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Phil, what was the village pump?



The Village Pump was literally a pump that served a community.

The pump in the picture below is in the village of Chenies in Buckinghamshire and the whole village relied upon it for fresh water before the days of pumped mains.

In England in the 1800s, hundreds of thousands of people died due to lack of clean water and sanitation.

Clean water and sanitation have saved more lives than penicillin, and there are still 742,000,000 (WHO) people globally without access to safe water sources.

Pumps serve us in many ways, and the village pump was, and still is in many locations, a lifesaver.

