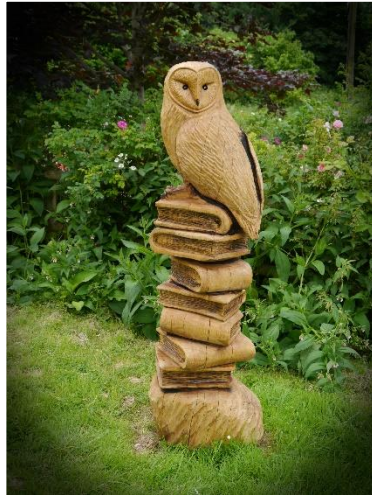

EAST HENDRED

∞ Welcome Book ∞

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Foreword

Welcome to East Hendred. We hope you and your family settle into your new home and enjoy living in our wonderful village. We trust this Welcome Book will be helpful and that you find the local information and history of the village interesting. Please keep it handy as a useful point of reference. There are several ways of keeping in touch with village events and activities: the East Hendred website (www.hendred.org), the quarterly printed newsletter, the 'East Hendred Bulletin' (delivered to every house in the parish), and the weekly email, 'What's On in The Hendreds'. Details about all of these can be found in the following pages.

East Hendred Parish Council



East Hendred's 1831 Fire Pump

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A History of the Village

East Hendred is one of several 'springline' villages below the northern slopes of the Downs, within the North Wessex (Berkshire) Downs AONB. Extending south, the parish crosses the ancient Ridgeway track, and contains Scutchamer Knob, the legendary burial mound of the Saxon King Cwichelm. To the north, its boundary touches the Great



Western Railway line close to the village of Steventon. It adjoins its sister village West Hendred on the west, and eastwards borders the lands of Chilton and Harwell close to the world famous international Science Park.

The name Hendred may come from the Saxon 'Henn-Rid', meaning 'wild bird stream'. However, there are also two likely Celtic derivations either from 'hen-rhydd' meaning 'old ford', or 'hendref' meaning 'winter cowshed'.

Known as a town before Henry VIII's reign, when it was an important centre for the wool and cloth trades, this village has a history of unusual interest. Hendred House, also known as the Manor of the Arches, goes back even before permission to build its private St Amand's chapel was granted by the Pope in 1256, and the same family, the Eystons, have lived there since 1443. The little Chapel of Jesus of Bethlehem (Champs Chapel, now the village museum) was built by the Carthusian monks of Sheen when they came to the nearby King's Manor in the 15th Century.

For a tiny village, East Hendred has an amazing number of listed buildings and historical monuments. Still true today is James Edmund Vincent's comment, made over a century ago in 'Highways and Byways in Berkshire' (before the county boundary was moved in 1974): "East Hendred is a village of no ordinary attraction".

The Parish boundary was revised in 2011 and now includes the west side of Rowstock, and more recently, the village has expanded to the north, with new homes at Portway Close, Ludbridge Close and Ridgeway Close.

Allotments & BAAA

Bowling Alley Allotments lie at the southern end of White Road, where it turns the corner into High Street. The allotment site currently comprises 29 plots and has been used by villagers for over 120 years for the growing of fruit, vegetables and flowers. The Hendred Estate leases the site to the Parish Council, which rents allotment plots to villagers on an annual basis. Enquiries about the availability of plots should be directed to the Clerk of the Council who will forward the enquiry to the Allotment Working Group for action.

Contact: easthendred.clerk@gmail.com

The allotments have long provided a focus for community support and friendship. The enjoyment of tending the ground and working with nature to produce tasty, healthy crops and beautiful flowers for cutting is shared by plot holders, their families and friends. This is reflected in the recent formation of the Bowling Alley Allotments Association (BAAA), a member of the National Allotment Society, which offers access to many learning opportunities, growing advice and other benefits, including a seed scheme. Membership is not restricted to plot holders and BAAA encourages any village gardener to join and enjoy these benefits at a cost of just £4.50 p.a. (2018).

Contact: hildorling@gmail.com (Hilary Dorling - BAAA Chairman)

Bulletin

The Bulletin is a newsletter published quarterly by the Parish Council and delivered to all households in East Hendred and West Rowstock. It contains news, information and reports from the village clubs and the two churches. It also carries advertisements for local services and suppliers, and contact details for village organisations and our parish, district and county councillors, as well as other useful numbers such as surgeries, hospitals and utilities.

Editor: Rachel Sutton

Email: bulletin@hendred.org

Churches

Church of England, St Augustine of Canterbury

The church of St Augustine dates from the C13th. In the chancel is a C14th piscina (a basin for washing communion vessels). The nave roof has C15th beams and king-posts. The perpendicular tower has a faceless clock dated 1525 which has been wound daily for nearly 500 years. It still keeps good time, and strikes quarters and hours. Every three hours a tune wheel (added in the C17th) plays a hymn on the bells.



The Tudor Eyston Chapel is the old resting place of the recusant (Roman Catholic) Eyston family who trace their ancestry back to St Thomas More and still live in Hendred House.

The tower has a ring of six bells, the oldest of which is pre-Reformation. The pulpit is Jacobean, installed to commemorate King Charles I.

The church has been updated and maintained as a place of worship

through the centuries, with considerable changes in 1861. It remains a haven of peace and inspiration.

Information about the church services can be found on the Benefice website, the weekly What's On email, and on the church noticeboards.

Rector: To be appointed

Website: www.wantedownsbenefice.com

Roman Catholic Parish of St Mary

The church of St Mary is part of the East Hendred Catholic Parish, within the Thames Isis pastoral area of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. The church was built thanks to Charles J Eyston to a design by C A Buckler and consecrated on 17 August 1865. The church was reordered in 1983.

The church is a pleasing example of English neo-gothic and has several interesting features. The stained glass by Hardmann is much admired and includes a depiction of St Robert of Newminster, while the Hendrie window depicting the life of St Frances of Assisi is probably the finest he ever did.

The parish also serves the chapel in the Blessed Virgin Mary, Milton Manor, where masses are celebrated in summer months, and St Patrick's, East Ilsley, where there is a mass each Sunday.

The Parish Priest is the Revd Monsignor Andrew Burnham. The Catholic community is thriving and, during school terms, there is a lively Children's Liturgy as part of the 9.30am Mass at St Mary's.



Parish Priest: The Rev Mgr. Andrew Burnham

Tel: 01235 835038 Email: aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Administrator: hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

MASS TIMES

Sunday	9.30am	St Mary's
	11.15am	St Patrick's East Ilsley
Monday	9.15am	St Mary's
Wednesday	12.15pm	St Mary's
Thursday	9.15am	St Mary's
Friday	8.30am	Chapel of St Amand & St John the Baptist, Hendred House
Saturday	As announced	

Clubs for Adults

Bowling Alley Allotments Association (BAAA)

Please see Allotments section for further details.

Choir – Springline Singers Community Choir

We are a non-audition, friendly group of singers who meet during term time on Thursdays 8-10pm at West Hendred village hall to sing popular classics, folk, sea shanties and other music aimed at anyone over 16 from novice to experienced, with the aim to bring the community together and provide the individual with all the health benefits group singing can bring.

Email: springlinesingers@gmail.com

Website: www.springlineproductions.com

Downs Golden Age

The DGA is a club for the older residents of the village and has been established for over fifty years. In the winter, meetings include a two-course lunch and in the summer it is tea with cakes and sandwiches. There is always a small raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall. At our meetings, we have an excellent range of speakers who usually talk for approximately 45 minutes on a variety of subjects. We also arrange around three outings per year to a variety of destinations such as garden centres, historic houses and the theatre. We hold two fund-raising Bridge Drives per year and always need more participants!

The DGA is a friendly club and always welcomes new members. Transport can be arranged.

When: 1st Thursday every month

Where: Snells Hall

Contact: Vicki Farrar-Hockley

Tel: 01235 862975

Springline Amateur Dramatic Society

The springline villages of East and West Hendred, Ginge, Ardington and Lockinge were the inspiration for the name and source of talent for the village's amateur dramatic company.

We alternate between our hugely popular pantomimes performed at Snells Hall in January and Christmas shows in early December. We also have a Pop-up Choir which performs, usually in the summer, at local events such as fetes, beer festivals etc. We are always looking for new members to our group and if you are interested in acting, singing, helping backstage on sets, costumes, props, painting, publicity or front of house, then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact: Susie Turnbull Tel: 01235 833797

Email susie@monkscourt.co.uk Website: www.springlineproductions.com

Sports Clubs

See section on Sports Ground and Sports Clubs for the full range of clubs available for both adults and children.

Twinning Group

The Hendreds Twinning Group was established in 1996 and is twinned with Sarceaux, a village of similar size, on the outskirts of Argentan, Normandy, France.

The first exchange visit between the two communities was held in September 1997. In July 2017, 25 members returned to Sarceaux to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Twinning. Exchange weekend visits are made in alternate years. We are privileged to experience generous hospitality, staying with French families matched for similar interests and ages. Our group includes families with school age children, couples and single travellers. New members are always welcome, from the surrounding area as well as from our two villages.

Contacts: Margaret Sharp

Tel: 01235 833367 Email: m.l.r.sharp@btinternet.com

Lesley Lewis

Tel: 01235 863184 Email: lesleylewiswh@outlook.com

Walking Group

The Hendreds Walking Group meets every Wednesday at 9.30am at Snells Hall. The walk is usually 4 to 5 miles and we try to incorporate a coffee break. Everyone is welcome and shorter walks can be arranged. We sometimes start our walk in a different village to try out new walks. If you are interested in joining the group, please ring the day before. Once a month there is a longer 10 mile walk with a pub lunch. We also have a Christmas and summer lunch, so you can see we are a chatty and sociable group and welcome new walkers whatever their age.

When: Wednesday 9.30am Start: Snells Hall

Contact: Susie Turnbull

Tel: 01235 833797 Email: Susie@monks court.co.uk

Women's Institute

East & West Hendred WI is flourishing and friendly, with nearly 40 members at the last count. New members are always welcome. We are part of the larger National Federation of Women's Institutes. Formed in 1915, the WI is the largest women's organisation in the UK.

2018 is our branch's 97th year, and we provide an opportunity for the ladies of all ages from local towns and villages to socialise, network and campaign for issues that matter to them.

Our monthly meetings start at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of the month, mainly in Snells Hall where we usually have a speaker or activity followed by social time with refreshments. Our monthly meetings are supplemented by a range of outings organised by our committee. There are also events and outings organised by our County Federation – thus there is something of interest to most members.

Contacts: Jennie Cosgrave

Tel: 01235 224467 Email: jen@wpj.me.uk

Facebook: Eastandwest Hendred.WI

Clubs for Young People

1st Cuckhamsley Scouts

We offer everyday adventure and activity. There are fun and exciting activities and opportunities in each of the five sections:

Beavers (ages 6–8)	Tuesday	5.25-6.25pm	Snells Hall
Cubs (ages 8-10½)	Tuesday	6.30-8.00pm	Snells Hall
Scouts (ages 10½–14)	Monday	7.00-9.00pm	Snells Hall

Contact: Doron Tel: 07711 474883

Email: doron.jensen.scouts@gmail.com

Website: www.scoutsorg.uk

Cricket & Football Clubs

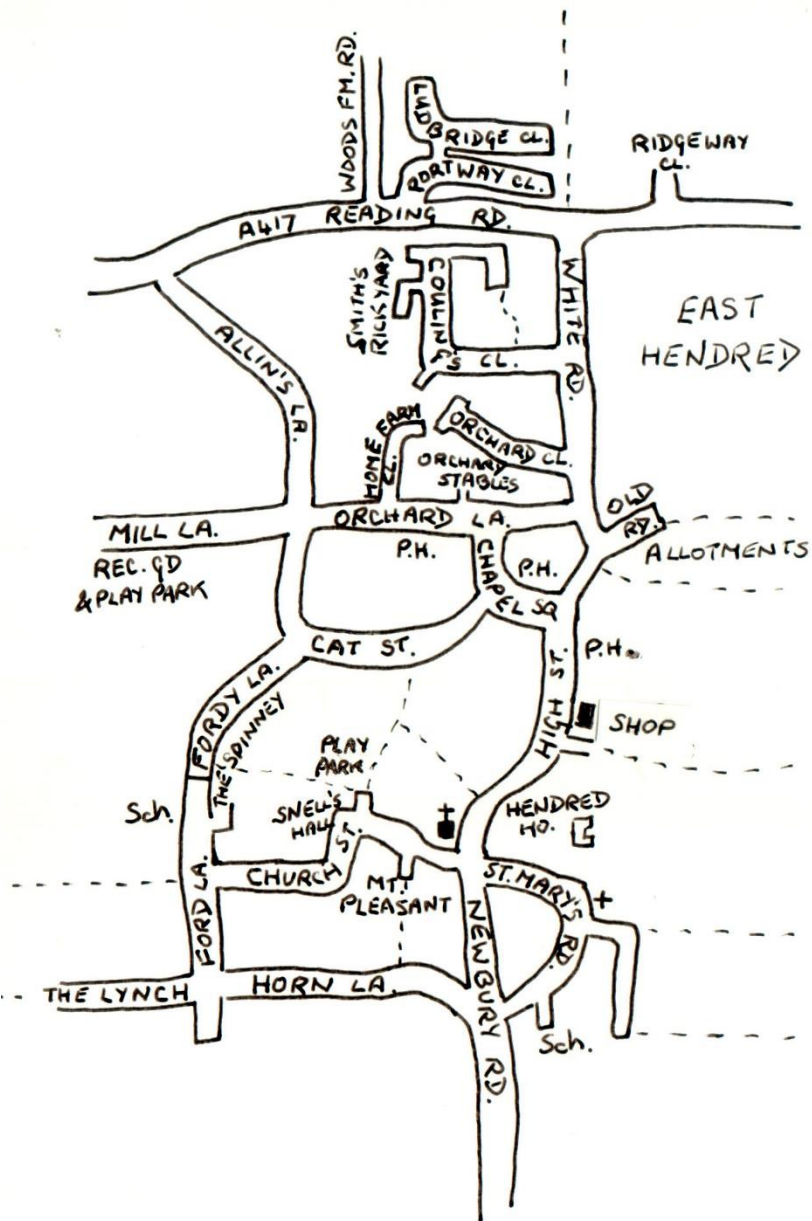
See Sports Ground section.

Courtesy Lighting

The village has the benefit of 33 Courtesy Lights placed at convenient locations around the village to assist pedestrians during the hours of darkness. The courtesy lights are maintained by the Parish Council. If you spot a problem with a light, please report it to the Parish Council Clerk as soon as possible (see Parish Council section for contact information).

Defibrillator

A defibrillator is an easy-to-use device which gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest (heart attack). Our defibrillator is located in the red telephone box on the High Street, opposite the Eyston Arms. If you think someone is having a heart attack, phone 999 and you will be given instructions for accessing the defibrillator and using it.



“Whether you have just moved to East Hendred or if you are, like me, born and bred here – there are so many fantastic reasons to enjoy living here. It is the community which makes it special.”

“There is a tranquillity about the place and I love coming home at the end of a day’s work.”

“I am very proud of my village and I am sure I speak for everyone – we are all very proud of our village.”

Footpaths & Snells Woodland Boardwalk

The village is surrounded by beautiful countryside accessible from many signposted footpaths. Dog bins are located at several places where the countryside footpaths meet the village: the corner of the A417 and White Road; the allotments; opposite Hendred House drive; the top of Snells; the bottom of Fordy Lane; Snells Hall; and the start of the Lynch path (west of Horn Lane). Please act responsibly and keep the footpaths safe and pleasant for all users.

The Snells woodland, located behind the Penney Play Park, is part of the Hendred Estate and is rented by the Parish Council. The woodland has a boardwalk running through it which provides a safe route to the Hendreds School. The woodland is managed by the Hendreds Environment Group. Please be aware that dogs are not permitted along the boardwalk.

Government Representatives

Member of Parliament

Our local MP is Mr Ed Vaizey, Conservative Member for the Wantage & Didcot Constituency. His local office is at Orchard House, Portway, Wantage.

Tel: 01235 769090 Email: vaizeye@parliament.uk

Website: www.vaizey.com

County and District Councillors

Oxfordshire County Councillor: Mike Fox-Davies

Email: mike.fox-davies@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Vale of White Horse District Councillor: Mike Murray

Email: michael.murray@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Hendred House

The village is unusual in having five manor houses, with Hendred House (or Manor of the Arches) being in occupation by a single family, the Eystons, since they first acquired the property in the mid-1400s. Hendred House is a medieval H-shaped building with a 15th century hall and a small chapel. Built around 1240, it has seen many changes, but the walls are still basically the original 13th century wattle and daub. The Eyston family remained staunchly Catholic following the Reformation, and this has had a strong influence on the history and development of the village.

The medieval private chapel of St. Amand and St. John the Baptist, attached to the manor house, is said to be one of only three built before the Reformation and has only been used for Roman Catholic services.

The Dissolution took place in 1549 when the original stone altar was destroyed and the chapel was used as a store until it was restored in 1687. It is still used for services today. The Eyston family was also responsible for the building of St. Mary's church and the establishment of St Amand's School during the 1800s.



Hendreds Environment Group

Hendreds Environment Group looks after our environment, locally and globally. We organise conservation work parties to improve biodiversity, and village litter picks, providing hands-on opportunities to care for our lovely locality. We run various campaigns and projects to help individuals and the community to reduce the impact that we have on the wider environment. We have been active for over 10 years and one of our earliest projects was to lead the creation of the boardwalk route through Snells Woodland and to start managing that area for conservation and uses such as Forest School. People of all ages get involved in our activities and they involve some socialising and refreshments as well. Accompanied children are very welcome at work parties and litter picks.

To get involved and hear about HEG news and events just email heg@hendred.org and join our mailing list.

Museum & East Hendred Heritage Trust

Champs Chapel Museum is the depository of a collection related to the history of East Hendred village through the people and buildings that make up the community. Consisting of village memorabilia and digital archives of over 6,000 photographs, the collection provides a window on the past. It is housed in a Grade 1 listed Carthusian Chapel in Chapel Square, with a Reserve Store in Snells Hall. The Chapel of Jesus of Bethlehem which has housed the village museum since mid-1970s is generally known as 'Champs Chapel' and was originally built by the Carthusian monks in 1453.

The museum is operated through the East Hendred Heritage Trust, a registered charity, with Trustees and Friends of the Museum making the collection available to the public through donations and fund-raising activities.

The operating committee consists of the Trustees together with other regular helpers who service museum needs. All are volunteers giving their spare time whenever possible with the Honorary Curator overseeing the current programme of exhibitions which brings to life the history of individual village streets.

Opening Times: Sunday afternoons (April to September) 2.30pm-4.30pm

Requests for visits outside of these times can be made to the Trustees and can usually be accommodated (01235 861326)

Email: champschapel@gmail.com

Admission: Free

All donations are most welcome as the museum relies mostly on public support to continue operating.

Website: www.hendredmuseum.org.uk

Noticeboards

There are four noticeboards, located near the shop; on High Street (next to the old telephone box); adjacent to Portway Close; and in West Rowstock. If you would like to display a notice please keep it to a maximum of A4 portrait size and bear in mind that items of importance for the village are given priority over all other types of notice. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Email: easthendred.clerk@gmail.com

Owls

Designed and created by Nick Speakman of 3DWood, funded by Community Art money and installed in July 2016, the owls symbolise the history of Hendred in a beautiful and unique way. From the Knowledge Owl at Penney Play park to the Poppy Owl opposite the War Memorial, each of the six owls has its own story to tell about our village. Owl Trail leaflets are available at the village shop.



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Parish Council

The Parish Council meets every month on the first Thursday in Snells Hall at 7.30pm. There is always an Open Forum starting at 8.00pm where anyone can come along and raise issues. The agenda is published in advance and is available for residents to view on the Parish noticeboards and village website. Following acceptance at the subsequent meeting the minutes of the meeting are also published on these sites.

The current Parish Councillors and their contact information can be found on the village website, on the inside back page of the latest edition of the Bulletin, or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Amongst its many duties, the PC assesses and comments on planning applications and local transport issues and raises concerns with the relevant agencies about village utilities.

The Parish Council is responsible for many aspects of village life including grass cutting, allotments provision and administration, playground inspections and courtesy lighting maintenance. The Parish Council welcomes grant applications from village organisations for consideration and each year supports many new initiatives and good causes.

Contact: The Clerk to the Council

Tel: 01235 833466 Email: easthendred.clerk@gmail.com

Website: www.hendred.org

Play Parks

The **Penney Play Park** located next to Snells Hall is a great place for children, with a well-equipped play area and plenty of space to run around. The park is named in memory of Lady Penney ('Lady P') who loved this village and made a huge contribution to village life.



The **Mill Lane Play Area** located at the Sports Ground has swings, climbing equipment and seating.

The play parks are managed by East Hendred Parish Council and inspected monthly to ensure that equipment is safely maintained. Any concerns or problems about either of the play parks and the equipment should be reported as soon as possible to the Clerk of the Parish Council, Email easthendred.clerk@gmail.com

Public Houses

The Eyston Arms

Website: www.eystonarms.co.uk

Tel: 01235 833320 Email: info@eystonarms.co.uk

The Plough

At the time of going to press (Summer 2018) the pub is awaiting new management.

The Wheatsheaf

Website: www.wheatsheafeasthendred.co.uk

Tel: 01235 833229 Email: info@wheatsheafeasthendred.co.uk

Schools

Hendreds Preschool (behind Snells Hall)

Tel: 01235 831555 Email: hendredspreschool@outlook.com

Website: www.hendredspreschool.org

St Amand's Catholic Primary School (St Marys Road)

Tel: 01235 833342 Email: office.3855@st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.st-amands.oxon.sch.uk

The Hendreds Church of England Primary School (Ford Lane)

Tel: 01235 833379 Email: office.3250@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.hendreds.oxon.sch.uk

Shop & Post Office

The village shop located on the High Street in the heart of the village is run by Martin and Louise Johnson. They sell a huge range of convenience foods, wines and spirits, as well as baguettes, paninis and pies during the week, and fresh croissants at the weekend. They also provide a dry-cleaning service, an outside catering service and of course sell a wide selection of newspapers and magazines.

The Post Office is located in the shop and its opening hours are the same as the shop

Opening Hours:	Weekdays:	6.00am - 6.00pm
	Saturdays:	6.30am - 4.00pm
	Sundays:	6.30pm - 12.00pm

Tel: 01235 833123

Website: www.hendredstores.co.uk

Snells Hall

Snells Hall is our wonderful Victorian village hall which was originally the home of the village school. It has large and small rooms, a kitchen and an attractive garden for private hire and bar service can be arranged. The hall has a stage, WiFi, a PA system and a wheelchair-accessible WC.



The hall is used for weddings, birthday parties, christenings, dances, seminars, exhibitions and theatrical performances. Many of the village groups use the facility on a weekly or monthly basis. These include Scouts and Beavers, WI, and Downs Golden Age.

Snells Hall is also home for the village 1831 horse-drawn and hand-powered Fire Pump. This is permanently on display in a purpose-built shed in the garden behind the hall.

Contact details: Louise Simms, Warden Tel: 01235 833561

Email: snells.hall@gmail.com Website: www.hendred.org

Sports Ground & Sports Clubs

The Sports Club was probably formed in 1923 according to information gained from a notice displayed at around that date. The Mill Lane field, known as Hill Field, was owned by the Coates family, who lived at Southernwood. They rented the Hill Field to the Sports Club for a halfpenny a year until 1960 when the family donated the field to the village. The pre-existing cricket and football clubs agreed to combine under the auspices of the Sports Club, and more recently, so has the Tennis Club.

Bowls Club

The Morland Bowls club meets at the excellent bowling green behind The Plough Public House. Anyone interested in the sport is very welcome to join.

Contact: Glanville Preston Tel: 01235 833648

Website: www.morland.hitssports.com

Cricket Club

The Cricket Club dates from 1837 when it was known as The Hendred Ridgeway Club. Matches were played on or near the Berkshire Downs above the village, probably in the Deer Park at Downs House (now demolished), the home of the Allin Family. Apart from the war years and a period of about 10 years during the 1960s, the present club has been in continuous existence since 1862.

The club fields two Saturday league teams in the OCA, in addition to a friendly team that plays regularly on Sundays. It also has a league team that plays 20/20 on Wednesday evenings. Finally there is a very active youth section of boys and girls, which practices on Friday evenings, coached by accredited seniors. The youth section fields a number of teams of various age groups that play on weekday evenings or on Sunday mornings.



Contact: Ivan Mulford Tel: 01235 820316
Duncan Francis Tel: 01235 224712

Football Club

The football club is affiliated to the Berks and Bucks FA and fields two adult teams in the Oxford Mail League. The club is always looking for new players and coaches.

Contact: Steve Mulford Tel: 07751 515412

Tennis Club

The tennis club always welcomes new members. There are two lovely courts on the sports ground. Club nights are on a Friday evening during the summer months, as well as an annual tournament and social events throughout the year. Members can book the courts online.

Contact: Aisling O'Keeffe Tel: 07701 071609
Ali Eyston Tel: 01235 833117

Email: play@hendredstennis.co.uk

Website: www.hendredstennis.co.uk

Transport

Bus Routes and Service Providers

X32/32A Connector – Thames Travel

BB4 Schools – Thames Travel

Bus Stops

White Road (near Coulings Close)

The Plough PH (Orchard Lane)

At the time of going to print, proposals are in place for the provision of new bus stops serving faster routes to be installed on the A417 near Portway Close.

Website

The village website www.hendred.org is maintained by the Parish Council with Charles Pappenheim as the web-master. It is a valuable source of village information.

West Rowstock

Rowstock lies within two local parishes, East Hendred and Harwell. Houses to the west of Newbury Road are in the East Hendred parish. The principal local facility is the garage with a shop, open 7 days a week until 8.00pm. There is a post box located next to the garage. Excellent walking and cycling routes with off-road paths lead to East Hendred, Milton Hill and the Ridgeway, via the Golden Mile bridleway.

What's On in The Hendreds

'What's On in The Hendreds' is a weekly email distributed to village residents who have signed up to receive it. It provides publicity for forthcoming events and is often used to alert residents to important village-related concerns such as local crime or impending utility interruptions or transport issues. You can receive the messages by emailing events@hendred.org and your email address will be added to the mailing list. The mailing list contains no personal information and is used only for telling subscribers what's on locally.

The messages are also published on the village website.

East Hendred Parish Council would like to thank Jill Broadley and Lesley Hunter for their research and preparation of the original welcome booklet. Thanks to Catherine Shortis for producing this revised edition, Anne Pappenheim for the map and everyone else who contributed to it.



Our Shop by Veroni Gilbert

