



ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to Aldham



Local Information

Medical	West Bergholt Surgery	01206 570371
	The Pump House Surgery, Earls Colne	01787 222022
	Tollgate/Ambrose Surgery	01206 549444
	Tollgate Practice Surgery	01206 574483
	Marks Tey Pharmacy	01206 212 878
NHS	Non-Emergency	111
Police	General non-emergency	101
Gas	Emergency	0800 111 999
Electricity	Emergency	105
Anglian Water	24hr Emergency	03457 145145
Colchester City Council		01206 282222

Mobile Library Thursdays (corner of Hardings Close/Green Lane) 4.55pm to 5.25pm
See the Aldham Grapevine Magazine for dates.

Refuse Collection Thursdays - Alternate fortnightly collection of: -

- Paper / Card/ Plastics / Garden waste (in brown wheelie bins if subscribed)
- Tins / Glass / General waste (in Black bags)

Local Contacts

Councillor Lewis Barber		07876 237137
Aldham Parish Council Clerk/RFO: Kevin Money		clerk@aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk
Rector	Ian Scott-Thompson	01206 215772
Friends of Aldham Church (FOAC) Chairman: Andy Brown		01206 210963
Village Hall Booking Clerk	Chris Hall	07469 187517 / 07562 516009
Monday Shopper Bus	Christine Willetts	01206 240314
Milkman	Colchester Dairies (twice weekly deliveries)	01206 870054
Aldham Veterinary Centre		01206 809199

Aldham - the Village

Aldham is a village with a population of about 500 of whom about 70 are young people under 20. The ecclesiastical parish has the same boundaries as the civil parish. It is situated 5 miles west of Colchester, and its proximity to Marks Tey station means that commuting to London is easily feasible. Employment within the village consists of small craft workshops, three working farms, and a commercial orchard specialising in rare varieties of apple.



The village sign, which is sited between the church and the Village Hall, depicts the church, the profile of Philip Morant historian of Essex who was Rector of Aldham from 1745 to 1770, an apple tree and the bridge over the river Colne which forms part of the boundary of the parish. It was made by Fred Patten of Cummins Farm.

The parish covers approximately 3 square miles and has two main population centres, one around the church and the other at Ford Street on the A1124. New housing in the village is currently restricted by planning law to replacement.

Aldham is an old village, first mentioned in the Domesday Book. The Church of St Catherine and St Margaret was moved from its original position on Church House Farm, Rectory Road, where it had stood since the 13th Century, to its present position. It was rebuilt and completed in 1855. Some of the original features can still be seen, including the porch, which was brought from the original site.

Ford Street is the oldest part of the village. Some of the houses date back to the 15th Century, and in the past this street was a hive of activity, with a mill, blacksmiths, butcher, baker, cooper and even a shoe shop.

Gallows Green, on the corner of the Halstead Road and Green Lane, is a protected area and is managed by the Parish Council. On the corner of the junction is a small cottage known as Tollgate Cottage and was the toll keeper's cottage in the 18th and 19th Century.

There are many footpaths and walks around the village, all of which are in reasonable condition. The Essex Way passes through the village following the course of the river Colne.

Hoe Wood, Tey Road, Aldham is owned and managed by the Woodland Trust and is open to members of the public with views across the valley towards Chappel and the thirty-two arches of the railway viaduct.

There is no school in Aldham. The designated primary school for Aldham is in neighbouring Eight Ash Green. Aldham Church maintains a link with this school.

Millenium Playing Field, Brook Road, Aldham. This is leased to the Village and managed by the Parish Council. Play equipment and picnic tables for all to enjoy but no dogs allowed. This is part of the lease conditions and is strictly enforced.

Village Groups

The Aldham Grapevine

Launched in June 2002 is Aldham's village magazine called The Aldham Grapevine. It is published every three months and is edited by Claire and Tony Gearey, 18 Hines Close, Aldham. It also runs a community Facebook page available to residents only which acts as the main communication hub for the village. For those who do not have Facebook but would still like to be kept up to date with local issue etc. they offer a weekly news update via email. If you would like to be added to either, please contact directly on...

Email: AldhamGrapevine@outlook.com - [facebook.com/groups/aldhamgrapevinecommunity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/aldhamgrapevinecommunity)

Village Hall.

The Hall was rebuilt in recent years with full disabled access, baby changing facilities and fully equipped kitchen and a wooden sprung floor. The Hall has a large main hall and smaller meeting room, both of which are available for regular groups and for private hire. New air conditioning has been installed along with a full CCTV and Fire Alarm system.

Email: info@aldhamvillagehall.com

Phone: Anne Fulcher 01026 211624

Booking Clerk: Chris Hall

Phone: 07469 187517 or 07562 516009

Regular activities in the Village Hall

Pilates, Tap Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, Square Dancing, Clog Dancing, Yoga, Dog Training, Indoor Croquet and Karate. Further details in the inside back cover of the Aldham Grapevine Magazine

The Village Bar.

Located in the Village Hall, the Bar is open every Saturday 7:30pm to 11pm serving a range of beers, ales, wines, spirits and soft drinks. The Bar is also available for private functions.

Email: aldhamvillagebar@hotmail.com

Phone: Laura Knott 07920 714660

Social Sisters

Are a new group born from the demise of the WI and meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Each month there is a different activity/talk or event. For future events contact

Email: aldhamwomen@gmail.com

Phone: Catherine Scott 07774 266379

Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator located on the wall at the Village Hall which is maintained by the Parish Council. You can use a defibrillator without having received training. The equipment provides step by step verbal instructions on what you need to do and will "talk you through" the procedure.

Phone Box Library

Outside the village hall next to the Aldham sign is an old phone box that has been converted into a library. This includes books, puzzles, games, DVD's, copy of the Aldham Grapevine etc. It is free to use for residents.

Shoulder of Mutton Antiques and Collectibles Centre - www.theshoulder.uk

In nearby Ford Street. The Shoulder of Mutton is an old public house alongside the river Colne with plenty of parking and picnic tables. Food and drinks are available all day with Sunday Roast on offer too. Open 7 days a week 10am-4pm Dogs and muddy boots welcome.

Mill Race Garden Centre - millracegardencentre.co.uk

A wide range of garden centre products alongside the pond supply shop Swallow Aquatics. The Kingfisher Coffee Shop is open every day serving lunches and teas.

Monday Shopper Bus

The Monday Morning Shopper Bus is run by Eight Ash Green Parish Council and goes from Eight Ash Green, Fordham and Aldham to Sainsburys at Tollgate and back. It is primarily for Senior Citizens but also for anyone else who has difficulty getting there. It's only £2 for a round trip taking you back with your shopping to your own front door and the driver helps with the shopping bags. The bus usually arrives outside The Bungalows in Green Lane about 10:15am and returns leaving Sainsbury's at 12:15pm.

Phone: Christine Willetts 01206 240314

High Acre Egg Farm, Tey Road, Aldham

Open 6 days a week selling free range eggs from a small shop just inside the gates.

Aldham Parish Council meet on the first Tuesday each month at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk/RFO: Kevin Money

Email: clerk@aldhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

On behalf of Aldham Parish Council and its residents, we would like to welcome you to our lovely village. We hope you will enjoy living here and enjoy being part of our community.