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THE UPTON-BY-CHESTER & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Upton Community Picnic & Bowling Success



It was not possible to plan and hold the annual Upton Fun Day again this year. The Parish Council instead sent out a casual invitation to join a community picnic at the QE II Playing Field.

Despite the occasional shower of rain, the event went well and was attended by many. Outdoor games were available and free ice lollies were provided for the children that came.

***“Upton bowling green
the envy of visiting
clubs”***

After a few years of improvement, care and attention, Upton bowling green is now back in tip-top condition and the envy of visiting clubs.



To celebrate this achievement, the Parish Council invited Upton residents to come and play. Pavilion staff Darren and Pete were on hand to provide some coaching and encourage new players to take up this very relaxing and skilful activity.

WE'RE ONLINE

We have an active Facebook page. For news and updates, keep in touch!
facebook.com/UPCNow

SPEAK AND BE HEARD. COME TO OUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS!

As a way to improve communication between the Parish Council and the community, it was decided to hold public meetings where residents may talk freely with the Council about subjects that concerned them, without the restrictions of a Parish Council meeting.

The informal structure of the meetings allows for a proper dialogue where the reasons behind some of the decisions of the Parish Council can be provided.

Three virtual meetings have been held so far this year with a variety of topics discussed, such as the use of the QE II playing field, the youth club, the Parish Council website and a parish-wide survey.

All comments and suggestions have been logged and will be brought to the Parish Council for further consideration at future meetings.

Sadly, so far, the meetings have been poorly attended. Please do try to come along to raise matters that are important to you or just to listen in to what is being said.

If you're looking to attend...

— KEEP AN EYE OUT —

Our next community engagement meeting will be scheduled for sometime in the new year (2022). Keep an eye out on our social media and noticeboards for all upcoming announcements!

OVERGROWN HEDGES IN UPTON

Occasionally the Parish Council receives reports of pavements made impassable due to inconsiderate car parking or overgrown hedges and trees.



We would like to respectfully remind Upton residents that it is a Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) requirement to keep pathways clear of obstruction and it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain their hedges within the limit of their property so that the pavements are safe and as wide as possible for everyone to use.

If you would like to report an issue with overgrown hedges obstructing the public footpaths please do so via the CW&C Council website or use Report It link on the CW&C app.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS

LATEST: COMMITTEE UPDATE

The QEII sub-committee has been working on two projects for a long time and has encountered many challenges along the way. We are now in the position where we have appointed a contractor for phase 1 of the playground re-development and are out to tender for the floodlighting and fencing of the tennis courts.



After being unsuccessful in a bid for funding from FCC for a much larger playground redevelopment, the Improvements Committee divided the project into 2 phases. Fortunately, at this time the Parish Council was informed of 106 monies available from CWaC which had been agreed with developers for the Upton Grange and White Gables homes.



This has meant that just over £23k designated to child's play and £1.4k (for seating & benches) from the open spaces fund will be spent along with £5.5k from the Parish Council ring fenced fund for the play area phase 1. The works, to include new swings, new carpet overlay and sensory trail will be scheduled over the next few weeks and completed prior to the end of the year. Phase 2 is planned for March 2022 when the weather will be suitable for contractors and will include extending the play area for an older age group. This will provide 3 new pieces of equipment - cantilever swing, sling rotator and zip wire. There will also be additional seating and recycling bins.

The tennis courts refurbishment includes new fencing, floodlights for longer play times and an access gate linked to a booking system. This project is also scheduled for completion this year and is being supported by Cheshire LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) by way of an interest free loan of £10k and a grant from the LTA. This is to the value of £20k and from the Parks Strategy Grant. Section 106 monies from CWaC will also be used for this project to a maximum value of £20k (we are waiting for tenders to be returned to finalise finances).

We ask residents to bear with us during the works that will be carried out, but rest assured facilities will be dramatically improved after the projects are complete.

UPTON YOUTH

LATEST: NEW CLUB LOGO

The up-and-coming youth club for Upton, The Heath, now has a new logo! For more news and updates, check out the club's Facebook page: facebook.com/UptonYouth



HANGING BASKET NEWS

Hanging baskets were provided by Upton Parish Council, with the help from Cllr Jill Houlbrook and Cllr Matt Bryan.

Upton shopkeepers were asked to water their baskets on a daily basis with a tomato feed once a week. This would encourage customers to visit their shop and buy local, as well as improving the shopping experience for all to enjoy.

A competition was arranged by members of the Parish Council. There were some very good entries, resulting in 'Highly Commended' winners: The Fry Inn, long Lane, Raymond Francis Hairdressing, and Fish & Chips @ Western Grove. But the winner of the Hanging Basket Competition 2021 Hair and Beauty Works at The Bache. Congratulations and commiserations to all Upton shopkeepers!



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THE SPEED WATCH NEEDS YOU!

The Upton by Chester Community Speed Watch (CSW) was first started on the 15th March 2021. It is carried out through the guidance of the National CSW scheme and authorised by Cheshire Police and CWaC.

The CSW has 11 volunteers, 30 locations around Upton, and has carried out 62 sessions and recorded 763 drivers exceeding the speed limit. The sessions are

always carried out with two volunteers and only at authorised locations and with an approved speed monitoring device. If a vehicle is recorded exceeding the posted speed limit, the details are recorded, and passed on to Cheshire Police with a letter issued to the registered keeper of the vehicle. More volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Doug Jenkins on MFRM@icloud.com

DATES FOR YOUR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 9 December 2021, 6 – 8pm

Christmas Carol Singing, Upton Pavilion

Free mulled wine, hot chocolate, and mince pies!

Sat 4 June 2022

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee

Carnival & Fun Day

Keep on the look-out for more details on our parish council website and social media!

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