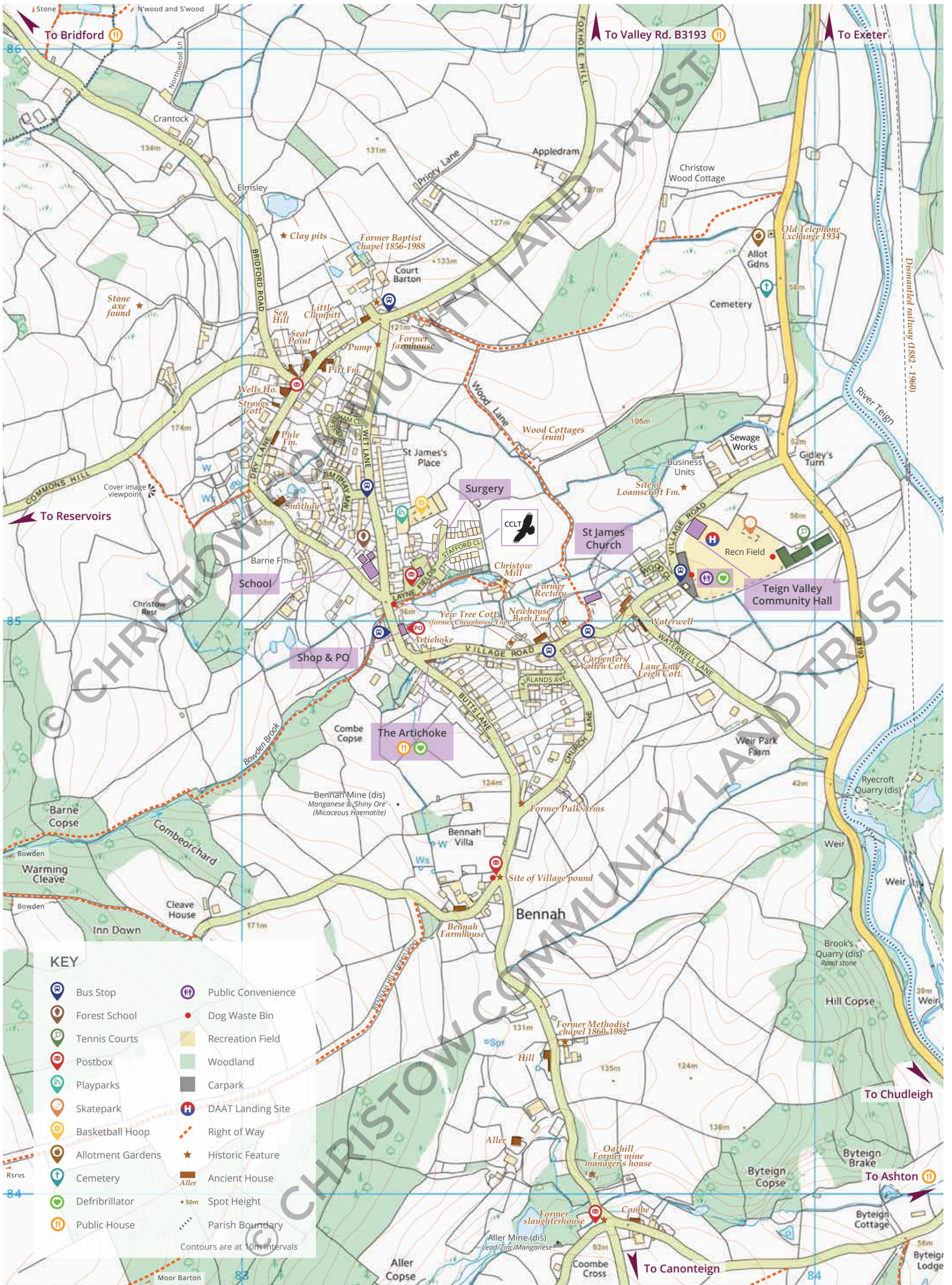


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| | Forest School | | Dog Waste Bin |
| | Tennis Courts | | Recreation Field |
| | Postbox | | Woodland |
| | Playparks | | Carpark |
| | Skatepark | | DAAT Landing Site |
| | Basketball Hoop | | Right of Way |
| | Allotment Gardens | | Historic Feature |
| | Cemetery | | Ancient House |
| | Defibrillator | | Spot Height |
| | Public House | | Parish Boundary |
- Contours are at 10m intervals

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All roads shown in red are public highways. Bennah Hill is a designated Green Lane and no longer maintained for motor traffic. Other lanes and tracks shown on the map have no right of access, except where marked as a right of way.

VILLAGE MAP

CHRISTOW



A useful and informative guide to Christow village

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The Christow Community Land Trust and Stafford Close

The Christow Community Land Trust (CCLT) was formed in January 2012 after a public meeting at which it was agreed to build 18 low-energy Passivhauses as affordable homes on land to be provided for a nominal sum by Teignbridge District Council.

A local survey had shown the need for such low-cost housing, to be made preferentially available to those with local ties and who are otherwise excluded by the property market. The Trust's initial purpose would be to take ownership of the land, to raise the necessary funds through grant aid and to lead the development. This was a massive undertaking, brought to a successful conclusion when tenants moved into the completed homes in August 2016. Following a village ballot the development was named Stafford Close after local builder Stafford Clark (1923-2017), a lifelong resident of Christow and author of several books of local history.

Once the development was completed the ownership and management of the houses was passed to Teign Housing, a housing association. In return the Trust receives an annual ground rent of about £3,000 a year and it is now its job to ensure that this money is used for the benefit of the village by supporting community groups, activities and projects.

The Stafford Close development has been hailed as a model for providing rural housing across the country, and has won numerous awards. A key to its success was consultation and regular communication with Christow residents. The CCLT wishes to build on this to ensure that its future work is aligned with the community's wishes. Life membership of the Trust is open to anyone who agrees with its aims and lives locally, for a one-off payment of £1. There is a quarterly newsletter (emailed) and members can have a say in the running of the Trust and its projects at the Annual General Meeting. All members are eligible to stand for election to the board, a director's term being 3 years.

Contact details - see CCLT page at www.christowparishcouncil.gov.uk

Christow Parish

- Civil parish in Teignbridge District, county of Devon, approx. 9 miles west of Exeter
- The parish is within Dartmoor National Park and under the park authority for planning matters.
- Population at the 2011 census was 820.
- Its area is 3283 acres (1329 ha) and includes most of Totford, Kennick and a small part of Trenchford reservoirs.
- The Teign river forms its eastern boundary, from the Rookery Brook (with Bridford) to the Beadon Brook (Hennock).
- Its highest point is at Klin Down above Bennah Hill (286 m/998 ft.); its lowest at Boghole Bridge, where the Beadon Brook enters the Teign (32 m/106 ft.).

Parish Council

The representational body for the community, with 8 councillors elected every 4 years and a part-time employed clerk. Its monthly meetings (except August) in the Community Hall are open to the public and include a period for public discussion of local issues. It responds to other authorities and draws their attention to any issues affecting the parish, and is consulted by the Dartmoor National Park Authority on planning applications. It owns and manages the cemetery, the recreation field and the allotments. It also manages the two children's play areas on land leased from the district council. www.christowparishcouncil.gov.uk

Teign Valley Community Hall

Opened in 1998 after a ten year campaign of fundraising the TVCH replaces the old village hall, but is much more besides. Being able to accommodate up to 250 people it provides a venue for valley-wide events. It is suitable for all indoor sports as well as plays, concerts and films. It is used for public meetings, markets, art shows, weddings and more. A self-contained committee room can be hired for less space-demanding meetings and activities. There is a well-equipped kitchen and also changing facilities with showers and toilets.

Some notes on the Map

The village of Christow lies in the north-east corner of its parish. Here the high ground to the west of the Teign stands back from the river, leaving enough relatively low-lying and fertile land to support the dozen or so farms that made up the medieval village.

Although not mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086), presumably because included with another manor, the name 'Christow' with its Saxon element 'stow' (meaning a holy place) implies an earlier origin. There's no evidence of a Saxon church, the present structure being 15th/16th century (unaggressively restored and chancel rebuilt in 1862), but the Norman font attests to its earlier foundation.

To the north of Court Barton evidence of existing hedgebanks, reinforced by 19thC maps, suggests that Christow may once have been organised around an Open Field strip system of land tenure. What we see now is a village that has infilled and grown out from its separate late-medieval farms. They run, two arms of a horseshoe, from Court Barton to Barne (Upper Town) and then from Cheaphouse to Waterwell (Lower Town). These, the ones shown on the southern half of the map and the ten or so obviously long-established farms elsewhere in the parish were likely in existence by 1350. The farming landscape that we look on has probably not changed radically since, apart from lately losing its arable, though enclosure of the commons continued on the high ground into the 19thC.

Expansion of the village was stimulated by the coming of mining in the mid-19thC when more houses were built along Village Rd and a few in Butts Lane. The school was opened in 1880 but it was 1919 before Wet Lane saw its first development of 8 council-houses.

Ancient houses – the houses marked show evidence of medieval or at least pre-1650 work, according to the English Heritage listings. They were all to some degree farmhouses – labourers' cottages that date before about 1800 seldom surviving.

Christow Community Primary School

A member of the Education South West Trust, the school provides a safe and caring environment where children are encouraged to reach their full potential. A school was built on the current site in 1880 and over the years the building and facilities have expanded to include three classes and a well-stocked library. Dinners are cooked on the premises and may even occasionally include produce from the school garden. There is an associated pre-school with its own integrated classroom and both primary and pre-school offer Forest School sessions at a dedicated site within the school grounds. www.christowprimary.org

Christow Surgery

The surgery is a branch of the Chertton Bishop and Teign Valley practice, which has five doctors and a full team of nurses and health assistants for just over 5000 registered patients. Opened in 1987 with well-equipped consulting rooms and a comfortable reception and waiting area, the surgery provides the village with daily doctor's appointments as well as the services of the Practice Nursing Team. Prescriptions are dispensed from the Practice Dispensary at Chertton Bishop and there is also a collection service at Christow Branch Surgery. **01647 24272**

Acorn Community Support

A charity providing social, practical and emotional support to elderly, frail and disabled patients of the Teign Valley and Chertton Bishop GP practice. Acorn's services, such as a Memory Cafe, weekly shopping trips and coffee and lunch clubs promote social and emotional wellbeing and enable many of their clients to remain living in their own homes. Acorn employs two part-time staff and delivers all services with the generous support of volunteers. **01647 252701 | www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk**

Christow has an unusual concentration of such houses, only two of the original farms (Court and Barne) having more recent dwellings. Several show smoke-blackened roof-timbers, indicating that the house was originally open to the roof – at least in the hall, the principal room, where a fire burnt in the central open hearth on the floor. Flooring to make upper rooms was dependent on a fireplace with chimney, an introduction of the mid to late 1500s.

Historic Features – some other reminders of Christow's past.

Stone axe found in 1947, last heard of in the keeping of the then headmaster. Nothing to see at the site (and no public access) but an indication that worked flints (circa 4000 years old) do come to light, especially in cultivated ground. While you'd be lucky to find an axe, a flint scraper is always a possibility. Humans in Christow go back a long way.

Clay pits – visible from Bridford Rd. The pockets of deep yellow clay that occur here were dug and carted up Commons Hill for use in the reservoir dams.

The Mill – the first record of a mill at this site is 1542.

Palk Arms now Hillcrest, a pub in the late 19thC serving the miners returning to the village from work in the mines to the south, if not intercepted at the Methodist Chapel en route.

Site of Pound – no evidence of its form, but before wire fencing and telephones an important village institution with centuries of use up until the early 20thC. For instance in 1500 Wm. Stone of Bridford paid 1 d. (penny) and Roger Thaycher of Holcombe Burnell 3 d. to reclaim their straying horses.

Slaughterhouse – found in any sizable community until the mid-20thC. There was also one at Whites, Dry Lane (1940s).

Roads - Butts Lane probably led to the village archery butts. Practice was required by statute in the later Middle Ages (and the distracting game of football prohibited, with doubtful effect) until well after the longbow became militarily redundant.

Church Lane – churchless, but perhaps so called because a good proportion of parishioners would come to church this way.