



Great Ashby

community council

Great Ashby Welcome pack

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Please note that this list of local facilities and shops is to provide information only. The Great Ashby Community Council is neither endorsing nor has given any support to individual business by their names appearing in this Welcome Pack.



1. Great Ashby Overview

Welcome to Great Ashby...

In the rural, leafy district of North Hertfordshire and located on the north eastern outskirts of Stevenage lies the civil parish of Great Ashby. Development of the area began in 1999. Many of the homes built enjoy a modern feel, and house a broad community of professional people, young families and retired couples.

Due to its convenient location near to London, Great Ashby often welcomes new arrivals into the neighbourhood.

The Community Council hopes that this Welcome pack will help new residents to settle in the area.



2. Your Local Councils

Your Local Council(s)

The Great Ashby neighbourhood falls under two different Councils depending on which area of the neighbourhood you live in:

North Herts District Council
(north-herts.gov.uk)

Stevenage Borough Council
(stevenage.gov.uk)

Great Ashby Community Council

The **Community Council** was set up in 2011 to support the North Herts District of Great Ashby.

There are 12 councillors who meet on the second Thursday of each month (except August) from 7:30pm at the Great Ashby Community Centre. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

You'll find minutes from the Council meetings on the Great Ashby Community Council notice board outside Budgens and also pinned on the notice board in the Community Centre.



3. Neighbourhood Centre amenities

Blades Barbers

St Francis House • Gents barbers • Closed Sundays • Walk in appointments available • Visit: bladesbarbers.weebly.com

Budgens

Unit 6 • Mini Supermarket • Open 7 days a week • ATM • Visit: budgens.co.uk

Circles Café Bar

Community Centre • Coffee shop • Not for Profit • Open 6 days a week • Visit: circlescafebar.org.uk

Dumb Blondes

Unit 2 • Unisex Hairdressers • Shelley's Beauty • Closed Sundays • Pop in to find out more

Fortunes Place

Unit 1 • Fish bar • Chinese Takeaway • Closed Sundays • Visit: fortunesplace.co.uk

Geoffrey Matthew Estates

Unit 3 • Estate Agents • Visit: geoffreymatthew.co.uk

Jhoots Pharmacy

Unit 4 • Pharmacy • Free prescription collection & delivery • Closed Sundays • Visit: jhootspharmacy.co.uk

Lamberts Grill

Unit 5B • Gourmet Burger Restaurant • Open from 5-10:30pm • Closed Sundays • Visit: lambertsgrill.co.uk

Roebuck Veterinary Group

St Francis House • Health care & advice for small animals • Manned 24hrs • Visit: roebuckvets.co.uk

The Great Ashby Dry Cleaners

Unit 5A • Dry cleaning • Alterations • Closed Sundays • Pop in to find out more



4. Playground & Parks

Children's Playgrounds

There are playgrounds located throughout the Great Ashby neighbourhood including:

- **Snowdonia way** • Toddler swings • Older children's swings • Climbing frame
- **Mendip Way and Cromdale Walk** • Toddler swings • Other play equipment
- **Cleveland way and Fairfield Way** • Toddler park
- **Fairfield Way and Great Ashby Way** • Accessible roundabout • Ride on
- **Quantock Close** • Toddler swings • Slide • Ride on • Separate area for older children

Great Ashby District Park

Picnic area • Play area • Woodland • Meadows • Free parking • Access by car via Serpentine Close from Great Ashby Way

St Nicholas Park

c0.5miles • 28 acre parkland • Play areas • Football pitch • BMX track • Fitness area • Access by foot from Great Ashby

Fairland Valley Park

c3.5 miles • 120 acre parkland • Lakes • Play areas • Water play facility • Woodland • Grassland • Sailing club • Café • Free parking

Stanborough Park

c13.4 miles • 126 acre riverside green area • Lakes • Watersports centre • Walking trails • Café • Car parking charges apply



5. Shops & Supermarkets

Stevenage Old Town

c2.5miles • Village feel • Coaching inns & pubs • Coffee shops • Restaurants • Independent shops • Waitrose • Free parking, restrictions apply

Stevenage Town Centre

c3miles • Pedestrianised shopping area • High street shops including Next, Boots, Wilkinsons & Primark • Range of parking options available

Westgate Shopping Centre

Indoor mall • Open Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm & Sun 10am-4pm • 35 retail outlets • Located Stevenage Town Centre • Multi storey car park

Roaring Meg/Monkswood Retail Park

Shops, restaurants, DIY & leisure facilities • Open Mon-Thurs & Sat 9am-8pm , Fri 9am-9pm & Sun 10:30am-4:30pm • Free parking for 3 hours no return (reduced on match dates)

Tesco – 2 available in Stevenage

Larger 'Extra' store located in Stevenage New Town • Smaller store located in Broadwater • Opening times alternate on a Sunday to ensure there is a Tesco open between 10am-5pm • Free parking

Sainsburys – 2 available in Stevenage

Corey's Mill and Populars • Opening times alternate on a Sunday to ensure there is a Sainsbury's open between 10am-5pm • Free parking

Asda

Located in Stevenage New Town • Open 24hrs • Petrol station • Parking can be claimed back when you spend £5

Waitrose

Located in Stevenage Old Town • Open 8am-8pm Mon-Sat. Sun 10am -4pm • Free parking



6. Local NHS services

Lister Hospital, Stevenage

c2.9 miles • General hospital • Accident & emergency services • Visiting times vary • Visit: enherts-tr.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/lister/

QE2 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City

c10.3 miles • General hospital • Out of hours GP services • Urgent care centre • Visit: <http://www.newqeii.info/>

St Nicholas Health Centre

c0.9 miles • Accepting new patients • Online prescription ordering • Online appointment booking • Visit: stnicholashc.co.uk

Manor House Surgery

c1.3 miles • Accepting new patients • Online prescription ordering • Online appointment booking • Visit: manorhouse-surgery.org.uk

Chells Doctors Surgery

c1.4 miles • Accepting new patients • Online prescription ordering • Online appointment booking • Visit: chellssurgery.co.uk

Exeter Close Dental Practice

c0.5 miles • Accepting new patients • Visit: nhs.uk/Services/dentists

Chells Dental Practice

c1.5 miles • Accepting new patients • Visit: stevenagedental.co.uk

Bedwell Dental Practice

c2.2 miles • Accepting new patients • Visit: nhs.uk/Services/dentists



7. Children services, Schools & Higher Education

Busy Bees Nursery

Private childcare provision • 0-5 years •
Opening times 7:30am-6:30pm Mon-Fri •
Large outdoor play area • Private parking

Strawberry Fields Children's centre

Part of Stevenage North group of Children centres • Located Great Ashby Community Centre & Round Diamond School site • Clinics • Groups • Support • Visit: stevenagenorthchildrenscentres.org.uk

The Early Bird Pre School

Located at Great Ashby Community Centre •
2 to under 5 years • Mon-Fri 9am-12pm •
Term time only • Lunch club • Visit: earlybirdpreschool.co.uk

Round Diamond Primary

Primary school • Located within Great Ashby •
5-11 years • Breakfasts & After school clubs available • Visit: rounddiamondprimary.net

North Hertfordshire College

From 16 years + • Occupationally focused •
Full and part-time courses • Opening times
8:30am-5pm Mon-Thurs and 8:30am-4:30pm
Fri • Private parking • Visit: nhc.ac.uk

University of Hertfordshire

c15.3 miles • Undergraduate and
postgraduate courses available • Uno shuttle
bus • Park & ride • Only visitor parking on site
• Visit: herts.ac.uk

To find your nearest school please visit:
hertfordshire.gov.uk



8. Pubs & Restaurants

Local Pubs

Crown, Aston End

c3.3 miles • Country Pub & Dining • Great food • Fine wines • Real ales • Children's outdoor playground • Open from 12pm daily • Free parking

The Chequers, Bragbury End

c5.6 miles • Rustic 18th Century Country Pub & Restaurant • Seasonal pub food • Fine wines • Cask ales • Open 11:30am daily • Free parking

Three Horse Shoes, Hooks Cross

c6.1 miles • Relaxed Dining • Rural Retreat • Glorious food • Fine wines • Real ales • Alfresco dining • Open 11am Mon-Sat; 12pm Sun • Free parking

National Chain Restaurants

Stevenage Old Town

c2.5 miles • Prezzo • Pizza Express • Ask Italian • Cinnabar Café • Gladley's • Costa • Taste of India • Taste • Drapers Arms • Free parking

Beefeater, Corey's Mill

c2.7 miles • Chargrilled steak restaurant • Open from 12pm daily • Breakfast from 6:30am • Lunch menus • Kids menus • Serves Costa Coffee • Free parking

Stevenage Leisure park

c4.2 miles • Prezzo • Ask Italian • Coast to Coast • Frankie & Benny's • Chiquito • Nandos • Pizza Hut • MacDonald's • KFC • Free parking



9. Nearby attractions

Knebworth House, Knebworth

c5.3 miles • Day passes from £9.50 • Knebworth House & Gardens • Adventure Playground • Dinosaur Trail • Special events • Tea room • Free parking • knebworthhouse.com

Church Farm, Ardeley

c6.5 miles • Day passes from £3 • Farm trail • Woodland play area • Indoor play room • Horticulture garden • Free range animals • Farm shop • Free parking • churchfarmardeley.co.uk

Standalone Farm, Letchworth

c8.8 miles • Day ticket from £5 • Farm animals • Tractor trailer rides • Play area • Café • Gift shop • Free parking • standalonefarm.com

Hatfield House & Farm, Hatfield

c14.6 miles • Day ticket from £5 • Hatfield House & Gardens • Farm • Stable Yard shopping • Coffee shop • Free parking • Visit: hatfield-house.co.uk

Jordan's Mill, Biggleswade

c18.1 miles • Free • Tours from £1.65 • Food heritage attraction • Historic flour mill • Gardens • Riverside Café • Store • Free parking • Visit: jordansmill.com

Willows Activity Farm, London Colney

c18.1 miles • Tickets from £8.50 • Animal feeding • Tractor trailer rides • Funfair rides • Adventure playground • inflatables • Visit: willowsactivityfarm.com

Wimpole Estate, Royston

c23 miles • Prices from £2.50 • Wimpole Hall • Home farm • Gardens • Café • Tours available • Shop • Visit: nationaltrust.org.uk

Dunstable Downs, Bedfordshire

c24 miles • Footpaths & circular walks • Kite flying • Picnics • Café • Shop • Free parking • Visit: nationaltrust.org.uk