### **Useful Phone Numbers**

The Crealock (Pub): 477065 (Rick and Claire)
The Crosslet (Magazine): 421616 (Anne Davies)
Village Hall (Information): 474860 (Doug Hamilton)
Village Hall (Booking): 459132 (Val Peacock)
St Swithun's Church: 472424 (Aileen Badcock)
Methodist Church: 474382 (Rosanna Stevens)
Oil Collective 429235 (Roddy Cornish)

Torridge District Council: 428700

Devon Doctors (Emergency) 08456710270

Doctor (Abbotsham Rd) 476363 Doctor (Wooda) 471071 Dentist (Quay) 473638 Dentist (Queen Anne's) 472159 Vet (Torbridge) 472075

Newspapers: 472835 (Bideford News) Milk: 01271 378581 (Dairy Crest)

Meat: 473334 (Honey's, Friday delivery)

Local Police: 08452777444 (Tony Ellis)

#### Clubs/Activities:

Art 429829 Sara Pearcy) Bell Ringing 472791 (Claude Nicholls) Films 420372 (Morris Poole) History 479989 (Freda Bourke) Ladies' Group 472424 (Aileen Badcock) Skittles 423445 (Paul Woodman) **Tappissers** 421341 (Pat Haddrell) Web Site Association 421341 (Pat Haddrell) Wildlife 429829 (Sara Pearcy)

# WELCOME to LITTLEHAM

The information in these few pages will hopefully be of help to newcomers to the village and provide assistance in the early days in the village. Most people involve themselves in the village's communal life in one way or another, and there is certainly a friendliness and neighbourliness in Littleham which does not usually exist in bigger towns.

#### Web Site

The web site **www.littleham-landcross.co.uk** contains a wealth of information about the village and the activities within the village. If you have an internet connection, it is well worth a visit – and even, perhaps, regular visits to keep yourselves well informed about the village. Some of the information on these sheets may be duplicated on the web site.

# **Parish Magazine**

A church-sponsored magazine, The Crosslet, is published at the start of each month. It provides a wide range of information about the village and neighbouring parishes. Subscription is paid annually (£4) and if you would like a copy, please, contact the editor, Anne Davies, at Hunca Munca, opposite the red telephone kiosk.

#### Parish Council

The Council meets on a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall – there is usually a meeting every second month, and the details of the meetings are posted on the Village Notice Board which is located right next to the red telephone kiosk In addition, the Minutes are also posted on the website and contact details may be found there.

The Parish Plan of 2006 is also on the website.

### Village Map

There are few street names in Littleham, so people are mostly identified by their house names and Pat Haddrell who lives at Meadows View (down the lane towards the church) has drawn a plan of the village – for the duplication costs of £1 she will provide you with the two sheets.

#### Churches

There are two churches: a Church of England and a Methodist Chapel. The Church usually has a morning service each week at 11 am, and on the third Sunday of the month a less formal, interactive service for families and people of all ages. The Methodist Chapel has a service on two Sunday mornings each month at 10.30 am. Details of the services are always published in The Crosslet or can be found outside the churches.

A warm welcome awaits you in both churches.

### **Coffee Mornings**

In the winter months, on the second Wednesday of the month, there is a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy at the Methodist Chapel from 10.30 until midday. The money raised is donated to a worthy cause. There is always a welcome for everyone.

### Women's Group

2LG, the village ladies' group, meets on the first Friday of each month in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. There is a varied range of activities, and the men of the village are occasionally allowed to take part! Aileen Badcock of Culver Cottage, almost opposite the red telephone box, has the programme for the group.

# **Traffic Speeds**

Because of the narrow lanes, sharp bends and variety of road users, it is desirable to drive or ride carefully through the village, giving due care and attention to other road users – and these may include horse riders, pedestrians and cyclists as well as the usual range of motor transport and heavy farm machinery. Horses are easily scared by noise and may panic around fast-moving vehicles. As a driver, you should treat horses as a potential hazard, giving them plenty of room and passing them slowly.

### **Doctor, Dentist and Vet**

The village is covered by the medical practice based in the grounds of the hospital at Abbotsham Road, Bideford or by the Wooda surgery which can be found at East-the-Water, Bideford. There are two main dentists in Bideford: one on the corner of the Quay and the High Street (Quay Dental Practice) and one towards the top of the High Street (Queen Anne's Dental Practice). The nearest vet is on the Caddsdown Estate: the Torbridge Veterinary practice.

### Library Van

A Library van visits the village once a fortnight on a Monday morning from 9.45 - 10.00 am; it stops by the bus shelter in the centre of the village. Please, use the service to keep it coming.

### Oil Collective

There is an oil co-operative in the village which ensures that the best prices are gained for anyone wanting a supply of oil. If you need a delivery of oil and contact Roddy Cornish, he will assist in achieving the best deal – it is best to contact a few weeks before you need the delivery.

### **Post Office**

There is a post box near the red telephone kiosk, but there is no post office – the nearest post office is at the entrance to Abbotsham: go to the large roundabout on the A361 and cross straight over – the post office/shop is on your left as you enter the village. (Approximately 3 miles).

### **Shops**

The nearest shops are at the retail outlet at Atlantic Village which is very close to the Abbotsham Cross roundabout. An Asda store is situated at the same site. Its opening hours are:

Monday to Friday: 8 am till 10 pm

Saturday: 8 am till 7 pm Sunday: 10 am till 4 pm

A Co-op store is located very close to the Atlantic Village site – just a little farther down the same road. It has quite long opening hours.

#### D.I.Y

There is a builders' merchant called RGB on the Caddsdown Estate just past Atlantic Village. It stocks a wide range of materials and tools and is opened from 7.30 am till 5 pm.

B&Q and Homebase are situated in Barnstaple with longer opening hours.

#### The Crealock Arms

There is a welcoming village pub in the centre of the village. Good food is served lunchtime and evening, with a traditional roast on Sundays. Special lunches are available for OAPs between 12.00 and 2.00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays

### Village Hall

The Hall is the centre for much of the social life of the village – all the events are advertised in The Crosslet.

It is also available to hire at very reasonable rates for residents (and non-residents).

The following clubs/activities take place each month: films, skittles, history, tapissers, bell ringing and wild life. A wide range of other events also takes place in the Hall.

The Booking Secretary is Val Peacock who lives at 15 Mount Pleasant and the Chair of the Committee is Doug Hamilton who lives at Springfield. Doug would be delighted to hear from anyone wanting to join the Committee or assist in organising events.

### **Playing Field**

The Playing Field is on the edge of the village, opposite The Village Hall where there is extensive parking. It is a large grass area with goal posts in situ. There is ample space for games or picnics. Young children should be accompanied and dogs are not allowed. There is an activity frame for children under the age of 10.

#### **Rubbish Collection**

Rubbish is collected each Thursday morning; it is expected that any non-recyclable rubbish will be placed in black sacks and collected from the entrance to the house.

# Recycling

Plastic bottles, glass, tins and paper are collected each Tuesday morning; they should be placed in the green sack (paper) and green box provided.

Between April and early November garden waste is also collected fortnightly from the large green wheelie bins provided by the Council. In the winter months there is a monthly collection. Garden waste is also recycled on Tuesdays.

On the Caddsdown industrial park there is a state-of-the-art Devon County Council recycling centre where a large variety of household waste can be recycled. (just past Atlantic Village on the right)

#### **Buses**

There are two buses leaving the village each morning and two returning each afternoon. They go to Bideford and Barnstaple. The morning buses leave at 8.05 and 10.35 while the returning buses leave Barnstaple at 1.30 and 4.20 and Bideford about twenty-five minutes later. Exact details can be found on the web site **www.devon.gov.uk/buses** and the service is the 372. The bus stop is in the centre of the village.