

Otterhampton Parish

Local Information Sheet as at December 2023

Welcome to our lovely parish, incorporating the main village of Combwich and the two smaller villages of Otterhampton and Steart.

The Parish Council has compiled this information which we hope you will find useful. It may be especially useful for new people to the parish. If you of know of any one moving in, please advise the Clerk. Tel: 01278 652499 or email: otterhamptonpcclerk@gmail.com so they can receive a copy.

FACILITIES



Village Shop (including off licence)

22 Brookside Rd, Combwich. Tel: 01278 652277
Mon - Fri 9am–6pm; Sat 9am–1pm. Closed Sunday.

There are three post boxes in the parish; at the shop, Combwich, at the bottom of Otterhampton Hill (Crossway Cottages) and at Steart (wall of Ferricies Farm).



Public House – The Anchor Inn

Riverside, Combwich. Tel: 01278 653612
Please check with the Anchor for the opening times.
Home cooked food served - check their Facebook page for updates.

Village Hall and Harbour View Bar

Riverside, Combwich. Tel 01278 653531



The Bar is open Fridays and Saturdays 6pm-11pm; Sundays 2pm-7pm and Monday and/or Wednesday evenings during the skittles season, 7pm-midnight. Annual membership is currently £5.00 (£1 on each occasion for visitors).

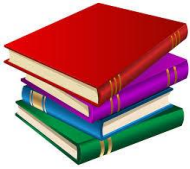
The Hall is used for ad hoc parties, social events and entertainment (contact otterhamptonvh@gmail.com) and also for more regular events as below:

Art Club (Monday afternoons)
Brownies (Monday evening)
Short Mat Bowls (Monday and Wednesday evenings)
Aerobics, Pilates and Gentle Movement to Music (Tuesdays)
Combwich Crafters (Wednesday morning)
Coffee Morning (every Friday 10am – 12noon)
Village Market (2nd Saturday of month)
Skittles and Darts



Otterhampton Primary and Little Otters Pre-School

School Lane, Combwich.
School Head: Claire Luce. Tel 01278 652487



Mobile Library

The mobile library visits Combwich every four weeks on a Thursday morning and calls at the Harbour and the Post Office (see Otter Tales for specific dates and timings).



Places of Worship

St Peters Church, Church Hill, Combwich (Service every 2nd Sunday at 6pm)
All Saints Church (closed) and Cemetery (Otterhampton)
St Andrews Church (Stearth)
Reverend Alison Waters. Tel 01278 652953

HEALTH AND WELFARE



Defibrillators

There are two defibrillators, one in the centre of Combwich on the grassed area at the junction of Brookside Road/Wharf Road inside the phone box, one on the wall at the Anchor Inn.

GP Surgeries within this catchment area

Cannington Health Centre, Mill Lane, Cannington. Tel 01278 652335
Quantock Medical Centre, Banneson Rd, Nether Stowey. Tel: 01278 732696



Hospitals

Musgrove Park Hospital, Parkfield Drive, Taunton TA1 5DA. Major injuries and Emergencies 24 hours. Tel: 01823 333444

Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Minor injuries unit (not 24 hour). Open from 0800 to 2100 hrs, 7 days per week. Tel: 01278 436555

Recycling and Refuse Collections

Bins are collected on Thursday mornings (household waste is three weekly and garden waste is fortnightly). Recycling material and food waste are collected weekly. One day later following Bank Holidays.



Recycling Centres

Saltlands Avenue, Chilton St, Bridgwater TA6 3JS. Tel: 01278 444877.
Roughmoor Industrial Estate, Williton TA4 4RF. Tel: 01984 632221.



Dog and Litter Bins

Bins are situated at Brookside Road garages; the entrance to Wharf Road (on grassed area near the defibrillator); Wharf Road (at the entrance to Combwich labs) on the Common opposite Riverview, in and around the play area, and near the OPRA pavilion adjacent to the track.

Operation HAROLD (Hinkley Alternative Routes Operating Local Diversions)

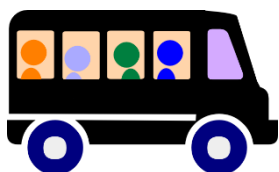
This is implemented when there is a serious incident or accident on the Hinkley Point road requiring traffic diversions. A detailed booklet is available on the Combwich website; www.combwich.org.uk



TRANSPORT

Public Transport

There are no public transport services provided by Somerset Council.



Complimentary Bus Service

EDF Energy (Hinkley Point C Power Station) provides a limited complimentary bus service Monday – Friday. Combwich to Bridgwater and Minehead. Timetable available from the Parish Clerk or on the noticeboards.

Mendip Community Transport provides the subsidised (if eligible) 'Slinky Bus' Service from Combwich (pick-up circa 10am) to Bridgwater (return circa 2pm) on a Tuesday. Tel 01749 880948 to book.

Otter Wheels

This is a voluntary door to door car scheme service for parishioners. It is run by volunteers including volunteer drivers from within the parish. This scheme is part subsidised by SC. Booking Tel 07925 154216 (48-hour notice please).



COMMUNICATION



Communication and Information

The parish has its own website; Combwich.org.uk (owned and managed by OPRA).

Otter Tales

Bi-monthly parish magazine - January, March, May, July, September and November. Delivered to each household in the parish.



Noticeboards

There are three noticeboards – by the Play Area, opposite the Post Office and at Steart on the wall of Ferricies Farm.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS



Parish Council

Otterhampton Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month (except August). Meetings commence at 7pm and are held at The Village Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available. Members of the community are very welcome to attend and participate in the meetings.

Clerk: Gina Mear Tel 01278 652499; otterhamptonpcclerk@gmail.com

Somerset Council

For all enquiries relating to planning, waste services, council tax, housing and more.

www.somerset.gov.uk

County Hall, Taunton, Somerset TA1 4DY

Tel: 0300 123 2224 between the hours of 08.30 – 17.00





Otterhampton Parish Recreation Association (OPRA)

This is a registered charity run by volunteers to raise money to provide free events including an annual firework display and lantern parade, an Easter Egg hunt and the senior citizens Christmas meal. Also organises monthly walks.
Chairman: Tina Gardener 01278 652642
Secretary: Carol Bradbury 01278 652313



Women's Institute

The WI meets at Otterhampton Village Hall on the third Thursday of every month. Dates and details for meetings are printed in Otter Tales.

Garden Club

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in the Harbour View bar.
Website: www.cosgardenclub.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Play and Recreation Area

Combwich Common, Riverside.
This includes the children's play area, outdoor gym equipment, a recreation shelter, picnic tables and benches.
On the larger common here is also a basketball hoop and a football net.



WWT Steart Marshes

500-hectare area of wetland habitat on the peninsula (including a multi-purpose footpath and cycle path, plus bridleways). Direct access can be gained from all three villages in the parish.

Bridgwater Bay National Nature Reserve (Natural England)

This is located on the Steart Peninsula.

Combwich Ponds (natural fishery)

This is run and owned by the Bridgwater Angling Association.
Tel: 01278 457022, www.bridgwaterangling.co.uk



Combwich Motor Boat and Sailing Club, plus Gig Rowing Section

Please contact Bev Reason (Secretary) for details. Tel: 07918 703422 or bev@combwichboatclub.co.uk. <http://www.combwichboatclub.co.uk>

NEAREST SWIMMING POOLS AND GYM FACILITIES



Quantock Lodge Leisure

Over Stowey TA5 1HD

Tel: 01278 733750. Email: info@quantocklodge.co.uk

1610 Trinity Sports and Leisure

Chilton Street, Bridgwater, TA6 3JA

Tel: 01278 429119. Email: chilton@1610.org.uk

Website: www.1610.org.uk/centres/trinity/

The Mill Health and Fitness Suite (Includes gym and indoor pool)

Mill Farm Caravan and Camping Park, Fiddington, TA51JQ

Tel: 01278 238170. Website: themillfitnesssuite.co.uk

Fitness Zone – Bridgwater & Taunton College

Rodway Hill, Cannington, TA5 2LS



Cannington Golf Club

Rodway Hill, Cannington

Tel: 01278 655050. Email: golfclub@btc.ac.uk

This information is correct at the time of going to print. For updates please go the parish council section of www.combwich.org.uk