



Eye station and brickyards 1960

## Heritage and history

Eye was an island surrounded by marshland until the fens were drained in the 17th century. At nearby Flag Fen there is evidence people have been in the area since 2000BC. To the west of Eye runs Car Dyke, an 85 mile ditch built by the Romans in the second century AD, the current church was built in 1846 and there was once an eight sail windmill to the east of the village,

In 1866 the station and railway line to Wisbech, Sutton Bridge and Kings Lynn that was later to become part of the Midland and Great Northern (M&GN) opened to the north of the village. It was constructed to tap into the large fruit, flower and vegetable traffic of north Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. It stayed open nearly 100 years but was sadly closed in the 1960s. The Eye bypass which opened in 1991 runs along the much of the line of the old track.

Quarrying of the clay for bricks began at the end of the 19th century and continued until the 1980's, the chimneys for the kilns towered over the village. The clay was laid down over 150 million years ago. Gravel which was laid down at the end of the last ice age is still quarried in Eye for the construction industry.

Eye was part of Northamptonshire until 1965 when it became part of Huntingdonshire. As part of the Local Government Act 1972 this then became a district of Cambridgeshire.

See lots more at [www.eyepeterborough.co.uk/heritage](http://www.eyepeterborough.co.uk/heritage)

## Contacts

**Peterborough City Council**

t: 01733 747474

w: [www.peterborough.gov.uk](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk)

**Travel** w: [www.travelchoice.org.uk](http://www.travelchoice.org.uk)

**Police:** 101

w: [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)

**NHS 111:** The NHS non-emergency number

**Laurel Farm Medical Centre**

High Street, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UX

t: 01733 222282

w: [www.thorneymedicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.thorneymedicalpractice.co.uk)

**Always dial 999 in an emergency.**



### Please recycle.

- Your black landfill bin is for those items that cannot be reused or recycled
- Your green bin is for you to recycle certain items
- Your brown bin is for garden waste.



Bin collection dates are available on the Peterborough City Council website. There is a bottle bank is opposite adjacent to Manor Farm Community Centre.



**Cute isn't he.** But dog mess can cause stomach upsets, headaches, asthma and epilepsy and can lead to permanent blindness.

### Please clean up after your dog!

It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up after their dog. If you fail to clean up after your dog you can be issued with a fixed penalty notice, or if the case goes to court a fine of up to £1000.

# Eye

Village

Cambridgeshire



# Welcome

Eye, Cambridgeshire sits on the edge of the fens, surrounded by rich agricultural land with the city of Peterborough to the west and the town of Crowland with its historical abbey to the north. The first known written mention of the village is in the Saxon Chronicles in AD 963 the name originating from the Anglo-Saxon word "Teg", meaning island.

Eye is a large village with a community of over 4500 people. There are numerous organisations and community groups. From judo to dancing, tennis to indoor bowls, bingo to weight watchers, there should be something for everyone.

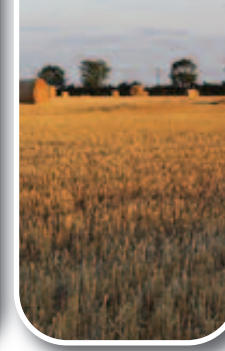
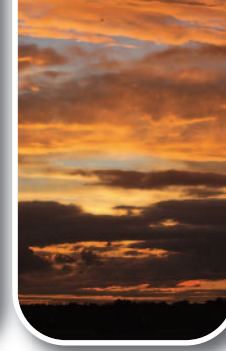
There are more than 50 businesses in Eye spread across the village. The retail concerns include a bakery, butchers, general store, a number of hairdressers, pharmacy, post office and restaurants.

If a gentle stroll is all you need then take a walk around the Eye Green Nature Reserve, or maybe you want to take a cycle ride along part of the Green Wheel to the north or south of the village. But don't forget those cycle helmets! On those hot summer days you may want to pop into the local store for an ice cream or chill out with a cold drink in the local pub.

There are two nature reserves in the village, Eye Green to the east and Star Pit, a site of specific scientific interest, to the west which is managed by the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust.

**We hope you enjoy visiting or living in Eye and find the information in this leaflet helpful.**

*Eye also has a village magazine produced every quarter called Eyescan. If you have anything you wish to contribute or wish to advertise please email: [eyescan@ntlworld.com](mailto:eyescan@ntlworld.com)*



## Community

### St Matthew's Church

High Street, Eye, Peterborough

[www.thorneyabbey.org.uk](http://www.thorneyabbey.org.uk)

### Eye C of E Primary school

Eyebury Road, Eye, Peterborough. PE6 7TD

t: 01733 222314

### Eye Library

Crowland Road, Eye, PE6 7TN

t: 01733 864142

### Eye Village website

w: [www.eyepeterborough.co.uk](http://www.eyepeterborough.co.uk)

### Parish Council

e: [eyeparishcouncil@btinternet.com](mailto:eyeparishcouncil@btinternet.com)

t: 01733 222307

w: [www.eyeparish.org.uk](http://www.eyeparish.org.uk)

### Leeds Hall

High Street. Eye. Peterborough. PE6 7UP

t: 01733 222037

### Eye Community Association

The Community Association are a group of volunteers who manage the Manor Farm Community Centre on behalf of the City Council.

w: [www.eye-community-association.org.uk](http://www.eye-community-association.org.uk)

### Manor Farm Community Centre

70 High St, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UY

t: 01733 222020

### Eye Runners

Eye Community Runners are open to all ages and abilities.

w: [www.eyerunners.co.uk](http://www.eyerunners.co.uk)

e: [info@eyerunners.co.uk](mailto:info@eyerunners.co.uk)

## Food and drink

### Public House



#### The Blue Boar

Traditional english pub with real ales and food.

High St, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UY

w: [www.blueboarpeterborough.co.uk](http://www.blueboarpeterborough.co.uk)

t: 01733 222234

### Restaurant



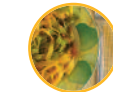
#### Maccaloo

Gastro pub with high quality fine food for all tastes.

41 Crowland Road, Peterborough, PE6 7TP

w: [www.maccaloo.co.uk](http://www.maccaloo.co.uk)

t: 01733 221279



#### Riva

Independent italian restaurant.

2 Peterborough Road, Eye, Peterborough. PE6 7YB

w: [www.riva-restaurant.co.uk](http://www.riva-restaurant.co.uk)

t: 01733 223221

### Bakery



#### Cottage Bakery

Freshly baked bread, sandwiches and cakes.

1 Thorney Road, Eye, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE6 7UN

t: 01733 222112

### Takeaway



#### Eye Pizza and Kebab House

Full range of donners, pizzas and burgers.

51 High St, Eye, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE6 7UX

t: 01733 222276



#### Musa's - Restaurant and takeaway.

Wholesome Indian food with only the best ingredients.

33 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UP

t: 01733 685821



#### Pearl City

Quality chinese takeaway. Spring rolls to chow mein.

32 High St Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UU

w: [www.pearlcity-eye.uk](http://www.pearlcity-eye.uk)

t: 01733 222418



#### Weldons Chip Shop

Serving fish and chips to the village for over 70 years.

50 High St Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7UY

t: 01733 222150