

## APPENDIX D: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

St. Mary the Virgin C of E Church, Vicarage Lane, as well as being a Grade I listed building, has a thriving congregation with regular services, with many community societies and groups using the attached Spire Room (foreground R), including a toddler group and a monthly Repair Café.



Our Lady, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, in Vermont Drive, is similarly flourishing and also has a hall which is much used by various local groups, including for the Parish Council meetings of our neighbouring parish, Kingston.



East Preston and Kingston Village Hall complex has two large halls, regularly booked for community groups, exhibitions and shows. The recently-built “Men in Sheds” shed is sited in a corner of the car park (L in photo) of what had been historic barns in the centre of the village. This is also where the public toilets (R), including one with a Hoist Assisted toilet facility.



The June Sutherland Chapel (formerly the Conservative Hall), is well-situated just north of the Village Hall complex on Sea Road. It has recently been taken into private hands and has undergone necessary refurbishment. However it will, as before, be available for community groups and regular evening bookings.



Marjorie Bridger Hall - the Scout Hall, The Street, built in 1989, as well as being home to the Beaver, Cub and Scout groups, is used during the day by a thriving playgroup.



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The view above shows (from L) the Lashmar Recreation Ground *need MUGA pic*; the Guide Hall which, as well as being used by guiding groups, is also available for other events and societies, including both East Preston WIs; and the East Preston Sports and Social Club – a regularly used venue for non-sporting events – home to East Preston Football Club, with football pitch to the right. The Football Club has a number of successful

adult men's, and youth boys' and girls' teams. The grounds of the Infant and Junior Schools, beyond the Guide Hall and hedges at the left of the photograph above, are much used by pupils, for gardening and Forest School as well as for multiple sports activities.

Other sports facilities are provided by two private members' clubs: the East Preston & Kingston Bowls Club, which is tucked away between the Warren Recreation Ground and Sea Lane, and the Angmering-on-Sea Lawn Tennis

Club (set on 2 acres of the Angmering-on-Sea Estate and has 8 courts, including one mini court). They both hold regular open events for non-members, and the latter provides free coaching sessions during the village Festival.

The Warren Recreation Ground (R) is the home of the East Preston Cricket Club, whose pavilion is in daily use by a playgroup. It also has a tennis court, chess board, adult gym and games equipment. One of the three children's playgrounds (the others being in Mill Pond Way and on the Lashmar Recreation Ground) in the village is also sited next to it and the Village Hall, to which the Fives Court is attached.



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The Library, although not open all day every day, is used by schoolchildren and all residents of the village as a reference as well as lending library, and the availability of computers for public use is much valued.



The Fire Station, an attractive historic flint building (2007 photo courtesy of Mr R.W.Standing), is crewed by Retained Firefighters, and has a fire engine and support vehicle on site – an essential and reassuring presence in the community. The firefighters hold a number of Open Days and attend many community events to promote fire safety.



The Royal British Legion Club, in the historic northern part of the village, used to be the Three Crowns pub. It is still an active and sociable space, with membership open to all, even to those with no military background. A number of events and meetings also take place on the premises. Also in the north of the village is a relatively new and welcome addition to the pub – or rather micro-pub – scene, “The Great Dane” (inset R), set in the shopping parade.



The Seaview Hotel, in another historic building at the south of the village, is a thriving pub with rooms and a restaurant. This part of the village also benefits from the Tudor Tavern (below), another popular pub and restaurant.



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The village also benefits from many restaurants and cafes, such as, going from north to south: Ristorante al Mare, The Podgy Spaniel, Masala Lounge; Penang Village; Lighthouse; Grub & Gumption and Reema. There is also “Salt” - a seasonal café right on the beach, near the new boardwalk.



There are also takeaways in north and south parades, pictured below.



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The other key facilities are the main shops: One Stop (with sub-post office - L) in the northern parade, and Seaview Stores (and newsagent) in the south ( R).

