

FISHPOOL STREET RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

WELCOME FOR NEW RESIDENTS



Fishpool Street
St. Albans

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Fishpool Street Residents' Association (FSRA), founded in 1984, pursues its aim of maintaining and improving the quality of life in Fishpool Street with purpose and energy. The Association offers an opportunity to meet your neighbours, be informed about issues concerning your street community and to protect our environment.

FSRA welcomes your support and invites you to join the Association.

The Association's objectives are to:

- Foster a sense of community.
- Inform residents of relevant issues.
- Liaise with the Council and other official bodies making appropriate representations over matters likely to affect the street and its residents.
- Liaise with other residents' associations and similar bodies.
- Support the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
- Support the maintenance of local gardens e.g. Ford Garden in St Michael's and Glossop Garden near Abbey Gateway.

THE COMMITTEE

Clive Parish, *Chair* No. 26
Madeleine Sansom, *Treasurer* No.124
Rosie Cinicolo, *Secretary* No.154
Dixie Stafford, No.8
Kate Taylor, No. 58
Gordon Baisley, No. 98
Maria Ryan-Dalton, No. 137
Rich Wilson, No. 186

For information about FSRA or anything about living here, we invite you to contact your nearest committee member.

You can also find up-to-date news, events and other information on our website:

www.fishpoolstreet.org

If you wish to join the Association please contact Madeleine Sansom, *Treasurer and Membership Secretary* (No.124). Tel: 01727 846761, or email hardrada126@gmail.com

USEFUL CONTACTS

St Albans City and District Council – Tel: 01727 866100. Use for all enquiries, including Parking and Planning. Web: <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk>

Planning issues: <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control>

Search for Planning Applications: <https://planningapplications.stalbans.gov.uk/planning>

Parking

Permit enquires – <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/permits-suspensions-and-car-park-season-tickets>

Email: parkingpermits@stalbans.gov.uk

Telephone: 01727 751824 and choose option 1 or 01727 866100 and ask to speak to Parking Services

Refuse and recycling

Collections every Tuesday morning (Wednesday following a Bank Holiday). Weeks alternate between collection of purple refuse sacks, containing waste for landfill, and the next for recycling boxes, with separate boxes for paper/cardboard and glass/plastic/aluminium. Also in recycling week, garden waste is collected in large green or blue bags, for which St Albans council charges an additional annual fee, identified by a purple sticker on the bag. Full details at: <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/rubbish-collections>

Emergency numbers

British Gas: 111 999

Affinity Water: 0345 357 2403 or 0345 357 2407

Power cuts: Call 105 and you will then be redirected to the local supplier.

Markets

- St Albans Charter Market, every Wednesday and Saturday 8.30am - 5.30pm
- Farmers' Market, second Sunday of every month, 8.00am - 2.00pm
- Vintage and Antique Market, every third Sunday of the month

Useful buses

- The 300 and 301 go through St Michaels Street, travelling west to Hemel Hempstead or via the town centre to Stevenage.
- Greenline 724 – Harlow to London Heathrow – stops at top of London Road near the Peahen.

Pubs

- Lower Red Lion, Fishpool Street. Tel: 01727 855669. The street's only pub – but a real gem.
- Six Bells, St Michaels Street. Tel: 01727 856945
- Portland Arms, Portland Street. Tel 01727 851463. Use the alley by the side of No.120 Fishpool Street then turn left at the top on to Mount Pleasant and first right into Portland Street.
- Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, Abbey Mill Lane. Tel: 01727 869152. Allegedly the oldest pub in England!

Churches

- Fishpool Street is divided between two parishes – the boundary is on the bend near No. 60. The top half belongs in the parish of St Albans Cathedral and Abbey Church, containing the shrine of St. Alban, the first English martyr circa 250AD.
- The lower half lies in the parish of St Michael's Church, a small church founded in 10th century.
- There is also The Independent Chapel in nearby Spicer Street.

Nearest Shop

- Marks and Spencer BP petrol garage, Verulam Road, open 6.00am – 11.00pm daily.
- Milk and groceries delivery by our MBE award-winning milkman, Mick, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He can also deliver garden essentials like compost. Telephone: 079726 00929 or visit the website at: <https://marlowdairyproduce.co.uk>.

Hotels and B&B

- St Michael's Manor Hotel. Top of the range. Tel: 01727 864444
- Lower Red Lion, Fishpool Street. Tel: 01727 855669
- The Premier Inn on St. Peter's Street (corner of Adelaide Street). Tel: 0333 321 9331

Restaurants

- The Waffle House, Kingsbury Mill, St Michael's Street. Tel: 01727 853502. People travel many miles to come here and queue. Family friendly.
- Inn on the Park. Family friendly café in Verulamium Park. Tel: 01727 838246

Ideas for local walks

Gorhambury. Access via road from Bluehouse Hill into the Gorhambury estate by the side of the Roman theatre. The drive is not always open to the public but this will be indicated on the gate.

Alban Way – a disused railway line. This is a trail for cyclists and walkers starting in Cottonmill Lane and ends at Wrestlers Bridge in Hatfield (6.3 miles). Information can be found at www.sustrans.org.uk.

Ver Valley Walks – these are 8 loop walks following the river from its source near Markyate to the confluence with the River Colne in Bricket Wood. See www.riverver.co.uk for information.

Sports

Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, sited in the park at the foot of Holywell Hill – with two swimming pools and a water confidence area, a 4-court sports hall, a 200-station gym, two group exercise studios, a group cycling studio, an indoor climbing wall, children's soft play area, café and crèche.

Residents can also apply to use the *St Albans School gym and sports facilities*. Entrance is via Aquis Court entrance. Email: sisiery@st-albans.herts.sch.uk

Museums

Verulamium Museum – off St Michael's Street. First class collection of Roman life and artefacts.

Verulamium Roman Theatre – on Bluehouse Hill. One of the few Roman theatres in the country.

St Albans City Museum and Gallery – based in the Old Town Hall. The tourist information centre is located there, with leaflets available to cover all local facilities and events.