# Welcome To Blunsdon

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A vibrant Wiltshire community with deep roots and a bright future!

A Brief History of Blunsdon
Blunsdon has been settled since the Iron Age, with Castle Hill marking the site of an ancient hillfort. During Roman times, the area served as a resting place along the historic Ermin Way, now aligned with the A419. The Domesday Book of 1086 records Blunsdon (then "Bluntesdone") as a manor of ten households. Broad Blunsdon emerged in the 13th century, and its L-shaped manor house dates to the 1600s. Today, parts of the village are designated conservation areas, preserving its architectural

#### **Local Schools**

and historic charm.

- St Leonard's CE Primary School *stleonardsblunsdon.org.uk*
- Bridlewood Primary School *bridlewoodprimaryschool.org.uk* 
  - Highworth Warneford School warnefordschool.org.uk

#### **Healthcare Services**

Blunsdon Surgery
westropmedicalpractice.nhs.uk
Abbey Meads Medical Practice –
abbeymeadsdoctors.co.uk
Taw Hill Medical Practice –
tawhillmedicalpractice.co.uk
Blunsdon Dental Practice –
blunsdondental.co.uk

Moredon Dental & Implant Contre

#### **Useful Contacts**

Parish Council Office email clerk@blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk
Swindon Borough Council swindon.gov.uk
Wiltshire Police (Non-Emergency) wiltshire.police.uk
South Western Ambulance Service swast.nhs.uk

# Blunsdon - keeping it clean, keeping it safe, keeping it beautiful

# Village Pubs

Heart In Hand The Cold Harbour The Blunsdon House Hotel

# **Community Facilities**

Village Hall - community events

MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) - open-access
sports facility

Recreation Ground - walks, football & cricket
Play Areas - safe spaces for families
Community Shop & Cafe
Allotments
Burial Grounds & Memorial Spaces

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

Meetings are held twice monthly at Blunsdon Village Hall, typically starting at 7:30 PM. All residents are welcome to attend. Agendas and minutes are published on the council website.

Website: blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk

Blunsdon Parish Council is made up of dedicated local representatives:

Chairman: Cllr Ian Jankinson Vice-Chairman: Cllr Martin Nash

Clerk & Finance Officer: Mrs Deborah Braiden

# **Stay Connected**

For updates, meeting minutes, and community news, visit:

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### St Leonard's Church & Blunsdon Cemetery

St Leonard's Church is a historic and spiritual centre of village life, with roots dating back to the 13th century. The church is known for its welcoming congregation, regular Sunday services, seasonal celebrations, and community events such as coffee mornings, concerts, and charity fundraisers. It plays a central role in village heritage and continues to be a place of reflection, worship, and connection for residents of all ages.

Adjacent to the church is Blunsdon Cemetery, a peaceful and well-maintained resting place overseen by the Parish Council. The cemetery is open to visitors year-round and includes both traditional burial plots and memorial areas. The Parish Council is responsible for its upkeep, ensuring respectful care of the grounds and support for families during times of need.

#### **Transport Services**

Blunsdon is well-connected by local and regional transport:

- Bus Services Regular routes to Swindon and surrounding areas swindonbus.co.uk
- Rail Travel Nearest station: Swindon Railway Station (approx. 5 miles) gwr.com
- Community Transport & Accessible Travel Available via Swindon Borough Council swindon.gov.uk
  - National Express Coach Services Depart from Swindon town centre nationalexpress.com

# **Waste & Recycling Services**

Waste collection and recycling are managed by Swindon Borough Council:

- Bin Collection Schedule swindon.gov.uk/info/20015/bins\_and\_recycling
- Household Recycling Centre (HWRC) Book visits online swindon.gov.uk/info/20015/bins\_and\_recycling/384/book\_a\_visit\_to\_the\_hwrc
  - Garden Waste Subscription swindon.gov.uk/gardenwaste
  - Report Fly-Tipping blunsdonparishcouncil.co.uk/report-a-problem
    - Commercial Waste & Leachate Treatment Hills Waste Solutions hills-waste.co.uk/our-sites/blunsdon-chapel-farm