

Bawdrip Village



Welcome Pack

Welcome to Bawdrip

On behalf of The Parish Council, let me welcome you to Bawdrip. We hope that the information given in this Welcome Pack will help you to settle more quickly into your new home and the village.

Neighbours usually become your first contacts and advisors, but please feel free to telephone any of the Councillors or Clerk for information and help.

As residents, we trust that you will soon become and feel part of this community. We have gathered as much useful local information as possible, but would be pleased to hear any suggestions or improvements you might have about this pack.

More local information is available via the village website at www.bawdripparishcouncil.gov.uk and through its links to other local websites.

We wish you many happy years in Bawdrip and hope that you will join with us in creating a vibrant and friendly community.

Katie Bradley
Chairman of the Parish Council



Further village details available on the
Bawdrip Parish Council web site
at bawdripparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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The Community Café meets every 4th Saturday in the Parish Hall from 10 until 12 noon. An informal place to meet and enjoy good coffee and homemade delicacies and your neighbours.

Walks

In 2018 three heritage trail walks were created linked to interpretation boards. A detailed leaflet is available in the Hall Church and at the King Sedgemoor Drain and via the History Group website (see above).

There are also a number of local walks through both open countryside and woodland habitat. National cycle path 3, part of the Sustrans network, passes through the village and links Bawdrip with the villages of Chedzoy and Cossington.

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Skylark Meadow off Stone Drove is “An oasis of natural tranquility in a landscape of commercial farmland.” owned by the charity Plantlife. This delightful reserve is tucked away, a short distance from Bawdrip, surrounded by arable fields and agriculturally “improved” grassland

More details at www.plantlife.org.uk.

HAVE YOU JOINED YET ?



Public Transport

First Group (Bus Service)

0845 60120156

www.firstgroup.com/somerset

Trains

The Bridgwater Railway Station serves the village. Trains are operated by First Great Western. More details at www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk

Recycling and Civic Amenity Sites

Saltlands in Bridgwater

More details at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk



The Bawdrip History Group meets most months in the month in the Parish Hall. The group collects and preserves documents and material reflecting the life and times of our village and their heritage.

Contact Richard Culverhouse Tel: 07402 338400

There is a website at www.bawdriphistorygroup.org.uk.

History of Bawdrip

Bawdrip is a small, unique village nestling on the southern slopes of the Polden Hills and the core of the village remained relatively unchanged by the onslaught of development which has taken place in many rural settlements.

Bawdrip the name

Bagetreppe, which is the name found on early documents, could be a derivation from the Anglo Saxon "Treppe" meaning village and, therefore, Bagga's village. Bagga may have been a Viking name which could indicate that Vikings settled in the area. The village is also referred to in various documents as Beaudripp, Baudrip and Broderip.

The early years and some archaeology

Evidence of Iron Age settlement was uncovered in 1956 in Lower Piece Field, Eastside Lane when archaeologists were excavating a British Romano homestead on the same site. This means that Bawdrip was inhabited 3,000 years ago! This site is past King's Farm, travelling towards Stawell, in a field on the left-hand side.

The Roman building contained two corn drying kilns and a storage barn dating from the 3rd Century. The evidence pointed to the barn having burnt down in that same century and not being rebuilt. So, did they move to another site nearby, perhaps, into what is now the village centre?

Coins and pottery found during the excavation suggested that people lived here during a period from the 1st to the 4th Century. Other finds at the site included a fragment of sandstone with an inscription of the initials VS, a shale bracelet and a spindle whorl.

Map of Bawdrip Village



Vets

Polden Hills Veterinary Centre 01278 722088

www.poldenhillsvets.com

Local Shops and Facilities

The **Co-op** in **Woolavington** on Woolavington Hill, Woolavington, TA7 8HP sells papers, fresh bread and a good range of items. It incorporates a Post Office. Tel 01278 684361

Peasey Farm Shop is a 3rd generation family run farm. We are a working farm, with a unique Farm shop selling our home reared meat and local produce, also offering hot & cold food from our Pit Stop with an indoor eating area and picnic area.

Tel: 07769 215647 Email: peaseyfarmshop@outlook.com

Woolavington Pharmacy

4 Windmill Crescent, Woolavington, Tel: 1278 683333

Bawdrip Service Station (Texaco)

01278 604204 Bath Road (A39), Bawdrip, TA7 8PP

Knowle inn

The village pub was **the Knowle Inn** on the A39 Main Road. It is closed because of a fire in 2022

Primary Education

Kingsmoor Primary School, Bawdrip, Bridgwater, TA7 8PY

01278 683371 Head Teacher Mrs J Warren

www.kingsmoorprimaryschool.co.uk

Police and Neighbourhood Watch

Bawdrip is part of the Sedgemoor South East area of Avon and Somerset Police force Area.

More details at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Useful local information:

Waste collection is on Wednesdays. Recycling, plastics and food bins are collected weekly and the larger wheelie bins for non-recyclable items every third week.

There is a post box in the centre of the village near the Church, opposite the Bawdrip Service Station and the layby on the A39.

Other Publications in the Village

The Link Magazine

is produced 10 times per year as part of a wider Church Benefice together with those in Cossington, Pawlett, Puriton, Woolavington and Bawdrip. Upcoming events and reports of events are published along with general parish news. The magazine is available for purchase from the shops in Woolavington and also for delivery on annual subscription of £3. Details of which can be found in the magazine.

Local Authority

Somerset Council 0300 123 2224
www.somerset.gov.uk

Somerset Waste Partnership (Waste & Recycling)
Sedgemoor District Council Customer Services (see above)
www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

General Practitioners

Polden Medical Practice 01278 722077
At Higher Road Woolavington and Quarry Ground, Edington,
TA7 9HA
www.poldenmp.nhs.uk

Hospitals (Accident and Emergency)

Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane Bridgwater
TA6 4GU
General enquiries 01278 436 555

Parish Council

The Parish Council meets each month apart from August on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Notice of the meeting and an agenda is posted on the village notice boards a week in advance and members of the public are welcome to attend. The Parish Annual Meeting takes place on the first Tuesday in April before the Parish Council meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Further information about the Parish Council including Minutes of meetings can be found on the Village Web site: at www.bawdrripparishcouncil.gov.uk

Your Councillors

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Parish Council News

The Council publishes information; agendas, minutes and reports of its Meetings on the village website at www.bawdrupparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Somerset Councillors

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Parish Footpath Liaison Officer

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Bawdrip Church



St Michael's and All Angels is located in the centre of the village and we always aim to ensure that it is also at the heart of the village. It has a very peaceful atmosphere and is kept open every day. There is the opportunity to leave requests for prayer in the church.

It is of 14th century origin. The outstanding feature is its cruciform, aisle-less structure with a central tower, believed to be one of only seven of its type in the country. The tower houses a peal of four bells

The vicar is the Revd Kirsty Wells, The Rectory, Vicarage Road, Woolavington, Bridgwater, TA7 8DX
Telephone 01278 685480 Email: revkirsty@hotmail.com

The Churchwardens are:
Simon Peel Tel 684222 and Mike Murkin Tel 686278

Further details are available on the Church website at achurchnearyou.com/church/11207

Parish Hall

The Village Hall is the centre for many village events and is available for private hire. It is located in Eastside Lane.

For bookings: contact Alison Murkin by email
alisonmurkin@gmail.com
Web Site: bawdrupparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-hall/

Other Spiritual Organisations

The Church is the Christian place of worship in the village, but numerous Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Churches are located in Bridgwater and the surrounding area.

Other religious and spiritual groups are similarly well-catered for in the surrounding areas.