

Life in Teffont today

Teffont is a small village in the Nadder Valley whose thriving community currently includes over two hundred adults and more than fifty children.

There are residents who have lived in the village all their lives as well as many welcome newcomers. It is surrounded and intersected by footpaths and bridleways which are well used by walkers and riders, travelling across the fields and woodlands or alongside the stream. Horse riding is a major form of recreation and there are currently over 40 horses kept in the village

The Village Hall provides a meeting point for all villagers. It is a home for many and

varied village activities including local clubs, entertainers, films, children's and family parties, committee and business meetings and quiz evenings. With the closure of the last public house in the village in the late 1990s the Village Hall's role has become vital to the social life of the village.

The two churches have a growing and committed congregation and a supportive Parochial Church Council. The successful Annual Church Fete makes good use of its delightful village setting.

One of the ways Teffont residents support their village is through the Teffont Trust,

which was set up in 2007 and provides grants to maintain buildings in Teffont. The beneficiaries are the two churches, the Reading Room and the Village Hall.

Every summer the Teffont Show is well attended. Held in the grounds of Teffont Manor, its popularity allows villagers to continue staging it, while similar events in other villages have fallen by the wayside. It is thanks to the people living in Teffont that both its infrastructure and its unique charm can be maintained.

As working patterns have changed, not only are there a number of homeworkers in the village but also many thriving

businesses, including a farm attraction, a livery yard, a market garden and a publishing company, which produces a local newspaper.

Teffont offers a choice of housing. Throughout the village there is a mix of small, medium and large homes, either owner-occupied or rented. There is also a small development of four one-bedroom cottages built by the Council for occupation by those at, or nearing, retirement age. The provision of such a variety of housing means that the population of the village has not stagnated.



Top left to right:
Teffont Village Hall,
St Edward's church, Teffont Magna
Teffont Village Show tug-of-war
Below:
Teffont Wildlife Group
Jubilee street party
Village Show's organiser
Lighting the tree ceremony
Village Hall social event
Bottom:
Main arena Village Show

