

WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE OF BRANTHAM



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We hope the information within is helpful to you and helps you to feel settled and welcomed.

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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.

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

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
The Rectory
Rectory Lane
Brantham CO11 1PZ

Tel: 01206 392646
Email: revstephvd@googlemail.com

Benefice website

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.

Holy Family Catholic Church

Ipswich Road, Brantham CO11 1TB

Contact

180 Hawthorn Drive
Ipswich
IP2 0QQ

Tel: 01473 684963
Email: office@stmarksparish.org.uk

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 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

Brantham Methodist Church

Gravel Pit Lane
Brantham
Manningtree CO11 1NX

Contact

Ian Gardner
34 Medway Road
Ipswich IP3 0QH

Tel: 01473 411507
Email: ian.gardner@methodist.org.uk
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
35 Birch Drive, Brantham

Colchester and District Jewish Community

Fennings Chase
Colchester
Essex CO1 2QG

Tel: 01206 545992
Web: www.cdjc.org.uk

Ipswich and District Islamic Communities

(both located in central Ipswich)

Ipswich Mosque
32-36 Bond Street
Ipswich

Tel: 01473 226879

The Shah Jalal Mosque
St Helen's Street
Ipswich

Tel: 01473 412983

Doctors' Surgeries

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
Heath Road
East Bergholt CO7 6RT

Tel: 01206 298272
Web: constablecountrymedicalpractice.co.uk

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

The Constable Country Practice Patient Participation Group

Contact constablecountryppg@gmail.com

Riverside Health Centre	Station Road Manningtree Essex CO11 1AA	Tel: 01206 397070 Fax: 01206 391570 Web: riversidehealthcentre.org.uk
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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

The Pharmacy	Gaston Street East Bergholt	Tel: 01206 298267
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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

Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust	Heath Road Ipswich IP1 4PD	Tel: 01473 712233 Fax: 01473 703400 Web: www.ipswichhospital.nhs.uk
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This is a general hospital with full accident and emergency facilities.

Colchester District General Hospital	Turner Road Colchester Essex CO4 5JL	Tel: 01206 747474 Web: www.esneft.nhs.uk
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This is a general hospital with full accident and emergency facilities.

Fryatt Hospital and Mayflower Medical Centre	419 Main Road Dovercourt Harwich Essex CO12 4EX CO12 4EX	Tel: 01255 201299 Fax: 01255 201270 Web: mayflowermedicalcentre.co.uk
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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
Suffolk IP4 5SW

This is a private hospital with full In-Patient, Out-Patient and Day Care Facilities

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

C Clamp and Partners 17a, High Street **Tel:** 01206 393744
Manningtree, Essex
CO11 1AG

RS Hems and P Wilson 17 High Street **Tel:** 01206 823092
Hadleigh

Capel Dental Practice 63 Thorney Road **Tel:** 01473 311130
Capel St Mary
Ipswich

Dr Lawrence Werber 62 High Street **Tel:** 01473 823003
Hadleigh

Country Park Dental Practice Highwoods Square **Tel:** 01206 751175
Colchester, Essex

Veterinary Practice

Highcliff Veterinary Practice Factory Lane **Tel:** 01206 391511
Cattawade
Nr Manningtree
Brantham CO11 1QL

Opening hours Monday – Thursday 08.30 to 19.00
Friday 08.30 to 18.00
Saturday 08.30 to 13.00

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

East Bergholt High School Heath Road **Tel:** 01206 298200
East Bergholt **Web:** www.ebhigh.org.uk/
Colchester CO7 6RJ

Head Teacher Dan Woodcock **Email:** 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.

Brooklands Primary School Palfrey Heights **Tel:** 01206 392291
 Brantham **Fax:** 01206 395699
 Nr Manningtree **Web:** www.brooklandsprimary.co.uk
 Essex CO11 1RX

Head Teacher Miss Christine Davy **Email:** 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.

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

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

“Citizenship”

“Mutual Respect”

“Responsibility”

“Love, Forgiveness and Compassion”

Child and Family

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

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

Constable Country Childcare

Constable Country Childcare: St Michael's Preschool

Opening hours:
Monday to Friday 07:00-19:00The Institute
Rectory Lane,
Brantham CO11 1PZ**Tel:** 01206 395865/01206 391472

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

Brantham Scout and Guide Groups**Rainbows**

Beverly Rudge

Email: branthamrainbows@outlook.com**1st Brantham Brownies**

Debbie Ching

Tel: debching.guiding@gmail.com**2nd Brownies**

Sue Spence

Tel: 01206 395 101**1st Brantham Guides**

Debbie Ching

Tel: debching.guiding@gmail.com**Flatford Rangers****Email:** baberghandsamford@gmail.com**1st Brantham Beaver Scouts**

Lin Dally

Tel: 01255 871 059**1st Brantham Cub Scouts**

Ruth Clark

Email: ruthesclark@btinternet.com**1st Brantham Scouts**

Charlie Garrad

Tel: 01255 487 252**Facebook:** [1stBranthamScoutGuideGroup](https://www.facebook.com/1stBranthamScoutGuideGroup)**Cattawade Explorer Scout Unit**

Brad Purse

Email: brad.purse@wolveyscouts.org.uk**Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group**

Roger Dann

Tel: 07778 463172**Email:** roger.dann@wolveyscouts.org.uk

The above groups can often be full and are always looking for additional assistants.

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.

Leisure Facilities

Brantham Village Hall

New Village
Brantham CO11 1RF

Contact

Parish Clerk - Sarah Keys
Stacey Duffett

Tel: 07807 799480

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.

Brantham Leisure Centre

New Village
Brantham
Manningtree
Essex CO11 1RZ

Tel: 01206 392506

Email: info@branthamlc.co.uk

Web: www.branthamleisurecentre.com

Contact:

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 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:

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.

Brantham Bowls Club

Contact: Michael Dickinson

Tel: 01206 393518

Email: andrea.dickinson@tesco.net

Web: www.branthambowls.org

Indoor and outdoor games are facilitated.

Brantham Community Choir **Contact:** Jackie Heywood **Tel:** 01206 392261 or 07990 888325
Email: 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.

Brantham Over 60's Club Brantham Leisure Centre **Contact:** Shirley Halliday
New Village **Tel:** 01206 395611
Brantham Manningtree
Essex CO11 1RZ

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.

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.

U3A – Stour Valley University of the Third Age Constable Memorial Hall **Contact:** Graham Manuel
Gandish Road **Email:** 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).

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.

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.

Brantham Community Café	Brantham Leisure Centre New Village Brantham CO11 1RF	Contact: Kay Eastwood Tel: 07541 359036
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Held monthly. Consult the Brantham Bugle for details. Transport available

Brantham Amateur Dramatic Society (BATS)	Brantham Village Hall Brooklands Road Brantham CO11 1RF	Tel: 07950 344797 Email: info@batsonline.co.uk
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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.

Brantham Angling Club	Club Secretary - Rob Whatling Match Secretary - Sean Bere	Email: robwhatling@yahoo.co.uk Email: seanbere@ymail.com
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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.

Stour Valley Men's Probus Club	Contact: Dave Carman	Tel: 01255 880202
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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.

Constable Singers	Contact: Yvonne or Mel	Tel: 01206 298428 (Yvonne) Tel: 01206 298628 (Mel)
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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

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.

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	Tel: 01206 397067

Manningtree

Opening times: Monday – Saturday 09:00-17:30

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

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

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

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

The Bull

The Street
Brantham CO11 1PN

Tel: 01473 328248

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.

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

The Crown

Proprietor

The Street
Brantham CO11 1RE
Mr Michael O'Brien**Tel:** 01206 392800
Web: www.cattawadecrown.co.uk

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

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 LibraryHigh Street
Manningtree
Essex CO11 1AD**Tel:** 01206 392747

Opening hours

Tuesday 09:30-13:00 / 14:00-18:00
Thursday 14:00-19:00
Saturday 09:00-17:00Wednesday: 09:30-13:00
Friday: 09:30-13:00 & 14:00-18:00

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.

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.

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

Locations

Brantham Village Hall
Brooklands Road, Brantham CO11 1RFAcacia 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

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 Brantham CO11 1TP	Tel: 07702 490212 Email: clerk@branthamparishcouncil.co.uk
	Sarah holds surgeries in Chloe's cafe - 11:00-12:00 on the 1 st Tuesday each month	

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

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, 20 School Lane Brantham	Tel: 07812 564188
	Mr Simon Harley	Email: simon.harley@suffolk.gov.uk
Member for Parliament	James Cartlidge MP House of Commons London SW1A 0AA	Tel: 0207 219 4875

Suffolk County Council Social Services	Community First	
Social Services	Hadleigh Area Office The Corn Exchange Market Place Hadleigh IP7 5DN	Tel: 0845 6 023 023
Office open to callers	Tuesday 11:00-13:00 / Thursday 14:00-16:00	

Age UK Suffolk	Tel: 01473 359911
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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	
	Web: 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.

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

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

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)

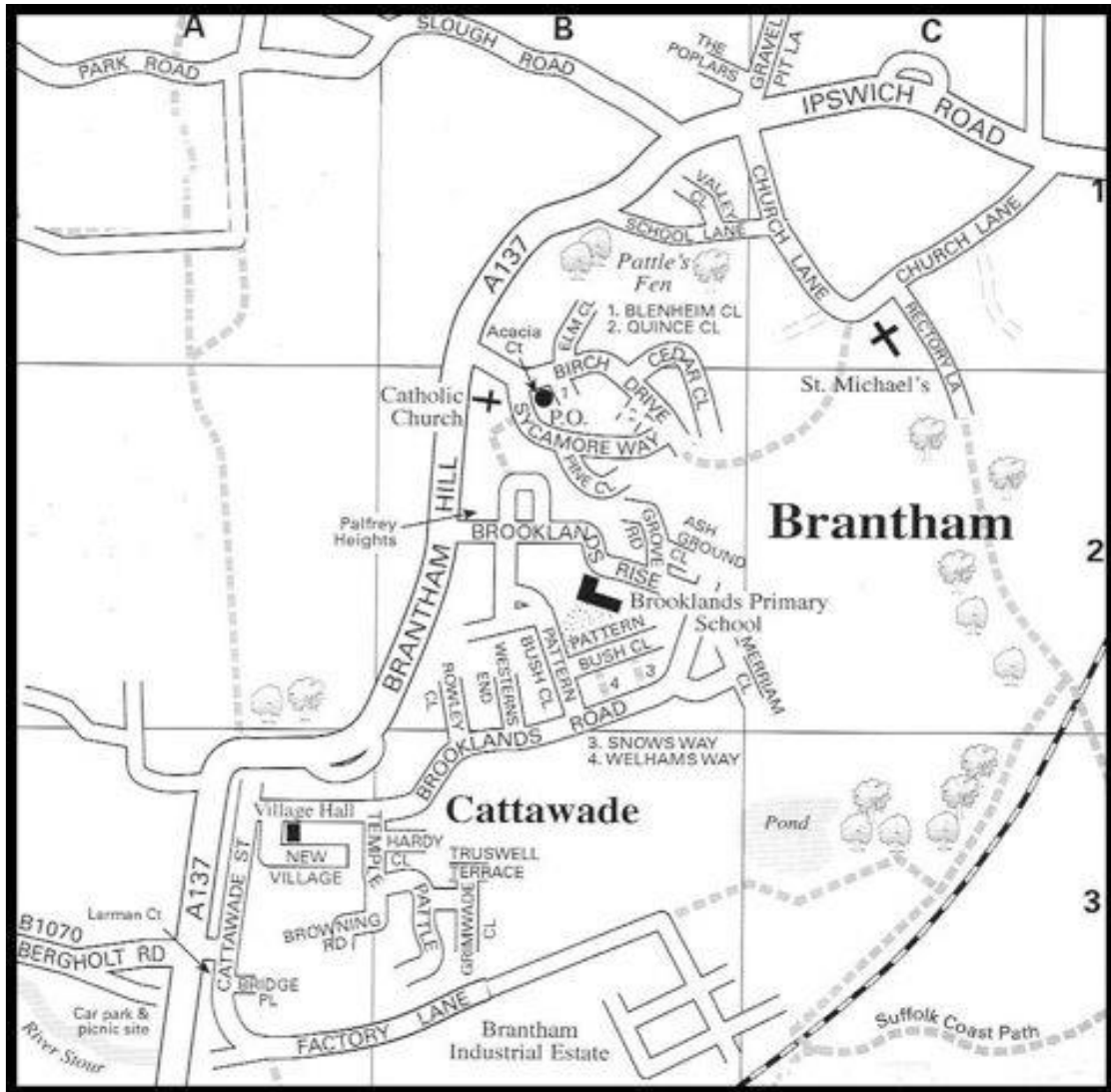
Manningtree and District Community Bus service provides travel for group outings or taking groups of people to meetings, but not for single person travel (07548 984959)

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!



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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		

