



Upton by Chester & District Parish Council COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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UPTON REMEMBERS 100 YEARS ON



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On Sunday 11th November the community in Upton gathered together to pay their respects and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

This year's Remembrance Day was particularly poignant as we commemorated 100 years since the end of the First World War.

The remembrance parade, led by Parish Councillor Alison Bennion who carried the Standard, started at the Upton Royal British Legion before proceeding to the Parish Church of the Holy Ascension for the Remembrance Sunday service to remember the fallen. The parade then walked to the Upton War Memorial for the Last Post, two minutes silence and laying of wreaths. The British Legion welcomed everyone for refreshments afterwards.

Residents then joined a walk along the Fallen for the Fallen WW1 Poppy Trail, a 3km trail of hand-carved wooden poppies created to remember the 27 men named on the Upton-by-Chester War Memorial who lost their lives in the First World War. At the end of the trail a short service of remembrance took place at the Memorial Bench in the Countess of Chester Country Park.

It was wonderful to see so many people join in the commemorations throughout the day. The tradition of remembrance in Upton remains strong and the parish council thanks you for your support.



UPTON WAR MEMORIAL

You will have seen the refurbished War Memorial and we hope you are happy with its new look.

UPC applied for a grant from the War Memorials Trust to commemorate the anniversary of the 1914-18 war.

Donald Insall Architects were appointed to carry out the work and they have done us proud.

This has been a community venture, with parish councillors and residents carrying out gardening work.

The addition of the commemorative poppy, which is also the initiation of a trail of poppies leading to the country park, is appropriate and attractive.

A map of the trail is available to assist residents – copies at the Pavilion.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Country Park and The Conservation Volunteers who set up the poppy trail.

We hope everyone will enjoy the opportunity to both remember the fallen and exercise mind and body in doing so.

UPTON 2030 – NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROGRESS.

Councillors were delighted to find that the NDP stall at the Upton Pavilion Fun Day was a hive of activity, with a lot of residents taking time to give us their views on housing in Upton, via a questionnaire containing statements to which the respondent could express agreement, disagreement or uncertainty.

A map was also displayed on which stickers could be placed on preferred sites for any additional housing to be built on.

The members of the NDP Steering Group, councillors and residents have begun the process of assessing the 'physical characteristics' of Upton, what makes it a unique place, its varied housing developments and their surroundings, green space, trees, shops etc, so we may ensure that they remain as residents want them to, or change only in ways that are anticipated and welcomed.

Consultation so far shows residents taking the view that they would like Upton to remain broadly the same as it is now.

Businesses, as well as individual residents have been consulted on their views about Upton's future and work is ongoing with regard to local services, such as shops, takeaways, walk and cycle ways and youth facilities.

The issue of cycle routes and where they are needed has shown itself to be a significant concern and was much focused on by students at Upton High School who have been helping with their views.

It's important that we map the current routes and decide where we could place any new routes to best advantage for travellers.

If you would like to put forward your opinion on any of these matters, please contact the NDP team on np@uptonbychester.org.uk or call in at Upton Pavilion.

ROADS AND PARKING

Plans to introduce 20mph speed limits on some roads in Upton continue, you may have received letters regarding your own road.

Despite the new lower speed limit, some people are still driving too fast; this is dangerous, especially close to our schools.

Police have recently issued 27 speeding warning letters and 67 speeding enforcement notices. Parking on pavements may lead to a £30 fine, also issued by the police.

Users of mobility scooters and wheel chairs are frustrated by vehicles blocking the way on pavements, particularly if there is also an overhanging hedge as well.

UPTON HIGH SCHOOL 50th ANNIVERSARY



As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations Upton High school held a celebration event. Upton Parish Councillors were delighted to be invited.

The school has requested that if you have anecdotes, memories or photographs from days past, please will you share them by sending copies to: frencht@uptonhigh.co.uk

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council five year plan to refurbish and improve the play and sporting facilities at Wealstone Lane continues.

Local consultation gave a clear idea of the play equipment people would like and their priorities.

In association with a playground specialist a plan and costing exercise for the children's playground is being drawn up.

The next stage will be to submit application bids for funding, this includes providing a sound project plan, backed up by evidence and full costs – it is a detailed and often lengthy process but your Parish Council is working hard on your behalf.

PLUS BUS

ECT in Cheshire provides the Plus Bus, a door to door transport service for people who find it difficult to use public transport.

You may register for Plus Bus if you are aged 80+ and /or have mobility difficulties.

All vehicles are fully accessible and drivers are trained to nationally accredited standards.

The plus bus operates in a wide area in and around Chester, Ellesmere Port and surrounding villages.

A single journey costs £3 and a return journey £5. To register for the service call 0151 357 4420 or email cheshire@ectcharity.co.uk

PAVILION FUN DAY 2018

Did you manage to attend the Upton Fun Day? If so you will have been part of a very happy and enthusiastic community event.

This event keeps on growing; this year saw even more stalls representing community groups, charities, businesses and information stalls.

The police and fire services attended too and there was a great selection of food and drinks on offer.

The Parish Council provided the very popular bouncy castle and fun fair and we were entertained by a choir and local radio compere who kept us up to date with different competitions and race events.

Such a successful and well organised event is the result of a lot of hard work and planning. Many thanks to the team of councillors and staff who undertook this.



Arthur Simpson (6) winner of the Miniature Garden competition.

OVERHANGING HEDGES

A number of properties in the area have hedges and other foliage overhanging the pavements. This can be problematic for pedestrians and especially for anyone using a wheelchair or pushchair.

There is a legal requirement for these vehicles to move freely and without obstruction on the pavement.

We would ask all residents to check their perimeter hedges and trees and kindly request them to carry out pruning if necessary.

PARISH COUNCIL TEAM TRIUMPH

Congratulations to the Upton Parish Council team who took part in and won the annual Churches Together Upton Quiz.

£167 was raised and shared between the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and Christian Aid.

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PAVILION OPENING HOURS:

Monday – Sunday 9am to 5pm, until 1st April 2019 then Monday – Sunday 10am to 9pm.

CONTACT DETAILS:

For pavilion room hire, playing fields, tennis courts and bowling please call the office on 01244 374054 or email

uptonbychesterpavilion@hotmail.com.



Upton by Chester Parish Council wants your views; we are always keen to consult with residents on any aspects of Parish Council business. Do you have any suggestions, comments or information you would like us to consider? Please get in touch by completing this tear off slip and return to: Upton Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, Upton, CH2 1HB for the attention of the clerk, alternatively contact the clerk directly on 07584 415343.

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