

A welcome from St Andrew's Church



Whether you have moved to Moretonhampstead as a single person, young family, or you have chosen to retire here, we hope that this pack will give you an overview of the facilities and services available in and around the town, and hopefully make your introduction to the community as seamless as possible.



Public Transport

BUS SERVICES, provided by CountryBus, run to Exeter, Newton Abbot and Okehampton daily (not Sunday), starting from Court Street car park and then picking up in The Square.

The Exeter service is best covered, with several buses to and from Exeter throughout the day.

Newton Abbot and Okehampton have only one direct return trip from Moreton (in the morning), but it is possible to return from either via Exeter (if you have plenty of time!). There is also a weekly bus (on Wednesday mornings) to Newton Abbot, giving a return journey calling at Trago shopping centre. This is also quite a scenic route, via Manaton.

In addition there is the summer-only (mid-June to end of August) double-decker Dartmoor Explorer bus that runs each day including Sundays between Exeter and Tavistock via Moretonhampstead.

Bus timetables are available free from the Information Centre, and there are also timetables displayed at Court Street car park, and the bus stop outside Moreton House.

There are railway stations at Exeter, Newton Abbot, Okehampton and Yeoford – this latter is useful for trips towards Barnstaple.

There are no filling stations in Moretonhampstead or on the moor between Moretonhampstead and Yelverton or Tavistock. The nearest 24-hour facilities are at Whiddon Down (on the A30) and at Bovey Straight, just south of Bovey Tracey (on the A382).

There are no public electric charging points for cars locally.



Local Churches

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

St Andrew's Parish Church stands at the end of Fore Street, and dates back to the 15th century, although the original stone church was built in the 13th century.

You are warmly invited to pop into the church and have a look around, or join the congregation for one of the services. You will be made very welcome.

There is normally a service at 9.30 am on a Sunday, but occasionally there is a service at one of our sister churches at Lustleigh, Manaton or North Bovey. Full details of all services are displayed in the church porch and also on the website: moretonbenefice.uk

The parishes have a website – moretonbenefice.uk More information can be found there about services, activities and groups.

There is a peal of eight bells in the church tower. New ringers would be welcome with or without experience. Contact Julie Stansfield (01647 441577 / julie.stansfield79@yahoo.com)

Ministry Team Contacts:

Rector: The Rev'd Preb Sue Sheppard
01647 440989 / moretonrector@gmail.com

Lay Ministers:
Lionel Holmes / (01647 440113 / lionel@homebound.org.uk)
Jeanette Wilmot (01647 811845 / moirlee12@gmail.com)

For enquires about weddings, funerals, baptisms, please contact the Parishes Administrator: Guy Sheppard (01647 440989 / moretonbenefice@gmail.com)

He can also arrange for a member of the ministry team to visit you or your family. Members of the ministry team are also available to discuss spiritual matters and issues that may feature in your prayers.

MORETONHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Community Church holds its Sunday service at 10.30. On the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, these are held in the chapel at 8 Fore Street, and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Sports Centre in North Bovey Road, a ten-minute walk from

the town centre – take Pound Street and follow the road towards North Bovey for ten minutes (or drive – there is plenty of parking at the centre).

For further details contact Jake Kyle
(01647 440334 / jake.kyle@moretoncommunitychurch.org)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Family Church, Lower Street, Chagford
Priest: The Revd Darline Joseph Marianathan (01837 52229)

METHODIST CHURCH

Methodist Church, Fore Street, Bovey Tracey
The Revd Kevin Hooke (07772 571647)



LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

There are two local magazines:

The News in Moreton, which can be purchased monthly in Moreton News at £1 per copy, or ordered as a yearly subscription at £10 per 12 issues. This is delivered to your door if you live in Moretonhampstead.

Subscription enquiries: Peter Murphy (01647 440935 / (07498 111655 / nimoreton@yahoo.com)

The **North Dartmoor Parishes Magazine** is produced by the parishes centred on Chagford, of which Moretonhampstead is now part. Free to parishioners or suggested donation of £1. Available in church or can be delivered.

Subscriptions enquiries: Lionel Holmes (01647 440113 / lionel@homebound.org.uk)

Sport and Leisure



There are several opportunities in Moretonhampstead to take part in sporting and leisure activities.

Moretonhampstead Sports and Community Centre is situated in North Bovey Road, a ten-minute walk from the town centre – take Pound Street and follow the road towards North Bovey for ten minutes (or drive – there is plenty of parking at the centre).

Indoor facilities include a fully equipped gym, and there are several classes available, such as yoga, Pilates and spinning, along with various therapies throughout the week.

01647 440107 / www.moretonhampstead-devon.co.uk

Moretonhampstead Swimming Pool is an open-air swimming pool situated by Court Street car park, and is open from May to September (depending on the weather). Heated by solar panels, the swimming pool provides a valuable asset to the town.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

MEDICAL / VETERINARY

Dental Practice	1 Station Road, Moretonhampstead	01647 440968
Health Centre	Embleford Crescent (next to the Hospital)	01647 440591
Moreton Pharmacy	14 New Street, The Square, Moreton	01647 440234
Moorgate Vets	31 Court Street, Moretonhampstead	01647 440441

GENERAL

Information Centre	The Square, Moretonhampstead	01647 440043
Parish Council Office	Greenhill, Moretonhampstead	01647 440041
Post Office	18 Court Street, Moretonhampstead	0345 6112970
Laundrette	11 Station Road, Moretonhampstead	079446 299932 / 07737 991335
Mobile Banking	Lloyds, Court St car park alternate Tuesdays 10.45 am to 12.15 pm	
Newspaper Delivery	Moreton News, Court Street	01647 441202
Milk Delivery	Dunns Dairy, Whiddon Down	01647 231452

SCHOOLS

Moretonhampstead Primary School	Betton Way	01647 440482
Moretonhampstead Pre-School (Little Tors, based at the school)		01647 440482
South Dartmoor Community College	Balland Lane, Ashburton	01364 652230

HOSPITALS / ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY

Moretonhampstead Hospital no A&E, but the Health Centre next-door can deal with minor injuries during working hours. The nearest A&Es are at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Newton Abbot Hospital or Torbay Hospital.

DEFIBRILLATORS

The town has three defibrillators located at:
Moretonhampstead Sports and Community Centre, North Bovey Road
The Community Club, Court Street
Swimming Pool, by Court Street car park

POLICE – (non-urgent calls)

The local Neighbourhood Team can be contacted via the central switchboard on **101**

LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

There are plenty of activities throughout the year, which people are very welcome to join. These include a Music Day with talented local players, a Carnival at the end of August, a Flag Festival, professional concerts in the church and elsewhere, a Food Festival and drama productions by MED Theatre. A number of special interest organisations hold meetings regularly throughout the year. It is impossible to mention all the contacts, but a selection of useful telephone numbers is listed below. Their office and the Information Centre will be able to provide more information. The Moretonhampstead Community Hub on Facebook provides lots of up-to-the-minute information about current activities and events.

*Wellmoor (Community Health and Wellbeing)	01647 478378
Information Centre	01647 440043
Community Club bookings	07780 117335
Parish Hall bookings	07534 675632
Library	01647 440532
Morecare (Voluntary Transport, Befriending)	0800 6226245
Youth Club	01647 440830
Scouts	01647 440934
MED Theatre	01647 441356
History Society	01647 441083
Bridge Club	01647 440386
Moor Voices	01647 440614
Harmony Choir	07958 083493
Arts and Heritage Centre	01647 440775
U3A East Dartmoor Branch	01647 253005
Tennis Club	01647 440600
Development Trust	01647 440775

*Wellmoor have a directory (in process of being revised) which can be found at: www.wellmoor.org.uk/wellbeing-directory

FURTHER CONTACT

This information pack has been compiled by members of the St Andrew's Parochial Church Council. We hope that it will prove useful but if you have any further questions or requests for particular information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Moving to a new house can be a very exciting experience and we trust that you are enjoying your time in your home. If, however, there are practical issues that are unresolved we would be happy to see whether we or one of our contacts can help.

