

## **NRE Site Profile Update 2000**

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### **4. SITE HISTORY - MAJOR EVENTS & STORIES**

1970 Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre Board formed. Community Centre building erected in 1973.

1995 Kirkton Community Association disbanded.

1996 Suntastic Hothouse Inc opened.

1999 Elimville and Thames Road United Church Councils decided to merge. Subsequently decided to close and tear down the Elimville location in 2001. A cairn will be erected on the site.

2000 Threat of school closures raised many concerns within Usborne and neighbouring communities. Final decision kept Usborne Central Public School, while another local school closed.

2000 Devastating flash-flooding occurred in mid July. Many crop losses.

2000 Nabisco plant in Exeter was sold. Future of location uncertain. A close of layoff would have strong repercussions for employees and local farmers.

2000 Three townships of Exeter, Stephen and Usborne agreed to amalgamate and form the new Municipality of South Huron. Will take effect January, 2001.

5. Communications and Infrastructure

Item	Yes/No/#	Comments
Communication Inventory		
Cable TV (is local programming in the form of “text” messages only, or actual programs as well)		
Cable TV Provider (who is the cable provider, name the company)		
Internet (which companies provide Internet (ISPs), list community website address)		Quadro Communications
Speed of Internet Access (indicate which forms are available: Vibe, DSL modem, cable, other)		DSL
Public Internet Access Terminals		CAP in Kirkton (library) and Exeter (library)
Local Newspaper (frequency)		
Regional Newspaper		London Free Press
National Newspaper		Globe and Mail, Toronto Star
Community Newsletters (how many, how frequent, only include church bulletins if they carry more than church news)		
Local Radio Station		
# of Radio Stations available in the site (use your radio dial)	30	Many London stations
Community Bulletin Boards (how	8	Churches (4), gas station (Woodham), general store (Kirkton), K-W Community

many can you find, usually in stores or post offices, comment on what they are used for - mostly local notices, personal notices, regional notices, government notices, etc)		Centre, K-W pool
Community Identity Inventory		
Community “Welcome” Sign (describe what it says and any symbols or pictures)		Will have new one (new municipality)
Community Flag (please describe)		Will have new one (new municipality)
Community Symbols (crests, coat of arms, icons, etc, please describe)		By the end of Sept will have new crest

6. Social Services - Availability and Accessibility

ITEM	Yes/No	If “no”, how far?			Comments
		Which Community?	Time	Kms	
EDUCATION					
Elementary School		Usborne			Stayed open, other local school closed and children to be bused to Usborne
High School		Exeter			South Huron District High School
CÉGEP/comm. college		London			
University		London			
Continuing Education and		Exeter			seasonal

Extension Courses					
Other Educational Institutions		Centralia			technical, also Clinton, London
HEALTH/SAFETY					
Hospital		Exeter			South Huron Hospital
Blood/Urine Testing Facility		Exeter			South Huron Hospital
X-Ray Facility		Exeter			South Huron Hospital
Baby Delivery Facility		Stratford, London, Clinton			
CT Scan Facility		Stratford, London			
Nursing Home		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Doctor(s)		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Nurse(s)		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Dentist(s)		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Dental Surgeon(s)		London			
Optometrist(s)		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Home Care/Visits					Operated out of Clinton
VON					Community Nursing (Clinton)
Social Worker(s)		Clinton			

Pharmacy		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Ambulance					
Emergency Services					Might improve: with restructuring of service to be located in Exeter
Public Health Nurse		Clinton			
Rehabilitation - Physiotherapy		Exeter			South Huron Hospital
Rehabilitation - Speech Therapy		London			
Rehabilitation - Occupational Therapy		London			
Police (local or RCMP)					Will be hiring own police
Fire Department (state if comprised of volunteers, paid staff, or both)					Volunteers Exeter - staff
911 Emergency Line					Will have it September
LEGAL					
Lawyer		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Notary		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Citizenship Court		London			
FINANCIAL					
Bank		Exeter, St. Mary's			

Credit Union		Exeter			
ATM Machine		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Micro-Financing Group					
Insurance Office		Exeter, St. Mary's			

SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DAYCARE					
Daycare		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Senior Citizens' Retirement Home		Exeter, St. Mary's			
GOVERNMENT					
Employment Insurance Office		Goderich			
Revenue Canada Office		Goderich			
Provincial Automobile Licence Office		Goderich			
Welfare Office		Goderich			
Town Hall					
Band Council					N/a
Post Office		Exeter, St. Mary's			
COMMUNITY SERVICES					

Food Bank		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Clothing Exchange or Depot		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Second-Hand Stores (profit & charitable)		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Drop-In Centre					
Half-Way House					
Personal Aid Services(counseling, family distress, etc)		Clinton			
<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b>					
Bus		Exeter			Charter service
Train - Passenger		St. Mary's			
Train - Freight					
Air		London			
Helicopter					
Boat					
Taxi		Exeter			Handicapped taxi
<b>FACILITIES</b>					
Curling		Exeter, St. Mary's			
Municipal Swimming Pool (indoor & outdoor)					
Municipal Skating Rink (indoor & outdoor)		Exeter, St. Mary's			

Community Playing Field					Thames Road, Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre
Community Gym		London			
Community Centre					Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre
YMCA/YWCA		London			
Athletic Club		London			
Theatre		Grand Bend London Stratford			
Cinema		Stratford, London			
Museum		Goderich, London			
Library		Kirkton, Exeter			
Parks					Morrison Dam Conservation Area

## 7. ECONOMIC FORTUNES

New business opened since summer 1998:  
AG-Chem – farm supply  
(shared space with Hensall Co-op,  
moved to Hwy 4)

Existing business closed since summer 1998:  
Dennis Rowe Plumbing and Heating – plumbing  
The Kirkton Mill

## 8. COMMERCIAL SHOPPING

Description	Yes/No	If “no”, how far?			Comments
		Which Community?	Time	Kms	
minimum convenience centre (gas and basic groceries)		Woodham Kirkton Centralia			
full convenience centre (minimum plus some general merchandise, full grocery store, implement dealers)		Hensall Lucan			
partial shopping centre (above plus selected merchandise - small malls)					
complete shopping centre (above plus extensive retail merchandise - large malls)		St Mary’s Exeter Goderich			
secondary wholesale-retail centre (above plus some wholesale)		Stratford, London			
primary wholesale-retail centre (above plus central wholesale outlets)		London			

### Calendar of Events

#### February

Kirkton-Woodham Winter Carnival

Kirkton-Woodham Optimists Youth Dance

#### March

Kirkton Anglican Church Spaghetti Supper

April

Women's Breakaway Day (women's event)

Kirkton-Woodham Optimists Fish Fry

May

Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre Board BBQ

June

Woodham United Church BBQ

Elimville-Thames Road United Church Strawberry Supper

September

Kirkton Fair

Kirkton United Church BBQ

November

Kirkton Woodham Pigtail Supper (men's event)

4-H Recognition Night