

WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF BLOFIELD

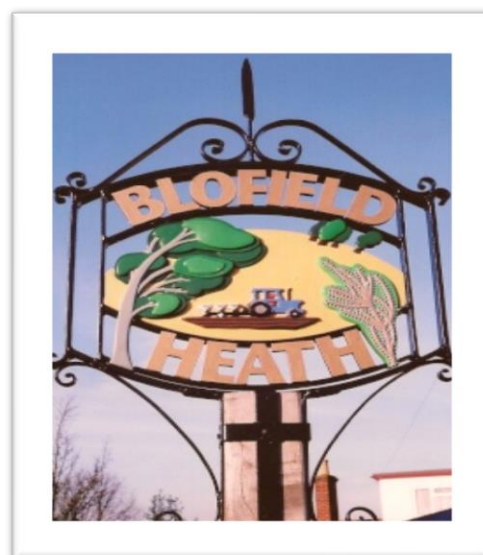
Hello and on behalf of Blofield Parish Council we would like to welcome you to the Parish of Blofield.



The Parish includes Blofield and the hamlets of Blofield Heath and Blofield Corner. We want to welcome you to the area and hope you quickly feel part of the community. We are lucky that we still live in a village with lots of local facilities. We are hoping to maintain that feeling of a village community, by having a dark sky policy to prevent light pollution and by seeking to keep the physical separation of the neighbouring villages. This means we will still be surrounded by agricultural land, which will help to protect the green open spaces and wildlife habitats. Here is a little

information that we hope you may find useful. There is a lot of information on-line about what is happening in the parish but we know not everyone is 'on line', so we hope this leaflet helps you find what is available locally, so we can work together to protect our villages and our communities.

The Parish is part of Broadland District Council and their website is www.broadland.gov.uk. On here you can find details of council tax and how to pay, what days your bins will be collected (normally Monday or Tuesday, Green Bin - general rubbish, Grey Bin – recycling) and how to register for a Brown Garden Bin. Strumpshaw recycling centre is our closest which is situated on Stone Road, Strumpshaw NR13 4HR www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/find-your-local-recycling-centre/strumpshaw-



[main-recycling-centre](#). Water and drainage is supplied by Anglian Water
www.anglianwater.co.uk.

The website for Blofield Parish Council is <http://parishcouncil.blofield.net> and their email blofieldpc@gmail.com. On the website you will find lots of information from the history of the parish to how to report fly tipping. You can also find us on face book.



The Parish is served by two Primary Schools.

Blofield Primary School, North
Street, Blofield, Norwich, NR13 4RH

Telephone: 01603 713 386

Web site: www.blofieldprimary.co.uk/

email: office@blofield.norfolk.sch.uk

Hemblington Primary School, Mill
Road, Blofield Heath, Norwich NR13 4QJ

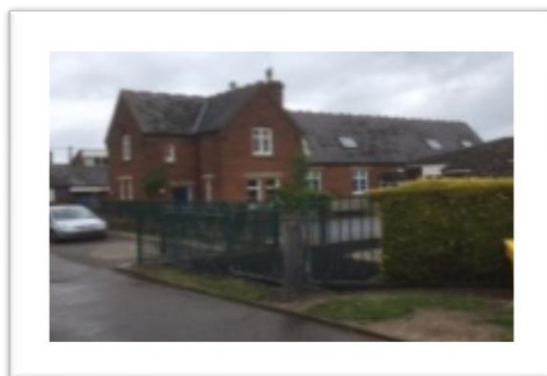
Telephone: 01603 713243

Fax: 01603 716994

Web site:

<http://www.hemblington.norfolk.sch.uk>

e- mail office@hemblington.norfolk.sch.uk



Pre- school groups:

Blofield Pre- School Playgroup Monday, Tuesday and Thursday contact 01603 712498. Based at the Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield.

Hemblington Pre – School. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Messy Mushrooms on Friday 10-11.30 Based at Heathlands Community Hall, Blofield Heath. www.hemblingtonpreschool.com

Doctors Surgery:



Plantation Road, Blofield –
reception 01603 712337
www.blofieldsurgery.nhs.uk

Dr Gaskin and partners aim is to provide the highest quality healthcare to all of its patients within the NHS resources available to them. Through a well-trained and highly

motivated team they are committed to delivering an efficient and effective service, whilst making their clinicians as accessible as possible to their patients when they need them.

Library:

The Reading Rooms, The Street, Blofield –
01603 712902 www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-local-library/locations-and-opening-times/blofield-library The mobile library service also operates in Blofield Heath call 01603 222303 for next time and date.



Church: St Andrews and St Peters

Church Blofield

Rev Kevin Bilson tel :01603 712299

www.blofieldchurch.org.uk

West End Café also operates from the church on a Wednesday morning 10.15 to 11.30am. Come inside for a warm welcome and a cuppa. Computer café in the West End on the last Wednesday of each month. Free WiFi and help for novice users. For more information contact Sarah Toothill on 01603 211606.



Footpaths

Find your way around by walking the paths of the parish

Maps showing the paths are distributed throughout the parish

If you are taking your dog for a walk – please remember:



- Control your dog so that it does not scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife.
- When using the new access rights over open country and common land, you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July - and all year round near farm animals - and you may not be able to take your dog at all on some areas or at some times. Please follow any official signs.
- You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.
- If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead - don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.
- Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs, or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife - eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.
- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Broadland District Council have now implemented a Public Space Protection Area which means you can be fined £100 if you do not clear up after your dog. This applies to all public areas including footpaths, woodland and marshland.
- Please remember to always close gates.



- Bus Routes to get Further a Field.

- 5A - Eaton - Norwich- Thorpe St Andrew – Blofield Heath

15 - Green Line - Acle - Thorpe St Andrew - Norwich City Centre - Hethersett - Wymondham www.firstgroup.com/norfolk-suffolk/routes-and-maps/network-norwich/green-line-1415

52 - Blofield Heath - Blofield - Brundall - Norwich - Eaton assets.goaheadbus.com/media/timetable_pdf/konectbus_52__72_02112015.pdf

- 72 - Great Yarmouth - Blofield Heath - Blofield - Norwich

Train Station

The nearest train station is located at the bottom of Station Road, Brundall. There is limited parking available.

Post Offices

Spar Store and Post office, [The Street, Blofield. 01603 713151](#)

Premier Express, Blofield Heath Post office and Stores, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath 01603 712145

Clubs and Associations that enrich the Parish.

There are many groups – the Friends of the Library, the Friends of the schools, the committees who run the three village halls, a lunch club, the local environmental groups, youth groups, sports and leisure clubs, the drama group, pensioners and the Good Neighbour scheme are examples; they all rely on volunteers to help organise and run the groups so please approach any group if you would like to get involved.

Three Village Halls

The three halls all run a varied schedule of events for all ages. From Badminton Clubs to Brownies and Craft Fayres to Beer Festivals. Please try and support the events. Below is a selection of what is on offer.

The Heathlands Community Centre – Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath- www.heathlandscommunitycentre.org.uk

Blofield Heath WI- Monthly meeting at Heathlands

Blofield Heath Pre School via Heathlands

Blofield Heath Luncheon Club

Blofield Heath Bowls Club – new members welcome, including beginners, contact David or Dagmar on 713078

Blofield Youth Football Club – train and play games at Heathlands under 8 and under 15 teams www.pitchero.com/clubs/blofielddyouthfc.

Blofield Heath Brownies www.girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk/where-we-are/broadland-division/

Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Rd, Blofield, Norwich NR13 4LE
www.margaretharkerhall.co.uk

Blofield Scout Groups-Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sea Scouts meet at the Scout Hut at Margret Harker Hall, 1stblofieldandbrundall.org.uk/

Blofield Tennis Club – courts behind Margaret Harker Hall, more information web site www.blofieldtennisclub.co.uk

Blofield Pre school www.blofieldpreschool.co.uk

Blofield Football Club

Badminton Club

Bingo

Blofield and District Gardening Club – meet monthly, further information from Sue Rowe 715804 or Peter Mackness email: p.mackness@tiscali.co.uk

Blofield Courthouse Yarmouth Rd, Blofield, Norwich NR13 4JU
www.blofieldcourthouse.org.uk

Blofield Brownies www.girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk/where-we-are/broadland-division/

Blofield Court House Village Screen- monthly screenings on the second Friday in the month, adverts throughout the village.

Blofield and Brundall Pensioners` Association – meet at the Courthouse, for more information call Pat Wilson 01603 713627

Open Space and Playing Fields

Margaret Harker Hall – outdoor play equipment and field

Heathlands Community Centre – outdoor play equipment and field

Kier Development Site – outdoor play equipment

Wygates (coming soon) - open space and outdoor play equipment

Manor Park – Hopkins Home Site (coming soon), open space and outdoor play equipment

Howe's Meadow – Shack Lane, conservation area.

Marty's Marsh – Near Bay Bridge (where Blofield meets Brundall). A new environmental area, which has recently been purchased by the Parish Council. It will help the village keep a rural boundary from neighbouring Brundall, as well as protecting the native fauna and flora. A new group of volunteers to help maintain the area will be needed please watch out for details. It will adjoin Cremers Meadow which is owned by Brundall Parish Council and borders the Witton Run and Lackford Run.

Other Organisations

The Parish Council contact: via the Parish Clerk. blofieldpc@gmail.com

Blofield Amateur Dramatic Players - amdram further information call 07535717210

Blofield and District Conservation Group (BADCOG) - further information telephone Ernest Hoyos 712913

Blofield Allotment Association – further information from Steve (Secretary) contact: blofieldallotment@btinternet.com

Brundall and Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme – They are always looking for volunteers to support Blofield residents with small household jobs, lifts to appointments and more. For more information tel: 0800 688 9677

Keep Blofield Special – voluntary group who keep the village tidy, meet on Mondays at Court House or Heathlands – dates published in FOCAL POINT

Blofield Orchard Conservation Group – next to the allotments.

Plantation Park Bowls Club- New members welcome, including beginners. Coaching is also available. Contact Nigel on 07979 377055

Without the committee members and active supporters, services that are used and enjoyed by many simply wouldn't exist. The parish is growing and you can help shape the future of the community. If you have an interest in supporting any of the Village Halls or groups please make contact with them, you will be very welcome. If you think something is missing why not ask if others agree - and are willing to help start something?

The Parish Council is another way of being involved and if you might be interested in that please contact the Parish Clerk. blofieldpc@gmail.com

Each month you will receive a free copy of Focal Point – The Village Newsletter (www.focalpointonline.org.uk) and bimonthly - The Village Book which gives information on local businesses. Blofield News is the parish newsletter for Blofield, Hemblington and North Burlingham Churches, published monthly, it contains a full program of events within the churches and the local community. It also includes various articles about life in the Blofield area.

www.blofieldchurch.org.uk/?page_id=424

We hope you enjoy living here.

Rob Christie

Chairman,

On Behalf of Blofield Parish Council.

