

**UPPTOWN NEWS
UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

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Mayors New Year Message

What a busy year it has been for the Town Council! 2014 saw us open the Heritage Trail, take the Neighbourhood Plan through a successful referendum (with 92% of you saying “yes”), obtain grants to pay for a new skate park and adult exercise equipment on Tod’s Piece and get plans drawn up for the potential redevelopment of the Town Hall into a future Community Hub. On top of this we have worked collaboratively with colleagues at Rutland County Council to get new bus stops installed by the Doctor’s Surgery at Uppingham Gate and sort out the previous bottle-neck by remodelling the bus stop opposite the Co-op. Finally, but just as importantly, we have conducted a successful recruitment campaign to replace our long serving Town Clerk, Susan Awcock, who is retiring after 13 years service at the end of May 2015.

These are just the visible things that the Town Council has been involved with. Behind the scenes there are many activities and negotiations that are still on-going and hopefully we will see the fruits of these in 2015. Such things bubbling under the surface include trying to reform Car Parking in Uppingham, looking at better ways of controlling what goes on in the Market Place and of course an active role in liaising with our lawyers over the challenge to the Neighbourhood Plan by Larkfleet Homes Ltd.

We can only undertake such a full programme by seeking collaborative ways of working with other key players, both in the town and more widely across the county and the region. I would like to personally record my thanks on behalf of the people of Uppingham to the Town Councillors, all of whom give their time for no financial reward, but work for the good of the town from a sense of civic pride. I would also extend these thanks to the many other groups that I alluded to above who also work selflessly with us for the greater good of Uppingham. Finally, let me wish all of you a happy and successful 2015.

TWINNING—UPPINGHAM/CAUDEBEC

Between Friday 24 and Monday 27 April 2015 Uppingham will be welcoming a party of visitors from its twin town of Caudebec-en-Caux for the official twinning weekend.

If anyone is willing to host either a couple, family or single person, please contact Mrs Chris Rees on 01572 822347 or cprees@btinternet.com.

Please do not be put off if you do not speak French.. Some of the most sustained friendships in the group are between those who have little common language but who nonetheless derive great pleasure from each others company. The committee is currently planning activities to interest and entertain our visitors that weekend.

PLAY GROUND—LIME TREE AVENUE

The Limes , Firs and Spurs Residents Association would like to improve the children’s play ground in Lime Tree Avenue by installing additional play equipment. The association will be applying for funding and hope there will be support from local residents. Any objections should be addressed the association chair, David Ainslie. 01572 821232.