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Somewhere new to go tonight!


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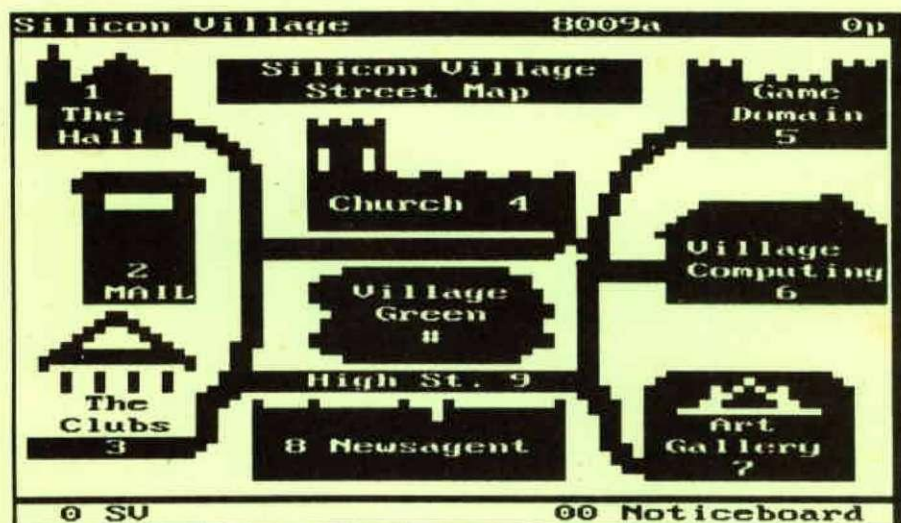
New residents' guidebook -
How to make the most of Village Life

Silicon Village

The National Leisure & Computing Viewdata Service

Welcome to Silicon Village!

Looking for somewhere new to go? Simply dial up Silicon Village and meet new friends by becoming a resident in the UK's only nation-wide electronic village!

A Newsagent, Computer Shop, Business Section, Leisure Centre, Clubs, Children's Den, Pub, Chat areas and full Postal facilities models the leisure and computing services of a real community. I am sure that, as a discerning online enthusiast, many of these features will appeal to you!

Our brand new Leisure Centre covers a wide range of interests - film, video, book, & music reviews, poetry and stories, games, chess and of course the ever popular *Avatar II* - the UK's most friendly multi user roleplaying game.

Our Newsagents provides comprehensive and exclusive Television and Satellite coverage via a variety of magazines, including the wellknown *Waveguide*, and brings you daily letters, news coverage and features, often months ahead of the paper press.

We have a thriving area for children as well as sections edited by women, in order to provide that much needed balance for what has traditionally been a male orientated environment.

Silicon Village holds the main UK database for the Central Office of Information, which is packed full of essential information. We also offer professional advice online via a Citizens Advice Bureau.

In the computing areas, we carry the only national local-dial official Acorn Support Area, where you may download copyright information provided directly by Acorn. We have daily magazines and a growing library of downloadable files covering your favourite computers. Don't confuse us with Bulletin Board Systems - we are much more an online publishing service, where the emphasis is on interaction - between you and us!

Send off the prepaid card, which is attached to the enclosed colour brochure, with "RR" marked on it, for further information, and we'll be delighted to provide you with a complimentary free 1/2 hour *local call* visit to the Village; or simply call *Sue* on 0992 586 919 or *Helen* on 0734 819 351. You may then dial one of our *local numbers* nearest to you with a terminal set to Viewdata; we enclose a list for your convenience, together with a £1 off voucher for use at any of the All Formats Computer Fairs.

Silicon Village offers a free demo viewdata service on 081 759 2348 (12/75 7E1) or 081 759 6996 / 0734 819000 (all speeds) - login ID 4444444444 password 4444, a free trial account, and *local number access* via the Mercury network if you join! Key *JOIN# in our demonstration service for full details.

We look forward to hearing from you, and seeing you soon in Silicon Village.

Best Wishes,
Vic Curshen,
Managing Director

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Adult Clubs

ADULTS ONLY CLUB

AOC is the leisure area for Villagers over 18 who enjoy adult interests. It provides stories, features and instructional items strictly for broad minded adults. Incidentally, you have to register for special access to this area. The adult chatlines are very popular, allowing frank discussion of any topic under the sun, and as an experiment we have a second chatline which does not display the sender's details. This is opened up at specific times, sometimes for an anonymous chat session and sometimes for our special feature Madam Cynthia's House of Pleasure, a fictional on-line bawdy house where Villagers' fantasies are played out. The letters area is the place to comment on any of the material you've read or just put up some of your own provocative ideas. So if you enjoy adult activities and are broad-minded, this is the place for you!

ELECTRONIC GAYS CLUB

Wherever you are in the UK, if you're gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or even a cross dresser, then *EG* on Silicon Village is for you. With daily information from many sources, *EG* provides the perfect companion regardless of where you live, what your interests are or your age. If you need to check out what's on, there are daily listings of items of particular interest to gays. There is news from around the globe several days a week and you can always find what you want through our contact area. We have directories of helplines and information services. There is a weekly letters area where members can write to the editor and have their questions answered. Whatever you are looking for in a videotex service *EG* can provide.

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Travel & Tourism

THE TRAVEL AGENTS

Want to know details about the world outside Silicon Village? The Village Travel Agent is the reference area to visit! *Country File* lists almost every country in the world and gives details of the language, currency, population, time zone, visas and health requirements (although we always advise you to check). It also gives a contact address for more details. *UK File* is growing by the week. It lists all the counties and regions of the UK. Basic details exist for every county, giving area, population etc. We are extending coverage to provide town details, places of interest and any other information we can find.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

If you get lost, or have problems using Silicon Village, help is at hand at the Tourist Information Centre. All the information you need is easily available: Details of all our access numbers : Contact numbers : How to use chatlines : Standard routing structure : How to find how long you've been on line : How to change your password and much, much more!! The Village is developing and expanding so quickly it's useful to have an information service to make sure you're not missing anything!! The TIC also has an index of our keywords, an A-Z of the Village areas, and a telephone area code location to help you find where a number is from its STC code and gives the local access number to the Village for that code.

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Computer Clubs I

ACORN ARENA

Acorn Arena brings you the latest news from the world of Acorn Computing, covering all Acorn machines. The area carries regular reviews on both hardware and software, gives hints and tips and provides a daily update of letters, giving you the opportunity to ask about something that's puzzling you. We have an ever-growing library of Acorn telesoftware for you to download for both the BBC and Archimedes ranges of Acorn computers. We have recently been adopted as an Acorn Support Site! This is the only Acorn Support Area operating on a national local call basis, and enables us to bring you news direct from Acorn, together with any special patches or upgrades on telesoftware that Acorn may release.

AMIGA ZONE

Amiga Zone is one of the many Village Computing areas. The area exists to support the user 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! You can contribute to the daily letters area, read up to the minute reviews on both hardware and software, and find the latest news stories. It even provides software you can download on line!! This is the easiest and fastest way to get all your Amiga news and gossip FAST.

AMSTERS CAGE

The Amsters Cage is available for the small band of enthusiasts who still use the CPC machines which are no longer supported by Amstrad. Although the area nominally covers PCW machines, there is no current software for Viewdata and few users on the system. There is therefore very little information available for the CPC user, but anything that does come up gets covered, and the letters area provides a focus for user interaction. Attempts are being made to obtain some Viewdata software in order to expand the area - so watch this space!!

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Computer Clubs II

PC BITS

Are you using an IBM or IBM compatible PC? Then you need this area to read about the latest features. The daily letters update will give you a chance to express your views and if necessary, get help from the editor and combined resources of the other users. There is a range of experience from XTs to the lates 486 system, DOS and Windows on tap. Regular articles cover a range of topics in the PC world with news, views and reviews. The telesoftware section provides a selection of the best of the PD and Shareware programs ready for you to download.

SOFTEC

Softec is Silicon Village's very own magazine devoted to computers and technology in general. Here you will find both reviews and feature-length articles on a host of subjects, including computer communications, object-oriented programming and the beauty behind the bar code!! You will also find a number of special features on aspects of Machine Intelligence. So far these include Neural Networks and Genetic Algorithms. In addition to the tutorial material, we also provide reviews for equipment and services. These have included modems and more recently, a user's perspective on the new Rabbit Phone service. We encourage feedback and interaction from readers through letters and a once-weekly chatline.

16/32 MICROBASE

This area covers all aspects of Atari ST computers, with regular news, reviews and features about this popular computer. The Village Library carries ST telesoftware.

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Business and Public Information

THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION

Silicon Village now holds the main UK online database for the Central Office of Information agency. As well as providing a full breakdown of governmental agencies and a vast amount of data concerning travel, environment, social and business procedures and information, suitable submission forms may be requested online, and your request will be sent on to the appropriate departments. Silicon Village supplies a comprehensive set of keywords and an A-Z to expedite access to the information and is committed to ensuring that the information is as uptodate and accurate as possible. Our ongoing development of and additions to this database makes SVCOI indispensible to local authorities and businesses, large and small.

THE VILLAGE ADVICE BUREAU

Silicon Village provides access to a Citizens' Advice Bureau online, with most questions answered within 24 hours. We are also commencing a Financial Advisory service, run by an independent Financial Consultant.

ROUTE 666

Silicon Village provides a commercial advertising and promotional service in Route 666. Our rates are very competitive and we have a flexible range of different schemes and options to promote your services. Please contact the Silicon Village commercial manager, Colin Booth, on 0457 764 747 for further details.

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Charges and Special Offers

	Price	Inclusive of VAT

Software - Special Packages

Risc Developments Hearsay II terminal emulation package, plus *FREE* membership of Silicon Village (£10 joining fee included). — £ 63.83 — £ 75.00

FREE Silicon Village Archimedes Demonstration Disc. Also our *new* PC format Demonstration Disc and PC terminal emulation packages are available from John Clarke Computing Ltd. For enquiries, telephone 0734 819 351.

Hardware - Special Packages

Purchase a modem, and a 6 month subscription to Silicon Village is included!

Payment must be by Credit Card for 6 months in advance, and authorisation given for direct debit of time charges. Items marked * whilst stocks last.

		Price	Inclusive of VAT
Mono/Colour Prestel® terminal loan	*	£101.28	£119.00
V23 (12/75 baud) modem	*	£101.28	£119.00
V22bis (2400 baud) WS3000 modem		£143.83	£169.00
V32bis (14400 baud) Sportster fax-modem		£297.02	£349.00

Silicon Village Standard Subscriptions

	Price	Inclusive of VAT
Standard joining fee	£ 10.00	£ 11.75
Standard monthly subscription includes 2 hours/month free of time charges.	£ 6.00	£ 7.05
Standard time charges/hour Please note:- All calls are rounded up to the next full minute.	£ 1.50	£ 1.76
Join for 3 months	£ 28.00	£ 32.90
Join for 6 months	£ 46.00	£ 54.05
Join for 1 year	£ 82.00	£ 96.35

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Comparison of Charges I

Below we have attempted to give the full costs of our service, and some other popular online services. We also give some examples of typical use.

Comparison charges for user of each service at 2400 baud off peak. User A is a user outside London with local call access to a Mercury 5000 node (93% of the UK). User B lives in London. Prices shown in VAT, including phone charges at standard BT rates. Exchange rate £1=$1.52. Registration charges excluded.

	Silicon Village	Compuserve Standard	Alternate	CIX	Prestel
User A, 20 hours/month, 6 hours premium usage	£ 57.05	£108.84	£241.76	£127.18	£200.12
User B, 20 hours/month, 6 hours premium usage	£ 57.05	£ 53.64	£186.56	£ 72.60	£200.12
User A, 40 hours/month, 10 hours premium usage	£109.86	£201.28	£481.58	£166.78	£346.74
User B, 40 hours/month, 10 hours premium usage	£109.86	£ 90.88	£371.18	£128.40	£346.74

Whilst all figures are given in good faith, Silicon Village Ltd cannot be held responsible for any errors or ommissions in the details shown. Registered Trade marks/Service names acknowledged. 5 April 1993

Service: Silicon Village

	Cost	(Inc Vat)
Registration fee:	£10.00	£11.75
Monthly Subscription:	£ 6.00	£ 7.05
Time Charge per hour:	£ 1.50	£ 1.76
Typical premium rate per hour	£ 0.30	£ 0.35
Extra communications costs:	£ 0.00	£ 0.00

Notes:

(1) Monthly subscription includes 2 hours per month free of time charges, and newsletter.

(2) Time charge is billed at 2½p per minute (2.94p inc. VAT) after the first 2 hours free irrespective of time of day.

(3) You pay your phone bill to your operator for the cost to your local Mercury 5000 node, or our direct number (this gives 93% local call access). There is no charge to you for using Mercury 5000 or extra cost for using it.

(4) We have one premium rate service 'Avatar II' the multiuser roleplaying game. It costs ½p/minute

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Comparison of Charges II

Service: Compuserve

	Standard Plan Cost		Alternate Plan Cost	
Registration Fee:		£19.95		£19.95
Monthly Subscription	$8.95	£ 5.88	$ 2.95	£ 1.94
Time Charge per hour:	$0.00	£ 0.00	$12.80	£ 8.42 (1200/2400 baud)
Typical premium rate per hour:	$8.00	£ 5.26	$ 0.00	£ 0.00
Extra communications costs:	$4.20	£ 2.76	$ 4.20	£ 2.76

Notes:
(1) Monthly subscription includes magazine, for Standard plan basic services are free of time charges.
(2) Time charge/Premium charge is approximately double if a higher access speed is used.
(3) You pay for the cost of your phone call to the nearest Mercury 5000, GNS or Compuserve local node. Communications cost shown applies to off-peak access via Mercury 5000 or GNS, off peak to Compuserve node in London or Bristol is free. At peak times all access is subject to a charge of $7.70 (£5.06) per hour
(4) Compuserve rates are in US$ exchange rate shown in examples is $1.52=£1 and subject to exchange rate fluctuations.
(5) A large proportion of services are charged at premium rates.

Service: CIX

	Cost	(Inc VAT)
Registration fee:	£25.00	£29.37
Monthly Subscription:	£ 6.25	£ 7.64
Time charge per hour:	£ 2.40	£ 2.82
Typical premium rate per hour:	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Extra communications costs:	£ 0.00	£ 0.00

Notes:
(1) There is not a true monthly subscription, this is the minimum monthly time charge.
(2) Peak hour time charge is £3.60 (£4.23 inc vat)
(3) You pay the cost of your phone call to CIX in London. If you use Mercury 5000 or GNS you must have your own account and pay charges to Mercury/BT for its use.

Service: BT Prestel

	Cost	(Inc VAT)
Registration fee:	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Monthly subscription:	£ 8.33	£ 9.79
Time charge per hour:	£ 1.80	£ 2.15
Typical premium rate per hour:	£18.60	£21.85
Extra communications costs:	£ 0.00	£ 0.00

Notes:
(1) Subscription is quarterly £25 (£29.38 inc VAT)
(2) Peak hour time charge is £4.88 (£5.64 inc VAT) time is billed as 3p (3.535p inc VAT) or 8p (9.4p inc VAT per minute)
(3) Many services are premium rate at about 31p/ minute (36.425p/minute inc VAT)
(4) You pay the cost of your phone call to the nearest local Prestel node.

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*500# COI 'Front Page'

*50011# **Guide to Government Departments**
Details and roles of all the main departments and agencies.

*50013# **Guide to Ministers and the Cabinet**
Listing of all government ministers and posts held.

*5000# **Parliament**
Diary of business in the House of Commons.

*50022# **OFFER - Office of Electricity Regulation**
OFFER's role and advice for electricity consumers.

*50031# **Office of the Data Protection Registrar**
The Data Protection Act, what are your rights, how to register.

*50032# **Department of the Environment/Transport Publications**
List of publications available, ranging from aviation to water.

*50035# **Home Office - Immigration and Nationality Department**
Visas, citizenship, foreign nationals extension of stay.

*500362# **Foreign and Commonwealth Office - Diplomatic Service**
Career opportunities, qualifications needed, and salaries.

*50037# **Department of Naval Recruitment**
Career opportunities in the Royal Navy, qualifications and salaries.

*50040# **HMSO Publications**
Listings of the latest books and publications available.

*50041# **Office of Population Censuses and Surveys**
Population and social statistics, national and county summaries.

*50042# **National Savings**
Guide to the schemes available, Premium Bond Jackpot winners.

*50045# **Legal Aid Office**
Civil and criminal legal aid schemes available.

*50085# **HM Customs and Excise**
Rates of currency exchange for VAT purposes.

*5001534# **Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency**
Licences available, their costs and how to apply.

*5001531#	**Countryside Commission** Details of the National Parks scheme in England and Wales.
*50038#	**Department of the Environment** Guide to the Council Tax (on Local Authority information systems only).

TRAVEL TOPICS

*50096#	**COI Travel 'Front Page'**
*500361#	**Foreign and Commonwealth Office** Advice on consular assistance available when travelling abroad.
*50080#	**HM Customs and Excise** Advice to travellers, allowances and restricted goods.
*5001574#	**UK Passport Agency** Passport types, how to apply, qualifications and visas.
*50030#	**Foreign and Commonwealth Office** Country-by-country advice notices for travellers.

Contact Points

Distribution Enquiries

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Database Enquiries

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4a Firgrove Hill
Farnham
Surrey GU9 8LW
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Modems

You will also be asked to set the speed you wish to run your modem at. Silicon Village supports a number of speeds : 300/300, 1200/75, 1200/1200 and 2400 (with MNP 5 error correction). On direct dial only (London and Reading at present) you may also call up at 9600. It pays to use the highest speed your modem will support.

Telephone numbers

Silicon Village is connected to the Mercury 5000 network. This enables about 85% of UK homes to dial a local number to connect to Silicon Village. *(Please note: Mercury access is only available to full members of Silicon Village - trial accounts are only available by direct dial to either Reading or London).* Simply pick the local number from the list below and program this into your micro:

Area	STD	Mercury	Area	STD	Mercury
Aberdeen	0224	840057	Leicester	0533	653730
Aldershot	0252	510208	Liverpool	051	4730053
Barnstaple	0271	22028	* London: use direct dialup access		
Belfast	0232	471658	Luton	0582	446061
Birmingham	021	6260110	Maidstone	0622	690126
Blandford Forum	0258	393205	Manchester	061	9530240
Bradford	0274	841001	Middlesbrough	0642	340020
Brighton	0273	860028	Milton Keynes	0908	837026
Bristol	0272	763265	Neath	0639	645781
Cambridge	0223	250014	Newcastle-on-Tyne	091	4010100
Canterbury	0227	762462	Norwich	0603	200011
Cardiff	0222	583201	Northampton	0604	730021
Carlisle	0228	562040	Nottingham	0602	357036
Chelmsford	0245	700010	Peterborough	0733	280100
Colwyn Bay	0492	532232	Plymouth	0752	222454
Coventry	0203	530425	Portsmouth	0705	403207
Crawley	0293	890102	Preston	0772	830025
Derby	0332	622010	* Reading: use direct dialup access		
Doncaster	0302	820442	Romsey	0794	893205
Dundee	0382	595061	Scarborough	0723	357886
Edinburgh	031	4590251	Sheffield	0742	820020
Exeter	0392	64832	Southampton	0703	313211
Faringdon	see	Oxford	Stoke-on-Trent	0782	580102
Glasgow	041	3070352	Swansea	0792	812266
Gloucester	0452	513201	Swindon	0793	414129
Grange-o-Sands	05395	34771	Taunton	0823	335114
Hull	0482	25070	Telford	0952	770925
Ipswich	0473	217027	Truro	0872	222836
Leeds	0532	830132	York	0904	450020

* Please note, access via London & Reading is by direct dial, not by Mercury. The numbers are as follows: London (1200/75) - 081 759 2348, London (2400-9600 baud) - 081 759 6996, Reading (all speeds) - 0734 819000. Simply dial the appropriate number and enter your customer identity and password.

NEW NUMBER - OXFORD 0865 380016

All the current Mercury numbers are available on line on Silicon Village by entering * STD #

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Further Info Required

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Addr: _____

_____   Postcode: _____

Computer: _____   Modem details: Y/N   Software details: Y/N   Service details: Y/N

Name: _____   Tele: _____

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Computer: _____   Modem details: Y/N   Software details: Y/N   Service details: Y/N

Name: _____   Tele: _____

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Computer: _____   Modem details: Y/N   Software details: Y/N   Service details: Y/N