category Winner for Southern and South East England in the Regional Village of the Year Competition in 2001 and were selected as one of the last six villages in the Village of the Year Competition in 2001, having won the Southern and South East England Regional category earlier that year.

Egerton is on the top of a hill on the Greensand Ridge, south of the North Downs, with Egerton Forstal at its foot, on the Weald. Egerton's long history is reflected throughout the village in its architecture, land use, field patterns and family names. A significant part of the village is a designated Conservation Area and all around there are many listed buildings and protected trees. The Parish Design Statement, on the village website, [www.egerton-kent.co.uk](http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk) sets out the rich history, geography and environment that makes Egerton such a treasured place. The former local History Group also published three interesting books, one entitled "*A History of Egerton 1900-2000*", the second "*Pictorial Egerton*" and the third "*Egerton People Past and Present*". Contact Pat Parr on 01233 756601 (email [pat.parr@sky.com](mailto:pat.parr@sky.com)) if you are interested in these books.

This Welcome Pack is your essential guide to what you may need to know, what services are available for you and your family and who to contact should you wish to join in any of the many clubs, organisations and activities that make Egerton such a thriving village.

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# Businesses

## ACCOMMODATION

**The Barrow House (formerly The George)** now provides 3 bedrooms of accommodation at the refurbished pub. All have en-suite bathrooms and the beds are large to ensure the most comfortable overnight stay or relaxing weekend getaway. The room price includes a hearty breakfast in the morning. Contact The Barrow House on 01233 756599, or email [digin@thebarrowhouse.co.uk](mailto:digin@thebarrowhouse.co.uk). Website [www.thebarrowhouse.co.uk](http://www.thebarrowhouse.co.uk).

**Frasers** of Coldharbour Farm, Barhams Mill Road, TN27 9DD, provide bed and breakfast accommodation in a tranquil setting located about a mile from Pembroes Cross. Their 1 AA Rosette Restaurant offers Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Evening Meals for which Gift Vouchers are available. Look no further for a unique venue to celebrate weddings, birthdays, anniversaries or a corporate event. Private dining for 20-40 guests in the traditional Kentish oak barn. Tables are pre-bookable, contact Lisa Fraser on 01233 756122, or email [info@frasersegerton.co.uk](mailto:info@frasersegerton.co.uk). Website [www.frasersegerton.co.uk](http://www.frasersegerton.co.uk).

**Elvey Farm Country Hotel**, Elvey Farm, Pluckley, TN27 0SU is a quintessentially English listed farmstead and oast house in the idyllic Kent countryside. Enjoy the restaurant *Strammachio Italiano* for traditional authentic homemade Italian food. Take advantage of the outstanding peace and natural beauty of the surrounding countryside, paths and bridleways, or the unique and rustic villages. Discover the luxury, tranquillity and hospitality that Elvey Farm has to offer. Call 01233 840442 or email bookings to [bookings@elveyfarm.co.uk](mailto:bookings@elveyfarm.co.uk) to reserve your table. Website [www.elveyfarm.co.uk](http://www.elveyfarm.co.uk).

## ACCOUNTS AND TAXATION

**AIMS** offers business accounts for business people and offers complete accounting and tax solutions. No hourly charges. Fees agreed in advance – initial meeting free with no obligations. Contact Alison and Gary Robinson on 01233 756148, email [alison.robinson@aims.co.uk](mailto:alison.robinson@aims.co.uk). Website [www.aims.co.uk](http://www.aims.co.uk).

## AIR CONDITIONING

**Comar Services Ltd** on 01233 756700 or 07816846819, specialists in providing commercial cooling in summer and heating in winter, along with energy-efficient heat pumps. Ask for Lynn Garbutt.

## ARTISTS

**Ann Brunskill** on 01233 756316 is a local artist specialising in landscapes and portraits.

**Cathy Hill** on 01233 756515 is renowned for her brightly coloured pictures, greetings cards and using a sock knitting needle and wax-oil crayon. Pictures to commission.

**Steve Kirk** on 01233 756515 is a natural history artist/illustrator who also takes in and nurtures injured or orphaned wildlife!

## BOOK DEALER

**Robert and Christine Swift** on 01233 713730 deal in rare and secondhand books. They specialise in Kentish local history and always need good antiquarian books on any subject.

## BUILDERS

**Tony Filmer** of TP Contractors on 01233 756377 or 07710489856 for civil engineering, land survey, design and groundworks and all general building works. Email is [cec12@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cec12@hotmail.co.uk).

**A.T. Palmer** on 01233 770077, restoration specialists based in the Smarden Business Estate, Monks Hill, Smarden. Email on [ATP@atpalmer.co.uk](mailto:ATP@atpalmer.co.uk).

**Rob and Tom Swift** on 07711686577 for restoration and conversion; oak-framed buildings.

**Egerton Builders** on 01233 333838 or 07821896845. Email on [egsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:egsmith@hotmail.co.uk).

## BUTCHERS

**Pluckley Butchers** sell traditional quality meat from local farms. English dry-cured bacon, home made pork sausages, BBQ food etc. Contact Mr Boodle on 01233 840221, website [www.pluckleybutchers.co.uk](http://www.pluckleybutchers.co.uk).

## CARPETS

**Carpets Direct** have a showroom at Selecta House, Charing Hill. Contact them on 01233 714999. Website [www.carpetsdirectcharing.co.uk](http://www.carpetsdirectcharing.co.uk) and email [info@carpetsdirectcharing.co.uk](mailto:info@carpetsdirectcharing.co.uk).

## CHIMNEY SWEEP

**Kilby's Chimney Sweeping and Pest Control** on 01233 840948 or 07756007428.

## CHIROPODY

**Mrs Afsaneh Smith** is a qualified foot health practitioner at Lenham Heath. Includes diabetic foot care, ingrowing toenails etc. Call her on 01622 853640 or 07506376264.

**Joan Bower**, surgical chiropodist. Diabetics welcome. Telephone 01233 661188.

## COAL MERCHANT

**Fordhams** on 01233 840222 Chambers Green Road, Pluckley, TN27 0RH for coal and charcoal. Also gas, logs, firelighters. Website [www.fordhamscoal.co.uk](http://www.fordhamscoal.co.uk) and email [info@fordhams.co.uk](mailto:info@fordhams.co.uk).

## COUNSELLING AND HYPNOTHERAPY

Contact **Joan Bower** on 01233 661188. Joan is a qualified and experienced counsellor and hypnotherapist. She uses an eclectic mix of NLP, CBT, EMDR and EFT in her caring, confidential practice. Clinic in Kennington.

## DIY AND TRADE SHOP

**Fixings Warehouse** is at the top of Charing Hill and is very handy for all your DIY bits and pieces. Could save you a journey into Ashford! They are so much cheaper than some larger businesses. Screws, nails, fixings, sealants, adhesives, ironmongery, home, garden, decorating, tools, workwear, wood and metalcare, electrical/lighting. Telephone 08707606378, website [www.fixingswarehouse.co.uk](http://www.fixingswarehouse.co.uk). Parking available.

## DOG HOLIDAYS

**Barking Mad** are the alternative to kennels, they arrange a holiday for your dog(s). They collect your dog in a Limo to whisk them away to the host of your choice where their normal routines are duplicated and they will be spoilt. They are always ready as a back-up to problems and will return your dog at the end of their vacation. Alternatively, do you fancy owning a dog but are not able to have one full time? Why not become a **Barking Mad** host to give doggies a holiday to remember. You only get a dog when convenient to you. More hosts always needed, weekend and holiday hosts are as important as those who are available all week. Contact [richard.wall@barkingmad.uk.com](mailto:richard.wall@barkingmad.uk.com), 01303 812902 (business line) or <http://www.barkingmad.uk.com/franchisees/ashford-kent/>.

## FARMERS' MARKET

Every Friday from 2-4.30 pm in the Millennium Hall there is a farmers' market. Butchery, fish, all dairy products, cheeses, deli, honey, jams, chutneys, olives, fruit and vegetables, breads, cakes, plants, animal feeds and accessories, jewellery, crafts and books. Tea and coffee with homemade cakes. Contact Sean on 07849094698.

## FENCING

**CWP Fencing.** Contact Colin on 07985298221 or email [colin@cwpfencing.co.uk](mailto:colin@cwpfencing.co.uk). Based in Coach Road, they sell coppiced chestnut fencing and bespoke fencing.

**R. James & Sons Fencing** on 01233 756192 or 07850 225888 in Coldbridge Lane for close-board, trellis, palisade, gates and stock fencing supplied and erected, or supply only. Email [info@rjamesfencing.co.uk](mailto:info@rjamesfencing.co.uk) or website address [www.rjamesfencing.co.uk](http://www.rjamesfencing.co.uk).

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

**Pluckley Farm Shop** at the former Weeks Garage, Smarden Road, is open 9 am-6 pm Monday to Friday, 9 am-5 pm on Saturday and 10.00 am-4.00 pm on Sunday for all farm produce. As well as fruit and vegetables they do fresh locally baked bread every day, local dairy and meat, homemade pies, cakes and ready meals, cheeses and deli goods and locally made ice-cream. Buy local support local. Contact them on 01233 840400 and website [www.pluckleyfarmshop.co.uk](http://www.pluckleyfarmshop.co.uk).

## FUNERAL DIRECTORS

**A.W. Court** of Grafty Green provide a local privately-owned independent business. Contact by telephone on 01622 850840 or email [enquiries@awcourt.com](mailto:enquiries@awcourt.com). Website [www.awcourt.com](http://www.awcourt.com).

## GARAGES

**Oliver's Garage** on 01233 756255 near the top of Rockhill Road is a family run business selling fuel and car accessories. It is an MOT Test Centre, carries out servicing, engine analysis, tuning and general repairs.

**Collins Garage Ltd.** on 01233 840321 or 07702 075229 at Mundy Bois, near the bottom of Greenhill Lane. They specialise in vehicle recovery, panel beating, welding and car body repairs, paint spraying, colour matching, Crypton tuning as well as servicing and have vehicles for sale and hire. Pre-MOT checks, air conditioning.



**MVR – Mark’s Vehicle Repairs.** Over 30 years experience of servicing, diagnostics, welding, aircon etc. Based at Forge Engineering Works, Pye Corner, Ulcombe, ME17 1EH. Telephone 01622 858866, mobile 07425768202, email [mvr116@outlook.com](mailto:mvr116@outlook.com).

### GARDENING

**Pivington Pots** on 01233 840284 at Pivington Mill, Pluckley, for good value terracotta and glazed pots, some seconds available.

### GAS BOILER SERVICING

Try **Rich Gordon** on 01233 840041 or 07780678855. Gas boiler servicing and breakdowns. Landlords’ Certificates.

### GLAZING

**Glass ’n’ Glaze** on 01233 840768 at Pivington Mill, Pluckley, for all types of glass, cut to size. Also offer aluminium secondary double glazing. Website [www.glass-n-glaze.co.uk](http://www.glass-n-glaze.co.uk).

### HAIRDRESSER

**Sandy Filmer** on 01233 756692 is a mobile hairdresser who lives in Rockhill Road. She specialises in cut, set, blow dry and perms. Her rates are very reasonable.

### HEATING FUEL

**Nigel Collinson** on 01580 712088 for supplies of fuel oil for domestic heating.

### HEATING AND PLUMBING SERVICES

**WGJ Plumbing.** General plumbing services provided. Servicing of oil-fired boilers and cookers, including Rayburn and AGA. Telephone Warren Johnson on 01233 840003 or 07936408853.

### HEDGE CUTTING

**Andrew Hopkins** on 01233 756364 or 07845164169 for hedging, ditching, grass mowing, field topping and related services.

**Tom Hope** on 01233 756673 or 07890818783 at Colebridge Farm Cottage for hedgecutting, flailing, harrowing and related services.

### INSURANCE

**Jeff Hopkins** of Wealden Insurance Services LLP is an insurance company from Egerton Forstal. For all your insurance needs, commercial and personal. Telephone 01233 756520, email [jeff.hopkins@btconnect.com](mailto:jeff.hopkins@btconnect.com).

### IRONING

If you dread this job, ring **Lesley** on 07711042608. She can collect within a 6 mile radius of Pluckley.

### LIVERY YARDS AND RIDING SCHOOLS

The following offer livery and riding opportunities in a reasonable distance from Egerton:

**Rooting Street Equestrian Centre**, Little Chart, telephone 01233 840434 or 07966155074;  
**Fairbourne Livery Yard**, Harrietsham, telephone 01622 858554 or 07718392778; and  
**Cobham Manor Equestrian Centre**, Water Lane, Bearsted, telephone 01622 738497 or 07710434598.

### NEWSPAPER DELIVERY

There are no newspapers for sale in Egerton. The newsagents in Lenham and Headcorn don't deliver to Egerton. However, try telephoning Jackie's News on 01580 763183 as they deliver to Egerton by 6.30am Monday to Friday, an hour or so later on Saturday and Sunday. Or email [mail@jackiesnews.co.uk](mailto:mail@jackiesnews.co.uk).

### OSTEOPATHY

**Angelina Lumley** is a qualified osteopath at Stone Barn, Stonebridge Green. Telephone 01233 756797 or 07958355677. Also Email [angelina@osteopath-kent.com](mailto:angelina@osteopath-kent.com) and website [www.osteopath-kent.com](http://www.osteopath-kent.com).

### PAINTING AND DECORATING

**Steve Parr** on 01233 756676 for a free estimate for painting and decorating services, interior and exterior. No VAT.

**R J M Painting and Decorating** offer their services on 01233 756427 (David) or 07974 815124 (Richard).

### PEST CONTROL

**Kilby's Pest Control and Chimney Sweeping** on 01233 840948 or 07756007428 for help in eliminating all sorts of pests and sweeping your chimney.

### PHOTOCOPYING/PRINTING

**Film and Computer Centre** on 07990574214. They can help with photocopying and printing. Also computer advice and troubleshooting. Email [instructor@egerton-kent.co.uk](mailto:instructor@egerton-kent.co.uk) or [www.egerton-kent.co.uk](http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk).

### PIANO LESSONS

**Mrs Jane Cooper** offers piano lessons from Beginners to Grade 8. Charing Heath. Telephone 01233 714787.

### PLANT HIRE

**Richard Hopkins Plant Hire**. Telephone 01233 756364 or 07860924362. Richard runs a plant hire business with a variety of machinery for site work, ditching and pond clearance.

### PLASTERING

**Paul Hadley** offers all types of plastering services, no job too large or small. Free estimates. Telephone 07740530426. Also email - [prhadley@btinternet.com](mailto:prhadley@btinternet.com).

## PLUMBING AND HEATING SERVICES

**WGJ Plumbing** are there for you should you have any plumbing needs. Oil-fired boilers and cookers also serviced. Contact Warren Johnson on 01233 840003 or 07936408853.

## POST OFFICE

**Egerton Stores** on 01233 756112 is a **Post Office** and grocer's store. It is owned by Colin and Fiona Fraser-Pritchard. The Post Office can process Car Tax and supply Euros and Dollars instantly with no commission and no waiting, as well as all the normal things a Post Office supplies. Open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 12.30 and 1.30 to 5.30 pm. Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon.

## RUGS AND RUNNERS

**Joshua Lumley** has a large stock of beautiful antique oriental and European rugs and runners. Valuations and expert advice. Call 01233 756072 or 07900901756. Email [josh@joshualumley.com](mailto:josh@joshualumley.com). Website [www.joshualumley.com](http://www.joshualumley.com).

## SHOP

**Egerton Stores** on 01233 756112 is the only shop in the village and is owned by Colin and Fiona Fraser-Pritchard. It has a wide range of stock, including grocery, greengrocery, stationery, confectionery, English bacon and cooked ham, dairy products, daily fresh local bread and other local produce such as apple juice and honey. They are also an off-licence. Mobile top ups. Open 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday, 8 am to 2 pm Saturdays. For details of the Post Office, see above.

## THERAPISTS

**Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic.** Call Elaine Sutherland (MCSP, HPCPC) on 01233 756500 for home visits. For sports and soft tissue injuries, arthritic problems, back, orthopaedic or neurological problems.

**NHS Physiotherapy** on 01233 713782, Charing Surgery, and also for other therapies through private practice.

## TREE SURGERY

**Wildwood Tree Care.** All aspects of arboriculture. Stump grinding, suppliers of wood chip and logs. Free estimates. Smarden Resident. Telephone 08456122204 or 07715422204.

**Ray Jiles** for all aspects of tree surgery, contact on 01233 611939 or 07720034149. Free estimates.

## VETS

For mainly small animal veterinary services, try the following:

**Pierson, Stewart and Partners**, based in Headcorn, Tenterden and Cranbrook. The joint owner is Mr. **John Sauvage** who lives at Egerton Forstal. The Headcorn Surgery is at Roland House, High Street, Headcorn, TN27 9SB. Telephone 01622 890351

**The Green Lane Veterinary Clinic**, Shenley Farm, Headcorn, TN27 9HX. Telephone 01622 890245. Email [enquiries@greenlanevetclinic.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@greenlanevetclinic.co.uk)

**Harrietsham Veterinary Surgery**, Maidstone Road, Harrietsham, ME17 1AB. Telephone 01622 858666

**Barrow Hill Veterinary Hospital**, 24-hour emergency service, Maidstone Road, Ashford, TN24 8TY. Telephone 01233 624687.



## **WEBSITE DESIGN**

**Sandra Laws** on 01233 756619 has a website design service for individuals and small to medium-sized businesses. Internet services include domain registration and hosting, professional website design, interactive and effective marketing. Printing services for logos, letterheads, leaflets and brochures, business cards, gift cards and invitations, economic full colour posters and small print runs. Fine art and photographic reproduction. Artwork and photographic scanning, fine art/photographic printing. Email [sandra@captivewebs.com](mailto:sandra@captivewebs.com).

# Clubs and Societies

## BEAVERS

There are two local Beavers groups. Charing Beavers meet at Charing Cub Hut and the contact is Mrs Goldsmith on 01233 714277. Bethersden Beaver Scouts meet at Bethersden Scout Hut and the contact is Ursula Bispham on 01233 662141/07737707328. Email [udispham71@aol.com](mailto:udispham71@aol.com).

## BROWNIES

Egerton does not have its own Brownie Pack. The nearest is based at Charing Church Hall and is for girls who are seven and older. The Brown Owl is Miss Rebecca Hayes and she can be contacted on 01233 713517. The contact for Bethersden Brownies is Stephanie Dean on 07834563882.

## CHURCHES

Egerton has two churches as follows:

1. St. James' Church is in The Street, a few yards up from the Village Stores. The G7 Benefice Churchwarden for Egerton is John Lumley, telephone 01233 756249. His role is to act as a pathway between the community and the church. He will oversee the care of St. James' Church and all who wish to visit and/or worship there. Youth and Families Minister is Mim Oliver on 07725112141.
2. Egerton Free Church in Chapel Lane, Egerton Forstal, a few hundred yards up Chapel Lane from the Forstal end on the right. The main people involved are the Revd. Ambrose Oliver, (01233 756459), Mr. Theo Oliver (01233 756452) and Mr. Daniel Oliver (01233 756255).

## CRICKET

Egerton has a very successful cricket club catering for all ages. For more information, contact Paul Hope, telephone 07885509751 or email [ecc@egerton-kent.co.uk](mailto:ecc@egerton-kent.co.uk).

## CUBS

Egerton does not have its own Cub Pack. There are two local groups to choose from. Bethersden Cub Scouts meet at Bethersden Scout Hut and the contact is Mary Ford on 01233 820989. Email [gsl.bethersden@gmail.com](mailto:gsl.bethersden@gmail.com). Charing Cubs meet at Charing Cub Hut and the contact is Nigel Wills, on 01233 713275.

## EGERTON FILM SOCIETY

It is unusual for a village the size of Egerton to have a Film Society but our current membership stands at over 100. The annual membership runs from September to June each year with members choosing the films to be shown on the last Thursday in each month during the season. To get onto the membership list or the database to receive new programmes as they come out, contact Pat Parr on 01233 756601, email [pat.parr@sky.com](mailto:pat.parr@sky.com), or come along as a guest.

## EGERTON FLOWER GUILD

This organisation is a relaxed group of ladies who keep St. James' Church decorated with flowers throughout the year. During the year members arrange the flowers on a rota system with everyone helping at Easter, Harvest and Christmas festivals. Wedding flowers and flower festivals are occasionally organised. For further information or to join, call Priscilla on 01233 756437.

## EGERTON FOLK & BLUES CLUB

The **Egerton Folk Club** meet at 8.00 pm on the last Tuesday of each month at The Barrow House, Egerton. Musicians/singers of all calibres and listeners are welcome to go along. Each contributor does a "turn" in an informal atmosphere and there is a lively jam session at the end of the evening. For further details, contact Martin Ledner on 01233 841814.

## EGERTON FRIENDS (formerly Name That Plant)

Egerton Friends is a fundraising coffee morning social gathering held every Wednesday morning from May to September. Each week different people open their garden between 11 am and 12 noon. Entrance is just £2 which includes a raffle and the hosts choose the charity to donate the money to. All donations go to charities within the village. In the winter months the club meets for coffee at the Rose & Crown. They meet between 11 am and 12 noon and the cost is £2. For further information, contact Elaine Graham on 01233 756137.

## EGERTON PLAYERS

Egerton Players are the local drama group formed in 1985 with members from 4 years old to 90. They entertain us with several excellent productions per year and are well worth coming along to see. In the last 8 years they have also put on three full musicals with orchestra. If you are interested as an actor, helping with props or other behind-the-scenes tasks, or, if you are interested in their singing workshops, please contact Vanessa Perrin on 01622 851854 or email [secretary@egertonplayers.com](mailto:secretary@egertonplayers.com).



## EGERTON PRE-SCHOOL

A registered charity for 2-5 year-olds. Held in the Millennium Hall. For days open and timings contact by phone on 07391181248 or email [egertonpreschool@outlook.com](mailto:egertonpreschool@outlook.com) for further details. Also see their website at [www.egertonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.egertonpreschool.co.uk). Also mentioned in *Services* section.

## FOOTBALL

Egerton and Pluckley United Football Club was formed in 2008. For more information see "Outdoor Recreation" under "Football". Call John Harrison on 01233 840822.

## FRIENDS OF EGERTON SCHOOL

The Friends of Egerton School are a very hardworking group of volunteers who raise money for the school. Contact the Chairman, Borita Boyd on 07795164624, the school office on 01233 756274 or email [friends@egerton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@egerton.kent.sch.uk).

## **FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH**

This is a small charity for all those who wish to preserve St James' Church as part of the local community and its heritage.

For more than seven hundred years a church has stood in the centre of the village, with a tower that is a landmark for miles around. Two of the bells are nearly 400 years old, and the organ was installed in 1861.

In the Chancel, there is a very fine three branch, tiered brass chandelier, thought to be unique, built in 1699 by the then Master of the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers in the City of London and installed, initially, in All Saints Church Maidstone. It found its way to St. James after the arrival of gas in Maidstone.

The church is enriched by the solid alabaster effigy (installed in 2007) of Sir John Darrell, Baronet (1435-1509), who was Sheriff of Kent. At his feet lies a lion crowned, with its tail curling up to cover his left foot. In the sole of the right foot rests a little monk asleep, his head resting on his hand. Sir John's original helmet is placed on the wall opposite.

Today St James is used for Sunday worship, weekly school assembly, special services, and concerts. By joining The Friends, you will help to ensure that this historic building will remain an important feature of the village of Egerton, part of our heritage for future generations.

If you would like to become a member of this charity then single membership is £8.00 and joint membership is £12.00 per annum, or there is life membership which is: Single:£100.00, single pensioner (60+) £65.00, joint: £150.00 and joint pensioners (60+) £100.00.

For more information regarding this charity please call Mr Dick Crabb (Chairman) on 01233 756517, or Mrs Wendy Simkins (Secretary) on 01233 756277.

## **GAMES BARN**

The Games Barn is used for a range of sports activities like indoor bowls, 5-a-side football, badminton and keep fit exercising sessions. Exhibitions of arts and crafts are also held there on occasions. Should you wish to know more or book the Games Barn, contact Joan Smyth on 01233 840362.

## **GUIDES**

The nearest Guide pack is Bethersden Girl Guides who meet at Bethersden Scout Hut. The contact is Christine Winch on 01233 820311.

## **LAUGHTER WORKSHOP**

Cathy Hill runs a Laughter Workshop on a regular basis. To find out more, contact Cathy on 01233 756515 or Email [cathyonthehill@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyonthehill@hotmail.com).

## **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

The Egerton Local History Group were formed in 1999 to write a book on the history of the village from 1900 to 2000 and ended up with three publications, one entitled "*A History of Egerton 1900-2000*", the second "*Pictorial Egerton*" and the third "*Egerton People Past and Present*". Although the Group has now disbanded, books are still available though the first book is only available as a .pdf on a CD. For details on how to purchase these books please contact Pat Parr. Telephone: 01233 756601. Email [pat.parr@sky.com](mailto:pat.parr@sky.com).

## MUSIC SOCIETY



Egerton has had a thriving Music Society since 2000. The aim of the club is to bring music of all kinds to the village and to members. Apart from the Society's own programme of events, they also go to other venues to hear concerts. For details of membership contact John Fraser on 01233 756254.

For details of the Egerton Music Festival, see under "events".

## NADFAS (Egerton Branch)

Egerton has its own branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society. It is a hugely popular monthly club held at the Millennium Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from 2.30 to 3.45 pm. There is only one drawback – it is so popular that there is a waiting list to join. Contact Lynne Saunby on 01233 663775 for further information.

## OVER 60s CLUB



Egerton has a very successful Over 60s club held on the second Monday of every month in the Millennium Hall from 2.00 to 4.30 pm. There is a programme of speakers for every month with two or three coach outings per year. The Club have just reached their Century in terms of their membership numbers. Contact Gerald Plant on 01233 712282.

## RAINBOWS

The nearest Rainbow Pack is in Bethersden and the contact is Stephanie Dean on 07834 563882.

## SCOUTS

There isn't a Scouts group in Egerton but a very successful one in Headcorn. For information call Ann Carroll on 01622 890061.

## SHORT MAT BOWLS

There is a very lively Short Mat Bowls Group in Egerton. They use the Games Barn on a Monday and Friday afternoon every week and are always looking for new players. For more information, call Mike Yarrow on 01233 756387.

## SPORTS PAVILION

The Sports Pavilion is available for hire for sports or social events. The recreation room can be hired for small parties, club/society events, committee meetings, lectures and talks. Size is approximately 6 x 4 m plus a small kitchen. Contact Bill Smyth on 01233 840362 or email [dws1711@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dws1711@yahoo.co.uk).

### **TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

The table tennis club meets on alternate Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.30 pm in the Millennium Hall from September to the end of May. Contact Sheila Crookston on 01233 756378.

### **WALKING GROUP**

The Egerton Walking Group meet once a fortnight on Tuesdays. Walks usually follow a circular route and cover between four and six miles through open fields, woodland etc. along designated footpaths and byways. Cars are usually left at conveniently-situated pubs where a snack lunch is taken by those who wish. A very informal way (no subscription) to spend a morning with friends enjoying the beautiful Kent countryside. Ring Claire Foinette on 01233 756714.

### **WEALD OF KENT PROTECTION SOCIETY**

An environmental pressure group whose aim is to protect and enhance the rural character of the towns, villages and countryside of the Weald of Kent. Gale King is our representative. Contact her on 01233 76592.

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

There has been a Women's Institute in Egerton since 1919. They meet every first Wednesday in the month in the Millennium Hall, at 7.30 pm. They have interesting speakers each month and several outings each year, a quiz team and a table tennis club. To enquire further about the WI, contact the Secretary, Jackie Parry on 01233 713801.

### **YOGA**

Leo Bunyard runs popular yoga classes at Egerton, Ashford and Maidstone. For more details contact Leo on 07775720183 or email [leobunyard@btinternet.com](mailto:leobunyard@btinternet.com).

# Eating Out

## FISH AND CHIPS

**The Chequers Fish Bar and Takeaway** in Lenham Square, telephone 01622 859878.

**Marino's Fish Restaurant and Takeaway**, 7 High Street, Headcorn, telephone 01622 891816.

## PUBLIC HOUSES

**The Barrow House** (formerly The George) in The Street, Egerton has been completely refurbished.



Open Monday-Thursday 9am to 10pm, Friday-Saturday 9am to 11pm, Sunday 9am to 9pm. Everything prepared from scratch and freshly cooked. From a quick snack, a light lunch or dinner with friends and family, there's something for everyone on the menu. You can book online for parties less than 10. Over 10 ring or email to check availability.

Another big plus for the viability of The Barrow House is the fact that they can offer accommodation upstairs. There are three rooms available with en-suite bathrooms and large beds to ensure the most comfortable overnight stay or relaxing getaway weekend. Prices include a hearty breakfast in the morning. Check-in is from 3pm onwards, check-out must be before 11am.



Contact details are: **Telephone 01233 756599. Email: [digin@thebarrowhouse.co.uk](mailto:digin@thebarrowhouse.co.uk) and Website: [www.thebarrowhouse.co.uk](http://www.thebarrowhouse.co.uk).**

**The Rose and Crown** is on the boundary line between Egerton and Pluckley at Mundy Bois and is also a popular venue for eating. Contact them on 01233 840048. They serve traditional pub food. It is advisable to book.

## RESTAURANTS

**Frasers** is a 1AA Rosette restaurant in Egerton. Telephone 01233 756122, email [lisa@frasers-events.co.uk](mailto:lisa@frasers-events.co.uk) or [www.frasers-events.co.uk](http://www.frasers-events.co.uk).

**Elvey Farm** Restaurant offering Italian fare at Pluckley. Telephone 01233 840442 email [bookings@elveyfarm.co.uk](mailto:bookings@elveyfarm.co.uk) or go to [www.elveyfarm.co.uk](http://www.elveyfarm.co.uk)

**Trattoria Romana** Italian Restaurant, 32 Bank Street, Ashford. Telephone 01233 638033

**Spices of Bengal** Indian Restaurant, Charing Hill. Telephone 01233 712286

## TAKEAWAY FOOD

If you are looking for takeaway food, here is a starter list for you:

*Chinese*

Chopsticks and Bowl Restaurant and Takeaway, Lenham, telephone 01622 858416

*Indian*

Krishna Indian Restaurant, 41 High Street, Headcorn, telephone 01622 890665

# Events

## CRICKET WEEK



Egerton Cricket Club started its cricket week as a one-off to raise money to help fund the pavilion. The first cricket week in 2002 was such a success, however, that they now run triennially with the music festival and the fete. The next cricket week is 2019. For more information on Egerton Cricket Club, contact Paul Hope on 07885509751. See also "*Outdoor Recreation*".

## EGERTON MUSIC FESTIVAL



In 1997, Egerton held its first Music Festival, in order to raise funds for the Millennium Hall. Hundreds of singers and musicians took part in a week of concerts and events that caught the imagination of audiences and performers alike. The Festival now runs for two weeks and the aim is to provide a wide variety of music from classical concerts to folk and jazz and for concerts to be accessible in terms of price and choice of programmes. The 2017 Music Festival was a great success. The next festival will be 2020. With a "fringe" of events in the pubs and around the village there really is "something for everyone"! For further details please contact the Secretary at The Granary, Newland Green, Egerton, Kent, TN27 9EP 01233 756775. Email: [ljanecarr@btinternet.com](mailto:ljanecarr@btinternet.com) or go to their website at [www.egertonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.egertonmusicfestival.co.uk).

## VILLAGE FETE



There have been fetes held in Egerton for many years - there is still in existence a video of the 1930's fete. However, the first of the current series of "Egerton Summer Fetes" took place in 1986. The organisers at the time decided not to hold the fete every year, which some of the nearby villages do, but instead the fete has now settled into a triennial pattern with the Music Festival and the Cricket Week. The fete raises money for local charities in the village, providing much needed funds for the playing fields, the school, the maintenance of the fabric of the parish church and the village hall, games barn and sports pavilion.



Attracting crowds of several thousand, it has always proved to be a very popular and fun day out with events ranging from a coconut shy, a slippery pole and a tombola to sheep shearing, dog shows and displays from local dance groups. A large selection of historic vehicles and music from local bands alongside food and drink provided by local groups make for a very enjoyable day. The 2018 fete raised over £11,000, a staggering sum which indicates the amount of support Egerton people give to their fete. Help is always





welcome and everyone is encouraged to do as much as they can. The next fete will be in 2021.

## XMAS FAIR



At the beginning of December every year there is a wonderful open-air Christmas Fair, with the emphasis on children. It is an opportunity for local organisations to raise a bit of money for their worthy causes. The school, church, WI, playgroup, cricket club etc. all have stalls at the event. It is held on The Glebe which is opposite the shop and there is always a wonderful atmosphere, especially as it gets dark. There is usually a performance by the local children of some drama they have rehearsed and carol singing around the Christmas tree with the Salvation Army. A

BBQ provides some of the food, a local resident makes the rum punch and there is tea, coffee and buns at another stall. Of course, Santa pays us a visit too! The 2017 is organised by a small committee under the leadership of Heather James. Heather's phone number is 01233 756501 (Parish Clerk telephone).

# Housing

Ashford Borough Council (ABC) is the borough's biggest landlord with 5000 council homes, some of which are in Egerton in New Road, Crockenhill and Forstal Road (some now in private ownership). Tenants have the right to have a say about the way their homes and communities are managed.

ABC works in partnership with a number of Housing Associations to help meet the need for affordable homes in the borough for people who are unable to access housing in the private housing market. People who feel they need support for housing should contact the ABC Housing Services Team on 01233 330688. They can be advised as to whether or not they are eligible to be on the ABC Housing Register, for which a detailed form must be completed. Affordable homes for rent are then made available through a scheme called Choice Based Lettings. This scheme allows applicants to bid for property advertised by ABC, based on their housing needs. In particular, ABC aims to assist key workers to obtain housing in the area.

## AFFORDABLE RURAL LOCAL NEEDS HOUSING

Affordable rural local needs housing is provided by a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) on land where the only type of development permissible is affordable local needs housing. These homes enable local people to remain in the village where they live or work and not be forced to move away because of high house prices and high rents. There may be opportunities for part-ownership too. Examples are at **Harmer's Way** run by Sanctuary Housing Association (contact Alison O'Connor 0800 1313348 or office 0208 8261688) and at **Chantlers Meadow**, Forstal Road, run by English Rural Housing Association (contact Luke Versteeg on 07552126679 or Ysella Sims. Office number for both is 0207 8207930). To apply for either of these places you would need to be on the ABC housing register and complete and return a Choice Based Lettings Housing Application Form 272Kb. You may be able to 'skip' some of the requirements for being on the Register if you meet the Egerton residency requirements for local needs housing in Harmers Way or Chantlers Meadow. These are quite strict and are set out in ABC's Housing Strategy on the website [www.ashford.gov.uk](http://www.ashford.gov.uk). The staff at the Ashford Gateway in Church Road can also give advice on how to make an application.

## EGERTON HOUSING ASSOCIATION

**The Good Intent Cottages** at Stonebridge Green, run by the Egerton Housing Association, are modestly-sized homes for local people to rent. They do not form part of the ABC Choice Based Lettings Scheme. The requirements for eligibility are set down by the Egerton Housing Association. They provide a very valuable start for villagers. Contact Sue Palmer on 01233 756266 for more information.

## RESIDENTIAL CARE

Other services for older people, such as residential and nursing care, respite and day centres, are provided by Kent County Council. If you or someone you know is finding it difficult to manage every day activities you can complete an online assessment at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk). Otherwise there are several private nursing and residential homes for older people in Headcorn, Charing and Tenterden.

## SHELTERED HOUSING AND HAVEN BUNGALOWS

ABC owns and manages over 450 sheltered housing dwellings in 13 schemes throughout the Borough. In addition there are a further 720 or so "haven" bungalows with a social alarm system provided – in Egerton there are 18 such bungalows in **Elm Close**. In each case the dwellings are for people over 50 years of age, with priority for those over 60. ABC offers a range of services to ensure a good quality of life for older people in the borough including free bus passes for over-60s and a Telecare service offering peace of mind and independent living to elderly, disabled and vulnerable residents.

# Local Authorities and Government

## EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL - EPC

Egerton Parish Council consists of nine non-political members. They are selected following public elections every four years. Currently the councillors are Richard King (Chair), Peter Rawlinson (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey and James Walker. They meet every first Tuesday of the month at 8 pm in the Committee Room of the Millennium Village Hall. The public are welcome to attend and have an opportunity to ask questions or raise issues part-way through the agenda.

The present Clerk is Mrs Heather James who is employed for 14 hours a week. The Clerk may be contacted at the Telecottage (attached to the Millennium Hall) every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm in person or by telephone on 01233 756501. For local hand delivered post there is a letterbox at the Telecottage for the Clerk and for Royal Mail post at Jollis Field, Coldbridge Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent. TN27 9BP. Telephone 01233 756192. Email: [clerk@egertonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@egertonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk).

The Egerton Parish website contains more information on the role of the Council. See [www.egertonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.egertonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk).

## ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL – ABC

Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL. Telephone 01233 331111. Website is [www.ashford.gov.uk](http://www.ashford.gov.uk).

Emergency number out of hours - 01233 629911.

**Cultural Services** - sports, art, tourism, leisure, conservation, heritage.

**Environmental Services** - refuse collection, cleaning, community safety, parking, public health, licensing.

**Housing Services** - tenancy and estate management, homelessness, rent collection.

**Legal and Domestic Services** - support to the democratic and decision-making process, elections, code of conduct.

**Planning and Development** - building control, planning permission, listed building consent.

**Council Tax** - your Council Tax payments for the financial year must be paid to Ashford Borough Council (ABC), Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL Telephone: 01233 331111 Email: [customer.care@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:customer.care@ashford.gov.uk).

If you have dealings with other council departments you should also notify them of your new address. You are obliged to inform Election Services that you have moved.

**Our Borough Councillor for Weald North (covering Egerton) is Mrs Geraldine Dyer**, Westover Farm Oast, Smarden Bell Road, Smarden TN27 8NT. If you would like to discuss any Ashford Borough Council related issue or planning matter, Geraldine is available on the first Tuesday of every

month at the Egerton Millennium Hall from 10-11 am. Contact her on telephone: 01233 770213, mobile 07840197225, or email [geraldine.dyer@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:geraldine.dyer@ashford.gov.uk).

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – KCC

Provision of Education, Highways, Libraries, Social Services, Transport, Police and Fire services across Kent.

Head Office: Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ. Telephone 03000414141. Website is [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk).

Police Headquarters Telephone 01622 690690. Use 101 for reporting all non-emergency crime.

Fire Brigade Headquarters Telephone 01622 692121.

Highways Service for reporting potholes and culvert drainage problems (not ditches) Telephone 03000418181.

**County Councillor for Ashford Rural West** – Charlie Simkins was elected as our County Councillor from May 2013 and he can be contacted on 01233 756705, or if you prefer, by email at [charlie.simkins@kent.gov.uk](mailto:charlie.simkins@kent.gov.uk).

## CENTRAL GOVERNMENT



**Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)** - for local government, planning, housing and regeneration policy: Eland House, Bressenden Place. London SW1. Telephone 0303 444 0000. [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk).

**Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)** - for farming, fisheries, animal welfare, environment, climate change and rural policy matters: Nobel House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR. Telephone 08459335577. [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk).

**Member of Parliament** - Damian Green, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Telephone 0207 219 3911 or constituency office at Hardy House Bethersden TN26 3AG. Telephone 01233 820911. Email [greend@parliament.uk](mailto:greend@parliament.uk).

## European Parliament

The European Parliament (EP) is elected by the citizens of the European Union to represent their interests. Elections are held every five years, the last one being June 2014. The UK has 72 MEPs, the same as France and Italy. There are 10 MEPs for South East England. See website [www.europarl.europa.eu](http://www.europarl.europa.eu).

# Outdoor Recreation

## BASKETBALL

There is a small tarmaced practice area for basketball in the upper recreation ground in the far corner, next to the back of the Millennium Hall.

## CRICKET CLUB



The current position dates from the early 1970s when the ground was relocated from the Long Wozzel, at the bottom of the hill to the recreation ground. The old pavilion has been demolished and a replacement has been erected (completed July 2011) to complement the beautiful millennium hall.

The club has been in existence for over 100 years. There are complete minute books dating back to 1908 that continue without interruption to the present day and detailed averages from 1932 onwards. Players have historically come from the village or its close neighbours and the purpose of the Club has been and continues to be a facility for local people whatever their ability.

For more information, call Paul Hope on 07885509751 or email [ecc@egerton-kent.co.uk](mailto:ecc@egerton-kent.co.uk). The website is [www.egerton.play-cricket.com](http://www.egerton.play-cricket.com).

## FOOTPATHS IN EGERTON

There are many footpaths running through Egerton. There is a good map of all the paths in Egerton on display in a case on The Glebe, opposite the shop. An Ordnance Survey map of the area is a wise purchase to help to avoid any wrong turns. The Parish Council has a trained Community Access Warden for footpaths who deals with any problems relating to our network of rights of way. Her name is Pat Parr and she can be contacted on 01233 756601 or [pat.parr@sky.com](mailto:pat.parr@sky.com).

## FOOTBALL

Although after many years of hard work and local fundraising, the village now possesses excellent facilities in the recreation ground for both football and cricket, including a modern new pavilion, the adult football team was unfortunately forced to disband in 2015, largely due to the lack of a Team Manager.

However, there is a thriving junior team that was originally formed in 2008 as a joint venture with an existing Under 9 team in the adjoining village of Pluckley, and this combined team (now known as Egerton & Pluckley Utd. F.C. and committed to serving both communities) played at Pluckley until the end of the 2014/15 season. As youngsters get older, however, they need to play on more spacious pitches and the players, who now compete as Under 13s, have outgrown the confined site at Pluckley and have moved to Egerton where they play their home matches in the village playing fields on Saturday mornings.

New members are always welcome and information about player qualifications or club activities can be obtained, if required, from either John Harrison (telephone 01233 840822) or Craig Darnley (01233 840721) who are the club's two F.A. qualified coaches.

## OUTDOOR PLAY AREA

For young children there is an outdoor play area at the top of the recreation ground near the Games Barn. It has safety matting throughout with various items of climbing equipment and swings. Children should always be supervised when using this area. For older children there is a basketball area near the Millennium Hall and a skatepark next to the football field, lower recreation ground.

## RECREATION GROUND

Some time after the First World War, Lord Cornwallis gave the Parish eleven acres of land to use solely for recreation purposes. This area has fantastic views over the Weald of Kent and is a major asset to the village. The Upper Recreation Ground has the Millennium Hall and the Telecottage, the play area and the Games Barn. The Middle Recreation Ground has the Cricket Pitch and the Sports Pavilion and the Lower Recreation Ground has the Football Pitch and the Skatepark Area. The very bottom area is a memorial tree planting area but there is no room for further planting.

## RUNNING CLUB

Several enthusiastic Egertonians decided to start a running club. They call themselves the “Greensand Joggers”. Contact Sarah Elworthy on 01233 756205 for further details.

## SKATEPARK

Egerton worked hard with its youngsters to build a skatepark to be proud of. The youngsters designed it themselves and were involved all the way through the development of it. It is in the lower recreation ground at the far end of the football ground and is used by skateboarders and BMX bikers.

## SPORTS PAVILION



Egerton has a beautiful, practical sports pavilion. It is available for hire for individual events or regular bookings. More details under “Clubs and Societies” section. Contact Bill and Joan Smyth on 01233 840362 to book.

# Services

## ASHFORD AND TENTERDEN SAMARITANS

The Ashford & Tenterden Samaritans are a listening service set up for those who feel suicidal or despairing. Most of their contact with the public is by telephone, but they also have a walk-in service at their base in Queen Street, Ashford. They can be contacted on 01233 610000 local call charge. For emergencies phone 01233 116123 (free to call). Opening hours are Mondays 8.00am to 12 noon then 1800 to 2100; Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.00am to 2100; Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00am to 2100; Saturday 8.00am to 1300; and Sundays 0800 to 12 noon.

## ASHFORD HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY

This is a service trying to enable people to remain in their own homes in comfort and safety by providing advice and assistance with repairs and disabled adaptations. They can be contacted by telephoning 0800 0283172 or 01795 417131.

## BANKS AND CASHPOINTS

There are no banks within a few miles of Egerton. Sainsburys at Headcorn have a cashpoint and cash can be had from our Post Office at the shop.

## BEES (swarming)

If you are having trouble with a swarm of bees, contact Nick Mengham on 01233 840660 or 078842315114.

## BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING

There is an organisation called CRUSE who help bereaved people. Call them on 08088081677.

## CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP

Carers Support offer information advice, emotional support and social contacts for carers. They have a telebefriending scheme and a youth careers project. They also run an emergency card scheme. Contact details are: Post – Norman House, Beaver Business Park, Beaver Road, Ashford, TN23 7SH. Telephone 01233 664393, email [admin@carers-ashford.org](mailto:admin@carers-ashford.org) and website [www.carers-ashford.org.uk](http://www.carers-ashford.org.uk).

## CHILDLINE

Should you know of any child who would like some free help or support, please tell them about Childline, the free contact service for children set up by Esther Rantzen. The number is 0800 1111.

## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Ashford CAB is a very useful organisation who give free advice on almost any problem you may encounter. Contact them on 01233 626185. Should you wish to write to the Ashford branch or visit them their address is Seabrooke House, Church Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 1RD. Email [ashfordadvice@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordadvice@gmail.com). The national website address for the Citizens Advice Bureau is [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).

## COUNSELLING

For counselling help contact Ashford Counselling Services at Paul Bower Centre, 123 Church Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0JQ. Telephone 01233 610083.

## DENTISTS

Dentists are difficult to find, herewith a few to try:

NHS Ashford Dental Care Centre, 8 New Rents, Ashford. Telephone 01233 610387

S.A. Rummery, 4 High Street, Lenham. Telephone 01622 858204

NHS Mary Colette O'Sullivan and Associates, 6 Kings Road, Headcorn. Telephone 01622 890574

NHS Elwick Dental Practice, 4 Elwick Road, Ashford. Telephone 01233 624913

Epps, Hatfield and Associates, Sunnyside, Elwick Road, Ashford. Telephone 01233 625513

NHS Church Road, Ashford. Telephone 01233 620565

## DOCTORS' SURGERIES

There are three doctors' surgeries generally used by the people of Egerton as follows:

1. The Charing Surgery is at 1 Surgery Close, Charing. Telephone 01233 714490. Charing Pharmacy is 01233 714197 and the Surgery website is [www.charingpractice.co.uk](http://www.charingpractice.co.uk). Repeat prescriptions can be requested on-line and there is a free delivery service too.
2. Headcorn Surgery is in Grigg Lane, Headcorn. Telephone 01622 890294. For repeat prescriptions, ring 01622 891625.
3. Lenham. The Len Valley Practice is at Groom Way, Lenham. Telephone 01622 858341. Also at Church Road, Harrietsham. Telephone 01622 859204.

## DOG WARDEN

For the dog warden contact the ABC on 01233 330340 to report a stray dog or to register if you have lost your dog or your dog has been stolen.

Contact the Environmental Health team of ABC for any animal welfare issues occurring in premises which they licence – e.g. breeding or boarding establishments. Telephone 01233 330578.

## EGERTON FILM AND COMPUTER CENTRE (formerly called the Telecottage)

The Egerton film and computer centre is a teaching centre, a place to access the Internet, to use a fax and photocopier and offers a free drop-in advice session every Saturday morning from 10 am to 12 noon. You can send emails, research your family history, have private tuition on many aspects of the computer, learn a language or make your own party invites. For further information contact 07990574214, email [instructor@egerton-kent.co.uk](mailto:instructor@egerton-kent.co.uk) or visit the Egerton website [www.egerton-kent.co.uk](http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk)

## EGERTON PRE-SCHOOL

A registered charity for 2-5 year-olds. Held in the Millennium Hall. For days open and timings contact by phone on 07391181248 or email [egertonpreschool@outlook.com](mailto:egertonpreschool@outlook.com) for further details. Also see their website at [www.egertonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.egertonpreschool.co.uk). Also mentioned in *Services* section.



## FAMILY MEDIATION CENTRE

For family mediation, contact Resolutions at Tufton Street, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1BT. Telephone 01233 896237. Email [info@ashfordmediation.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordmediation.co.uk).

## FOOTPATHS IN EGERTON

Egerton footpaths are under the jurisdiction of the KCC. Egerton Parish Council has a trained Community Access Warden for footpaths who will liaise with the Footpaths Officer for Egerton area for any problems with our footpaths - broken stiles, overgrown paths etc. Should you need to report any faults with Egerton footpaths, please contact Pat Parr on 01233 756601 or [pat.parr@sky.com](mailto:pat.parr@sky.com).

## LIBRARY VAN

The Ashford Library Van visits Egerton but times vary. Check with the noticeboard at the shop.

## MILK DELIVERIES

We have a very good milkman in Ricardo, who runs a franchise through Dairy Crest. He sells many other products should you wish. His delivery service has been so reliable over the years, we hope every newcomer will use him for some of their supplies. Contact Dairy Crest on 01622 751246 or 0800 615715 to book Ricardo. Also visit the website [www.milkandmore.co.uk](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk).

## MILLENNIUM HALL



The Millennium Hall is the most popular building in Egerton. Because of its size and facilities it is always in demand and is booked up almost every single day of the year on a regular basis. Most of Egerton's clubs and organisations use the hall for their meetings. For bookings, contact Jim Cooke on 01233 840479.

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE DIRECT HEALTHLINE



**The way you access health care information, advice and services on the telephone has changed.**

You should call the NHS 111 service if you need medical help fast, but it's not a 999 emergency.

You will be assessed, given advice and directed straightaway to the local service that can help you best. Calls to NHS 111 are free from landlines and mobile phones. Check which service is [available in your area](#).

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The Neighbourhood Watch scheme is a voluntary local community initiative to help the Police in crime prevention and aid detection. The Egerton co-ordinator is Lois Tilden at Potters Forstal Farm, Chapel Lane email [neighbourhoodwatch@tilden.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@tilden.eclipse.co.uk) tel 01233 756221. Kent Police and Kent Trading Standards officers issue messages, alerts and advice to local co-ordinators who then cascade the information to local residents by email or telephone. In Egerton, there is a thriving email network but those not on email need messages passed to them by phone, note or in person, so the community depends on an effective grapevine. There are also other benefits of joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. For example, you can learn more about crime prevention and home security which will help keep your home and belongings safe. You might also get a discount on your home insurance.

*Remember, if you see anything suspicious, report it direct to the Police (not the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator) by dialling 101. If a crime is in progress, dial 999. You should let the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator know afterwards so that others in the village can be alerted.*

## NSPCC CHILD PROTECTION HELPLINE

For any aspect of child protection, call the freephone number 0800 800 5000. Email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

## PHARMACIES

Lenham has its own pharmacy within the surgery there. Contact them on 01622 858341. Charing Surgery also has its own pharmacy. Contact them on 01233 714490. Also in Lenham is Saxon Warrior Pharmacy, The Square, telephone 01622 858287.

## POLICE



Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Paul Moorey has been appointed by Kent Police covers Ashford Weald North which is Egerton and Smarden. You can contact him by phoning 101 or emailing [csu.ashford@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:csu.ashford@kent.pnn.police.uk).

TO REPORT NON-EMERGENCY CRIME INCIDENTS AT ANY TIME, TELEPHONE 101.  
FOR EMERGENCIES YOU SHOULD STILL CALL 999.

### Other Emergency and Useful Numbers

- Ashford Borough Council emergency out-of-hours 01233 629911;
- Dog warden 01233 330340;
- Ashford Borough Council for flytipping 01233 331111;
- Kent County Council – 03000 414141
- Kent Highway Services for potholes/highway hazards 03000 418181;
- EdF electricity substation – damage to overhead lines etc. 0800 1954141;

- British Gas for all gas leaks 0800 111999;
- South East Water – out-of-hours 0333 000 0365;
- Southern water supply emergencies 0845 2780845;
- Southern Water for sewerage, blockages, backing-up, pumping station failure 0845 2780845;
- RSPCA for animal cruelty 0300 1234999;

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Egerton Church of England Primary School is in Stisted Way. The school holds 210 pupils and is a very popular primary school in the Ashford Borough. They are a single form entry school with large modern classrooms. The Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am and after school Play Club opens until 6pm. The current Headteacher is Julia Walker. For more information the school has an excellent website [www.egerton.kent.sch.uk](http://www.egerton.kent.sch.uk) where you can find out all you want to know at your leisure. To ring the school, call 01233 756274.

## RECYCLING AND RUBBISH



Rubbish collection is by contractors on behalf of Ashford Borough Council. This service consists of a recycling bin (green) for rigid plastic, glass, newspapers, cardboard, food containers, tins. A waste bin (black) for all other plastic, wrappings, any other waste not classed as recycling. The green and black bins are put out on alternate weeks so that each gets collected once a fortnight. Then there is the food waste bin (orange lid). All organic waste goes in this small bin with the waste food either being wrapped in newspaper or in special organic waste liners available from supermarkets etc. This bin is collected every week. A calendar indicating which week for which large bin is available from Ashford Borough Council. The collection is on **Thursdays**. Large quantities of garden waste, metal, wood, oil, tyres, batteries, electrical equipment and tin foil should be taken for recycling when you're making a trip to Ashford by car, to ABC's depot at Cobbs Wood Industrial Estate off the A20 on the A28 towards Great Chart. Tel 01233 331111 for further information about what can be recycled, what may need collection, and how to arrange it.

## SPORTS PAVILION

The beautiful Sports Pavilion in the lower recreation ground is available for hire for sports and social events. Contact Bill Smyth on 01233 840362.

## TELEPHONE PREFERENCE SERVICE

The Telephone Preference Service (TPS) is a free service. It is the official central opt-out register in which you can record your preference not to receive unsolicited sales or marketing calls. The easiest way to register this is online at [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk), or telephone them on 0345 070 0707.

## TOURIST INFORMATION

Ashford Tourist Information Centre is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Ashford Gateway Plus building in Church Road (TN23 1AS). Telephone 01233 330316. Email [tourism@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@ashford.gov.uk). Websites are: [www.ashford.gov.uk](http://www.ashford.gov.uk) and [www.ashford.kent-towns.co.uk](http://www.ashford.kent-towns.co.uk). The Centre is open from 10.15 am to 3.00 pm from Monday to Saturday inclusive.

## TREE WARDEN

The current tree warden for Egerton is Graham Howland. He represents the Parish Council on all matters relating to trees on public land in the village. Any queries on Parish trees rather than trees on private land should be addressed to the Parish Council who will liaise with Mr. Howland.

## **VICTIM SUPPORT**

If you are a victim of crime or abuse, or a witness to crime and would like further assistance or further information, please visit the website at [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk). Residents of Ashford are served by Victim Support Kent at Compass House, Tufton Street, Ashford, TN23 1BT. Telephone the free support line on 0808 1689 111.

## **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT, PARISH PLAN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A group of volunteers were set up a few years ago to produce a very impressive Village Design Statement which is being used by Ashford Borough Council as planning supplement advice on many aspects of design and materials in the village to ensure that new properties are additions to existing properties are carried out as sympathetically as possible to blend in with the surroundings of this beautiful village. You may be able to obtain a copy by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01233 756501 on a Tuesday or Thursday from 9am to 3pm.

A few years later, another group of volunteers worked on a Parish Plan for Egerton which will help to identify what and how we want our village to develop in the future. This plan was published and distributed to every property in the village.

The latest project of this nature which is currently in progress is a Neighbourhood Plan.

## **VOLUNTEER BUREAU**

This organisation offers volunteers for free help with shopping, gardening, collecting library books and many more tasks to those unable to get out and about easily. They are also always looking to add to their list of volunteers, so if you can help them at all, please contact telephone 01233 665535. Their address is Ashford Volunteer Centre, 18 Elm Place, Ashford, TN23 5PB.

## **WEB SITE**

Egerton's web site can be found at [www.egerton-kent.co.uk](http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk).

## **WILLIAM HARVEY HOSPITAL, ASHFORD**

Our local hospital is the William Harvey Hospital, Kennington Road, Willesborough. It has a full Accident and Emergency Service. Their main telephone number is 01233 633331.

# Transport



## BUS SERVICE AND BUS STOPS

There is a daily bus service to and from Ashford with the Number 123 Biddenden Service (KCC sponsored, provided by Stagecoach). There are three bus stops in Egerton as follows:

- At the top of New Road abutting the hedge of The George Pub garden, opposite the bus shelter.
- Near the lower end of Rockhill Road near the junction with Mundy Bois Road (shelter).
- Outside the Queens Arms in Forstal Road.

There is a daily bus service from the three stops to Ashford and from Park Street in Ashford back to Egerton. The bus is the Number 123 Biddenden Service (a KCC sponsored service) and the timetable for Egerton (shown in full at all the bus stops) is as follows:

<b>123 Bus</b>	<b>Monday to Friday Only</b>		
Egerton Forstal (Queens Arms)	0754	1004	1405
Egerton (The George)	0759	1009	1410
Pluckley	0804	1014	1415
Ashford Town Centre (Park Street)	0824	1034	1435

	<b>Monday to Friday Only</b>		
Ashford Town Centre (Park Street)	1245	1610	1745
Pluckley	1307	1632	1807
Egerton (The George)	1312	1637	1812
Egerton Forstal (Queens Arms)	1317	1642	1817

If you need to contact Stagecoach, Brunswick Road, Ashford, TN23 1AJ. Telephone 0871 2002233 or email [eastkent.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com](mailto:eastkent.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com).

## COACHES

A J Carr Ltd is the local coach service and is based at Pivington Mill. Not only do they operate many of the school services but they are also available to hire generally. For further details contact them on 01233 840651.

## MINIBUS HIRE

**A J Carr Ltd** – See above “Coaches”. They have many sizes of vehicles available. Contact them on 01233 840651. Email [carrscoaches@btconnect.com](mailto:carrscoaches@btconnect.com).

**Wealden Wheels** - This is a local not-for profit community transport scheme run by five villages – Egerton, Smarden, Pluckley, Charing, Chilham and Challock. It is supported by each of these Parishes and by grants and donations. The fleet consists of 4 minibuses (8-, 13- and 2 x 16 -seaters) which can be hired by registered clubs and societies or individuals for self-drive or a driver can be provided. They are wheelchair accessible.

This transport scheme relies heavily on its volunteers so please if you can volunteer some time for driving, could you contact 01233 840000, 07821387727 or [www.wealdenwheels.co.uk](http://www.wealdenwheels.co.uk). Email: [wealdenwheels@btconnect.com](mailto:wealdenwheels@btconnect.com) and you will be made very welcome.

## RAIL

Egerton's nearest stations are Pluckley, Charing and Headcorn. Charing is on the line from London Victoria to the north Kent coast via Bromley, Maidstone and Canterbury. Pluckley and Headcorn are on the line from London Charing Cross via Sevenoaks and Tonbridge. Ashford International station has a fast service (introduced in 2009) to London St. Pancras taking under 40 minutes via Ebbsfleet and Stratford. Eurostar trains also run from Ashford International to Paris, Brussels and Lille. For a full and up-to-date timetable and current engineering works, please refer to [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk). For help with journey planning call 08457 484950.

## TAXIS

**MTC Taxis** at Headcorn railway station. Telephone 01622 890003.

**Streamline of Lenham.** Telephone 01622 750000. Email [taxis@streamline.travel.co.uk](mailto:taxis@streamline.travel.co.uk). Website: [www.streamline.travel](http://www.streamline.travel).

**Arrow Taxis** based in Ashford. Telephone 01233 666666.

**TN26 Private Hire Cars**, 10 West Street, Hothfield, TN26 1ET. Telephone 07894716007.

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