

# Welcome to Braunston



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Chris Bichard  
Chairman  
Braunston Parish Council

We are very pleased to welcome you to Braunston.

In this welcome pack you will find lots of useful information about our village, including clubs, facilities and useful phone numbers.

There is plenty to do and see in and around Braunston and we look forward to getting to know you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. There are plenty of contact details later on, which should allow you to find out almost anything!

Yours sincerely

Chris Bichard  
01572 756694

## Brief history of Braunston

Braunston-in-Rutland is a village in the county of Rutland in the East Midlands region of England.

Leicestershire lies on the parish's western boundary; Braunston is located roughly two miles south-west of the county town of Oakham.

The village has lots of history, with records going back to the middle ages. More recently the Cheseldenes left their mark, up until around 1700, followed by the Hanburys who maintained an interest in the village until quite recently. You can discover many references to these families as you go around the village.

We have a public house, the 17th century Blue Ball Inn which claims to be the oldest inn in the county of Rutland. Sadly our other pub, the Old Plough, is currently closed and its future is uncertain.

The church, in a circular churchyard, is dedicated to All Saints.



A curious sculpted stone stands in the churchyard, at the west end of the church, close to the tower. Known as the Braunston "Goddess", it was found in about 1920 when the church doorstep needed to be replaced. When the slab was lifted this carving was revealed on the underside. There has been considerable speculation as to its age and meaning, and its original position as part of the church building, or whether it may even predate the church.

Nowadays, we have a thriving community of about 180 households, with around four hundred people.

The Beadman family have been here in Braunston since 1817, and have now reached their seventh generation. John and Connie Beadman are a font of information about village history, and are always keen to share their knowledge; check out their notice on the church notice board expressing interest in local and family history. This is quite popular with visitors to the village. Les Lickman holds a wonderful archive of local photographs; he is willing to share these and his knowledge of the development of the village over the years.

# Map of Braunston

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.6526715,-0.7713471,17z>

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@52.6522799,-0.7696295,574m/data=!3m1!1e3>



# Village communications

## Newsletter

There is a free monthly newsletter which gives details of what's happening in and around Braunston. It is sent by email at the end of each month – if you do not have an email address a paper copy will be delivered to you. Contributions are always welcome – please send them to [braunston.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:braunston.newsletter@gmail.com) by the 15th of each month.

**Website** <http://www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk>

The Braunston parish Council website is under constant review and development. The webmaster is Janet Taylor, who is always keen to incorporate new information as it arises, and to receive helpful suggestions on how to improve the site ([braunstonpc@gmail.com](mailto:braunstonpc@gmail.com)). We hope that it is becoming a useful source for people wanting to find out more about Braunston, and what goes on here.

## Notice boards

We have one village notice board, next to the churchyard, and opposite the Blue Ball pub in Cedar Street. General notices of village events can be posted there. There is a section for Parish Council business which notifies dates and agenda for parish meetings.

## Broadband

In Braunston you should now be able to connect to broadband at download speeds up to 75mbps; both fibre and wireless broadband were connected to the village in early 2016. All of the regular Internet Service Providers (ISPs) offer a connection to fibre (FTTC), and HERBS has a wireless broadband service which broadcasts from the Church tower.

# Local Government and local Member of Parliament

## Parish Council

- Parish Council Chairman: Chris Bichard  
Phone: 01572 756694  
Email: [cbichard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cbichard@hotmail.co.uk)
- Parish Clerk: Carole Brown  
Phone: 01572 717968  
Email: [clerk.braunston@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.braunston@gmail.com)
- Parish Council Deputy Chairman and Treasurer: Richard Beadman  
Phone: 01572 723381  
Email: [Richard@rutlanders.com](mailto:Richard@rutlanders.com)
- Parish Councillor: John Harry  
Phone: 01572 757604  
Email: [jeharry@btinternet.com](mailto:jeharry@btinternet.com)
- Parish Councillor: Emlyn Smith  
Phone: 01572-759613  
Email: [smith937@btinternet.com](mailto:smith937@btinternet.com)
- Parish Councillor: Jim Atack  
Phone: 01572-759556  
Email: [jim.atack@gmail.com](mailto:jim.atack@gmail.com)
- Parish Councillor: Jane Ellis  
Phone: 0786-750-1272  
Email: [janeenellis17@gmail.com](mailto:janeenellis17@gmail.com)
- Parish Councillor: Peter Allen  
Phone: 01572 723913  
Email: [peter.allen@consultselect.com](mailto:peter.allen@consultselect.com)

Parish Council Meetings take place on the second Thursday of every other month and everyone is welcome to attend. Dates and agendas are posted on the village notice board opposite the Blue Ball. Much Parish information, including meeting agendas and minutes, is also posted on the village website: [www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk](http://www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk)

## Rutland County Council

Braunston is in the ward of Braunston and Martinsthorpe, with two councillors.  
Our councillors are (May 2023):

Giles Clifton  
Phone:  
Email:  
Web: [www.rutland.gov.uk](http://www.rutland.gov.uk)

Andrew Johnson  
Phone:  
Email:  
Web: [www.rutland.gov.uk](http://www.rutland.gov.uk)

## Local Member of Parliament

Your MP is Alicia Kearns  
Phone: 01664 411211  
Email: [alicia.kearns.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:alicia.kearns.mp@parliament.uk)  
Web: <https://www.aliciakearns.com/>

## Village facilities and services

- Braunston Good Neighbours WhatsApp group

There is a Good Neighbours WhatsApp group in the village to help to share information and request any help that residents may need. Typical uses are lost and found notices, road closures and problems, help to find trades people, as well as requests for transport to doctors appointments, prescription pick up, dog walking and pet care whilst unfit, and any other neighbourly tasks that may sometimes be needed. To join the group, contact the group admin on 07775 658241 or 07876 251257

- Church - All Saints, Church Street      Vicar:



Church Wardens: Rob Anderson      01572 774388      Parish Evangelist: Gail Rudge      01572 755570  
PCC Treasurer: Pat Anderson      01572 774388      PCC Secretary: Mrs M E Dyer      01572 771564  
Lay Reader: Alan Rudge      01572 755570      Tower Captain: Richard Beadman      01572 723382  
Web: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10834/>





- Village Hall (Braunston and Brooke)

The village hall is home to various clubs and classes, and is available for hire for meetings, parties, weddings and other function. The Village Hall committee is active in organising community functions such as quizzes, ceilidhs and posh-frock balls, throughout the year.

Booking Secretary: Karen Allen

email: [bookings@braunstonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@braunstonvillagehall.co.uk)

Phone: 07961 050077

Web: [www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk)

- Pub

Blue Ball, 6 Cedar Street, Braunston, Oakham, LE15 8QS

Email: [blueballbraunston@gmail.com](mailto:blueballbraunston@gmail.com)

Phone: 01572 491077

Web: [www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk](http://www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk)

- Doctors Surgery:

Oakham Medical Practice, Cold Overton Road, Oakham,

Phone: 01572 722621

Web: <https://oakhammedicalpractice.co.uk/>

There are also surgeries at Somerby, Uppingham and Empingham that accept patients from Braunston

- Dentist Practices:

Dentith & Dentith, Southview, 83 South Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6BG

01572 755970, [www.dentithanddentith.co.uk](http://www.dentithanddentith.co.uk)

Mydentist, Units 1-2, Northfield Court, Maresfield Rd, Oakham LE15 7WN

01572 770579, [www.mydentist.co.uk](http://www.mydentist.co.uk)

JDRM Dental Care, 40a Melton Rd, Oakham, 01572 729368

<https://jdrmdentalcare.co.uk/>

Green Oakham Dental Care, 74 High St, Oakham, LE15 6AS, 01572 755260

[www.greenoakhamdentalcare.co.uk](http://www.greenoakhamdentalcare.co.uk)

Oakham Dental Studio, Knights Yard, Gaol St, Oakham, LE15 6AQ, 01572 771175

[www.oakhamdentalstudio.co.uk](http://www.oakhamdentalstudio.co.uk)

West Rd Dental Practice, 71 West Rd, Oakham, LE15 6LT, 01572 722677

<https://www.westroadental.com/>

- Oakham Library, Catmose Street, Oakham, LE15 6HW

Phone: 01572 722918

Email: [libraries@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@rutland.gov.uk)

Website: <https://rutlandlibraries.org.uk/>

Opening times:

Monday to Friday, 9.00 - 5.00

Saturday 9.00 - 1.00

There is no mobile library, but there is a delivery service which will bring books to you if you are unable to get to a library. See the Rutland libraries website for details.

- Post Office

Sub post office 18-20 Churchill Rd ( on the left as you go into town ).

Main post office 30-32 High St, Oakham.

Full details on Post Office website at: <https://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder>

# Emergency services

## Ambulance Service

- In an emergency, call the Ambulance Service on: 999
- Alternatively, call NHS Direct: 111
- The nearest hospital with an A&E department is:  
Leicester Royal Infirmary (15.5 miles) Infirmary Square, Leicester, LE1 5WW  
Tel: 0300 303 1573

Alternatively there are A&E departments at Peterborough Hospital, and Kettering Hospital

## Fire Service

- In the event of a fire, call the Fire Service on: 999

## Police

- In an emergency, call the Police on: 999
- For non-emergencies call 101
- The local police station is now in Rutland County Council offices  
Rutland County Council  
Catmose, Oakham  
Rutland, LE15 6HP

Monday to Friday: 10am – 4pm

Phone: 01572 722577

Web [www.leics.police.uk/a/your-area/leicestershire/melton-and-rutland/rutland-south/](http://www.leics.police.uk/a/your-area/leicestershire/melton-and-rutland/rutland-south/)

You can use this website to report a crime, or other incidents.

- Oakham South Neighbourhood Team  
Inspector: Lindsey Madeley-Harland  
Sergeant: Paul Kear  
Constable: Peter Icke  
PCSO: Andy Wylie

## British Telecom fault reporting

- To report a telephone fault  
Phone: 0800 800 151
- To check or track phone or broadband problems online  
Web: [www.bt.com/consumerFaultTracking/](http://www.bt.com/consumerFaultTracking/)

## Electricity helpline

- If you spot a potential hazard on or near an overhead electricity line, warn anyone in the vicinity to evacuate the area and call the electricity emergency helpline on 0800 40 40 90
- In the event of a power cut contact 0800 6783 105, or online at [www.nationalgrid.co.uk/contact-us](http://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/contact-us)

## Water helpline

- If you find a leak or burst pipe in your home, you should telephone a plumber immediately.
- If you see a water leak or burst pipe in the road, on a pavement or any other place, phone Severn Trent, 0800 783 4444, or report it online at [www.stwater.co.uk/reportaleak](http://www.stwater.co.uk/reportaleak)

## Village clubs and societies

- Church bell ringing practice – Wednesday nights at All Saints  
Leader: Richard Beadman  
Phone: 01572 723382
- Table Tennis - 7.30, Tuesday and Wednesday evening, village hall  
Contact: David Smart  
Phone: 01664 474354
- Indoor Bowls - 7.30, Alternate Friday Nights, village hall  
Contact: Sandra Lickman  
Phone: 01572 722536
- Gardening Club - 7.30, 3rd Thursday, village hall  
Contact: Mary Brooks  
Phone: 01572 723047

- Pilates – Friday morning, village hall  
Contact: Alison Sentance  
Phone: 07496 814825
- Quilting group – Wednesday, village hall  
Contact: Elaine Smith  
Phone: 01780 756004
- Afternoon Tea Party – monthly in the village hall  
Contact: Angela Lashbrook  
Phone: 01572 720351
- Zumba – Thursday evening, Village hall  
Contact: Kayleigh Waterman  
Phone: 07954 287002
- Ladies' Pub Night - First Wednesday in the month  
8pm at the Blue Ball
- Braunston Oil Buying Group  
Chandlers Oil  
Phone: 01476 576200  
Web: [www.wcfchandlers.com/buying-groups](http://www.wcfchandlers.com/buying-groups)

## Local events

(All subject to change)

May Fayre                                      May Bank Holiday

Safari Supper                                January and June

Flower and Produce Show August

Advent Fayre                                End of November

## Local businesses and Services

- Self catering cottage – Gable Cottage, Ratts Lane, Braunston.  
Phone: 01572 723382  
Web: <https://gablecottage.co.uk/>
- Bed and Breakfast, Rutland Cottages, 5 Cedar St.  
Call: Connie and John Beadman  
Phone: 01572 722049  
Email: [c.beadman@btconnect.com](mailto:c.beadman@btconnect.com)  
Web: [www.airbnb.co.uk](http://www.airbnb.co.uk)
- Dog Walking                      Fiona on 01572 723382
- Rutland Home & Pet Services  
House sitting and pet care  
Carole Brown  
[www.rhps.co.uk](http://www.rhps.co.uk)



Nearest Supermarkets in Oakham: Tesco on South Street

Co-op on Burley Road.

Aldi just off Pillings Rd, next to the BP station on the bypass

Lidl, Barleythorpe Rd

Convenience store:      Co-op on Braunston Rd

## Leisure and recreation

Braunston and Brooke Village Hall is located at the bottom of the village, next to All Saints Church.

Braunston has a large grassed play area on Brooke Road, close to the junction with Church Street. There is an area for toddler play, plus several pieces of play equipment for older children, including a zipwire installed in 2022.

Catmose Sports Facility in Oakham

<https://www.sll.co.uk/catmose-sports/>

Rutland Running and Triathlon Club

Email: [enquiries@rutlandrunandtri.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@rutlandrunandtri.co.uk)

Web: [www.rutlandrunandtri.co.uk](http://www.rutlandrunandtri.co.uk)

# Your 2023/24 waste and recycling collection calendar



Grey bin collection day

Black bin collection day

My collection day is: .....

My **green bin** is collected on the same day as my **black/grey bin** (delete as appropriate)

*Fill in your details here*

**April 2023**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**May 2023**

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**June 2023**

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**July 2023**

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**August 2023**

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**September 2023**

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

**October 2023**

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**November 2023**

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**December 2023**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**January 2024**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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**February 2024**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

**March 2024**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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During December, January and February, **green bin** collections are less frequent as the level of garden waste decreases. Dates marked with a cross indicate that no green bin collections are due to take place.

Collection dates change over Christmas and New Year, all other Bank Holidays remain the same

Full details can be obtained at:

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-01/Waste%20Guide%202023.pdf>

## Nearest Recycling Centres

Household Waste and Recycling Centres are located at Cottesmore (Burley Road, Cottesmore, Rutland LE15 7BZ) and North Luffenham (Luffenham Road, Morcott, Rutland LE15 9DW). A permit is need to use these sites, available from Rutland County Council.

Opening times have been variable recently, for up to date information check the RCC website: <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/bins-waste-recycling/household-waste-recycling-centres>

## Fly-tipping

If you wish to report fly-tipping, please contact Rutland County Council on the details above. Alternatively, report it to our Parish Clerk.



## **Volunteer opportunities**

There are regular projects in Braunston that require volunteer work, including:

- Litter picking
- Braunston Good Neighbours
- May Fayre
- Flower and Produce show

## **Plans for the future of the village**

Braunston village is a conservation village and is designated as a 'Restraint' village in the Rutland County Plan. This effectively prevents new building developments within the village.

The Parish Council holds a number of projects, which are progressed as time, money and resources become available. Where there is a pressing need individual projects will be set up and aggressive fund raising undertaken to pursue these goals. There is a full list on the website.

Current Projects are:

Footpath/cyclepath to Oakham  
Traffic Calming  
Potential for allotments

## Transport Links

Taxis: There are various taxi companies in Oakham, details on the internet

Trains:

Oakham Station: for Cross Country services and links to Peterborough and Leicester for London lines.

Station is manned: Mon - Fri 06:30 - 14:15, Sat 07:30 - 13:45, although these times can vary. Note that there is no ticket vending machine at the station.

Buses:

There is a limited free route from Braunston to Oakham, using the Oakham Hopper school bus service.

The Oakham bus station is located behind Wilko on John St. There are local town services, and services to Melton, Stamford, Corby and Peterborough.

Bus timetables can be found on the RCC website at:

[www.rutland.gov.uk/buses/bus-times-travel](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/buses/bus-times-travel)

## Other useful contacts

- Age Concern  
The Rutland Volunteer Centre, Barleythorpe Road, Oakham, LE15 6QH  
Phone: 01572 770324
- Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)  
56 High St, Oakham, LE15 6AL  
Phone: 0845 120 3705  
Web: <https://citizensadvicrutland.org.uk/>