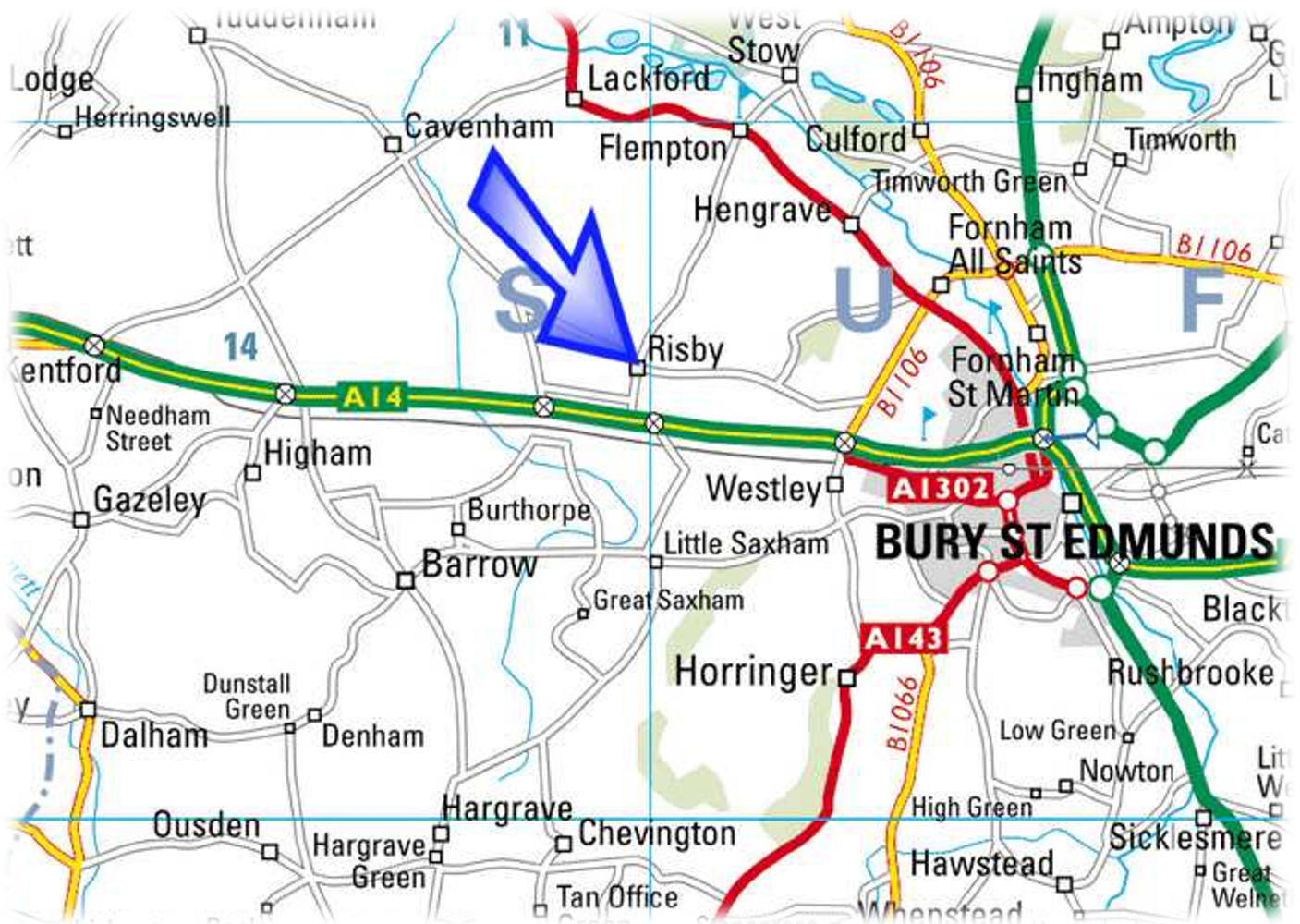


Welcome to Risby





We are very pleased to welcome you to the village of Risby.

In this Welcome Pack you will find lots of information about our village, including clubs, facilities, and useful phone numbers.

You will soon learn that there is plenty to do and see, so we look forward to getting to know you, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely

Chairman of Risby Parish Council

Brief history of Risby

It is suggested that the name Risby is derived from the Scandinavian for "The settlement on the rise" or "Settlement on a clearing". There is also a Ryssby in Sweden. Remains of Roman glass found during excavations indicate there has been a settlement here for at least 2000 years.

The settlement was over-run by succeeding invaders, Saxons, Norsemen and Danes. It is believed that the oldest building in the village, the Church Tower was built by our Saxon forefathers as a lookout and refuge against the Danes. The earliest reference to Risby occurs in the 'Chronicle of Ramsey Abbey' published in 973. As a result, this date has been accepted as the 'birth date' of the village. It certainly allowed the villagers to celebrate 1000 years of history in 1973, the date appearing on the village sign.

In the Domesday Book of 1086 'Risebi' had a population of about 130 and a church with 24 acres of land. In 1327 the citizens of Bury attacked the Abbey and also destroyed one of the manors of Risby, at that time owned by the Abbey.

In the early nineteenth century it was decreed that heath land along the Cavenham road should be sown with crops to provide fuel for the villagers. This area is marked on old maps as 'Risby Pools Heath'. The rental for the land was, and still is, paid to the Risby Charity to which any villager who can show a need can apply for financial help. Grants are paid annually to the Church and local school children.

Geologically the area around Risby is very interesting. In part this is due to the influence and consequence of glacial movement during the Ice Age. The area to the North and West borders Breckland with topsoil's which are generally sandy, supporting varied arable agriculture including vegetables and sugar beet. The 'natural' vegetation is heath land and pine trees. To the South the topsoil is heavier boulder clay. Arable cropping is predominately cereals and grass. Fields are smaller, many with the same boundaries as they were 400 years ago. The 'natural' vegetation is deciduous woodland. To the northwest are low lying Fens, much of which are below sea level and have only been under cultivation for less than 300 years. It can be said Risby is on the boundary of some of the lightest, the heaviest and the youngest agricultural soils in the whole of England.

St Giles Church is now over 1,000 years old and used to have links with the Abbey in Bury St Edmunds. The church is well worth a visit as it has some wonderful stained-glass windows, wall paintings and carvings inside. The stone carved font dates back to the 15th century and there is also a 15th century Medieval Rood Screen which was restored by the Pilgrim Trust in 1966.

Opposite the church is the **Old School** which was built out of flint stone in 1868 at a cost of £600.00. You can still see the carved out cross and bell tower which was used to signal the beginning and end of the school day.

The first and second world wars led to the loss of life of a number of young men from Risby. The **war memorial** erected on the village green in 1920 serves to remind us today of the sacrifice they made for their country.

The **village sign** depicts the church tower, a cross, a plough and some apples linking the past and present, commemorating the village's association with agriculture and the extensive fruit production which took place until very recently when many of the adjoining fields were orchards and owned by the Rothschild family. The sign was dedicated to Thomas Marriage, a local farmer who was tragically killed in the Paris air disaster in 1974.

The historic **thatched barn**, now Risby Barns antique centre in South Street, and the adjoining Risby Place were once the packing house and offices of Risby Fruit Farms.

The **Village Hall** was built in 1923. It was designed by Sir John Wood of Hengrave, who was Lord of the Manor at the time, to show his gratitude for the safe return of his sons from the war. He gave it to the village when it remained unsold in 1952 and continues to be the centre of village life today.

Village communications

Village Newsletter

The village newsletter is The Stile and is issued every month. It is a community newsletter for the villages of Risby, Barrow, Denham, Great and Little Saxham.

If you wish to place an article in the newsletter or receive a copy by subscription, please contact the editor Darren Matthews by e-mail stile@btinternet.com. The deadline for submissions is the 21st of each month.

Village Web Site: [Risby, Suffolk - Suffolk Village Info](#)

Parish Council Web Site: www.risby.suffolk.gov.uk

Parish Council email: risbyparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Noticeboards

The main parish council noticeboard is in School Road outside the village hall. There is a second noticeboard on the bus shelter in Flempton Road. Notices of meetings and any other information relating to Risby Parish Council are displayed here.

Parish Council

Your parish councillors are:

Derrick Abrey (Chairman)

Ian Turner (Vice – Chairman)

Chris Sutton

Steve Smith

Simon Gray

John Fairlie

Ben Ramsay

Clerk to the Council:

Joanne Kirk

07880 686069

Dates of meetings

Parish Council meetings usually take place on the first Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is a public session near the start of the meeting for members of the public to speak to councillors about items on the agenda or to raise any concerns they have.

Member of Parliament

Matthew Hancock MP

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk

District Council

West Suffolk District Councillor: Susan Glossop

E-mail: susan.glossop@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Tel: 07473 041394

County Council

County Councillor: Rebecca Hopfensperger

E-mail: rebecca.hopfensperger@suffolk.gov.uk

Tel: 07545 423626

Leisure and recreation

There are a number of footpaths in and around the village. A footpath map is enclosed.

There is a play area and playing field behind the village hall.

Risby Village Hall

The hall is administered by the Village Hall Trustees who are responsible for the village Hall and the recreation fields. The village hall manager is Jamie Hudson.

Email: hallmanager@risbyvillagehall.co.uk

Tel: 07835 515710

For details of clubs and regular events, visit: www.risbyvillagehall.co.uk

Church

St Giles Church

Rector: Revd. Lynda Sebbage Tel: 01284 811280

revlyndasebbage@gmail.com

Church Wardens

Annie Throssell

Tel: 01284 810314

Delivery services

Milk delivery Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays

Milkman: Milk and More

website: www.milkandmore.co.uk

Newspaper delivery

Court News

Tel no 01284 702447

Email carl.courtnews@yahoo.co.uk

Food and drink

The Crown and Castle, South Street, Risby

Tel: 01284 810393

The Nook Coffee Shop, Risby Barns, South Street, Risby

Tel: 07710 252219

Library

The mobile library visits Risby every four weeks on a Tuesday. It stops at Risby Village Hall from 2.10 – 2.40pm and at the Green from 2.45 – 3.30pm.

Visit Suffolk libraries to find out the dates of visits: <https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/mobile-libraries/bury-st-edmunds-mobile-library-route-1>

Playgroup/Pre-school

Website: <https://www.risbypreschoolsuffolk.co.uk/>

Tel: 01284 810794

Schools

Risby Church of England Voluntary Controlled School

Aylmer Close, Risby, Bury St. Edmunds IP28 6RT

Email: admin@risbyprimary.com

Tel: 01284 810367

Website: <https://www.risbyprimary.com/>

Brookes Cambridge Independent

Flempton Road, Risby

Tel: 01284 760531

Website: <https://uk.brookes.org/>

Email: admissions@uk.brookes.org

Ambulance Service

In emergency, call the Ambulance Service on: 999
NHS Direct: 111

Nearest hospitals with A&E departments are:

West Suffolk Hospital, Hardwick Lane, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 2QZ

Tel: 01284 713000

Website: <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Home.aspx>

Cambridge University Hospital (Addenbrookes), Hills Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB2 0QQ

Tel: 01223 805000

Website: <https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/>

Fire Service

In the event of a fire, call the Fire Service on: 999

Suffolk Police

In an emergency, dial 999

For non-emergency calls, dial 101

Crimestoppers - anonymous: 0800 555111

Website: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us>

Risby is policed by the Bury St Edmunds Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Website: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/bury-st-edmunds>

British Telecom fault reporting

To report a telephone fault phone free on a BT line: 151

From non BT line or mobile: 0800 800 151

To check or track phone or broadband problems online

www: www.bt.com/consumerFaultTracking/

UK Power Networks

Please treat electricity cables as live and stay away. To report a problem with a power line call UK Power Networks immediately on 0800 31 63 105 or 105.

Website: <https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/>

In the event of a power cut call 0800 31 63 105 or 105.

Anglian Water

To report a water leak visit the Anglian Water website and report it online

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/report-an-issue/>

or ring 03457 145 145.

Website: www.anglianwater.co.uk

Other useful contacts

West Suffolk Citizens Advice

The Risbygate Centre, 90 Risbygate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3AA.

Website: <https://suffolkwestcab.org.uk/>

Tel: 0808 278 7868

Online contact form: <https://suffolkwestcab.org.uk/contact-us/>

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm

Job Centre Plus

St. Andrews Street North, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1TT.
Tel: 0800 169 0190

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus>

Community Action Suffolk

Support for the voluntary sector and volunteers in Suffolk

Brightspace – 160 Hadleigh Road, Ipswich, IP2 0HH

Tel: 01473 345400

Email: info@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Website: <https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/>

National Rail Enquiries – fares times etc

www.nationalrail.co.uk/

Bus Timetables

www.suffolkonboard.com

Refuse and recycling collection days:

Fortnightly on alternate weeks. Black or Blue bins on Tuesday. Brown bins on Wednesday.

Full details of when bins will be emptied can be obtained by visiting the Bins and Recycling page of the West Suffolk Council website: <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/>

Nearest Recycling Centres

Risby Village Hall Car Park

For larger items the nearest recycling centre is in Bury St Edmunds. For more information visit

<https://suffolkrecycling.org.uk/>

West Suffolk Council

West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU.

Website: <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/>

Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Tel: 01284 763233

Lines open 8.45am to 5pm Monday to Friday (closed weekends and bank holidays)

Online contact: <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/contact-us.cfm>

Suffolk County Council

Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

Website <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Email: customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk

Tel: 0345 606 6067

The phone line is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm

Reporting a Highways problem

The maintenance of most roads, footways and rights of way (footpaths and bridleways) is the responsibility of Suffolk County Council. The easiest way to report the problem would be online via Suffolk County Council's website, however if the problem poses an **immediate** danger to public safety call **0345 606 6171**.

If the problem is on a trunk road (for example the A14), call Highways England as they are responsible for the major road network in England. The number is **0300 123 5000**.

For problems which do not pose an immediate danger to public safety visit Suffolk County Council's website at www.suffolk.gov.uk