

BAG
BRAMFORD
DIRECTORY

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Welcome to the Bramford Directory

The Bramford Action Group has initiated this village directory. The Parish Plan listed, as a priority, the need for more readily available information about the services, recreation and resources that the village offers. This booklet is BAG's response and it catalogues a broad spread of what and who can usefully be tapped into, made use of, enjoyed, joined in with or asked for help. It is as comprehensive as was possible to make but please let a member of the group know (cf. Page 4) if you feel that the Directory should include additional things in future editions

PARISH HISTORY

Bramford is a large village situated about three miles north-west of Ipswich, the county town of Suffolk.

There is archaeological evidence to show that there was a domestic settlement here in Roman times, but the first major documentary record is in the Domesday Book of 1086. It shows a fairly large community with three manors, two churches and two mills. Before that in the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066) land had been held in Bramford by Stigand as a manor. In 1596 the Acton family who were clothiers from Ipswich, bought land in the village. Over the next 200 years they added to their estate, building Bramford Hall in the 17th century. The estate passed through marriage into the Broke and Loraine families, who owned the hall until it was demolished in 1956.

There have been many spellings of the village name, including BRUNFORT, BROMFORD, BRAUMFFORDE AND BRAUNFORD. Often a place name was identified with visual items on the ground, so it is possible that the name meant 'the ford near the brambles'. Another theory is that the name came from an early Dane called Braun who settled here.

The oldest building in the village is the Church of St Mary the Virgin, which is probably built on an earlier pagan site of worship. A second early church, dedicated to St Albert, stood near Boss Hall in what is now Ipswich at the junction of Bramford and Sproughton Road.

The River Gipping which passes through the village was once a navigable waterway carrying goods from Ipswich to Stowmarket. In 1793 it was opened to barges having had locks built, and major bends straightened.

With the coming of the railway in 1846 barges became less popular, and eventually ceased completely around 1930.

Many of the outlying farmhouses, and some of the houses in The Street date back four or five hundred years. The oldest of these is the Old Bell Inn, now 6-10 The Street. The largest expansion of the village took place in the 1960's though smaller areas of housing are still being added to this day.

Bramford has always been an agricultural community. The only industrial area in the village is along Paper Mill Lane. Rushbrooks Mill used to make paper, but before that was a fulling mill, which is a process in making cloth. In the 19th century chemical fertilisers were produced by Edward Packard & Co. This company later became Fisons then Scotts. It closed in 2004. Also along Paper Mill Lane there used to be a brick works and a tar mill.

The parish used to be much larger than it is today, with the eastern boundary extending as far as Whitton, into what is now Ipswich. In 1801 the population was 552. In 1841 it was 833. Today it is over 2500.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Bramford has eleven parish councillors who are elected every four years. The council meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month, usually in the Parish Room but occasionally in the Loraine Victory Hall. The meetings are publicised on the two village notice boards. An additional planning meeting may be held on the first Monday of each month.

The Parish Council's main areas of responsibility are the maintenance of the Lawn Cemetery, the Churchyard, the maintenance and energy costs of the street lights, the public lavatories, allotments, open spaces and playing fields. The costs for street cleaning, grass cutting and the maintenance of the office and Parish Room have to be met and the council also provides grants to the Playing Field Committee and the Loraine Victory Hall.

The main sources of income are rents from the allotments and charges for burials, memorials, Parish Room hire, bottle and paper bank recycling and a 50% street cleaner grant. The difference between the income and expenditure is raised by the annual parish precept on Council Tax.

Current Members of the **Parish Council**

Chairman:

Mr J Hooker The Grove, Packard Place, IP8 4HA 01473 240843
johnhooker@talktalk.net

Mr D Bailey Ashton House, Vicarage Lane, IP8 01473 748410
4AE
dandgbailey@onetel.net

Mrs A Brand Mill Bank, Mill Lane, IP8 4AU 01473 741127

Mr B Earthy 4 Acton Gardens, IP8 4HT 01473 749033

Mr J Gardiner 53 Leggatt Drive, IP8 4EX 01473 464429
jdcmgardiner@aol.com

Mrs V Hall Street Farm Cott., Vicarage Lane, IP8 01473 743806
4AF

Mr W Holton 32 Fitzgerald Road, IP8 4AD 01473 748180
wayneholton@yahoo.co.uk

Vice Chairman:

Mr G Jones Kirkland, The Street, IP8 4DY 01473 742052
moragraham@f2s.com

Mrs S King 73 Leggatt Drive, IP8 4EY 01473 749990

Mrs J Morgan 21 Paper Mill Lane 01473 240651
julancunningham@aol.com

Mr J Thacker The Old Police Station, IP8 4AH 01473 744272
Carolatbramford@aol.com

Parish Clerk:

Claire Lee Parish Room office: The Old School, 01473 747433
Ship Lane, Bramford, Ipswich IP8 4AN
pc@bramford.suffolk.gov.uk

BRAMFORD ACTION GROUP

This directory was undertaken by BAG to provide a publication that fulfils the brief set out in Project A6 of the Parish Plan. However, BAG exists principally to be the guardian of the plan, ensuring that the original feelings of the community about the village are not lost from sight. Its main function is to stimulate and support other groups or individuals who are keen to participate in any of the projects outlined in the Plan. BAG is presently working with others on the presentation of a Bramford Day and maintaining a close relationship with local government councillors and officers in regard of all aspects of the Plan. If you want to make a difference, contact any of those below.

Current Members of the **Bramford Action Group**:

Andrew Haywood Smith	121 Paper Mill Lane andrew@haywoodscars.co.uk	01473 749224
Ros Holton	32 Fitzgerald Road rosholton@yahoo.co.uk	01473 748180
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Richard Pinkney	Oak Cottage, The Street noredtram@btinternet.com	01473 240622
Paul Robinson	11 St Marys Close pr468@tiscali.co.uk	01473 749330
Chair: Linda Scott	The Grove, Packard Place linda.scott@talktalk.net	01473 240843
Jim Thacker	The Old Police Station, Duckamere carolatbramford@aol.com	01473 744272
Jannette Turner	62 Paper Mill Lane jannette.turner@virgin.net	01473 464613

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paulinecolin.young@tiscali.co.uk

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CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Sir Michael Lord Central Suffolk and North Ipswich 01728 685148
Conservative Association (Constituency)
19 The Business Centre 020 721 95055
Earl Soham, Woodbridge IP13 7SA (House of
Commons)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

John Field Ebony 01473 831306
Upper Street 07950 487974
Baylham, Ipswich IP6 8JR
john.field@suffolkcc.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Michael Cottage Farm 07770 536151
Blakenham Little Blakenham, Ipswich IP8 4LZ
michael.blakenham@midsuffolk.gov.uk

John Field Ebony 01473 831306
Upper Street 07950 487974
Baylham, Ipswich IP6 8JR
john.field@suffolkcc.gov.uk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Suffolk County Council 01473 583000
Endeavour House
Russell Road
Ipswich IP1 2BX
www.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Suffolk County Council is responsible for providing education, social services, street lighting, libraries and records, some highway services and the fire and police services. The county council receives approximately 78.9% of our council tax.

The police service receives 10.4% of the total council tax collected

Mid Suffolk District Council

01449 720711

Council Offices
131 High Street
Needham Market
Ipswich
IP6 8DL
www.midsuffolk.gov.uk

Mid Suffolk District Council is responsible for providing services including some benefits, countryside and leisure, environmental health, planning applications and development, housing and refuse collection.

If you are not sure whom to contact or where to go or want information on any of the services provided by the county or district council then contact 'Customer Service Direct'. They will be able answer all your questions. You can contact them by telephone 0844 800 0101, or visit them at 54 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Suffolk Constabulary

In an emergency always dial 999

Otherwise use 01473 613500

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

01473 613500

Council Offices
131 High Street
Needham Market
Ipswich
IP6 8DL
P C Dave Clark

Electricity Power Cuts

Emergency Services – EDF
www.edfenergy.com

0800 7838838
or 1800108007
or text phone
838838

Gas Leaks

Emergency Service – Transco
www.transco.co.uk

0800 111999

Samaritans

0845 7909090

LOCAL SERVICES

Church Room (for hire) 01473 742340
Contact Maureen Sillett

Citizens Advice Bureaux
5 Milton Road, Stowmarket 01449 676060
19 Tower Street, Ipswich 01473 219777

Community News 01473 400632
Contact: Mark Harrison (for problems with delivery)

Gipping Valley Wildspace 01473 265106
(formally Gipping Valley Walks)

Countryside Officer
Contact: Nick Dickson, Suffolk County Council
nick.dickson@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Bramford Picnic site etc web address
suffolk.gov.uk/Environment/CountrysideServices/WhereElseCanIVisit/

Fishing the River Gipping
From the GAPS sign (at the south end of the picnic site) to Bushmans Bridge adults are permitted to fish with a "Rod Fishing License" available from the Post Office. Children under 12 years old do not need a license to fish.

GAPS (Gipping Angling Preservation Society) 01473 222240
For fishing the river outside the Bramford Water Meadows and Picnic Site. Contact Richard Young

Household Waste and Recycling Centre
Somersham Road, Bramford

JobCentre Plus
Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1AH 01449 623500
St Felix House, Silent Street, Ipswich Ipswich IP1 1TF 01473 267700
jobcentreplus.gov.uk
Loraine Victory Hall (for hire) 01473 749082
Contact: Julie Last (evenings)

Home Library Service 01473 588000

Visits the housebound on alternate Thursdays with a selection of books.

Library (mobile) 01473 588522

Timetable

Alternate Mondays

St Mary's Close 10.30-10.45am

The Angel 10.50-11.20am

Alternate Tuesdays

Packard Place 4.20-5.30pm

Paper Mill Lane 11.25-11.35am

Neighbourhood Watch

Duckamere - Contact: Carol Thacker

01473 744272

Broke Avenue - Contact Ivan & Val Thompson

01473 743435

Recycling – Bottle, Clothes, Paper
Old School Playground, Ship Lane &
Bowls Club Car Park, Fraser Road

Refuse Collection

01449 778678

Most of Bramford's refuse is collected on Fridays. The exceptions are Ravens Lane, Hillcrest Approach, Whitton Layer and Limes Avenue which are collected on Thursdays. Bins should be left at kerbside on the previous evening.

For collection of bulky household items call customer service direct.

0844 800010

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths

01449 612054

for Bramford

Stowmarket District

5 Milton Road South

Stowmarket IP14 1EZ

for Ipswich

01473 583050

Ipswich District

16 Grimwade Street

Ipswich IP4 1LP T

Sheltered Housing

01473 588147

Cherryfields

Gippingstone Road Bramford IP8 4DR

Social Care Services
(Customer First Helpline)

08456 023023

TRANSPORT

Public Transport

Bus stops at Gables Corner, Ship Lane, The Street, Gipping Way, Fraser Road, Acton Road, Fitzgerald Road.
Timetables available at the Post Office

Ipswich Dial-a-Ride

available to those who are disabled or have difficulty using public transport.

01473 281741

EDUCATION

Bramford V.C. Primary School

Head teacher - Mr Jon Eden
Office - Mrs Dawn Herbert & Mrs Di Hendry

01473 741598

Bramford Pre-school Playgroup

Mrs Paula Cook

01473 740782

01473 462587

Parent & Carers Toddler Group

(Mums & Tots)
Mrs Ailish Southgate

01473 745097

Claydon High School

Head teacher - Mrs Elizabeth Soule

01473 836110

Suffolk College

01473 255885

Otley College

01473 785543

PLACES OF WORSHIP

St. Mary the Virgin (Church of England)

Church Green, Bramford
Priest in charge: Canon Roger Dedman, October House,
Vicarage Lane Bramford, Ipswich IP8 4AE
Contact Canon Dedman for Baptisms/Christenings,
Weddings and Funerals

01473 741105

Bell Ringers 01473 745232
Rung for Sunday Services and Weddings.
Practice night is Tuesday at 7.30pm
Contact: Mrs Rose Godfrey

Choir 01473 744655
Practice night Friday 7.00pm
Contact: Organist & Choirmaster Mr Peter Jackaman

Church Room (for hire) 01473 742340
Contact Mrs Maureen Sillett

‘The Gathering’ 01473 741331
Informal free social get together, chat and a cup of tea,
open to everyone.
3rd Thursday of every month 2.30-4.00pm Church Room
Transport available to and from meetings.
Contact: Janet Read

Friends of Bramford Church 01473 462231
A group of people raising funds for the Church’s
restoration. If you wish to join or help in any way please
get in touch.
Contact: Mr Stewart McGinty

Bramford Methodist Church
The Street, Bramford
Minister: Rev Alan Taylor 01473 744523
528 Norwich Road, Ipswich IP1 6JR

Playtime Praise
Get together for pre-school children and their
carers
2nd Friday of the month 10.00am

Coffee morning
with small bring and buy stall
2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month 10.00-11.00am

The Lighthouse Club
For 5-13year olds
Sundays, term time only 10.30am

Network

Ladies meetings with refreshments,
Guest speakers or demonstrations
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

For more information about these Methodist Church activities please contact Ms Rita Palmer 01473 831117

For details of all services please see church notice boards and the 'Community News'

SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

Anglia Flat & Pitch Roofing Ltd 01473 830930
Elm House
Paper Mill Lane

Auto – Visions Windscreens 01473 831905
Elm House 07775 925434
Paper Mill Lane

M J Bardwell (Contractors) Ltd 01473 461755
43 The Street
Block Paving and General Builders

Bell Window Cleaning Services 07749 324603
Complete service available
Contact Ed Bell

Bettacare, Personal Footwear Service 01473 334862
Felgains Care Centre
33 Knightsdale Road
Ipswich
Catalogue available. Home fittings available to the housebound, ring for more information.
Shop open Fridays only 9.00am-3.00pm

Bramford Fish Bar
5 Gippingstone Road, Bramford

Bramford Village News 01473 741731
The Street

Clarice House Health and Fitness Bramford Road	01473 463262 01473 464658
Curtain Making and Alterations Mrs Rosemary Ward	01473 747734
Deal Engineering Servicing & Repairs Cars & Light Commercial Paper Mill Lane	01473 830470
Elm Garage Servicing & Repairs Cars & Light Commercial Elm House Paper Mill Lane	01473 830470
Green Cross Pharmacy Glyn Mitchell 19 The Street	01473 240871
East of England Co-op Society 54 The Street	01473 745052
H B Plumbing Haydn Berry Plumbing, Heating & complete refurbishment	01473 463476 07889 955840
Home Farm Foods (Anglia) Free weekly delivery of frozen meals. Ring for brochure	01379 870117
Holistic Massage Practitioner Sarah Jennings	01473 743043
Holistic Therapies Including Reflexology Anita Gillespie	01473 745880
Home Repairs and Maintenance Full range of services Ian Gilbert (qualified and experienced electrician)	01473 742162 0774 989965
Household and Property Maintenance Including decorating and tiling Contact Hermy	01473 743089

Jane's Hair Fashion 01473 741080
57 The Street

Kingwood Investments 01473 830930
Unit 2 Elm House
Paper Mill Lane

Lynn's Bridal Ware Making and Alterations 01473 749255
07791 502691

Milk Deliveries:

East of England Co-op Soc Ltd 01473 240404

Dairy Crest Dairies 01473 747272

John Keeble Bramford Ltd 01473 742742
Car Sales and Workshop 01473 743743
41 Ship Lane

Piano Lessons 01473 745650
Mrs Christine Ranson LRSM
Qualified and experienced teacher of piano and theory up
to grade 8 practical.

Riding Lessons/Stable Management 01473 464613
Jannette Turner 07941 378605
Paper Mill Lane

Post Office 01473 74229
Located in the (Fax)
East of England Co-op Soc Ltd
The Street

Suffolk Golf & Water Park:

Golf Range 01473 830694

Course Fishing at the Water Park 01473 832327

West End Carpets 01473 741162
59-63 The Street

REGISTERED CHILD MINDERS

Julie Davies	01473 742163
Lynne Day	01473 742337
Annette Hughes	01473 462320
Kym Mowles	01473 740822
Alison Rink	01473 463966
Jannette Turner	01473 464613

MEDICAL

State Registered Chiropodists - Home Visits	01473 211217
Charles Dunn	07803 601085
NHS and Private Practice	

Sue King	01473 328667
Private Practice	

Green Cross Pharmacy	01473 240871
Glyn Mitchell	
19 The Street	

Ipswich General Hospital	01473 712233
Heath Road, Ipswich	

Accident and Emergency	01473 702033
Heath Road, Ipswich	

Local Doctors

Dr Paul Thomas	01473 832832
The Gipping Valley Practice	
Barham	

Barrack Lane Medical Centre	01473 252827
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Deben Road Surgery	01473 741152
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Norwich Road Surgery	01473 289777
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Optua (formally Mid Suffolk Rethink) 01449 672781
Red Gables
Ipswich Road
Stowmarket IP14 1BE
enquiries@optua.org.uk (including DIAL)

Optician 07779 026561
Mark Walker
Home Visit Service

St John Ambulance (Head Office) 01473 241500
Telephone for information on volunteer work and courses.
www.sja.org.uk

PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

Eustace Broke Loraine Memorial Fund (Bramford) 01431 742358
This is an educational trust which can contribute towards the further education or vocational training of young people who are resident in the village or whose parents are or have lately been permanent residents in the village, and who have already received education at the Primary School.
Contact David Chappell (Hon Sec)

PUBLIC HOUSES AND HOTEL

The Angel Inn 01473 743402
The Street, Bramford
Opening Hours
Mon - Thu 5.00pm-11.00pm
Fri 5.00pm-12midnight
Sat 12middday-3.00pm & 7.00pm-12midnight
Sun 12miday-3.00pm 7.00pm-10.30pom
Five en-suite bedrooms available to let. Ring for details
Publican: Jane Shaw

The Bramford Cock 01473 747939
The Street, Bramford
Opening Hours
Mon – Thu 11.30am- 3.00pm & 7.00pm-11.00pm
Fri – Sat 11.30am-12midnight
Sun 12midday-10.30pm
Publican – Bill Stoddart

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

- Art Group** 01473 745186
Parish Room
Wednesday 10am-12noon
Contact Joan Mills
- Bingo at Cherryfields** 01473 240896
Gippingstone Road, Bramford
Saturday 6.30pm
Contact Julie Ward
- Card Bingo at Cherryfields** 01473 240896
Tuesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm
Contact Julie Ward
- S E Ipswich Cage Bird Society** 01473 241783
Church Room, Ship Lane, Bramford
Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of every month at 8.00pm
Contact Steve Dix
- Bramford Sports Pavilion** 01473 240425
Acton Road
Ring for information and bookings
- Bramford Computer Club** 01473 743268
Methodist Chapel
The Street
Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings, Term times only. Suitable for everyone.
Contact John Hulford
- Bramford Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show and Fete** 01473 741253
Held annually
Contact Maureen Renton
- Gipping & District Dog Training Club** 07941 378695
Church Room
Every Friday
Contact Maureen Rodwell

- Bowls Club - outdoor** 01473 743102
Acton Road, Bramford
Season April - September
Social activities throughout the year
New members welcome
Contact Marilyn Smith
- Bramford Carpet Bowls Club** 01473 749144
Lorraine Victory Hall
Wednesday 7.30pm (may vary with matches ring for details)
Contact Stella Alderton
- Football Club** 01473 749546
Junior Teams under 16's play Sunday mornings
Adult Teams play in the Suffolk and Ipswich Leagues on Saturday afternoons and Veterans (over 35's) play on Sunday afternoons
New players welcome
Contact Rob Stollery
- Healing** 01473 743837
Spiritual Hands Healing (accredited healers)
Contact Mrs Eileen Flatt
- Lait Dance Club**
Lorraine Victory Hall, Ship Lane, Bramford
Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes 01473 743079
Tuesday Children 5.30-7.00pm Adults 7.30-10.30pm
Contact Tom and Pat Lait 01473 215543
- Lorraine Victory Hall (bookings)** 01473 749082
Ship Lane, Bramford
Contact Mrs Julie Last (evenings)
- Local History Group** 01473 747979
Church Room, Ship Lane, Bramford
Meetings usually one Thursday a month
Contact Beryl Sims
- Marquetry Group** 01473 747960
Parish Room
Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00pm (term times only)
Contact Bert Leech

Parents & Carers Toddler Group 01473 745097
Contact Mrs Ailish Southgate

Playing Field Management Committee 01473 464676
Contact Bob Wakeling

Royal British Legion 01473 745198
The Street, Bramford
See club notice boards and 'Community News' for event details
Contact – Secretary

Tennis Club 01473 742041
Tuesdays from 6.30pm
Junior membership available
New members welcome
Coaching available by arrangement
Contact Graham Chappell
www.bramfordtennis.co.uk

Trefoil Guild 01473 741331
Guide and Scout Headquarters
A social meeting for those with an interest in Guiding
Affiliated to Girl Guiding UK.
Meet 1st Monday of each month 2.00-4.00pm
Contact Janet Read

Women's Institute 01473 745186
Lorraine Victory Hall
2nd Monday of every month
Contact Mrs Joan Mills

Yoga 01473 743043
Church Room
Tuesday 1.15-2.30pm and 6.30-8.00pm
Contact Sarah Jennings

Scout and Guide Groups
The Scout and Guide Groups meet at the Guide and Scout Headquarters,
Old School House, Ship Lane. Bramford

Scouts 01473 747596
Contact - Group Scout Leader Don Golding

Beavers	6 - 8 years old	Thu 6.00 - 7.15pm
Cubs	8 - 10 1/2 years old	Tue 6.30 - 8.00pm
Scouts	10 1/2 - 14 years old	Wed 7.15 - 9.15pm
Explorer Scouts	14 - 18 years old	Wed 7.30 - 9.30pm
Rainbows	5 - 7 years old	Mon 5.15 - 6.15pm
Contact Helen Ward		01473 718461

Brownies	7 - 9 years old	Wed 5.45 - 7.00pm
Contact Maggie Dakin		01473 464502

Guides	from 10 years old	Mon 7.00 - 8.45pm
Contact Bridget Jackaman		01473 423269

Cherryfields

Gippingstone Road, Bramford. Many of the activities held at Cherryfields are open to all villagers

Bingo every Saturday open to all. Starts at 6.30pm.

Card Bingo (includes a cup of tea) every Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00pm.

Please ring Warden Julie Paul for details. 01473 240896

United Church Service at Cherryfields 01473 588147

3rd Sunday of each month at 3.00pm

Telephone for details

The UK Association of Rights and Humanity 01473 286565

For more information or if you wish to volunteer to help this charity which was set up by a Bramford resident in 1986, contact:

Rights and Humanity, 8-10 Princes Street,
Ipswich IP1 1QT

www.rightsandhumanity.org

www.righttowater.org

A **diary of events** being held in Bramford is collated and compiled by Claire Lee, Parish Clerk

01473 747433
(office)

BAG extends its thanks and appreciation to everyone who has helped to compile and compose this publication.

No recommendations are made by supplying the names and addresses of the individuals, organisations and businesses in this directory. The information contained is given in good faith and correct to the best of our knowledge. If the contact details are not correct please let any member of the Bramford Action Group know and they will be updated for the next edition.

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