



Business Newsletter December 2019

UppShop - Addressing Disadvantage and Social Isolation in a Cashless Society - A Collaborative Community Project in Support of Local Businesses



Led by Rotary in Uppingham, the aim of this project is to harness the community spirit evident in Uppingham and bring old and young together to empower a pilot group of the elderly and/or housebound with the skills and knowledge necessary to operate online banking and to shop in the town centre and Friday Market

with home delivery of the goods available via the Uppingham Hopper.

The initiative will see a volunteer group of the elderly receive support and training from a pilot group of young mentors and staff drawn from Uppingham Community College, Barclays Bank, Local IT company ClockedIn and Rotary. Fraud prevention support will also be sought from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Funding will come from The Co-op Community Fund, Barclays, and Rotary. Equipment supplied will include new smart phones, tablets and key safes.

Goods delivery and trader payment will be overseen by Uppingham First and the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum. A public presentation on the project will be delivered at the Jan 30th meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum to be held in the Falcon Hotel at 7.30pm.

Traders interested in participating in the pilot project are invited to contact the project via secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk so that further information can be supplied.

Rutland Local Plan

The next public version is likely to be published in early January

Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan

A Local Economy Working group is set to meet in January. On the agenda already are local infrastructure needs, speeding, protecting shop fronts and parking. Do you have other ideas or opinion you would like to see captured in the updated plan?

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First Aid and Defibrillator Training

Uppingham now has a network of seven public defibrillators plus others located within businesses and schools. A two hour evening training session on how to use them is to be held on February 12th in the town centre.

A full day First Aid Certificate Course is also being organised in town for a New Year date to suit interested businesses. E-mail rons@clara.net to submit an expression of interest in either event.

Digital Uppingham

A new virtual reality electronic shopping map of Uppingham is being produced by a local company founded on the Uppingham Business Forum database. To ensure your business is included, please confirm/reaffirm your preferred business contact details and web address to rons@clara.net

If you also received this newsletter by e-mail you are already on the database.

Uppingham Hopper

The Partnership is pleased to advise that the Uppingham Hopper continues to be a success, with an average of 160 passengers a week using it to come into town and/or visit the surgery.

In addition, the bus has undertaken 20 evening and weekend community group and business staff outings this year. Adult and youth destinations have included Sheffield (Brownie Camp) Northampton and Leicester Rugby grounds, Northampton and Leicester Theatres, football matches, country walks, memorial visits, museum visits and cinema trips. More are planned for 2020. If your business is planning a staff outing, why not consider using the Hopper?

The support given to date by local business has been such that by January 31st Uppingham First will have repaid 50% of the £25K interest free loan afforded by Rutland County Council, well ahead of the project's business plan target.

Please note that internal advertising in the bus in the form of A4 landscape advertisement holders is due for renewal on January 1st 2020. The price is still £10 per month or £100 for twelve months. Businesses donating £1k or more have their logo put on the outside of the bus.

SHOP LOCAL—SHOP IN UPPINGHAM

UPPINGHAM HOPPER BUS CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE



Please note that the Hopper will not operate after 3pm on 24th December 2019 Christmas Eve until Thursday 2nd January

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU ALL AGAIN IN 2020.

Wednesday 25 th December 2019	NO SERVICE
Thursday 26 th December 2019	NO SERVICE
Friday 27 th December 2019	NO SERVICE
Monday 30 th December 2019	NO SERVICE
Tuesday 31 st December 2019	NO SERVICE
Wednesday 1 st January 2020	NO SERVICE



Uppingham First Board 2020

Uppingham First is the award winning elected community partnership for Uppingham recognised by national and local government and the voluntary/charity sector. A company limited by guarantee its agendas, minutes and significant reports can be read at www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk. The company is a member of Revive and Thrive, Locality and the Community Transport Association. For 2020 its governing board of directors has been strengthened as follows:-

Business Directors - 7 - (Elected by the Business Forum)

Edward Baines (Chair); Jane Lang; Geoffrey Pointon; Trevor Ellis; Kath Gilbert; Ron Simpson BEM; James Torbell.

Community Directors - 3 - (Elected by the Neighbourhood Forum)

David Ainslie (Vice Chair); Mark Shaw; Janet Thompson.

Statutory Sector Directors - 3 - (Elected in an individual capacity by UF)

Lucy Stephenson (Local Governance); Geoff Thompson (Education and Skills); Health and Wellbeing (vacant).

The board congratulates James Torbell for winning the 2019 Biz Club Business Award, Geoff Thompson for being selected as High Sheriff of Rutland in Nomination for 2022 and Town Councillor Lucy Lewin for her success in the 2019 East Midlands Womens Awards winning 'Best Community Leader in a Market Town'

Grants Secured in 2019

National Lottery - £7988 grant towards the running costs of the Uppingham Hopper in 2020

Co-op Community Fund - Yet to be advised sum in support of the UNF work on working with the elderly in a cashless society

Homes England - £84k grant to Uppingham Homes CLT for youth housing project

Uppingham Town Council - £8425 grant to support the formation of Uppingham Homes CLT

Rotary, Bloor Homes and the Limes, Firs & Spurs Residents Association - £6k capital funding for three more defibrillators.

Note: Excludes, council, business and community Hopper donations.

A public wifi proposal for Uppingham and Oakham town centres is currently under consideration. More news soon.

Have a healthy and successful 2020



Edward Baines - Chair - Uppingham First