Hi and Welcome to Charlton Village

Charlton Village is a small village in Spelthorne with about 400 homes and a population around 1,000. We have some very old dwellings in the village such as The Harrow Pub - which deserves talking about on its own, in addition there are the old farm cottages dating back to Victorian times, Manor Farm which is Grade 2 dating from the 1700’s, and the very old Harrow Farm.

Charlton Village appears in Domesday Book as “Cerdentone” where Roger DeRames was named. He held assets of 5 hides and 1½ ploughs (with a potential for 3½)

Although named Charlton Village it is, strictly speaking, a hamlet since according to the traditional definition of a Village it does not have its own church but belongs to the parish of Littleton.

Charlton Village’s history is mainly agricultural and until the early part of the century comprised of large farm houses and labourers cottages. This was changed in 1925 when the Queen Mary Reservoir was built drowning 700 acres of agricultural land immediately to the west of the Village with a height of 15 meters.

In World War II one of the village homes was hit on the side by a plane and as a result, half a wing ended up being embedded in the side of the house. This damage is still visible to this day. However most of us happily live in the modern homes that were built in the 60s and 70s, along with the other recent new developments.

http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/middx/vol3/pp1-12
• The Location
Charlton Village has a postal address of Middlesex, although it is actually in the County of Surrey and it is to Surrey County Council and Spelthorne Borough Council that we pay our Council Tax. The tax levied is made up of three separate elements Spelthorne Borough Council receiving - 11.3%, Surrey County Council - 75.3% and the Surrey Police - 13.4%.

It is Surrey County Council who we look to for Roads / Schools / Fire Service along with many other services; with Spelthorne Borough Council being responsible for Housing / Social Care / Refuse Collection / Parks to name but a few.

We are located a mile from Shepperton Studios which is part of the Pinewood Group. It is an extremely busy studio which has been a working film production studio since 1931, although it was acquired by the government for the war effort. It reopened in 1945 when it changed hands and went on to make its first film under British Lion Films - The Fallen Idol (1948) followed by The Third Man (1949), and has never looked back since.

The village is approximately 4 miles from Heathrow. Our nearest British Rail Station is either Shepperton or Upper Halliford, where there is direct link to Waterloo in about 50 minutes via Kingston and Wimbledon.

• The Harrow Pub
We are proud to say that we have the oldest pub in Surrey – as well as the only thatched pub in Middlesex. The Harrow was built in the 16th century. However it is believed that there has been a residential building on this land since 1130. This thought came about when specialist architecture Bill Adams did a site investigation and found coins around this date.

The first Licensee was in 1852, a William Lock, when the pub was operational with no water, drainage etc. The water pump you can see outside the front door is the original water pump from that time and it’s still in its original position. What is now the restaurant was originally a separate cottage and not part of the pub.

In 1951 The Harrow was granted a full license as a pub. This was when the female toilets were introduced for the first time – inside (the men’s toilets remaining outside.) In 1992 The Harrow was extended into the cottage which is now the restaurant. The Harrow is Grade 2 and, although having changed and been extended over the years - with the last extension in January 2012, when the men’s toilets were brought inside, The Harrow has still maintained its rural charm and kept its thatched roof!

Please do go in and join Lyle and his team for a drink (alcoholic or soft). They serve food 7 days a week, Monday to Saturday from 12.00 am to 3.00pm for lunch and 6.00pm to 9.00pm for dinner, and on Sunday’s lunch from 12.00am to 4.00pm. The Sunday lunch is excellent, as are the Indian Curries, Steaks and Vegetarian Options, so all tastes are catered for. They hold pub quiz nights on the first Tuesday of the month which will give you an excellent opportunity to meet the locals.

The Harrow is a supporter of the residents association. (Phone No:- 01932 783 122)
We also have the specialist shops in Hetherington Rd including:

- Roy’s Autos – Car Electrical Specialists  
  (Phone No:- 01932 770 136)
- Salon 2000 – Where Colin Watson will give you a cut and blow dry or paint a tiger or such like on your head  
  (Phone No:- 01932 787 623)
- Proctor Cleaning Products Ltd  
  Where they sell pool and hot tubs chemicals and industrial cleaning equipment  
  http://proctercleaning.co.uk

On Charlton Road is the friendly Village Shop where you can by your newspaper, milk, plants, household essentials and lottery tickets.

We then have the shops in Nutty Lane the 5 Star Imber Park Kennels and Pet Shop. I can personally recommend the dog care that the dogs receive at the kennels as I have used them often when I go on holiday.  
www.imberpark.co.uk

There is also the hugely successful and busy Longacres Garden Centre. Longacres took over from Thompson Garden recently and since then they invested many, many thousands of pounds to turn it into the busy garden centre that it is today. There is also an excellent florist shop in the garden centre, along with the camping shop, lawnmower repair shop, a café and ice cream bar.  
www.Longacres.co.uk

At Charlton Village Stables there are riding lessons as well as livery and stabling available. This is run by Stuart Boyle a member of CVRA. Please contact him on Facebook @ Charlton Village Stables.

On Saturday mornings from Easter – Autumn we have the huge Charlton Village Car Boot on the corner of New Road. This is on the land that was used in the filming of the original Dads Army series in the 1970’s, and if you look on the opening credits you can see the reservoir in the background.  
www.sheppertoncarboot.co.uk

The Hetherington Rd Village Hall is the home of the hugely successful Dance Studio that caters for old and young alike with lessons in everything including Ballet / Tap / Modern / Keep Fit / Insanity / and Ballroom. There is also soft play on Wednesday and Friday mornings and Judo classes. The Village hall is also available for hire for Children's Parties etc.  
www.Burgeschoolofdancing.com
- **Hetherington Rd Park and Nutty Wood**

  We have the young children’s park in Hetherington Rd, where dogs are **BANNED**. It is a dog free park and we request that **ALL** residents observe this rule, for obvious safety reasons. However we do have Nutty Wood at the Lane a pleasant dog environmental wood, reserve.

- **St Georges Fishing Lake**

  If you are a fisherman there is a private St Georges Fishing Club in Hetherington Rd. St Georges is a 45 year old gravel pit which was virtually untouched and unfished until taken over by Still Water Leisure in 2001. It is 4 ½ acres in size, with an average depth of 8 feet. However it is up to 17 feet deep in places, so it is **definitely a dangerous place for children**. Every year the bailiffs have to evict (generally) teenagers from the club land who think that they can swim better than the fish. Please, if you have any children, pass on this warning to them. The current largest carp is between 35lbs - 40lbs with smallest carp around the 20lbs and many more around 32lb. This is a lake that caters for the serious fisherman. It is also a nature reserve with many migrating birds and ducks including warblers, widgeon, teal along with hares, rabbits, foxes and Muntjac deer - as photo’d in August 2013. They always welcome new members. Please contact Derrick who will be glad to show you around. (Phone No 07974 612 069)

- **The Charlton Village Residents Association – Going Forward**

  Charlton Village has won many Spelthorne in Bloom Tidy Village awards across the years - likewise The Harrow Pub - and we hope that we will do so again.

  We are currently trying to inject some pride and enthusiasm for our village.

  We had a Scarecrow show in July 15 and a Summer BBQ / Party in Hetherington Rd, in August 2015.

  We also had our first Christmas Village get together in conjunction with the Rotary Club, and Father Christmas, last year.

  We’re already planning a Christmas get together for this year. We hope that these will all become annual events along with many others.

  As part of the Residents Association Committee we are also entrusted with updating residents on Planning and Matters, The latest Eco Park News, Traffic Issues and generally liaising with Council and Residents. We are all volunteers, with most of us new to all this but we’re trying hard, so if we make mistakes it’s not deliberate, it’s just us being inexperienced.
• **Annual Subscription is £3.00 (bargain).**  
We encourage and hope that residents will also donate towards the summer hanging baskets, be it £54 for a basket outside your home for the summer that is regularly watered and maintained, or just add £5.00 onto your subs to contribute to the displays along Charlton Road. It all helps to improve the look of the village and gives us all a feel good factor.

• **Bus Service**  
We do have a regular, but very infrequent, bus service going to Shepperton, Staines and Walton-on-Thames - Bus Route Number 400. However, before you decide to travel anywhere by bus, check the timetables or you could be out for a very long wait, especially with the revised timetable, and changes that have occurred in June 2015.

• **Neighbourhood Watch**  
We live in a negligible crime area and we have Neighbourhood Watch and send out regular updates via email.  
Our Neighbourhood Watch reference number is No53 Sunbury and Shepperton. Please quote this to your insurance company as some offer a discount for Neighbourhood watch.  
Our Local PCSO is Colin Gibbons ID NO 11724 who can be often seen in Shepperton should you have any queries, or contactable through 101

• **Neighbour Disputes**  
There is one situation that we can’t get involved in and that is neighbourhood disputes – we don’t have the skills to so, and therefore we may well give wrong advice – sorry.

We hold our AGM in May each year and we send out regular newsletters during the year. However we are trying to encourage residents to supply us with email addresses thus enabling us to send out regular updates and notes as well as the newsletter. So if you can send us an email we will add your address to our ever growing list. We do appreciate that some residents are not on email so we will continue to send them paper copies. We also put copies on the Village Notice boards.

We have recently set up a closed Facebook Group – Charlton Village Residents Group.  
As well as our NEW website that has all the up to date information, [www.cvra.co.uk](http://www.cvra.co.uk)

Also we have a monthly entry in the free Village Matters Magazine, which is delivered free to your home, on or around 1st of the month.

We hope that you we have been able to give you a snap shot of Charlton Village, and would most welcome any comments or feedback.

Regards

*Karen*

Charlton Village Residents Committee

November 2015
• Charlton Village Residents Committee

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Local Contact Details
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• Imber Park Kennels  01932 782 394
• Longacres Garden Centre  01932 777 677
• Charlton Village Car Boot  07807 609 283
• Charlton Village Stables  Facebook – Charlton Village Stables.
• Burges School of Dancing  01784 256 161
• St George’s Fishing Lake  07974 612 069
• Sunbury Health Centre  01932 713 399
• Shepperton Health Centre  01932 220 524
• Walk in Centre at Ashford  01784 884 000
• Walk in Centre Weybridge  01932 826 013
• Accident and Emergency Hospital St Peters Chertsey 01932 872 000
• Useful Contact Information

The Nearest Medical Treatment Centres are

• **Doctors**
  Green St Sunbury  (01932 713 399)  [www.sunburyhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.sunburyhealthcentre.co.uk)
  Laleham Rd Shepperton  (01932 220 524)  [www.sheppertonhc.co.uk](http://www.sheppertonhc.co.uk)

• **Walk In Centres**
  Ashford Hospital  (01784 884 000)
  Weybridge High St  (01932 826 013)

• **Hospital**
  Accident and Emergency St Peters Chertsey (01932 872 000)

**Our Borough Ward is Laleham and Shepperton Green.**

• Our Spelthorne Borough Councillors
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• Our Surrey County Councillor
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• Member of Parliament for Spelthorne
  Kwasi Kwarteng MP  [kwasi.kwarteng.mp@parliment.uk](mailto:kwasi.kwarteng.mp@parliment.uk)

**The Local Schools are:-**

- St Mary Magdalene School - Littleton  Ages Reception - Year 3
- Saxon School  Ages Reception - Year 6
- St Nicholas School  Ages Reception - Year 6
- Thamesmead  Ages Year 7 - Year 11

All of the lower schools have nursery schools attached and there are many other nursery schools in the area. Look on the Surrey County Council website for full details, and admission criteria.  [surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools)

**The Local Church is:-**

St Mary Magdalene - Littleton

St Mary Magdalene is our local parish church; it forms a United Benefice with St Nicholas Church, Shepperton.

Built in 1135 St Mary Magdalene has been an integral part of the local community for more than 875 years, where they hold a wide range of traditional and contemporary services with classic hymns and modern worship songs.

All services are held in a friendly relaxed atmosphere within the ancient and beautiful surroundings of St Mary Magdalene Church.

As a church they invite all to the church and to the diverse range of social activities, which range from quiz nights, pancake races, strawberry teas, along with the annual Flower Festival and opportunities for study and reflection.

They look forward to welcoming you.

Revd Tim Rose

Littleton Rectory, Rectory Close, Shepperton TW17 0QE

01932 562249
[http://www.stmarymagdalene.co.uk](http://www.stmarymagdalene.co.uk)
Charlton Village in the 1970s

The Harrow Pub –
Pre Restaurant conversion and outside toilets, and under control of Watney-Mann Brewery in Mortlake

Almond Close -
These young girls in the photo are probably retired now although we would like to try and identify them, as we have done with some of the other residents in the series of photos

Charlton Road -
This Post Box has been moved to Hetherington Rd

Nutty Lane -
Pre - Imber Park Kennels

Please look on our Web Site for the Full set of 18 Photos for residents to have a look at. We hope to put names and stories to all the photos, with the help of some our older residents.