

# UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The Voice of Civil Society in Uppingham

Newsletter



January 2020

## Public Meeting

**Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30pm**  
**Garden Terrace - The Falcon Hotel**

Welcome to a bumper edition of the UNF newsletter and the first of 2020. It is published just ahead of the next public meeting of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum to which all residents are invited. Guest speakers include Damian Mortimer from Barclays Bank, PC Joshua Ace of Leicestershire Police and Sandra Pollock, founder of the East Midlands Women's Awards. Agenda items include:-

- The Rutland Local Plan and its implications for Uppingham
- The Uppingham Cashless Society Project supported by Uppingham Coop and with special guest Damian Mortimer of Barclays Bank
- Affordable Housing for Uppingham – the next steps
- Uppingham Hopper Update
- Regional Women's Awards 2020
- New employment opportunities for Uppingham - a second supermarket, a possible cinema and a new care home – what's the plan?
- Community Safety, policing and the updated Emergency Plan for Uppingham – what's new?
- The E J Toon Charitable Trust – Did you receive your entitlement?

**Come early for a good seat!**

**Are you housebound and unable to attend? Why not telephone for an update after the meeting? 01572 823465**

## Coming Events

See also [www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk](http://www.uppinghamfirst.co.uk)

- Defibrillator training – Wednesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>
- Upp in Bloom Winter Warmer Lunch – Sat. Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
- Uptown Races – Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Stilton Cheese Run – Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Rotary Musical Quiz - Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Uppingham Feast – Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Eyebrook Charity Walk – Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Flower & Produce Show – Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Rotary Xmas Craft Fair – Friday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

**More details at the meeting or from 01572 823465**

**SHOP LOCAL – SHOP IN UPPINGHAM**

## Hopper Loan Repayment

Thanks to resident, community, and local business support, Uppingham First (UF) was this month able to repay Rutland County Council a further £7500 of the 5 year interest free loan of £25k it gave towards the capital cost of the Hopper Bus. That makes a total of £12.5k repaid in the first 20 months of its operation. Running costs for 2020 are being supported by the National Lottery and travelling passengers. Pictured is RCC Transport Portfolio Holder and Uppingham Ward Councillor Lucy Stephenson receiving confirmation of the repayment from Uppingham First Vice Chair and former Town Mayor Cllr David Ainslie BEM.



## Uppingham Hopper Trips

Live in Uppingham and planning a group trip to the cinema, theatre, rugby, or football? Organising a family or staff night out or a special occasion? Have you considered using the Uppingham Hopper? It's your community transport and is available evenings and weekends subject to the availability of an Uppingham First volunteer driver. It's a great way to support the Uppingham Hopper. Booking enquiries to 01572 495050 or e-mail [secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk](mailto:secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk)

**Have you tried the new coffee shop and deli in Orange Street? It's called '5 Elements' and Forum members seem to like it!**

### Addressing Disadvantage and Social Isolation in a Cashless Society – A Rotary Community Project Led by the Rotary Club of Uppingham

**Aim** – To acknowledge the loss of the last bank in the town, by harnessing the community spirit evident in Uppingham to bring old and young together to empower a pilot group of the elderly or housebound with the skills and knowledge necessary to operate online banking and to shop in the local high street with home delivery of the goods via the Uppingham Hopper Community Bus.

#### Key Partners

- Project Leader – The Rotary Club of Uppingham
- Rotary District 1070
- The Coop
- Barclays Bank
- The Falcon Hotel
- Uppingham Community College
- ClockedIn – Local IT Company
- Uppingham First
- Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum
- A local Key Safe Charity

#### How You Can Get Involved

For those of us past the age of 70, an irritating modern development is the increasing number of advertisements that depict us as isolated and set in our ways. One or two well-known national charities are among the major culprits. Rarely is a positive image of a forward looking, IT literate pensioner embracing change portrayed. Yet, without doubt, they are in the majority. Not yet counted in this group are those who are keen to embrace technological change, but who would appreciate a confidential helping hand to get started. Experience suggests that once set upon the path of change, there will be no holding back. It is neighbours from this group who are now being sought in and around Uppingham to participate in the 'cashless society' project featured in a recent edition of the Rutland Times.

The aim of the project is to support both the participants and, initially, a small pilot group of town centre traders. These will include the fish stall in the Uppingham Friday market, and the Uppingham Co-op, which is helping to fund the project. Banking support will come from Barclay's staff and local manager Damian Mortimer who has recently returned to Rutland. You do not need to bank with Barclays to get involved. Rotary, in partnership with Uppingham First and the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum, will lead

the project. Young residents from Uppingham Community College will join the supporting team assisted by Uppingham based IT company ClockedIn. Ordered goods will be delivered on the Uppingham Hopper by volunteers from UppWatch, the Neighbourhood Forum's 'good neighbour' scheme. It promises to be a very worthwhile project. It will help the elderly to embrace change and operate in an increasingly cashless society while still supporting the traditional high street.

So how can residents get involved and support the project? There are three ways.

During 2020 buy own brand goods at the Uppingham Co-op and show your membership card. If not a member, please join now. The store's community fund will reward the project with an appropriate share of 1% of the profits made from such purchases. The shopper gets a small reward too! If online go to <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/40395> to specifically support the project. Those not online can support the project by simply using their membership card to buy co-op own brand goods.

Volunteer to join the delivery team. A single afternoon per week will suffice. Free training and certification is on offer. Call 01572 495050 to find out more.

Impress your family and friends by joining the pilot cohort of pensioners who are about to demonstrate that age is no barrier to learning. Become a member of the group of ten who will pilot the project and receive individual tuition and support to get the very best from a purpose designed smart phone or tablet which will be provided during the project. Call 01572 823465 or leave your name and address on the Hopper bus to join the fun. Getting involved could make 2020 a very special year for you.

#### Good News

The project plan has already received significant national, regional and local media praise as well as attracting commercial sponsorship and support. The initiative has the potential to be a market town exemplar, teaching digital skills while supporting the local high street and the Hopper and presenting Uppingham as a forward looking community. Want to know more? Come to the Forum meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> or call the Forum on 01572 495050 or e-mail [secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk](mailto:secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk)

**You do not need to have a mobile phone or tablet to get involved. All equipment will be provided.**

## Defibrillator Training 7pm Wednesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

A free two hour training session to be led by the Community Heartbeat Trust - This training is suitable both for first timers and those seeking a refresher. No expertise or prior experience necessary. Book at [mjs@clara.co.uk](mailto:mjs@clara.co.uk) or telephone 01572 495050.

### Community First Responders

Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum has agreed help recruit volunteers interested in working with East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) to offer a rapid volunteer response service to 999 calls while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance or doctor. No prior knowledge is necessary. Full training and equipment will be provided.

At present the nearest First Responders live to the north of Uppingham and in Oakham, sometimes incurring a delay in response. Rapid response in some situations can be vital.

Interested in learning more? Call 07710 328469.

### Uppingham in Bloom Winter Warmer Lunch Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> - 12noon to 2pm Uppingham Town Hall

Two course lunch – Homemade soup and Jacket Potatoes with a choice of topping  
Tea and Coffee  
**£6.50**  
Tombola

### Young Citizen of the Year

This is organised by Rotary International in Britain and Northern Ireland to celebrate the achievement and commitment of inspiring young people and Rotary in Uppingham is looking for local nominees. Do you have anyone in mind? We would like to know before February 7<sup>th</sup>. They must have demonstrated a commitment to good citizenship by making a difference in some field. They may be young carers, champions of their school/community, fundraisers, volunteers or have shown courage in some way.

There will be two more awards this year: Young Citizen Sporting Hero (a new category) and a Young Peacekeeper Award. Nominees will each receive a personalised certificate recognising their achievement. Overall winners will receive a trophy, certificate and a prize of £500 for their nominated charity or good cause and will be invited to receive their award at a televised national conference in May. Call 01572 495050.

## East Midlands Womens Awards - Can Uppingham win a fourth award?

Come and hear the Awards Founder Sandra Pollock speak about this year's awards on January 30<sup>th</sup>. It all started here in Uppingham.



**Rotary**  
Club of Uppingham

The Rotary Club of Uppingham  
presents:

## The Upptown Races

at Uppingham Town Cricket Club  
Leicester Road

on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm  
(first race 8pm)

in aid of charities supported by Rotary  
Admission by programme—£15

Includes welcome glass of Prosecco and boeuf bourgignon supper (veg option by prior request)

Telephone 01572 822568

Compered by Soar Valley Race Nights





## Uppingham Homes CLT



Directors of Uppingham Homes Community Land Trust wish to thank the many residents who visited the Town Hall to view their stand at the Housing Developer Consultation Event organised by the Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group. Very positive feedback was received on the CLT's proposals to build homes for younger people on the site of the old orchard in Seaton Road.

Residents will have the opportunity to take up membership of the CLT later in the year. They may also be given the opportunity to invest in this and other projects through the purchase of Community Shares. When available, details will be published at [www.uppinghamhomes.uk](http://www.uppinghamhomes.uk) and in this newsletter.

### Stilton Cheese Classic Vehicle Run Sunday AM - April 26<sup>th</sup>

This charitable event is now owned and operated by Uppingham First. See the new website created by Uppingham Gate based local company ClockedIn at [www.stiltoncheeserun.uk](http://www.stiltoncheeserun.uk); you can follow the optional routes to be taken by the run this year.

Want to help to volunteer on the day to help park cars or direct traffic? You will be made most welcome. Email [secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk](mailto:secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk)

**The Uppingham Community  
Emergency Plan has been updated to  
include the location of all of the  
town's 7 public defibrillators**

**Read this and other town planning  
documents at**

[www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info](http://www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info)

## Neighbourhood Watch and UppWatch

A meeting of Uppingham Neighbourhood Watch and UppWatch Coordinators, the first for some time, is to be held on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 in The Club Room of the Falcon Hotel, Uppingham commencing at 7.30pm

Neighbours interested in volunteering to act as a Neighbourhood or Street representatives are also invited to attend the meeting to learn more about what is involved. We will be joined by PC Joshua Ace from Leicestershire Police.

The meeting aims to both share experiences and update you all on crime prevention/policing matters together with other relevant good neighbour issues in Uppingham.

Agenda topics include a briefing on the Uppingham Community Emergency Plan, the new additions to the defibrillator network, CCTV and an update on Rutland Neighbourhood Watch and the UppWatch scheme.



UppWatch



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