

# Welcome to Leigh on Mendip



This guide aims to give you as much information as possible about Leigh on Mendip and services in the surrounding area, which we hope will make you feel welcome and part of the village.

It is a companion to the [village website](#). Links to the relevant pages provide the latest information.

Telephone dialling codes start with 01373, unless otherwise shown.

Confused with the name?

The commonly used name is Leigh on Mendip, though Leigh upon Mendip appears on some weather, mapping and travel sites.

Make sure you pronounce it correctly!

The village is pronounced "lye" or "lie" rather than "lee", and probably comes from the Old English meaning grove or glade.

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# 1 Amenities

## Allotments

These are situated next to Coronation Park. They are restricted to parishioners and there is usually a waiting list. Further details and contact is [here](#).

## Bell Inn

- Real ale, skittles, darts, garden and restaurant.



Landlord, John, says "Good food is served in a warm and friendly environment along with a great selection of real ales and wines. Large inglenook fireplaces with logs blazing make it a great place to be during the Winter, while in Summer you can relax in the fully enclosed garden to the rear.

Walkers are welcome, including dogs and muddy boots. John with the Bell team extend a warm welcome to you."

Look out for events on [The Bell Facebook page](#) .

## Church

[St Giles Church](#) is part of a group of parishes that include: Downhead, Stoke St Michael and Postlebury (Nunney, Cloford, Marston, Wanstrow and Witham Friary). Holy Communion is celebrated at St Giles on the first Sunday of each month at 11am.

The Rev Keith Johnson is due to be licenced as the vicar by the Bishop in October 2025.

St Giles' Church is a Grade I building, dating from around 1350, and is dedicated to a French saint, a patron of cripples and beggars.



The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for the church and the one at Downhead. Community facilities include the [Tower Room Community café](#), a Heritage Desk, WiFi and toilets.

The registered charity, [Friends of Leigh Church \(FOLC\)](#) actively assists the PCC with the substantial fundraising needed for ongoing maintenance.

There is an active band of [bell-ringers](#) who raised the funds to refurbish the bells in 2019.

Further church information is [here](#).

## Memorial Hall

Another wonderful facility in the village, allowing for many groups and activities.



The Memorial Hall is well equipped with a fully functioning kitchen, small meeting room, safe outside space and plenty of parking. Information on bookings, cost, capacity etc. is [here](#).

Many of the village meetings, exercise sessions and open social activities are held in the Memorial Hall. The [regular events](#) are here and other [events](#) are here.

The Memorial Hall is managed and supported by a voluntary group of people in the village who freely give their time and skills to ensure this facility is kept in good order for the rest of us. Your help will always be welcomed.

## Recreation Field and Coronation Park

The [recreation field](#) and club house is a great facility in the village. The large open field can be used by villagers or visitors and is especially popular with families and young people for a variety of activities. There is also a basketball practice area, a practice football goal, picnic tables, a Pump Track and a shelter.





Recreation field activities include;

- Bowls - in the summer months
- Football - Coleford youth teams regularly use the pitches and welcome players from Leigh on Mendip.
- Village Events - e.g. Summer Fair, Car Rally, Village Day



**PLEASE do not allow your dog to foul the recreation field. ALL DOGS are now required to be on leads and any dog poo must be removed immediately. There are dog waste bins at both entrances.**



Coronation Park is adjacent to the recreation field and has a wide variety of children's play equipment and exercise machines for the adults. There is a Sensory Garden with seating for anyone wanting to relax surrounded by floral, scented, textured flowers and herbs.

The recreation field, Coronation Park and club house are managed and supported by a voluntary group of people in the village who freely give their time and skills to ensure this facility is kept in good order for the rest of us. If you feel able to help at all please contact David Pattison 812570.



The club house and field can be hired for private parties, meetings & activities - contact Vicky Higgins 812087.

## School and Child Care

Children from 6 months - 11 years are well catered for in the village. Further details can be found [here](#).

### Leigh on Mendip Primary School

The school is part of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership. Offering an excellent village primary school for children aged from 4 years to 11 years. With a strong focus on 'nurturing curious minds', children are supported throughout

their learning. There are many extra curricular activities on offer including music lessons, various Sports clubs, Arts club & Chess Club.

### **Robins Preschool**

Set within the school grounds, children from two years old are welcome to attend weekly sessions as part of our inclusive school community.

The preschool has a team of experienced staff and combines a small and caring atmosphere with an excellent and engaging curriculum. Children are able to learn and grow in a safe, creative and inspiring environment. Funding is accepted for all children above the age of two years.

### **Childminders**

Matthew and Catherine Bennett have been acclaimed 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Based in their own home in the village they offer childcare for children 6 months - school age. They provide "childcare in a very loving family environment which is safe, stimulating and above all fun". They work closely with the pre-school and school and also offer after school and holiday care for children of all ages. Contact Matthew or Catherine 813316 or m.c.bennett00@btinternet.com

### **Parent, Baby & Toddler Group**

This is held on Tuesday mornings during term time in the Memorial Hall. [Times and contact here.](#)

## **Tower Room Community Cafe**

The [Tower Room Café](#) is in St Giles' Church, under the Tower and offers a peaceful place to rest, work, study or socialise. Drinks can be purchased on a self-serve basis, when the church is open (typically daylight hours). See [Events](#) for coffee mornings, cream teas etc.

There is free WiFi and a Heritage Desk to see the history of the church and search your village ancestors.

## **2 Local Businesses**

The website has a list of [local businesses](#). Please contact the [webmaster](#) if you are a Leigh on Mendip parishioner and you wish your business to be included.

### 3 Events

The [Events webpage](#) is updated monthly and includes the diary and regular activities in the Memorial Hall, waste collection dates, church services and all other village events for the month and beyond. If you want your village event added, just send details to the [webmaster](#).

### 4 Gallery

Photo records of village events can be seen [here](#). Everyone is encouraged to submit their photos for inclusion.

### 5 Village Groups

There are lots of groups both supporting the village and meeting everyone's social / interest /activity needs. The [Groups heading](#) lists some but there are more (e.g. skittles teams, reading groups etc.). The village depends on volunteer groups, many of these are listed [here](#).

You will always be welcomed by our friendly groups and for newcomers it's a great way to get to know people and feel part of our community.

### 6 Information

[History of Leigh on Mendip](#) - various historical articles

[Housefinder](#) - for a rural village which relies on house names this is an invaluable aid to locating an address anywhere in the parish. Kindly provided and maintained by Denis Pattison.

[Millennium Book](#) - As part of the 2000 Millennium activities in the village, this book was compiled to show future generations what Leigh on Mendip was like at the turn of the millennium.

**Public Footpaths** - Our parish has some of the best and well maintained public footpaths thanks to responsible landowners and walkers. A popular walk is the permissive loop around Halecombe Quarry.

**Village Connections Magazine** - a round up of local news, shared with Stoke St Michael and Downhead. Published monthly and delivered for just £5 per year ! - contact Jan Pattison 812460. If you are reading it online, a voluntary contribution to the church would be appreciated!

**Welcome Guide** - (this document!) Originally a booklet distributed to new arrivals, now an online version to welcome everyone, including those looking to move here and as a companion to the village website. The original booklet was funded by Mendip District Council's Community Partnership Fund in 2009.

**Website** [www.leigh-on-mendip.org.uk](http://www.leigh-on-mendip.org.uk) Provided by Leigh on Mendip Parish Council for the benefit of the parish and visitors. It is maintained by a volunteer webmaster and the clerk to the Parish Council (for the Parish Council pages). [Contacts are here](#) for any additions, amendments, suggestions, comments etc.

NB all updates to the website are recorded in the [What's New](#) page, shown at the bottom of every page.

**Village Facebook Group** [www.facebook.com/groups/LeighonMendip/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/LeighonMendip/)

This closed local social network group has proved very popular across the community to publicise local events, items for sale/free, lost animals and lots of other items of local interest. There are [rules](#) to ensure that it keeps to only village interests and with limited local advertising.

### **Noticeboards -**

- West entrance to Park Hayes (Parish Council)
- Church porch (Church Notices)
- Inside the Memorial Hall
- Old Telephone Box (anyone is welcome to post village notices here, also has a book swap)



## 7 Links

This section of the website has useful links to other websites e.g. Doctor's Surgery, websites for other local villages, Somerset Council, Bus Timetable.

## 8 Notices

The [Notices](#) section of the website has any topical announcements, e.g. road closures, deadlines etc.

## 9 Parish Council

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month in the Memorial Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The agenda and minutes for all meetings are posted on the notice board at the west entrance to Park Hayes and on the village website.

There are three sections/[tabs](#) exclusively for the Parish Council on the website. These are administered by the [Clerk of the Parish Council](#).

### Parish Council Documents

Meeting agendas, minutes, governance and finance with associated documents.

### Parish Council Information

Contains information on Parish Councillors, Planning, Community Plan, Village Design Statement and Halecombe Quarry Community Fund.

### Leigh on Mendip Burial Ground

Everything you need to know about the "open" cemetery located in the small area behind the church. Note that the cemetery surrounding the church is "closed" to further burials and administered by Somerset Council.

## Somerset County Councillors & MP

Somerset County - [Philip Ham](#) and [Barry Clarke](#)

MP - [Anna Sabine](#)

## 10 Services

The village has a range of good services. These are only a few of those listed on the website under "[Services](#)".

**[Defibrillators](#)** There are two defibrillators in the village, located at the Memorial Hall and Rec Field Clubhouse. Training sessions can be arranged by contacting the Parish Council Clerk.

### Somerset Council services -

[Fly-tipping collection](#)

[Pothole repair & other highway issues](#)

[Street lights](#)

[Mobile Library](#)

[Refuse and Recycling Collections](#)

[Street Cleaning](#)

**[Neighbourhood Watch](#)** - register with a co-ordinator to be a member

**[Transport](#)** - Frome Bus 162 and Mendip Community Transport

**Broadband** Fibre to the Cabinet is available within the village from several suppliers. Download speeds vary from 96Mbps at the east end of the village gradually reducing speed towards the west. Full Fibre (>900Mbps) is available from Truespeed (available for free in the Church Tower Cafe).

**Mobile Telephone** - 4G mobile coverage is available in most parts of the village at least outdoors. There is no public telephone in the village.

## Facilities close to Village

[Doctors surgery](#) - Mendip Country Practice, Coleford 812244

Village shops - Stoke St Michael, Coleford, Mells, Nunney

[Post Offices](#) - Stoke St Michael, Mells, Coleford, Nunney

Newspaper delivery - Stoke St Michael - 01749 840628

[Household Waste Recycling Centres](#) - Frome & Dulcote (Wells)

## Community Hospitals

- Shepton BA4 4PG 01749 342931

- Frome BA11 2FH 01373 454770

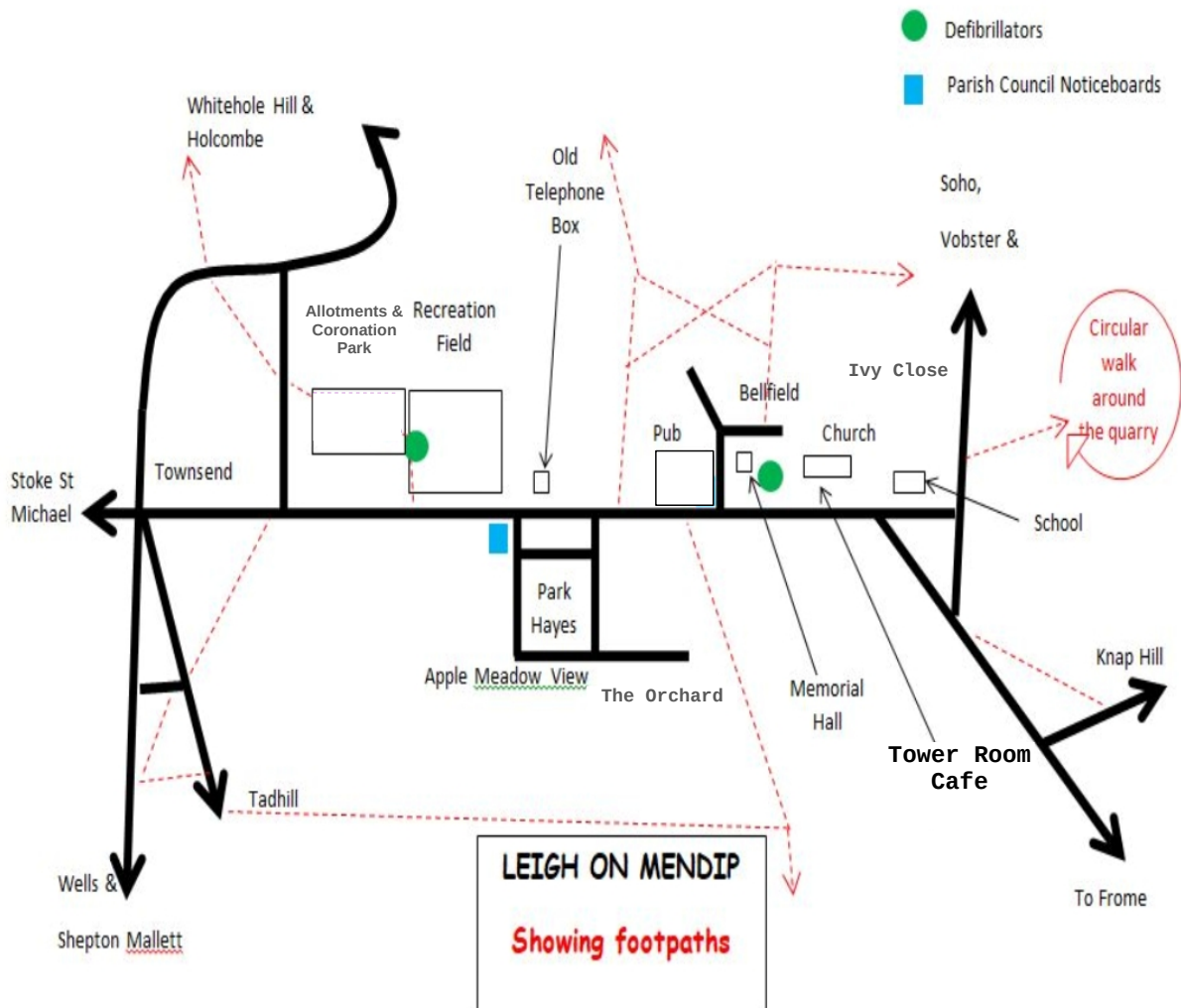
**Petrol/Diesel** - Nunney Catch, Shepton Mallet and Frome

([link to PetrolPrices.com](#))

**EV Charging** - Shepton Mallet and Frome

([link to find a charge point near you](#))

## 11 Schematic Map



[Click here for Google Map](#)

