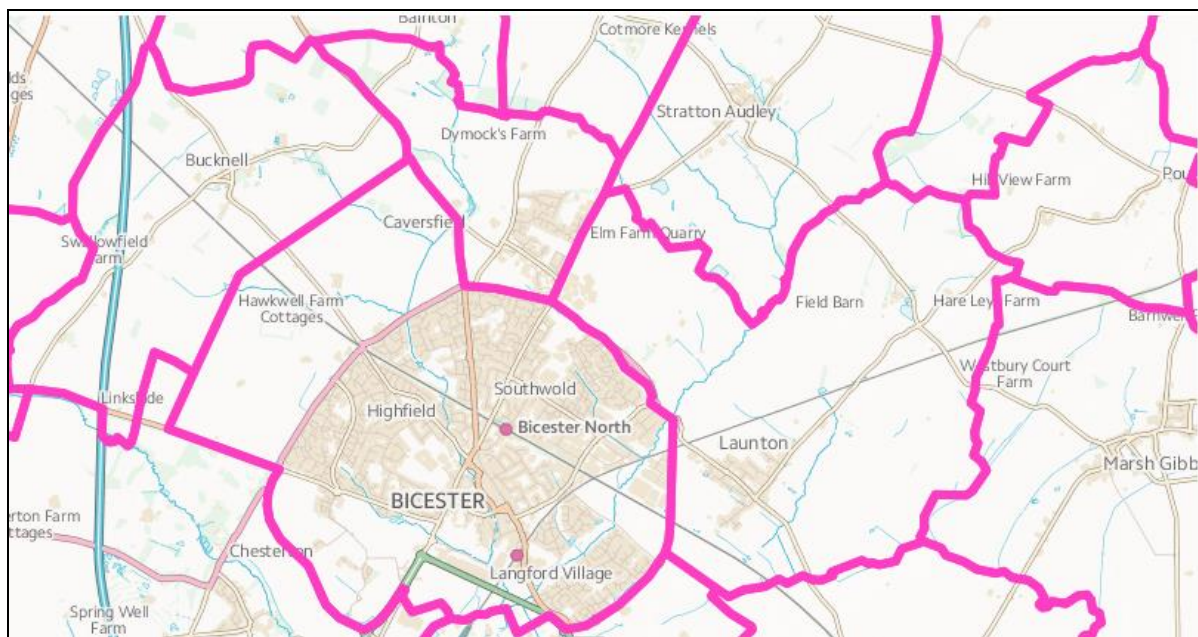


Caversfield cluster- Community Profile: July 2017

1. Map and Overview



Caversfield Parish Cluster (Source: Ordnance Survey Election Maps)

Overview

The Caversfield cluster consists of Caversfield, Bucknell, Fringford, Stoke Lyne and Stratton Audley.

Caversfield is a village and civil parish about 1 ½ miles north of the centre of Bicester. In 1844 Caversfield became part of Oxfordshire, but until then it was always an exclave of Buckinghamshire. The village has a long history of association with the Air Force, particularly with RAF Bicester which is no longer operational. The airfield has been recognised as a Conservation Area by English Heritage and is one of the most important examples of a green airfield constructed between the first and second world wars. The airfield and surrounding buildings is now owned and operated by [Bicester Heritage](#) and the airfield is currently leased to the [Bicester Gliding Centre](#). The previous RAF Domestic site in Skimmingdish Lane is being redeveloped by City and Country as 'The Garden Quarter' for residential use.

Bucknell is a village and civil parish 2 ½ miles northwest of Bicester. After the Norman Conquest of England, William the Conqueror granted the Manor of Bucknell to Robert D'Oyly. In 1300 the Lord of the Manor of Bucknell was Sir Robert d'Amory, father of Roger d'Amory. Near the church in Bucknell are a few attractive old cottages, including the odd one with a thatched roof, and elsewhere in the village there is modern development.

Fringford is a village and civil parish about 4 miles northeast of Bicester. The parish is bounded to the east by the Roman road that linked Alchester Roman Town with Roman Towcester, to the south by a brook that joins the River Bure, to the north mostly by a brook that is a tributary of the River Great Ouse, and to the west by field boundaries. Fringford village is in the north of the parish, surrounded on two sides by a bend in the tributary of the Great Ouse.

Stoke Lyne is a village and civil parish about 4 miles north of Bicester. In AD 584 a Saxon army led by King Ceawlin of Wessex and his son Cutha fought an army of Britons "at the place which is named Fethan leag". Cutha was killed but his father Ceawlin won "many towns and countless war-loot". A 12th-century document records a wood called "Fethelée" in a reference to Stoke Lyne, so it is now thought the battlefield was probably near here.

Stratton Audley is a village and civil parish about 2.5 miles northeast of Bicester. The Domesday Book of 1086 records that Robert D'Oyly held five hides of land at Stratton. Like many D'Oyly manors, Stratton later became part of the Honour of Wallingford. The Honour of Wallingford became part of the Earldom of Cornwall and thence in the 15th century a number of former Wallingford manors became part of the Duke of Suffolk's Honour of Ewelme. The Parish of Stratton Audley is a small community of just over 400 people living in some 190 dwellings.

The Caversfield cluster population at the time of the 2011 Census was 9,025. Both the proportion and absolute number of those aged over 65 is expected to continue to increase over the coming decades.¹

Ward forecasts for the Parishes supplied by Oxfordshire County Council predict the population of this age group will increase by 114% in the 15 years from 2011 to 2026. The forecast of the total Caversfield cluster population in 2026 is 16,252.¹

¹ <http://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/oxfordshire-county-council-population-forecasts-january-2014-excel-format>

School

- Fringford C.E. Primary School currently has 92 pupils on roll aged 4-11 years. The Green, Fringford, Oxfordshire, OX27 8DY Tel: 01869 277397. <http://www.fringford.oxon.sch.uk/>

Services

- Caversfield has a number of buses. The E1, X5, S5 and the Oxfordshire Comet. The Oxfordshire Comet is a bookable transport service from Oxfordshire County Council, available for people in Caversfield Parish who do not have access to suitable public transport. However route 8 from Bicester to Northampton via Brackley, and Routes 22 and 23 have been discontinued due to the cuts from Oxfordshire County Council.
- Stratton Audley X5 City Coach runs between Cambridge and Oxford. It is every half hour and you can board at the bus stop opposite the Caversfield turn on the A4421 which is next to

the entrance to Bicester Heritage. No 8 Local Bus. No longer runs through the village as the subsidy from Oxfordshire County Council was withdrawn. Volunteer Connect. This charity-based organisation runs a community transport scheme which offers a service helping people with problems accessing public transport or getting to essential appointments. To find out more call Pip on 0300 3030 125

info@volunteerconnect.org.uk. <http://volunteerconnectbanbury.com>

Doctors

None of the cluster villages have a Doctor's surgery.

Parish Councils

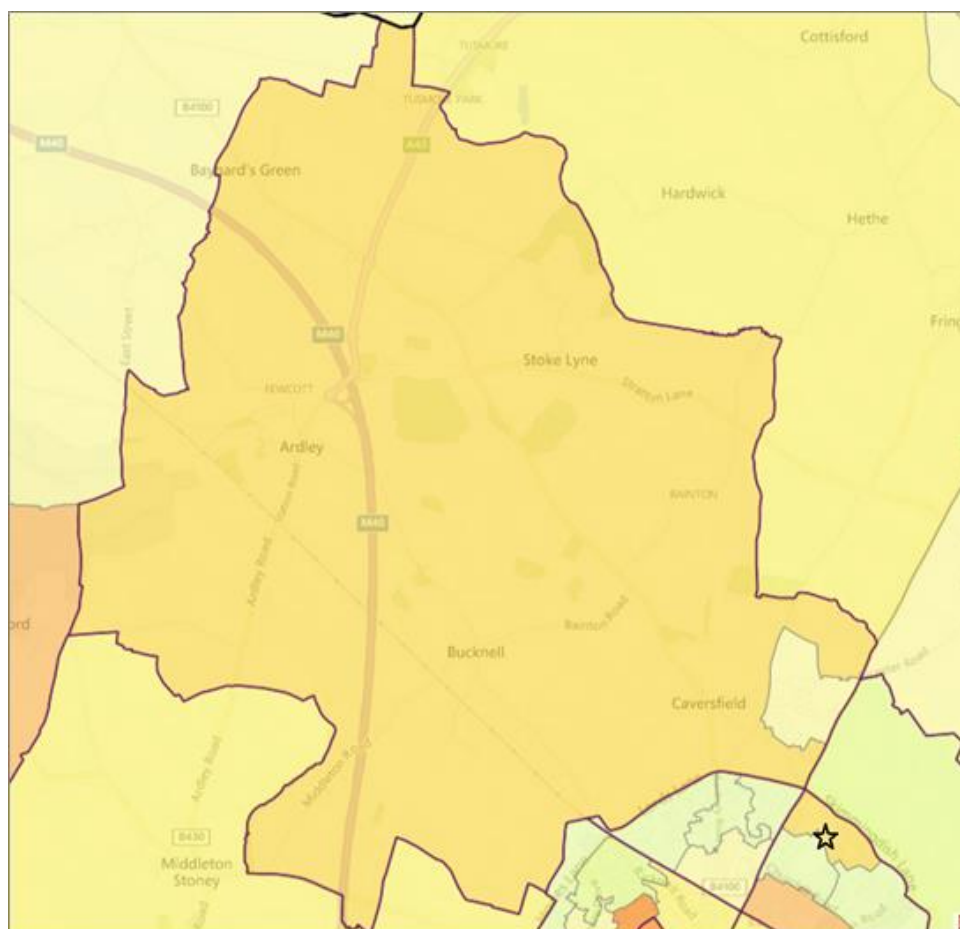
- Caversfield Parish Council meets once every 2 months in the Chinnery Room of Fringford Village Hall, Fringford OX27 8DY on the third Wednesday at 7.30pm.
- Bucknell Parish Council can be contacted on via the Clerk to the Council clerk@bucknell.me.uk
- Fringford Parish Council meets on the third Monday of every month. Parish Council Clerk: Jane Olds 01869 247171 fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com.
- Stoke Lyne Parish Council. Anne Davies Clerk. 6 Greystones Court, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1AR 01865 379645 stokelyne.parishclerk@gmail.com
- Stratton Audley Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm in the Red Lion. Anne Davies Clerk. 6 Greystones Court, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1AR 01865 379645. strattonaudley.parishclerk@gmail.com
www.strattonaudley.org/parish_council.html

Post Office/Shop

- Bucknell has a Post Office service that visits once a week. The Village Post Office is open for business at the Village Hall on Thursdays from 1pm to 2pm. The Post Office in G.B Wrightons, Fritwell operates this service. As well as offering the basic Post Office Wrightons also provide a shop service. Orders made by the close of Wednesday are brought to the Village Hall to collect and pay on the Thursday. Shop contact details: 01869 345229. gbwrighton@aol.com www.wrightons.co.uk East St, Fritwell, Oxon, OX27 7PX.

Hall for Hire	Contact details
Bucknell Village Hall Middleton Road, Bucknell, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX27 7LX	Sue Gammond 01869249563 suegammond@talktalk.net www.bucknell.me.uk
Fringford Village Hall 5 Crosslands, Fringford, Bicester OX27 8DF	Ant and Jo Parker on 07964 490865
Stoke Lyne Parish Meeting Room St. Peter, Stoke Lyne, Oxfordshire, OX27 8RU	Mr James Holden-White, 6 The Close, Stoke Lyne 01869 345211

2. Areas of Deprivation



Map legend

Deciles of deprivation

10% most deprived



10% least deprived

Community	Ward	IMD Rank (min)	IMD Decile	Income	Employment	Education, Skills and Training	Adult Skills	Health Deprivation and Disability	Barriers to Housing and Services	Geographical Barriers	IDACPI	Children and Young People
E01028477	Caversfield	19091	6	9	10	7	7	8	1	1	8	6

3. Service Overview

Day Care	Transport	Service Care
<u>Fringford</u> Village Hall. Darby & Joan Club Third Tuesday of the month pm. Marian Golding 01869 278355 5 Crosslands, Fringford, Bicester OX27 8DF	<u>Caversfield</u> Elmsbrook Bus – E1 The Elmsbrook bus (E1) is run by Grayline Coaches. X5 Oxford – Bicester – Milton Keynes – Bedford The bus stops are either side of the A4421 near the Garden Quarter / Bicester Heritage. S5 Two S5 buses to Oxford are available from the Caversfield Turn early in the morning. The Oxfordshire Comet This is a bus which can be booked by individuals It is a not for profit service, created to allow people without suitable access to public transport to make the journeys they want and can be booked for any type of trip.	
	<u>Stratton Audley</u> X5 City Coach runs between Cambridge and Oxford. It is every half hour and you can board at the bus stop opposite the Caversfield turn on the A4421 which is next to the entrance to Bicester Heritage. Volunteer Connect. This charity-based organisation runs a community transport scheme which offers a service helping people with problems accessing public	

	transport or getting to essential appointments.	
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4. Distance to Services

Community	Barriers to Housing and Services	Geographical Barriers	Distance (km) to:			
LSOA			PO	Food	GP	Primary school
Caversfield cluster						
E01028477	1	1	2.58	2.14	6.66	2.76

5. Community Assets

Bucknell Village Hall

There is an entrance lobby containing a small bar with a sink unit. Toilets, including a fully equipped disabled washroom are accessed from the lobby. The main hall measures 12 x 6 metres and at one end has a 6 x 2.5 metres raised stage 600mm high. The stage can be accessed independently from the main hall and from both sides. The side extension off the main hall measures 6 x 2.4 metres and is used for storage of 16 folding tables 700 x 1800mm, 3 folding tables 700 x 900mm, 80 stacking chairs and 8 upholstered chairs with arm rests. Access to the stage. The kitchen measures 3.7 x 2.5 metres and is equipped with double sink and drainer, a single oven, separate hob, a refrigerator, freestanding Urn and a hostess trolley. 80 Dinner & Dessert Plates with cutlery are also available for hire. Audio visual equipment is also available for hire at additional cost to the main hall.

6. Community activity: overview

Theme	Group and Details	Contact	Notes
Adult	Bucknell "Drop in Club" Every Friday in the Village Hall between 2 and 4pm.		Afternoon tea is served around 3pm – home-made cake/scones

			etc., and a cup of tea/coffee.
	Fringford Village Hall. Puppy Stars Dog training Tuesday 7.00-9.00pm. Friday 6.30 – 7.30pm and 8.00-9.00pm	07542 131400 www.puppystars.co.uk	
	Fringford Village Hall. Whist Drive Alternate Tuesdays 7.30pm	Mervin 01869 253290	
	Fringford Village Hall. Shelswell W.I. First Thursday of the month 8:00pm	Contact Linda Mustill 01869 277577 www.fringford.info/shelswell-wi	
	Stoke Lyne W.I. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Stoke Lyne Church Hall OX26 8RU.	http://www.stoke-lyne-wi.org.uk/	
	Stratton Audley Church. Singing for Fun. Alternate Mondays at 1.30pm in during term time.	Amanda Frater 01869 249943	The group sing a huge repertoire of songs, ranging from show stoppers, current hits, 60's and songs from all over the world.
	Coffee Morning Red Lion Stratton Audley. An informal group meets every Tuesday at 11 am to chat.		

Children	Bicester 2507 Air Cadet Squadron (for those aged 12-18) is very active on the Garden Quarter site with parade nights on a Tuesday and Thursday evening 19.00 – 21.45. Duclos Hall 34 The Parade The Garden Quarter Caversfield Bicester OX27 8AD	T: 01869 249416 E: 2507@aircadets.org	Sponsored by the Royal Air Force and can give hands-on experience of activities and courses that will challenge and develop skills to help young people succeed in whatever they want to do.
	Fringford Village Hall. Youth Club. For young people 11 to 16 years old. Alternate Thursdays (term time only) 7.00 – 8.30pm	Penny Wood 01869 277310 penelope.wood@btopenworld.com	
	Shelswell & Fringford Pre School & Playgroup. Fringford Church of England School	www.fringfordplaygroup.co.uk	Playgroup operates from a semi-permanent single storey timber lodge with ramp access in the grounds of the school.
	Stratton Audley Little Lambs Toddler Group. Held in the Stratton Audley Parish Church on Wednesdays during term time from 10am – 12 noon.	Amanda Houston admin@shelswellparishes.info	
	Stratton Audley		

	Playbus. The bright red double decker Playbus parks up in Mill Road at the back of the Manor outside the Plough House, on Mondays during term time from 10.30 – 12 noon.		
General	Bucknell Bingo 1st Friday of the Month throughout the year at 7:15. Bucknell Village Hall.	Pat Brain 01869 322562	A long standing activity of Bucknell Village Hall. All are welcome. All profits go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.
	Bucknell Film Nights 2nd Friday in the month. Doors open at 7pm and the film begins at 7:30.	Jane Ashe – 01869 243602 Tony.ashe@btinternet.com	Tea, coffee and nibbles are available. Bring your own drink and a comfy cushion.
	Fringford Village Hall Fringford School of Dance Wednesday afternoon/evening term time.	Melissa Allen 07876 253744 or e-mail fsdance@live.co.uk www.fsdanceuk.com	
	Fringford Village Hall. Take 5 Cinema Club Fringford Village Hall Cinema Experience Usually 2nd Saturday in the month Doors open 7.00pm	Peter Silver 01869 278949 email: cinemaclub@fringford.info www.fringford.info/take-5-cinema	
	Fringford Village Hall.	Anthony Parker 07964 490865	

	Family Prize Bingo Last Saturday in the month Eyes down 6.30pm.		
	Fringford Village Hall.	HistoryGroup@fringford.info	A small group meets to gather together historical information about Fringford and the surrounding area.
	Stoke Lyne Diggers Allotment Group	http://212.48.89.169/stokelyne.org/diggers.ph p	
	Stratton Audley Historical Society meets every two months on the second Tuesday in the Red Room of the Red Lion at 7.30pm	Chairman Jeff Wakefield jeffaud21@btinternet.com	Members meet to discuss projects and to plan interesting activities.
Sports	Bucknell Boot Camps 11:00am at Bucknell Playing Field	http://www.dean-pt.co.uk/bootcamps.html	
	Fitness Trees - Bucknell Playing Field		There are two Fitness Trees at the Playing Field for adult use. Details on exercises that you can perform on the Fitness Tress can be found at the Fitness Tree website. There are specific sections for exercises that use: bodyweight resistance bands

			suspension straps.
	Fringford Village Hall Karate Every Monday 7.00 – 8.00pm Beginners 8.00- 9.00pm Higher grades.	Tony Clark 01869 277961	Age 8 to adults (Term time only)
	Fringford Village Hall Pilates Tuesday 9.15 – 10.15 am.	Frances Reader 01280 702964 www.prehab-rehab.uk	
	Fringford Cricket Club.	Les Fagg 01869 277543 leslie.fagg@btinternet.com	Fringford are in Division 3 of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association.
	Fringford Freewheelers. Fringford Freewheelers are the village cyclists. Usually meeting up once a month on either the first Saturday or Sunday. 10:30am at the village hall for each ride.		

7. Summary of key local issues –to be discussed with parish councils

Banbury community bus project is likely to close in 2018 if funding is not available .

Potential mitigation projects

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