

Halstead Town Council

Queens Hall, Chipping Hill Halstead, Essex CO9 2BY

Office open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

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PLACES OF INTEREST

ST ANDREWS PARISH CHURCH 1276

The Parish Church of St Andrew lies in the heart of the town where the main roads from Colchester and Sudbury meet. It was mainly built in the 14th and 15th centuries. In the 19th century it was extensively restored, and the tower was added. It contains several interesting monuments, including tombs, chests and effigies of the Bourchier family; one, dated 1400, has a richly carved canopy.

THE LIBRARY

In 1864 - 65 a large grey gault and brick corn exchange was erected in Bridge Street in the hope of generating income. The venture, however, failed and the building went through various uses including those of a technical school and a youth centre. In 1970 it became the Halstead Public Library.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Trinity's 150ft high tower and broach spire form a prominent and handsome feature of Halstead's skyline.

The church was built in 1843-4 by the famous architect Sir George Gilbert Scott to serve the community which had grown up on the western side of the River Colne. It is one of his earliest works and one of the first examples of a Gothic Revival church in the early English 13th century style.

In 1988 Holy Trinity Church ceased to be used for regular worship. Because of the church's architectural and historical importance, it is now in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust for the benefit and enjoyment of visitors and the local people of Halstead.

TOWNSFORD MILL

Townsford Mill was built by Samuel Courtauld in 1818, and converted to a silk mill in 1825. Today Townsford Mill is an antiques centre, one of the largest in the county, selling thousands of items of furniture, porcelain, war memorabilia, coins, stamps, postcards, dolls, old lace, clocks, glass, ceramics and paintings.

HALSTEAD HERITAGE MUSEUM

Open Wednesday and Sunday 13.30 – 16.00 Queens Hall Chipping Hill CO9 2BY.





GENERAL INFORMATION

BANK

Lloyds TSB 68 High Street, Essex, Halstead CO9 2JG. 0345 300 0000

ATMs

Lloyds bank, Daniel Robinson undertakers, Costcutters, inside East of England Co-op, inside Sainsburys.

CAR PARKS

Pay & Display in Chapel Street and Butler Road. East of England Co-op offers free shoppers' parking but with limited time for parking (2 hours). Lidl offers free parking limited to 2 hours. Parking permits available for all car parks from Halstead Town Council.

JOB CENTRE

Office at Braintree. 01376 303132

CHURCHES AND CHAPELS

St Andrews Parish Church

Parsonage Street. 01787 472171

St Francis Roman Catholic Church 90 Colchester Road. 01787 472477

United Reformed Church

161 Kings Road. 01787 472915

Methodist Church

73 New Street.

Baptist Church

at Hedingham Road. 01787 474419

Grace Baptist Church

Colchester Road. 01787 829673

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Pretoria Road. 01787 478460

EDUCATION

Primary schools

Richard de Clare Community Academy Parsonage Street CO9 2JT 01787 472153

St Andrews C of E Primary SchoolMathews Close CO9 2BH 01787 475699

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School Trinity Street. CO9 1|H 01787 472096

Secondary school

Ramsey Academy

Colne Road CO9 2HR 01787 472481

Further education is provided at Braintree and Colchester.

FIRE SERVICE

Station at Parsonage Street. 999 in emergency.

POLICE

Blyth's Meadow, Braintree. 0300 333 4444

HEALTH SERVICES

The Elizabeth Courtauld doctors' surgery is at Factory Lane West. 01787 475944

HOSPITALS

Colchester General 01206 747474 or Broomfield Hospital Chelmsford 01245 362000 for A&E. Halstead Hospital 01787 273110 or Braintree Community Hospital 01376 555900 for blood tests and a range of clinics.

LIBRARY

Branch of the Essex County Library is in Bridge Street CO9 1HT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Halstead Town Council offices are located at Queens Hall Chipping Hill, CO9 2BY open 9.00 to 16.00 Monday to Friday 01787 476480

HTC manages the car parks, Courtaulds Sports ground, allotments and Queens Hall which can be hired at reasonable rates any day of the year.

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Braintree District Council 01376 552525 Essex County Council 0345 743 0430

MARKET DAYS

Fridays and Saturdays.

NEWSPAPERS

Halstead Gazette (published every Friday) whose offices are at 76 High Street, Braintree CM7 1JP. 01376 343344

POST OFFICES

The main Post Office is in WH Smith Newsagents in the High Street. Sub post office in Parkfields in the co-op.

REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

All enquiries to Braintree. 01376 320762.

THE HALSTEAD CENTRE

(For the isolated over 60s) Bridge Street. CO9 1HT 01787 476253

THEATRE/ CINEMA

Empire Theatre, 57 Butler Road CO9 1LL. 07778 025490 Light entertainment. Shows films.

RAIL

Halstead has no railway station – the nearest are at Chappel & Wakes Colne (6 miles) Braintree (8 miles away), Sudbury (9 miles) and at Kelvedon (10 miles).

BUSES

There are bus services to Chelmsford, Colchester, Braintree, Sudbury and surrounding villages.

HALSTEAD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Parsonage Street CO9 2JT 01787 274110 includes Halstead Wellbeing Hub – day centre for adults with learning disabilities and Halstead Youth Centre – evening activities for all 13 – 19 year olds.

ACORN FAMILY HUB

Old School Hall, Beridge Road CO9 1JH. Support and services for children from 0 to 5, young people and families.

SPORT

Halstead Leisure Centre

Colne Road CO9 2HR 0345 260 1535 25 metre swimming pool, learner pool, gym, studio for group exercise activities, indoor cycle studio, sports hall and more.

Halstead Town Football Club

Millbank Stadium, Rosemary Lane CO9 1HR. 01787 472082

Halstead Cricket Club

 $Star\,Stile,\,Colne\,Engaine\,Road,\,CO9\,2RP.$

Halstead Templars Rugby Club

Courtaulds Sports Ground, Colchester Road, CO9 2ET. 07428 677550

Courtauld Halstead Bowls Club

Courtauld Sports Ground, Colchester Road CO9 2ET. 01787 478409

Halstead Boxing & Martial Arts Centre

Unit 5, Halstead Business centre, Factory Lane West CO9 1EX.

For all other sports, voluntary groups and community organisations, contact details can be obtained from Halstead Town Council.