

GIFFORD GRAPEVINE

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**Gifford Village Clubs and
Organisations**

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www.giffordvillage.org



Clubs & Organisations

Gifford Community Council is made up of volunteer residents who work together to act as a local advocate and resource. We organise community activities, such as Christmas celebrations and Remembrance Day, comment on planning applications, and take local action to improve community well-being through projects that tackle loneliness, help keep people safe, and maintain the upkeep of the village. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 19.30 in the Bowling Club and all local residents are welcome to attend. For information see www.giffordvillage.org/community-council or contact chairgiffordcc@gmail.com

Gifford Art Group – Tuesday mornings in Gifford Village Hall. Summer Exhibition on Saturday and Sunday 20 & 21 June 2026. For term times contact: giffordartgroup@gmail.com

Gifford Bowling Club – Contact: giffordsportsclub@btinternet.com

Gifford Bridge Club – Mondays at 18.50 in Gifford Village Hall from 6 October - 15 December 2025 and 5 January - 30 March 2026. Contact: giffordbridgeclub@gmail.com

Gifford Community Choir - from ages 16 upwards. No need to read music. Learning tracks and lyrics provided. Weekly rehearsals in the village hall on Thursdays during term time.
Contact: aileenwatson@me.com or John.wrinn13@gmail.com.

Gifford Community Woodland - Find out what's happening, give feedback and hear the latest news at our quarterly meetings, volunteer with us, join in our community events and activities, and help shape the future of our woodland. For information about all events and volunteer dates visit www.giffordcommunitywoodland.com/events.

Facebook.com/giffordcommunitywoodland

Instagram.com/gifford_community_woodland. For e mail updates contact: gifford.woodseh41@gmail.com

Gifford Cricket Club – Find us on Facebook or cricketgifford@gmail.com

Gifford Families – see Facebook

Gifford Film Club brought to you by Yester Movie Association, screens films in Gifford Village Hall on the second Friday of the month at 20.00 (doors open 19.30pm). Membership £30 for the season January to December. Guests £5 per film. 18 October “Freemont” (12A), 14 November “Close Your Eyes” (12), 12 December Members’ Choice. New program available January 2026. Contact: www.giffordvillage.org. and jackie.fry@btinternet.com Facebook: @giffordfilmclub.

Gifford Golf Club – www.giffordgolfclub.com Contact: Gavin Kynoch secretary@giffordgolfclub.com Tel: 01620 810591

Gifford Horticultural Society - welcomes all who share a love of plants and gardening. Plant sale on 16 May, plant donations welcome. Gifford Flower Show on the Village Green on 22 & 23 August. For Talks and other events see www.giffordhorti.org or contact giffordhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com or Facebook.

Gifford Lunch Club – meets on the second Monday or every month at 12.00 in Tweedale Arms Hotel. Contact: Adam White 01620 810298 or 07917 531535

Gifford Society - meets once a month in Gifford Bowling Club at 19.30 from October to March with a wide range of fascinating topics. Entry fee £3 or six for £15.00.

15 October – How Plate Tectonics Shaped Scotland’s Landscapes and Edinburgh Buildings. 19 November – East Lothian War Memorials. 10 December – Uzbekistan – Cultural and Living Treasures. 21 January – Robert Burns in East Lothian. 18 February – A Mine of Information: Mining around Pencaitland and Gifford. 18 March – Diary of a Prisoner of War: handwritten notes and sketches from Stalag Luft 3.

Contact: Susie Hamilton susanna_hamilton@yahoo.com Tel: 01620 811288

Gifford Village Hall is run by Gifford Community Association – www.giffordvillage.org Contact: giffordhallbooking@gmail.com

Castle Park Golf Club and Golf Range – www.castleparkgolfclub.co.uk Contact: info@castleparkgolfclub.co.uk Tel: 01620 810733

Craft Social Groups – Mondays and Tuesdays at 14.00 in Lanterne Rouge.
Tel: 07955 470528

Good Companions – social and recreational activities for older people including wheelchair users. Meet on third Wednesday of the month (except July and August) in Gifford Bowling Club 14.00 – 16.00. Contact: Jeanie Cole 07912 029111.

Yester Curling Club - Curling takes place at the Edinburgh Curling Club at Murrayfield between the months of October and March, generally on weekday evenings. We are always looking for people to join us and “try curling” and everyone is welcome. Contact: Secretary Alison Scott alison143@btinternet.com

Yester Estates – www.yesterestate.com/community-events

Lammermuir Parish Church (previously Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church)

- Sunday services at 10.00 a.m. See website for venue.
- Church Choir Wednesdays 15.00 – 16.30
- Knitting Groups Thursdays 14.00 - 15.30 in Yester Church and Thursday 19.30 in Session Rooms, East Saltoun.
- Messy Church for pre-school and primary school children
- Drop-in Coffee Mornings 10.30 – 12.00 on second Wednesday of the month in Yester Church and fourth Tuesday in Session Rooms East Saltoun.

Contact: www.lammermuirchurch.org
anikosb@churchofscotland.org.uk Tel: 01620 811193 and 07936 042191

Pilates – Lark Pilates in Gifford Village Hall. Contact: www.larkpilates.com
johanna@larkpilates.com and Tel: 07920 421783

Yoga – ‘Yoga Dragon’ - Yoga classes in Gifford www.yoga-dragon.co.uk Contact: kirsty@yoga-dragon.co.uk Tel: 07986 591079.

Yoga – ‘Yoga with Marnie’ in Gifford Contact: yoga.with.marnie1@gmail.com Tel: 07772 960719

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Toddler Playgroup – Meets in Gifford Village Hall twice monthly on Fridays 10.00-11.30. Tel: 07887 744967 and Gifford Families Facebook

Gifford Mini Rugby Goblins – Meet at Bleachfield on Sundays 10.15 (except for away games). For children of primary school age. www.pitchero.com/giffordminigoblins or Facebook. Contact: giffordgoblins@gmail.com

Yester School – admin@yester.elcschool.org.uk www.edubuzz.org/yester
Yester School Parent Council – yesterparentcouncil@gmail.com or www.yesterparentcouncil.org

MOBILE SERVICES

Fish Van – Wednesday p.m. and Saturday a.m. Tel: 07592 832194

Fruit and Vegetable Van – Tuesdays - Laura Johnston Tel: 07787 418546

Royal Bank of Scotland – mobile unit on Village Hall Square Wednesdays 15.45 – 16.00

LOCAL BUSINESSES

Beech & Birch – Open daily www.beechandbirch.co.uk Contact: hellekilkenny@gmail.com Tel: 07815 757789

Carfrae Farm Shop – Award Winning - Open daily 09.30 – 17.00 www.carfraefarm.com info@carfraefarm.com Tel: 07709 752871

Carla's K9 Cuts - 5 star grooming service 09.00 – 18.00 Monday – Saturday. www.giffordpetservices.co.uk Tel: 01620 811222 or 07450 597713

Chippendale International School of Furniture
info@chippendale.co.uk and www.chippendaleschool.com
Graduate Exhibition and Fine Furniture Sale from Thursday 18 – Saturday 20 June 2026. Free Tickets will be available via Eventbrite nearer the time.

Fashion on the Farm – by appointment. Personal style and colour analysis. Contact: sharon@chestersfarm.co.uk Tel: 07815 989783

Gifford Garage – Monday to Friday 08.00 - 17.00 Tel: 01620 810235

Hoggs Newsagent – Monday to Sunday 05.00 – 16.00 Tel: 01620 810309

Hoggs Post Office - Monday to Saturday 07.00 – 13.00

Lanterne Rouge Café – Open daily 09.00 – 16.00 Tel: 07955 470528

Shop – Premier – Open daily 07.00 – 22.00 Tel: 07735 505112

Tweeddale Arms Hotel – www.tweedlearmshotel.com Tel: 01620 810240

USEFUL INFORMATION

Haddington Library Haddington.library@eastlothian.gov.uk Tel: 01620 827827

Monday 09.00 - 19.00, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 09.00 - 17.00,
Wednesday 10.00 – 17.00. Saturday 10.00 – 16.00. **NB** Closed 13.00 – 14.00 on weekdays for lunch.

MP – Douglas Alexander: douglas.alexander.mp@parliament.uk

MSPs

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in 1 High St, Haddington Tel: 01620 849350

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East Lothian Council – Tel: 01620 827827

Volunteer Centre East Lothian - the Third Sector Interface for East Lothian provides support and opportunities for voluntary organisations, social enterprises, individuals, and volunteers across the county. Contact: info@volunteereastlothian.org.uk or 01875 615423

Police – non-emergency 101

NHS 24: 111

Defibrillators – PIN not required

Locations:

- Gifford Garage on **outside** wall facing Main St.
- Bowling Club **outside** wall looking into car park
- Yester School **outside** during school hours (PIN C684 on container)
- Gifford Golf Club **inside** clubhouse during opening hours
- Castle Park Golf Club **outside** next to clubhouse door
- Chippendale School of Furniture **inside** Access 08.00-20.00 weekdays

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