

## What is GOWNS ?

(Gotherington Oxenton and Woolstone Neighbour Scheme)

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**GOWNS** is a voluntary 'good neighbour' initiative run by residents of the three villages with financial backing from the Parish Council and the Parish Church.

Its aim is to provide help to **any** resident of the three villages, **whatever their age, whatever their circumstances**. This could be by providing transport to the shops, doctor, hospital or to local social events; small DIY tasks, help with minor household problems, official form filling, emergency childcare or carer illness, recuperation after illness or treatment; or just simply a chat; in fact, anything of an occasional or emergency nature. This is not an exhaustive list, tell us your need and we will try to fulfil it! Please note that GOWNS is not intended to replace Social Services or provide long term care or assistance.

A volunteer duty Co-ordinator will take requests for assistance by telephone, match them with a volunteer offering the necessary skills and arrange for the task to be done. There is no charge for this service, but clients can be asked to cover expenses incurred and pay for such things as car parking, shopping, etc.

More volunteers are always needed to extend the range and number of tasks that can be taken on. If you feel you can help, please telephone the Duty Co-ordinator.

**If you need assistance or just want to know more about GOWNS, telephone the Duty Co-ordinator.**

**The contact number for the  
Duty Co-ordinator is:  
07752 152485**

*(All volunteers are CRB checked and fully insured)*

Gotherington, Oxenton and Woolstone

## HELPCARD

### Produced by GOWNS

Gotherington, Oxenton and Woolstone Neighbour Scheme:  
a volunteer 'good neighbour' scheme for the 3 villages.  
(See back page for full details)

**To contact GOWNS tel: 07752 152485**

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#### **Gotherington Parish Council**

Celia Blacklock (clerk@gotherington.org.uk) 01242 675182

#### **Oxenton and Woolstone Parish meeting**

John McGuffie Chair of Parish meeting 01242 676309

#### **Tewkesbury Borough Council**

Main Switchboard for all services, 01684 295010

*(for council tax, register of electors, environmental health, planning, community services, refuse and recycling)*

Emergencies outside office hours 01684 293445

Allen Keyte (Borough Councillor) 01242 677767

#### **Gloucestershire County Council**

Main switchboard for all services, 01452 425000

*(for strategic planning, education and children's services, social services, libraries, arts and countryside, fire and rescue, roads and transport, bus passes)*

Highways 08000 514514

Gordon Shurmer (County Councillor) 01684 772780

#### **Member of Parliament (House of Commons switchboard)**

Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury) 020 7219 3000

#### **Police**

For all non emergencies dial 0845 090 1234

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Police stations at Bishop's Cleeve and Cheltenham)

## Help and Advice

<b>Village Agent: Claire Manigrasso</b> <i>(For advise with finding help and support for over 50's in rural areas)</i>	0781 063 0048
<b>Bereavement Group</b> (Noel Hemming)	01242 521052
<b>Age UK</b>	0800 169 6565
<b>Bishops Cleeve Library</b>	01242 672217
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	01242 522491
<b>Cheltenham Tourist Information</b>	01242 522878
<b>CRUSE—help in bereavement</b>	01242 252518
<b>GOWNS</b>	07752 152485
<b>Severn Vale Sheltered Housing</b>	01684 272727
<b>Remap</b> (Local contact John Peabody) <i>(one off mobility aids for specific needs)</i>	01242 673054

## Health

<b>Greyholme Surgery</b> , Church Road B/C	01242 672669
<b>Stoke Road Surgery</b> B/C	01242 672007
<b>Cheltenham/Gloucester Hospitals</b>	01242 222222
<b>Tewkesbury Hospital</b>	01684 293303
<b>NHS Direct</b> (24 hour help and advice line)	0845 4647
<b>Out of hours Medical Service</b>	0845 220 220
<b>Hospital Transport</b> (Gill Lofts)	01242 674129
<b>Badhams Chemist:</b> Church Road B/C	01242 672653
Stoke Road B/C	01242 672211
(Night Calls	01242 516779)

## Education

<b>Garden House Nursery School</b>	01386 881886
<b>Gotherington Primary School</b>	01242 675454
<b>Cleeve School</b>	01242 672546

## Village Organisations and Businesses

<b>Village Hall bookings</b> (Karen Laughland)	01242 678001
<b>Freeman Field/Rex Rhodes bookings</b> (Phil Aplin)	01242 674114
<b>Oxenton Village Hall bookings</b> (Valerie Martin)	01242 673233
<b>Gotherington Topics</b> (Local Newsletter)	01242 673930
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> (Phil Smith)	01242 672970
<b>Gotherington Post Office and Stores</b>	01242 672249
<b>Shutter Inn</b>	01242 673122
<b>Gotherington Nurseries</b>	01242 676722

## Clubs and Societies

<b>Scouts, Cubs and Beavers</b>	01242 678423
<b>Brownies</b>	01242 676240
<b>Cricket Club</b>	01242 679144
<b>Football Club</b>	01242 670857
<b>Gardening Club</b>	01242 673129
<b>Local History Society</b>	01242 672848
<b>Petanque Club</b>	01242 675633
<b>Tennis Club</b>	01242 674010
<b>Toddler Group</b>	01242 673707
<b>Wine Club</b>	01242 676115
<b>Womens Institute</b>	01242 675035
<b>Womens Bible Study</b>	01242 673588
<b>Woolstone Church Bellringers</b>	01242 677489

## Churches

<b>Parish of Woolstone with Gotherington and Oxenton</b>	
Rev. Mike Holloway,	01242 675559
<b>Roman Catholic:</b> Father Peter Slocombe	01242 602412
<b>Methodist:</b> Rev. Steve Ward	01242 677922