

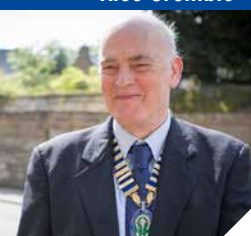


UPPINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - SPRING/SUMMER 2016

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Alec Crombie

VIEW FROM THE MAYOR



As your newly-made Mayor, this is my first chance to send greetings to you all, and to encourage you to keep in touch.

You are always welcome at our Council meetings on the first Wednesday in the month, and it is now possible to air your

views at our regular surgeries which happen at the Town Hall between 10 - 11 am on the last Saturday of the month.

Failing that you can always stop me in the street.

By the time you read this letter our Feast will have come and gone. I hope you had a great time. Well done to Lucy Stephenson and our hard-working Town Partnership.

And talking of community events, I'm keen to start up an annual Mayor's Walk in May of next year. To get to know our Town better and for the sheer love of good company, I'm offering to lead a one hour trek around our lovely town, and will welcome your feedback on this initiative.

Meantime your Council has been giving strong backing and support to Uppingham-in-Bloom, due to be judged for an award on July 13. Your Council is doing something practical to keep the litter at bay; please do your bit and help Pam Dalby and her hard-working team to bring back the prize.

So, it's not so much a case of "The Blind leading the Blind" - more a case of "The Blind leading the Blooming!"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2016

Sunday 7th Aug

Uppingham Flower & Produce Show

Wednesday 30th Nov

Uppingham Fatstock Show

Thursday 1st December

Christmas in Uppingham

2017

5th - 12th March

Uppingham Lent Fair

Finished at last!

We are pleased to say this project is now finished and being used daily by local skaters. The park blends nicely into the surroundings on Tod's Piece and has been complimented by some new footpaths linking the public convenience, kiddies play area and Tod's Terrace. The surround to the Uppingham in Bloom garden has been improved and seeded which will make the area more 'park like' than before.

The skate parks popularity has created a new issue with an increased volume of litter being created. In the next few weeks some additional bins will be installed and we'd ask that these be used and if full, users take their litter home or to another nearby bin.

The positive feedback we have received about the new pathways has meant we are considering how we can link and create more new paths on Tod's Piece so the park can be used all year around. Any ideas and views would be welcome from residents and Tod's Piece users to help shape our plans.

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TOWN HONOURS 2ND ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

3rd May 2016 will go down as a day to remember for Uppingham and the 2nd Royal Anglian Regiment. Then Mayor, David Ainslie bestowed the Freedom of Entry to Uppingham to the Commanding Officer in a ceremony in the Market Place bathed in sunshine.

Starting at Uppingham School Science block, the soldiers and band marched through town passing children from Leighfield, Uppingham C of E, Uppingham Community College and Uppingham School. Over 100 cadets from Uppingham School lined the route proudly and local dignitaries gathered in the Market Place ahead of the service.

The event was captured for posterity with still images and an official film by local film maker Alex Wright. To view the film head to the town council website www.uppinghamtowncouncil.gov.uk or just 'Google' Freedom of Uppingham and go to our YouTube channel. The Town Council would like to put on record our thanks to Uppingham School for their support in the planning for the event and also local businesses who helped make the day a special one.

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- Age UK new manager
- Uppingham in Bloom want your help



THINGS YOU'LL SEE CHANGING AROUND TOWN...

WHAT ARE WE DOING?	HOW IS IT PROGRESSING?	
BUS SHELTERS – we have identified three locations where bus shelters are needed and have requested these be installed by Rutland County Council. Two on Leicester Road and one on Ayston Road.	Waiting for installation dates from Rutland County Council.	
TOD'S PIECE (PUBLIC TOILETS) – provision of a disabled and multi-use toilet and baby changing facility.	Completed and now open 7 days a week	
TOD'S PIECE (SKATE PARK) – just signed off and now full open but requiring more litter bin provision.	Completed and now open 7 days a week	
TOD'S PIECE (KIDDIES PLAY AREA) – improved play surface removing grass to make it an all year round facility. Improve the play items.	Quotes and ideas obtained, next steps to seek views and start to look to apply for grants.	
TOD'S PIECE (FITNESS EQUIPMENT) – this was put on hold as it was originally going to added to the old tennis court surface.	Waiting for new seeded are by skate park to settle before revisiting the idea.	
TOD'S PIECE (PATHWAYS) – looking at ways to link up parts of Tod's Piece by paths to make it an all year round facility with easier access for parents and walkers.	Developing ideas to help users get around the park better all year round.	
NOTICEBOARDS – looking to refurbish and replace some notice boards in key locations in town.	Developing ideas and understanding options and costs.	
OPEN SPACE REVIEW – council are looking to get a number of locations in town tidied up and on to a regular maintenance contract with either the town council or Rutland County Council.	Initial draft of locations and ideas to improve the areas in question – next step to incorporate into contracts.	
LITTER BIN PROVISION – identified 18 locations where new bins are required.	Request for detailed costings sent to Rutland County Council with a view to these being in place by end of August 2016.	
TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT – currently identifying how to get £1.3m to refurbish the Town Hall. The idea of developing the front elevation has been dropped. The challenge is to understand how various grants could help cover the overall cost.	Currently being explored and will be reviewed in the Finance & General Purposes Committee in next few months.	

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE COUNCIL TO THE COMMUNITY

WHAT ARE WE DOING?	HOW IS IT PROGRESSING?	
GRANT AID SUPPORT – we have granted approximately £11,000 to local community groups	Completed – and a fresh budget of £12,000 is available this year.	
UPPINGHAM TOWN CENTRE FUND – the Hawksmead Agreement with Rutland County Council has provided a £62,500 fund to the Town Council . £20,000 has been 'ring-fenced' to create the new pathway on Tod's Piece and the balance has been offered to town based community groups to apply for projects they have.	4 initial applications have been received and are being evaluated before progressing to full application stage.	
UPPINGHAM HOPPER BUS – Council have supported the operating costs of the pilot and have re-confirmed their ongoing commitment to the operators up until 31st December 2016.	Ongoing until a permanent solution is agreed (subject to RCC funding and volunteer driver support).	

MODERNISING THE COUNCIL TO HELP IT DO MORE FOR THE COMMUNITY...

WHAT ARE WE DOING?	HOW IS IT PROGRESSING?	
WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA – we have been revamping and establishing our online presence as a council. This is hopefully getting more local information to you and giving you more options to give us feedback.	Completed but still tweaking and improving as we go.	
MODERNISING COUNCIL OPERATIONS – improving the way we consult and gather views with an online survey tool plus getting more of our records online and easily accessible.	Ongoing work that will continue over the next 18 months.	

New Development Worker in Uppingham

Anyone dropping into the Uppingham Age UK shop for a bargain or a tea and cake can drop by the charity's Uppingham office at the back of the shop to check on proposed outings and other activities and meet the new development worker Amanda Bellamy (pictured).

Amanda has taken over from Wendy Bye who retired after over 20 years in the role. She comes from a charity/local government working background and lives in Oakham. The community spirit in Uppingham has really impressed her and she is hoping to make as much contact with older people as possible to find out where they want to go on outings and their views on other activities that AgeUK Uppingham might be able to offer them.



UPPINGHAM IN BLOOM 13th JULY FOR JUDGING

Judging this year takes place on the 13th of July in the morning and this enthusiastic group urge residents and businesses to weed and pick up any litter from outside their homes and shops, to help the town look its very best.

Uppingham in Bloom will be holding a plant and cake stall in partnership with the women's institute, at the flower and produce show on Tods Plece on August 7th. Any donations of plants or cakes gratefully received. Contact Pam Dalby: 01572 821795.

Additionally **THE ANNUAL BALL** on October 1st at the Falcon Hotel is always a great night with fabulous food and dancing to an amazing live band. Tickets are £40/person. Contact Pam Dalby: pameladalby@btinternet.com for advance tickets. Black tie or lounge suits for the men and ball gowns or cocktail dresses for the ladies.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

We all have times in our lives where we require a little extra help, situations where having a "Good Neighbour" that you can rely upon in your local community would make things easier.

A Good Neighbour Scheme is a co-ordinated, local voluntary group which links people in communities who are in need of help and support, with local volunteers who are willing to offer their services. The people receiving the support may be the elderly, disabled, single parents, those temporarily in need through illness or anyone who may be isolated within the community. (new para) The Rural Community Council in Leicestershire & Rutland has a team of experienced staff who can help communities establish a Good Neighbour Scheme providing information, support and relevant documents to help a scheme get started. If you would like to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme in your community, then please get in touch through the Town Council in the first instance.

UPPINGHAM 1ST BROWNIES

Uppingham 1st Brownie Pack have a few spaces at the moment. It is a fun evening of friends, craft and games on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Scout Hut in Tod's Piece.

If you are interested please register your daughter on the Girl Guiding Website on: www.girlguiding.org.uk

OUR COMMUNITY

1st UPPINGHAM SCOUTS

For any information on joining

1st Uppingham Scout Group please contact Sharon via email sharon.aumais@btinternet.com. We welcome new members, boys and girls between the ages 6-14.

We are also looking for adult helpers/leaders - no experience necessary - full training available. Would suit active retired people - Age is no barrier in scouting.



YOGA CLASSES IN AUGUST

Yoga classes in Uppingham Town Hall on Tuesday 10-11.30am and Friday 9.15-10.45am will continue for the first four weeks of August; pay-as-you-come £5, any profit to go to The Hope Foundation Research Unit in Leicester (cancer). New members always welcome. **01572-723184 if you want to know more.**

Twinning visit to Caudebec-en-Caux

Between Thursday 25 and Sunday 28 May 2017 there will be an official twinning visit to Uppingham's twin town of Caudebec-en-Caux in Normandy. We shall be travelling by coach and staying with host families in and around Caudebec. New participants are always welcome, and do not be put off if you do not have much French.

If you are interested in coming, please telephone Henry Dawe on 01572 823629 to receive further details.

YOUR LOCAL POLICE SUPPORT

CURRENT LOCAL PRIORITIES:

- Last year there was an increase in dwelling burglaries during summer months – as a result we are conducting a burglary campaign, targeting offenders, liaising with neighbouring forces and providing crime prevention advice to residents.
- Motorists are regularly breaking the speed limit on Leicester Road, Uppingham. Specifically during the morning and evening 'rush hour' period – as a result over the last month we have continued with speed monitoring on Leicester Road and dealt with any offending motorists by means of advice, educational courses or prosecution where they are a repeat offender. Data from the black box deployed from 11/4/16-18/4/16 showed an average speed of 36 mph for approaching vehicles entering the 30 mph zone. This information has been discussed at the partnership meeting and forwarded to highways to look into. The Uppingham Neighbourhood Team will continue with speed monitoring throughout the summer period.

BEAT SURGERIES – Come and meet your local officers:

16/07/16 2pm – Officers will be holding a beat surgery at the Co-op, North Street East, Uppingham.

Contact for a
NON EMERGENCY: 101
EMERGENCY: 999
Web site: Leics.police.uk

Local officers:
Pc 2113 Icke
peter.icke@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
Pcso 6613 Wylie
andy.wylie@leicestershire.police.uk





UPPINGHAM LENT FAIR

Uppingham Town Council has received a letter from a member of the community and representation from the business community asking the town council to consider the relocation of the annual fair to another site in town. The one alternative location under the control of the Town Council is Tod's Piece and this may be an option to consider. No other locations have been proposed or suggested so far.

Please remember this is not a survey about the merits of staging a fair as it enjoys 'Charter' status in the town; merely where it is located for the benefit of the town and those running the fair.

The current family that run the fair have operated it in the Market Place for more than 100 years and are aware of the consultation we are undertaking with the community. Uppingham Town Council are keen to get as many views as possible and in particular thoughts and comments from those residents and groups that may be impacted around the existing site in Market Place and Tod's Piece if a move were to take place. To understand feedback received we have asked you to indicate where you live in relation to the fair's current and potential location.

Finally, if there is another site the fair could be located that we haven't considered - Council would welcome any new ideas.

1. Where would you like to see the fair * operate annually:

- In the Market Place (existing location)?
- On Tod's Piece?
- Another location in town?

If you selected another location in town - please make any suggestions

2. Which statement best describes who you are, where you live, run your business from or where you may own property impacted in this survey?

- Member of the business community on the High Street East and West or Market Place in Uppingham
- Member of the business community in another part of Uppingham
- Resident of the High Street East or West or Market Place including top of London Road
- Resident in another part of Uppingham
- I'm under 18 living in town and at school either in Uppingham or at college elsewhere

3. Name

Postcode



ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

The Royal Oak, Queen Street, Uppingham, Rutland.

In April 2016 Uppingham Town Council resolved to explore the potential listing of the Royal Oak as an asset of community value. This would be done after a period of community consultation as this was the first time the council had sought to use such powers contained in Part 5 chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011. The town council would join forces with CAMRA Rutland who are looking to protect and safeguard public houses across the UK from changes of use and/or redevelopment as housing.

The final step post consultation would be to make a recommendation back to the town council how to progress the initiative, if recommended a submission would be made to Rutland County Council as they are responsible for maintaining a register of community assets. Consultation with the community of Uppingham will take place over a two month window commencing 1st July 2016.

Uppingham Town Council seeks your views and thoughts on the following:

1. Do you support the town council and CAMRA Rutland to submit a request to Rutland County Council to make the Royal Oak an 'Asset of Community Value'?

- Yes I support this initiative
- No I don't support this initiative

2. If you have any additional comments you would like to make us aware of please add these below:

3. To understand who has responded to our survey it would be helpful to know the following information.

Which statement best describes you?

- I am a local resident of Uppingham and live within a short distance of the Royal Oak
- I am a local business person with premises in Uppingham
- I am a resident of Uppingham, but do not live within the immediate vicinity of the Royal Oak

4. Contact details

Name

Email Address

Town Clerk: Neil Wedge 01572 822681

**Consultation on these two topics is open from 1st July to 31st August 2016.
Return your completed responses above to the Town Hall, 49 High Street East, Uppingham
The easiest way to respond is online at www.uppinghamtowncouncil.gov.uk**