

Welcome to East Haddon



Village Guide

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EAST HADDON
PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to East Haddon

On behalf of the Parish Council and residents, we extend a warm welcome to the scenic Northamptonshire village of East Haddon.

Midway between the towns of Northampton and Daventry, this historic village was mentioned in the Domesday Book. Primarily a farming community, the village has, over the years, been home to many trades. Today you will find a thriving community of around 600 people, a village pub – The Red Lion, many local groups, which will be detailed in this booklet and the oldest building in the village St Mary's Church.

This guide has been produced by the Parish Council with contributions from various village groups. It is intended for use by new residents and for anyone wishing to find out more about East Haddon village life. Information can change so please bear this in mind when using the guide, you should have all the information you need to track down someone that can help and please check the website which is updated regularly.

We hope that you enjoy living here.

An on-line version of this guide can be found at
<https://www.easthaddonparishcouncil.gov.uk/village-guide>

East Haddon Parish Council is a civil local authority and the lowest tier of local government. The Councils' role is to:

- **Support the Community** – Represent the voices of residents and drive positive change
- **Protect Our Parish** – Work on planning, sustainability, and local projects
- **Influence Local Decisions** – Help improve facilities, services, and green spaces

It is made up of 9 Councillors who live in the village and who are usually elected for a 4-year term. They meet bi-monthly on a Monday at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and have the opportunity to speak relating to an agenda item, during the public participation section. Should you wish to raise a topic for consideration then please contact the Clerk.

All agendas and minutes are published on the Parish Council website

www.easthaddonparishcouncil.gov.uk and the agendas are also published on the noticeboards at the Bus Stop and outside the Red Lion.

You can contact the Parish Council via email clerk@easthaddonparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07990 660123

Unitary Council: West Northants - Constituency: Daventry - Ward: Long Buckby - Parish: East Haddon



West Northamptonshire Council is the single unitary council responsible for providing a range of public services to residents and businesses in the areas of Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire.

Some of these services include:

Collection of household waste	Council Tax
Street Cleaning	Highways maintenance
Planning and control	Environmental Health
Education	Adult Social Care
Libraries	Social Housing

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/>

0330 126 7000

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Refuse Collection

The collection day for refuse and recycling is **Thursday**. Garden waste is an opt-in paid for service for which you can sign up [here](#)



There is a useful app and also a yearly calendar that can be found [here](#)

Refuse and recycling centres can be found at Brixworth, Sixfields and Daventry and are of equal distance (around 15 minutes)

Utilities

Broadband



Super-fast fibre to your premises <https://gigaclear.com>



<https://ee.co.uk/broadband>

Other providers are: plusnet, Sky and O2

Water/Sewage



Supply and sewage services supplied by Anglian Water

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/>

Good to Know



Cash point facilities are available outside Long Buckby Co-op and near The Gym on the corner of High Street and The Banks.



The Parish Council owned defibrillator is mounted on the external wall of the Village Hall. Available 24/7 but you must dial 999 prior to use.



Great Brington (2 miles). A friendly local store with basic household supplies. Post Office closed Wednesday afternoon.

Long Buckby (3 miles), Guilsborough (4 miles)



Texaco, Kingsthorpe (approx. 12 minutes)
 Murco, Northampton Road, Brixworth (approx. 15 minutes)
 Shell, A5 Weedon (approx. 15 minutes)
 Esso, Daventry next to McDonalds (approx 15 minutes)



Street Lights are the responsibility of the Parish Council, please report any issues or if one is not working to clerk@easthaddonparishcouncil.gov.uk



To report highways issues please use <https://www.fixmystreet.com>



Stage Coach Route 96 Northampton-Rugby-Northampton stops at 3 locations in the village and has many Buses each day
<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/midlands/96/northampton-rugby/XLAO096.I>



The nearest rail station is at Long Buckby

General Practice

The practices in both Long Buckby and Guilsborough serve East Haddon residents. They are the Long Buckby practice (3 miles) and The Saxon Spires, Guilsborough practice (4 miles)



Dentists



There are two Dentists in Long Buckby – Thatch House and Station View (3 miles)
 Brixworth Dental Practice (6 miles)
 And several in Northampton or Daventry

Pharmacies



There is a Pharmacy in Long Buckby - Knights (3 miles)
 Guilsborough – at Saxon Spires Surgery (4 miles)
 Boots in Sixfields, Northampton (8 miles) and Daventry Day and Night Pharmacy (8 miles)

A&E Hospital



Northampton General Hospital has a 24 hour A&E.
 Cliftonville, Northampton NN1 5BD Tel: 01604 634700

Minor Injuries: Located within the Hospital of St Cross, Barby Road, Rugby, CV22 5PX. 24 hours
 Urgent Treatment reception: 01788 663432

East Haddon Village Hall



The East Haddon Village Hall is a wonderful facility in the centre of the village that hosts a variety of classes and events.

Originally known as The Village Institute, it was given to the people of East Haddon in 1914 by a local benefactor, Lady Horne in memory of her son. During WW1 the Institute was used as a convalescent home for soldiers and during WW2 as a day centre for expectant and new mothers from the maternity hospital then at The Hall. In 1985 The Institute was renamed the Village Hall and in 1998 was completely renovated with the help of grants from the Lottery Fund and local Councils.

Now it provides a meeting place for local groups like the Village Society and Bridge Club, hosts the Friday Coffee mornings and Pilates and Yoga Classes as well as providing the venue for a sewing group, the local band practice sessions, exercise groups, children's birthday parties and regular Quiz Nights.



The Village Hall is managed by a small group of dedicated villagers. It is available to hire for private and village events. For general enquiries contact ehaddonvh@gmail.com or to book the hall call Liz on 01604 770985.

Schools

East Haddon Primary School

The friendly village primary school has an excellent reputation locally. Currently around 85 pupils across three classes. Take a look at their comprehensive website

<https://www.easthaddonprimary.org.uk/>



Secondary Schools

Guilsborough Academy is the catchment school and buses transport children from East Haddon

<https://www.guilsborough.northants.sch.uk/>

Northampton School for Boys <https://www.nsb.northants.sch.uk/>

Northampton School for Girls <https://www.nsg.northants.sch.uk/>

Northampton School <https://www.northampton.school.co.uk/>



Private Schools

Northampton High School for Girls <https://www.northamptonhigh.co.uk/>

Pitsford School <https://www.pitsfordschool.com/>

Quinton House <https://www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk/>

Rugby School <https://www.rugbyschool.co.uk/>

Spratton Hall Preparatory School <https://www.sprattonhall.com/>

St Mary's Church



St Mary's church is situated in the centre of the village and is home to two regular services each month plus a number of celebrations throughout the year. Regular services take place on the second Sunday of the month 'Sunday Together', a lay led service, and the fourth Sunday of the month, a communion service taken by Reverend Andrea or Curates Kim or Rachel.

In addition to regular services there are others throughout the year to celebrate religious festivals. The live Nativity on Christmas Eve sees numbers of over 250 adults and children and 1 donkey!

For further information on the church or specific services please do not hesitate to contact the church warden Gilly Wrathall stmaryschurcheasthaddon@gmail.com

St Mary's Holy Dusters. A group of volunteers who enjoy and take pride in keeping the ancient building clean, tidy and spider free. They make it fun by always cleaning together. The more dusters the better the shine - so if you can spare just an hour a month, they would be grateful. For more information contact Rachel Punch at rlp8000@aol.com

The Red Lion Pub



A Red Lion pub has been in existence in East Haddon from at least 1765, although not initially in its current building. This building was in part an off-licence but became The Red Lion Inn in the early 1900s. It's a warm and cosy pub much loved by the local population with an excellent reputation for good food and a great atmosphere. Under new management since March 2025 the new owners plan to build on this reputation.

As well as serving drinks and food The Red Lion offers private dining, several hotel rooms and runs the occasional music night.

For more information contact info@redlioneasthaddon.co.uk



The Playing Fields and Pavilion



East Haddon War Memorial Playing Fields was established in February 1950. The 4.9 acres of open park is used for both sport and leisure. It offers:

- Team sports for cricket and junior football
- Archery tuition
- A children's play area
- Two table tennis tables, one indoor and one outdoor
- An all-weather tennis court and a tennis practise wall

The pavilion (built in 1998) is used by the sports clubs and it is also enjoyed by many other users. The Youth Club, sewing classes, children's parties, school sports days, wakes and table tennis. The pavilion benefits from a fully licensed bar (run by the cricket club) which is available to hire. The bar is open to the public during the cricket season on Friday evenings. There is a WhatsApp group to alert when the bar is open (message Rachel on 07967 212575 to join).

Help is occasionally needed with odd jobs around the pavilion and the grounds. Volunteers always welcome. As are committee members for the Playing Fields Association.

For further information please contact Rachel Punch at rlp8000@aol.com



East Haddon in Bloom

Each year several gardens in East Haddon open as part of the National Open Garden Scheme, which supports various health charities nationwide. At the same time teas, coffees and homemade cakes are sold at St Mary's Church on Main Street. The proceeds from the sale of plants grown by the garden owners are given to the Local Community First Responders.



It is a most enjoyable time for both the visitors and garden owners. Details of the openings can be found on the National Garden Scheme website <https://ngs.org.uk/> the NGS Yellow Book or in the NGS Northamptonshire county booklet or https://www.facebook.com/northants.ngs/?locale=en_GB New garden openers are always very welcome.

Commemorative Troughs

At the beginning of 2025 two Haddonstone troughs were installed on the corner of Main Street and Church Street outside the entrance to The Hall. These were jointly funded by Haddonstone and the proceeds from two village street parties (for the Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation) via the Village Society. Haddonstone is an international leader in the production of decorative cast stonework established in East Haddon in 1971. Their manufacturing base is now in Brixworth but a show garden remains in the village.

The Village Society planted up the troughs and will ensure they are well cared for. Any local gardeners offering spare plants for the troughs should contact the Village Society on easthaddonVS@gmail.com



Gardening Club

Several people from East Haddon attend the Long Buckby and District Gardening Club meetings. Everyone is welcome. Anyone interested can contact them via their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/342657087629436/?locale=en_GB

Shops and Eating



Great Brington Stores – 2 miles

The store sells newspapers, stationery, confectionery, tobacco, hot and cold drinks, beers, wines and spirits, bread, dairy products and grocery items. <https://bringtonspo.com/>

Other local shops include:

- Long Buckby Co-op: 3 miles. General stores and post office
- Long Bucky Cost Cutter: 3 miles. General stores
- Spratton Stores: 4 miles. General stores
- Seaton Stores & Post Office: Guilsborough: 4 miles. General Stores
- Brixworth Co-op: 6 miles. General stores and post office
- Crick Co-op: 7 miles.

There are a number of great pubs and restaurants in many of the local villages, as well as the Red Lion in East Haddon.

Long Buckby also has some excellent takeaway, some of which will deliver to East Haddon. They include:

Bella Pizza

Village Spice (Indian)

Voujon (Indian)

The Dynasty (Chinese)

Lee Gardens (Chinese)

Big Fryer (Fish and Chips)

They all have their own websites



Village Clubs & Societies

Bridge Club

East Haddon Bridge Club meets from 7.30pm to 10pm each Wednesday evening in the Village Hall. As in all clubs, there are members of differing abilities with an emphasis on providing everyone with a pleasant and fun evening.

The club welcomes new members of any ability; people new to the game are particularly welcome, a warm reception awaits.

If you are interested do get in touch with John Benson
johnbenison497@btinternet.com or Barry Potter
barry@bppfairs.com



East Haddon in Stitches

Set up and run by Sara Browne, East Haddon in Stitches has been running for over ten years in the Pavilion. There are three classes each week during school term times. These classes are suitable for stitchers of all levels - Sara does love teaching beginners! There is a Facebook group by this name where details of classes and other events are posted.

This group is linked to The Lockdown Patchwork Project, a worldwide group of almost 4k stitchers, established by Sara in 2020 which can also be found on Facebook. For further details please contact Sara via Facebook.



East Haddon 200 Club

A small lottery was set up in 1998 to raise funds for the playing field and it continues to do so today. For a small sum of £26 each year your number is put into a weekly draw (drawn at the Friday morning coffee morning in the Village Hall) for prizes. Each week there are 3 x £10 prizes and each fourth week there is a bonus prize of £50. There are always a few numbers spare so please do join.

Contact Rachel Punch at rlp8000@aol.com

East Haddon Church Bell Ringers

The bells of St Marys Church date back to 1621 and were rung for their 400-year anniversary in 2021. Four bells were put up in 1621, a fifth was added in 1731 and the treble bell made up the current complement of 6 bells in 1928. The bells were all refurbished and re-tuned in 2010 and are now in excellent condition.

The first ever recorded peel of bells in England of 5040 changes on 5 bells was rung in East Haddon and was completed in 3 hours and ten minutes.

You will hear the bells at church services, weddings and other events as well as the regular practice session on most Wednesday evenings from 5.00pm. New ringers, novice or experienced would be very welcome to join. Just pop by at 5.00pm on a Wednesday or call John on 01604 770747

East Haddon Handbell Ringers

This long-standing group meet in St Marys Church most Wednesdays at 3.30pm and practice for about an hour. It's a fun way to spend an afternoon.

The ringers often perform at various Christmas events and when invited to village activities, with a repertoire that includes traditional and modern tunes as well as Christmas carols.

New members are always welcome and no previous musical experience is needed,

If you are interested in joining contact Val Longley on val@marilon.com



Village Youth Club

Established in 2011, East Haddon Youth Club provides a fun and safe space for young people to socialise. They welcome children from East Haddon, Holdenby, and Ravensthorpe who are in Year 7 and above. Sessions run every Tuesday during term time, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, at the Sports Pavilion on the Playing Field. Each week, there are a variety of activities, games, and a tuck shop and they also organise regular trips to places like Laser Zone, bowling, and roller skating.

Entry is just £1 per week, with an annual subscription fee of £10.

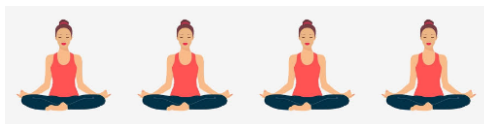
They are always on the lookout for volunteers, whether on a regular basis or just occasionally. If you're interested in helping out, they would love to hear from you!

For more information, please contact Jo Askew at joaskew@me.com

Yoga Class

With over 25 years of experience Lizzy teaches a regular gentle Hatha yoga for all at the Village Hall, beginners welcome. Classes focus on building stability and release for body and mind, Friday's 12.20-1.20pm. Also, occasional deeply relaxing and restorative Yoga with Tibetan singing bowls Sound Bath.

Website <http://www.yogawithlizzy.co.uk>, email: yogawalks@ymail.com mobile: 07950573719



Pilates Class

There is a mat Pilates class every Tuesday evening in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The class is run by Lorraine from The Old Dairy Pilates Studio in Lamport, who has been running classes in East Haddon for 14 years.

All levels and abilities are welcome at the class, so if you're feeling like you need to move, stretch or strengthen then do go along. Pilates really does help if you're struggling with back pain, shoulder issues, sciatica, hip knee or foot pain.

For more information contact Lorraine email: hello@theolddairy.pilates.co.uk or mobile: 07305 091041



Circuit Training in the Playing Field

The Circuit training class takes place at the playing fields, starting at 6:30am and finishing at 7:10am every Tuesday and Thursday. It is open to all fitness levels, making it suitable for everyone aged 18 and over.



The session is held outdoors, providing a great opportunity to enjoy the fresh air while working on your fitness.

Whether you're a beginner or more advanced, the class is designed to accommodate all abilities.

Telephone Simone 07860 727900, email simoneparker@btinternet.com

Circuit Training at the Village Hall

45-minute Circuit class every Thursday at 5.45pm at The Village Hall £6 a session or £20 for 4 consecutive weeks. Suitable for all fitness levels and abilities.

Telephone Mark Lewis 07867 546573 or email marklewis@lewispersonaltraining.co.uk



Junior Football

East Haddon junior footballers are part of the West Haddon Hawks U15 team. They train at West Haddon Football Club, but play their home matches at East Haddon. West Haddon has many teams of all ages including girls. This ranges from U7 teams through to U16.

For details of the club see <https://westhaddonjfc.org.uk>

Archery Coaching

Coaching or just come and have a go sessions at East Haddon Playing Fields on Sunday mornings 10.00am -11.30am. Beginners please attend at 9.30am for health and safety training. All ages and abilities welcome. All equipment provided.

Please contact Paul Hibberson for more details on 07836 371563 or email wackies@rocketmail.com

East Haddon Tennis

The all-weather court is available to anyone wishing to enjoy a game of tennis. The court is kept locked but for an annual subscription you can have access all year round. There is also a pay as you play option. Booking sheets are kept in a notice board nearby so that you can book ahead. Subscription form can be found <https://www.easthaddonparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Tennis-Subscription-Form-2025.pdf>

In the past children's coaching in the summer holidays has been offered and if there is enough interest, they can look at organising it again. Contact Rachel Punch at rlp8000@aol.com

Haddon Cricket Club

The Cricket Club represents three neighbouring villages, West Haddon, Guilsborough and East Haddon. They offer matches and training for juniors, women and men of all standards. The first XI team play all their matches at East Haddon. Friday evenings during the season are training nights for juniors with the benefit of the bar being open – for the adults!

For more information, please see <https://haddon.play-cricket.com/home>.

Please contact Richard Whorton if you are interested in playing, umpiring, coaching or assisting with the bar on 07714 288982

Friday Coffee Morning

This is an excellent way to meet people and become part of the village community. The Village Hall hosts this event every Friday morning from 11-12 noon. Pop along for tea or coffee and a biscuit and have a chat.



Book Exchange

In the entrance to the Village Hall is a small book exchange. Feel free to borrow a book and either leave one in exchange or return the book when you have read it. Open to everyone whenever the Village Hall is open.



Book Clubs

There are a number of book clubs within the village, just ask around, maybe at a village society meeting, someone will be able to help if you're interested.



Village Society

East Haddon Village Society evolved from the Village History Society when it was agreed to pursue a wider remit than just history subjects. Although local history remains a strong and popular theme.

The Society meet in the Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month (except for August and December) to chat and listen to a speaker. Everyone is welcome. The doors open at 7.30pm and the talk starts at 8pm lasting about an hour. Tea, coffee and wine is usually available.

The monthly speakers are advertised through posters put up throughout the village, the Parish Newsletter, the Village WhatsApp group and other social media.

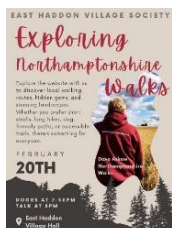
There is a wide range of talks on offer that will hopefully meet people's interests. Talks have included one from the founder of Northamptonshire Walks and one on the Battle of Naseby by two of the Naseby Battlefield Trustees.

There are usually a couple of raffles each year with the funds raised used to benefit the village and to help fund the annual Christmas Party. Keep the last Saturday afternoon before Christmas free to attend! All welcome.

The Society is run by a committee of 6 or 7 local people however they are always very happy to include others from the village who would like to get involved.

Annual membership is £20 and then all meetings that year are free to attend. Membership runs from 1st April to end March. Non-members pay £4 for each visit and are very welcome.

For further information contact easthaddonvs@gmail.com



East Haddon Ladies Who Lunch

Every month a group of local ladies go for lunch at local restaurants and pubs. A good opportunity to meet new people, try out local facilities and to have a chat. Always on a weekday but varied across those days to accommodate as many as possible over the year. New members always welcome, if interested contact Maggie on maggiewidd@gmail.com



Neighbours WhatsApp Group

Why not join? It's great for asking questions, hearing about local events and getting recommendations. Contact val@marilon.com with your mobile number to join.

Newspaper Deliveries

If anyone in East Haddon would like a newspaper delivered this can be arranged by contacting buckbynews@talktalk.net. Hilary Tibbs (07944 683816) delivers newspapers to the bus shelter opposite the Village Hall every day of the week for people to collect.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Scouts Clubs in Long Buckby and Spratton <https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs>

Beavers 6-8 years, Cubs 8-10½ years, Scouts 10½-14 years

Girl Guiding <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Rainbows 4-7 years, Brownies 7-10 years, Guides 10-14 years, Rangers 14-18 years.

Register on-line to find clubs local to East Haddon.

Northamptonshire Walks <https://northamptonshirewalks.co.uk/>

Is a fantastic website highlighting over 200 interesting walks for all abilities across Northants. One of these walks starts here in East Haddon <https://northamptonshirewalks.co.uk/about/walk-86-get-away-from-it-all-east-haddon/>

A Walk around the Village

There is much more to East Haddon village and parish than can be included in this short walk so please explore and enjoy!

But today, start your walk at the West end of the village, where Main Street, Tilbury Road, and the Ravensthorpe Road meet. A little way up the Ravensthorpe Road, the entrance to Priestwell Court is on your left. Part of this development was the site of Priestwell House, the home of General Sir Henry (later Lord) Horne, commander of the First Army of the British Expeditionary Force on the Western Front in the First World War. The Priest Well itself (now a derelict horse trough) can be found in a field on the left, by a footpath further up the Ravensthorpe Road

Head back to the road junction. Facing you is The Plough with its large pub sign. It was one of the village's public houses for a century from the 1870s. To its left is Thatched Cottage, one of some 15 listed properties in the village, and one of those which may incorporate stone from the demolished part of Holdenby Palace.



*The Plough at the junction
of three roads*



The bus shelter

Continue towards the centre of the village, along Main Street. Beyond Vicarage Lane, on the left, is the bus shelter - find out its history from the brass plaque. Opposite is the Village Hall donated to the village, as The Institute, in 1914 by Kate, Lady Horne. A plaque tells you about the milestone on the front lawn.

Further down Main Street, East Haddon's oldest building, the church of St Mary the Virgin, parts of which date back to the 14th century, comes into view. It's open in the daytime, so do go inside to find out more about it and to admire its treasures, including the 13th century font with its mysterious carving, and the sedilia (but don't set off the alarms!). Note the stained-glass window, also donated by Lady Horne, in memory of her

late son. Look along the pews to find the small brass plaque in memory of Lord Horne, who had been a sidesman at the church.

As you come out of the church, across the road you can see the round water tower in a private garden. This was built following an outbreak of diphtheria in the village, and supplied the village with water until a mains supply was installed in the 1950s.



The water tower



The school

Take a detour down Church Lane, opposite the Haddonstone car park is the lively Primary School dating from 1790.

Head back up towards the church. Next to the church is the graceful gateway to East Haddon Hall. The gates were moved here from Berrystead, Oundle. To the right of the gates are the early 18th century Hall Flats, at one time the stables to the Hall (a private residence), which was built in 1790 for Henry Sawbridge.



Gates at the entrance to East Haddon Hall



The thatched pump

Further down Main Street you will see the 1550 Thatched Pump at the entrance to St Andrew's Road. There were many springs and pumps in the village, and this one was in use until the 1920s. Encounters with lorries have resulted in some modifications to its structure!

Continue along Main Street to reach Hall Farm (a building on your left with a porch sheltering steps up to the front door). This was the old Red Lion from at least 1765 until about the time of the First World War. In the distance you can spot the present Red Lion, which graduated from being an off-licence. Before you reach this welcoming hostelry, you will pass the 18th century thatched Hall Farm Cottage (on your left, end on to the road).

Opposite the Red Lion is Mill Lane, which leads to the War Memorial Playing Field and its excellent facilities, and also (by a footpath halfway up, on the right) to the cemetery – if you choose this worthwhile diversion, there are various footpath options to return to Main Street or Church Lane. The cemetery can also be accessed slightly earlier on Main Street via a footpath next to Butlers Cottage. The cemetery was opened in 1892 following a diphtheria outbreak and the realisation that the church graveyard was more than full. The first burial here was the remains of poor murdered Annie Pritchard, whose tombstone, with its moving inscription can be found next to the bier house.



Annie and the bier house



SW view of the cemetery

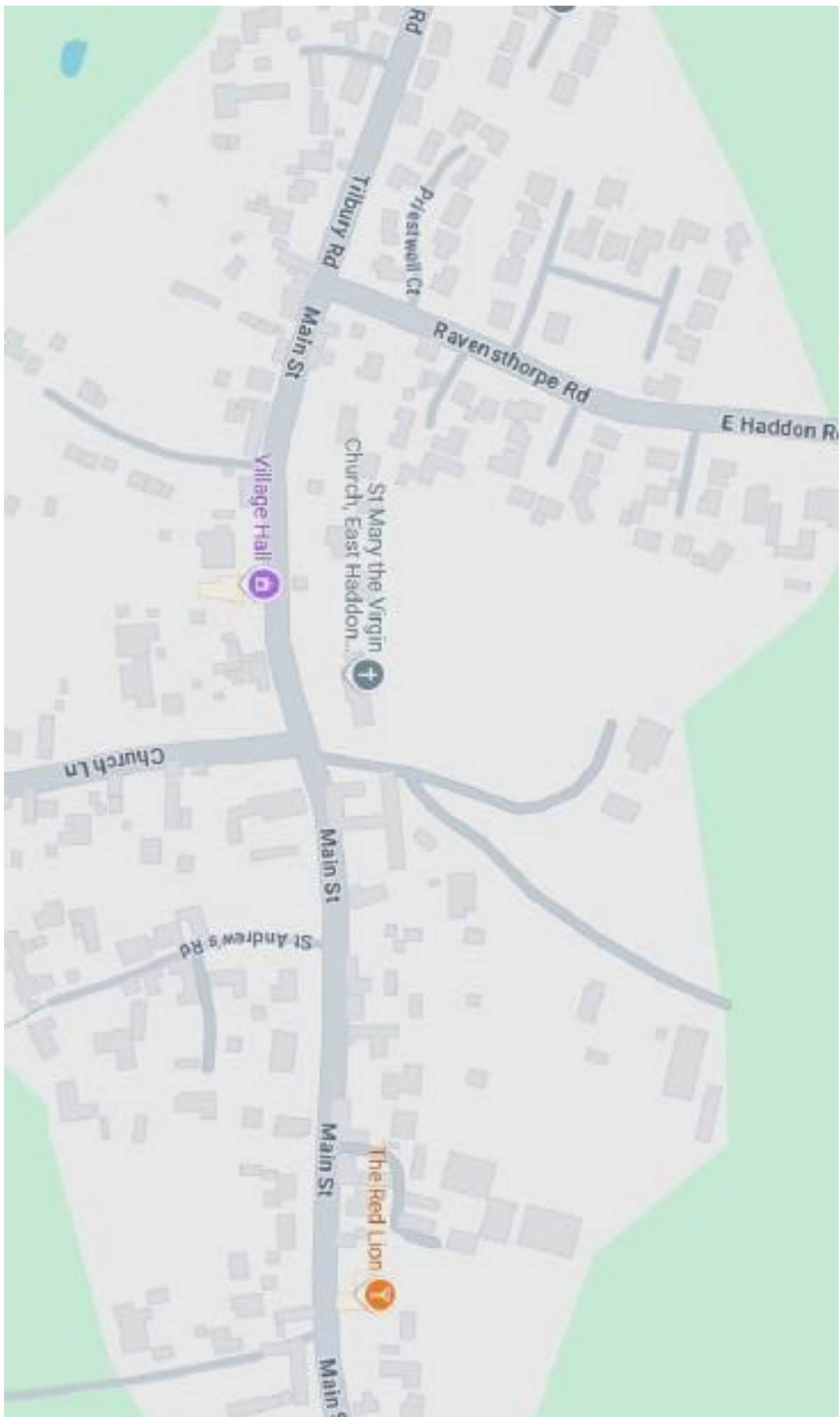
This walk ends by taking you straight on past the Red Lion to The Old Chapel at the start of Holdenby Road. This nonconformist chapel, now a private residence, was built in 1811. The Huddersfield-born artist David Tindle RA lived here from 1969 to 1979.



The Red Lion Pub



The Old Chapel



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