

Holmes Chapel Guide



Our Village, Local Clubs, Organisations and Services



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Introduction

This guide has been created by Holmes Chapel Partnership to provide general information about our village, the public services available, and the local clubs and organisations which you can join.

We hope that you find it useful and that, for newcomers in particular, it helps you join in with our very active village life.

Stuart Gammon, Chairman

What is Holmes Chapel Partnership?

The Partnership is a voluntary organisation which aims to both facilitate projects of benefit to the local community and promote the village – of which we are justly proud - to the wider community.

The group was formed in 2010 following the publication of the Holmes Chapel Parish Plan, with the initial aim of implementing as many of the major actions identified in the Plan as possible; it is a member of the Towns Partnership (which includes the Alsager, Congleton, Middlewich, Poynton and Sandbach Partnerships), allowing it to both benefit from the experience of similar groups and share its own successes.

The members of the Partnership are all volunteers, including residents and representatives from local schools, Holmes Chapel Parish and Cheshire East Councils and Everybody Sport & Recreation. Committee meetings are held monthly, (normally) on the 4th Wednesday – anyone is welcome to attend.

If you feel you would like to be involved in any of our projects or are interested in joining our committee, please get in touch.

Find out more

If you would like to find out more about the Partnership please look at the information:

- on our website: www.hcpartnership.org.uk
- on Facebook: Holmes Chapel Partnership
- on Twitter: @hcpartnership

Or you can contact us:

- by email: info@hcpartnership.org.uk
- in writing: c/o 41 Portree Drive, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7JB
- by phone: 01477 534394 (Stuart Gammon)

Please mention Holmes Chapel Partnership when contacting any of the organisations listed in this guide for the first time.

Note: This guide was correct at the time of printing. For the latest information, news and updates, please visit our website.

Holmes Chapel Partnership Projects and Events

Since its inception the Partnership has worked hard to make Holmes Chapel a great place to live for the local community. Working alone and with other groups it has completed a number of major projects since 2010, most of which originated from actions identified in the Parish Plan; to date, the Partnership has raised well over £300,000 in grant funding to help fund the projects.

Refurbishment of Village Play Areas

Starting with the play area in Middlewich Road, and working with the Parish Council, the Partnership took on the task of raising funds for and refurbishing the play area – originally provided by the Parish Council - adjacent to Holmes Chapel Primary School. The project took about 18 months from the formation of the working group which managed the process to the opening of the new play area in July 2013 by the Mayor of Cheshire East, Dorothy Flood.



Following the success of the Middlewich Road project, the working group moved on to refurbish the play area behind Elm Drive, which had originally been provided by the Elm Drive developers. Again, the project took about 18 months to complete, and the new play area was opened in July 2015 by local MP, Fiona Bruce.

Dane Meadow Improvements

The Dane Meadow is a recreation area in the northwest corner of the village. It had become very untidy and was used mainly by dog walkers and fishermen; in particular the steps down from Bramhall Drive and Moreton Drive had become dangerous.

In the Autumn of 2011 the Parish Council set up a joint project with the Partnership to improve the area, creating a bridleway, new ponds and nature areas and improving access (including special access and parking for disabled persons).

After a lot of hard work by everyone involved the much improved area was opened by Fiona Bruce, MP, in May 2014.



Health & Wellbeing Projects

Holmes Chapel Partnership is passionate about the Health & Wellbeing of the local community:

Cycling Village / Walking

Over the years the Partnership has researched and created a number of maps – for the local community and visitors – to promote cycling and walking. These include a set of suggested cycling routes in the village (avoiding main roads where possible), leisure cycling routes outside the village, and most recently walking routes.

Dementia Friendly Village

Dementia is a disease that is affecting more and more people throughout the world. Following guidance from the Alzheimer's Society, many communities across the UK are becoming Dementia Friendly.

In 2017 the Partnership decided to start a project to make the local community – residents, organisations, and businesses – aware of the challenges of Living with Dementia, and create a Dementia Friendly village. Having made the decision to become a Dementia Friendly Church, the Methodist Church established a Memory Café, and the Partnership is proud to support their work.

Sensory Garden

At the time of publication, the Partnership is involved in a project with the Village Volunteers to create a Sensory Garden in the area adjacent to the 'chit chat' benches (between the entrance roads to the Fire Station and the shopping precinct). It is envisaged that this will provide a restful area, full of colourful and scented flowers, shrubs and trees.

Regular Village Events

Village Fair (July)

The Village Fair has been run for many years by the Victoria Club on the sports field behind the club house. It was originally run on the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of May, but in 2016 the decision was taken to move it to July due to poor weather causing problems on the field. Each year there are a variety of stalls, a funfair, food and drink stalls and entertainment.

Celebrating Holmes Chapel (September)

This is a new event started by Holmes Chapel Partnership in 2017, and is a combination of a showcase for local groups and organisations and a traditional village show; the first event also included a Classic Car Show. The event takes place at the Community Centre.



Regular Village Events (continued)

Fireworks Display (November)

The traditional Fireworks display is run each year by the Victoria Club, and is very popular. As well as the fireworks, there is food and drink available at the event, which takes place on the club's sports field.

Remembrance Parade (November)

The local branch of the Royal British Legion organises a well-attended Remembrance Parade each year which makes its way to St. Luke's Church for the Remembrance service.

Christmas Market (December)

Holmes Chapel Partnership established the village's first Christmas Market in 2012, which took place in the car park at the rear of the Co-op supermarket. There was a good number of stalls, some run by local groups and charities, selling gifts, food and drink; entertainment was provided by local school children, dancers, and singers, and the event was compered by Chris Appleton. The Market is now a well-established event, run by the Partnership, and takes place on the first Sunday of December; each year it has got bigger and better and it has reached the point where there is a waiting list for stalls.



Christmas Eve Community Carol Singing

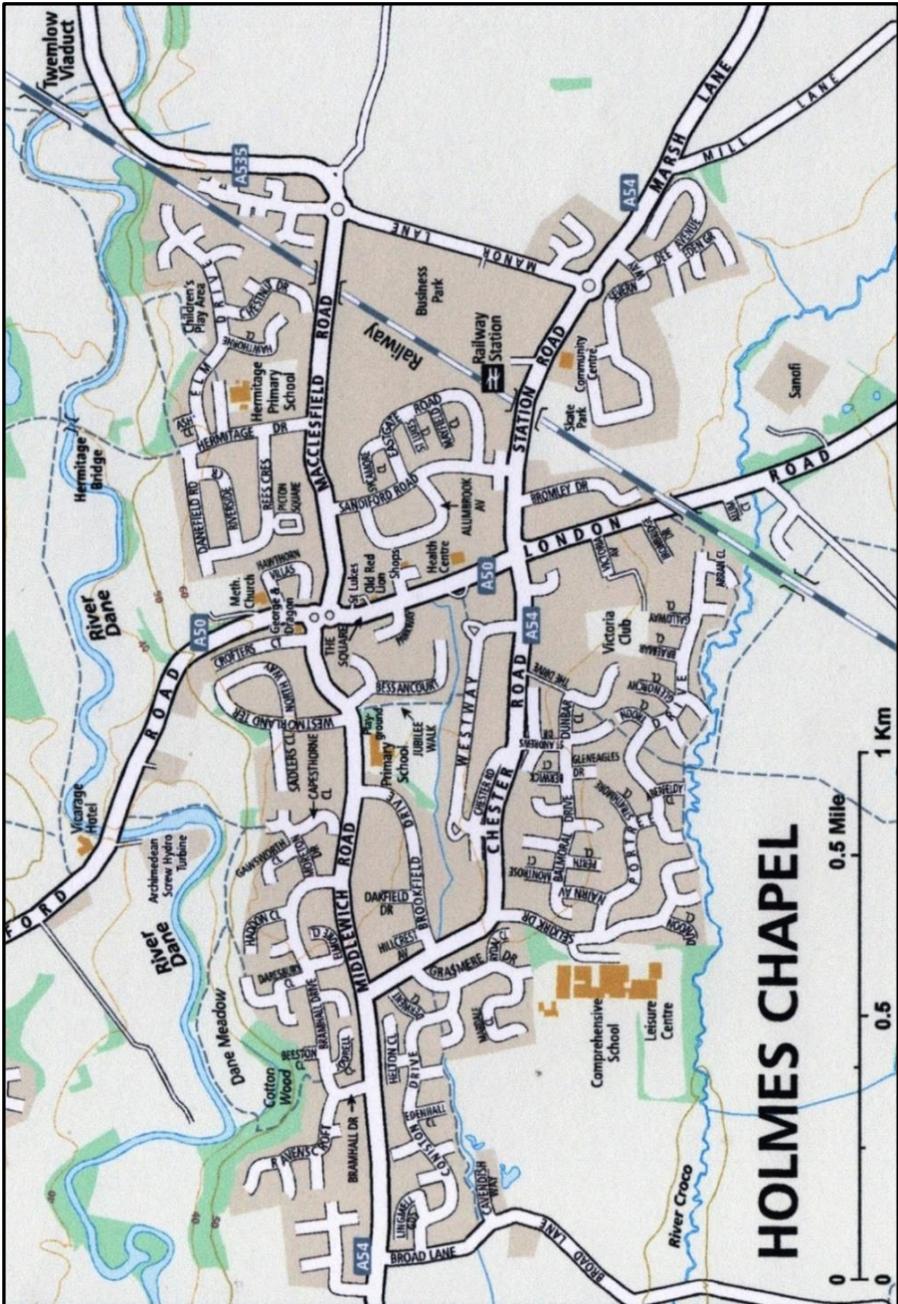
An idea from one person in 2003 has grown into this popular, much looked forward to event for many in our village, an event which over the years has raised in excess of £10,000 for local charities and The Christie Hospital. Run by volunteers from 41 Club and Tangent group, but always looking for new helpers, and hosted by the George and Dragon, all are welcome to come along at 6.00pm to the patio at the George to sing Christmas Carols for an hour.

Father Christmas Sleigh

Children of all ages look out for Father Christmas on his sleigh as he tours the estates of Holmes Chapel in the weeks leading up to Christmas. More volunteers are needed, individuals and organisations, to accompany Father Christmas on an evening rota basis. Donations are collected and shared between local charity organisations.

If you would be willing to help please contact: events@hcupartnership.org.uk

Map of the Village



A Brief History of Holmes Chapel

Holmes Chapel village centre is about a mile from Junction 18 on the M6, 20 miles north of Stoke on Trent and 25 miles south of Manchester. Originally on a drovers' route and then coaching routes it was a farming community which had strong transport links with surrounding towns. These links were further enhanced by the coming of the railways and more recently the M6. The impact on Holmes Chapel has been a growth from about 400 residents in the early 1800s to over 6000 now, and most of that growth has occurred since the 1950s and continues to this day.

Holmes Chapel is still quite compact and green fields can be reached within a mile of the centre in any direction. Furthermore it has retained its character as a village with a central parish church, several pubs and a good range of private shops.

Although surrounded by mixed farms there have been manufacturing industries in Holmes Chapel for a long time. There is evidence of early iron manufacturing in the area and more recent industries have been wallpaper and pharmaceuticals production. In the 1930s Benger's Food Company moved to Holmes Chapel from Manchester. The old buildings have now been demolished and the site is designated for commercial use and housing. Sanofi Aventis is still operating pharmaceuticals production from an adjacent site and will be expanding its operation over the next 5 years.

With good transport links it is not surprising that Holmes Chapel has grown rapidly, especially from 1970. Several modern housing estates have been developed around the centre along with the building of a secondary school, now Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School, medical facilities (a central Health Centre) and an extended public library.

In its infancy the village was known as Church Hulme but has also been known as Hulmes Chapel. Today the name Church Hulme is mainly used for the ecclesiastical Parish of Church Hulme, made up of the townships of Holmes Chapel, Cranage and Cotton.

A chapel has been a feature of the village since earliest times with a church present on the site from at least the 13th century when it was a chapel of ease to the mother church in Sandbach. The Parish Registers date from 1613 and some Bishops Transcripts from 1597. The village built up around the cross roads and the church, forming The Square which was a focal point of the village with many social functions including fairs and a cattle market. That is how it remained for many years with gradual development along the four arms of the crossroads.

In 1753 the village consisted of nineteen buildings, but in July of that year fifteen were destroyed by fire; the Church, the Old Red Lion and two cottages survived. Hence, most of the village buildings are no older than the 18th century.

The Old Red Lion dates from the 17th century (if not before), the earliest documentary evidence found being the will and inventory of Thomas Gandie dated 1625. Many travellers rested here with stage coaches calling daily. In 1738 John Wesley paid his first visit to Holmes Chapel whilst on route from Oxford to Manchester. He rested and preached a sermon at the Red Lion Inn.

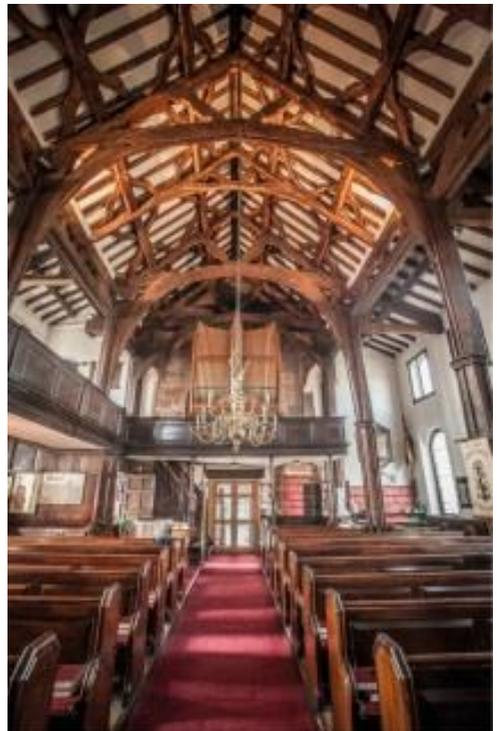
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Much of the development after the fire was paid for by the principal land owners, the Hall family, who lived at The Hermitage. Several buildings around Holmes Chapel can be seen with a stone showing TBH and a date. T.B.H. was the initials of Thomas Bayley Hall, the last member of the Hall family at The Hermitage. Thomas Bayley Hall's estates were sold to various people after his death in 1828.

A forge was established by 1840 although the site is now run by the Dale family as an agricultural engineers and farm supplier's store. Other family businesses which have existed for many generations include Mandeville's bakery (est. 1900) and Morrey's general hardware store (1850). Morrey's relocated to Manor Lane in 2014 and a Sainsbury's Local and Costa Coffee shops now occupy the original site.

The Square was bounded by the Bulls Head (demolished in 1948) and the old George and Dragon, which was demolished and rebuilt in its current location in 1970 to make way for the widening of Middlewich and Knutsford Roads.

The early history of St Luke's Church in Holmes Chapel is not clear, but there is a possibility that the site where the church now stands was a place of pagan worship before a church was built. The earliest indication of there being a church is 1265 when the abbot of Dieulacres Abbey near Leek gave permission to the abbot of Chester for services to be held in the "Chappell at Church Hulme". We don't know what that church looked like but as Holmes Chapel was even then at a busy North-South and East-West cross roads perhaps we should not be surprised that funding was provided for a new church in the 1430s. We believe this was donated by the Needham family who came from Derbyshire and settled in Cranage. The church they built would have been black and white timber framed building, a bit smaller than now but with the tower and wonderful vaulted roof as we see to this day. The church used to have tombs and stained glass in memory of the Needham family but they have all vanished.



During the Civil War there was a skirmish between Royalist and Parliamentary soldiers on 26th December 1643 and shots were fired from approximately where Barclays Bank is now. Two men were killed. You can see musket ball marks on the North face of the tower to this day, which are strongly believed to be as a result of the skirmish.

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The Conservation Area

The centre of the village of Holmes Chapel, around the Parish Church of St. Luke's, was designated a Conservation Area on 12th February 1974. The area is bounded by Middlewich Road and Macclesfield Road to the North and Parkway to the South.

The historic heart of the village contains a range of interesting buildings as well as the church, all with their own story to tell. The more we make people aware of the area and improve its attractiveness the more it will be valued by the community. Holmes Chapel Parish

Council, working with the Local History Group of the Holmes Chapel U3A, have recently started a programme of work to improve and raise awareness of the Conservation Area in the village.

Firstly they plan to add four interpretation panels around the area to explain a little about the history of the village. They recently received a grant from the Co-op in the village and the panels are expected to be in place by the Summer of 2018.

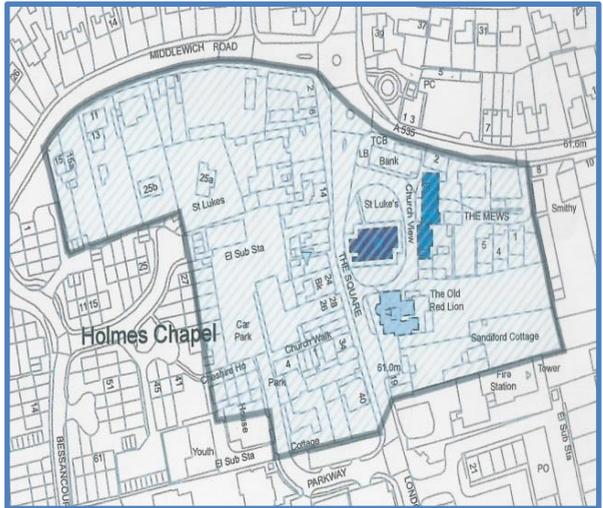
Next it is planned to add street signs in a heritage style. The village centre is surprisingly lacking in signs so we hope they will be useful as well as attractive features, whilst further defining the location of the Conservation Area.

The Parish Council is also circulating businesses in the area, with the aim of working together to improve the overall appearance of the area by ensuring all advertising signage works to the benefit of the business as well as enhancing the heritage character of the area.

Over the next few years the group plan to improve the appearance of a major walking route through the Conservation Area – Church Walk. Re-surfacing the path, adding new street furniture and lighting would make this an attractive route to some of our shops.

It is important that we preserve the historic heart of the village for the benefit of not only our own residents but also for visitors who will be encouraged to spend more time here and in so doing support the shops and keep the place a vibrant and attractive destination.

The village has an active Local History Group which is part of the Holmes Chapel and District U3A. For further information on the history of the village including many old photographs and the story of what happened during WW1 visit www.holmeschapelhistory.co.uk.



Churches

The three Churches in Holmes Chapel will always offer you a warm welcome to join them at their services or mid week activities.

St Margaret's Catholic Church

St Margaret's Catholic Church is situated on Macclesfield Road.
St Margaret Ward belongs to the Parish of St Mary's Middlewich.
Parish Priest Father Peter Dutton, 2 New King Street, Middlewich, CW10 9EB

Sunday Mass is at 9.00am.
Holydays and a monthly Mass followed by lunch happen as announced.

Our Schools: St Mary's Catholic Primary, Middlewich
St Nicholas Catholic High, Hartford, Northwich

Tel: 01606 832359
Website www.stmarysparishmiddlewich.org.uk
Email: stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com



St Luke's Church (Church of England)

The Parish of Church Hulme, St Luke's, is a listed building situated on London Road in the centre of the village.

"Making Christ known in the community of Holmes Chapel so that all can share in the joy of God's love."

Vicar The Rev. Paul Mason
 The Vicarage, 74 London Road
 CW4 7BD
 01477 533124

Hon. Assistant priest (retired)
 Canon Ron Smith
 01477 544072



Services

Sundays	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Morning Service
Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri	9.00am	Morning Prayer (short version)
Wednesdays	10.30am	Holy Communion

Genesis leader Fiona Pulle 01477 537796

Mother's Union:
 Carole Elliott 01477 533882 caroleelliott@hotmail.com
 Dorothy Wood onefurness@btinternet.com

Bible Study 1st and 3rd Weds each month, 7pm

CAMEO 1st Tuesday each month Contact: The Vicar

Church Hall lettings John Murfin Tel: 01477 532442

Website www.holmeschapelchurch.com

The Methodist Church

The Methodist Church is situated on Knutsford Road, CW4 7DE.

Minister Rev. Yvonne Pearson yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk

Tel : 01477 537085

Supernumerary (retired) Minister Rev. Pat Percival, 01270 879420

Built in 1900, the Church was renovated and extended in 2008 to accommodate our growing congregation. We are delighted that our modern building also gives us the opportunity to welcome many of our community groups to use our premises.



Services

Sunday	Morning Worship	10.30am	Creche
	Junior Church	10.30am	(from 3 years to teenage)
	Evening Worship	6.00pm	
Thursday	Celtic Worship	9.30am	(1 st and 3 rd Thursdays)

Website www.danetrentmethodist.org.uk

For further details of mid-week groups including:

- Messy Church (3rd Monday month – 3.30pm)
- Praise and Play (2nd Wednesday month - 9.30am)
- Bible Study (Monday pm)
- Prayer Meeting/Fellowship (Tuesday am and pm)
- Friday Forum (morning)
- Memory Café (1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays, 10.00am – 12 noon)

Contact:

Dorothy Davidson 01477 537679, email dedavidson1@aol.com

SECTION 4: LOCAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Holmes Chapel Christian Churches Working Together

The Churches Together Noticeboard is situated outside the Fire Station, next to the Village Noticeboard

- **CHRISTIAN COMMUNICARE** founded in 1981; our joint concern for the local Community
- **CHRISTMAS CARD** delivery to all homes and businesses (since 1994)
- **MILLENNIUM STONE** – permanent memorial for year 2000 near the Library
- **FUNDRAISING for CHRISTIAN AID:** collections: Lent Lunches & Social events
- **WALK OF WITNESS** every Good Friday
- **EVERY MONTH** - we pray together for our village

Contact: Peter Shackleton

pandbshack@gmail.com



Holmes Chapel Parish Council

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and the closest to the community they serve. They are elected bodies with statutory and discretionary powers and rights to represent their communities and provide services for them. The number of councillors is fixed by the local Borough or Unitary Council; in Holmes Chapel the Parish Council has 12 members who are elected by the community every 4 years.

The role of councillor involves attending meetings on about two Thursday evenings each month but those with time can get much more involved in the activities and promote what they believe would benefit the village. Each year they set a budget and raise funds (known as the precept) which are used to pay for the two Council staff, the office in Church Walk and to fund the activities which the council decides to carry out. The members are not paid and normally do not claim expenses.

The Parish Council is not 'party political' and people join the council to use their skills and knowledge to try and help improve our village. The current precept raised for the approximately 6000 residents is £209,000. So what is it spent on? The details can be found on the Parish Council web site www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk but below are some of the achievements from the last few years, sometimes supported by other groups in the village and by further grants:

- Re-paving the original tarmac footpaths in the village centre with stone pavements
- Developing an area of land owned by CEC into the Dane Meadow – our own country park
- Upgrading the Middlewich Road and Elm Drive Play Areas
- Purchasing the Holmes Chapel Community Centre site, upgrading the facilities and working with Everybody Sport & Recreation who now run the successful leisure club
- Working with the community to produce our own Neighbourhood Plan
- Improving the footpath along the River Croc

The Council works with other voluntary groups such as the Village Volunteers, the Holmes Chapel Partnership and Holmes Chapel U3A, and also builds relationships with Cheshire East Council to provide local knowledge about issues such as highways for which they are responsible.

Much work has been done recently reviewing the large number of planning applications relating to new housing in the area. The Parish Council is consulted about such matters but it is Cheshire East Council which makes the decisions and even they are over-ruled sometimes. Our efforts are to look at the detail using our local knowledge. We were able to ensure the planned T junction at the south end of Manor Lane was changed to a roundabout. We work hard to ensure any funds from developers (known as S106 money) are used to support local infrastructure and we are developing a vision of how we would like to see Holmes Chapel develop over the next 20 to 30 years.

If you have an interest in the village and have the time to spare why not talk to the Clerk to the Council or one of the councillors. You do not even need to wait to be elected as you can be co-opted on to a committee at any time.

Contact: Clerk (Sue Davies) clerk@holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk
Office Phone 01477 533934

Health Services

Holmes Chapel Health Centre

Our aim is to provide the best possible health care for you and your family. Our Practice is classified as semi-rural, based in a purpose-built health centre in the heart of the community in Holmes Chapel. We have a growing practice population, currently around 11,600 patients, served by an extended Primary Health Care team including doctors, practice and community nurses, reception staff, physiotherapists and health visitors. We are part of the East Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Contact: Paul Carroll, Practice Manager. 01477 533100 holmeschapel.healthcentre@nhs.net

Patient Panel

The Patient Panel is an independent body of 16 volunteer patients who work on behalf of all patients with the practice to improve services for all. Comments and feedback about experiences with the practice, good or bad, are gratefully received.

Contact with the Patient Panel is welcomed via the post box adjacent to the check-in screen located in the Health Centre entrance foyer.

Defibrillators are available at the following locations:

- Phone Box outside Barclays Bank, The Square, Holmes Chapel
- Phone Box at the corner of Westway and Chester Road, Holmes Chapel
- The Cedars Residential Home, Brookfield Drive, Holmes Chapel
- Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre, Selkirk Drive, Holmes Chapel
- The Co-operative, London Road, Holmes Chapel
- Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Road, Holmes Chapel
- Cranage Hall, Cranage.
- Woodside Golf Club, Knutsford Road, Cranage.

Dentist

Holmes Chapel Dental Practice

27 London Road

Holmes Chapel CW4 7AP,

Tel. 01477 533941, email: www.holmeschapeldentist.co.uk

Opticians

Bramwell

8 Macclesfield Rd

Holmes Chapel CW4 7NF

Tel. 01477 533169

Toleman

Holmes Chapel Health Centre

London Rd

Holmes Chapel CW4 7BB

Tel. 01477 537587

Holmes Chapel Library

Holmes Chapel Library provides more than just books; with a library membership card you can have free internet access, hire DVDs and CDs and read daily newspapers. We hold a weekly term-time Rhyme Time for under 5s – every Thursday 11.00 – 11.30am. No need to book, just turn up.

We also hold computer lessons for beginners – please enquire for our latest availability.

The library hosts many local groups in our community room – these include baby activity groups, Weightwatchers and Holmes Chapel Camera Club. The meeting room is available for hire – please ask the library for details.

Opening hours:	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	9.30am – 5.00pm
	Wednesday	Closed
	Thursday	9.30am – 7.00pm
	Saturday	9.30am – 1.00pm

Contact: 01477 689550, holmeschapel.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Schools

Hermitage Primary School

Hermitage Primary is a one form entry school. It was graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted in 2009. We became an academy in April 2014 giving us the opportunity to do the very best each and every day for our pupils. "We believe that effective learning is achieved in a secure environment where everyone is happy, stimulated, challenged and feels valued as an individual."

Contacts:

Laura Bevan, Admin. admin@hermitage.cheshire.sch.uk

Mrs Helen Ross, Head Teacher

Tel: 01477 532838

Holmes Chapel Primary School

Holmes Chapel Primary School exists to enable its pupils to enjoy learning, achieve their full potential and be happy and successful.

Children leave our school highly literate and numerate, but also with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to think, question, evaluate and challenge, making informed choices appropriately. Independence, resilience, imagination and creativity are nurtured and time for reflection is valued and encouraged. Standards of behaviour are high.

Contacts:

Mrs Smeaton, Admin admin@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Mrs Scott Head head@holmeschapelprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Tel: 01477 533336

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School and Sixth Form College

The School and College sit in very attractive grounds in a semi-rural location just off Selkirk Drive. Judged as outstanding at its last Ofsted inspection, it is a Teaching School and one of only five Science Learning Centres serving the North West of England.

Contacts:

Denis Oliver Executive Headteacher

Jeff Sharp Head of School

Tel: 01477 689500

Email: office@hccs.info

Police

Our Police Community Support Officer

I am PCSO Liz Chesters, and I am part of Sandbach Police Station. My main areas of responsibility are Dane Valley and Brereton Rural.

Originally from Crewe I moved to Sandbach in 2006 with my family. I have worked in previous customer service roles and managed a complaints team for a mobile networking company.



I have always been interested in the police, and in February 2017 I embarked on the application process to become a Police Community Support Officer as I decided it was time to dedicate myself in policing the communities of Cheshire. I have always had a passion for improving the quality of life for the public and therefore saw this as an opportunity to help others. As a resident close to the areas that I am responsible for, I am in tune and familiar with local people and local issues.

My main priority is to ensure the residents, businesses and visitors within the Holmes Chapel community have access to a good quality of life, and that means listening to, and acting upon, issues that are important to them.

With me being a new face to Holmes Chapel, I am also ensuring that I have a visible presence in the village and at local events. I think the presence of police in the village provides reassurance and allows local residents to have a point of contact.

I am keen on engaging with the younger community of Holmes Chapel as I really believe that education about the implications of their behaviour can help reduce crime and antisocial behaviour. I also regularly engage with the elderly in our village and ensure I visit them when I am available to have a chat about what concerns they may have.

I work a varied shift pattern to meet the varying demands for service we respond to, but would ask that if you need to contact me directly, call 101 where you can leave a message, or email me directly at liz.chesters@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Holmes Chapel Community Centre

Holmes Chapel Community Centre is owned by Holmes Chapel Parish Council and operationally managed on a day-to-day basis by Everybody Sport & Recreation. The Community Centre offers a range of fantastic brand new facilities for the community such as:

- 48 station fitness suite
- Fitness Class Studio
- Personal Training
- Changing facilities
- Sauna, steam room & Jacuzzi
- Rugby Pitch and grass surface playing areas
- Taste for Life Cafe and Bar
- A range of funded health and lifestyle programmes to help you lose weight, become more active, falls prevention programmes and healthy eating cookery courses.
- Training and meeting rooms available to hire for social events, parties, meetings, conferences and much more.
- Catering and refreshments available for your meeting and events.
- Looking for somewhere to hold your business meetings? Taste for Life is a perfect place to host meetings and business lunches. Please contact the centre direct for a catering menu. Taste for Life can now be booked for exclusive functions upon request.



If you would like to book a show round or find out more information about the facilities please visit www.everybody.org.uk or contact HCCC@everybody.org.uk telephone 01477 689557
You can find us: Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Road, Holmes Chapel, CW4 8AA

Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre

Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre offers lots of activities including:

- Football
- Badminton
- Children's parties
- Fitness suite - open every day
- Fitness Classes.
- Special events including: HC Music Society, HC Singers, and Antique Fairs, School holiday fun activities including Splat Creative.
- Hall hire for playing sports events and birthday parties

Leisure Centre Parties

Let us take the strain out of your children's birthday party. We offer a range of superb parties for children of all ages and interests at a reasonable price, without the inconvenience of having your home turned upside down for the day.

Available Parties: Bouncy Castle and Equipment Party, Sports Party, 3G Football Party (outdoor), Roller Skating Party (External Partner), Holmes Chapel Hurricanes Soccer School, and much more.



3G Pitch

Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre manages bookings for this brilliant 3G synthetic pitch facility on behalf of Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.

The pitch is fully floodlit, can be booked as one 11-a-side pitch or three 7-a-side pitches and includes a spectator area, complete with covered seating.

Current customers include Cheshire FA leagues, Walking Football Teams, Junior Soccer Schools and more!



For further details or to make a booking, contact: 01477 689552 or email hclc@everybody.org.uk

You can find us: Selkirk Drive, Holmes Chapel CW4 7DZ.

Local Transport

Information on any journey can be obtained from: www.traveline.info.

Trains

Services run north to Manchester (either via Stockport or Manchester Airport) and south to Crewe.

The ticket office at the station is open on Mondays to Fridays from 06:35 to 13:05 and on Saturdays from 07:35 to 13:55. Tickets must be bought at the ticket office whenever it is open, otherwise can be bought on trains. Printed timetables are available from the ticket office.

Train times for any journey are available on ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/service/planjourney/search.

Buses

Service 42 stops on London Road near the Precinct, (and at other points) and runs as follows:

- from the Precinct side of the road to Middlewich, Leighton Hospital and Crewe.
- from the Lovell Court side of the road to Congleton

Service 319 stops on London Road near the Precinct, and runs:

- from the Precinct side of the road to Sandbach
- from the Lovell Court side of the road to Goostrey.

Printed timetables for both services are available in the Library.

Special Tickets

“Wayfarer” tickets allow a day’s travel on most public transport services in Greater Manchester and beyond, including:

- trains and trams, after 09.30 Monday to Friday, and all day at weekends and on public holidays.
- buses, all day (only valid north and east of Northwich, Knutsford, Chelford and Congleton)

Wayfarer tickets are available at the station ticket office and on trains.

“Duo” tickets cover off-peak rail journeys to selected stations, allowing half-price travel for one of two adults travelling together.

“Cheshire Day Ranger” tickets allow a day’s travel on off-peak rail services in Cheshire and surrounding areas.

Full details of the availability of these tickets can be obtained from the station ticket office.

Activities and Sports

Badminton – Golden Shuttle Group

A non-league, wide ranging age group of 16 – 70+ years, who enjoy the game to a friendly and mixed standard. It is not necessary to play every week. One doubles court is block booked, but extra courts are available. Friday evenings, 9 – 10pm plus a bar afterwards at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre.

Contacts: Mike Lockett 01477 534505 ayluckett@btinternet.com
 Brian Donlon 01477 534074 brichrisdonlon@outlook.com

Badminton Club – Holmes Chapel www.holmeschapelbadmintonclub.org.uk

Anyone who is familiar with the game is welcome to join us from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Thursday evenings at the Leisure Centre.

We also play matches in the Crewe and District League.

Contact: Andrew Earl Secretary 0795 7122 967, Andrew@earl.me.uk

Bridge Club – Holmes Chapel www.bridgewebs.com/holmeschapel

We play duplicate bridge with a members night on Mondays. We have about 50 active members. Other bridge venues are active during the day time and evenings, so join us. All standards are catered for. We are not associated with the EBU but you do have to pay to play!

Contact: John Thompson, Secretary 01477 533926

Bridge Club – Sandbach and District

Sandbach and District Bridge Club meets at Cranage Village Hall every Wednesday night at 7.30 pm..

Contact: Ann or Ian Bates 01477 537589.

Bridge Club – The Village Bridge Club

The Village Bridge Club was formed approximately 15 years ago by a group of local people, and now meets every Tuesday and Thursday between 9.30am and 12.30pm at the Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel. New members are welcome

Contact: Val Cleary Secretary 01477 534218 val.denis@btinternet.com

Chess Club www.holmeschapelchess.co.uk

This is a thriving club which enters teams in both the North Staffs League and the Stockport League. Club night is Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Victoria Club, and we play on other days during the season which runs from October to April. If you are interested in playing chess please contact either of the following.

Contacts: Ian Bates 01477 537589 i.bates@lineone.net
 John Turner 01477 535331 turnergate@gmail.com

Activities and Sports (continued)

Cycling – SECCAG (South East Cheshire Cycle Action group)

This is a group of people keen to promote cycling as a viable alternative to the car for everyday transport. We have produced maps suggesting ways of getting around the area without going on main roads and are trying to improve the cycle infrastructure in the area by engaging with Cheshire East Planning and Highways. For more information

Contact: Harry Brooks, Chairman 01477 549703 enquiries@seccag.org.uk

Holmes Chapel Cricket Club

An ECB registered club running teams in the Cheshire League structure. We currently run two senior teams playing Saturday league cricket, and welcome players of any age and ability. Based at The Victoria Club on Victoria Avenue, we have a superb pitch which is overlooked by a patio area - which is a real sun trap during the summer months and an ideal setting to enjoy a game of cricket and a drink. Practice nets are on Wednesday evenings during the season, 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

Contact: Martin Cummins 01477 534617 martinbrio@aol.com

Holmes Chapel Harriers Running Club

We meet every Wednesday and Friday at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre at 6.30pm and return at 7.30pm. We are open to all ages, abilities, men and women.

Contact: Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre 01477 689552

Holmes Chapel Hurricanes Football Club

www.holmeschapelhurricanes.co.uk

This is a Charter Status club running teams in the age groups U8 to U18 years and open age category, including girl's teams at U11, U13 and U15 age groups. We work closely with local schools and sports clubs on whom we are dependent for use of pitches and facilities. To cater for younger children the club now runs a very active Soccer School for pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2. The Soccer School runs on Saturdays 9.00 -10.00am at HC Primary School and the Leisure Centre. Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome.

Contact: Tim Sheldon 07718 801968 tim.sheldon@btinternet.com

Holmes Chapel Rugby Club

Holmes Chapel Rugby Club plays competitively in the South Lancs/North Cheshire Leagues. We are a fully RFU affiliated club and are always happy to welcome new members, both on and off the field – or maybe come along as a spectator to enjoy the rugby.

Home games are on Saturday afternoons during the season, and training is on Tuesday evenings.

Contact: Mike Corfield 07771 812218 mike.p.corfield@gmail.com

Activities and Sports (continued)

Karate Club – Koshido Ryu (Holmes Chapel)

We are a friendly club who practise Shukokai karate, a traditional style martial art that keeps you fit too. Beginners are always welcome at any time and no experience is needed, just turn up on the night and join in. The first lesson is free so come along and try!

Venue: Holmes Chapel Leisure centre (small hall). **Times:** 7.00 – 8.30pm Fridays.

Contacts: Karl Barlow 01606 49884 / 0782 5393462 karlbarlow@hotmail.com
James Street 07732 630050 jstreet1990@hotmail.co.uk

Victoria Club

www.TheVicClub.co.uk

Please see also the entry under Social Groups

The Victoria Club has two full size snooker tables, a pool table, three all-weather tennis courts, crown green bowling and the village's only cricket pitch with an all-weather track and practice nets. The Sports bar has Sky HD and BT Sport showing Premiership football and major sporting events.

Contact: The Steward 01477 535858 steward@thevicclub.co.uk



Arts and Crafts

Byley Art Group

The group meets at Byley Village Hall every Tuesday from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. An annual exhibition is usually held on the last weekend of September. New members are always welcome.

Contacts: Brenda Sharples Chairman 01606 832116 jnbsharples@yahoo.co.uk
Ken McKern. Secretary 01565 649119

Cranage 2000 Art Group

www.cranageartclub.co.uk

The group meets most Mondays (Bank Holidays excluded) at Cranage Village Hall, 7.00 - 9.30pm. In the summer there are sessions 'En Plein Air' (painting outside), weather permitting (contact the organisers for details); we also have guest speakers and group drawing sessions. Artists of all abilities are welcome to join our friendly group.

Contacts: David Reid, Chairman 01565 651247 profdrj@yahoo.com
Dot Wilson, Secretary 01477 537580 dotwilson70@btinternet.com

Goostrey and Holmes Chapel Art Club

The Club meets on Wednesday evenings between 7.00 and 9.30pm at Goostrey Village Hall.

The Club organises regular demonstrations and workshops provided by local artists and members, and also undertakes holidays and outings. There are two exhibitions a year, one at Goostrey and the other in Holmes Chapel.

Contacts: Richard Stockell 01477 500596 rich@rdstockell.plus.com
Jean Alcock 01477 533227 windrush@talktalk.net

Wednesday Art Group

The group meets on Wednesday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm in St Luke's Church Hall. There are no formal proceedings; members do their own thing but, if needed, help is always on hand. As well as enjoying their painting, members also enjoy good fellowship over their tea and coffee refreshments.

Contact: Mike Cooke 01477 537880 cookehelton@tiscali.co.uk



Charities

Cancer Research Campaign – Holmes Chapel Local Committee

The object is to raise funds and collect donations for Cancer Research UK.

If anyone has any donations or feels that they could help to organise a fund raising event for us, please contact either

Contacts: Shirley Rogers 01477 571468 shirlan@tiscali.co.uk
Kim Jones 01477 535115 kbjones@btconnect.com

Guide Dogs – Holmes Chapel and Congleton Fundraising Group

We are a group of volunteers who are focussed on raising funds for Guide Dogs. We aim to run something fundraising most months, including collections, bag packs, coffee mornings and afternoon teas, stalls at events and are very happy to try other ideas.

We usually include children's activities at our events and specialise in excellent home-baked cakes! New volunteers are welcome, whether they wish to help occasionally or more often

Contact:

Kathy Cline Hughes, Group Coordinator 07817 009998 kathy.clinehughes@gmail.com

St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice – Holmes Chapel Support Group

We organise events from Coffee mornings and Street Collections to Jazz/Country/Blues evenings throughout the year to raise funds for the Hospice. The Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at members' homes to plan activities, and we have a network of 'friends' who assist at events.

Contacts:

Dennis Eborall, Chairman 01477 532407 dmeborall@hotmail.com
Roz Sunderland Secretary 01477 535323 rozsunderland@outlook.com



Dance and Music

Caledonian Society

www.sandbachcaledonian.co.uk

Holmes Chapel residents are welcome to join Sandbach & District Caledonian Society. There is Scottish Country Dancing every Tuesday in the Literary Institute, Hightown, Sandbach CW11 1AE as follows:-

Beginners from 7 pm, General Dancing from 7:30 – 9:30 pm.

Contacts: : Rosemary Baxter 01477 535315 rosemary.baxter@tiscali.co.uk
 Eileen Bamber 01270 569126 eileen@bamberuk.com
 Beginners should contact Kim on 07742 520 200 kkimbillie2@aol.com

Holmes Chapel Chorus

Holmes Chapel Chorus is a friendly choir meeting on Mondays at 7.30pm at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church. We give concerts to support charities, and include all types of music. All are welcome and no auditions or experience are necessary.

Contacts: Julie Barker 01606 833064 julie.barker1952@gmail.com
 Kim Jones 01477 535115 kbjones@btconnect.com

Holmes Chapel Music Society

www.themusicsociety.org.uk

This society was formed in 1972 with the aim of bringing the highest standard of musical performance to this area of Cheshire. Concerts by professional musicians, many internationally renowned, are held monthly in the small hall of Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre on Saturday evenings from September to April each year.

The atmosphere is friendly and informal, with performers encouraged to introduce their music. Non-members are very welcome at the concerts. The society also organises monthly visits for members to travel by coach to the Halle Orchestra Opus One concerts in the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester.

Contacts: Dr Martin Hudson, Hon Secretary 01477 532527
 Jane Perrins, Chairman 01477 537769
 or via the email on the web-site

Holmes Chapel Singers

An established choir that sings a wide range of classical music – Mozart, Handel, Elgar, and also contemporary composers such as Karl Jenkins, Bob Chilcott. No auditions. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 8.00 – 10.00pm at Hermitage Primary School, Hermitage Drive.

Contact: Mike Oliver 01477 537982 mikesueoliver@talktalk.net

St Luke's Community Choir

An informal and friendly choir, singing a variety of light music, with an emphasis on singing for fun. Membership is open to all and there is no audition or requirement to be able to read music. The choir meets on Wednesdays from 8.00 to 9.30pm in St Luke's Church Hall. Cost £2 per week.

Contact: 01477 533718.

Interest Groups

Arts Society Dane Valley

www.theartssocietydanevalley.org

ASDV offers a superb monthly lecture programme covering all aspects of the arts such as paintings, sculpture, ceramics, mosaics, furniture and more, plus involvement in heritage and conservation projects. Inspirational, monthly illustrated lectures by renowned experts covering a wide range of arts subjects are held at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding July and August) at 7.30pm. In addition there are occasional visits to places of interest.

Contact: ASDV Committee, 07856 721087 danevalley@theartssociety.org

Bell Ringers - St Luke's Church

The ancient art of church bell ringing has been practised for many centuries. The small St Luke's group ring every Sunday and practise on Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

New ringers are very welcome. As long as you are tall enough, age and gender don't matter. Come and see us.

Contacts: Mervyn Harrison 01477 537187 mervyn-harrison@lineone.net
John Murfin 01477 532442 johnmurfin@talktalk.net

Friends of Dane Meadow

This is a group set up to involve the community in the conservation and management of the Dane Meadow – the country park on our doorstep. If you are interested in joining us and making either a physical contribution or lending us your expertise, we would be delighted.

Contact: Hazel Sutcliffe, Co-ordinator 01477 535374 danemeadow@hcpartnership.org.uk

Gardening Group – Holmes Chapel

We are an enthusiastic group of about thirty people who enjoy all aspects of horticulture.

We meet at the Methodist Church, usually on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. There is a small subscription or you can pay on the door. Sometimes we visit gardens of interest both locally and further afield.

Please see details on the Village Noticeboard

Gooseberry Club - Holmes Chapel and District

The Club was founded in 1835 and is now one of only nine clubs left in the Country, eight of them being in Cheshire.

The Gooseberry Show held in the Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel, is always on the last Saturday of July starting at 1.00pm; admission is free and visitors are always welcome.

Contact: David Monks, Chairman 01477 532935
Malcolm Quayle, Secretary 01477 533561

Interest Groups (continued)**HC Photographic Society**www.hcphotographicsociety.org.uk

HC Photographic Society has been an active part of the community for over twenty five years and is affiliated to The Lancashire and Cheshire Photographic Union. We meet every other Thursday at 7.45pm, September to May, in Holmes Chapel Library. Our varied programme of meetings includes external speakers, workshops, competitions with both internal and external judging and folio review evenings. We welcome photographers with all levels of experience.

Contacts Chris Davies Chairman chris@correctaperture.com
 Teresa McFarquhar Secretary 01477 534117, teresamcfarquhar@gmail.com

Home Grown in Holmes Chapelwww.hghc.weebly.com

We are a group of volunteers with a common interest in growing fruit, vegetables and community spirit! We grow in various spaces around the village and produce is free for EVERYONE to pick and enjoy. Come and join us at one of our monthly digs – everyone is always welcome!

Contacts: Sue Mitchell 01477 532064 hghc@gmx.com

U3A – Holmes Chapel and Districtwww.holmeschapelu3a.org.uk

The U3A (University of the Third Age) is a self-help organisation for people who are retired, semi-retired or no longer in full time employment. It provides opportunities for members to share learning experiences and to pursue educational, creative and leisure activities in a friendly environment.

Our monthly meeting is generally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding July and August) in Holmes Chapel Methodist Church Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon. Full details of all our activities are available on our web site.

Contact: Terry Dykes 01477 535499 chairman@holmeschapelu3a.org.uk

Village Volunteerswww.holmeschapelvillagevolunteers.org.uk

We are a group of local residents who meet regularly to tend and improve public green spaces and litter-pick in and around our village. We meet in the Precinct on the second Sunday in the month from 10.00 to 12.00 as well as occasional Monday evenings in the summer. New members are always welcome.

If you would like more information about the group's activities please make contact as detailed below. Our programme of working sessions for the year can be found on the Holmes Chapel Parish Council web site.

Contact: John Clowes 01477 532266 parish@johnclowes.co.uk

Pre-School

Bumps, Babes and Toddlers

Bumps, Babes and Toddlers meet every Monday morning during the school term, and occasionally in the holidays. We are affiliated to the Methodist Church and meet in their halls from 9.30 to 11.00am. It is a popular group where parents and carers can meet up with their pre-school children for a play, craft, snack, cup of coffee and a chat.

Contacts: Fiona Smith 01477 535713 fi@paulandfi.co.uk
 Laura Kerr 07969 298151 lauralizkerr@gmail.com

Busy Bees

www.busybeeschildcare.co.uk/nursery/holmes-chapel

Situated on Manor Lane, Holmes Chapel, we are a day nursery accepting children from 0 – 5 years. Open daily from 7.30am – 6.30pm, we invite you to come and visit our Ofsted rated (2016) 'outstanding' purpose-designed nursery and discuss how we can offer the highest quality care for your child(ren).

Contact: Kelly Halman holmeschapel@busybees.com

Community Pre School

www.hccp.org.uk

Our Community Pre-School has been committed to providing high quality child care in the village for over 45 years. The extensive knowledge of the highly qualified, friendly and experienced Pre-School staff, alongside the rich environment provided, supports the learning and development of each individual child. We offer exceptional Pre-School education for children aged two to school age for a range of sessional care between the hours of 9.00 am - 3.00 pm during term time. We are conveniently located within the grounds of Holmes Chapel Primary School, which aids a smooth transition for their next step with their education.

Contact: Pre School 01477 537375 holmeschapelcps@gmail.com

Happy Days Nursery School

www.happydaysnursery.net

Located at both primary schools, Happy Days offers outstanding childcare with a seamless transition into school. Our dedicated team of friendly, highly trained staff have a thorough understanding of how children develop and learn.

We offer half, full or extended day sessions and are open from 8am-6pm for 51 weeks per year.

Contacts: Debbie (Jubilee Walk) 01477 544373 admin1@happydaysnursery.net
 Sharon (Hermitage Drive) 01477 549002 admin2@happydaysnursery.net

School Age Activities

Fire Cadets

www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/young-people/cadets

The Fire Cadet Scheme provides young people aged 12 to 17 years with an exciting insight into working within a uniformed service, whilst also encouraging the young people to develop self-discipline and team-work through a range of practical activities.

The Fire Cadets meet every Monday evening 6.30 – 8.30pm at Holmes Chapel Fire Station.

Contact: Cadet Leader, Holmes Chapel Fire Station Cadet17@cheshirefire.gov.uk

Girlguiding - Holmes Chapel District

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Girlguiding, the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, has two Rainbow units (for girls aged 5 – 7 years), three Brownie units (for girls aged 7 - 10 years), two Guide Units (for girls aged 10 - 14 years) and one Ranger Unit (for girls aged 14 years upwards) in Holmes Chapel.

Contacts: Claire Bevan 01477 537762 clairebevan18@btinternet.com
Karen Cragg 01477 534844 kjcragg@aol.com

Scouting

www.holmeschapelscoutgroup.co.uk

Ist Holmes Chapel Scout group provides a range of Scouting activities for boys and girls aged between 6 and 14 years.

The Beaver section caters for 6 – 8 years old, the Cub section is for 8-10½ years old, and Scouts for 10½-14 years old, with meetings on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays.

Contact: Scout leader 0844 567 9508 gsl@holmeschapelscoutgroup.co.uk
1st Holmes Chapel Scout Group, Scout HQ, Parkway, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7BA

Viking Explorer Scout Unit

Explorers are the 4th section of Scouting for boys and girls aged 14 to 18 years. Vikings (VESU) meet weekly in Holmes Chapel. New members are always welcome and do not have to previously been a Scout. Members have the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme as well as the Scouting awards. There is also a Young Leaders scheme where Explorers help with some of the other Scouting sections. The Explorer Scout programme is designed to encourage independence through activity and adventure as well as encouraging involvement in community activities.

Contact: vikingexplorers8@gmail.com

There are numerous after-school clubs and creative groups such as dance schools, art and craft, and baking, which are run on a commercial basis and therefore are not listed in this Guide.

We encourage you to look at local advertisements for the full availability

Social Groups

41 Club – Holmes Chapel and District

Our membership comprises ex Round Tablers and like-minded men over the age of 45 years. We meet monthly for a meal and some form of social activity on the last Thursday of the month.

If you would like to know more,

Contact: Alan Hewitt Chairman alan@hewitt-trucks.co.uk

Focus Group

We explore our spirituality through monthly talks on travel, charities, items of general interest, Christian themes and social events, including a party in January and an outing in May. We welcome both men and women. We meet on the second Friday of each month between September and June at 8:00pm in the Methodist Church.

Contacts: Barbara Smith 01477 537301 barbara.smith47@hotmail.com
David Carr 01477 532412 davidcarr08@btinternet.com

Holmes Chapel Community Cinema (HC3) <http://hc3.uk/>

HC3 brings big-screen films to the heart of the Village, using professional projection and sound equipment. We aim to screen one film each month. Please see the website or the Library notice board for details.

Contacts: Bill Bowers, Chairman 01477 533865 bill.bowers@talk21.com
Judith Nichols, Secretary 01477 533995 nicholsjudith37@yahoo.co.uk

Holmes Chapel Older People's Association

We run eight day trips a year from April to November for people over 60; younger partners, friends and family are welcome to accompany our members. Our AGM is held in February.

Contact: Kathleen Alsop 01477 533904 jonka1934@talktalk.net

Ladies Probus - Church Hulme

This is a non-denominational organisation for retired or semi-retired ladies. Our activities include mainly speakers, an annual quiz, summer lunch and other social events and outings.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at Cranage Village Hall, 2pm – 4pm.

Contacts: Ann Porter, President 01477 532703
Roz Sunderland, Secretary rozsunderland@outlook.com

Social Groups (continued)

Ladies Probus – Holmes Chapel and District

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm in St Luke's Church Hall, apart from January when we have our New Year lunch and August when we hold our Garden Party in a member's garden to raise funds for the President's chosen charity. We also have a Summer lunch in June.

We hold our AGM in February and the President holds office for one year.

Contacts: Maureen O'Keefe, President 01477 537285

Gill Walker, Secretary

01477 549197

gill@kingsworthy.net

Ladies Probus – Jodrell

Just retired or about to? Would you like to join a group of friendly, lively-minded ladies? Jodrell Ladies Probus could be just what you are looking for. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church for a pleasant afternoon listening to excellent speakers. We also enjoy outings throughout the year.

Contacts: Margaret Wilson President

01477 534569

johnmarg_hc@hotmail.com

Sue Dykes Membership Sec.

01477 535499

suedykes@hotmail.co.uk

NWR - National Women's Register

www.nwr.org.uk

We are the Holmes Chapel Branch of the National Women's register.

We meet fortnightly, at 8.00pm on Tuesday evenings at a member's home, where we enjoy conversation and exchange views on a wide range of topics other than those of domestic interest.

Contact: Angela Lockett

01477 534505

ay.lockett@btinternet.com

More to Life

This group is for women who ask, 'is there more to life than this?' Through a mix of topics – beauty, well women, discussion, hands on craft, laughter and friendship we explore the glimpses of spirituality hidden in everyday life.

We meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7.30pm in Holmes Chapel Methodist Church.

Contacts: Julia Tomes 01606 738478

julia.tomes51@hotmail.co.uk

Patricia Cotton 01477 537491

papscotton@sky.com

Probus – Church Hulme Men's

Our friendly, non-sectarian and non-political club is open to retired or semi-retired professional and business men. Our meetings are held in St. Luke's Church Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm where guest speakers are invited to talk on a vast range of interesting subjects. Our activities include golf, bowls, summer BBQ/hog roast, outings and an annual dinner for members and their wives.

Contact: Richard Garton, Secretary 01477 534313

richardgarton669@gmail.com

Social Groups (continued)

Probus – Holmes Chapel Men's

Membership is open to retired or semi-retired professional and business men, to promote fellowship between its members. The club is both non-sectarian and non-political with activities organised by members – i.e. interesting speakers, bowling, golf, dinners.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm in Holmes Chapel Methodist Church.

Contact: Roy Foden 01477 535924 hcprobus.sec1@btinternet.com

Tangent – Holmes Chapel and District

Tangent is a club for ladies whose husbands / partners are members of Holmes Chapel 41 Club or who have been members of other Ladies' Circle or Tangent clubs in other regions. The club meets on the first Thursday in each month. We have a varied programme of activities including theatre trips, walks, speaker evenings and quizzes, so meetings are held at different venues each month.

Contact: Carol Rebbeck, Secretary carol.rebbeck@tiscali.co.uk

Trefoil Guild – Jodrell

Trefoil welcomes all who have been involved in any aspect of Guiding. Although you may join Trefoil from aged 18 years, our current members from Holmes Chapel and the surrounding area do tend to be slightly older! We meet on the first Tuesday of the month and vary between day time and evening meetings. We enjoy a varied programme including speakers, visits out, interest and games evenings. Come and join us, it's a great way of still having fun in Guiding, especially as we are often invited to Guiding events locally and at County level.

Contact: Dorothy Davidson 01477 537679, dedavidson1@aol.com
Jo Pierpoint 01477 549505, jo@pierpoint.force9.co.uk

Victoria Club

www.TheVicClub.co.uk

Please see also the entry under Activities and Sports

Situated in the centre of Holmes Chapel, the welcoming and family-friendly Vic Club has been established for over 90 years, offering the local community a variety of sports and social facilities for all ages.

The lovely south facing patio overlooks the cricket pitch providing a safe and secure area which is really popular with families in the warmer weather. The club has a large function room with a bar which is popular for many celebrations and fund raising events. There is a fully fitted kitchen which can be hired to provide refreshments and meet the catering needs of any occasion.

Contact: Steward 01477 535858 steward@thevicclub.co.uk

Social Groups (continued)

Wednesday Memory Cafe

Opened in 2018 by the Methodist Church and run by volunteers from the Church and Community, the cafe particularly welcomes those living with dementia in our village (those with dementia and their carers). A variety of activities including indoor skittles, table tennis, table games, jigsaws, art and crafts, sing -a -longs, give much fun and laughter along with chatting and reminiscing over coffee and biscuits.

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of month. 10.00am-12noon. HC Methodist Church.

Contact: Dorothy Davidson Tel: 01477 537679 email: dedavidson1@aol.com

Women's Institute

www.holmeschapelwi.weebly.com

The WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in St Luke's Church Hall.

Contacts: Linda Gammon, President 01477 534394 lindy.gammon@btinternet.com
Mrs T Dutton. Secretary 01477 537989



Support Groups

Christian Communicare - Holmes Chapel and Area

We are a Voluntary Caring Group working in co-operation with the Health Centre to provide, for those in need in our local community, a transport service for medical reasons, a befriending / visiting service and a weekly service for visiting the village for a social coffee morning. We are always in need of new drivers for the car service.

Contacts: Anita & Dennis Eborall, Secretaries 01477 532407 dmeborall@hotmail.com
Joan Hartley, Chair 01477 532479

Dementia Reablement Service

If you or someone close to you has been given a recent diagnosis of dementia we understand that you may not want to talk to us straight away. You may be feeling a range of emotions and unsure where to turn to for help. The Dementia Reablement Service is here to support you, and those around you, to take positive steps towards your future.

The service is free and provides lots of information and practical advice to enable you to:

- Continue to enjoy a good quality of life with your family and friends
- Feel confident to remain independent and safe within your own home
- Experience new and exciting things within your community

Contact the North team (covering Holmes Chapel) 01625 378287
dementiareablementnorth@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion is an ex-military charity that looks after the welfare needs of the serving and ex- service community. The Branch meets quarterly. We also organise the Remembrance Day Parade for Holmes Chapel.

Contacts: M. Coates, Chairman 01477 534263 m.coates547@btinternet.com
G. Coates, Secretary glenda.coates@btinternet.com

Support for Carers

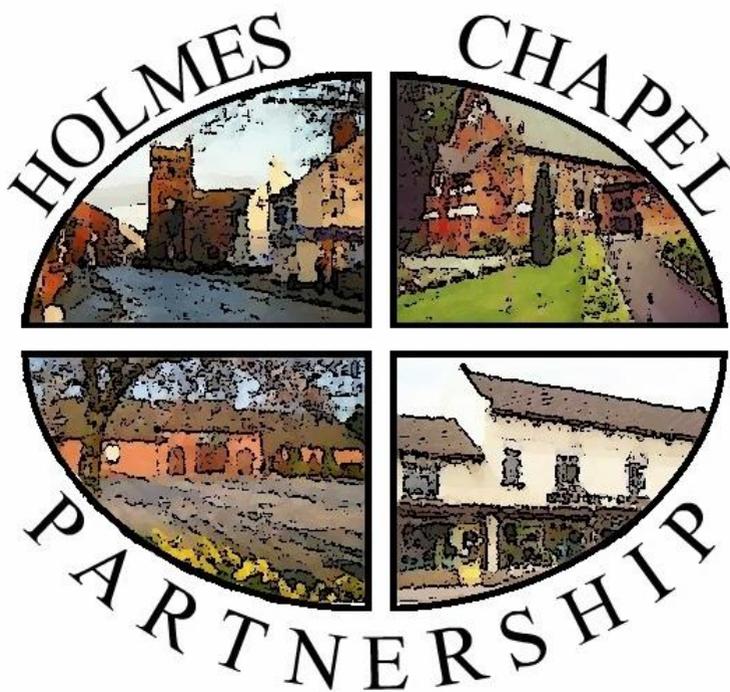
Cheshire & Warrington Carers Trust - Holmes Chapel carers group

We are a local charity who provide information, advice and support for anyone caring for a family member or friend due to illness, disability or age. All are welcome to join our group; often talking to other carers, sharing experiences and advice can be really helpful. Our activities include safety talks, flower arranging, food demos and food tasting. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Luke's Church Hall.

Contact: 01270 257331 or freephone helpline 0800 085 0307
advice@cheshirecarerscentre.org.uk



Holmes Chapel Viaduct



Web Site: www.hcpartnership.org.uk
Email: info@hcpartnership.org.uk

Post: c/o 41 Portree Drive, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7JB
01477 534394

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