

Appendix 4 - Kilmington Neighbourhood Plan

Community Facilities and Amenities

Introduction: The presence of community facilities and amenities within our village makes a significant contribution to the wellbeing and community spirit of the people living in Kilmington. They have a positive impact on the sustainability of the Parish enhancing the village, providing varied options of social interaction for all ages which leads to an active community life and improved social cohesion.

For the size of Kilmington there is a wide range of facilities. These include two Pubs; a Primary School, a Village Hall, two Churches, a Telephone Box Library, a Cricket/Recreation field which also has a multi-use Pavilion, Tennis Court and a Children’s Play Park with equipment. The field is also a night landing site for the Air Ambulance. There is a farm shop and a fuel station with a small convenience store. Apart from the New Inn pub which is in the centre of the village, the main focal point for all of these facilities is on the eastern edge of the village around Whitford Road, which is some distance from the main centre of the population.



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Map showing village amenities and their location. PSMA 100051170

Kilmington Primary School & pre-school: The Primary School is owned by Devon County Council and currently has 87 children with a capacity of 105. The Pre-school currently have 7 children which will rise through the year as children turn 3 years old. Approximately 40-45% of children are from the village and each year group can take up to 15 pupils. Close to capacity in each year group with a lull in Year 1 and 2.

This is currently made up as follows:

14 in Reception	13 in Year 4
11 in Year 1	14 in Year 5
10 in Year 2	14 in Year 6
13 in Year 3	

The school lacks a large hall to bring together the whole school so pupils are walked to the village hall or church. For an outdoor recreation field staff and pupils must cross the Whitford Road to access the village Recreation field/Play park/pavilion. They lack suitably sized rooms for taking small groups of children, staff and office use (staff room & office are very cramped). There have been discussions with a neighbouring landowner to purchase part of field adjoining the school which would be a great asset to the school.

The Village Hall: Owned by the Village Hall Trustees it is operated by their management committee. The main hall can seat 110 theatre-style. It provides meeting rooms, stage/performance area, kitchen and bar area and an outside play space (partly covered) with a shed. A kitchen allows groups to provide breakfasts, lunches, dinners and refreshments. A stage provides presentation and drama facilities. Events are organised to raise funds to pay for the hall overheads and maintenance.

It is a well-used facility for all ages. It is used extensively by many village social groups (see below) and also the village school and preschool as they do not have a large hall within the school facilities. Additionally it is hired by residents for birthday parties, christening parties and funeral wakes, etc.

Village Hall Usage

Social Group	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Kilmington Country Dancing	Every week Sept - April	Monday Afternoons	20-25
Kilmington Players (Drama)	Every week Oct – Feb, Monday & Wednesdays	Evenings	20-30
Kilmington Table Tennis	Every week	Tuesday Mornings	25-30
Kilmington Primary School	Every week during Terms, Tues pm, Thurs am, Fri pm	Mornings/Afternoons	80
Lyme Majorettes	Every week during Term	Tuesday Evening	30
Kilmington Badminton Club	Every week	Tuesday Evening	8-10
Kilmington Short Mat Bowls	Every week	Wednesday Afternoon	8-10

Kilminster Table Tennis	Every week	Thursday Evenings	16-20
Moviola Film Night	Monthly	Wednesday Evening	50-80
East Devon Bee Keepers	Monthly Talks, Education & socials	Thursday Evening	50 to 70
Kilminster Garden Club	Monthly Talks	Friday Evening	35 to 110
Kilminster Garden Club	Annual Plant Sale	Saturday Morning	140
Kilminster Garden Club	Annual General Meeting & Supper	Friday Evening	70
Sequence Dancing	Monthly	Saturday Evening	30-40
Royal British Legion	3 Coffee Mornings Spring, Remembrance, Xmas	Saturday Morning	100-120
Royal British Legion	Annual Talk	Saturday Evening	60-80
Village Hall Funds	October Lunch & Social	Thursday Lunchtime	20
St Giles Church	Lent Lunches & Social	Thursday Lunchtime	40
St Giles Church	Annual Church Fete	Saturday day	100
Parish Council	Annual Village Meeting	Tuesday Evening	30-60
Kilminster Players (Drama)	Annual Feb Pantomime or show	Thursday to Saturday	360+
Village Show	Annual Village Show	Saturday	500+
STAG (Shute drama group)	Show & Rehearsals	Thursday to Saturday	40-50
Kilminster Primary School	Annual Nativity Play	Mon, Tues x2, Wed x2	600+
Photographic Society	Annual Photographic Competition meeting	Evening in March	50
Country Dancing	Saturday in November	Saturday Evening	60
Polling Station	As required	All Day	350
Private Parties Children's	Weekends (averages 1-2/month)	Afternoon/evenings	30-40
Private Parties Adults	Weekends (averages 1/month)	Afternoon/evenings	80-100
One Night Only fundraiser	Saturday in March (Annual)	Evening	160
Church Quiz	Saturday in February (Annual)	Evening	70-80
Hall Quiz Evening	April (Annual)	Evening	70-80
School Maypole Dance	Weekday in May (annual)	Afternoon	150-200
Flamenco Dancing	Saturday in May (annual)	Evening	80
Axe Heritage Race Night	Saturday in September (annual)	Evening	80
Axminster Musical Theatre	October-November 4-5 times	Evening	10-40
Conservative Lunch	March (annual)	Daytime	50-100
Car Wash Day DoE	August (annual)	Daytime	60
Hand Bell Raleigh	September (annual)	Evening	30-40
School Jumble Sale	September (annual)	Daytime	150
Harvest Lunch	October (annual)	Daytime	80
Nostalgia Evening	November (annual)	Evening	80-100
Bollywood Night	November (annual)	Evening	60-80

Social			
Business meetings	Week day evenings (averages 1/month)	Evenings	6-40
Royal British Legion Greatest Thankyou	August (annual) fri/sat/sun	Daytime	500+
Big Breakfast Cancer Research	April (annual)	Morning	220+

The Hitchcock Pavilion: Owned by The Hitchcock Trust, a local registered charity (Charity no. 300878) set up for the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Kilmington.

The pavilion is used in much the same way as the village hall, but for smaller groups. As it is located on the Cricket/Recreation field, it has the advantage of a large outside area to use alongside it. Many residents use it for children's birthday parties, small private parties, (no late night parties) christening and funeral teas etc. The village cricket teams use it at weekends. It is an important facility for the School when using the field/play park, particularly use of the building's toilets.

Pavilion Usage

Social Group	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Cricket	32 matches per annum	Daytime	60-120
Bridge Club	17 bookings per annum	Daytime	24-28
Pilates	25 bookings per annum	Daytime	6
Neighbourhood Planning	7 meetings per annum	Evening	6-8
Parish Council Meetings	11 bookings per annum (+extras)	Evening	9-12
Summerleaze Vets	5-6 meetings per annum	Evening	20
A35 Highways meetings	4 per annum	Evening	5-6
Acorn Federation governors	2 per annum	Daytime	15-20
Royal British Legion	3 meetings per annum plus Remembrance Maroon	Daytime	30
STAG (Shute Drama group)	8 meetings per annum	Evening	10-30
Kilmington Players	Oct-Feb 8 to 10 weekly meetings	Evening	20-30
Music Groups	9 per annum	Evening	4
FROGS	Annual	Daytime	6-10
Duke of Edinburgh	6 per annum	Evening	6-10
Gardening Club	2 per annum	Evening	50-60
East Devon Bee Keepers	Training Classes	Afternoon	15-25
Kilmington Kanter Fun Run	Annual Fun Run raising School funds	Saturday	150-200
Kilmington Primary School	SATS week annually	Mon-Fri daytime	20
Kilmington Primary School	Photographs – annually	Weekday	90
Kilmington Primary School	Kilmington Kanter – annually Good Friday	Daytime	150-200
Kilmington Primary School	Sports Day - annual	Weekday	150-200
Kilmington Primary School	Other meetings approx. 5 per annum	Weekday	10-20

Village Recreation Field / Cricket Ground / Tennis Court / Play Park: Owned by The Hitchcock Trust, a local registered charity (Charity no. 300878) set up for the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Kilmington. It provides vital health and wellbeing assets for outside activities for all ages. Funds were donated by village residents for facilities to be installed to enable its use as a night landing site for the Air Ambulance.

Social Group	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Cricket (players & spectators)	32 matches/annum	daytime	60-120
Cricket (players)	Nets weekly through season	daytime	15-20
Kilmington Primary School	Kilmington Kanter fun run – annually	Good Friday	150-200
Kilmington Primary School	Sports Day	weekday	150-200
Kilmington Primary School	Football club - weekly	Weekday	15-20
Community Use	Field & playpark used daily by the public	Every day	5-40
Tennis Club Members	Tennis Courts – daily in the summer	Every day	6-10
Dog walking	Daily	Every day	5-20
Night Landing Site	As required 4 -6 annum		

The Beacon: is a Baptist Church of about 80 members, with a congregation of around 140 people. In addition to religious services, the Beacon also organises a variety of other social and support events for the community, see list below, these are of benefit to many village residents. The Beacon also hosts the visiting Post Office and allows their facilities to be used for other group events.

The Beacon Group	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Women's Institute	Mondays – Fortnightly	Daytime	Approx 25
Girl Guides	Monday Evenings	Evening	15
Art Group	Tuesday Mornings	Mornings	8
Kilmington Primary School	Quarterly for Film Evening	1530 – 1730 hours	30
Scrabble Club	Monthly	Afternoon	10
Post Office	Tuesday	Mornings	5-30
Playgroup	Tuesday or Wednesday	Mornings	30
After School Club	Wednesday (term time)	Afternoon	8
Youth Club	Thursday (term time)	Evening	6
CAMEO: Seniors coffee/lunch	Tuesday (occasional)	Mornings	40
Sunday Church Service	Sunday – weekly	All Day	90
Royal British Legion	Services and functions	Various	150+

St Giles Church: The Kilmington village church is part of the Five Alive Mission Community East Devon. The church, village churchyard and cemetery, which are located behind the church, are owned by the Exeter Diocese. In addition to religious services, the school, various social groups meet and concerts and bell ringing are organised.

St Giles Group	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Weekday Services	Weekly	Mornings/Evenings	20-30
Coffee Mornings	Weekly	Mornings	15-20
Mother & Toddlers	Weekly / monthly	Mornings	20
Sunday Service	Weekly	Mornings/Evenings	20 - 40
Christenings, Weddings, Funerals	As required 20 – 30 annum	Mornings/Afternoons	40-150
School	Weekly during term	Mornings/Afternoons	
Concerts	4-6 annually	Day time / Evenings	60-120
Bell Ringing Team	Weekly	Evenings	10-15
Bell Ringing Visitors	4 -6 annum	Day time / Evenings	10-20

Green areas owned and maintained by the Parish Council are listed below. Seating is provided and they are used by families for walking and relaxation. In addition we have identified a further five spaces (giving eight in total) which we designate as Local Green Spaces (LGS) in the Plan, through the national planning policy.

The Village Green: Grass area with village stream, alongside Whitford Road and close to the school.

The Common: A recreational area, partially wooded, and a “County Wildlife Site”. It has several commemorative trees of social value to parishioners.

Jubilee Green: Grass area with village stream alongside the historic lane The Street; The site of the village library, recreational seating, commemorative trees and regular village events.

Allotments: There are 23 allotment spaces within a field of approximately 2 acres, some full size and some half size; owned by the Parish Council. All are usually taken by village residents and there is usually a waiting list of one or two more interested to take on a site when one is vacated. There is also a communal shed for allotment users to store their tools & machinery. The site also has its own bore hole and water pump rather than using mains supply.

Phone Box Library: Located on Jubilee green, previously a village telephone box when decommissioned it was purchased by the parish council. Refurbished, fitted out and now funded and maintained by volunteers, with shelves for adult and children’s books, leaflets and a notice board. Opened in 2011 and well used by local residents, frequently see parents and child on seats close by reading. We receive some support with donations of redundant books from Axminster Library.

Millers Farm Shop: Considered now as ‘the village shop’ Millers provides a full range of grocery products, a fresh fish monger, flower shop and has a café. It is located close to Kilmington Cross on the eastern end of the village. This area has several commercial businesses grouped together alongside the A3, Millers is on the northern side of this busy road. This creates a problem for many residents, particularly the elderly and mums with young children, as there is no pedestrian crossing and this 50mph road can be difficult and a real hazard to cross. One of our Community Action Projects is to continue pursuing and support reducing the speed limit to 30mph and installing a pedestrian crossing. Several other villages along the A35 have both.

Millers - Social Group	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Millers Music Festival	August (annual)	PM	150-200
Themed evenings	4-5/annum	Evening	30-50
Family Christmas Carols	Annual village event	Afternoon	50-60

Pubs: The New Inn / The Old Inn

The New Inn is a Palmers pub in the centre of the village on The Hill. It is popular with residents, serves meals and has a full programme of Quizzes, Darts, Cribbage, Skittles and Boule. The landlords organise garden party events which are well attended by local families. It has become a social centre and therefore it would be a great loss to the village if it were to close. With its location within the BUAB and its large garden it could be a target for residential development. We shall investigate as a Community Action Project the possibility of registering it as an Asset of Community Value.

New Inn usage	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Community Event	Musical charity walk around the village	Daytime	120-150
Monthly charity quiz	Monthly	Sunday evening	80
Skittles	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri (Sept-Apr)	Evenings	12 (x5)
Skittles	Wednesday (May-Aug)	Evenings	12
Darts	Thursday (Sept – Apr)	Evenings	12
Boule	Tuesdays (Apr – Sept)	Evenings	20
Crib	Mondays	Evenings	8
Annual Garden Party	Saturday in August	All day	150-200
Christmas Carols & Song	One event before Christmas	Evening	75
Music entertainment	8 events over the year	Evenings	60-80 (x8)
Private parties, wakes, etc.	4 events over the year	Lunch and evenings	40

The Old Inn is located near to Kilmington Cross on the A35. It attracts some local customers but, in recent years, the majority of its trade is from the passing traffic on this busy road. It has a skittle alley and holds the occasional event such as their annual beer festival.

Old Inn usage	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Skittles	Wednesday (Sept-Apr)	evenings	12
Beer Festival	2 per annum	All day	75-100 (x2)
Private parties	4 per annum	Lunch, evenings	30

Pit Stop Motel, Café, Fuel Station and Londis Convenience Shop: Located alongside the A35 on the eastern side of the village this complex provides a variety of services to the community and passing visitors. The Londis convenience shop has a limited range of groceries and newspapers, but is open extended hours.

Cranberries: is a self-catering holiday complex located on the southern edge of the parish, offering accommodation, pampering breaks, weddings and corporate events. Operates primarily as a tourist venue but has two or three local community events through the year.

Cranberries	Frequency	Time	Attendance
Craft and Christmas Fairs	3 per year	Day/ Evening	120
Weddings/Parties	6 annum	All day/evenings	60

Axe Valley Wildlife Park: is a small zoo located off Trafalgar Way and the A35 on the eastern edge of the parish. The park caters for families, school and pre-school children, tourists, etc. Total visitors are around 26,000 per annum from February to November.

Two bus stop shelters: these are located on the A35.