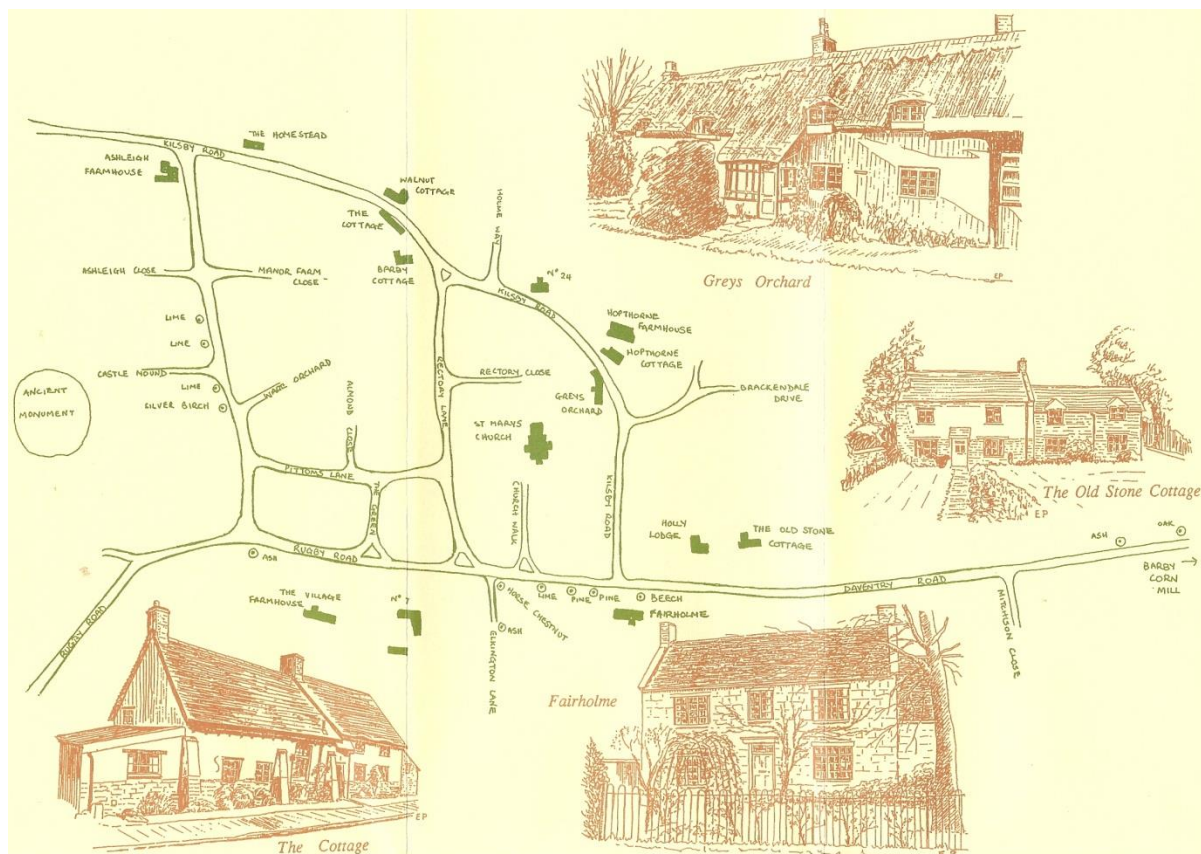


Barby and Onley Parish Council

Welcome pack

A helpful guide to the parish of Barby and Onley.



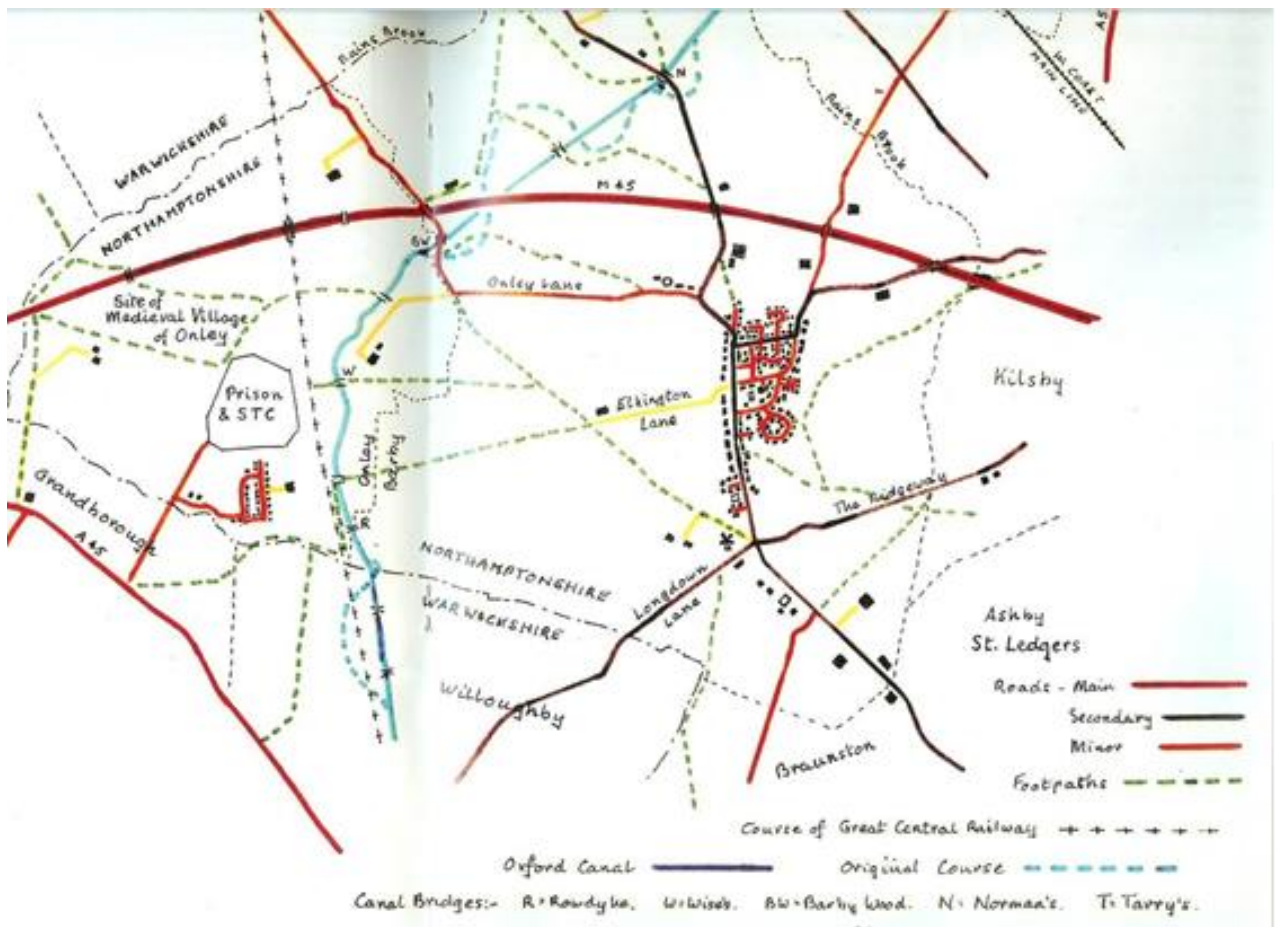
A warm welcome to our village on the Northamptonshire/Warwickshire border from your Parish Council.

We have produced this pack to introduce you to the local area. It provides pointers to local amenities and places of interest, and a few useful contact numbers.

Barby and Onley



Barby and Onley is a split parish, with Barby sitting on a hilltop overlooking the Rainsbrook and Leam valleys and Onley 1½ miles distant, away to the West on the valley floor. We are *part of* West Northamptonshire Council.



A Tour of Barby

Our tour begins at a prominent village landmark, The Water Tower crossroads. Roads lead South to Daventry (7 miles), East to Kilsby and the A5, West to the A45 (the main road to Coventry) and North to Rugby (5 miles). From this point, the highest in the Parish, you will see The Sports Field, the home of **Barby Cricket Club** and a popular **skate ramp**. Away to the North West, a farm track leads to **Barby Mill Fisheries** and Barby Mill, now a private residence.

Heading north you soon pass **Barby Village Primary School** on the left and descending into the village the road is lined by a ribbon of private dwellings beyond which stretch extensive agricultural land.

At the first junction to the right, Kilsby Road takes you to the main entrance of the **Village Hall**, whilst over the hedge there is an extensive **children's play area** also used for summer occasions such as the Church Fete.

Continuing north alongside the playground, Church Walk leads, unsurprisingly, to **St. Mary's C of E Church** the spiritual and geographical heart of the village. The foundations of St Mary's Church date from Saxon times (891 AD) and there are several Saxon carvings inside. The present church was built mainly in the 13th and 14th centuries.

Across the road it is well worth a walk down ancient Elkington Lane. At the end of the lane the footpath affords some stunning views as it descends to Onley Park, or turn left up to Barby Mill, or right on the bridleway down to Onley Lane where you can walk along the canal to Onley Park or follow Onley Lane back to Barby village.

Just past Elkington Lane, to the left is **Barby Village Stores and Post Office** and to the right the former village green is now given over to **allotments** run by Barby Townlands Charity.

As we leave the village, **The Arnold Arms**, our sole remaining Public House, sits on the junction with Ware Road. Opposite the pub sits the **Tennis Court** and community-run **Millennium Orchard**. The orchard has a BBQ and Boule area which can be used by anyone who wishes at no charge.

The main road then takes the short sharp drop down Cart Hill, heading straight on for Rugby, or bearing right for Hillmorton.



A Tour of Onley

Leaving the A45 is Onley Prison, which is the largest prison complex in Europe. The village of Onley is reached by turning right off the prison approach road. The Oxford canal runs behind Onley Park and a footpath leads up the hill to Barby village.

Onley has a Village Hall with showers, which can be hired for functions. There is a football field, children's play area, a tarmac surface ex-tennis court, and lots of open grassed area. Adjacent to Onley Park, is Onley Prison, the largest prison complex in Europe.

Activities

There's a lot going on for all ages. You will find a full list of clubs and groups on our website www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk. Just click on the Community Activities tab on the left of the home page. If you need any more information, just give the contact number a call. Remember, the best way to feel part of the village is to get involved!

You can keep track of current events by reading [Barby & Onley Village News](#) which is delivered to your door at the beginning of each month.

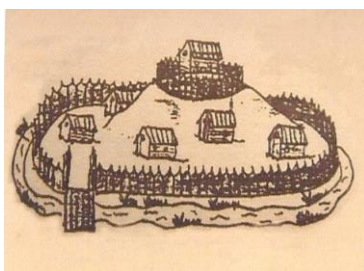
There is an active residents association "**OPRA**" at Onley Please contact Dawn Cotton (01788 815906, dawn.cotton@talktalk.net) to find out what's happening.

History

There is thought to be an Iron Age settlement located near Barby Wood Farm. An archaeological project is under way to investigate this further.

Barby's name came from the Old Norse Bergbyr = "hill Dwelling"; like Rugby, Kilsby, Badby and Oadby it was probably settled or renamed by Vikings.

Earthworks from a Norman castle can be found to the North of Castle Mound.



During WWII there was a Prisoner of War Camp located where Ashleigh Close is now. In 1946 the Camp became the village hall.

In 1967 the current Primary School was built and in 1971 the village purchased the old School from the Peterborough Diocese, and this centrally located building became Barby Village Hall.

There is a thriving local Historical Society if you wish to find out more...

Barby and Onley Parish Council

Barby and Onley Parish Council has 11 Councillors who work to ensure that the village's rural and forward thinking nature is preserved for generations to come. Elections are held every 4 years, the next Election will be in May 2029. Perhaps you would be interested in joining the Parish Council when you have settled in? contact the Clerk for more information.

Meetings are generally held at 7.30pm in Barby Village Hall, smaller room on the second Monday of the month, except for a break in August when there is no meeting.

Agendas and Minutes of previous meetings can be viewed on the parish website

www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

or can be viewed on the parish notice boards by Barby Shop, and at Onley.

Everyone is welcome to come along and there's always an opportunity to have your say when the meeting is opened to the public early on in proceedings.

If you'd like to get in touch with the Parish Council, please contact:

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77 High Street

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Northants NN6 6DD

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Andrew Simpson _____

Shopping and Amenities

As well as our own village shop, there are plenty of other places to shop in the area, with centres based around Rugby, Daventry, Coventry and Northampton.

Rugby



Rugby has a Sainsbury's and Tesco out of town, and an Asda, Lidl, Morrisons and Aldi in town.

There is a library.

Market days are Monday and Friday and Saturday.

Parking near the centre of town is via parking meter.

Daventry

Daventry has a population of 22400 and is a historic market centre with residential housing and industrial units surrounding it.

Markets are held on Tuesday and Friday with a farmers market on the first Saturday of the month.

Parking in Daventry is Free of Charge. There is a Tesco, Waitrose, Aldi, Boots and some local retailers and coffee shops.

The popular Country Park is on the edge of the town centre just off the A425.



Further Afield

The huge Bull Ring shopping centre in Birmingham is easily reached by train from Rugby, being next to Birmingham New Street station. Milton Keynes has a massive shopping mall and lots of parking and is about 45 minutes drive down the A5. Leamington Spa and Warwick have interesting antique and arts and crafts shops. Coventry, Northampton and Leicester can all be reached in 30 minutes by car and offer the sort of choice you'd expect from large city centres.

Post Offices

Barby has its own post office within Barby Village Stores **01788 890360** which opens from 9.00am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday and 9 – 12.30 on Saturday. Barby Post office offers a full parcel service, can provide foreign currency and free cash withdrawal for certain banks. Main post offices can be found in Rugby or Daventry.

Medical Centre

Crick Medical Centre (**01788 822203/824177**) provides a free medicine delivery service to Barby Village Stores for their patients.

Leisure

There are plenty of things to do around the area, including:-

- Daventry Country Park
- Cinema at Junction 1 Retail Park in Rugby
- Rugby Theatre
- Daventry Leisure Centre and swimming pool
- Rugby Sports Centre and Swimming pool
- Golf at Daventry Golf Club; Staverton Park near Daventry; Rugby Golf Club; Whitefields Hotel
- Sailing on Draycote Water, plus walking, cycling and picnic facilities.

Getting About

We are rather dependent on cars or bikes particularly at weekends but there is public transport available. A footpath map is located at the junction of Daventry Road and Kilsby Road.

Buses

The Number 10 bus stops on The Green, Barby opposite the Wood Turner's.

The bus for **Daventry** from Barby leaves at quarter past the hour on week days.

The bus for **Rugby** from Barby leaves at 4 minutes to the hour on week days.

There is a request stop at the top of the village near the school, and another at the bottom of Kilsby Road.

Current bus timetables can be obtained from the Parish Clerk (07864 579068)

clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk and can be viewed on the parish website www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Rail

The nearest train station is in Rugby where you can get main line trains to London and the North, and local trains to Northampton and Coventry. All three stations have plenty of pay and display parking. To get to the train station by bus from Barby, get off at Clifton Road outside Lawrence Sheriff School, walk towards town and then turn right into Railway Terrace. The station is at the bottom of the road, a 10 minute walk away.

Emergency and other useful contacts

Police

PCSO Tara Cooksammy Police Community Support Officer 03000 111 222 Xtn 3570	Daventry Police Station New Street Daventry NN11 4BS	Safer Community Team: SCTDaventryRuralSouth@northants.police.uk
	Emergency 999 Non emergency 101	Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Dom Fisher barbynhw@btinternet.com

Gas, Electricity, and Water

Anglian Water emergency line: 0845 145 145	National Grid emergency number: 0800 40 40 90	E.ON Central Networks Emergency loss of supply: 0800 056 8090
Severn Trent Sewerage 024 7771 5000	Street Lights Contact the Clerk 01788 891184	

Environment

Westnorthants Council 01327 871100	Abandoned Cars ELVIS 08456 121 999	West Northamptonshire Council Street Doctor(highways, pavements, and pothole issues) 0845 601 1113
Fly Tipping 01327 871100	Environment Agency 01562 60631	

Worship

St Marys C of E Church Barby	Rector Alistair Wood Tel 01788 726306	
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Clubs and Groups

For more information see “Community Activities” page of the parish website.

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