

UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Notes of a General Meeting held on Thursday May 17th 2018 in The Garden Room of The Falcon Hotel, Uppingham at 7.30pm

Present

Chair and Executive Member Janet Thompson: Four town councillors and UNF Executive Members, David Ainslie, Christine Edwards, Mark Shaw and Ron Simpson BEM: County Cllr Rachel Burkitt: UNF Executive members Margaret Simpson, David Greengrass and Helen Hutton and a total of 30 other residents including representatives, volunteers and members of the following institutions and community groups:-

Beeches Residents' Association, Uppingham Methodist Church, St Peter & St Pauls Church, E J Toon Trust, Uppingham Rotary Club, Uppingham Business Forum, Uppingham N Plan Committee, Uppingham First, Rutland First, Rutland Healthwatch, Leicestershire Police, Victim First, Neighbourhood Watch, Uppingham WI, The Crown Inn, the Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents' Association, Age UK.

Guest Speakers

PC Joshua Ace- Leicestershire Police; Jennifer Fenelon – Rutland First; Sarah Iveson – Rutland Healthwatch; Manjeeta Sunnar – Victim First

Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Edward Baines and four residents

1. Chair's Welcome

Janet Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting and particularly the guest speakers. She advised that notes of the meeting would be circulated to attendees who entered an e-mail address on the sign-in sheets.

2. Community Safety

- **Last Quarter Crime Statistics** – appended – prepared by PC Joshua Ace. The increased patrols in high street west were noted and the execution of Operation Hexagon. The incidents of theft were noted with concern. The police recruitment evening was acknowledged. Janet reported on online concerns about an increase in dog fouling in the town.
- **Policing Uppingham** – It was noted that the Forum and Uppingham First are to collaborate with Leicestershire Police on an initiative to recruit and train police special constables for Uppingham
- **Malfeasance in Public Office** – Postponed from the last meeting of the Forum due to shortage of time, a resume of this significant offence was distributed to attendees
- **Victim First** - Manjeeta and a colleague from Victim First delivered a PowerPoint presentation which detailed the wide range of support now available to victims of crime.

3. Health and Wellbeing

- a) **Uppingham Surgery** – Janet Thompson provided a brief update on surgery matters. Dr Sadler is leaving in June. Joint working with neighbouring surgeries is now under way with a view to sharing best practice. There is concern about some anti-social behaviour toward patient services staff. This will not be tolerated.
- b) **Rutland Healthwatch** – Sarah Iveson, CEO of Rutland Healthwatch, reported on the awarding of the Health watch contract to a Northamptonshire Group and the work being undertaken to recruit a new board of governing volunteers.
- c) **Rutland First** – Jennifer Fenelon of Rutland First reported on a major bid for lottery funding to undertake a major mental health project with local schools. The project has the active support and participation of the new Lord Lieutenant, Dr Sarah Furness.

4. Transport

- a) **Uppingham Hopper** – Attendees were provided with a copy of the press release prepared for the official launch of the Uppingham Hopper by the Lord Lieutenant. All had gone well with the initiative attracting local, regional and national media attention. Considerable time was spent illustrating the key features of the credit card sized timetable designed and donated by resident David Demaine. This should be in the shops and the surgery in approximately a week. An alternative larger version would also be made in the summer. It was noted that the hopper timetable was synchronised with that of the commercial services to Leicester, Corby,

Melton and Stamford. It was further noted that an alternative circular timetable modelled on a clock face may be made available if required

- b) **Commercial Services** - The continued threat to the Leicester bus was noted as was the fact that the RF1 Service was now to be retendered.

5. Economic and Social Development

- a) **Rutland Local Plan & St Georges** – The community still awaits the publication of the updated draft Local Plan. The extended process of consultation regarding the St Georges Barracks site was welcomed. It was noted that very few attendees were aware of the information event held in the town hall.
- b) **New Housing and the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan** – An updating statement from Bloor Homes indicating that there would be 103 units of which 27 were currently under construction. Two show homes would be opened by the end of June. It was noted that development on the north side of Leicester Road was likely to commence as the south side finished, some 2 to 3 years from now. It was further noted that a consultant's report on the proposed new development sites for the updated NP was currently under preparation. It was recorded that the Forum and Uppingham First had formally submitted a number of actions from the UTC&BZ Plan to be included in the updated Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Events and Community Group Updates

- a) Bell Ringers – New volunteers willing to learn bell ringing are wanted for the parish church
- b) Uppingham Gardens Event – Sunday June 3rd 2pm to 5.30pm - 7 Stockerston Road, Uppingham LE15 9UD
- c) Age UK – Proposing to undertake Dementia Friend training for traders and others interested. Details from shop
- d) Car Boot Sale - Ayston Road (Behind Gilberts) - Now on same day as Uppingham Feast
- e) WW1 2018 Events - Sunday November 11th i) Commemorative lunch with guest speaker Adam Lowe in uniform ii) Dinner commemorating the end of WW1 with readings, music and song – 8pm – Tickets from mjs@clara.co.uk

Notes dated 21.5.2018

Notes:

1. Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum

The Forum acts as the voice of Civil Society in Uppingham, has an elected Executive Committee, and is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (No. 22162). In 2017 the Forum founded UppWatch, the town's next generation good neighbour scheme and Resilience Network. The Forum's primary purpose is to encourage collaboration between groups and offer mutual support whilst addressing issues of community interest and concern. It is represented in the Rutland Virtual Consortium, on the board of Uppingham First and the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Committee. The Forum has its own bank account and distributes four newsletters a year to every household in the town.

2. Meetings

The Forum meets quarterly and its Executive Committee half yearly: Forthcoming meetings are notified by newsletter, e-mail and online.

Crime Stats for 2nd Quarter in Uppingham 2018 – Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum

March:

04/03/18 – Criminal Damage, Mount Pleasant
06/03/18 – Bilking, Uppingham Central Garage
07/03/18 – Criminal Damage, Tods Piece
07/03/18 – Theft, the Royal Oak
13/03/18 – Shop Theft, High Street East
25/03/18 – Shop Theft, Sycamore Harley Davidson

April:

01/04/18 – Shop Theft, High Street West
02/04/18 – Theft from Vehicle, Springback Way
13/04/18 – Theft from Vehicle, Branston Road
25/04/18 – Theft of Motorbike, Samuel Close
27/04/18 – Theft, the Royal Oak

May:

09/05/18 – Theft, High Street West
09/05/18 – Theft, High Street East
14/05/18 – Assault, London Road

Message from the Beat Team:

For local Uppingham Police related news, you can visit the following link to see what our priorities are:
<https://leics.police.uk/local-policing/uppingham>

Current priorities are as follows –

The preceding quarter has seen a rise in bilkings at the local petrol station, and reports from the public around local vehicles being driven without the correct documentation have increased.

Actions so far:

As a beat team we have increased patrols along High Street West with the Rutland mobile ANPR vehicle, and have been part of a plain clothes policing operation involving unmarked vehicles (under the heading of Op Hexagon - targeting criminality) in Uppingham. We have seized one vehicle off the road for no TAX/MOT/Insurance and provided intel across the border to Northants Police in regards to vehicles involved in crime in Uppingham, that originate from their area. Work continues to target these offenders.

If you have any other concerns you would like made known to the police, then you can always report them through calling '101' or '999' if it's an emergency, or by approaching Andy or I in the street when on patrol. You can also meet us by attending a "Beat Surgery" which we hold every month in various locations around Uppingham. The next Beat Surgery is on the Tuesday 22nd of May, upstairs in the Town Hall between 6.15pm to 7.15pm.

We are also holding a recruitment event in Uppingham this Friday 18th May 2018 from 7pm at the Town Hall in the upstairs meeting room. This is a chance for people interested in joining the police to register their interest, find out more and gain an insight into the selection process. If you know of someone, a friend or family member perhaps, who may be interested, or you yourself are; then head to <https://leics.police.uk/join-us/police-officer> and log onto the Uppingham event to ensure you place that evening.

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Uppingham Community Beat Office**