

# HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY



Welcome to Higher Denham

WELCOME  
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[www.hdca.org.uk](http://www.hdca.org.uk)

## THINGS TO DO

There is a range of sports and activities that take place at the Community Hall - Bounce, Boxercise, Craft Club, Football, Kids Gym, Line Dancing, Pop Pilates, Singing and Zumba. To join see <http://www.hdca.org.uk/hall---activities.html>

**A new outside gym** "the Big Rig" has been installed on the Glebe Field. It is suitable for ages over 11 years. Instructions on how to use the various pieces of equipment are shown on each workstation.

**Younger residents** can enjoy the **play area**, complete with swings, roundabouts and slides. There are also 5-aside and full-size goals on the Glebe Field to use.

For older residents, **the Senior Luncheon Club** is held in the hall on the last Friday of the month.

Higher Denham supports the **National Open Gardens** scheme to raise money for charity and the upkeep of the Millennium Gardens around the Hall.

**Details and updates are published** in the regular Residents' Newsletter, on the HDC CIO website and the community noticeboard by the Hall.

**Other activities** in the area include:

- Denham Country Park
- Grand Union Canal
- Denham Lakes
- Denham Golf Club
- Denham Aerodrome
- Denham Boot Sale

We hope this information pack will give you an introduction to our local neighbourhood, as well as giving you a taste of the community spirit that exists here. There is a lot to see and do in the surrounding area, with good transport links and amenities.

The Committee of the Higher Denham Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (HDC CIO) is a volunteer group of residents, elected at the Annual General Meeting, and our main aim is to run and maintain the community hall, field and gardens and to safeguard the local environment for the benefit of its residents.

Welcome to Higher Denham. We wish you well in your new life in the area and look forward to meeting you in the future.

The HDC CIO Committee currently consists of Jane Blyth, Pete Bryant, Orlaith Carney, Liz Clarke, Sue Dover, Ron James, Mansoor Manjlal and Dave Ward.

## More about the HDC CIO

The Higher Denham Community CIO (until September 2015 known as the Higher Denham Community Association) is a Registered Charity — No: 1163577 — dating back to 1942. It owns the freehold to the existing buildings, the adjacent Glebe Field and copse, and maintains these for the enjoyment of the Higher Denham community. It also campaigns, in co-operation with others, for the maintenance of the local environment by warding off large-scale and inappropriate development, and for the expansion and enhancement of local services and facilities.

Becoming a CIO means that Higher Denham Community has more options on what it can do and provides more protection for the management committee. Importantly what it does and what the management committee does is still governed by what its members, the HD residents, want it to do. The CIO is a legal entity in its own right (rather like a limited company) and so it can employ people, enter into contracts, own property and assets and take out loans or accept grants.

Higher Denham CIO Website: <http://www.hdca.org.uk/>

HDCIO email address: [higherdenhamcommunitycio@outlook.com](mailto:higherdenhamcommunitycio@outlook.com)

*Committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, except August and December. The March meeting is held as the AGM.*

*Nominations for election to the Committee are sought in January/February.*

## Community Hall and field

The Hall and Glebe Field are community facilities



owned and managed by the HDC CIO on behalf of the residents of Higher Denham.

The facilities are in use most days by many

diverse groups, all through the year - even Father Christmas makes an appearance!

The Hall is available for hire for private functions like birthday parties for adults and children, for wedding anniversary celebrations and christening parties. The Glebe Field and



Misbourne Meeting Room are also available for hire.

Enquiries are always welcome and special rates are available for Higher Denham residents.

The Glebe field, outdoor gym, kids playground and football pitches are open for residents to use (except when the pitches are pre-booked) but please note No dogs are allowed on the field.

For further details of hire rates and facilities available, please contact Jane Blyth by email

[higherdenhamhall@gmail.com](mailto:higherdenhamhall@gmail.com) on **07548 260709**

For the safety and security of residents and Hall hirers, CCTV is installed in the car park. Signs stating that there are cameras in the area are on display.

## A new community hall

In 2014, the Committee invited residents to discuss the proposal to construct a new Community Hall. There were concerns about how this could be achieved, but the results of the consultation came out 70% in favour of the principle. This result clearly provided encouragement and a mandate for the Committee to proceed with developing plans for a new Hall.

A Building Committee has been set up to move forward



with the project and is made up of members from both the CIO and Social

Club committees, and also residents from the community. A lot of work has been done over the past couple of years to get to the artist's impression shown above.

Plans for the new building have been drawn up by architects, have been shared with the residents and are now with Bucks County Council. Funds to build the new hall have been secured.

More information & updates will be given in future editions of the Newsletter.

## Higher Denham Social club

Higher Denham has its own Social Club which has a bar and occupies space within the HDCIO building next to the Hall. It organises a wide range of events throughout the year for everyone to enjoy. These include live music evenings, quiz and comedy nights, film nights, as well as Christmas Eve and New Year Eve celebrations, plus much more.

Annual membership costs are currently £40 a year per family, £35 for Seniors, although visitors are always welcome for a nominal entrance fee.



Details of upcoming events are usually advertised on the Social Club members and the Resident Chat Whatsapp groups (for joining details please see the last page).

The Social Club has its own committee and rules. There is no official connection between it and the HDCCIO, but there is a good deal of co-operation between the two, including jointly organised events, such as Firework night and music events on the field during the summer months.

It is run by a team of volunteers who are the elected to the Social Club Committee every March. As with the HDC CIO Committee, nominations are sought in January/February each year.

The Social Club is always looking for volunteer bar staff to join one of their bar teams (full training given). If you'd like to help in anyway, please pop into the Social Club and speak to one of the committee members or email the Chairman, at [pmcgowan1967@hotmail.com](mailto:pmcgowan1967@hotmail.com)

## Getting Around

Higher Denham is fortunate to have the best of both worlds. Residents live in the idyllic countryside but with close links to London and nearby towns.

### Trains

Higher Denham's Denham Golf Club station is served by Chiltern Railways providing direct services to London Marylebone, Wembley Stadium and High Wycombe.



Connecting opportunities to the London Underground and other locations like Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Banbury, Birmingham, including NEC and Oxford are also available. For timetables see

[www.chilternrailways.co.uk](http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk)

Denham Golf Club station is unmanned so you need to buy tickets online or use the card only ticket machine located by the station entrance.

Nearby stations at Denham and Gerrards Cross have a more regular service and car parking. The Denham ticket office is open from 06.00-12.40 Mon - Fri, 07.50-13.30 on Saturday and closed all day on Sundays.

### Buses

Higher Denham is served by two bus services which call at Side Road, opposite the Community Hall car park. The 581 service to Uxbridge operates Monday— Friday, and the 582 service to Windsor runs every Saturday.

For timetables see [www.londonbusroutes.net](http://www.londonbusroutes.net), or follow the link on the HD CIO website.

Other routes serving the Denham area, including the 331 bus between Ruislip Station and Uxbridge Station and the Green Line 724 between Harlow and Heathrow. Both can be caught along on the North Orbital Road and / or at Denham Green.

## Denham – a brief history

Higher Denham is a development of around 250 households, situated on the former site of a First World War army training and transit camp. World War 1 (WW1) brought the Royal Flying Corps' No. 5 and No. 6 Schools of Aeronautics to Denham to learn how to pack parachutes and rig aircraft. After the war, part of land was acquired in 1929 by Martin Baker Aircraft Ltd, the world's longest established manufacturer of ejection seats and the rest sold off piecemeal for housing.

Denham Aerodrome is sited on the land to the north of Higher Denham. Flying has been taking place on here since the earliest days of aviation.

From 1915 a flying training school for flight cadets was based on the present aerodrome site. Today it is the base of many private and executive aircraft and helicopters and has several hangars and a hard runway.



Nearby, Denham Village is home to Saint Mary's



Church, featuring a flint and stone Norman Tower. A number of the houses and cottages in the village were built in the 16th and 17th centuries. Village

Road is part of an architectural conservation area.

The Village was frequently used (and still is) as a film and television location when the Denham Film Studios were in the area. Its final film was made there in 1952, before the land was rented out in 1953 to the United States Air Force. In 1981, the buildings were demolished and the site was re-developed as the business park along the North Orbital Road we see today.

The Village name "Denham" originates from the Old English for "homestead in a valley" and was listed back in the 1086 Domesday Book as "Deneham". Before the Norman Conquest, Westminster Abbey took ownership of Denham and continued to do so throughout the middle ages.

From the 12th century, the Abbey maintained ownership of the manor, however Denham was sub-tenanted to noblemen including Henry de Capella. In 1227 Henry de Capella was granted a market and annual fair. Until 1500, Denham did not undergo a great deal of development and this trend has continued to this day. As a result, the village has maintained its historic charm.

The parish is part of the Colne Valley Regional Park, containing a mixture of farmland, woodland and water, including lakes and rivers. Over the years, it has expanded to cope with the housing demand. Modern-day Denham is compiled of Denham Village, Denham Garden Village, Denham Green, New Denham, Higher Denham and Tatling End.

## Defibrillators in Higher Denham

We have 4 defibrillators located in Higher Denham.

- Entrance to Upper Rd in telephone box on the right-hand side of road.
- In Community Hall car park by bus shelter
- At end of Lower Rd on wall outside Martin Bakers
- At end of Middle Rd next to turnstile entrance to Martin Bakers

The code to access all 4 defibs is C1267

## Higher Denham security Cameras

There are 3 sets of CCTV & ANPR cameras installed at the entrance and exits points to Higher Denham.

Should the need arise where you have been involved in an incident and believe that the system may have footage to assist you and the police in your investigation, then please contact us by email at this address: [higherdcctv@gmail.com](mailto:higherdcctv@gmail.com)

You will require a police crime reference number. We will then contact you for further details and check the system to see if there is any footage to assist you.

## Keeping you informed

The Residents' Newsletter keeps you updated on local issues. Contributions are always welcome so please do contact the Editor. At present we are seeking a new Editor, please contact the committee if interested.

The HDC CIO website provides more detailed information on various topics, and urgent updates between Newsletters.

There are two HD WhatsApp Groups, one to keep you up to date with Community issues and the other for neighbourly chat. If you would like to be added to one or both, please text **07876 391349** stating which group(s) you would like to be added to.

The Community Noticeboard, generously donated by Martin Baker Limited, is located in the Hall car park. It is used to display the HD CIO Committee minutes ` interest for HD residents. Special residents' meetings are also called to discuss key issues like the proposal for a new Community Hall and the recent CIO application.

The monthly In & Around Denham magazine is also delivered to Higher Denham households.

## Want to help

If you have some free time and would like to help support the local community, please contact a member of the Committee — email addresses and telephone numbers below.

## Have your say

The first part of the regular HDC CIO Committee meetings is a public session which any resident is welcome to attend to raise a matter of concern. So that the Committee can prepare for a worthwhile discussion, if possible please notify the Chair in advance by email or text: [davidwardspbs@btinternet.com](mailto:davidwardspbs@btinternet.com) or **07870 629114**

## Other local information

**Buckinghamshire Council** — the civil parish of Denham is in the South Bucks area of the larger Buckinghamshire Council.

Council members representing the Higher Denham area can be found on the following website.

[Buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk](http://Buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk)

**Buckinghamshire Council** contact details:

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**0300 131 6000.** The line is open: Monday to Thursday 9am to 5:30pm & Friday 9am to 5pm

**Denham Parish Council** — The full Council meets every 2nd Monday in the month, except during August. Each meeting starts with a public session at 7.45pm.

All welcome to attend— email ahead to:

[clerk@denhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@denhampc.co.uk)

**Denham Parish Council** contact details:

[www.denhampc.gov.uk](http://www.denhampc.gov.uk) or **01895 834709**

**Member of Parliament** (Beaconsfield Constituency) Conservative MP, Joy Morrissey

[www.joymorrissey.uk](http://www.joymorrissey.uk)

**Constituency Office: 01494 977505**

**Westminster Office: 020 72193000,**

**Email: [joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk)**

## Other useful numbers/websites

**Police:** [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

Contact online or call:

**999** for Emergencies only / **101** for non-emergency