



WELCOME TO  
ELKSTONE

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## HISTORICAL ELKSTONE

The Domesday Book (1086) recognised Elkstone as a community having two Manors. It is thought that the name was derived from the Saxon Ealac who lived in the area, 'stone' meaning 'home', or as some historians believe, from 'Ealac's Stone' which may be the curious pagan stone against the wall in the church vestry. Certainly the church dates from about 1160 AD and the porch is 14<sup>th</sup> century.

## PRESENT DAY ELKSTONE

Today Elkstone is an attractive Cotswold village surrounded by fields and wooded countryside. The 12<sup>th</sup> century church has Norman architecture which is widely admired. There is also an old school which now serves as a village hall. Most of the houses are situated along the road leading from the cross roads on the hill to the vicinity of the hall and at the far end of the village near the church. The remaining houses are scattered in the areas of Combend, Cockleford, High Cross, Highgate and Beech Pike.

## FACILITIES

### Shopping

The nearest main shopping areas are:

Cheltenham	7 miles approximately
Cirencester	8 miles approximately
Gloucester	10 miles approximately

There is a general store/post office, at Colesbourne Garage.

There are several shops at Charlton Kings; about a mile this side of Cheltenham.

### Milk

Dairy Crest – Deliveries 6-8 am approx. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Tel. 0845 606 3606. Website: [www.milkandmore.co.uk](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk)

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

*Rector: Revd. Arthur Champion Tel 870402*

*Associate Priests: Revd Cliff Pooley*

*Churchwarden: Mr Geoffrey Gait-Carr Tel: 07737 621120*

Services are held on Sundays (except for the 4th Sunday of the month when we meet at St Peter's Church, Rendcomb). Please see the Village newsletter on [www.elkstonevillage.com](http://www.elkstonevillage.com) and Parish Link magazine, from [www.churnvalley.org.uk](http://www.churnvalley.org.uk) for updates, eg fifth Sundays. People of all denominations are very welcome at any service. There is variety in the type of services held – Morning Prayer, Family Service, Holy Communion, and seasonal services.

Revd Arthur Champion should be the first point of contact with regard to weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The Parochial Church Council consists of people elected by church members.

Christian Fellowship – Discussion and Study Groups are held regularly and there is a Prayer Group every Tuesday at 9.30 am. in the church. Villagers and friends are always welcome.

Our small parish needs to raise £10,000+ per annum to maintain and support our church. If you would like to contribute to this, you can do so by joining the envelope and/or covenant schemes. Chloe Darling, our Churchwarden, would be pleased to discuss this with you.

***(Further copies of this welcome brochure can be downloaded from [www.elkstonevillage.com](http://www.elkstonevillage.com))***

## **School Buses**

Coberley Primary School 8.24 am at the Village Hall.  
Kingshill and Deerpark 8 am at the crossroads near the telephone box.  
(Please check with schools in case of change).

## **Nearest Garages**

Centurion – two miles. Turn left onto A417 towards Cirencester – garage on left about one mile.  
Petrol also available at Colesbourne – on A435 towards Cirencester.

## **Doctors**

Rendcomb Surgery: Dr. Ian Davies, Dr. Clare Henderson, Dr Nicky Wilson

FOR APPOINTMENTS tel. 01285 831257

Take A435 towards Cirencester, turn left to Rendcomb, surgery 1<sup>st</sup> on right.

Please see information booklet obtainable at surgery for more details. Web site for appointments etc. – [www.rendcombsurgery.co.uk](http://www.rendcombsurgery.co.uk)

## **Public Houses**

The Green Dragon towards A435  
The Highwayman towards A417  
and The Colesbourne Inn on the A435

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Email alerts from the Police advising of local criminal activity or suspicious behaviour are forwarded (email addresses are kept Blind Copy) by Pat Hobbs, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Updates are given in the monthly Newsletter. Please email [itsupat@outlook.com](mailto:itsupat@outlook.com) if you would like to join the WatchWord alert list. Please phone 101 to report suspicious or criminal activity or 999 in an emergency. Pat Hobs 870477.

## **Radio Gloucestershire**

For up to date local information tune to 95.8/104.7FM and 1413AM.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Parish Link Magazine**

Published each month in conjunction with other churches in the Benefice.  
Editor Corinna Bramley Tel: 01285 641523

### **Village Newsletter**

Published each month and contains much local news and information on village activities. Editor Laure Filho email [editor@elkstonevillage.com](mailto:editor@elkstonevillage.com).

### **Elkstone Website**

Our website, [www.elkstonevillage.com](http://www.elkstonevillage.com) gives comprehensive information about the village, highlights what's new and even includes good local tradesmen and shared recipes!

## **GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Film Night**

Held monthly in the village hall during the winter season. If you would like to be emailed with details, write to [admin@elkstonevillage.com](mailto:admin@elkstonevillage.com)

### **Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club**

Meets every Tuesday 7.30 pm until approximately 10 pm. Contact David Collins tel. 870373.

### **Ramblers' Group**

Occasionally a group of ramblers walk 4 to 6 miles normally, usually on Saturdays, with different members acting as leaders. Details will be found in the Elkstone Newsletter.

### **Open Gardens**

In addition to the general attractiveness of Elkstone Village there are many interesting and well-kept gardens. For over 30 years we have opened our gardens and welcomed visitors to come and see our village. Various stalls, arts and crafts are also displayed. The proceeds are divided equally between the Church and the Village Hall.

## Christmas Celebrations

Church Services are always held to celebrate Christmas, together with village carol singing as a social gathering

## THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Foundation states that its purpose is 'for the use of meetings lectures, classes and other forms of leisure-time activities with the object of improving the condition of life for the inhabitants of the Parish of Elkstone and its neighbourhood'

A Management Committee which is elected annually is responsible for the upkeep and preservation of the Hall and supervision of lettings. It also facilitates the activities organised by parishioners and others. The Hall is available for parties and other functions at moderate prices and bookings can be made through the Elkstone Website.

### *Committee Members (who are also the Trustees)*

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Jeremy Davies</i>	<i>Tel 870516</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Martyn Wylie</i>	<i>Tel 870441</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Marion Cooch</i>	<i>Tel 870244</i>
	<i>Ronnie Bury</i>	<i>Tel 870413</i>
	<i>Panny Casewell</i>	<i>Tel 03330 119663</i>

## THE PARISH COUNCIL

Elkstone is fortunate in being allowed to have its own Parish Council which is an elected statutory body sharing in the Local Government Administration at village level. Officers are:

<i>Jane Thorne</i>	<i>Clerk and Treasurer</i>	<i>Tel 01285 821157</i>
<i>Matthew Hobbs</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Tel 870477</i>
<i>Michael Cooch</i>		
<i>David Collins</i>		
<i>Linzi Gass</i>		
<i>Frances Toase</i>		

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Collections take place every Friday morning starting at 7.30am. Please leave the variety of bins and bags at the end of your driveway. Visit the [cotswold.gov.uk](http://cotswold.gov.uk) website and click the Bins and Recycling tab and then the "What's Collected When?" link – apply your postcode, confirm your house, and you will be able to download a 12-month collections calendar, which also incorporates details of exactly what type of waste goes into which type of container.

**Weekly:** Your green wheelie bins are collected (Licence required) as well as approved sacks for garden waste, and / or a small green plastic waste food caddy – both available from Cotswold District Council

**Fortnightly:** As well as the 'weekly' food and garden waste items above, black wheelies (land fill) as well as black crates for newspapers, tins glass, and the white bags for hard plastics.

## POSTAL SERVICES

Deliveries once daily at about 10:00 am Monday through Saturday  
Collections: Approx 9:30 am and 6:15pm Mon – Fri, 9:15 am Sat  
Nearest Post Office: At Colesbourne Filling Services Station on the A535

## FUEL SUPPLIES and CHIMNEY SWEEP

Logs:	Richard Harris: 07836-324825
Oil:	Village discount scheme: Bryan Taylor 870481
LPG:	John Stayte Services 01453-822859
Coal:	CPL Distribution 01454-218483
	Austins Country Store 01285 653258
Chimney Sweep:	Mark Banwell 01242-526719

## SEPTIC TANK CLEARANCE

William Gilder Ltd	01242-620677
Cotswold Drain Services	01452-855233