



UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Notes of a General Meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum held on Thursday April 22nd 2021 at 6.30pm on Zoom

Present

Three Leicestershire and Rutland PCC candidates, Media Representatives, Rutland and Uppingham residents, UNF Chair Janet Thomson; County Councillor Lucy Stephenson; Deputy Town Mayor Liz Clarke; Town Councillor and UNF Executive Members David Ainslie BEM, Christine Edwards, Mark Shaw and Ron Simpson BEM; UNF Executive Members Trevor Colbourne, David Greengrass, Andrew Mankowski, Margaret Simpson BEM, Sue Streeter and Tony Streeter; representatives, volunteers and members of the following institutions and community groups:-

Beeches Residents' Association, St Peter & St Pauls Church, E J Toon Trust, Uppingham Bowls Club, Uppingham Rotary Club, Uppingham Business Forum, Uppingham First, Neighbourhood Watch, Uppingham Brownies, The Elms Residents Association The Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents' Association, Uppingham in Bloom, Uppingham WI, Uppingham Town Council, Rutland County Council, UppWatch, the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium and the Hopper Heroes.

Apologies for Absence

None

1. Roll Call of Organisations and Residents

42 attendees were recorded as being present on Zoom. Attendees were advised that the meeting was being recorded and that the sound track would be published online. It is now available at <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AtZZOGN60HJchINBA7jtldEjHTIs3g?e=daKTnc>

2. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Janet Thompson welcomed everyone to this the first UNF public meeting of 2021 on Zoom and noted the excellent attendance.

3. Policing Update

Janet reported on the appointment of a new Uppingham Beat Officer, Anna Maria-Ingram, who hoped to attend future meetings of the Forum. In the interim she had forwarded the local crime statistics for the first quarter of 2021. See Appendix A.

4. PCC Hustings 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

PCC Candidates were offered up to ten minutes presentation time followed by up to 15 mins questions from the viewing audience in the following order (reverse alphabetical):-

- 1) **Ross Willmott** – Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate
Public questions
- 2) **James Robert Moore** – Liberal Democrat
Public Questions
- 3) **Rupert Oliver Matthews** – Conservative Party Candidate
Public Questions

Two minute interval

5. Neighbourhood and Local Plans update – David Ainslie BEM

David provided a clear update on progress being made by town councillors and volunteers in updating the Neighbourhood Plan. Forum members were urged to complete the recently distributed housing site survey which sought to gather resident preferences on the choice of sites. Twice the number required were currently on offer. Current target for housing numbers was circa 250, but this number may have to increase if the Rutland Local Plan is to be reconsidered. A decision on the best way forward with the Rutland Local Plan awaited action by Rutland County Council and government.

6. Uppingham Homes CLT Membership and Investment Opportunities – David Ainslie BEM

Declaring an interest as a board member of this community benefit society David provided a brief update on its progress and invited residents to consider membership. See www.uppinghamhomes.uk
He further advised that The Society was working on a possible community share issue which would provide local investment opportunities later in the year.

7. Bypass/Relief Road update and the South East Uppingham Business Enterprise and Skills Zone – Ron Simpson BEM

Ron provided a brief overview of the apparent north south bypass options currently being explored by the Town Council. It has invested £15k in a study of possible routes prior to agreeing the location of any new housing. The study revealed that two of the route options lay to the west but would come close to new housing developments. A third route to the east would be technically more challenging. Ron advised that government funding was unlikely to be forthcoming for a full bypass, but a funding opportunity had arisen that may lend itself to a short relief road from the A6003 to the south east if linked to an upgrading of the Station Road Industrial Estate and the creation of a new enlarged Business Enterprise and Skills Zone with entry from the east. This prospect was being pursued by the town's Business Forum and Uppingham First.

8. Rutland Conversation and Environmental Groups - County Cllr Lucy Stephenson

Lucy updated Forum attendees on the rationale behind the County Council's Rutland Conversation about the future of the county and encouraged residents to get involved. Similarly, she was currently leading a mapping exercise to identify organisations and community groups which were active on environmental matters. A day conference to engage with the groups is being organised. Residents are invited to join the Rutland Conversation on April 29th or May 17th 2021. E-mail the Forum for further details.

9. Social Sundays and other 2021 Events

A brief resume of events being planned for 2021 was described. This included the innovative Social Sundays events which were to begin in May and an August 'Big Picnic' featuring a children's outdoor theatre performance. Full details will be published on the Uppingham First website at www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk

10. High Street Update – Ron Simpson BEM

As Chair of the town's Business Forum, Ron provided a brief overview of the business movement and new arrivals in the high street. They included a new off-licence in Ayston Road, Uppingham Fine foods moving into the high street, the now open LOROS store, expansion of one café and increasing interest in the vacant pharmacy building in the market place. A survey was also being undertaken on the possibility of a creative crafts hub being established in the town centre.

11. Community Group Updates

These were provided by the Methodist Church who will welcome any new visitors, Jennifer Fenelon for the Rutland Health Consortium regarding hospital reorganisation and Uppingham in Bloom who have a plant sale coming up. Janet updated residents on the Hopper bus receiving Lottery funding and urged residents to make use of the service. Rotary in Uppingham reminded residents of the club's President's evening (details below).

The following events are under development

- a) Big Picnic – Sunday August 22nd – Tod's Piece
- b) Social Sundays – May 17th to September 26th – Market Place
- c) Live and Local – Children's theatre event planned for the Big Picnic
- d) Round Rutland Classic Vehicle Run – September 19th - linked to Social Sunday
- e) Rotary Christmas Craft Fair – Friday November 5th in The Falcon Hotel
- f) Uppingham in Bloom – Plant Sale – May 22nd – 11am to 4pm – 2 Stockerston Crescent
- g) Rotary President's Evening – June 27th 2021 – The Falcon Hotel – Tickets from 01572 823465

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Notes by Ron Simpson 25.4.2021

Crime Stats for 1st Quarter in Uppingham 2021 – Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum

Message from the Beat Team: Introduction from Anna....

Hello all, I am PC 1560 Anna Ingram, your new beat officer for Uppingham! Bear with me, I am from Essex and so my Essex slang may be a slight communication barrier at times but trust me, you will still make more sense of me than you do PCSO Wylie.

I have lived in the Rutland area since 2011, as I was based at St Georges barracks North Luffenham during the back end of my Army career as a Military Working Dog Trainer. I almost live in Ketton, I say almost as I am currently in the process of purchasing a property there, so very local to the beat. I live with my husband and two children.

I have been a Response officer over at Melton Mowbray covering the Melton/ Rutland area so am quite familiar with the areas and target issues. It is week one, day two for me here so as you can imagine, I am getting my head around the role change and the local priorities etc, but I look forward to meeting everybody soon.

Our 3 local priorities in Uppingham remain to tackle anti-social behaviour, stop nuisance motorbikes and target drug use in public spaces. Anti-social behaviour has reduced due to Covid restriction we will continue to patrol hotspot area and deal positively with offending behaviour. We currently have one youth engaging with us who is currently signed up to an Acceptable Behaviour Contract in relation to ASB.

During this period one adult male was arrested, charged and sentence in relation to numerous account of criminal damage (graffiti) and theft from store.

We continue to promote our email messaging service -Neighbourhood Link around the tow. This service keeps local residents up to date around local policing matters and currently we have 10% of households registered. Please email me your name, address (inc. post code) and a contact detail (email and mobile) and I will sign you up. This is a great way to stay informed on what is happening locally and in addition information is given on nation scams and online safety advice. My email is:

anna-marie.ingram1560@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

Crime Stats for 1st Quarter in Uppingham 2021

Jan;

Burglary Residential x 1
Criminal Damage x 9 (mainly Graffiti)
Theft of Fuel x 1
Theft from MV x 1
Damage to MV x 1

Feb:

Theft x 2
Theft from store x 1

Mar:

Theft from Store x 4
Criminal Damage x 6
Theft of Fuel x 1

If you have any other concerns you would like made known to the police, then you can always report them online via the Leicestershire Police website, through calling '101' or '999' if it's an emergency, or by approaching Andy or I in the street when on patrol – we have masks and can ensure social distancing measures are kept. We are also active on social media and can be contacted at “**Rutland Police**” on **Facebook** and “**@UppinghamPolice**” on **Twitter**.

PC 1560 Anna-Marie INGRAM | Melton and Rutland – DNO NR38 Beat - Uppingham Community Beat Office



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