

Bawdrip Village



Welcome Pack

Welcome to Bawdrip

On behalf of The Parish Council, let me welcome you to Bawdrip. We hope that the information given in this Welcome Pack will help you to settle more comfortably into your new home and the village.

Neighbours usually become your first contacts and advisors, but please feel free to telephone any of the Councillors or Clerk for information and help.

As residents, we trust that you will quickly become and feel part of this community. We have tried to gather as much useful local information as possible, but would be pleased to hear any suggestions or improvements you might have about this pack.

More local information is available via the village website at www.bawdrip.org.uk and through its links to other local websites. Also the website carries the most up to date version of this document.

We wish you many happy years in Bawdrip and hope that you will join with us in creating a vibrant and friendly community.

Richard Culverhouse
Chairman of the Parish Council

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History of Bawdrip

Bawdrip is a small, unique village nestling on the southern slopes of the Polden Hills and, at the beginning of 2002, the core of the village remained relatively unchanged by the onslaught of development which has taken place in many rural settlements. However, that has since changed with the development of Church Farm and the orchard behind Grange Cottage.

Bawdrip the name

Bagetreppe, which is the name found on early documents, could be a derivation from the Anglo Saxon "Treppe" meaning village and, therefore, Bagga's village. Bagga may have been a Viking name which could indicate that Vikings settled in the area. The village is also referred to in various documents as Beaudripp, Baudrip and Broderip.

The early years and some archaeology

Evidence of Iron Age settlement was uncovered in 1956 in Lower Piece Field, Eastside Lane when archaeologists were excavating a British Romano homestead on the same site. This means that Bawdrip was inhabited 3,000 years ago! This site is past King's Farm, travelling towards Stawell, in a field on the left-hand side. The Roman building contained two corn drying kilns and a storage barn dating from the 3rd Century. The evidence pointed to the barn having burnt down in that same century and not being rebuilt. So, did they move to another site nearby, perhaps, into what is now the village centre? Coins and pottery found during the excavation suggested that people lived here during a period from the 1st to the 4th Century. Other finds at the site included a fragment of sandstone with an inscription of the initials VS, a shale bracelet and a spindle whorl.

Map of Bawdrip Village



Parish Council

The Parish Council meets each month apart from August on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Notice of the meeting and an agenda is posted on the village notice boards a week in advance and members of the public are welcome to attend. The Parish Annual Assembly takes place on the first Tuesday in April before the Parish Council meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend to find out what has been happening in the village.

Further information about the Parish Council including Minutes of meetings can be found on the Village Web site: at www.bawdrip.org.uk

Your Councillors

Chairman

Richard Culverhouse, Shannon, 11 Bawdrip Lane, Bawdrip
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Clerk of Bawdrip Parish Council

Graham Jarvis, 3 Meadow Park, Wembdon, BRIDGWATER,
Somerset.

TA6 7QE

Tel: 01278 451256

email: parishclerk@bawdrip.org.uk

Parish Newsletter

A regular newsletter Bawdrip Life is produced by the Council and keeps you informed of forthcoming events and other developments within the village. It also contains reports of Parish Council Meetings.

District Councillors

Derek Alder, 54 Monmouth Road, Westonzoyland TA7 0HG

Telephone 691226

Email: derek.alder@sedgemoor.gov.uk

Liz Perry 45 Monmouth Road, Westonzoyland TA7 0HG

County Councillor

David Hall, Over & Under, 269 Bath Road, Bawdrip TA7 8PW

Telephone 683807

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Member of Parliament

Ian Liddle-Grainger MP (Con - Bridgwater) House of Commons,
Westminster

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Bawdrip Church



St Michael's and All Angels is located in the centre of the village and we always aim to ensure that it is also at the heart of the village. It has a very peaceful atmosphere and is kept open every day. There is the opportunity to leave requests for prayer in the church.

It is of 14th century origin. The outstanding feature is its cruciform, aisle-less structure with a central tower, believed to be one of only seven of its type in the country. The tower houses a peal of four bells and we have our own bell-ringing group in the village who are completing their training.

The Rector is Revd. Kevin Wright,
The Rectory, Vicarage Road, Woolavington TA7 8DX
Tel: 01278 686440

Churchwardens Mr G Jarman Tel 422969
 Mr S Peel Tel 684222

Further details are available on the Church website at www.wcbchurches.org.uk/bawdrip-church/

Parish Hall

The Village Hall is the centre for many village events and is available for private hire. It is located in Eastside Lane.

Bookings: Mrs Sally Wallingham Tel: 01278 684250
Web Site: www.bawdrip.org.uk/

Other Spiritual Organisations

The Church is the Christian place of worship in the village, but numerous Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Churches are located in Bridgwater and the surrounding area.

Other religious and spiritual groups are similarly well-catered for in the surrounding areas. Details can be found under Places of Worship in Yellow Pages.

Useful local information:

Waste collection is on Thursday mornings. Recycling and food bins are collected weekly and the larger wheelie bins for non-recyclable items fortnightly.

There is a post box in the centre of the village near the Church and in the layby on the A39.

Other Publications in the Village

The Link Magazine

is produced 10 times per year as part of a wider Church Benefice together with those in Cossington and Woolavington and Bawdrip. Upcoming events and reports of events are published along with general parish news. The magazine is available for purchase from the shops in Woolavington and also for delivery on annual subscription of £3. Details of which can be found in the magazine.

The Polden Post

magazine records more Polden events; Theatre, music, local group meetings, What's On Calendar, Planning and Parish Councils, the local environment, dedicated features and much, much more. It is produced by a voluntary team of dedicated enthusiasts with high class photo illustration using submitted news and articles from local people around the Poldens Hills Delivered to your home or available in local outlets. If you live within the distribution area you can take out a 12 month discounted subscription for £5 and have the copies delivered to your home free by a local volunteer distributor.

Local Authority

Sedgemoor District Council 01278 435435
customerservices@sedgemoor.gov.uk
www.sedgemoor.gov.uk

Somerset Waste Partnership (Waste & Recycling)
Sedgemoor District Council Customer Services (see above)
www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

General Practitioners

Edington Surgery 01278 722077

Quarry Ground, Edington, TA7 9HA

www.edingtonsurgery.nhs.uk

A new surgery is now open in Higher Road Woolavington

Hospitals (Accident and Emergency)

Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane Bridgwater

TA6 4GU

General enquiries 01278 436 555

Vets

Polden Hills Veterinary Centre 01278 722088

www.poldenhillsvets.com

Local Shops and Facilities

The **Co-op in Woolavington** in Windmill Crescent, Woolavington, TA7 8HP sells papers, fresh bread and a good range of items. It includes a Post Office. Tel 01278 684361
Store opening Mon – Sat 07:00 – 22:00, Sun 09:00 – 21:00

Bawdrip Service Station (Texaco)

01278 604204 Bath Road (A39), Bawdrip, TA7 8PP

The village pub is **the Knowle Inn** on the A39 Main Road.

The Red Tile is in Cossington and The Prince of Wales in Woolavington

Primary Education

Kingsmoor Primary School, Bawdrip, Bridgwater, Somerset,
TA7 8PY

01278 683371 Head Teacher Mr M Bird

www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk

Police and Neighbourhood Watch

Bawdrip is part of the Avon and Somerset Police force Area

The local beat team comprises: PC Greg Miller Beat Manager

PCSO Lora Bray (7528) Police Community Support Officer

Email: lora.bray@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Mobile 07825 125099

HAVE YOU JOINED YET ?



Public Transport

First Group (Bus Service)

0845 60120156

www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/bristol_bath/

Trains

The Bridgwater Railway Station serves the village. Trains are operated by First Great Western. More details at www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

Recycling and Civic Amenity Sites

Saltlands in Bridgwater

Local Clubs & Societies

Bawdrip History Group

meets monthly or bi-monthly sessions on the third Thursday in the month in the Parish Hall often with a speaker on a local topic. The group is to collect and preserve documents and material reflecting the life and times of our villages and their

heritage. This to include old photographs, documents, archaeological objects, audio recordings or any other interesting items.

Bawdrip Community Café

meets every 4th Saturday in the Parish Hall from 10 until 12noon. An informal place to meet and enjoy good coffee and homemade delicacies and your neighbours. Get information on local interest Groups, discuss local issues etc.

Walks

There are a number of local walks through both open countryside and woodland habitat. National cycle path 3, part of the Sustrans network, passes through the village and links Bawdrip with the villages of Chedzoy and Cossington.

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