



SENUNA PARK

ASHWELL
VILLAGE GUIDE



FOOD & DRINK

CRUMPS BUTCHERS – 3 Mill Street, Ashwell. www.crumpsofashwell.com

Serving Ashwell and the surrounding areas with high quality meat since 1920, Crumps butchers continue to provide a delectable selection of meats, poultry and sausages. Their in-house chef cooks up all manner of fine foods including a range of ready to eat pastries and pre-prepared meals. Also on offer is a wide array of cheese.

DAYS BAKERY – 61 High Street, Ashwell. www.daysbakery.com/bakery-in-hertfordshire

Day's Bakery was founded in 1741 in Ashwell and is likely one of the oldest remaining bakeries in the country. It has been run by family members throughout its long existence and prides itself on quality, remaining very much a village bakery.

RHUBARB & MUSTARD COFFEE SHOP – 31 High Street, Ashwell.

THE THREE TUNS PUB – 6 High Street, Ashwell. www.threetunsashwell.co.uk

The Three Tuns is a dog-friendly, 3-star AA Guide-recognised gastro pub with a 5-star food hygiene rating. With an emphasis on good food and traditional hospitality, The Three Tuns is celebrated for its delicious seasonal dishes and relaxed atmosphere. The Three Tuns is a much-loved spot for locals and visitors alike, offering hearty meals, a welcoming bar, and stylish, comfortable rooms.

THE BUSHEL & STRIKE – 15 Mill Street, Ashwell. www.bushelandstrike.co.uk/index

Sitting opposite the stunning 14th century St Mary's Church, The Bushel as it is affectionately known has been a bastion of hospitality in Ashwell for over 2 centuries. With its carefully crafted selection of locally brewed beers, ales and fine wines coupled alongside a thoughtfully curated menu that continually evolves to encapsulate the seasons, there will always be something to tempt a hungry or thirsty visitor.

THE ROSE & CROWN – 69 High Street, Ashwell. www.ashwellroseandcrown.co.uk

The Rose and Crown is a pet friendly 16th century pub which serves high quality food and drink to the local community and beyond. The pub has a fantastic bar area, a relaxed and cosy dining room and a large outdoor garden complete with a children's play area.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

ASHWELL SURGERY – Gardiners Lane, Ashwell. www.ashwellsurgery.nhs.uk

Care Quality Commission rating of "Good". Local Café open 9am-5pm Tuesday-Friday and 9am-1pm on a Saturday.

ASHWELL PHARMACY – 22 High Street, Ashwell. www.ashwellpharmacy.co.uk

Ashwell Pharmacy is a chemist and NHS community pharmacy based on the High street in Ashwell, providing all NHS pharmacy services, including free prescription collection from Ashwell Surgery and free prescription delivery.

ASHWELL DENTAL SURGERY – 44 High Street, Ashwell. www.dentalsurgerygroup.co.uk/ashwell-dental

Ashwell Dental Surgery has been serving the communities of North Hertfordshire with quality NHS and private dental care for over 50 years.

TROPIC SKINCARE & BEAUTY – Mill Street, Ashwell. www.tropicskincareandbeauty.com

Debs Boorman is offering natural, organic skincare and makeup, freshly made and delivered direct to your door. Skin and makeup consultations carried out one-to-one, plus group gatherings can be organised which is relaxed and fun, to try out all the award winning products. 10% of all profits go to charities and Tropic Skincare is a carbon negative company.

SERVICES

ASHWELL VILLAGE STORES – Street High, Ashwell.

Open daily.

BRADLEYS HAIRDERESSERS – Dixie's Yard, High Street, Ashwell.

Open Monday – Saturday.

THE BEAUTY BARN – Inside Bradley's Hairdressers, Dixie's Yard, High Street, Ashwell.

www.thebeautybarnashwell.com/contact

Offering a wide range of luxury treatments for men and women to help you look and feel your best. Treatments include; massage, facials, waxing, tanning, lashes, shellac, callus peels, manicures and pedicures. Whether you need to maintain your beauty regime, or want a relaxing treatment to soothe the stresses and strains of everyday life, rest assured that The Beauty Barn can offer all the individual attention you deserve.

ASHWELL POST OFFICE – St. Mary's Parish Rooms, 9 Swan Street, Ashwell.

Available on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12pm – 3pm.

THE BOOK SWAP – St. Mary's Church Parish Rooms, 9 Swan Street, Ashwell.

The service is free of charge and there is no signing in or out of books – bring a book or two to swap or, if you cannot bear to part with any books, you're still able to borrow one. The Book Swap facility is available whenever the Post Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays between Noon and 3pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and noon. It is also available on Sunday afternoons when you can enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake while browsing.

ASHWELL GARAGE – 33 Station Road, Ashwell. www.ashwellgarage.co.uk

A family-run MOT, Service, Diagnostic and Repair Centre for domestic and commercial vehicles, with on-site petrol and diesel pumps and a fully stocked shop.

EDUCATION

ASHWELL BABY & TODDLER GROUP – Village Hall, West End, Ashwell.

Based at the Village Hall, Ashwell playgroup provides a safe, friendly stimulating environment both indoors and out, helping children to stay safe, be healthy and most importantly to enjoy and achieve.

ASHWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL – Silver Street, Ashwell. www.ashwell.herts.sch.uk

Ashwell Primary School is a nurturing school where the children are at the heart of everything. The school is a one form entry primary school, including a nursery, and caters for children aged 3 to 11 years old. Ashwell Primary School provides a broad and balanced curriculum with a creative approach to learning with great emphasis placed on valuing and developing the whole child. The creative, academic, sporting, spiritual and social talents of each individual are recognised, developed, valued and celebrated.

LOCAL INTEREST

ASHWELL VILLAGE MUSEUM – Swan Street, Ashwell. www.ashwellmuseum.org.uk

Open Sundays 2.30pm – 5pm.

Ashwell Museum is an historic timber framed building filled with many objects tracing the history of Ashwell from the Stone Age to the Present Day. Open from 2.30 to 5.00pm on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, they offer a wealth of local information as well as various events.

ASHWELL COTTAGE GARDEN – Swan Street, Ashwell.

Ashwell Cottage Garden is located in the centre of Ashwell village and is a quiet, beautiful haven created in 1968 by villager Albert Skerman and to this day it provides a welcome refuge for villagers.

ASHWELL SPRINGS – High Street, Ashwell.

Ashwell Springs is a 0.3 hectare biological site of Special Scientific Interest which consists of a series of freshwater springs which form a source for the River Cam. The pools are surrounded by grassland which provide shade for the water and due to the low temperatures of the spring pools, they provide a habitat for cold water, invertebrate animals – some of which are rare.

ASHWELL QUARRY NATURE RESERVE – Hinxworth Road, Ashwell.

Ashwell Quarry Nature Reserve is a 3 hectare disused quarry supporting varied chalk grassland species including orchids. During the summer this site is full of plants such as the Pyramidal Orchid, Field and Small Scabious, Clustered Bellflower and Glaucous Sedge. Deep, shaded hollows add their own interest and many of the older thorn and Elder bushes support rare mosses. Although the nature reserve is private land, visitors are welcome there. A free visitor's permit lasts a year and allows you to go for a walk around at any time.

ARBURY BANKS HILL FORT – Nr. Newnham Way, Ashwell.

One of six Iron Age hillforts on the Hertfordshire chalk scape from Hexton to Royston that also includes Wilbury Hill Camp at Letchworth. Likely built during the late Bronze Age, the site probably contained houses, stockades for animals, or pits to store grain. It is not known if the site was defensive or just an enclosure for animals, to store food or for rituals. The site is now a Scheduled Ancient Monument and is situated on high ground near the Newnham Way, 1km south west of Ashwell parish church.



SPORT & FITNESS

THE ACCIES FOOTBALL CLUB – Ashwell Recreation Ground, Lucas Lane, Ashwell.
www.ashwellacademicals.com

The Ashwell Academicals FC, otherwise known as The Accies are a youth football club with FA Charter status. Depending on age group, their home matches are played at one of two locations – the Recreation Ground at Lucas Lane and the Smallgains playing field off Station Road.

ASHWELL TENNIS CLUB – Jason Boorman Sports Ground, Ashwell Street, Ashwell.
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/ashwelltennisclub

Ashwell Tennis Club is a small, friendly club with two courts located at the Jason Boorman Sports Ground on Ashwell Street. Members can book courts on the web site and are emailed the combination lock codes for access through the season. We have club nights in the summer and an annual tournament. For coaching, adults can attend the weekly coaching sessions on a Friday throughout the year and there are various age group sessions for children. The committee organise occasional club social events.

CYCLE CLUB ASHWELL - www.ccashwell.co.uk

Established in 2000 in Ashwell, Cycle Club Ashwell is a large inclusive Cycle club which caters for both adult and youth riders. The club has more than 150 adult members riding regularly throughout the year, as well as a considerable youth section made up of over 60 riders coached by qualified and approved British Cycling coaches.

ASHWELL KARATE CLUB – Village Hall, West End, Ashwell.
www.ahk.org.uk/our-clubs/shotokan-karate-in-ashwell

The T.S.K.A.G.B. Baldock & Ashwell Karate Club is run by Sensei Dhillon who is a 2nd Dan Shotokan karate instructor and has been trained since 1995 under chief instructor Sensei Hazelwood. Karate is considered both self-defence and a sport making it ideal for men, women and children of all ages (5 to 65).

ASHWELL PILATES – Village Hall, West End, Ashwell. www.ashwellpilates.com

Ashwell Pilates hold a variety of different Pilates classes throughout the week at Ashwell Village Hall, and is available for one-to-one sessions upon request.

YOGA WITH EMILY – Village Hall, West End, Ashwell. www.ashwellvillagehall.org.uk/yoga-with-emily

A gentle yoga flow class with a focus on connecting movement to the breath. This class is about feeling connected to your body, and quietening the mind, through gentle stretches and flows.

A class that is accessible for all levels including beginners and those preferring a more gentle flow class. Classes take place on Thursday evenings between 7pm – 8pm.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

MAKERS IN THE MUSEUM – Swan Street, Ashwell.

The Makers meet in the museum on the 2nd Tuesday of every month to learn more about a particular craft, hobby or activity. The format of the afternoons varies but often begins with an illustrated talk and an opportunity to look at items in the museum collection which are linked to the theme. New “Makers” are always welcome.

GREENING ASHWELL – www.greeningashwell.org.uk

Greening Ashwell aims to ensure that green areas in the village are maintained and enhanced, both for the enjoyment of people within Ashwell but also to help preserve the local flora & fauna and to help combat the effects of climate change. For anyone looking to get involved, Greening Ashwell welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities – whether you can spare an hour here or there or are looking to make a regular commitment, they would love to hear from you.

ASHWELL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – URC Hall, High Street, Ashwell. www.ashwellhortics.chessck.co.uk

Whatever your level of interest, knowledge or experience, you are sure of a warm and friendly welcome at the Ashwell Horticultural Society. The Society normally meet at the URC Hall in Ashwell High Street on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00pm, apart from June, July and August, when visits to various local gardens and other venues are arranged. In September the Autumn Show is normally held on the first Saturday of the month, in place of the Thursday meeting. The Society host an array of interesting speakers, discussions and a monthly raffle. They normally hold two Shows each year, with horticulture and craft sections, and arrange visits to beautiful gardens and nurseries throughout the year. They have also arranged short breaks with a horticultural theme.

THE ROSE & CROWN FOLK – The Rose & Crown Pub, 69 High Street, Ashwell.

Rose & Crown Folk meet on the first Monday of every month from 8:30 to 11:00pm in the bar of the Rose & Crown for an evening of music, singing and general merrymaking. The sessions are very informal and everyone is welcome. You don't have to be musically talented or confident though it helps if you are inclined to join in.

ASHWELL JAZZ CLUB – URC Hall, High Street, Ashwell.

If you enjoy jazz and want a relaxed evening out once a month, the Ashwell Jazz Club would be very pleased to welcome you on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the URC Hall. Evenings start with a programme prepared and presented by one of the members. This lasts about an hour. The rest of the evening is taken up with the contributions of other members on the same theme.

ASHWELL BORDER RAMBLERS

The Border Ramblers is an informal group that meets monthly on Sundays, and occasionally on Thursdays, for what is usually a gentle stroll. In the early days they explored the paths around Ashwell but, now they have become familiar, they venture further afield on most occasions to areas such as Therfield, Kelshall, Rushden & Wallington. If you would like to enjoy the fresh air with a friendly bunch, new members are always welcome.

ASHWELL WOMENS INSTITUTE – URC Hall, High Street, Ashwell.

The Ashwell Women's Institute meet at the URC hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm and they have another interesting programme of events booked for 2025. New members are always welcome, so if you are new to the village, have recently retired or want to meet new people, do venture along to find out more about the group.

ASHWELL THEATRE CLUB – 20 West End, Ashwell. www.ashwelltheatre.co.uk

Originally formed in the 1930s as the Ashwell Players, the Ashwell Theatre Club is an amateur dramatics group based in Ashwell, Hertfordshire. Over the years, Ashwell Theatre Club has presented plays, pantomimes and revues. Today Ashwell Theatre Club is a community theatre at its grass roots; local people putting on productions to entertain their community. If you are interested in participating in any aspect of the theatre, you will find a diverse and interesting group of people to work with and we would love to see you. Whether you want to help back stage, help with general organisation or you fancy treading the boards, there is a place for you. Any age is welcome - although children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to all theatre club events including rehearsals.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

BUSES

Ashwell has four bus stops which serve the village, railway station, and schools and connect the village with Letchworth, Baldock and Royston.

TRAINS

Ashwell & Morden Station is located just outside the village with regular train services to London (Kings Cross) and Cambridge.



YEARLY EVENTS

ASHWELL AT HOME – Across the village of Ashwell. www.ashwellathome.org.uk

Ashwell at Home is a great family day out with open gardens, free children's workshops, walks, talks, musical entertainment, local artisans and delicious local food. The 2025 event is set to take place on Sunday 11th May between 11am – 5pm. Tickets are available for £8. Under 18's are free.

THE ASHWELL SHOW – www.ashwellshow.co.uk

The Ashwell Show has been running for, more than 100 years and celebrates everything a country show has to offer. With fun for all the family, the Show includes horse and dog shows, falconry displays, vintage tractors and cars and a whole host of activities for children and adults alike, along with craft, shopping and food and drink stalls. This years event takes place on the August 25th Bank Holiday Monday.

ASHWELL MUSIC FESTIVAL – St. Mary's Church, Ashwell & United Reformed Church Hall, Ashwell.
www.ashwellmusicfestival.org.uk

This year sees the 70th anniversary of the Ashwell music festival, with events taking place from 7th May – 10th May. Events include a choral Evensong concert, young musicians concert, Dave Rance's Rockin' Chair Dance Band, Hitchin Big Band, Steelpan Musical Journey, Temple Band and an evening of classical music as acclaimed violinist Shulah Oliver-Smith and renowned pianist Simon Marlow come together for a special one-night performance of "A Mirror of Our Time." Ticket prices across the events vary from £0 - £20.



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