

### UPP BEAT – NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM

First may we wish you all a Happy New Year. PC2113 Pete ICKE, PC1681 Adam PLOSZCZANKI and PCSO 6613 Andrew WYLIE make up your local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team and are based at Uppingham Police Office, Town Hall, High St East, Uppingham, LE15 9PY. The Office at the town hall does not have public opening times but we will be happy to help if we are on duty.

We would like to know if you have any issues or concerns. Our local priorities are set by you the community. This can be anything from crime, traffic or nuisance behavior which the Police, County Council or other partner agencies can realistically tackle by working together. See below how to contact us. The forum for this working group is called the JAG (Joint Action Group) and takes the form of monthly meetings usually chaired by Oakham's LPU Commander Kam Mistry and our partner agencies. These include Rutland County Council, Spire Homes, Social Services, Youth Offending Team, Youth Services, Leicestershire Fire Brigade to name a few. Our current beat priority is to tackle anti social behavior in and around Uppingham C of E Church.

We like to keep the local community informed of any emerging issues and send requests for information from the public. This is achieved via Neighbourhood Link which is our online message service which allows Leicestershire Police and our partners Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch to issue regular bulletins aimed at keeping you up to date in regard to crime and concerns in your local area including seasonal crime prevention advice. It is a flexible system which can be filtered to suit your individual circumstance i.e., homeowner, retailer, business owner or farmer etc. We encourage you to register for this at [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk)

Should you wish to speak to us in person our next beat surgery is at Uppingham Town Hall between 1100-1200 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

**How to contact the police, 999** - In an emergency, for example when life is in danger or a crime is being committed.

**101** – For all a non emergencies, (i.e. not requiring immediate police attendance).

**To contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team** ▪ **Voice mail** – Call 101 – Follow the instructions and when prompted, enter Officers identification number and leave a message.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

What will the year 2013 hold in store for Uppingham Town Council? Or , more importantly, what will be in store for the Townspeople? One thing is certain , and that's uncertainty! The political world in which the Town Council lives, both at county and national level is a difficult one beset with economic problems , and this is giving the great political experiment of "localism" a difficult infancy with outcomes perhaps different from those envisaged when the parliamentary bill was passed in 2011. The idea behind localism was to ensure that political decisions that affect local people should be made as locally as possible; and therefore in Uppingham's case, the task is to see which local decision processes and services can be sensibly devolved from Rutland County Council to the Town Council.

This will be a top priority for the Council in 2013, and they will hold a series of discussions with the County Council over how best local services and buildings can be organised and controlled to continue to support the fabric of life in the town. This continues a process began in 2012 during which a relationship of mutual respect has grown between the Town Council and the officers and politicians of the County Council.

One of the key parts of localism is that of local control of planning decisions, and Uppingham is a national leader in its work to develop its own "Neighbourhood Plan" .Representatives from a wide variety of organisations have been working and consulting for the last 12 months to create this plan , and it is hoped that the Town Council will have a draft plan ready for final consultation and local approval by the end of the year. If approved by local referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan will be the crucial significant planning document for the town over the next 20 years.

In order to guide its future activities the Town Council has drawn up a "Vision , Aims, Objectives and Priorities" document which outlines the council's direction of travel. In summary the Strategic Aims cover: an adequate and appropriate housing supply , vibrant shops and businesses, sustainability of its economic development, an appropriate physical and social infrastructure, the maintenance of open spaces , and the continuing capacity of a town council to meet the growing demands of localism and the needs of the town's population . Quite a challenge!

Finally, there has been a great deal of talk of transparency. We at the Town Council aim to be as transparent as is possible in all our deliberations and judgements . All our meetings are public and we welcome the attendance of members of the public to view our proceedings . We have been getting just such attendance at our last few meetings , and we would LOVE to see our council chamber "public gallery" filled! The details of our next meetings appear in this newsletter.

And even more finally , if you would like to meet with me, or indeed, any of the town councillors, you would be most welcome. Simply contact the Clerk, contact details above, and a meeting can be arranged. We are your elected representatives and always welcome debate and discussions with townsfolk.

Best wishes, David Casewell, Town Mayor