



# Welcome to Pembury

This pack contains information which we  
trust you will find useful as you settle  
into your new home

We hope you enjoy  
living in Pembury!



# Welcome from the Cllr Katy Brooks, Chair of the Parish Council



Welcome to Pembury - we really hope you enjoy living in this beautiful village, surrounded by wonderful countryside yet in easy reach of London, the coast and Gatwick.

We've compiled this booklet to give you some history of Pembury, and local information to help you settle into the village. We publish Pembury Village News every quarter which is delivered to all houses in the village and contains local stories along with information for residents.

If you want to get more involved, why not consider becoming a Parish Councillor? We have a great team and are always on the lookout for enthusiastic locals with time to spare and knowledge and experience they can share.... please contact the Parish Office if you feel this is something you would be interested in.

Thank you for choosing Pembury for your home, we hope that you enjoy your time here, although not that many people leave after discovering how great it is. If you have recently moved to Pembury, we would like to take the opportunity to welcome you to our village! We hope you enjoy living here.

This pack contains some information which should help you find your way around and get to know the village better.

## History

Pembury is a large village in the county of Kent in the south-east of England, UK with a population of around 6,500. It lies within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is to the north-east of Tunbridge Wells. The name 'Pembury' derives from the Saxon 'Pepingburh' or 'Pepingeberia', meaning 'the place of Pepping's people'. The area was first permanently settled by families from Nettlestead in about 800AD. Previously they had used the Weald as summer pasture, but at this point they started staying all year round.



The Parish Church, or Old Church, has probably existed since Saxon times but the current building has 12th century origins with 14th century additions paid for by the Colepepper family. This church is small and a long way from the eventual centre of population, so the Upper Church was built in 1847 near the Village Green. For many years the steeple on this church was a local landmark but in 1984 it was demolished for safety reasons. The Baptist Church, which has had several non-conformist allegiances over the years, was founded in 1834 and the current building dates from 1884. The Catholic Church was built in the 1960s.

The Colepepper family, who came to national prominence in Tudor times, lived in Pembury for nearly 300 years before moving to nearby Bedgebury in the late 15th century and subsequently elsewhere in Kent. In 1297 King Edward I stayed the night with them at their Bayhall home while on a royal progress. In the 14th century they were by far the largest landowners in the area. At the same time the other large estate, which became known as Hawkwell, was owned by the monks of Bayham Abbey from the 13th century until the Dissolution of the monasteries in 1536.

The other nationally important family who had their origins in Pembury were the Amhersts. Their name may indicate they were some of the earliest settlers as 'Ham' is a clearing or settlement and 'Hurst' a wood. In 1500 they were yeomen farmers with 20 acres in the vicinity of Amherst Bank, but by 1600 Richard, a younger son and a lawyer, had acquired Bayhall where his son Richard built a grand house in 1630. Charles Amherst (1640-1705), a son of Richard jnr and the last Amherst to live at Bayhall, endowed the Almshouses, which were built in 1715 and are still in use today.

In 1799 Lord Camden, who lived at Bayham Abbey in Lamberhurst, bought the Bayhall estate. This extended his control over nearly all the land between Pembury & Bayham. He, and subsequent Lord Camdens, had considerable influence in the area until the 1960s.



Apart from the Parish Church, which is Grade I listed, the most imposing surviving building is the Camden Arms. It is situated prominently, opposite the Green, on what was the main road from London to Rye and Hastings and has been serving travellers, as well as locals, since at least Tudor times when it may have been known as the 'sign of the Cock'. The Manor Courts were held here and in the 18th century, when

it was known as the Five Bells, so did the Parish Vestry (the forerunner of the Parish Council). The present name came about soon after Lord Camden acquired the Bayhall estate, of which the coaching inn was part.

Pembury had always been a largely self-sufficient rural community but with the coming of the railways locally, the population of Pembury changed in character and grew steadily in numbers. People like Morton Peto and other businessmen came to live in the area as they could now easily get to London and the village could now be more outward looking.

The population almost doubled between 1821 and 1921 to 1774, but it was after WW2 that the population really expanded with the building of several large housing estates. The brickworks, the only non-agricultural industry in Pembury, flourished during the second half of the 19th century, but closed in 1939, as did the small pottery that made sanitary ware and tiles. During the 17th and early 18th century there was a thriving cloth industry in the village, as was common throughout the Weald at the time, but there was no direct participation in the local Iron Industry.

Kathryn Franklin,  
Jan 2018

## Pembury Parish Council

The Parish Council consists of 13 councillors, elected every 4 years. The next election is due in May 2023. The Parish Office is located in the Lower Green Recreation Ground, off

Lower Green Road and is open to the public on Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm except Thursdays from 9am to 1pm.



You can visit us in person, email us at [clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or give us a call on 01892-823193.

The Parish Council generally meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:15pm in the Parish Office meeting room but please check our website or notice board for more details.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend our meetings and agendas will be displayed three clear days before any meeting, both on our website and in our notice board. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues or ask questions at the start of each meeting. Minutes of our meetings are also available on our website. Please check them out to see what is happening!

We also have a Planning and Highways Committee that meets monthly and a Finance and HR Committee, Open Spaces Committee and Communications and Events Committee that meet quarterly. Agendas will be published on our website three clear

days before the meeting and displayed in our notice board. You are welcome to attend these meetings. Please check the agenda for start times.

The Parish Council has a number of responsibilities within the village:

- Allotments
- Playgrounds
- Multi Use Games Area
- Football pitches
- Tennis Courts
- Outdoor gym
- Cemeteries and burial grounds
- Open Spaces
- Village Green
- Christmas Tree & Lights
- Floral Displays
- Old Coach Road
- War Memorial
- Consultee on Planning applications

## Communications

We have a comprehensive website with details of what we do, what services we offer, agendas and minutes from our meetings as well as village news and events. We also have Facebook and Instagram just search for Pembury Parish Council!



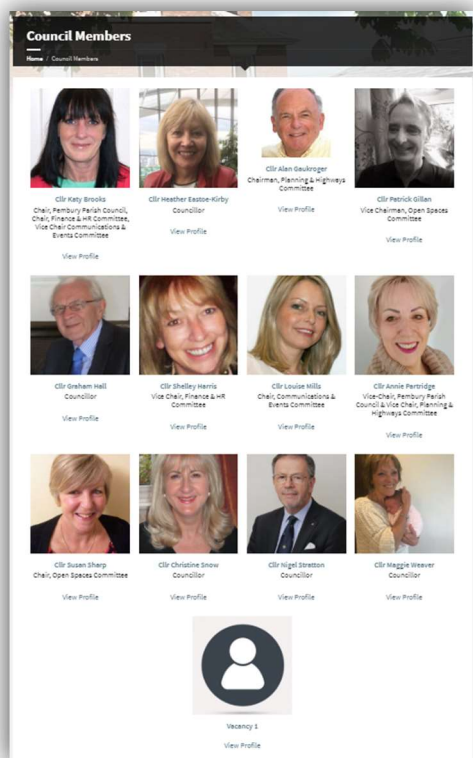
## Parish Councillors

There are 13 parish councillors representing Pembury, who volunteer their time freely to serve their community. Councillors are elected to the local council to represent their local community, so they must either live or work in the area. Councillors must also sit on one or more Committees to help run Parish Council facilities or services.

They influence decisions that affect Pembury either directly, by providing services and facilities, or indirectly by consulting with or lobbying other organisations.

Details of your current councillors, and their memberships, can be found on the Parish Council website under Council Members.

Details of any current vacancies can also be found on our website and notice boards. We would love to hear from you if you would like to know more about what we do.





## Allotments

We have our allotment site in Henwood Green Road with over 70 plots of various sizes.

We currently have vacancies for all plot sizes.



We also plan to introduce a new smaller plot for residents who don't have the time to manage a huge plot but still want to grow their own fruit and vegetables.

If you are interested in renting one, please get in touch with us via email [deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputy@pemburyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or by phone 01892-823193.

## Sports and Recreation Facilities

We own and manage Lower Green Recreation Ground just off Lower Green Road. This includes a children's playground, a multi-use games area (for football or basketball), an outdoor gym, football pitches (hired by Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club) and tennis courts. The tennis courts are free for residents to use. Just turn up and play! Tennis coaching is also available on the courts through a private provider. Please see the notice board on the courts for details.



Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club is a thriving club with players from 4 to 18 years old. They use the pitches and pavilion at Lower Green Rec. For more details please see their website is <http://www.pemburyyouthfc.co.uk/>.

The Pembury Bowls Club is also located in the Lower Green Recreation Ground and new members are welcome to join. For further details please see their website <http://www.pemburybowlsclub.com/>.

## Events

We also run a number of free community events in the village. Each year we host:

- Picnic on the Green – live music, ice cream van and sweet stalls – on the Village Green – each July.
- Scarecrow Competition – in conjunction with the Picnic on the Green – each July.
- Pride in Pembury Competition – awards for best front garden, best allotment, best hanging baskets & containers and best community group.
- Fireworks Display – DJ, professional fireworks display, burgers, sweets stall – in Lower Green Recreation Ground – each November.
- Remembrance Day – working in partnership with other local organisations with a parade to the War Memorial and service – each November.
- Carols on the Green – a new addition to our calendar of events in partnership with the 3 local churches and schools.





## Burial Grounds and Cemeteries

Pembury Burial Ground is situated behind St. Peter's Upper Church in Hastings Road and is owned and managed by Pembury Parish Council. It is in a beautiful and tranquil location which provides a lovely place for remembrance.

For more details, including our fees and charges, please check our website or call the office on 01892-823193.

The Parish Council also maintain the closed churchyard at Old Church and Lower Green Cemetery. Old Church is designated as a Wildflower Grassland which is a rare and fragile habitat. Lower Green Cemetery is managed to support wildlife.



## Borough and County Councillors

Your County Councillor represents Pembury residents at Kent County Council. Their responsibilities include public transport, highways, education and libraries.

Your Borough Councillors represent Pembury residents at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. Their responsibilities include planning, housing and waste.

County Councillor: **Paul Barrington-King**  
07899 731696  
[Paul.barrington-king@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.barrington-king@kent.gov.uk)

Borough Councillors: **Paul Barrington-King**  
07899 731696  
[Paul.Barrington-King@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Barrington-King@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk)

**David Haywood**  
01892 808000  
[David.Hayward@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk](mailto:David.Hayward@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk)

**David Reilly**  
01892 458216  
[David.Reilly@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk](mailto:David.Reilly@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk)

## Which authority should I Contact?

We have put this list together to help you find the right authority to contact if you which to report a fault or have any concerns about services in Pembury. Below is a list of responsibilities and services and who is responsible for them.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | This Council is primarily responsible for the provision of this service and should be your first point of contact.           |
| <b>C</b>                            | This Council is consulted on matters relating to the provision of this service and may be able to offer you some assistance. |

| Responsibility / Service   | KCC                                 | TWBC                                | PPC                                 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Abandoned Vehicles   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Affordable housing   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Air quality  |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Alcohol and entertainment licences   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Allotments   |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Animal Welfare Enforcement   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Benefits   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Benches  |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bins and recycling   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Building control & regulations   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Bus passes for older and disabled people                                   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Bus passes for school children   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Bus stops  |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cemetery - burials and maintenance (Upper Church and Lower Green Cemetery) |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Christmas lights   |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Churchyard maintenance (Old Church)  |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

| Responsibility / Service   | KCC                                 | TWBC                                | PPC                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Council housing            |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Council tax                |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Dog fouling                |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | C                                   |
| Economic Development       |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Education                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Electoral register         |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Environmental Health       |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Fly tipping                |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Football Pitches           |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Footpaths                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Footway lighting           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Verge grass cutting        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Gritting and salting       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Hanging Baskets            |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Highway maintenance        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Highways                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | C                                   |
| Housing benefit            |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Library                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Litter control             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Noise nuisance and control |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Notice boards              |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Old Coach Road             |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

| <b>Responsibility / Service</b>   | <b>KCC</b>                          | <b>TWBC</b>                         | <b>PPC</b>                          |
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| Parks and open spaces in Pembury  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Pavements   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Planning  |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>C</b>                            |
| Playgrounds   |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Pollution   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Public Transport  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Recreation Grounds in Pembury   |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Recycling   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Refuse collection   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Social services   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Street cleaning   |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
| Street lighting (Bellfield Road, Henwood Green Road, Kings Toll Road, Pembury Close, Romford Road, Woodside Road) |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Street lighting – all other roads in Pembury  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Tennis courts   |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Traffic and road safety   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Trees on the highway  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                                     |
| Village Green   |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Village signs   |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| War Memorial  |                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

# Village Directory

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| Parish Council                                  | Parish Office, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4DZ Tel: 01892 823193   |
| Doctors   | Waterfield House Surgery, Waterfield House, 186 Henwood Green Road, Pembury TN2 4LR Tel: 01892 825488   |
| Hospital  | Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury, Tonbridge Road, Pembury TN2 4QJ Tel: 01892 823535  |
| Chemist   | Pembury Pharmacy, 5 High Street, Pembury TN2 4PH Tel: 01892 822896  |
| Dentist   | Pembury Dental Surgery, 67 Hastings Road, Pembury TN2 4JS Tel: 01892 823044   |
| Supermarkets, Convenience Stores and Farm Shops | <p>Morrisons &amp; Garage, High Street, Pembury TN2 4NG</p> <p>Downingbury Farm Shop &amp; Café, Maidstone Road, Pembury TN2 4AD Tel: 01892 824282</p> <p>Pembury Market, Village Hall, 49 High Street, Pembury TN2 4PH Tel: 07927 713256 (Tuesday mornings only)</p> <p>SS Mini Markets, 132 Henwood Green Road, Pembury TN2 4LR Tel: 01892 825080</p> <p>Tesco Stores, Woodsgate Corner, Pembury TN2 4NE Tel: 0345 677 9531</p> |
| Pubs  | <p>Black Horse Public House, 12 High Street, Pembury TN2 4NY Tel: 01892 822141</p> <p>Camden Arms, 1 High Street, Pembury TN2 4PH Tel: 01892 822012</p> <p>King William IV Public House, 87 Hastings Road, Pembury TN2 4JS Tel: 01892 458241</p>  |
| Restaurants & Takeaways                         | <p>Happy Days, 2 High Street, Pembury TN2 4DY Tel: 01892 822921</p> <p>Mahdi Tandoori, 101 Hastings Road, Pembury TN2 4JU Tel: 01892 824177</p> <p>Mangal &amp; Meze, 132 Henwood Green Road, Pembury TN2 4LN Tel: 01892 457292</p>   |



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|                | <p>Ocean Fish &amp; Chips, 8 High Street, Pembury TN2 4NY Tel: 01892 823561</p> <p>Pembury Chinese, 89 Hastings Road, Pembury TN2 4JS Tel: 01892 822110</p>  |
| Cafes          | <p>Community Café, Pembury Pavilion, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4DZ (Monday mornings only)</p> <p>Downingbury Farm Shop &amp; Café, Maidstone Road, Pembury TN2 4AD Tel: 01892 824282</p> <p>Nanna's, 4 High Street, Pembury TN2 4NY Tel: 07874 004727</p> <p>Notcutts Garden Centre Café, Tonbridge Road, Pembury TN2 4QN Tel: 01892 822636</p> |
| Churches       | <p>Baptist Church, 1 Romford Road, Pembury TN2 4HT Tel: 01892 825590</p> <p>St Anselm Roman Catholic Church, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4DZ Tel: 01892 825009</p> <p>St Peter's, Upper Church, Hastings Road, Pembury, TN2 4PE Tel: 01892 824761</p> <p>St Peter's Old Church, Church Road, Pembury, TN2 4AX Tel: 01892 824761</p>  |
| Library        | <p>Pembury Library, 70 Henwood Green Rd, Pembury TN2 4LN Tel: 0300 041 3131</p>  |
| Post Office    | <p>The Post Office, 37 High Street, Pembury, TN2 4PH Tel: 01892 822329</p>   |
| Halls for hire | <p>Village Hall, 49 High Street, Pembury TN2 4PH Tel: 07983 228181</p> <p>Pembury Pavilion, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4DZ Tel: 01892 824853</p> <p>Pembury Baptist Church, 1 Romford Road, Pembury TN2 4HT Tel: 01892 825590</p> <p>Pembury Bowls Club, Lower Green Recreation Ground, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4DZ Tel: 01892 681222</p>  |

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| Waste Collections | Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS Tel: 01892 526121  |
| Schools           | <p>Pembury Primary School, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4EB Tel: 01892 822259</p> <p>Kent College, Old Church Road, Pembury TN2 4AX Tel: 01892 822006</p>  |
| Nursery Schools   | <p>Pembury School House Nursery, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4EB Tel: 01892 825580</p> <p>New World Montessori Nursery, St Anselm Hall, Lower Green Road, Pembury TN2 4DZ Tel: 07787 155247</p>   |
| Hair & Beauty     | <p>Bladerunners, 43 Hastings Road, Pembury TN2 4PB Tel: 01892 824420</p> <p>Pembury Beauty Salon, 25-29 High Street, Pembury TN2 4PH Tel: 01892 822879</p> <p>The Barbers Lounge 4 High Street, Pembury TN2 4NY Tel: 01892 325075</p>   |
| Clubs             | <p>Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Email: <a href="mailto:pemburydistrict@btinternet.com">pemburydistrict@btinternet.com</a></p> <p>Out and about Club Tel: 01892 823318</p> <p>Pembury Athletic Youth Football Club Tel: 01892 822919</p> <p>Pembury Bowls Club Tel: 01892 823129</p> <p>Pembury Bridge Club Tel: 01892 824652</p> <p>Pembury Cricket Club Tel: 01892 824362</p> <p>Pembury Football Club Tel: 01892 327480 / 01892 823928</p> <p>Pembury Gardeners' Society Tel: 01892 824223</p> <p>Pembury Players Tel: 01892 824362</p> <p>Pembury Short Mat Bowling Club Tel: 01892 822509</p> <p>Pembury Society Tel: 01892 823174</p> |

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|  | <p>Pembury U3A email: <a href="mailto:membership@pemburyu3a.org">membership@pemburyu3a.org</a></p> <p>Pembury Walking Club Tel: 07769 707061</p> <p>Rotary Club of Southborough and Pembury Tel: 01892 822936</p> <p>Scouts, Cubs &amp; Beavers email: <a href="mailto:sturgeoncubspembury@gmail.com">sturgeoncubspembury@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Table Tennis Club Tel: 01892 823250</p> <p>Women's Institute Tel: 01892 822577</p> |
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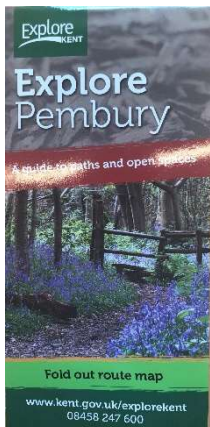
## Waste Services



Tunbridge Wells Borough Council provide waste services for Pembury. The service has recently changed, and you can find details of when your collection dates are, advise on what you can recycle, report a missed bin collection and more by going to the following website:

<https://beta.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling>

## Walks and Countryside



Pembury is surrounded by ancient woodland and country walks. The Parish Office sells footpath maps for £1. Please pop into the office and pick up a copy!