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THE EYE TO EYE DIRECTORY

*Who, What and Where
in Eye and
Surrounding Communities*



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Voluntary Organisations

Brome & Oakley

1 Brome & Oakley Village Hall

John Parry Contact via our website

Reg. Charity No 1091952

[bromeandoakleyvillagehall](#)

Brome & Oakley Village Hall was originally the village school and converted for community use in 1970. It hosts regular social gatherings in Brome & Oakley including monthly community lunches and coffee mornings, church breakfasts and Friday meetings of Brome & Oakley Community Club. It is available for private parties, meetings etc. Please see our website.

1A Brome and Oakley Welfare Trust.

Jo Cullen Contact [HERE](#)

Registered Charity 219072

The Trust offers modest financial assistance to residents of Brome and Oakley. Examples of assistance are; to meet unforeseen travel expenses in the case of an illness; assistance with funeral expenses; certain other unexpected costs that may not ordinarily be covered by insurance or state benefits. There is no formal application or form filling. See website for further information.

2 Elizabeth Lady Cornwallis Almshouse Trust

Dr. Jane Pearse Contact [HERE](#)

Registered Charity No. 212875

Accommodation managed by Trustees. Four Grade II listed terraced cottages in the centre of Brome, available from time to time, by application to be an "alms person". One-bedroom, two-storey, (alms houses), with common and allocated garden area. Intended for residents of Brome and Oakley in need.

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Eye

3 1st Eye Brownies

Helen Soper

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Part of Registered Charity No. 306016

A uniformed organisation for girls aged 7-10 years old. We meet on a Wednesday from 6:15-7:30pm at The Stoke Ash Centre. Our meetings provide girls with a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships and gain valuable life skills. Register your interest at:

girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/

4 1st Eye Guides

Louise Clifford

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Part of Registered Charity No. 306016

A uniformed organisation for girls aged 10-14. We meet 7.15pm to 8.45pm Wednesday evenings during term time at the Stoke Ash Centre (former Primary School), giving girls a space where they can be themselves, have fun, go on adventures, build brilliant friendships, and gain valuable life skills. Register your interest at [THIS ADDRESS](#)

5 1st Eye Rangers

Louise Clifford

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Part of Registered Charity No. 306016

A uniformed organisation for girls aged 14-18. We meet 7.15pm to 8.45pm Wednesday evenings during term time at the Stoke Ash Centre (former Primary School), giving older girls a space where they can be themselves, have fun, go on adventures, and gain accredited qualifications and leadership skills. Register your interest at [THIS ADDRESS](#)

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6 1st Eye Scout Group

Registered Charity No. 267504

Juliet Grimes [EMAIL HERE](#)
Joan Norman [EMAIL HERE](#)

Scouting is all about fun and adventure. We go to camps and hikes as well as learning skills for life.

			Age
<u>Beavers</u>	Wednesdays	5.30pm - 7.00pm	6 - 8.
<u>Cubs</u>	Mondays	6.30pm - 8.00pm	8 - 10½
<u>Scouts</u>	Tuesdays	7.30pm - 9.15pm	10½ - 14
<u>Explorer Scouts</u>	Fridays	7.30pm - 9.30pm	14 - 18

We welcome offers of help in all our Sections

7 2nd Eye Rainbows

Part of Registered Charity No. 306016

Helen Soper [EMAIL HERE](#)

A uniformed organisation for girls aged 5-7. giving them a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships and gain valuable life skills. To register your interest, go to:-

girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/

We meet on a Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at The Stoke Ash Centre.

8 490th BG Project UK

490th.co.uk

Jackie Aling Direct messages can be sent via the website

The 490th BG Heritage trail across the airfield is now completed and the routes are available at each access point. Each map has a QR code which will connect to our web page where you can source more information on each trail.

9 A Feast of Poetry

Pauline Diamond [EMAIL HERE](#)

An informal gathering for people who enjoy poetry and music. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

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10 Bereavement Friendship and Support Group

susanwhymark.co.uk/bereavement-support/

Susan Whymark

01379 871168

[EMAIL HERE](#)

A support group for those struggling with bereavement. A chance to meet people who have been through a similar situation and to talk about it. The group meets in Hexagon, Eye on the second Sunday of each month between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

11 Beyecyclists

Carol Alexander-Williams

07751 164999

[EMAIL HERE](#)

This informal and sociable cycling group usually meets the first Sunday of the month and rides at a steady pace of 10-12 miles per hour covering 20-35 miles. The starting point varies between Diss and Eye usually setting off at 10.30am. The ride normally includes a lunch stop at a cafe or pub.

12 Cinema at Eye

cinema-at-eye.org.uk

Kit Brinkley

07947 414968

[EMAIL HERE](#)

See the latest feature films presented in comfortable surroundings using high definition projection and surround sound. Our shows are a very social occasion with bar and refreshments, luxury ice creams, and a fun raffle. 7.30pm at Eye Community Centre on 4th Friday of each month excepting August and December. A great opportunity to become a Sponsor to promote your products or services !

13 Dove Players

Charlotte D'souza

Contact [HERE](#)

We welcome anyone interested in amateur dramatics, in any way, not just acting ... singers and musicians, lighting and sound, making props and costumes, back stage, front of house. We especially welcome those with additional needs.

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16 Dove Social Club

Jonathan and Jenny Pooley Contact [HERE](#)

Over 18s - come and join us for a chat and relaxing afternoon in the Dove Hall, Dove Lane from 2:00pm to 4:00pm Tuesdays in term-time only. For refreshments, fun games of table tennis, carpet bowls, darts and board games. Come and relax and make new friends.

17 Elderflower Club

Tricia Brown Contact [HERE](#)

A friendship club for all, including retired and elderly. Monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of the month at The Eye Community Centre 2.00pm-4.00pm. Time for chatting, laughter, tea and cake. All welcome - friends and helpers too. Local lifts available.

18 Eye and District Cricket Club

Mark Willowe Contact [HERE](#)

eyedistrict.play-cricket.com

The Club aims to bring together Senior players and young cricketers, men/women, girls and boys, to play cricket. We coach U7/U11 and U13 on Monday evenings during the season. The Senior team play on a Saturday and Sunday. Ground is at the top of Ludgate Causeway. BBQs and Quizzes. All welcome.

19 Eye and District Twinning Association

Andy Farrow [EMAIL HERE](#)

Free membership. Experience French hospitality, be part of a sociable local group, and enjoy a great community spirit—on both sides of the Channel.

20 Eye and District Volunteer Centre C.I.O.

Registered Charity No. 1156968

Gill Watson 01379 871200 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Our service co-ordinates community transport. We always need volunteer drivers. Office hours: Mondays & Fridays 10.30am - 1.30pm.

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21 Eye Archives

Anne Willoughby 01379 870298 [EMAIL HERE](#)

The Eye Archive is a collection of material reflecting the life of the town over the last thousand years. This material is now available at the Michael Burke Wellbeing Centre on Thursdays and Fridays to persons or groups who have an interest in the history and development of Eye – please contact Anne Willoughby.

22 Eye Arts Club

facebook.com/EyeArtsClub/
instagram.com/eyeartsclub/ koanarts.org

Liz Waugh McManus [EMAIL HERE](#)

Eye Arts Club runs arts and performance projects for ages 7 to 18 with or without additional needs to learn arts skills, develop confidence and have fun. Volunteers welcome. Eye Arts Club projects are usually run on Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon during term time.

23 Eye Arts Guild

Harriet (membership Secretary) Contact [HERE](#)

eyeartsguild.org.uk

A friendly group of about 35 aspiring artists of all abilities. Regular events: we meet for practice and tutored sessions every Thursday at Eye Bowls Club and we have outdoor sessions in summer. We hold several exhibitions each year and arrange visits to art galleries.

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24 Eye Bach Choir

Registered Charity No. 1114948

eyebachchoir.co.uk

Secretary Nicola Wheeler: [EMAIL HERE](#)

Tickets: Christine Hooker: [EMAIL HERE](#)

As an experienced choir of long standing we rehearse weekly in term-time for a programme of concerts throughout the year and we welcome applications from Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass voices. Rehearsals Fridays (except during school holidays) 7.45 – 9.45pm at Eye Town Hall. New members always welcome.

25 Eye Bowls Club (The Borough of Eye)

facebook.com/boebowls/

Contact details on Facebook page

For Hall Hire, see [HERE](#)

New playing and social junior and adult members welcome. We have lovely facilities including a BAR, and these are available to hire throughout the year. Regular events: Bowling April to September – everyone welcome to watch / participate.

26 Eye Bridge Club

bridgewebs.com/eye

Michael (Mike) Barr Contact [HERE](#)

Bridge Club - weekly duplicate sessions are held on Tuesdays in the Eye Town Hall. Please arrive by 1.25pm for a prompt 1.30pm start. Visitors welcome.

31 Eye Country Market

Sally Sparrow [EMAIL HERE](#)

Eye Country Market is held every Wednesday in Eye Town Hall (excluding January), usual hours 10-11am. Stalls include plants, fruit and vegetables, food, sweet and savoury, and preserves, crafts, and seasonal variations. Tea and coffee available. Free admission, everyone welcome.

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32 Eye District Badminton Club

John and Steph Dakin
01379 871870 / 07904 910284 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Badminton at Hoxne Village Hall, Tuesday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am, for beginners/intermediates & returners of all ages. Main aims are fitness and fun.

34 Eye Garden Club

Tricia Brown Contact [HERE](#)

We are a lively group of enthusiastic gardeners who share their passion, their interest and their plants! We meet every second Tuesday in the month at 2pm. (The venues vary)

35 Eye Grammar School Fund Registered Charity No. 273613

Susan Whymark 01379 871168 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Grants for young people under 25 living in Eye, Athelington, Bedfield and Horham parishes for expenses not provided by the LEA: books, specialist clothing, tools, instruments, course fees or preparation to enter a trade or profession. Organisations are also eligible for grants. Application forms from Susan Whymark preferably by email.

36 Eye Health Centre Patient Participation Group

c/o The Practice Manager, Eye Health Centre 01379 870689

The PPG is a group of patients, who work with the doctors and practice staff at Eye Health Centre to provide a link between patients and staff to improve the services, deal with comments and suggestions and generally promote healthcare.

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37 Eye Karate and Fitness Club

Toby Pulford – Black Belt 2nd Dan senior instructor. Tel. 07770 878838
Joe Pulford – Black Belt 3rd Dan, club instructor. Tel. 07714 526755

A great way to achieve fitness whilst learning traditional and freestyle Martial Arts including street awareness and self-defence in a fun and friendly environment. All ages and abilities welcome. Sessions:-

<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Fridays</u>
6pm-7pm for Juniors,	6.30pm-7.30pm juniors
7pm-8pm for Adults	7.30pm-8.30pm Adults

38 Eye Library Friends

Contact Eye Librarian – 01379 870515 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Part of Suffolk's Libraries Industrial and Provident Society Ltd., an Industrial and Provident Society, a not for profit, independent and charitable organisation. Raises funds for the improvement of Eye Library and the services it provides to the community.

39 Eye Magazine

Editorial and Advertising:
Wendy Aiken - [EMAIL HERE](#)

The Magazine is published eleven times a year, and is distributed to every household in Eye. Ads/articles to be submitted to the editor by 10th of month preceding publication month.

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41 Eye Opportunity Group

Registered Charity No. 287907

facebook.com/EyeOpportunityGroup

Sanchia Brandreth
01379 870975

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Support to families with children (0-5yrs) with additional needs. Volunteers welcome as drivers, for play work, and more. Sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during school terms plus special holiday activities. We rely on fundraising events to continue to provide this much needed service and we welcome your support.

42 Eye Outdoors Group

eyesuffolk.org/eye-outdoors-group

Maryanne Henderson
07935 846542

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Promotes outdoor activities particularly walking and cycling in Eye and surrounding areas. We aim to encourage people to enjoy local footpaths and cycle routes for social, health & well-being, and economic benefits. We also work to improve green spaces in and around Eye. Visit our webpage, or contact the EOG secretary.

44 Eye Plodders Walking Group

Ray Pattenden Contact [HERE](#)

Eye Plodders are a well-established walking group that meets on the third Sunday of the month. Walks start at 10.30am and generally cover a distance of 6 miles. Most walks are within a 15 mile radius of Eye. Walkers receive online information two weeks before a walk.

45 Eye Saints Football Club

eyesaintsfc.com

Chairman: Kevin Crispin 07857 662528 Contact [HERE](#)

Eye Saints provides football for children from 5 years old up to 16. We also offer football for adults; the men's first team plays on Sunday mornings, and the men's veterans play on Sunday afternoons. A ladies' fitness football trains on a Monday evenings. Anyone interested in playing, helping or sponsorship please contact the Chairman.

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45A Eye Saints Community Boules Club

Ian Ferguson (Treasurer)

Eira J Featley (Secretary)

Contact [HERE](#)

The club meets at the Community Centre playing field every Wednesday and Sunday from 10am - 12noon, weather permitting. All ages and abilities are welcome. Having fun is the order of the day for our group.

47 Eye Town Moors Woodland

Chris Willoughby. 07415 826 392

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Work parties 10 – 12 noon, 3rd Sunday/month. Managing the woods develops team skills, and improves the environment and enjoyment of wildlife for everyone.

49 Eye Women's Institute

Margaret Gray (President);

Lynn Clark (Secretary)

Tel 07736 407195

The Woman's Institute's main aim is to bring women together for friendship, fun, listening to interesting speakers, outings, activities and widening all interests in many aspects of women's lives in the 21st century. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday at 2.00pm in the Eye Community Centre. New members are always welcome.

50 Eye Works 4 U

Ian Barber Contact [HERE](#)

Through our gardening projects, we aim to boost self-esteem and confidence by providing training and work experience for disadvantaged young adults, thereby helping them gain employment. Regular requirements: volunteers and work opportunities for our trainees.

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Adrian Beatty

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53 Hartismere Hospital League of Friends.

Pauline Diamond (Chairman) 01379 870573

Fre Brown (Secretary) 07765 945125

Reg Charity No. 255636

Contact [HERE](#)

We campaign for better healthcare in the local community, raise money to support services provided on the Hartismere Hospital site and work with NHS, local authority and community organisations to improve access to care, support and health information.

Regular Events at The Michael Burke Wellbeing Centre:

- Coffee and Chat; Monthly 2nd Friday: 10am to noon and 1pm to 3pm.
- Cancer Support Group: 1.00-3.30 and every last Friday of the month.

55 Little Doves Toddler Group

Jemma Aiken Contact [HERE](#)

A baby and toddler group meeting on Tuesdays (term time) 9:15am - 11:15am in The Dove Hall IP23 7BA. £1.50 a family which includes snack and drinks for all and fun activities. First session free!

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56 New Eye Theatre

John Gleeson Contact [HERE](#)

A Community project – a group of professionals that entertain and encourage embryonic talent, regardless of age.

57 The Bank Arts Centre

01379 873495

[EMAIL HERE](#)

thebankeye.org

Not-for-profit creative hub offering inclusive access to the creative arts and digital. We host an eclectic programme of workshops, activities, events and exhibitions - supporting local creatives and welcoming everyone to get involved. The Vault Digital hub provides exciting IT youth training programme, sound recording & 3D printing bureau.

Cafe open: Wed - Sat 10.30am - 3.30pm. Lunch Menu available. Family & Dog Friendly. Cyclists welcome. Disabled Access.

58 The Blossom Charity

Registered Charity No. 1153881

theblossomcharity.co.uk

[EMAIL HERE](#)

We work with men and women who face personal, financial, location and other barriers and offer them opportunities to build their confidence and skills, to be the best they can be, and help them improve their lives and that of their families and wider communities.

Regular Event: "Sing and Chat" – sing along with others, learning simple traditional songs by ear, and having fun along the way. 1st Tuesday of the month at The Hexagon, Eye.

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Other organisations and services based in Eye

63 Connect For Health (Social Prescribing) – The Shaw Trust

Rachel Sampson 01394 332265 [EMAIL HERE](#)

With Connect for Health, you can get support for a wide range of issues, including Social isolation, loneliness, low mood, anxiety, etc. Your Community Connector will arrange an appointment to spend time with you, exploring what activities and/or local support could improve your health & wellbeing.

65 Eye Health Centre

eyehealthcentre.co.uk

The Practice Manager 01379 870689

For a patient leaflet or for further information about our services, please visit our website. If you would like to book your appointments or order your repeat medication electronically, please speak to a receptionist about registering for our online services.

66 Eye Library

Part of Reg Charity No. XT34476

suffolklibraries.co.uk [Eye Library](#)

Neil Holmes 01379 870515 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Eye library is one of 44 static libraries for Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd. Please visit us at 6 Cross St. Eye, to use our public computers, register to borrow and download many services available free of charge from our website, and to discuss the hiring of our space during and outside library opening hours.

Opening times:		Thursday	2.00pm – 5.00pm
Monday	CLOSED	Friday	9.00am – 1.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am – 1.00pm		then 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am – 1.00pm	Saturday	9.00am – 1.00pm
	then 2.00pm – 6.00pm	Sunday	10.00am – 3.00pm

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67 Eye Town Council

facebook.com/eyetowncouncil/

Town Clerk: Michelle Salazar

07713 196251 [EMAIL HERE](#)

The Common Room, Tacon Close, Eye, Suffolk IP23 7AU

Eye Town Council works hard to make Eye Town a great place to live and work. The Town Council manages a number of sites and facilities across the town as well as having some civic responsibilities. Office opening hours and contact details for current Councillors may be found via our website eyesuffolk.org/town-council.

68 Hartismere School

01379 870315

hartismere.com

Mrs A Boom, Office Manager

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Hartismere is a co-educational music academy for ages 11-18. It is a state funded independent school for the whole community. The school's motto: 'Discamus ut Serviamus' suggests our core values and ethos. The children both 'learn and serve'.

See also Venues for Hire in Eye section [HERE](#)

69 St Peter & St Paul CE Primary School

stpeterandstpaulschool.co.uk

Executive Head Teacher: Gemma Watts

01379 831500

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Part of the All Saints Schools Trust, we are a C of E Primary School taking children from Nursery to 11 years. Most of our children then transfer to Hartismere High School.

We recently reopened our school-based Nursery offering children up to 30 hours childcare per week from the term after they turn 3.

Please call or email our school office for more information.

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Gislingham

70 Friends of St Mary's, Gislingham

Reg. Charity No. 1137891

Sandra Smith 07788 585524 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Raises funds to maintain and keep in good condition St Mary's Church, Gislingham. Second hand book sale and refreshments, first Saturday of every month in Gislingham Village Hall 10.00am - 12.00pm. Flower Festival August Bank Holiday and other fundraising events.

71 Gislingham Silver Band

Registered Charity No. EW9000 10

Iris Debock [EMAIL HERE](#)

Suffolk's longest established village brass band. Open to players of all ages and abilities. We play at community events including concerts, parades, church services, fetes. Loan instruments available. No subscriptions. The Band practises at 7.30pm until 9.30pm on Tuesdays in The Band Hut Mill Street Gislingham IP23 8JT.

72 Gislingham Variety Club

Tony Kilbee [EMAIL HERE](#)

A vibrant club that performs a wide range of plays, musicals and murder mysteries. New members are welcome. Keep an eye out for adverts for our next production and support us by being a member of our audience.

Horham

73 New Reeding Woods Group

Please contact us via our [Facebook page](#).

Pound Lane Wood is a Community owned wildlife site of native trees, pond and wildflower meadow at Redlingfield Road, Horham, IP21 5ED. Planted and maintained by villagers from Denham, Horham and Athelington since 2005. Events will be advertised on our Facebook page.

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Hoxne

74 Hoxne Bell Ringers

Peny Conway

Contact [HERE](#)

We have established a new band of ringers to ring at Hoxne Church once the bells there have been restored. Meanwhile, we practise at several local towers. We are a friendly mix of genders and ages and always looking for new members particularly anyone with ringing experience.

75 Hoxne Benefice Fellowship Mothers' Union

Registered Charity No. 249726

Contact [HERE](#)

A Christian based worldwide organisation with over 4 million members worldwide. Our aims are to support family life in all its forms through outreach and action. We meet monthly and are part of the wider charity. Open to both men and women.

76 Hoxne Bowls Club

Roger Knight Contact [HERE](#)

Hoxne BC play in two local leagues plus internal club competitions. We welcome players of all levels and ages. We also have a regular 'Club Night' on a Wednesday for practicing and socialising.

77 Hoxne Garden and Social Club

Jeanette Lerwill (Chair)

01379 668542

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Julie Coop (Treasurer)

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[EMAIL HERE](#)

The Club aims to entertain and inform its members by hiring a variety of speakers prepared to give short talks on subjects some of which will be connected to horticulture but not all. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in Hoxne Village Hall.

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78 Hoxne Heritage Group

hoxnehistory.org.uk

Contact: via contacts page on our website

We are interested in discovering and preserving the history of Hoxne and surrounding areas for future generations. Our aims include researching archive materials, collecting audio reminiscences, and informing the community. We welcome new members with an interest in local history. Please visit our website for more information and details of our regular events, outings, and talks.

79 Hoxne Phoenix Group

Secretary:- Daphne Cook Contact [HERE](#)

Ladies Group that meets monthly on 2nd Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Lounge of Hoxne Village Hall. We have about 30 members from Hoxne and surrounding villages. Meetings vary with talks and demonstrations and occasional outings to places of particular interest. New members welcome.

80 Hoxne Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 304770

hoxnevillagehall.co.uk

Sharon Knights/Sally Dudley 07876 215269

[EMAIL HERE](#)

St Edmund's Hall Hoxne- a stunning facility consisting of three areas which can be hired collectively or as individual rooms. We have a lounge/bar area, main hall with stage and projector and a separate room with kitchen. Free wi-fi.

Regular Events: Film Nights second Friday of each month. See our website for details of other regular events.

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81 Hoxon Hundred Folk Club

[Facebook: Hoxon Hundred Morris Dancers](#)

Dr. Jane Pearse, Secretary Contact [HERE](#)

Morris dancing is a wonderful social way to keep fit and learn traditional English dances with a friendly group. We dance to traditional folk music. No previous dancing experience needed. Musicians most welcome. Practice nights: Every Wednesday (September to April) at St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne. 7.30pm to 10.00 pm. See our Facebook page for more information.

82 Village Voices

thevillagevoices.weebly.com

Jenny Knight (Sec) [EMAIL HERE](#)

A Community Choir led by a professional tutor in a friendly, relaxed, non-judgemental and enjoyable atmosphere in which we sing a variety of musical genres. No previous singing experience is necessary, and no audition is required.

The choir meets weekly for practice in Hoxne (Monday evenings).

Mellis

84 Mellis Quilting Group

Celia Armstrong 01379 788754 [EMAIL HERE](#)

A friendly group, from beginners to the more experienced quilter. Quilting projects can range from small projects to large. From hand piecing to machine quilting. Come and get inspired and enjoy the company of like-minded people. We meet every second Monday in the month at Mellis Memorial Hall, Mellis.

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84A Diss Embroidery Group (meets in Mellis)

Celia Armstrong 01379 788754 [EMAIL HERE](#)

A long established Embroidery & Textile Art group with talented embroiderers from beginners to the more experienced. We have had several successful exhibitions. All forms of embroidery are covered from classic stitches to the more "arty" and creative. Guest textile artists are sometimes booked for workshops which always inspire! We meet every second Tuesday in the month at Mellis Memorial Hall, Mellis.

85 Yaxley & Mellis Pre School

Registered Charity No. 1127983

ympreschool.co.uk

Charlotte Bloomfield 01379 788 458 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Fun stimulating environment managed by dedicated staff with high adult-child ratio. Open term time Monday to Friday and provides funding for 3-4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds. Provides a Breakfast club from 7:45am and an After school club till 5pm for pre-school children and pupils of Mellis Primary School.

Occold

86 O.R.A.C. – Occold Recreational and Amenities Council

Reg Charity No. 295058.

occold.onesuffolk.net/organisations/orac/

[EMAIL CHAIRMAN](#)

[EMAIL SECRETARY](#)

VISION: To support and enhance the life of Occold and surrounding communities, meeting their aspirations by providing safe leisure and study facilities, promoting good wellbeing and improving life skills for young and old.

EVENTS: WI, Craft Group, Coffee Morning, Soup Lunch, Table Tennis, Badminton, Games Nights, Yoga, Bellycise, and other Community Events.

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Stoke Ash

87 Castleton Brass

Christine Wade 01449 672600 or Contact [HERE](mailto:christine@castletonbrass.org.uk)

castletonbrass.org.uk

Castleton Brass is a brass band based at Stoke Ash. We perform at various events and give concerts throughout Suffolk. Regular events: Tuesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm every week – band rehearsals at The Guide Centre, Mill Lane, Stoke Ash.

88 Mid Suffolk Radio Modellers (MSRM)

Gary Hughes (Sec) Contact [HERE](mailto:gary@msrm.org.uk)

msrm.bmfa.org

MSRM are a group who build and fly radio-controlled model aeroplanes, helicopters and multi-rotors. We fly between Thorndon and Stoke Ash at Deadman's Lane junction with Thwaite Road (weather permitting). New members always welcome, visit site or website for details.

89 Stoke Ash Gardening Club

Geoffrey Tancred 01379 678568 [EMAIL HERE](mailto:geoffrey@stokeashgardeningclub.co.uk)

Meets 4th Monday in the month at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised. We have speakers in many months, but visits often arranged for 3 summer months' meetings. Come and join us for friendly advice, encouragement and ideas. £12 annual subscription plus monthly £2 for talks or entry fees for visits. Refreshments.

90 Stoke Ash Social Club

Lionel Coe Contact [HERE](mailto:lionel@stokeashsocialclub.co.uk)

Meets 4th Tuesday in the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Come and join us for Whist, Uno, Dominos, Darts and a Bingo session. Attendance charge is £2 with refreshments.

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91 Stoke Ash Village Hall

Geoffrey Tancred

01379 678568

Registered Charity No. 268544

[EMAIL HERE](#)

In a quiet rural area yet close to the A140, the hall is available for informal meetings, family celebrations or other events. Parking is available together with basic kitchen for refreshments. The hall may be hired via initial contact with Geoff Tancred.

92 Stoke Ash Women's Institute in Suffolk East Federation of Wis

Secretary: Pam Cooke

Contact [HERE](#)

A "small but perfectly formed" group. Meetings (very informal!) held on 2nd Wednesday of the month (usually with guest speaker). Monthly lunch at a local pub (partners / friends welcome) also monthly craft night. Take part as much or as little as you wish!

Thorndon**93 Friends of Thorndon Church**

Tim Rowe

[EMAIL HERE](#)

The Friends contribute to the upkeep of one of the oldest buildings in Thorndon. The burden of maintaining our Church is very heavy on our regular congregation and funds are required so that it can be used by the generations of today, and also the generations of the future.

95 Thorndon Bowls Club

David Cattermole (Chairman)

01379 783584 or 07775 908981 [EMAIL HERE](#)thorndonbowlsclub.co.uk

Thorndon Bowls Club, a well-established and successful village Club, continues to welcome new members. You need not have played the game before as varying levels of coaching is available to enable you to enjoy taking part in the sport at a level to suit individual aspirations.

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Thornham

96 Beyond the Wall

Registered Charity No. 292229

beyondthewall.org.uk

[Facebook](#)

The Walled Garden, Thornham Magna, IP23 8HA
01379 788700 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Beyond The Wall is a charity based in the 'Walled Garden' on the Thornham Estate in Thornham, North Suffolk. We work with people from 16 years upwards who have a disability. The team are focused on removing barriers to enable everyone to attain a fulfilling and meaningful life. We are a 'not for profit' organisation, all funds raised go to meet the needs of our gardeners.

Our small cafe is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays raising money for our Charity, and we have a small shop on site with vegetables and crafts for sale Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. We also have three events a year one for each season so please follow our Facebook page for more information

97 Music at Thornham

musicatthornham.org.uk

01379 788130 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Music at Thornham promotes varied concerts of chamber music in the churches of Thornham Magna and Thornham Parva as well as occasionally at Yaxley Hall. Visit our website for more information and to sign up to the mailing list.

98 Thornhams Village Hall IP23 8HB

Reg. Charity No. 1030553

thornhams.org

Bookings: Beth Fredrikssen-Jones
Information and Event details:

[EMAIL HERE](#)

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Our wonderful village hall, dating from 1924, is available for hire for events of up to 110 people and we have comfortable seating / tables for events of up to 65 people.

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Thrandeston

99 Friends of Thrandeston Church and Heritage

Penelope Lucas Contact [HERE](#)

We raise funds to help maintain the fabric of Thrandeston village church through community events including a Quiz, Strawberry Teas, Fun Dog show, and Apple Days throughout each year. All events advertised in North Hartismere Benefice Parish News.

100 Thrandeston Village Hall

Alison Murton Contact [HERE](#)

Hall available for hire. Seating capacity approximately 50.
Our Bar is open between 6.00pm - 9.30pm on the last Friday of the month

Thwaite

101 Thwaite Garden Club and Veggie Plotters

George Parnell Mobile: 07984 691748

The "Thwaite Gardening Club" (TGC), no longer meets on a regular basis but exists as a "WhatsApp " group under George Parnell's mobile number .

102 Thwaite Knit, Craft and Natter

Jacqui Lawrence Contact [HERE](#)

At the Old School Room, Wickham Road, Thwaite. Bring your own crafting projects to make and encourage others, friendly group with refreshments. 1st Friday monthly 10.30am to 12.30pm – fee £1 for Thwaite and Stoke Ash villagers and £2 for visitors.

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Wickham Skeith

103 Friends of St Andrew's Church

Liz Davidson

Contact [HERE](#)

Registered Charity No. 299997

FOSA exists to raise the money necessary to maintain the fabric of our lovely medieval church building.

105 Wickham Skeith History Group

Pete Davidson

Contact [HERE](#)

Meetings are held in Wickham Skeith Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday 19.45, Jan–May & Sep–Nov

106 Wickham Skeith Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 304838

<http://wickhamskeith.suffolk.cloud/village-hall/>

For hire: A warm, well equipped venue for parties, meetings etc. Please see our web page for details.

Yaxley

106B Yaxley Art Club

Chris Virgo

Contact [HERE](#)

yaxleysuffolkvillagehall.co.uk

We are a friendly group offering amateur artists mutual support and a forum for discussion and experimentation. Beginners always welcome. We meet in Yaxley Village Hall every Tuesday morning from ten until twelve. Pay as you go: just £4 per week.

106C Yaxley Garden Club

Celia Pearson

Contact [HERE](#)

yaxleysuffolkvillagehall.co.uk

The Club meets on 1st Thursday of the month either in Yaxley Village Hall or at Summer garden visits.

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106D Yaxley Needlework & Craft Group yaxleysuffolkvillagehall.co.uk

Celia Armstrong 01379 788754 [EMAIL HERE](#)

A relaxed social group who love all forms of creativity from knitting, crochet, embroidery, sewing, paper craft and anything new to learn. Sometimes we hold workshops for a particular interest but mostly we just enjoy each other's company with a cup of tea or coffee and a nice biscuit or two! We meet every other Wednesday at 2pm at Yaxley Village Hall, Old Ipswich Road. Call for the next meeting date.

106E Yaxley Table Tennis Club yaxleysuffolkvillagehall.co.uk

Richard Pursehouse 07805 048156 [EMAIL HERE](#)

A club for all ages and abilities. We usually meet on Wednesdays twice a month but have to fit in around other regular events in our Village Hall. Good idea to make contact to check when we are playing.

Other Local Organisations

108 Thornham Walks

Walks Manager: Tracey Brown 01379 831242 thornhamestate.com
[EMAIL HERE](#)

12 miles of waymarked footpaths through the beautiful Thornham Estate. Metalled footpath for all abilities. Facilities include: playground; cafes, local businesses. Open: 9am-4pm Nov-March, 9am-6pm April-Oct. Our volunteer day is on the second Wednesday of each month and is open to all. Please see website for further information.

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Regional Charities and Community Interest Companies

109 Borderhoppa

Reg Charity No. – 1091986

borderhoppa.org

Tom Clarke 01379 854800 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Borderhoppa provides a range of community transport services which are available to people who are unable to use other forms of transport; includes a door-to-door dial-a-ride service and currently covers 56 parishes in north Suffolk and south Norfolk.

110 Communities Together East Anglia (Connecting Communities)

Reg Charity No. – 1004198

communitiestogethereastanglia.org

To book: 01449 614271 (office hours Monday to Friday 8 till 4) or [EMAIL HERE](#)

Connecting Communities operate a fully accessible vehicle in this area. Our objective is to provide transport for those who cannot access public transport to visit friends, shop, attend clinics, day centres or social gatherings, or to connect with public transport.

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110A Communities Together East Anglia (Later Life Community)

communitiestothereastanglia.org

01284 334516

[EMAIL HERE](#)

Local charity offering a variety of support and services aimed at reducing loneliness and social isolation.

Community Connect – a 365 day/year telephone support service, open from 10am – 2pm with a “real” person to chat to. Offering support and information to encourage connection and access to services.

Social & Activity groups – a programme of social & activity groups held in local settings. All groups are free to attend, donations welcome.

- 1st Tuesday of the month – CommuniTEA Chinwag, Eye Community Centre, 2pm-4pm
- 2nd Tuesday of the month – OTAGO, Michael Burke Wellbeing Centre, 10am-12pm
- 3rd Tuesday of the month – You’re Welcome, Michael Burke Wellbeing Centre, 10am-12pm
- 4th Tuesday of the month – BOCCIA, Michael Burke Wellbeing Centre, 10am-12pm

BeAFriend – friendship service for anyone aged 18+ offering weekly telephone calls or visits through a team of dedicated befriending volunteers.

111 East Anglian Air Ambulance

Registered Charity No. 1083876

eaaa.org.uk

03450 669 999

[EMAIL HERE](#)

East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) is a charity providing advanced critical care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to the most seriously ill and injured people in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk by air and road. From road traffic collisions to cardiac arrests to medical emergencies, the charity’s specialist doctors, critical care paramedics and pilots bring the advanced skills, equipment and medicine – normally only found in a specialist emergency department – directly to the patient’s side in the fastest time possible. EAAA is a charity that receives no regular government funding, relying almost entirely on the kind support of the public.

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114 Families Together Suffolk

Reg. Charity No. 1127760
famielstogetheruffolk.org.uk

Office: 01379 678552 [EMAIL HERE](#)
Charity Shop 01379 870186 (1, Broad Street in Eye)

At Families Together Suffolk we have been offering support to families with children under the age of 11 in Suffolk for 40 years, through home visiting, family groups, specialist support groups and workshops. Contact us for more information or view our website.

117 Suffolk Artlink

Registered Charity Number: 1110898

suffolkartlink.org.uk

01986 873955 [EMAIL HERE](#)

We provide creative opportunities throughout Suffolk for older people, family carers and cared for, people with dementia, adults with learning disabilities and young people in hospital. For more information, see our website.

120 Suffolk Family Carers

Registered Charity No. 1069937

suffolkfamilycarers.org

Information Hub 01473 835477. [EMAIL HERE](#)

Anybody can be a Family Carer; Are you looking after a family member or friend who due to illness, mental health, disability or substance misuse cannot manage without you? *Suffolk Family Carers* provides information, advice and guidance to Family Carers of all ages across Suffolk.

121 The Befriending Scheme

Registered Charity No. 1074800

thebefriendingscheme.org.uk

01787 371333 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Suffolk based charity with services for people with learning disabilities, mild mental health conditions and young families. We provide a One to One Befriending Service for adults with a learning disability - carefully run by our dedicated coordinators who use location, suitability and shared interests in the matching process with volunteers.

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122 Waveney Foodbank

Registered Charity No. 1151679
waveney.foodbank.org.uk

If you are in a financial crisis, please call your local Citizens advice or our dedicated voucher team on 0808 2082138 for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

Please note the number shown above is for people who do not have enough money for food – if you are a local organisation or charity that works with people who might need the food bank, please contact us via our website.

National Charities with local representation

123 Citizens Advice (Diss and Thelford). Registered Charity No. 1089052

National Helpline: 0800 144 8848

For self-help online: [EMAIL HERE](#)

Local Contact: [EMAIL HERE](#)

The Citizens Advice service helps people resolve their problems. We are equipped to deal with issues spanning debt, benefits and housing to consumer and employment plus everything in between. We offer a free, confidential, non-judgemental and impartial service to everyone. Appointments at the Diss office can be arranged by contacting one of the methods above.

123A Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk

Reg Charity No. 1107152
midsuffolkcab.org.uk/eye

01449 676060 [EMAIL HERE](#)

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk offer a face to face advice session every Friday morning at Eye Library between 9.15am and 12.30pm. No appointment needed. They can advise on debt, benefits, energy, housing, employment issues, family matters and much more. This service is free, confidential and impartial. Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can also be contacted by telephone, via their website or in person at the Stowmarket office Monday - Thursday 9.30-3.30 and Friday 9.30-12.30.

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Venues for Hire in Eye

Venues for hire in other localities may be found in the main section of the Directory.

Capacities are indicative only as they will be affected by the type of event being held.

The Bank Arts Centre *Arts, crafts, music* 20-150 people

01379 873495 [EMAIL HERE](#) www.thebankeye.org

Unique heritage venue. Café & licensed bar. Daytime and evening hire for business, community, learning, creative or social. Digital Hub - IT and sound recording equipment. Flexible layout with additional equipment available.

Dove Hall *Community Functions* 50 people

Contact Jemma Aiken 07855 598096 or [EMAIL HERE](#)

Eye Bowls Club *Sports events, Functions* 80-100 people.

Carlton Blaxill 07720 068485 or [EMAIL HERE](#)

Eye Community Centre Reg Charity No. 1012697 (Eye Playing Field)

Bar, Functions 140-200 seated, 190-250 standing

01379 873475 or [EMAIL HERE](#)
www.facebook.com/EyeCommunity/

For hire for business, social, and family events. Large hall with state of the art projection system, surround sound and 4.5m screen ideal for anything from presentations to full cinema screenings. Large comfortable lounge, licensed bar, and ample parking.

Eye Library *Meeting room for up to six people.*

01379 870515 [EMAIL HERE](#)
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/room-hire

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Eye Town Hall *Weddings & Functions*

Council chamber 30, Main Hall 250

07713 196251 Michelle Salazar [EMAIL HERE](#)

Hartismere School *Lines Hall* 175 seated, 225 standing

01379 872725 www.hartismere.com

Michael Burke Wellbeing Centre Hartismere Hospital.

20 seated, 40 standing

Ellie Cracknell [EMAIL HERE](#) Tel: 07971 594817

MBWC is a centre which provides meeting and group space for the VCSES (Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprises) and Statutory Sector linked to social prescribing activity for referred patients within Eye and the surrounding area. The centre is free of charge and used only for VCSEs and Statutory Sector.

Scouts HQ *Kids Parties, Functions*

Main Hall 70-100 seated, 100-120 standing Meeting room 14 seated

Leonie Ryle [EMAIL HERE](#)

Dove River Church *Community Events*

160 people plus additional space upstairs

Contact Jemma Aiken 07855 598096 or [EMAIL HERE](#)

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