

Dorset

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Related subject: Stour & Allen Ward

In 2024, Furzehill {previously part of Colehill Parish} was incorporated into Holt Parish, because as a small settlement separated from the large, urbanised village of Colehill its character more closely aligned with the rural scattered hamlets and settlements of Holt Parish. However, it remained part of the East Colehill Ward, whilst the remainder of Holt Parish was part of Stour and Allen ward. Clearly incorporating the entirety of Furzehill and Holt into the Stour & Allen Ward would acknowledge the links this rural parish has with the adjacent communities of Gaunts Common, Hinton Martell and Horton. All three of these settlements have children at our school {St James}. Holt and Furzehill are also linked to this wider rural community through the use of the Village Halls in Holt and Holtwood as well as Horton. Other amenities such as the Holt Football Club and the Furzehill Village Shop and Post Office are widely used by residents from the surrounding rural area.

The Holt and Furzehill communities are also interconnected with the wider Stour and Allen Ward by the local churches which also serve the rural communities of Pamphill, Hinton Martell, Witchampton and Horton.

The 4 pubs within the parish {The Stocks, The Old Inn, The Cross Keys, The Horns} also serve the wider rural area.

Holt is a vibrant parish with a strong sense of community and connections. Being part of the Stour & Allen Ward would best reflect the rural identity of Furzehill and Holt.

Attached Documents:

None attached