

Blagdon Baby and Toddler Group (y)
Toddlers offers parents a change of venue with a cup of coffee and the chance to chat and share their experiences.

Blagdon Brownies (y*)
The priority is for Brownies to have fun. They take part in activities - both indoor and outdoor, play games, work for badges and go on the occasional day trip. While they try out new challenges and enjoy themselves, they learn to work together and care for each other.

For girls from 7 to 10.5 years
£15 per term with a £12 joining fee
Monday evenings. Times and venues vary - please contact for details
Sue Bamford • T: 01761 462 315
E: *brownies* • W: *brownies*

Blagdon Country Fayre Ltd (cv)
A group of about 10 people who meet monthly through the year to arrange an annual Country Fayre.

August Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday
Bob Marley • T: 01749 676 205
E: *country-fayre* • W: *country-fayre*

Blagdon Cricket Club (sy)

The club runs three senior teams who play in the Bristol and District League and friendlies. Also, there is Kwik Cricket for the children 6+ U11, U13, U15 and U17 teams. Seniors £55 and match fees payable when a game is on.
Juniors £20 for the first child and £15 for each subsequent child.
1st and 2nd XI on a Saturday in the league Sunday XI plays friendlies
Coaching sessions with qualified coaches Tuesday night @ the nets, cricket pitch
Andy Cadman • T: 01761 462 747
E: *cricket* • W: *cricket*

Blagdon Football Club (sy)

Playing football in the W.S.M & District League; the club fields two teams - The Blagdon 1st XI and Blagdon Reserves.
16+ play in the league. No signing on fee but match fees are £3
Training on Thursday, 7pm-8pm
@ Churchill Sports Centre
League matches on Saturdays
Reserves @ The Mead
Sue Tucker • T: 01934 852 178
E: *football* • W: *football*

Blagdon Golf Society (sy)

The Society formed to provide golf and fellowship for people of all ages. It holds approximately 15 events per year, which include a variety of activities.
Open to all. £12, free entry to meetings.
Non-members £2 at open meetings
3rd Thursday, 7.30pm @ Court Lodge
Bob Marley • T: 01749 676 205
E: *local-history* • W: *local-history*

Blagdon Good Companions (a)

A social club for the young at heart, which meets regularly giving members time to catch up with each other, or to enjoy the entertainment laid on.
For the over 60's male or female.
£5 and £1 per meeting
Alternate Fridays, 2.30-4.30pm
@ Village Club
Derrick Teague • T: 01761 462 671
W: *good-companions*

Blagdon Local History Society (a)

A group of people interested in history with a particular interest in Blagdon and surroundings.
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Blagdon Luncheon Club (acv)

A weekly social get together, with freshly prepared cooked food - good food, good company and good fun!
Open to any one of pensionable age who lives in the area (limited places)
£2.50 per meal. Wednesdays, 12.30pm
@ Village Club
Patricia Shales • T: 01761 462 541
W: *luncheon*

Blagdon Rainbows (y)

At meetings they do lots of things, play games, go outside, make things, sing songs and listen to stories.
For girls of 5-7yrs, £1 per week paid termly with a one off £10 joining fee
Mondays, 5-6pm @ Methodist Hall
Tracy Higgins • T: 07771 632 774
E: *blagdonrainbows@hotmail.com*
W: *www.blagdonrainbows.co.uk*

Blagdon School Travel Plan Working Group (c)

The group promotes healthy and safe ways of getting children to school assisted by a representative from North Somerset.
Meetings occur three times a year
@ Blagdon Primary School
Tony George • T: 01761 462 048
E: *school-travel* • W: *school-travel*

1st Blagdon Scouts Group (y*)

Scouts and Cubs enjoy camping, hiking, games, traditional outdoor Scout activities. Ten Tors expedition, badge work, etc.
For boys only, £48. Cubs: 8-10.5 yrs
Scouts: 10.5-15 yrs
Cubs: Wednesdays 6.30-7.45pm
Fridays 7.15-9.30pm
@ Methodist Hall
Pip Riley • T: 01761 462 723
E: *scouts* • W: *scouts*

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1st Blagdon Guides (y*)

This is an active, thriving unit offering an interesting and varied programme of indoor and outdoor activities.
For girls from 10.5-15yrs
Thursday evenings, times and venues may vary
Janet Hellier • T: 01761 462 039
E: *guides* • W: *guides*

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Blagdon Players (ay)

The Blagdon Players are an Amateur Dramatic Group for the community.
Open to Juniors from 11 and adults
Juniors £20, Adults £40 a season
They meet once a week when preparing for a production
Juniors 7-9pm, Adults 7-10.30pm
@ Blagdon School Hall
Barry Day • T: 01761 462 038
E: *players* • W: *players*

Blagdon Tennis Club (s)

Blagdon Tennis Club provides social and competitive tennis, with professional coaching available.
Juniors to Seniors - all are welcome
Joining fee for new members is £10 (Juniors exempt). Different fees available
Mondays, 5-6pm @ Methodist Hall
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E: *blagdonrainbows@hotmail.com*
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Blagdon Toe Tappers (a)

Performing a range of old and new dances, we enjoy both the social aspect of the class as well as the dancing.
There are no age or gender restrictions.
£3 per session
Mondays, 8.15-10.15pm
@ Burrington Village Hall
Sandra Gilling • T: 01934 863 446
E: *toe-tappers* • W: *toe-tappers*

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E: *scouts* • W: *scouts*

Renée Bolton • T: 01761 462 363
E: *transport-group* • W: *transport-group*

A guide to local clubs and societies



Blagdon is a vibrant village with a wide range of clubs, societies and community groups, not forgetting the sports clubs.

Members can range from under 2 to over 90. Some groups are for the young or old only, others embrace the whole age range. There are social activities, special interests to explore or just the pleasure of helping out.

So whether you want to learn more, help out or just enjoy the social life in Blagdon, there's usually something going on close by to suit.

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This guide contains a summary of information on local clubs, groups and societies, the full versions can be found on www.blagdon.org.



Each entry contains a brief description, membership criteria, annual subscription cost, meeting times and venues and contact details.

Where email and website addresses are shown in short e.g. E: *film* • W: *film* please add the following to give you the full address. e.g.

E: *film@blagdon.org*
W: *www.blagdon.org/film*

Some groups are only run during term time (*), some are weekly while others occur monthly. If just a day is shown it will be weekly: monthly meetings are shown as 2nd Monday for example. Prices shown are per year unless stated otherwise.

While it's clear what some groups do, others can be less obvious. Each entry has a letter against it showing roughly what type of activity it is (*see right*). A key is on the bottom of each page.

a: Activities • **c:** Community groups • **s:** Sports • **y:** Youth groups • *****: During term time only • **v:** Volunteer help welcome

Blagdon Tsunami Support Project *(c)*

A group set up in the aftermath of the Asian tsunami aiming to provide long term support to stricken areas.

Open to all. No fees

Meetings @ various venues

Jennifer Day • T: *01761 462 426*

E: *tsunami* • W: *tsunami*

Blagdon Valley Gun Club *(s)*

The club aim is to provide a Clay Pigeon Shooting ground offering the discipline of English Sporting plus others.

All welcome by prior arrangement.

Open to all age groups and genders from about 11 years. £25, with each shoot costing £5 plus cartridges
Alternate Sundays, 10am-noon
@ Middle Ellick Farm, Charterhouse

Ian Pratt • T: *07802 703 779*

E: *bvgc* • W: *bvgc*

Blagdon Under 5s *(cy)*

This group is an umbrella group for Blagdon's Pre-school and Blagdon Baby and Toddler groups. It's responsible for running these groups and helping to provide the equipment and funding they need.

Committee meetings

2nd Monday, 8pm @ various locations

Debbie Hinnigan • T: *07974 783 667*

E: *under5s* • W: *under5s*

Blagdon Valley Minibus Association *(c)*

The association runs a wheelchair-friendly community minibus operation based in Blagdon. The bus seats 15 passengers in addition to the driver.

Available to clubs, associations and other non-profit making organisations in Blagdon and local communities.
Modest annual fee and booked journeys are charged on a distance basis.

David Jones • T: *01761 462 245*

E: *bvma.enquiries* • W:

Blagdon Village Club *(a)*

Organises social and recreational activities for members. There is a bar, skittle alley, a full size Snooker/Billiard table, shove halfpenny, table skittles, table tennis, darts and rooms available for hire for meetings, social functions etc throughout the day.

Open to all. £5

Bar times: Daily Mon-Sat 6-11pm

Sundays 12-2pm @ Village Club

Malcolm Brown • T: *01761 462 696*

E: *village.club* • W: *village-club*

Blagdon Wind Band *(ay)*

The Wind Band encourages young players to reach a standard so they can play in an ensemble supported by adult musicians.

The band plays for events in the village and has regular concerts.

The band is open to players of all ages.

As young players leave school and go out into the world, there are always vacancies for good players.

Tony Staveacre • T: *01761 462 161*

E: *wind.band* • W: *wind-band*

Blagdon Women's Institute *(a)*

WI is not all about 'Jam and Jerusalem'.

We visit many places and organisations of interest and speakers on a wide variety of subjects come to us.

For women - no age limit. £22

2nd Thursday except August, 7.30pm

@ Village Club

Judith Tranter • T: *01761 462 276*

E: *wi* • W: *wi*

Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club *(s)*

BCYC exists to help people enjoy dinghy sailing and windsurfing in a safe and professional environment on inland water.

Anyone is welcome to join and sail

All ages welcome. Children must be

accompanied by a responsible adult.

Family £245, Single sailing £225

Club and sailing

@ Axbridge Reservoir near Cheddar.

Karen Billowes • T: *01275 870 717*

E: *bcyc* • W: *bcyc*

BYG *(y*)*

A group for young people with games, Grub... and more thought provoking discussion type stuff from a Christian perspective!!

11+. 50p each meeting (given to charity)

Alternate Mondays, 7-8.30pm

@ Baptist Hall

Guy Walker • T: *01761 462 558*

E: *byg* • W: *byg*

Chew Valley

Flower Decoration Society *(a)*

A congenial atmosphere in which to enjoy the art and design of flower arranging via teaching and demonstration and an opportunity for supervised practice.

Open to all. £20.00, visitor: £2.50

Bi-monthly - Alternate Mondays

Practice/Demonstration, 7.30pm

@ Compton Martin Village Hall

Elaine Barwick • T: *01761 463 450*

E: *CVFDS*

Chew Valley Twinning Association *(a)*

An informal group of people of all ages from across the Chew Valley (including Blagdon!) who have a common interest in France and the French way of life.

No formal membership, no subscriptions, no age limits. Meetings are ad hoc.

Steve Ward • T: *01275 333 708*

E: *cv.twinning* • W: *cv-twinning*

Chew Valley

University of the Third Age *(a)*

U3A is a learning co-operative of older people that helps members to share many educational, creative and leisure activities.

Open to anyone not in full time

employment, usually over 50yrs

Membership £6 a year with a small

charge for each study group.

3rd Monday, 10.30am

@ Ubley Village Hall.

Elizabeth Jennings • T: *01275 333 414*

E: *cv.u3a* • W: *cv-u3a*

Community association *(c)*

The Community Association is a body which exists to try and help projects get off the ground and to assist in community events. We have two party tents and two canvas marquees (showing their age) but are available for use by Village organisations - for a suitable donation.

The Smiths • T: *01761 462 508*

E: *community.association* • W: *community*

Compton Martin Gardening Club *(a)*

A keen group of all abilities, who meet monthly to learn more about gardening, share their experiences and listen to talks on related topics.

Open to all age groups and genders

Second Wednesday in month, 7.30pm

@ Compton Martin Village Hall

Chris Billinghamurst • T: *01761 2 21 579*

W: *cm-gardening*

Darts *(s)*

Blagdon has three darts teams with the home board at the village club providing convivial evenings with a competitive edge.

Tuesdays or Thursdays, usually from

7.30pm, venues vary

Season starts mid-late September with

play till April/May. New members to

teams are very welcome (vacancies

permitting).

Team captains c/o Village Club

T: *01761 462 696*

Friends of Blagdon School PTA *(c)*

An elected group of parents who assist in the provision of facilities for education at the school and building relationships between staff, parents, guardians and others associated with the school.

Members serve for a two year period

which involves bursts of hard work

coupled with fun social evenings

Monthly, 7.45pm

@ One of the pubs in Blagdon

Graham Paine • T: *01761 462 665*

E: *blagdon.pta* • W: *blagdon.pta*

Helpline *(c)*

This is a voluntary service run by St Andrew's Church offering a transport and equipment borrowing service.

For those who don't drive, lifts can be arranged to doctors surgeries and the equipment (zimmers, portable cots etc) is ideal for visitors and quick trips.

There may be a small charge to cover

the cost of petrol.

Bill Murdoch • T: *01761 462 819*

J Team *(y*)*

J Team is a club for primary age children where they can enjoy games, videos, crafts, Bible quiz and stories

For boys and girls of 5-10yrs

20p per evening

Tuesday, 6-7pm @ Baptist Hall

Pete Church • T: *01761 462 443*

E: *j.team* • W: *j-team*

Mendip Calligraphy Group *(a)*

Our aim is to increase understanding and appreciation of the art of calligraphy.

Open to all, beginners to professionals.

£8.50, this also entitles you to discounts

There are two monthly workshops

Tuesday, 9.30am-2.30pm

@ Shipham Village Hall

Saturday, 10am-4pm

@ Burrington Parish Room

Andrew Bryden • T: *01934 833 015*

E: *mendip.calligraphy*

W: *mendip-calligraphy*

Mendip Caving Group *(a)*

We are an active, friendly caving club with members drawn both from the local area and further afield.

Open to 16+, for experienced cavers and those new to caving, £30

Saturdays and Sundays of the 1st weekend

@ Nordrach Cottage, Charterhouse

Tim Francis • T: *0208 878 7551*

E: *secretary@m-c-g.org.uk*

W: *mendip-caving*

Mendip Farm Cheese Club *(a)*

If you fancy expanding your horizons you may wish to consider joining the Cheese Club. There is a selection of cheese to try every quarter.

Mendip Farm Butchers • T: *01761 462 367*

E: *cheese* • W: *cheese*

Mendip Folk Dance Club *(a)*

We learn folk dancing (both Traditional and Playford Folk Dancing) in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

40+. £20, or £1.50 per attendance

2nd, 4th and 5th Monday from

September until June, 8-10pm

@ St James Church Hall, Winscombe

John Roberts • T: *01934 852 758*

E: *mendip.folk* • W: *mendip-folk*

Mendip Society *(a)*

The society is interested in conserving, enhancing and enjoying the Mendip Hills. An extensive programme of walks, talks and visits are run.

Open to all. Adult £12, retired £9

family or group: £17, commercial £30

Walks usually:

Saturdays, 2pm @ various venues

Talks: 1st or 4th Friday or the 3rd

Thursday in the winter, 7.30pm

There are 3 rotating talks venues, Wells,

Winscombe and Cheddar.

Judith Tranter • T: *01761 462 276*

E: *mendip.society* • W: *mendip-society*

Messy Play Club *(y)*

Messy arts and crafts fun for Toddlers and Pre-schoolers.

Children are welcome from as soon as they can sit up on a lap and enjoy being messy. £1 per family per session

2nd and 4th Thursdays,

10.30am onwards @ Baptist Hall

Clare Walker • T: *01761 462 558*

E: *messy.play* • W: *messy-play*

Playing Fields Association *(a)*

The Mead is a wonderful facility for walking dogs, taking children, playing sports or simply to cut across and enjoy the view. It's managed by this group.

Open to all, with members from specific user groups. Funding comes mainly from an annual levy on the sports clubs and Parish Council contributions

Quarterly, 7.30pm @ The Seymour Arms

John Phillips • T: *07710 308 101*

E: *playing.fields* • W: *playing-fields*

The Pressed Flower Guild *(a)*

Its aim is to encourage the art of pressing and preserving flowers and plant life to the highest standard and presenting them aesthetically in an art form.

Open to all. £18 and hall hiring costs

Tuesdays; two monthly, 10.30am-3.30pm

@ Bishop Sutton Village Hall

Anne Jones • T: *01367 710 361*

E: *PressedFlowerGuild@yahoo.co.uk*

W: *www.pressedflowerguild.org.uk*

Sandford Rangers *(y)*

They've tried Tae Kwondo, Yoga and fitness videos. There are quizzes to test the mind, treasure hunts and brand tasting, making marmalade and pancakes and lots more.

For girls of 14+, whether or not she's

previously been in Guiding.

£15 a term to cover hiring premises, and

activity costs

Fortnightly on alternate Mondays and

Tuesdays, times vary @ Sandford

Alice Kerly • T: *07974 919 903*

E: *sandford.rangers* • W: *sandford-rangers*

Slow Food Somerset *(a)*

Slow Food Somerset is the local convivium of the International Slow Food Movement. They believe that the enjoyment of food should be linked with an understanding of the issues surrounding its production.

Open to all. £35 per individual

£47 per couple at same address

Membership entitles you to a variety of

discounts and publications

Under 26s: £20 not including journals

Suzanne Wynn • T: *01761 221 340*

E: *slow* • W: *www.slowfoodsomerset.org.uk*

Skittles *(s)*

Go any evening to the Village Club when the skittle alley's in use and the sound of cheering, laughing, rumbling and crashing tell you that one of the skittle teams is enjoying a sociable evening.

Any member of the village club is

eligible for team membership and

welcome to join an existing team or

make up a new team, depending on

vacancies and team size rules.

Team captains c/o Village Club

T: *01761 462 696*

St Andrew's Bellringers *(a)*

Art of change ringing on 8 bells.

Any ringing visitors to the village are always welcome. Excellent tuition and instruction is available for new ringers.

12+. No charge for resident ringers, but

visitors and weddings may incur charges

Tuesdays (Practice) 7.30pm

Sundays (Services) usually 9am

@ St Andrew's Church

C B Ball • T: *01761 462 531*

E: *bell.ringers* • W: *bell-ringers*

Valley FairTrade *(c)*

This is a volunteer non-profit-making group promoting Fair Trade in the Chew Valley villages.

The scheme delivers once a month to the Chew Valley including Blagdon, Butcombe, Rickford and Burrington.

Orders can be made by phone, e-mail

or letter. You pay Valley Fairtrade after

delivery - by cheque is the easiest way.

Renée Bolton • T: *01761 462 363*

E: *valleyfairtrade@aol.com* • W: *fairtrade*

Walk-on-Wednesday *(cyv*)*

The aim is for the children to have a safe, enjoyable journey to school. They arrive, awake and alert, ready for a days study.

Wednesdays, 8.15am @ The Mead

car park and the Village Club car park

Hazel Parfitt • T: *01761 462 591*

E: *wow* • W: *wow*

Wrigton & District Young Farmers *(y)*

A youth organisation for rural communities. Visits, talks, sports against other clubs, social events, fund-raising and much more!!

Open to all 10-26 (associate members

aged over 26 are