

# Lambourn Parish Appendix Q – Community Facilities

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**Name of Facility: St Michael and All Angels Church, St James Church Eastbury, the Priest, the Churchyards and The Vicarage**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Please see commentary.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

Yes, please see commentary.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

In terms of the holistic presence they are hugely important in a wide variety of ways as listed above.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

Capacity of St Michael's is 400 people. St James is 80.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Everyone without exception – from within and without the boundaries of the Parishes!

**6. What is the age range of users?**

From birth to grave.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes in the Market Square for St Michael and All Angels, St James lacks parking.

**8. When is the facility open?**

The churches are open from 8.15 daily to late afternoon and for services advertised presently in many different ways.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Yes, in terms of managing the building, heating the building and maintenance of each church. The buildings and graveyards and the Priest are subject to Canon Law in addition to Common Law. Developments, planning, changes to the building need to adhere to Canon Law.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

A faculty is being applied for the Lady Chapel of St Michael and All Angels to be sympathetically enclosed. This would make for a village asset open to all, a facility in a sacred space, improved eco and economic energy use.

Each church is freely offered to the wider community as a resource to support the communities in which they are set.

**Church of St. Michael and All Angels**

St Michael and All Angels Church, St James Church Eastbury, the Priest, Churchyards and The Vicarage.

The fine Tower of St Michael and All Angels holds 8 bells which are regularly rung with a Tower Captain and enthusiastic team of bell ringers.

The facility within the Valley emanates from the Priest being present and working within the communities. She is available to all regardless of any religious affiliation. She has time allocated to each Parish with 60% to the Mother Church in Lambourn and 20% to the other two Parishes, one of which is within the consideration of this Development Plan.

As the Priest of the Lambourn Valley, she has the care of all souls within the boundary of the total Benefice. Pastoral care is always available.

The services she prepares and leads, open to all include:

- Daily Morning Prayer in the church and via Zoom.
- Regular Sunday services.
- Festival services.
- Services for children e.g. Christingle and dress up nativity.
- Annual All Souls' for the bereaved.
- Remembrance services.
- Civic services.
- Special services at times of national mourning or celebration e.g. death of a Monarch and Coronation.
- Confirmation.

In addition the Priest leads the 'occasional' offices of:

- Funerals and burials for all within each Parish.
- Baptisms/Christenings for all
- Weddings are available to all.

Each of these services involves the priest in visiting and working pastorally with those involved.

The priest is available for hospital visits including those in hospice care or nearing death. The priest also responds to pastoral needs of all in need and is not simply engaged with those who 'attend' church.

The physical facility is the sacred space of St Michael and All Angels and St James Eastbury.

Both churches are open daily for all - as a place for quiet, for reflection, for shelter and for prayer. The churches are also at the centre of the village offering free access, open daily for simple rest, refreshment etc. Each is used for community use.

St Michael and All Angels is a grade 1 listed building and likewise the tower clock is the Village clock.

St Michael and All Angels has access for all, two toilets and baby changing facilities, a simple enclosed kitchen facility - used often. There is a hearing loop.

St James has ramp access, a toilet and simple kitchen facility and is well used e.g. Coffee Pot mornings

Each church is a historical building attracting many who are interested in church history, architecture, Christian faith etc. For example, St Michael and All Angels West door is a fine example of a Norman arch and often features in wedding photos.

Moreover, St James is the burial place of Helen, the widow of First World War poet, Edward Thomas, and has a fine etched glass window dedicated to their memory. It was engraved by the artist and poet Laurence Whistler. There are three War Graves in the Churchyard.

Each church is a gathering space for a variety of activities, a place where all, without exception, are welcome for:

- Worship, including daily Morning Prayer, regular worship, funerals, weddings, and christenings.
- Reflection and prayer.
- Lambourn Lambs (baby/toddler group).
- Lambourn CE Primary school visits of Reception children.
- School services.
- Brownie and Guide visits.
- The Lambourn Angels choir (Juniors).
- The church choir.
- Concerts of all kinds.
- Organ recitals on the Grade 2 listed Father Willis organ.
- Social events/parties.

The Churchyards are increasingly places of engagement with community, a place of peace and quiet, a space for biodiversity and eco care, a space for trails at Easter/Christmas, a space for education and learning for all ages, a space for welcoming young people, a space for remembrance, each has a war memorial plus much more. St James holds the Silver Eco Award.

The presence of a full-time stipendiary priest gives an added facility of The Vicarage. Whilst being a home this is an additional resource for the priest to use as she deems appropriate.

For gatherings of all sorts:

- Pastoral matters.
- Social get togethers inside and outside.
- PCC and other specifically 'church' meetings.

- St Michael's Coffee and Chat.
- Living Well in The End Times.
- Meeting of Trusts e.g. The CE School House Trust.
- Community projects like Walk Back Talking.
- Groups of enquirers/confirmation.
- Groups meeting for Advent and Lent discussions etc.

**Name of Facility: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lambourn**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Worship (Mass).

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

No.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

Providing necessary Catholic worship in the community.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Catholics/enquirers/friends.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

0-death.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Sundays 10am to 12:30pm.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

As with any rural religious community we face dwindling numbers, and maintenance costs.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

Yes, with regard to addressing congregation size and maintenance of buildings.

**Website:** <https://www.wantagecatholicparish.org/>

Sharon Dawson, Parish Administrator

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Allotment Society**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

To provide Parishioners with access to grow their own produce.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

Some allotment holders also have chickens.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

To provide a valuable resource for those who wish to grow their own produce for non-commercial use.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

We currently have 61 plots of varying size. The area is about the size of a small football pitch.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Parishioners of the Parish of Lambourn.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

No restrictions, although the tenancy agreement must be signed by an adult.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes for about 10 cars.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Unrestricted.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Generally the allotment committee keep the site in good order and ensure that each plot is utilised. We do have trouble recruiting members to join the committee, we are currently two committee members short. Some of the lower lying plots are prone to flooding resulting in lost produce.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

No. The paddock that is adjacent to the plots is let out by LPC on a separate Grasskeep licence. The Allotment Society does not have any administrative duties pertaining to it.

Mike Billinge-Jones, Chairman, Lambourn Allotment Society. July 2024

**Name of Facility:** The Almshouses of John Isbury and Jacob Hardrett, known as Lambourn Almshouses

- 1. What is the primary use of the facility?**  
Provision of accommodation for those in need.
- 2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**  
No.
- 3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**  
Provides much needed low cost accommodation for local people in need.
- 4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**  
11 residential almshouses.
- 5. Who can use the facility?**  
Local people.
- 6. What is the age range of users?**  
Currently 49 to 80 years old.
- 7. Is there parking available?**  
Not currently.
- 8. When is the facility open?**
- 9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**  
Running almshouses is a constant challenge! One major challenge is getting the local authority to understand that we are providing social housing and be more helpful and sympathetic in their dealings with us.
- 10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**  
Currently developing 9 additional almshouses on the redundant Methodist Chapel site.

**Website:** [www.lambournalmshouse.org](http://www.lambournalmshouse.org)

Peter Penfold, Clerk to the Trustees, Lambourn Almshouses

**Name of Facility:** The Lambourn Centre

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Community use and gym.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

Hall and two meeting rooms for hire, privately run hairdressing salon in building.

**Fred Winter Room:** Measuring 6.5m x 6m, this fully furnished room can accommodate up to 30 people and is used for meetings. The room is named after one of Lambourn's most successful Racehorse trainers. The walls are full of history in the form of pictures and placards and is a 'Hall of Fame' for all the local Racehorse Trainers through the years. The room also has a kitchen / preparation area.

- a. **Ethel Jacobs Room:** Measuring 9m x 6m, The Ethel Jacobs Room is named after the old headmistress of Lambourn Primary School which used to be on the site. This room has an all-purpose floor covering so is ideal for young children's sessions like parties and arts and crafts. It is also used for adult activities such as Pilate's. The Ethel Jacobs Room has a fully equipped preparation area and kitchen.
- b. **Main Hall:** Measuring 16m x 16m, the Main Hall can accommodate a wide range of activities such as badminton, football, aerobics, children's parties and soft play sessions. The hall is also ideal for special events such as exhibitions, theatrical plays and other activities requiring a large area.
- c. **Expressions Fitness:** Expressions Fitness is a purpose-built fitness gym spread over 2 floors. Boasting some of the most modern and user-friendly exercise machinery, it also has a large sauna. The Lambourn Centre is also linked to the local village surgery under the GP referral Scheme.
- d. **Hairdressing:** The centre has hairdressing facilities which is open 5 days per week.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

Community use.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

See above. Total capacity: 180.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Anyone. Gym members.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

0 upwards.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes.

**8. When is the facility open?**

7am – 9pm Mon – Thurs; 7am – 8pm Fri; 9am – 1pm at weekends.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Guttering in need of repair.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

**Website:** <https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/lambourn-centre/>. See also: <https://lambourn.org/the-lambourn-centre/>

**Name of Facility:** Lambourn C of E Primary School

- Address: Greenways, Lambourn, Hungerford, Berkshire, RG17 7LJ.
- Member of Excalibur Academies Trust.
- Religious Character: Church of England (Diocese of Oxford).
- Age Range of Pupils: 3 – 11 (includes pre-school).
- Capacity: 210.
- No. on Roll: 167.
- Single form entry.
- Non-selective.
- 32.2% eligible for free school meals.
- Primary School opening times: Monday to Thursday: 08.30 – 15.25; Friday 08.30 – 13.30 (Working parent provision).
- Pre-School: Morning session: 08.30 – 11.40; All day: 08.30 – 15.25; Friday all day: 08.30 – 13.30.

From Ruth Honey, Chair of Governors, January 2025 -

Main issues:

1. Pupil recruitment. Partly demographic (falling birth rate), partly perception of school. More families moving into village would help that.
2. Staff recruitment (especially quality teaching staff) can be an issue. But problem is nationwide-not limited to Lambourn. Teaching staff generally don't live in village though a few do. Support staff are nearly all recruited locally. So having a bigger pool of people to draw from is always helpful.
3. Buildings etc are pretty good. We have a wonderful caretaker who keeps everything in great shape. Would love to be able to say make the swimming

pool available to the wider community but insurance/lifeguarding/ security issues make it virtually impossible. If we had a bigger pool of enthusiastic supporters more could be done.

The school is great - amazing facilities, super committed staff, great Principal and support from well-regarded Trust (Excalibur), really positive community links. Once you get people through the door they are generally pretty enthusiastic. Think it is vital for the village that it thrives.

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Community Orchard**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

For the community to enjoy and eat the fruit.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

No.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

For those involved fresh air, healthy exercise and fresh fruit once trees mature.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

30m x 5m approx.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Anyone.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

Adults accompanied by children.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Only on the road, on Sheepdrove Road.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Always.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Trees are being eaten by deer and struggling to grow.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

Not at present although there is a possibility of fencing the area to stop the deer.

**Website:** <https://lambourn.org/lambourn-community-orchard/>

Penelope Brewer and Gillian Rixon

**Name of Facility:** Lambourn Community Woodland

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

To help alleviate climate change, aid biodiversity and enhance the village neighbourhood.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

The community has access and is welcome to enjoy the trees as they grow. It has and can continue to be used for educational purposes.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

Wellbeing and access to nature. The knowledge that they are doing a little to alleviate the climate crisis. Opportunity to examine and discuss the lifecycle of the trees and the animals and insects which interact with them.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

Ribbon of land approx 330m x 10m.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Any one on foot.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

Any age.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Not nearby.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Always.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

It is under the care of Sheepdrove Estate with support from Lambourn Environmental Group. Watering in prolonged dry spells and weeding while trees are establishing are the main tasks.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

**Website:** <https://lambournjunction.uk/lambourn-environmental-group/>

Penelope Brewer on behalf of Lambourn Environmental Group. July 2024

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Fire Station**

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) provides cover 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from sixteen fire stations across the county of Berkshire, ranging from Langley and Slough in the east to Lambourn and Hungerford in the west.

Fire stations are crewed by a mix of wholetime (full-time) and on-call (retained) firefighters dependent on the risk determined for each area. Fire stations are crewed by a rotating watch duty system of operational personnel, where these watches work the following:

- Two days of 9am to 6pm.
- Two nights of 6pm to 9am.
- Four days off-duty.

Lambourn is an on-call station, which currently has seven dedicated firefighters that protect the rural village and outlying areas.

The firefighters that serve Lambourn have worked on various incidents. One that is remembered and highly honoured amongst the crew is the Plymouth Blitz of April 1941, during this incident a crew of five from Lambourn attended for over 45 hours.

In 1974, the fire station was rebuilt into the building seen today.

A voluntary fire brigade has been part of Lambourn life since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Given the number of horse racing stables, the Membury Industrial sites and the proximity of the M4, as well as the remoteness of the Parish, a locally-based fire service is considered very important by the community.

**Events:** There are occasional community awareness events held at the Station.

**Crew Type:** On-call.

**Opened:** 1974.

**Appliances:** 1x fire engine, 1x Land Rover 4x4.

**Address:** Newbury Street, Hungerford, England, RG17 8YR, United Kingdom.

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Library**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Public Library.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

Room hire (The upper storey of the building houses privately-rented/owned flats).

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

The library runs several groups for adults and children. It is vital to help

combat loneliness and isolation in the adult population and offers reading incentives and activities for children and their families. The library also has public computers and WiFi available, and offers photocopying and scanning facilities. The library is run by West Berkshire Council and, as such, can help sign-post customers to other areas in the council.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

The floor area which is 129m squared, we can seat 10-12 in a meeting setting, approx. 30 for a seated event/talk, and 60 standing.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

The library is available for everyone. The space can be hired, for a fee, when the library is closed.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

All ages.

**7. Is there parking available?**

There is a public car park (currently free) at the rear of the building and on street parking at the front.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Tuesday 2-5:30, Wednesday 10-1, Thursday 3.30 – 5.30, Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-12:30.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Property management fees which have doubled in recent years. Unclear position as to who is responsible for building repairs – West Berkshire Council has paid for remedial damp works recently, but this cost should have been shared with other stakeholders in the building.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

We have an aspiration to increase the library opening hours of this facility which at present is only open 16 hours per week.

**Website:** <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/lambourn-library>

Lisa Richardson. Manager – Library Branches, West Berkshire Libraries Service

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Memorial Hall**

- 1. What is the primary use of the facility?**  
Community Hall for Hire and permanent Parish Council Offices.
- 2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**  
Location of Public Convenience.
- 3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**  
Location of Parish Council meetings and Annual Assembly. A reasonably priced community hall for hire near the centre of the village which is available at reduced cost to charities and local non-profit organisations working for the public good. It also hosts Lambourn Volunteer Drivers free of charge for their twice weekly telephone sessions. Wheelchair accessible.
- 4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**  
Capacity 60 persons.
- 5. Who can use the facility?**  
Available for hire to anyone.
- 6. What is the age range of users?**  
Mostly adults but it does get hired for children's birthday parties from time to time.
- 7. Is there parking available?**  
No.
- 8. When is the facility open?**  
Hirers can book between 8am-11pm other times are at Parish Council discretion. Mon & Thurs: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm open to the public' Tue & Wed: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm available for telephone/email enquiries only.
- 9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**  
It will potentially need a new boiler in the near/mid future.
- 10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**  
Not currently.

**Website:** <https://lambourn-pc.gov.uk/>

Rachael Burns. Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council

**Name of Facility:** Lambourn Pharmacy, Graham Jones Pharmacy Ltd

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Community Pharmacy.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

Two residential flats above pharmacy.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

Immense! First point of contact for healthcare in village. Community focal point.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

15m x 15m.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Anyone. We deal with animal medication as well as human.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

0-103.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes.

**8. When is the facility open?**

9-1 2-5.30 weekdays, 9-1 Saturday.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Pressures on pharmacy across the UK have caused a number of closures. The pressures are financial and recruiting qualified staff. The long-term future looks positive with pharmacies being empowered to deliver more clinical services (e.g. pharmacy first and vaccination clinics).

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

The business will expand into more clinical areas. Since I have run Lambourn Pharmacy (since 92) we have steadily removed retail space to offer clinical services. I expect this trend to continue.

**Website:** <https://www.alphega-pharmacy.co.uk/pharmacy/lambourn/lambourn-pharmacy>

Graham Jones. July 2024

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Post Office**

Situated in the heart of the Village, the post office is located within one of the convenience stores on the High Street. The hours of opening correspond with the CO-OP's hours of operation, offering a range of postal services to the Community.

**Opening Hours**

Monday	06:30 - 22:00
Tuesday	06:30 - 22:00
Wednesday	06:30 - 22:00
Thursday	06:30 - 22:00
Friday	06:30 - 22:00
Saturday	06:30 - 22:00
Sunday	06:30 - 22:00

**Services**

Mail:

- Drop and Go.
- Parcelforce Express Services.

Travel:

- Foreign currency.
- Travel Insurance.
- Travel Money Card.

Driving:

- Vehicle tax.

Money:

- MoneyGram.

Documents and Licences:

- Document Certification Service.
- In Branch Verification.
- CQC CRB ID Verification Service.
- CRB & ID Verification Service.
- DBS ID Validation Service.

National Lottery:

- Prize Payments.

- Ticket Sales.

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Sports Club**

Lambourn Sports Club provides sports facilities and a function hall in the heart of Lambourn. The large sports ground supports football, tennis, cricket and bowls amongst other activities. The clubhouse has changing rooms, a snooker room and an air rifle range. The Lounge Bar and Family Room offer comfortable surroundings for socialising with friends or enjoying televised sports from Sky Sports and BT Sports with multiple events screened on different large screen TV's. The function hall is available for hire.

**The hall is licensed for:**

- 120 seated at tables.
- 120 mixed occupancy tables and dance.
- 150 dancing only.
- 160 closely seated audience.

Recent refurbishment has improved the facilities and the Hall is available for use by local village organisations and open to all for weddings and parties, as well as regular events organised by the Club. The Sports Club hosts the annual August Carnival Parade which, once judging is completed, sets off from the grounds, and a firework display in November.

Recent issues have included the access provided to the general public via a PRow across the Club site. This facilitates less-responsible dog walkers, who allow their pets to run across and foul the pitches.

For more information on our venue, email: [lambournsportsclubbookings@gmail.com](mailto:lambournsportsclubbookings@gmail.com) or Tel: 01488 73984.

**Name of Facility: Lambourn Surgery**

- 1. What is the primary use of the facility?**  
Providing general medical healthcare services.
- 2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**  
Not used for any other purpose.
- 3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**  
An essential service.
- 4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**  
Serves 6500 patients from Lambourn and the surrounding villages.
- 5. Who can use the facility?**

Anyone resident in the catchment area or visiting.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

From birth to end of life.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes there is parking.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Open Monday to Friday 8-6.30 excluding bank holidays plus one evening a week and one Saturday a month.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Yes, general practice is underfunded, leaving us struggling to recruit staff at the appropriate pay rate, and short of funds for maintenance and development of the site.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

Unknown at present. We are very short on clinical room space and to recruit more doctors would have to extend the premises, but no funding in place as yet.

**Website:** <https://www.lambournsurgery.co.uk/>

Louise Murray-Clarke. Managing Partner, Lambourn Surgery

**Name of Facility:** Lambourn Valley Dental Practice

This surgery is a Private Practice but offers a limited service for NHS Patients requiring the range of Dental Services provided. The NHS Service provision is for Children up to 19 years of age if in full time education and those people who are exempt from paying for Dental Services.

The Service is situated in the heart of the village and is easily accessible.

info@lambourndental.co.uk

Parking outside the front of the practice is limited to 30 minutes.

Additional parking is available in the Market Square close-by and in the FREE carpark by Lambourn Universal Stores.

**Opening Hours**

Monday 8.00am – 4.30pm, Tuesday 9.00am – 5.30pm, Wednesday 8.00am – 4.30pm  
Thursday 9.00am – 7.00pm, Friday 9.00am – 1.00pm, Closed for lunch 1.00pm -  
2.00pm.

Saturday by appointment only.

Services available at the Lambourn Valley Dental for Children.

They offer a children's health club.

- They never put mercury fillings in children with developing nervous systems.
- They fissure seal & apply fluoride when necessary for the prevention of decay.
- They provide continuous education on hygiene and a child's diet using interactive methods.
- They motivate children every visit and we reward them on a star league table and even give them goodies bags when no fillings are necessary.
- They have an area for children to amuse themselves while waiting for their turn in the chair.

Throughout the year they run Children's Day when they dedicate the entire day to little teeth! In the past they have had displays of sugary drinks and tasting sessions of 'tooth friendly' snacks to encourage better choices and tooth-brushing competitions to motivate children to brush for 2 minutes.

Adult Services Include:

Teeth Straightening, Sport Mouthguards, Dental Implants and Veneers, Dentures, Teeth Whitening (and Smile Video Consultations) Emergency Dentist, Dental Hygiene, Crowns and Bridges, Sleep Appliances and Pain Free Treatments for Nervous and Anxious Patients.

They have no room for expansion.

**Name of Facility: Lynch Lane**

Lynch Wood is a privately-owned area of deciduous woodland, of approximately 25 hectares, between Lambourn and Upper Lambourn. It is situated on steeply rising ground north of the village of Lambourn and is much used and appreciated by local people, particularly dog walkers. It is seen as an informal "public open space" by many.

Springs which are headwaters of the River Lambourn, a rare chalk stream and winterbourne, rise within the wood. The wooded hillside forms the iconic backdrop to the village of Lambourn, from several viewpoints, one of which features the tower of the parish church. There are archaeological remains, including evidence of a mill, which await further exploration. Lynch Wood is Priority Habitat Lowland Deciduous Woodland, rich in biodiversity, supporting a range of species, and is of significance in the Lambourn Downs landscape.

Generations of Parishioners have accessed this land for recreation, although it is in private ownership and no PRowS cross the Wood. The tracks which run NW/SE through it do not appear to be permitted paths and there are notices warning that this is private land. There is no continuous fencing around the wood and there is easy pedestrian access from all surrounding roads and the Old Cricket Field.

The ownership of Lynch Wood is divided between two landowners, both of whom have plans for their parts of the Wood: an unfinished gallop has been cut through the northern edge and the southern part is included in the developer's plans for the setting of housing allocation Policy RSA 17 (Land adjoining Lynch Lane, Lambourn) of the West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2023 – 2041.

There have been instances of damage associated with public access.

Lynch Wood is dear to the hearts of parishioners, evidenced by the outcry at the clearance done in preparation for the gallop, and concerns have been expressed about its future.

**Name of Facility: Mill Lane Recreation Ground**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Recreation Ground with fenced play area for under 12's.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

Grassed football area with goals, outdoor gym, hosts Scarrotts Fair annually.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

Dog free recreation area with something for all ages. Fenced play area with a range of equipment covering all under 12's, grassed area with football goals for older children, outdoor gym for adults. Location of the annual Scarrotts fair. It's within a reasonable walk of the village, there are benches, also picnic tables within the fenced play area only. Grass maintenance and litter bins arranged by Lambourn Parish Council.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

It seems to be adequate for the number of village children in the age range.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Anyone.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

All ages but mainly under 12's.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes – off road parking alongside the front boundary.

**8. When is the facility open?**

8am – 10pm.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

N/A.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

N/A.

Rachael Burns, Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council

**Name of Facility: Oaksey House Rehabilitation and Fitness Centre**

Oaksey House Rehabilitation and Fitness Centre in Lambourn, Berkshire was opened in 2009 by the Injured Jockeys Fund Patron, HRH The Princess Royal.

Oaksey House:

- Provides specialist rehabilitation treatment for physical and neurological injuries.
- Has a state-of-the-art gym including an AlterG anti-gravity treadmill.
- Offers individualised support from highly qualified strength and conditioning coaches.
- Has a hydrotherapy pool with lift and hoist.
- Has respite accommodation available for those receiving extended treatment together with their carers if required.
- Offers educational courses on fitness and nutrition for the general well-being of young and aspiring jockeys.
- Offers evening and group gym classes.
- Has private function rooms available for hire for meetings and conferences.

**Hours of Opening**

Any appointment outside of the hours set out below is by prior arrangement.

Monday 8.30am - 6.00pm, Tuesday 8.30am - 7.30pm, Wednesday 8.30am - 6.00pm, Thursday 8.30am - 7.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm, closed Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

**Fees**

Oaksey House Fees reflect its charitable objectives of the injured Jockey's Fund.

Most services such as physiotherapy and massage are free of charge to professional licence holders including conditional amateur and apprentice jockeys.

There are different fee structures for retired amateur jockeys, retired licence holders, stable staff and those not connected to Racing that live in the area.

## Services

- General Wellbeing.
- Medical Support.
- Mental Wellbeing: Concussion and Graduated return to riding Guidelines, Nutrition and Performance-which can include fitness, cardio, strength, and Conditioning packages.
- Financial:
  - If a jockey is injured, we can help with things such as temporary accommodation, family travel expenses, regular bills, and hospital transfer.
  - If a beneficiary's needs are longer lasting or may not have resulted from a recent injury ('injury' includes mental as well as physical illness), we can also provide one-off or regular grants for a specific need.
  - Anyone who is eligible and in financial difficulty should contact us to find out what support is available.

Oaksey House is a national, not just a local centre, providing accommodation for those receiving long-term treatment.

### **Name of Facility: The Old Cricket Field**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Leased recreation space with grass and woodland walking, Multi games wall and shelter.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

N/A.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

Large Community Outdoor space for people of all ages. Dogs are allowed on and off lead. Grass maintained by LPC with litter and dog waste bins provided and emptying arranged by LPC. A horse track also runs through the land separated from the main area by a hedge and this allows racehorses to stay off the main road helping both the racing industry and local transport/drivers.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

8.9 acres.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Anyone.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

All ages.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Hirers can book between 8am - 11pm other times are at Parish Council discretion.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

The facility did host a skatepark which has been removed. Alternative facilities/uses aimed at older aged children are currently under consideration but the lease forbids permanent structures.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

N/A.

Rachael Burns, Assistant Clerks to the Parish Council. July 2024

June 2025: Thanks to the initiative of ten-year-old Darcy, a member of the Lambourn Youth Council, a new 100-metre running track has been marked out on the Old Cricket Field in the village.

**Name of Facility: Walwyn Hall**

Baydon Road,  
Lambourn, RG17 8NU.

**Description**

Hall for hire (Capacity over 100) with car park.  
Refurbished for the benefit & use of the whole community.

The Walwyn Hall (previously The Lambourn Catholic Hall) Baydon Road, has played its part in the community since it was built in the 1960's. Fondly known as "The Catholic Club", it was a vibrant part of the community with regular dances and functions. Following a period where the hall was let fall into disrepair, the community decided to bring back The Catholic Hall. As a result of numerous Fund-Raising activities and generous donations the hall has been re-furbished. It was renamed Walwyn Hall in 2017.

The following improvements have been made:

- A disabled toilet has been built and the existing toilets modernised.
- The kitchen has been completely replaced to include new ovens, microwave, large fridge, new sinks, worktops and a commercial dishwasher.
- The Bar has been replaced and includes beer fridges and a commercial glass washer.
- We have retained our beautiful sprung dance floor.
- Carpets and other flooring have been replaced throughout the hall.

- New lighting has been installed including ambient LED lighting in the main hall and multi-colour ceiling mood lighting.
- Two LED lighting rigs have been installed providing multiple uses for stage/theatre lighting and including a mirror ball.
- Audio visual connectivity has been installed enabling use of TV/Projectors/Laptop displays.
- Speakers and microphones are available.
- Flexible box staging allows alternate configurations.
- 120 new padded chairs.
- All areas have been decorated.

As a result, we have a modern facility that we are all proud of.

Numerous activities can take place in this facility. Examples are:

- Local organisations' meetings (e.g. 1st Lambourn Brownies).
- Dance functions with Band or DJ.
- Family Parties for Children/Adults.
- Dinner Dance events
- Coffee Mornings.
- Dance Classes
- Exercise Classes.
- Film Nights (subject to licence).
- Meetings with Audio visual needs
- Theatrical events.
- Fashion shows with catwalk stage.
- Events requiring Bar facilities - Please note that the hall is not licensed, but a Temporary Event Notice can be obtained from West Berkshire Council if required.

We are happy to show people around the Hall and demonstrate its capabilities. If you have any questions, please call 07564 984210, and we will be happy to discuss your specific requirements.

**Name of Facility: Eastbury Furze Field**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Play area for under 12's and grassed area with football goals.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

It is available for hire on request, a public right of way passes through the site at the front boundary, it is well used by dog walkers.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

Primary community space in Eastbury village with play equipment for under 12's, grassed area for sport and picnics. Dogs allowed on leads with dog waste bin provided by Lambourn Parish Council. Available for hire on request.

4. **What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**  
Anyone.
5. **Who can use the facility?**  
Anyone.
6. **What is the age range of users?**  
All ages.
7. **Is there parking available?**  
No.
8. **When is the facility open?**  
No official time limits.
9. **Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**  
N/A, the facility is rented from Eastbury Furze Trust.
10. **Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**  
N/A.

Rachael Burns, Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council

**Name of Facility:** Upper Lambourn Cemetery (New civic cemetery and extension to St. Luke's Churchyard)

1. **What is the primary use of the facility?**  
Cemetery.
2. **Is the facility used for any other purposes?**  
No.
3. **What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**  
A local cemetery within easy reach of Lambourn Village with preferential fees for local people and free plots/burials for under 18's. Grass maintenance and the provision of a litter bin and tap arranged by Lambourn Parish Council.
4. **What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**  
There are currently 943 occupied plots in the new part with capacity for around 50-60 more, size unknown.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Anyone. Burial fees apply.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

All ages.

**7. Is there parking available?**

Yes – 3 spaces by the road outside.

**8. When is the facility open?**

24 hours.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

N/A.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

The Parish Council are currently negotiating the purchase of additional land.

There are three War Graves in the Extension to St. Luke's Churchyard.

**Website:** <https://lambourn-pc.gov.uk/our-committees/>

Rachael Burns, Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council. July 2024

**Name of Facility: St Luke's Church, Upper Lambourn**

**1. What is the primary use of the facility?**

Closed Church and Churchyard. Public access to churchyard, no facilities.

**2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?**

Old Church Building occupied by a commercial enterprise.

**3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?**

It is a closed churchyard with basic grass maintenance undertaken by Lambourn Parish Council.

**4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).**

Unknown.

**5. Who can use the facility?**

Graveyard open to public, building in use.

**6. What is the age range of users?**

Any.

**7. Is there parking available?**

No.

**8. When is the facility open?**

24 hours.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

This facility does not belong to Lambourn Parish Council –they only maintain the grass. The responsibility for the site rests with the Incumbent and the Anglican Diocese of Oxford.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

Not currently.

**Name of Facility:** Woodlands St Mary's Church and Churchyard

### **A Gothic Revival Gem**

This medieval-style flint and stone church is a Gothic Revival gem. Built in 1852, it was designed by Thomas Talbot Bury, who was trained by the great Augustus Pugin.

It has an octagonal turret-belfry and tower, and delightful windows based on designs from around 1320. The lovely Victorian interior still has the brass coronas and candleholders that would have bathed the interior in candlelight.

There is also a little organ with a Gothic case and a high altar of stone. The beautiful reredos was carved by John Bacon, at the request of his son, the first parish priest.

It is recorded in the [National Heritage List for England](#) as a designated Grade II [listed building](#), and is under the care of the [Churches Conservation Trust](#).

### **Access Information**

The Church itself is now only open twice a year.

From straight main road with lay-by type parking, the approach is through new churchyard gates along a level gravel path to the south porch. There are 2 shallow steps between the main road and the entrance.

### **Facilities**

Church has limited lighting and electricity. There is no water and no toilets.

Parking is limited.

The church is available for hire please contact [west@thecct.org.uk](mailto:west@thecct.org.uk) for more information.

## History

Ten miles north-west of Newbury, beside the old Roman Road, that is now called the B4000/Ermin Street, and within earshot of the M4, stands a perfect example of a small mid-century country church.

The churchyard has one War Grave.

## Name of Facility: The Woodlands Bar, Woodlands St. Mary Village Hall

### 1. What is the primary use of the facility?

Socialising, snooker, darts, pool.

### 2. Is the facility used for any other purposes?

The Hall is for the use anyone wishing to hire, the rates are on the hire form on application from the web site. It can be used for any function, but within the rules. Skittle alley available.

The Cricket Ground is available for hire by visiting teams and the Woodlands Cricket Club fields a team.

Although the Bar benefits from cricket, and the Hall may be rented out for changing rooms, the Cricket Field is nothing to do with the Hall or Bar. It has been run by myself for many years and can be rented out for many events as long as it doesn't damage the grass playing area.

### 3. What do you consider to be the value of the facility to the community?

I suppose it could be called the community centre, as it's all the locals have.

### 4. What is the size of the facility? (Measurements or capacity, whichever is appropriate).

The Hall can seat 80 persons sitting, 120 standing. We have cctv covering the whole building inside and out and can be monitored from my phone.

### 5. Who can use the facility?

The premises are no longer a private club and the hall is for the use of anyone wishing to hire, within the rules.

### 6. What is the age range of users?

The average age is difficult to assess, the bar averages 65+. The hall can vary wildly, if it's a kiddies party young, if it's a funerals quite a varied age.

**7. Is there parking available?**

We have plenty of parking enough to accommodate customers.

**8. When is the facility open?**

Opening times Friday, Saturday evenings, 7-30 till 11pm, Sundays 12-30 till 6pm, when we have pool, or darts in the week 7-30 till 11pm, this can be viewed on our web page, the week's events are advertised each week.

**9. Is your facility facing any challenges? (e.g. Condition and maintenance of buildings – do they need repairs/replacement? Membership and Administration – do you have difficulty recruiting members/staff?)**

Challenges are many, Lack of customers, running cost, and many more like most small venues.

**10. Do you have any future expansion plans between now and 2040?**

No expansion plans, we have had a modernisation in 2021, new disabled toilet, chair store, office, garage for mowers and tools.

Website: <https://www.the-woodlands.club/>

Bob Truman. Woodlands St. Mary Village Hall and Woodlands Bar