

Enterprise and Employment

Retail and Entertainment

Walberton has a pub/restaurant, a parade of shops containing a newsagent and grocer, a laundrette, a dentist's surgery, a hairdresser, an estate agent and a post office. It also has a primary school, pre-school child care and a small number of business parks for artisans etc (William Booker Yard, Hooe Farm, DM Chainsaws et al at Walberton Place, Walberton Farm furniture restoring etc), an art gallery, a second hand motor dealership and a motor garage.

Fontwell has a parade of shops containing a small village store, a wine merchant, and two other units. It also has a garage and repair centre on the village's eastern boundary; and at its western end are the hotels and roadhouses bordering the A27, where the Racecourse, one of the Parish's largest employers and leisure outlets, is situated albeit outside the Parish boundary.

Binsted has no shops but has a pub/restaurant.

Employment

Many of the village's older properties and buildings tell the story of former industries and employers as, e.g. shops, a brewery, a blacksmith, farmers, fruit growing and horticulture, schools, a transport company, building companies, pubs and large landed estates. However around the 'rim' of the Parish the employment, commerce and enterprise prospects are high.

If one was to walk the boundary of the Parish from the North West Corner along the northern boundary you would pass:

A restaurant that is part of the national Little Chef chain.

A takeaway restaurant that is part of the international Burger King chain.

A Motel that is part of the national Travel lodge chain.

A Petrol Station and Convenience Store operated by Shell, an international giant.

A parade of shops now catering for highly specialised interests and a village store. A breakdown, emergency and recovery centre at Westbourne Motors being part of a group that 'boasts' the largest recovery fleet in the South of England.

A bespoke and highly specialised engineering company.

A large luxury hotel, conference centre, leisure park (golf) belonging to the huge international Hilton Hotel chain.

Many of their customers and employees will be only enter the Parish for the purpose of their visit or their job and most of the businesses are located, almost certainly, because of the A27. More businesses are likely to follow as the road gets busier and gets improved. To the east employment is mainly in farming (however farm buildings are used for other smaller enterprises) and the Black Horse pub/restaurant.

The southern, south eastern and south western boundaries have a considerable number of horticulture centres – Binsted Herbs, Far Plants, Crosslands Nurseries and many more as well as another small business park. The location and expansion of this industry was largely as a result of post war planning and food production needs and the 'most sunshine

hours' statistic that can be found. This is far from unique in this Parish and we form part of a large and expanding Horticultural Industry on the southern coastal plain.

In the Parish there are approximately 200 horses stabled, this is due to the access there is to The South Downs National Park which is accessed from Old London Road underpass. There are two other bridleways but it is necessary to cross the A27 to gain access to The National Park. Riders use Wandleys Lane as it is too dangerous to ride up Fontwell Avenue and West Walberton Lane is used for the horses that are stabled in Eastergate Lane. Walberton village is used by riders to access Binsted Woods, who have to ride up Avisford Park Road, a very busy road used by lorries and then have to cross over on a blind bend to access the quiet lanes of Binsted.

The local equestrian sector businesses have an estimated turnover in excess of £750.000 p.a. and are significant contributors to the Local Economy.