WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE OF BRANTHAM



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Welcome to Brantham a large village covering 2,482 acres of which 560 are water. The village runs alongside the River Stour and near Cattawade (behind ITW) lies Decoy Pond. Across the River Stour is the least populated town in England, Manningtree, neighbouring Mistley and Lawford. Brantham is a neighbour to East Bergholt, (the village which shares our Church of England Benefice), and the village of Stutton.

The large towns of Colchester, Essex and Ipswich, Suffolk are approximately each 10 miles away and there are local buses to them. There is a railway station at nearby Manningtree, ideal for London commuters and other travellers, provided you can find a parking space, the weather is not too hot, there are not leaves on the line and there is no snow!

In 1880 there were only 445 people occupying 98 properties in Brantham, but during the past 130 years there has been a steady growth of new houses increasing the population to over 1270. The new housing developments in 2019 and those planned will nearly double the size of the village. We are very lucky in this scenic village to be within the Stour Valley, which has in the past inspired great artists such as John Constable, who was commissioned to paint Brantham Church and Thomas Gainsborough. The area is now home to a number of well-known authors, actors, and TV personalities.

We are fortunate to have three welcoming churches, three pubs, a village hall, variety of local shops including tearooms, a mobile post office at the village hall once a week, a garage and a popular leisure centre. There are several playing fields for football, cricket and tennis as well as playgrounds for the younger child.

There is easy access around the village for walkers via well marked public footpaths, exposing scenic views across fertile, mainly arable farmland and overlooking the Stour Estuary. Dog owners are expected to clean up after their dogs, unfriendly dogs should be kept on a lead and farmers’ crops and livestock should be respected.

Brantham has its own bi-monthly informative independent magazine, The Bugle, delivered to every home which also gives much village “what’s-on” information. The Editor is Joanne King and she can be contacted on 01206 393372 or [editor@branthambugle.co.uk](mailto:editor@branthambugle.co.uk).

The monthly In Touch magazine, covering our area, is also an excellent source of information and its Editor Sharon Jenkins may be contacted at sharon@intouchnews.co.uk or on 01473 400380.

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# Churches

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| St Michael the Archangel(St Michael’s) | C of E Church  Church Lane  Brantham |
| Contact: The Rector (assisted by Guide Dog (Canon) Coco | Rev Canon Stephne van der Toorn **Tel:** 01206 392646  The Rectory **Email:** revstephvdt@googlemail.com  Rectory Lane  Brantham CO11 1PZ |
| Benefice website | [www.ConstableCountryChurches.co.uk](http://www.ConstableCountryChurches.co.uk) or achurchnearyou.com  Facebook: St. Michael's Church, Brantham |

During the pandemic, services are held on alternate Sundays. When we aren’t at St Michael’s at 10:30 we are at St Mary’s in East Bergholt at 10:00. Please check the website for details or the noticeboard at church.) Worship at St Michael’s is relaxed and friendly and we are keen to try new things. There is a music group led by Jane Pavitt (01473 328512) which plays at family services and informal services, and they welcome new members. Bible Studies meet vis Zoom during the week.

We have close links with the Charity Constable Country Childcare who run the St Michael’s Pre School in the Institute and the Brooklands Young Explorers (BYE) wrap around care at Brooklands School. If you are unable to attend Church but would like to receive communion or be visited, please contact the Rector. We love doing weddings and baptisms and these can be arranged by (you’ve guessed it) contacting the Rector. There are notice boards inside the Church porch and by the lych-gate. St Michael’s Church is well marked from the A137. A recently formed sociable and friendly group the ‘Friends of St Michael’s Church’ does sorely needed fundraising for our beautiful damp-damaged building, and we periodically host wonderful concerts. The Church is open all day, every day. Please be aware that we do not have a church carpark, and for big services early arrival is a good idea. Parking in Rectory Lane is for residents only.

St Michael’s Church forms a Benefice with St Mary’s Church in East Bergholt. There is a BCP communion most Sundays at 08:00 in St Mary’s and the main service there is at 10:00. There is a BCP communion at 09:30 on the first Wednesday of the month in St Mary’s (not in August). We have a friendship Lunch quarterly in the Village Hall at Cattawade. Contact Jane Pavitt 01473 328512.

The Benefice Mother’s Union meets at 14:30 on the second Thursday each month (not in August) in the West End of St Mary’s Church East Bergholt. New members welcome. Contact Chris Jacob on 01206 298552 or call at 81 Chaplin Road, East Bergholt CO7 6RN.

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| Holy Family Catholic Church | Ipswich Road, Brantham CO11 1TB |
| Contact | 180 Hawthorn Drive **Tel:** 01473 684963  Ipswich **Email**: [office@stmarksparish.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarksparish.org.uk)  IP2 0QQ |
| Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 09.00 and on Tuesdays at 10.00. For further information please see the weekly Parish Newsletter to be found in the display box to the right of the Church entrance door or go to: [www.stmarksparish.co.uk](http://www.stmarksparish.co.uk) Holy Family Church is part of the St Marks Catholic Parish in South West Ipswich and is looked after by two priests from the Indian Province of the Carmelite Order. St Marks Church and the Parish House are located at 180 Hawthorn Drive Ipswich IP2 0QQ and the parish falls within the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia | |

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| Brantham Methodist Church | Gravel Pit Lane  Brantham  Manningtree CO11 1NX | |
| Contact | Ian Gardner **Tel:** 01473 411507  34 Medway Road **Email**: ian.gardner@methodist.org.uk  Ipswich IP3 0QH **Web:** eangliamethodist.org.uk/Brantham | |
| Services are at 11:00 on most Sundays. | | |
| The Congregational Church Services every Sunday at 10:30.  Coffee morning every Thursday - 9:30am | | Cemetery Lane  East Bergholt  Colchester CO7 6RZ Sadly this church is closing January 2022. |
|  | | The Pastor **Tel:** 01206 393022  Mrs Maralyn Bambridge **Email:** [maralyn.bambridge@yahoo.com](mailto:maralyn.bambridge@yahoo.com)  35 Birch Drive, Brantham |

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| Colchester and District Jewish Community | Fennings Chase **Tel:** 01206 545992  Colchester **Web:** [www.cdjc.org.uk](http://www.cdjc.org.uk/shulservices.shtml)  Essex CO1 2QG |

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| Ipswich and District Islamic Communities (both located in central Ipswich) | Ipswich Mosque **Tel:** 01473 226879  32-36 Bond Street  Ipswich |
|  | The Shah Jalal Mosque **Tel:** 01473 412983  St Helen’s Street  Ipswich |

# Doctors’ Surgeries

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| Brantham is covered by the Suffolk Health Authority. The medical centre has six GP consulting rooms, a nursing suite, conference room and four rooms privately rented for allied medical professions. | | | | |
| The Constable Country Medical Practice | The Medical Centre **Tel:** 01206 298272  Heath Road **Web:** [constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk)  East Bergholt CO7 6RT | | |
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| Services currently available | Osteopathy  Counselling | Minor Illness Clinic  Minor Injuries | Smoking Clinic  Minor Surgery |
| Opening hours | 08:00‑18:30 Monday to Friday inclusive. | | |
| Out of Surgery Hours Emergencies | Between the hours of 18:30 and 08:00 weekdays, as well as weekends and bank holidays, the care of patients is the responsibility of the Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG. This service is provided by CareUK. If you require urgent medical attention phone 111 and your call will be assessed by a team of clinicians. If you then need to speak to a doctor the call will be transferred to CareUK, the out of hours service. | | |
| Registration | Patients should register with the practice as soon as possible by calling into the centre to complete the appropriate forms and make an appointment to meet a nurse for a New Patient Check. | | |
| Appointments | Our receptionists are on duty Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 18:00. A triage system is in operation.. The phones can be very busy early the morning, but you do not need to ring at 08:00. | | |
| Nurses | A team of female nurses run their own daily clinics and appointments can be booked in advance and if available on the day. The nurses are trained to deal with many minor ailments and injuries. | | |
| NHS Direct | You can also call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 for advice or go online at www.nhsdirect.uk. In addition, the NHS Direct self-help guide is printed at the back of your Thomson Local Directory. | | |
| Patient Representative Group | Patient Representative Group has been set up to aid communication between the practice and its patients. Your views and comments can be passed to your representatives. (Names and contact details are displayed in the waiting room). | | |
| Brantham Patient representative | Jim King | | |
| A more comprehensive guide is available from the surgery | | | | |

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| **The Constable Country Practice Patient Participation Group** | |
| Contact | [constablecountryppg@gmail.com](mailto:constablecountryppg@gmail.com) |

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| Riverside Health Centre | Station Road **Tel:** 01206 397070  Manningtree **Fax:** 01206 391570  Essex CO11 1AA **Web:** riversidehealthcentre.org.uk | |
| There are three partners, a practice manager, three nurses, a health care assistant, two phlebotomists, two administrators, a secretary, two dispensers, two receptionists. | | |
| Opening hours | | Monday–Friday 08:00-13:00, 14:00-18:00 |
| Dispensary opening hours | | Monday–Friday 08:30-13:00, 14:00-18:00 |
| Baby Clinics | | Tuesdays from 13:30–14:30 |
| Minor Surgery Clinic | | Second and fourth weeks on Wednesday 13:30–14:30 |
| Ante-Natal Clinic | | Thursdays 14:00–16:00 |
| Out of Surgery Hours Emergencies | | Between 18:30 and 08:00 weekdays, along with weekends and bank holidays, the care of patients is the responsibility of the North East Essex CCG provided by CareUK. If you require urgent medical attention phone 111 and your call will be assessed by a team of clinicians. If you then need to speak to a doctor the call will be transferred to CareUK, the out of hours service. |
| There is an appointment system for all clinics with a 48-hour access to see a doctor. Both surgeries dispense to Brantham residents. | | |

# Chemist

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| **The Pharmacy** | Gaston Street **Tel:** 01206 298267  East Bergholt |
| There is a delivery service to nearby villages, including Brantham available from the pharmacy. | |
| **Other pharmacies** | Tesco’s Highwoods, Colchester |
|  | Tesco’s Copdock, Ipswich |
|  | Boots Century House, Station Road, Manningtree |
|  | Dedham Pharmacy High Street, Dedham, Colchester. |

# Hospitals

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| **Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust** | Heath Road **Tel:** 01473 712233  Ipswich **Fax** 01473 703400  IP1 4PD **Web:** www.ipswichhospital.nhs.uk |
| This is a general hospital with full accident and emergency facilities. | | |
| **Colchester District General Hospital** | Turner Road **Tel:** 01206 747474  Colchester **Web:** www.esneft.nhs.uk  Essex CO4 5JL |
| This is a general hospital with full accident and emergency facilities. | | |
| **Fryatt Hospital and Mayflower Medical Centre** | 419 Main Road **Tel:** 01255 201299  Dovercourt **Fax:** 01255 201270  Harwich **Web:** mayflowermedicalcentre.co.uk  Essex CO12 4EX  CO12 4EX |
| This is a general hospital with no accident and emergency facilities. | | |
| **The Suffolk Nuffield Hospital** | Foxhall Road **Tel:** 01473 279100  Ipswich **Web:** [nuffieldhealth.com/ipswichhospital](http://www.nuffieldhealth.com/ipswichhospital)  Suffolk IP4 5SW |
| This is a private hospital with full In-Patient, Out-Patient and Day Care Facilities | | |

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| **The Oaks Hospital** | 120 Mile End Road **Tel:** 01206 752121  Colchester **Web:** oakshospital.co.uk  Essex CO4 5XR |
| This is a private hospital with full In-Patient, Out-Patient and Day Care Facilities. | |

# Dentists

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| **C Clamp and Partners** | 17a, High Street  Manningtree, Essex  CO11 1AG | **Tel:** 01206 393744 |
| **RS Hems and P Wilson** | 17 High Street  Hadleigh | **Tel:** 01206 823092 |
| **Capel Dental Practice** | 63 Thorney Road  Capel St Mary  Ipswich | **Tel:** 01473 311130 |
| **Dr Lawrence Werber** | 62 High Street  Hadleigh | **Tel:** 01473 823003 |
| **Country Park Dental Practice** | Highwoods Square  Colchester, Essex | **Tel:** 01206 751175 |

# Veterinary Practice

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| **Highcliff Veterinary Practice** | Factory Lane  Cattawade  Nr Manningtree  Brantham CO11 1QL | **Tel:** 01206 391511 |
| Opening hours | Monday – Thursday 08.30 to 19.00  Friday 08.30 to 18.00  Saturday 08.30 to 13.00 | |
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| The practice opened an air-conditioned, purpose-built centre with X-ray facilities, ultrasound and in-house laboratory testing services on blood and urine specimens. We have separate dog and cat wards. Our two fully qualified Veterinary Nurses have established regular Nurse Clinics. Home visits can be arranged. There is also a branch at Hadleigh. | | |

# Schools

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| **East Bergholt High School** | Heath Road  East Bergholt  Colchester  CO7 6RJ | **Tel:** 01206 298200  **Web:** [www.ebhigh.org.uk/](http://www.ebhigh.org.uk/) |
| **Head Teacher** | Dan Woodcock | **Email:**  [enquiries@ebhigh.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ebhigh.org.uk) |
| East Bergholt High School (EBHS) is a co-educational 11-16 community comprehensive school in Suffolk, midway between Ipswich and Colchester and close to the A12 on a 20-acre site.  The school catchment area covers the Bentley, Brantham, Capel St Mary, Copdock, East Bergholt and Stratford St Mary primary schools.  However, a significant number of pupils attend from outside the designated catchment area.  The school caters for approximately 920 children. The school has consistently been rated by Ofsted as  Good and was last inspected in February 2018.  EBHS has an enviable reputation for the extensive range of  extra-curricular activities  it offers to its students. Annual residential trips include  visits to  the First World War Battlefields in Belgium,  Bude in Cornwall  and Krakow in  Poland. The school also organises an annual Ski-trip to Italy. In recent years school trips have also taken place to Paris, Iceland and Naples.  In 2011 EBHS moved from Local Authority control to become an independent academy, and in 2017 was a founder member of the South Suffolk Learning Trust. The school is committed to working in partnership with other educational organisations both within and outside its own Trust and engages positively with the community it serves. | | |

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| Brooklands Primary School | Palfrey Heights **Tel:** 01206 392291  Brantham **Fax** 01206 395699  Nr Manningtree **Web:** [www.brooklandsprimary.co.uk](http://www.brooklandsprimary.co.uk)  Essex CO11 1RX |
| **Head Teacher** | Miss Christine Davy **Email:** [office@brooklandsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@brooklandsprimary.co.uk) |
| Brooklands Primary School - a community school on Palfrey Heights, Brantham.  Brooklands is a warm and friendly school.  Our outdoor space is an enormous asset to the school.  We have gardening plots, an outdoor stage, an expansive sports field, swimming pool and a wildlife garden.  Brooklands is also a Forest School meaning our children experience opportunities to learn outdoors. | |

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| East Bergholt C of E VC Primary School | School Lane **Tel:** 01206 298202  East Bergholt **Web:** <https://www.eastbergholt-pri.suffolk.sch.uk/> Colchester  Essex CO7 6SW |
| **Head Teachers** | Mrs Gill Mitchell and Mrs Sarah Baker **Email:** [admin@eastbergholt- pri.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@eastbergholt-pri.suffolk.sch.uk) |
| At East Bergholt, we believe that children should feel safe and supported to achieve to their full potential.  We are a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School and through our Christian faith we acknowledge our responsibility to all, to enrich lives and to show love and respect to all within our school family. We believe in life-long learning, aiming to equip all our children to live life in society today and for tomorrow in all its fullness. Our children learn in school and out in the wider world with experiences such as Forest Schools and many trips and visits to other places around us.  Our aim is to provide children with the skills and knowledge to become independent successful learners.  We are also focused on every individual, whatever their need, being supported to make sustained learning progress towards challenging academic targets. We tailor our curriculum and learning to meet individual needs in a caring, nurturing environment which includes music, drama and dance. We have high expectations of behaviour and the children respond by supporting each other and demonstrating positive learning attitudes grounded in a Christian ethos by following our values for life which include respect, truth and wisdom.  Our school ethos is reflected in the Bible verse where Jesus said:  ***‘I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full’ John 10:10*** | |
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# Child and Family

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| Baby Clinic | For Capel, Brantham and East Bergholt call 01473 820147 |

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| St Michael’s Parent and Toddler Group | Brantham Village Hall | |
|  | Contact: Charlie Bailey | **Tel:** 07858 891217 |
|  | Contact: Beverly Rudge | **Tel:** 07907 960556 |
| Opening hours | Mondays 09:30-11:30 | |

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| Constable Country Childcare | Constable Country Childcare: St Michael’s Preschool |
| Opening hours:  Monday to Friday 07:00-19:00 | The Institute **Tel:** 01206 395865/01206 391472  Rectory Lane,  Brantham CO11 1PZ |
| Contact | Hayley Aherne **Tel:** 07561 504913  **Email:** hayley@constablecountrychildcare.co.uk |
| We have a baby unit so can take babies and young toddlers. | |
| Brooklands Young Explorers Childcare (BYE) | Wraparound childcare service:  Brooklands School  Palfrey Heights  Brantham, Nr Manningtree  Essex CO11 1RX |
| Contact | Hayley Aherne **Tel:** 07561 504913  **Email:** hayley@constablecountrychildcare.co.uk |
| Breakfast club | 07:30-09:00 |
| Early years provision | 09:00-15:30 |
| After school club with secure play area | 15:30-18:00 |

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| Brantham Scout and Guide Groups |  | |
| **Rainbows** | Beverly Rudge | **Email**: [branthamrainbows@outlook.com](mailto:branthamrainbows@outlook.com) |
| **1st Brantham Brownies** | Debbie Ching | **Tel:** [debching.guiding@gmail.com](mailto:debching.guiding@gmail.com) |
| **2nd Brownies** | Sue Spence | **Tel:** 01206 395 101 |
| **1st Brantham Guides** | Debbie Ching | **Tel:** [debching.guiding@gmail.com](mailto:debching.guiding@gmail.com) |
| **Flatford Rangers** |  | **Email:** [baberghandsamford@gmail.com](mailto:baberghandsamford@gmail.com) |
| **1st Brantham Beaver Scouts** | Lin Dally | **Tel:** 01255 871 059 |
| **1st Brantham Cub Scouts** | Ruth Clark | **Email:** [ruthesclark@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthesclark@btinternet.com) |
| **1st Brantham Scouts** | Charlie Garrad | **Tel:** 01255 487 252  [Facebook: 1stBranthamScoutGuideGroup](http://www.facebook.com/1stBranthamScoutGuideGroup) |
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| **Cattawade Explorer Scout Unit** | Brad Purse | **Email:** [brad.purse@wolseyscouts.org.uk](mailto:brad.purse@wolseyscouts.org.uk) |
| **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group** | Roger Dann | **Tel:** 07778 463172  **Email:** [roger.dann@wolseyscouts.org.uk](mailto:roger.dann@wolseyscouts.org.uk) |
| The above groups can often be full and are always looking for additional assistants. | | |

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| Stour Estuary & Wolves Woods Reserves | Unit 1 Brantham Mill **Tel:** 01206 391153/392119  Bergholt Road **Email:** stourestuary@rspb.org.uk  Brantham  Manningtree Essex CO11 1QT |
| There is a section for young people to become members of the Wildlife Explorer Club. | |

# Playgrounds

The village has a small playground for very young children on the corner of Brooklands Road and Merriam Close and a larger playground behind the sports club near Temple Pattle. A new baseball practice court has recently been installed for use by all residents. There is also a playground at the end of Gravel Pit Lane.

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# Leisure Facilities

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| Brantham Village Hall | New Village  Brantham CO11 1RF |
| Contact | Parish Clerk - Sarah Keys **Tel:** 07807 799480 |
|  | Stacey Duffett **Tel:** 07926 218293 |
| The hall is large, holding up to 150 people and welcomes private use. The hall has a stage, so plays and pantomimes can take place. There are regular hall users, e.g. the W.I. and drama groups. There are good kitchen facilities plus glassware and crockery. | |

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| Brantham Leisure Centre **Contact**: | New Village **Tel:** 01206 392506  Brantham **Email:** info@branthamlc.co.uk  Manningtree **Web:** www.branthamleisurecentre.com  Essex CO11 1RZ  Tony Hall (Manager) | |
|  | **Football:** All age groups for both boys and girls under 8; under 16 Saturday and Sunday football, with many home and away matches. Plenty of practice for ladies, men and veterans! | |
|  | **Cricket:** [www.brantham.play-cricket.com](http://www.brantham.play-cricket.com) or Facebook under Brantham Cricket Club  **Tennis and Netball** - contact Jenny 01206 399061 | |
| Other activities: |  |  |
| * Parties * Annual pantomime * Race nights * Discos etc * Carpet bowls | * Outdoor bowls * Over 60’s * Jazzercise * Zumba * DAB | * Probus Ladies * Saturday boot camp * All-weather courts for hire * Slimming World |
| There are two bars and meeting rooms available to residents. The centre is owned by the Parish Council.  There are two rooms for hire to all. They do offer a tasteful function room for a post funeral reception.  An active committee ensures that the centre is well used and holds a very popular annual Firework Display and huge Bonfire.as well as an annual Football Fun Day, the Father Christmas Float, Fun Run, Egyptian belly dancing, and much more. The Disabled Advice Bureau meets on a Thursday. Events are advertised in the Bugle. | | |

# Clubs for Adults:

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| Good Neighbour Scheme | **Contact**: Kay Eastwood | **Tel:** 07541 359036  **Email:** brantham.gns@btinternet.com |
| We have 40 volunteers who can help with hospital and doctors’ visits, befriending, shopping, prescription collections, form filling, advocacy and help with computers. | | |

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| Brantham Bowls Club | **Contact:** Michael Dickinson | **Tel:** 01206 393518  **Email:** andrea.dickinson@tesco.net  **Web:** www.branthambowls.org |
| Indoor and outdoor games are facilitated. | |  |

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| Brantham Community Choir | **Contact:** Jackie Heywood | **Tel:** 01206 392261 or 07990 888325  **Email:** [jackie.heywood@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:jackie.heywood@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk) |
| The Brantham Community Choir meets on alternate Tuesdays at the Methodist Church in Gravel Pit Lane in Brantham starting at 7.30pm.  We offer tea or coffee when people arrive, and usually finish at about 9.00pm. As we are a Community Choir the members of the choir are able to choose the songs that we sing, subject to the other choir members agreeing. Obviously at Christmas time we concentrate on Christmas carols and songs. As there is no choir attached to St. Michael's Church we support that church and have sung at the All Souls' Services and Christmas Carol Services since we were formed in 2013.  The choir will re-start following our winter break on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30 p.m. The charge for each session is just £2. | | |

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| Brantham Over 60’s Club | Brantham Leisure Centre  New Village  Brantham Manningtree  Essex CO11 1RZ | **Contact**: Shirley Halliday  **Tel:** 01206 395611 |
| Opening hours | Tuesdays (bar first in the month) – 14:30-16:30.  Transport by Community Bus can be arranged. | |
| Established in 1955 and still going strong. Aims to foster friendship and goodwill and to provide social activities with a varied programme of speakers plus occasional coach outings.  There is a friendly atmosphere and visitors are welcome to all events. Don’t be put off by the title – membership is open to any person over the age of fifty and all will be made very welcome. | | |

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| Friendship Lunch | **Contact**: Christine Gough | **Tel:** 01206 393137 |
| A project organised by St Michael’s Church with lots of community volunteers. Booking is essential. Bi-monthly for a two-course lunch (currently) in the Village Hall. Anyone welcome! Dates advertised in the Brantham Bugle. | | |

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| U3A – Stour Valley University of the Third Age | Constable Memorial Hall **Contact:** Graham Manuel  Gandish Road **Email:** [gandamanuel@gmail.com](mailto:gandamanuel@gmail.com)  East Bergholt CO7 6TP **Web:** u3a.org.uk |
| A co-operative of men and women who meet to share common interests and a desire to learn. Membership is open to all who are no longer in full time employment, normally retired or semi-retired. For further information please contact Graham Manuel (Chairman). | |

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| Workers’ Educational Association | Brooklands School  **Tel:** 01206 396376  Palfrey Heights  Brantham, Nr Manningtree  Essex CO11 1RX |
|  | Lectures are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 19:30 (fee payable)  Learning for life with the WEA offers a broad range of courses all over the country. |

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| Brantham Women’s Institute | Brantham Village Hall **Contact:** Sheila Clark  Brooklands Road **Tel:** 01206 393780 |
|  | Every second Wednesday at 19:30 (Details of each meeting can be found on the Village Hall Notice Boards) |
| The WI, the largest organisation in England and Wales, is open to women of all ages, creed or religion. The sociable monthly meetings provide friendship and good company as well as excellent speakers. Light refreshments and raffles are available at each meeting. Brantham WI members have a supper club so they can enjoy meals out at various local hostelries. Email for further information or just turn up on the meeting evening. All guests will be given a warm welcome. | |

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| Brantham Community Café | Brantham Leisure Centre **Contact:** Kay Eastwood  New Village **Tel:** 07541 359036  Brantham CO11 1RF |
|  | Held monthly. Consult the Brantham Bugle for details. Transport available |
| Brantham Amateur Dramatic Society (BATS) | Brantham Village Hall **Tel:** 07950 344797  Brooklands Road **Email:** info@batsonline.co.uk  Brantham CO11 1RF |
| Annual musical pantomimes take place at the Brantham Village Hall towards the end of February. Men, women and children are all welcome to join this society and auditions for the next show are notified in the Bugle magazine. You may want to mention Junior BATS (meets every Friday evening 7pm – 8.30pm at the Village Hall for children from 7-12 years. | |

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| Brantham Angling Club | Club Secretary - Rob Whatling  Match Secretary - Sean Bere | **Email:** robwhatling@yahoo.co.uk  **Email:** [seanbere@ymail.com](mailto:seanbere@ymail.com) |
| Brantham Angling Club has been running for over 20 years and was formed when some like-minded people took Mr Keeble up on his kind offer to turn his lake into a fishing club. Originally they only had two swims but very quickly made it a fishable lake on three sides. | | |

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| Stour Valley Men’s Probus Club | **Contact:** Dave Carman | **Tel:** 01255 880202 |
| Our Club endeavours to be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs and involve members to a minimal cost. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other and provides the opportunity for development of acquaintances. New members are welcomed by Stour Valley Men’s Probus Club, we meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Manningtree at 10:30 at St John Ambulance HQ, Manningtree CO11 1EB. | | |

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| Constable Singers | **Contact:** Yvonne or Mel | **Tel:** 01206 298428 (Yvonne)  **Tel:** 01206 298628 (Mel) |
| New Members welcome. Would you like to come and join us? We meet on a Thursday at the Lambe School at 19:10 apart from the second Thursday when we meet at Holton Village Hall.  No Audition, you don’t have to read music as we sing along to CD backing ground tracks. Words provided for popular and songs from the musicals and it is just an evening of fun and enjoyment. Signing is a well-known as a de-stressing activity. We occasionally sing at sheltered and care homes also hope to have a charity concert later in the year. | | |

# Shopping Facilities

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| **The Cooperative Store** | Acacia Court  Blenheim Close  Brantham | **Tel:** 01206 393773 |
|  | Opening times | Every day, early till late. |
| This is the largest food store in Brantham. The store stocks whole ranges of foods, fresh, local, frozen as well as a wide range of confectionery, freshly cut flowers and holds a licence to sell alcoholic drinks. The store also sells stationery, toys and household goods. Newspapers and magazines are delivered to homes. | | |

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| Pop up Post Office | At Brantham Village Hall,  New Village  Brantham CO11 1RF | Opening times: Wednesday 13:00-15:00 |
| Post Office | The Cooperative Store  Riverside Avenue East  Manningtree | **Tel:** 01206 397067  Opening times: Monday – Saturday 09:00-17:30 |

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| **Chloe’s cafe** | No. 1 Acacia Court  Blenheim Close  Brantham CO11 1TR | **Tel:** 01206 393770  Opening times: Monday – Saturday 09:00-15:00 |

# Hairdressers/Beauty

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| **The Pink Shed** | | Unit 9  Court Farm  Brantham CO11 1PW | **Tel:** 01473 515129  **Web:** www.thepinkshedbeauty.co.uk **Email:** info@thepinkshedbeauty.co.uk |
|  | | Opening times | Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  Wednesday - 09:00 - 20:00  Saturday 09:00 - 17:00 |
| **Guys and Dolls** | | No. 2 Acacia Court  Blenheim Close  Brantham CO11 1TR | **Tel:** 01206 396406 |
|  | | Opening times | Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 09:00-17:00  Wednesday - 13:00 - 21:00  Saturday 08:00 - 14:00 |
| **Gelz** | | Slough Road  East Bergholt CO7 6XP | **Tel:** 01206 392517 |
|  | | Opening times | Closed Monday, late opening Thursdays |
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| **The Nail Tech** | NVQ level 3 Mobile Beauty Therapist with 10 Years’ experience. All treatments in the comfort of your own home | | **Tel:** 07730 786491    **Facebook**: @The Nail Tech |

# Food and Drink

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| **Barry’s Fish and Chips** | Mobile Service **Tel:** 07710 338414 |
| Every Thursday the fish and chip mobile van starts frying from 16:00 at the Cattawade parking area – opposite the photography business – and then drives to Palfrey Heights and onto the A137. Everything is cooked freshly from fish to sausages and more! | |

# Public Houses

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| **The Bull** | The Street **Tel:** 01473 328248  Brantham CO11 1PN **Web**: www.thebranthambull.com |
| The Brantham Bull is a 16th century pub conveniently situated on the A137 between Manningtree and Ipswich and run by Paul and Gemma Chenery. Come and dine in beautiful Constable Country surroundings and enjoy a home cooked specially prepared menu, with seafood and steaks the speciality. Take in the fabulous views across the River Stour from the restaurant or large, child friendly beer garden. In addition, there is a great range of beer and wines available in the welcoming bar, which boasts an open fire on chilly evenings. Booking advisable. | |

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| **The Ark** | Full Menu on Sundays (and evenings from Wednesdays to Saturday ) and a range of homemade desserts to make your mouth water!  The Ark Bar  Cattawade Street  Brantham CO11 1RH **Tel**: 01206 396777 |
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| **The Crown** | The Street **Tel:** 01206 392800  Brantham CO11 1RE **Web:** www. cattawadecrown.co.uk |
| Proprietor | Mr Michael O’Brien |
| This pub and barn are listed buildings. The pub prides itself by being a typical old fashioned, friendly one with a good atmosphere, catering for local residents as well as travellers. There are open fires, pool and darts teams, Sky sports, discos and karaoke evenings. There is outside seating, a children’s play area and dogs are welcome. | |

# Library Services

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| Mobile Library | | The mobile library van visits Brantham every 4 weeks: | | | | | |
| Cattawade Old School | 11:10-11:25 | | Palfrey Heights | 11:30-11:45 | | Ivy Villas | 11:50-12:10 |
| Birch Drive | 12:15-12:45 | | St Michael’s Church | 13:50-14:05 | | The Poplars | 14:10-14:25 |
| Broom Knoll | 14:30-15:00 | |  |  | |  |  |
| Manningtree Library | High Street **Tel:** 01206 392747  Manningtree  Essex CO11 1AD | | | | | | |
| Opening hours | Tuesday 09:30-13:00 / 14:00-18:00 | | | | Wednesday: 09:30-13:00 | | |
|  | Thursday 14:00-19:00 | | | | Friday: 09:30-13:00 & 14:00-18:00 | | |
|  | Saturday 09:00-17:00 | | | |  | | |
| Residents of Brantham are welcome to use both the Essex and Suffolk Library Services. | | | | | | | |

# Annual Events

Brantham village is well-known for its community spirit.

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| Fireworks and Bonfire Night | **Contact**: Phil Wainwright **Email**: phil.wainwright@jewsons.co.uk |
| A very large fireworks display and huge bonfire is prepared on the field behind the Social Club on the first Saturday in November. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission charge. (A voluntary collection is made towards the cost of fireworks). Food is provided by various vendors and the bars at the club are open. | |

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| Garage Sales | **Contact**: Beverly Rudge **Email**: branthamgarage@gmail.com |
| This is run by Maya Watling as part of her charity The Nepal Children’s Trust (<http://nepalchildrenstrust.co.uk>), and St Elizabeth Hospice (Carla Dawson Fund). | |
| Teddy Bears Parachute Jump | |
| Brave Teddies like Douglas Bearder and Pebbles (and on occasion rabbits, snakes and Action Man) leap from the St Michael’s Church Tower in aid of Church Funds once a year. Watch the Brantham Bugle for details. This is a great family morning out. | |
| **Fun Run and the Christmas Float**  Annual events **Contact**: Phil Wainwright **Email**: phil.wainwright@jewsons.co.uk | |

# Notice Boards

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| Locations | Brantham Village Hall  Brooklands Road, Brantham CO11 1RF |
|  | Acacia Court  Blenheim Close, Brantham CO11 1TR |
| Contact | Parish Clerk - Sarah Keys **Tel:** 07702 490212 |

# Dogs

Dogs, man’s best friends and the cause of many irate letters to the Brantham Bugle!– Kindly use one of the many dog bins provided for dog waste and do not allow your dog to foul the churchyard. There are some delightful walks around the village and it is preferred that they remain as clean as possible. As a courtesy to the local farmers do not encourage your dog to run across growing crops. Be aware that some people are not delighted to be jumped upon by a hairy thing with muddy paws however friendly.

# Community Help Numbers

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| Police | In emergency ring 999, but for less urgent matters ring 101 and ask for Suffolk police or Force HQ at Martlesham Heath 01473 613500 |
| Parish Clerk | Sarah Keys 34 Sycamore Way **Tel:** 07702 490212  Brantham CO11 1TP **Email:** [clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk)  Sarah holds surgeries in Chloe’s cafe - 11:00-12:00 on the 1st Tuesday each month |

A full list of Brantham Parish Councillors can be found in the Bugle magazine.

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| **Parish Council Meetings** | Brantham Village Hall  Brooklands Road  Brantham CO11 1RF |
|  | First Wednesday of the month at 19:30. |
| Local Government Representatives | Mr Alastair McCraw, **Tel:** 07812 564188  20 School Lane  Brantham |
|  | Mr Simon Harley **Email:** simon.harley@suffolk.gov.uk |
| Member for Parliament | James Cartlidge MP **Tel:** 0207 219 4875  House of Commons  London SW1A 0AA |

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| Suffolk County Council Social Services | Community First |
| Social Services | Hadleigh Area Office **Tel:** 0845 6 023 023  The Corn Exchange  Market Place  Hadleigh IP7 5DN |
| Office open to callers | Tuesday 11:00-13:00 / Thursday 14:00-16:00 |
| Age UK Suffolk | **Tel:** 01473 359911 |
| Suffolk Family Carers | **Tel:** 01473 885477 |

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| Daisy Chain Home Support | **Tel:** 01206 394545 **Mob**: 07984 484609 |
|  | **Email:** [Liz@daisychainsupport@co.uk](mailto:Liz@daisychainsupport@co.uk) |
|  | **Web:** [www.daisychainsupport.co.uk](http://www.daisychainsupport.co.uk) |
| Offers the support of older people living in their homes. The aim of the service is to provide flexible support, to meet individual requirements. | |

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| Wheelchairs | **Contact:** Steve Newman **Tel:** 01206 299435 |
| Need a wheelchair? The East Bergholt and Brantham Royal British Legion has a number of wheelchairs for short term use by anyone in the East Bergholt and Brantham area. | |

# Refuse Collections

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| In Collection days depend on which part of the village you live in Brantham. The black (general refuse) and blue (recycling) bins are collected on alternative Tuesdays and Thursdays and the brown bins (garden rubbish) early on alternative Tuesdays. (You may need to purchase your own wheelie bins from Babergh District Council). | |
| Local Household Waste and Recycling Sites | Greensmill  Lawford CO11 1UW |
| Opening times | 16 October – 29 February 09:00-16:00  1 March – 15 October 09:00-17:00  Closed Wednesday and Thursday |

# Useful Telephone Numbers

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| Electricity | For emergency and loss of supply – 0800 783 8838 | | | |
| Gas | For emergency gas leaks – 0800 111 999 and new supply – 0845 955 5510 | | | |
| **Water for emergency** | | 0845 714 5145 and accounts – 0845 579 19155 | | |
| **Social Services**, Hadleigh | | 01473 823948 | **Benefits Agency** | 01473 267700 |
| **Disabled Advice Bureau** | | 01473 217313 | **Disabled Shop Mobility** | 01206 369099 or 01473 222225 |
| **Citizens Advice Bureau** | | 01206 765331 or 01473 219777 | | |
| **Suffolk Domestic Violence** | | 0800 7835121 | **Relate** | 01473 254118 |

# Transport

Buses travel to Ipswich, Colchester and Mistley. For further information about public transport to and from Brantham call the Public Transport Enquiry Line 0870 608 2608.

Ipswich Buses operate nos. 92 Brantham to Ipswich - Monday to Saturday (0800 919 390)

Manningtree and District Community Bus service provides travel for group outings or taking groups of people to meetings, but not for single person travel (07548 984959)

Hadleigh Community Transport operate a Manningtree to Hadleigh - Monday to Friday (01473 826242)

A number of drivers in the village take people to the Doctors, Dentist or Hospital. Please contact Brantham Good Neighbours on 07811 630899.

# Map

And if you get lost, ask someone for directions. We are a friendly lot in Brantham!

**Brantham Street Index**

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| Acacia Court | B2 | Merriam Close | B2 |
| Ash Ground Close | B2 | New Village | A3 |
| Bergholt Road | A3 | Park Road | A1 |
| Birch Drive | B1-B2 | Palfrey Heights | B2 |
| Blenheim Close (1) | B2 | Patten Bush Close | B2 |
| Brantham Hill | B2 | Pine Close | B2 |
| Bridge Place | A3 | Quince Close (2) | B2 |
| Brooklands Rise | B2 | Rectory Lane | C1-C2 |
| Brooklands Road | B2-B3 | Rowley Close | B2 |
| Browning Road | A3 | School Lane | B1 |
| Cattawade Street | A3 | Slough Road | B1 |
| Cedar Close | B1-B2 | Snows Way (3) | B2 |
| Church Lane | C1 | Suffolk Coast Path | C3 |
| Elm Close | B1 | Sycamore Way | B2 |
| Factory Lane | A3-B3 | Temple Pattle | B3 |
| Gravel Pit Lane | C1 | The Poplars | B1 |
| Grimwade Close | B3 | Valley Close | B1 |
| Grove Road | B2 | Welhams Way (4) | B2 |
| Ipswich Road | C1 | Westerns End | B2 |
| Larman Court | A3 |  |  |