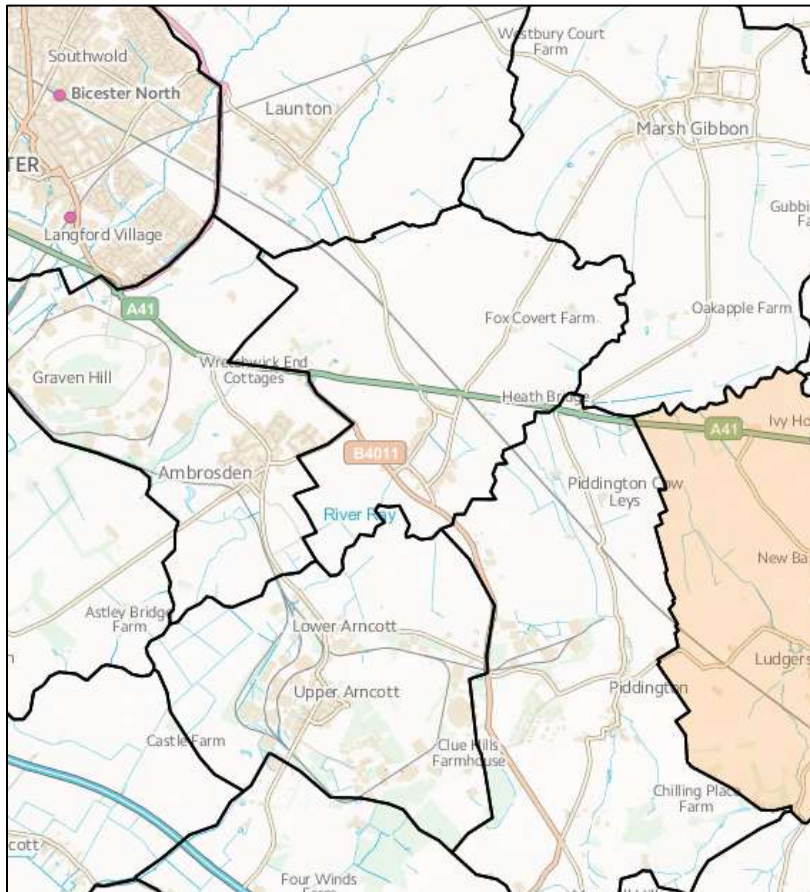


Launton cluster (Piddington, Arncott and surrounding area) – Community Profile: October 2017 update

Initial focus of this audit is Piddington, with other areas to follow

1. Map and Overview



Source: Ordnance survey¹

Overview

¹ <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/election-maps/gb/#>

Initially, this audit focuses on Piddington as this part of Launton ward shows up as relatively more deprived through lack of access to services, children and young people, and education and skills.

- This cluster of villages to the east of Bicester includes Launton and smaller villages including Piddington and Arncott and other nearby villages which are experiencing significant reductions in services. Each village has particular issues.
- Piddington is 4.5 miles southeast of Bicester, close to the border with Buckinghamshire.
- It is likely that the issues will span across other villages nearby such as Arncott and Blackthorn and is likely to also involve cross border work with Buckinghamshire.
- The population of Piddington parish at the time of the 2011 census was 370, 22% of the population was over 6, 32.6% of residents over 16 were qualified to Level 4 or above, 7.6% of households (23) did not have a car or van.
- The evidence for the situation in the area is from local questionnaires (Piddington report due Jan 2017), Parish Council minutes and contact with local people.

Social life

- Piddington is an active community but with very few community spaces.
- A lot of activity centres around the parish council and the village hall committee.

Parish Council

- Launton Parish Council has its own website at www.launton-pc.gov.uk Council meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of each month in Launton Parish Hall. The formal session starts at 7.30.
 - Anne Davies – parish clerk: piddington.pariah.clerk@googlemail.com

School

Launton Church of England Primary School. Bicester Road, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. OX26 5DP.
Telephone: 01869 253692

Post office /shop

Launton has both a Post Office and shop. The Post Office is located at Sherwood Close, Bicester 01869 252122. The Cost Cutter shop is at 36 Bicester Road, Oxford, OX26 5DQ.

Website

- www.facebook.com/piddingtonoxfordshire
- Twitter- [@Piddingtonoxon](https://twitter.com/Piddingtonoxon)
- <http://www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/parish-council.html>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Launton-Parish-Council-1738353776382256>
- <http://www.launton-pc.gov.uk/>

| LSOA code (2011) | Index of Multiple Deprivation | Income | Employment |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Launton cluster | | | |
| E01028500 | 4 | 8 | 7 |

| LSOA code (2011) | Education, Skills and Training | Children and Young People | Adult Skills | Barriers to Housing and Services | Geographical Barriers |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Launton cluster | | | | | |
| E01028500 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 Deciles (where 1 is most deprived 10% of small areas - LSOAs)

3. Service overview

| Children's Centre | Day Centre | Transport |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Nearest service Bicester | Nearest service Bicester Health and Well-Being Centre | Service cut: T94 to Bicester and Oxford Alternatives being sought (see Section 7, below) |

Launton

The Hummingbird Centre

Grange Courtyard

Station Road

Launton

Bicester

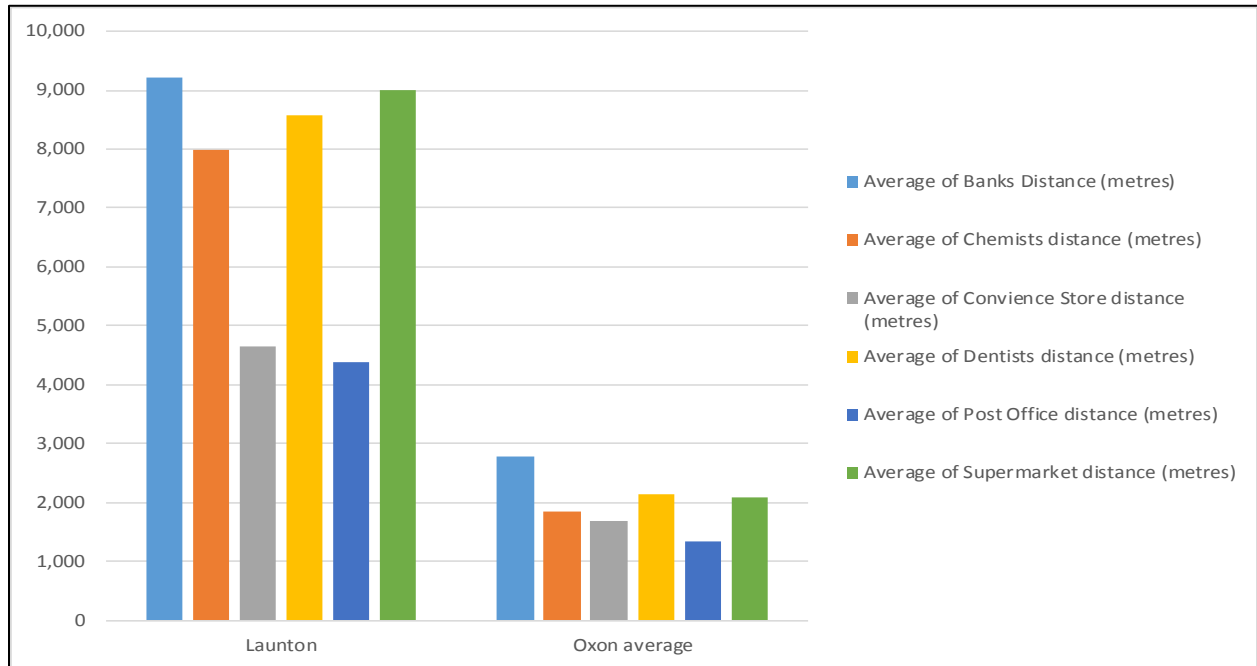
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Tel: 01869 244 244 info@thehummingbirdcentre.org.uk

The Hummingbird Centre is a relaxed place for cancer patients, whatever stage throughout the cancer journey.

4. Distance to services

| LSOA code (2011) | Post Office | Primary school | General store or supermarket | GP surgery |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Launton cluster | | | | |
| E01028500 | 3.54 | 3.63 | 2.05 | 7.17 |



SOURCE- Road distance to key services (km) in 2014 - IMD 2015 Barriers to Housing and Services Domain

5. Community assets

| Name | Details |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Piddington Village Hall | Well-used for many activities including the pop up pub and the weekly Pantry (café and community shop) and provides meeting space for several clubs and groups. The village hall requires extension |
| St Nicholas' Church | A focus of community activity |
| <u>Launton Sports and Social Club</u> | Large hall for hire which can seat 150 people so is ideal for most events. |
| <u>Launton Parish Hall</u> | Seated Capacity 100 Car park spaces 12. Built in 1930s. Single storey 2 toilets [one being for disabled use] Wood floor in main part of hall, kitchen to one side, storage for tables and chairs at back. |

6. Community activity: overview

| Group | Contact | Notes |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| The Pantry | Francesca Darby | Piddington market and coffee shop opens every week on Saturday. Twitter: @pidding_pantry |
| Regular fitness sessions | | Piddington village hall - short mat bowls, exercise, pilates |
| Annual community apple pressing day | | Since 2015, this was initiated as a result of community engagement in the Community Led Plan |

| Group | Contact | Notes |
|---|------------------------|---|
| 200 Club | | |
| Launton Sports FC Launton Sports & Social Club Bicester Road Launton Oxfordshire OX26 5DP | Tweet @LauntonSportsFC | First Team play in the Oxfordshire Senior League Prem and Reserves in Division 2. |

7. Summary of key local issues

Transport is the key local issue. The T94 bus route provided a daily route to Bicester. The loss of this service has affected some people in the village significantly (a group used it weekly, particularly on Bicester market day) and alternative solutions have been sought. Community First has been in discussions with parish councillors to advise.

Piddington has decided not to use OCC's COMET bus service but is working with Buckinghamshire CC to make the community operated "Bernwood Bus" available to Piddington residents. The council has been trying to engage with three options:

- Stagecoach - extending the X5 and service that goes to Bullingdon Prison to Piddington. This would add 4 minutes both ways for their bus which is a 25-minute walk down an unlit country lane
- Charlton Services - extending the route of the 94 to include Piddington
- The Bernwood Community Bus - a Bucks initiative which will service nearby villages. BCC is keen to promote cross boundary initiatives

Village Hall improvements are needed – Community First Oxfordshire advising. Funding for this has not yet been identified.

A play area for the older youngsters of the village is something the Parish Council have been endeavoring to establish for many years: investigations into a possible site are progressing.

Widnell Park and Playing Fields: PC is trying to regenerate the area both environmentally and for the community. Couple of successful grant applications which will start the clearance process and has enabled purchase of park furniture. Their next challenge is to raise approximately £5000 for green gym equipment (hoping to install by spring 2017).

Potential mitigation projects

Potential projects (from initial discussions with the parish council) are:

- Community transport
- School transport
- Village hall improvements
- Play area

Potential Piddington area community transport initiative

Finding a potential solution has involved liaison with other villages including one across the county border. CFO has met with local parish councillors and initiated a process to identify specific areas where links to various agencies might be of use.