**Welcome to Nempnett Thrubwell**

**A Brief Introduction to Your New Village**



**A warm welcome**

On behalf of our diverse community, we are very happy to welcome you to our small, but spread-out, village.

As you settle into your new home, know that we are here to support you and could offer assistance in getting acquainted with the area.

We hope that the information contained in this guide will help you to settle quickly into your new home and the community. Your neighbours will no doubt be welcoming and assist you where needed, but this leaflet aims to help you find your way round services and activities to enable you to connect with our small community when you first arrive.

This guide contains up-to-date and relevant information about the area. You will also find this and other information on the various websites on the village itself, or rural places in general.

In addition: To keep you up to date with events organised in this area is the WhatsApp group: Nempnett Neighbours and an e-mail notice: nempnett88@gmail.com. You need to contact both to be added to the address list. A monthly Parish News leaflet is distributed free covering Chew Stoke and Nempnett Thrubwell.

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**Where we live**

Nempnett Thrubwell was originally not one but 2 places. Early research and publications mention Emnett (level ground or “the plain”) ca. 1200 A.D. and Trubewell (spring/stream) ca 1201 A.D.. The names obviously changed over the years since then and it was first recorded as one place Nempnett Thrubwell in 1817. There is a lovely book written by two long established residents: Nempnett Thrubwell “Times Remembered” which suggests that the terms Nempnett and Thrubwell could relate to the Nordic words for Highland and Lowland.

Currently, the small hamlet of Nempnett Thrubwell has 228 residents according the 2021 census. There are a number of farms which are still operating as farms. Mainly cows and sheep. Walkers find many public footpaths taking them to beautiful vistas.

**Local community representatives**

* Details of parish councilors and clerk, and when/where meetings are held can be found on our website. [www.nempnettthrubwell-pc.org.uk](http://www.nempnettthrubwell-pc.org.uk).
* These meetings are open to the public and take place on the first Tuesday of each month.
* Our Rector of the church of St Mary’s is Rev. Dr Ian Mills.
* Our Local MP is Dan Morris
* District and/or county councilor is Mrs. Anna Box.

**Community activities and events**

Nempnett Thrubwell has a village hall, which hosts a number of events throughout the year. Please look out for the occasional village B.B.Q or Summer Fete in August. In the hall: the Quiz night to test your knowledge, which is booked for April, a charity breakfast or wreath making, both organised near Christmas and other fundraising charity events.

The Parish Council meetings take place there and at the entrance gate to the hall is the Parish Council Notice board. You will find information and minutes of the Parish Council meetings pinned up for you to read. A second notice board is located on the top of Awkward Hill and a third one on the road to the airport on Thrubwell Lane. This information is also found on line. www.nempnettthrubwell-pc.org.uk.

The Parish Council meets every month in the Village Hall and you are welcome to attend. Should you want to get involved and become a Councilor, you are welcome to contact the current Chair of the Council Mr. P Hellier.pete@petenjan.plus.com

Unfortunately, Nempnett Thrubwell does not have a pub. For those with a thirst you will find a warm welcome in Blagdon, Compton Martin, Chew Stoke, Chew Magna.

There is a small Church where services are held. The Anglican Church of St Mary on Knap Hill in Nempnett Thrubwell is a beautiful and historically significant building. [It dates back to the 15th century and was built on the site of an earlier Norman church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_St_Mary%2C_Nempnett_Thrubwell). Only the Norman south doorway remains from that time. [The church is a Grade II listed building, which means it is of particular importance and interest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_St_Mary%2C_Nempnett_Thrubwell). In the churchyard you will find one of the oldest grave stones dating back to 1641. Services take place every other Sunday. Please check the service schedule. Again, details can be found in the Parish Magazine, which is distributed for free on a regular basis and covers Chew Stoke as well.

 

If you want to find someone’s address you will quickly realise that we have streets, house names, but very few house numbers. Our trusted postman and -lady know all of us and I am sure that when you introduce yourself, they will find you from that moment on with your mail without fail.

The main street – and it won’t surprise you – is Nempnett Street changing into Thrubwell Lane.

Being so rural and relatively small we do not have our own bus service. The nearest bus stop is in Ubley at the Saw Mill on Cleeve Hill (A368), or in Chew Stoke. Further details on a separate page. For train stations we advise you to check on Temple Mead in Bristol or the Main Station in Bath and a smaller station in Backwell. Each are 30 minutes away.

Should you wish to know more about your new neighbourhood and/or its rich history it will be worth making contact with the various History Groups: Blagdon Local History Society meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month, Harptrees History Society meets last Wednesday of the month and Chew Valley History Society meets 1st Wednesday. All History Societies in the area are to be found on: Avon Local History & Archeology website. [www.alha.org.uk](http://www.alha.org.uk). Membership available or attend single meetings.

You will not be surprised to read that there is also a Chew Valley Gardening Society. Meetings are every second Thursday in Stanton Drew Hall. Contact Graham Nicol on

Tel: 01275 333456. Prefer to keep fit: there are Yoga, Pilates, traditional keep-fit and Zumba classes, given in the surrounding villages.

**Getting around:**

Transport and timetables can change frequently and funding for rural bus service has not always been available. Again, Nempnett Thrubwell does not have its own bus service. However, there is now a bus service from Ubley, which is within about 5-10 minutes from Nempnett Thrubwell. It is still in a trial period (2024). Since September this 3 times a day service goes from Ubley Sawmill bus stop to Bristol and back. It makes a welcome stop in Hartcliffe which is a shopping center where you will find a range of shops such as Aldi and M&S food; Boots; the Range, H&M and B&Q.

Main train services are either from Bristol or Bath. Smaller local stations are: Nailsea & Backwell; Bedminster and Yatton. They do not connect with all the major cities in UK direct.

**Household waste and recycling**

You will have a number of bins. The waste and garden collection service are on Wednesday. One week is the green bin with garden waste and the following week the black bin with general waste. You can recycle paper, glass and tubs in the smaller green boxes provided, cardboard is collected in a blue foldable bag and compostable waste in a small black box. Please note that garden waste collection is a paid for service, which will not be available during a few months in the winter. Payable once a year in May/June via the Bath and Somerset council website, currently £56.00. They will NOT collect your garden waste if you do not have one of the stickers on your bin.

The recycling in the small green and black boxes and blue bag, will be collected every week, also on Wednesday.

**Local amenities**

Nempnett Thrubwell does not have any amenities in the village itself. However, the surrounding villages such as Compton Martin, West Harptree and Blagdon have a post office. Blagdon, Chew Stoke and West Harptree have small supermarkets with a good selection of products.

Should you need a garage or petrol station you will find those in Ubley, and Winford.

There is an excellent butcher in Chew Maga, where you will also find a further supermarket, pharmacy, post office, some small shops and a hairdresser.

**Local Services**

**District Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council**

Lewis House

3 to 4 Manvers Street
Bath
BA1 1JQ 01225 394041

**Local GP Practices**

Chew Medical Practices

Chew Lane, Chew Stoke

Bristol BS40 8UE 01275 332420

Harptree Surgery

Bristol Road

West Harptree

Bristol 01761 221406

Wrington Surgery

The Surgery Pudding Pie Lane,

Wrington BS40 5EL 01934 852906

**Hospitals**

Southmead Hospital

Southmead Road

Westbury on Trym

Bristol BS10 NB 0117 9505050

Bristol Royal Infirmary

Marlborough Street

Bristol BS2 8HW 0117 9230000

Royal United Hospitals Bath

NHS Foundation Trust
Combe Park
Bath BA1 3NG 01225 428331

The nearest dentist, optician and pharmacy are in Chew Magna.

**Education**

There is no school in the village. There is a school bus but this is depending on where your child attends school. Please check for availability for your area and school.

Ubley school (primary) is probably the nearest, otherwise Blagdon, That depends also on where in the village you live. For the latest Ofsted report please check with the relevant school secretary or online.

Primary schools are in Blagdon, Chew Stoke, East Harptree and Ubley.

Further Education Secondary School:

Chew Valley School

Chew Magna – Bristol

BS40 8QB

**Telephone**: **01275 332272**

**Email:** **enquiries@chewvalleyschool.co.uk**

Churchill Academy

Churchill Green

Churchill North Somerset

BS25 5QN
**Telephone:** 01934 852771
**Email:** churchill@churchill-academy.org

Please do get in touch if you have any additional suggestions or if you find anything mentioned is incorrect or missing to ntparishclerk@icloud.com.