



UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Uppingham Community Emergency Plan

Notes of a Virtual Meeting of UppWatch Volunteers held on Sunday April 5th 2020 at 4pm

1. Online Roll Call

Seventeen Volunteers were visually confirmed as present online with the meeting being led by Janet Thompson, Chair of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum. Janet invited volunteers to introduce themselves and any specific role they played in the community. It was noted that, in addition to volunteer residents, members and/or representatives of the following organisations were present:- RCC, UTC, Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum, Uppingham Lodge, UppWatch, Uppingham Church, the Hopper Heroes, Uppingham First, Uppingham Community Emergency Plan Coordinators, Uppingham Patient Participation Group, Uppingham Community Land Trust, Beeches Residents Association, Limes, Rotary, Firs and Spurs Residents Association and UppWatch.

2. Apologies for absence

County Cllr Lucy Stephenson

3. Uppingham Support Structures

A brief overview of the support, governance and volunteer structures (including the Uppingham Hopper) was provided together with an overview of their current status and recent actions (See Appendix A). It was noted that an additional 41 volunteers were now on call for support with shopping etc. It was acknowledged that a significant number of other residents were supporting their friends and neighbours at this difficult time. A number of UppWatch volunteers were also acting as NHS volunteers.

4. Discussion

The following issues were raised:-

- a) Community Emergency Plan – now online at www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info
- b) Safeguarding and recognition as a volunteer by clients, shops and the police – A letter of accreditation is being issued to all volunteers when undertaking their first shop. Most volunteers were offering repeat support directly once a relationship with a new client had been established
- c) Payment for shopping – to be agreed on an individual basis between client and volunteer
- d) Delivery to neighbouring villages by Hopper – Yes, this is possible
- e) Medicines, groceries and vegetable boxes can be delivered by Hopper
- f) Transport by Hopper to carry heavy shopping is available to volunteer shoppers by appointment
- g) The volunteer list was being worked through in turn with 12 calls being received in week 1
- h) A shop survey (hours open?) has been completed and forwarded to RCC
- i) UppWatch has offered to UTC/RCC/Uppingham Surgery more support for medicine distribution.

5. Further meetings

It was agreed that a further meeting be hosted next Sunday (April 12th) and then fortnightly after that (or as required) .

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