



# UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

## Uppingham Community Emergency Plan

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Lead Coordinators held on Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8pm

### 1. Online 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 BEM.

### 2. Apologies for absence

None.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

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

### 4. Action Update

Following recent Covid-19 developments in the education sector and the 2021 AGM decision of the UNF Executive Committee to delay the annual update of the town's Community Emergency Plan to facilitate stronger links with the sector, the following issues were addressed and actions agreed: -

- a) **Meeting with Uppingham School** – RS reported on a meeting with the Deputy Head of Uppingham School called at the school's request and 48 hours before the majority of students arrived for the start of the autumn term. The school briefed on the substantial testing and monitoring arrangements being put in place to ensure school and community safety. Community concerns about the recent end of term outbreak were shared and the arguably late letter to the Town Council acknowledged. It was agreed to improve communication where possible. RS advised that a perceived communication gap with education sector was to be taken up with the authorities at a county/regional level perhaps as a case study for emergency plan improvement. Schools would be kept advised of developments
- b) **Covid-19 Outbreak at UCC** – Retiring Chair of Governors GT updated the team on the developing situation at Uppingham Community College and provided a copy of the letter sent to all parents advising them of the college's forward plan. It was agreed to monitor the situation and act further if required. An RS meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> with the incoming Chair of Governors Nic Davenport was noted
- c) **Primary Schools** – It was noted that no community safety developments at the town's two primary schools had been reported
- d) **Emergency Plan Update and Communication Links Review** – It was agreed that a working meeting with the Leicestershire and Rutland Resilience Forum be sought with a view to addressing the failure to ensure continuity of communication between the LLR primary authorities and community emergency plan groups on the Covid - 19 front line. The Uppingham experience with RCC and the Education Sector will be offered as a case study calling for improvements in communication. The Uppingham Emergency Plan can then hopefully be improved for 2022. GT provided the following helpful link:- <https://www.llrprepared.org.uk/about/llr-prepared-partners/>

Following the meeting, a stock check of the committee's emergency response equipment was undertaken.

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