



WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME

Welcome to Thurlaston and your new home. Be it for a few months or many years we hope you will soon settle in and make many new friends and neighbours in the village.

This booklet is just an introduction for you to have some basic information about our village, our activities, amenities in the village, and more general information about facilities and services close to the village.

If you have access to the Internet then we recommend you use this at your first port of call to gain information. Our website is at:

<http://www.thurlaston-pc.gov.uk>

On the website there are various articles about the history of the village and its traditions. We provide details of local amenities, healthcare agencies, schools, retailers and so forth.

In this document we also take the opportunity to introduce our Parish Councillors and how they may be contacted should you require assistance.

If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to have information in paper form do not hesitate to contact our Parish Clerk – details on page 5.

Once again welcome to your new home.

Your new friends & neighbours in Thurlaston.

Our Village History

Thurlaston is mentioned in the Domesday Book (as Torlaueston) which may indicate original ownership by a Scandinavian.

The village was a thriving agricultural district until the 20thC but today virtually all businesses have left. What remains is an attractive, peaceful settlement of mixed housing with a defined Conservation Area at its heart.

There are approximately 135 properties in the village housing about 275 residents. We lost any form of shop many years ago but access to bus services to Rugby and Coventry can be gained at the edge of the village.

The village is situated on the edge of Dunsmore Heath, 350 feet above sea level, with delightful views to the south. It stands on a gravel and sandy ridge, overlooking a clay-based valley, which, in the early 1970s became a reservoir operated by Severn Trent - Draycote Water. The reservoir provides a number of activities for leisure and the Parish Council has recently embarked upon securing project funding to further develop the outdoor space for the benefit of wildlife and the education of ourselves and our children.

Thurlaston Village Hall

Thurlaston Village Hall is available for hire at economical rates. It is ideal for family and children's parties. It has a fully equipped kitchen and a gated garden.

Full details of the Hall and booking details are on the Thurlaston website.

To make a booking, or just to ask for further details, please use email addressed to thurlastonvh@gmail.com.

Public Services

Health agencies:

Dunchurch Surgery	01788 522448
Chemist Dunchurch	01788 810745
Hospital of St Cross	Urgent Treatment Centre only 01788 572831
University Hospital	Full A&E & Trauma services 024 7696 4000

Refuse Collection:

Black and Blue top bins	Each, every other week on Wednesdays. (Except Biggin Hall Lane which is on Tuesdays).
Green bins	Every other week on Mondays – costs £40 p.a. (Except Biggin Hall Lane which is on Thursdays).
Rubbish Recycling/tips	Rugby/Stockton/Daventry
Bulky items	Rugby BC will collect large items for a fee.
Libraries:	Dunchurch, and Rugby town centre.

Churches:

St Edmunds Anglican	Thurlaston (see Thurlaston website)
St Peters Anglican	Dunchurch
Sacred Heart Catholic	Bilton
St Marie's Catholic	Rugby
English Martyrs Catholic	Hillmorton
Dunchurch Methodist	Dunchurch
Dunchurch Baptist	Dunchurch

Primary Schools:

Dunchurch Infant & Nursery	Crescent School (Indep'), Bilton
St Marie's Catholic Primary & Nursery	Leamington Hastings C of E Academy
Our Lady's Catholic Primary at Princethorpe	Bilton Grange (Indep'), Dunchurch

Secondary Schools:

Ashlawn School	Hillmorton
Rugby High School for Girls	Bilton
Lawrence Sheriff for Boys	Rugby
Harris Church of England Academy	Rugby
Princethorpe College (Indep')	Princethorpe
Rugby School (Indep')	Rugby

Village Activities

In the Village Hall:

Thurlaston Ladies Club: Second Monday in the month at 2:30pm.
Meetings for Guest speakers,
Demonstrations, social lunching outings etc.

The Beer Tree: Pub night from 7:30pm till late. Good night
in the Village Hall on the first Friday every
other month (even months). Look out for
the Beer Tree sign on Main Street.

Coffee Mornings: Third Friday of the month, 10:00 to 12:00.

Village Quiz: Usually early in the new year, advertised on
ThurlastonNet.

Other activities:

Village Fete: July (except in 2025 in September)
– details on the Thurlaston
website, ThurlastonNet, posters.
Sylvia Jacques 01788 815891

Progressive Supper: Once a year usually at Spring time.
Advertised on ThurlastonNet.
Mikala Torrance (mikalatorrance@outlook.com)

Village Archives: Annual Display.
Brian Coleman (01788 815138)

Ramblers: Usually an easy walk once per month
(March to December) of about 4 to 5 miles,
ending at a pub for lunch. ThurlastonNet
postings. Website for Ramblers history.
Mary Cook (01788 810541)

Parish Council (2024/25)

Parish Councillors: (Please contact through the Parish Clerk)

Holger Allroggen (Chair)

Robert Ashford

Gary Smith

Lee White

Andrew Fairgrieve

Sylvia Jacques (Parish Clerk)

Email: parish.clerk@thurlaston-pc.gov.uk

Tel: 07785 936740

Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Parish Council Meetings are generally held at 7:00pm on the second Monday in the month every two months in the Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

Dates and agenda are displayed on The Parish Council Notice Board on Main Street. Meeting agenda and minutes are published on the Thurlaston website.

Rugby Borough Council 2024/25

Councillors:

John Keeling john.keeling@rugby.gov.uk

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Jill Simpson-Vince jill.simpson-vince@rugby.gov.uk

Tel : 07359 681745

Jon Bennett jon.bennett@rugby.gov.uk

Tel: 07753 924592

Dale Keeling dale.keeling@rugby.gov.uk

Tel: 07895 360442

Police

Rugby Police Rugby Police Station

Tel: 01788 541111

Rugby Rural South & Central Safer Neighbourhood Team:

PCSO David Banks David.Banks@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Crime & Safety

Thankfully Thurlaston has a very low incidence of crime.

There is a section on the Thurlaston website which provides good advice with regard to individuals' safety and that of the wider community. A precis of the website information is included below.

The main tool in the prevention of crime and safety awareness is the ThurlastonNet email service. If you are not a member of the group then our advice is that you should be, details are included on page 7 of this booklet. Email postings can alert potential problems and very often can report current activities which are giving cause for concern.

Good advice is also available from Warwickshire Rural Watch and Warwickshire Police. Generally, Thurlaston has a monthly visit by the Police Rugby South & Central Safer Neighbourhood Team. Times and dates of these visits are posted on ThurlastonNet and the website. Normally PCSO David Banks will be in attendance and parks his police vehicle on Main Street.

General advice from the Police is:

- Call 999 in an emergency;
- Call 101 to report an incident or if you have a concern;
- Don't challenge people;
- Don't put yourself at risk.

During 2023 the Parish Council revised the village Emergency Plan. Hopefully this will never be invoked, it is designed to cater for catastrophic incidents such as a major fire, explosion, closure of Main Street etc. Details of the Emergency Plan and neighbourhood safety are on the Thurlaston website under the *Emergency Planning & Neighbourhood Safety* section.

There is a community **Automated Emergency Defibrillator** (AED) located in the old telephone kiosk located on Main Street, close to the bus shelter. Additional information is held on the Parish website.

ThurlastonNet – Community Group email service

ThurlastonNet is a free email list service which has been in operation in the village since 2002. It allows villagers as a Group to exchange information with each other. Members of the Group generally either reside in, or have a connection with the village in one way or another. It is managed by village volunteers.

The ThurlastonNet mailing list allows members of the community to exchange ideas, and seek or provide help with incidents. You do not need to be an expert to join the Group. In fact, quite a few of the list members just read a lot and post little or nothing. There is nothing wrong with that. The members of the list are generally very helpful and very friendly. In fact, we feel this is just a friendly gathering of villagers on the 'Net'.

Details of the ThurlastonNet and how to join are described on the Thurlaston website.

Local Retailers

- Fresh Fish:** Gary's mobile shop. Thursdays from 07:45 to 08:15 Main Street (in front of the Care Home), Thurlaston.
- Fresh Eggs:** David Robinson's cart, Main Street near the bridge.
- Milk:** Milk & More deliver to the village.

Provisions:

- Dunchurch Service Station – Spar shop, Coventry Road, Dunchurch
- Sainsburys Dunchurch Road, Dunchurch
- Asda Corporation St, Rugby.
- Tesco Leicester Road, Rugby, and Tesco Extra at Bilton.
- Aldi Hillmorton & Leicester Road, Rugby.
- Co-op Bilton Green, Cawston, Hillmorton.
- Lidl Bilton Road, Rugby.

- Newspapers:** Rugby Road, Dunchurch
(Newspapers may be ordered for delivery to the village bus shelter each morning).
Dunchurch Service Station - Spar shop
- Taxis:** A J Cars (01788 810098)

