



UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Uppingham Community Emergency Plan

Minutes of a Meeting of Lead Coordinators held on Sunday December 11th 2022 at 7pm

1. Roll Call

All eight of the lead coordinators detailed in the Uppingham Community Emergency Plan were visually confirmed as present online with the meeting being chaired by Janet Thompson.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Declarations of Interest

The various business, community and statutory sector interests of Lead Coordinators were noted.

4. Emergency Plan Review and Update

It was agreed that the plan now needed updating and a 2023 implementation exercise required in consultation with the blue light services and the Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Forum Lead Officer. Date of the first review meeting to be the same as the next Neighbourhood Forum (January 19th 2023) but beginning at 6.30pm.

5. Defibrillators

It was noted that the defibrillator originally located on the wall of the public toilets in the market place had been temporarily relocated to The Falcon Hotel and, in line with current management protocols, delisted with the East Midlands Ambulance Service. A new location was now required. Following discussion, it was agreed that every effort should be made to relocate the device somewhere in the market place. This would require planning permission as most buildings were listed. RS to make enquiries.

It was noted with pleasure that Uppingham Town Council was soon to renew the defibrillator it owned which is mounted on the rear wall of the town hall. This decision confirms the town's public defibrillator network will now consist of ten devices, once a new location for the market place device has been agreed. A new defibrillator location map will be included in the paper and online versions of the updated Community Emergency Plan.

It was noted with some alarm that, following a street light power failure in December (which cut the supply to the heater in the cabinet), a no doubt well intentioned member of the public had entered the Leicester Road cabinet without authority, removed the defibrillator, and temporarily relocated it at the Uppingham School Sports centre leaving a note to its whereabouts. A retrospective e-mail and posting to UF and a Coordinator were not seen until several days later. Given the serious implications of the person actions, it was agreed that:

- a) The defibrillator be recovered from the Sports Centre
- b) The inaccurate notice left at the cabinet be removed
- c) The ambulance service be notified via the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) and the device temporarily removed from the public listing until repairs could be executed by the power supply company
- d) The opinion of the CHT on the matter be sought before writing to the person involved to prevent a recurrence.

6. Energy Crisis and Warm Spaces

Coordinators noted with approval the actions of several town and county institutions and individuals in providing public warm spaces, Christmas meals, and additional support for the Uppingham Community Fridge and Rutland Foodbank, in response to the current economic and energy crisis. The warmth of the Uppingham Hopper also remained an option for some. Coordinators agreed to remain vigilant on such matters and a further urgent meeting called if required.

7. First Aid Training

A number of Community Emergency Plan Coordinators are certificated First Aiders. However, the higher level of training and certification required to support major community events in the town was noted. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a number of Coordinators undertaking the higher level of training involved in meeting the legal and insurance requirements for supporting larger events in the town.

8. AOB

Two Way Radio Testing – It was noted with approval that the XMAS LNS 2022 volunteer team has utilised the town's Emergency Two Way Radio equipment with great success. Regular use of the radios is an important requirement to maintain their operational capability.

Notes published 14.12.2022

Update

The follow response to the Plan Coordinator enquiry regarding the unauthorised removal of a defibrillator was received.

“The removal of the defibrillator by the person and his note was a bit naive and not thought through. The ambulance service would have sent someone to this in an emergency only to find the defib not there. If the patient died this would result in a coroner enquiry.”

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