

Upton Parish Council Newsletter



Welcome to your NEW Parish Council

What's been going on?

Well, on May 4th 2023, we had Borough Council and Parish Council elections.

There were sixteen seats on the Parish Council, divided between the five wards of Upton Heath (7); Upton Grange (5); Upton Park (2); Bache (1) and Moston (1).

In May, eight candidates stood for election, and soon after, two stepped down. After the process of co-option (where residents may fill casual vacancies arising between elections), a further six councilors were appointed, then a further two stepped down, so the Parish Council currently has ten members.

Upton also elected two Borough Councillors to represent our interests on Cheshire West and Chester Council. Our Borough Councillors, Cllr Sherin Akhtar and Cllr Matt Bryan, were also elected to the Parish Council and provide us with a good insight of what happens at the higher level.

Plea for additional Councillors

There are still six seats to fill. If you feel you can bring something to our Upton community and have some time, please get in touch.

If you have fresh ideas about how the Parish Council should be working in Upton, please do join us. We don't agree on everything, as you might expect, but it does lead us into some great debates.

You will receive a very warm welcome when you attend a Parish Council meeting. Occasionally for sensitive items such as employment matters, we may exclude the public from parts of a meeting, but not often. Meeting dates, times, agendas, and minutes are available on the website.

What have we been doing?

We have put in quite a few hours recently to making sure that the Parish Council is managing its cash, reserves, staff, land, and facilities responsibly - so the first few months have been about putting in place some important foundations to ensure that your Parish Council is in excellent shape.

We have improved our management around health and safety, employment, and finance, and have started to develop a Strategic Plan – and we will be asking you very shortly to contribute to a shared vision.

Your Councillors:

Sue Stanley (Chair)

Rod Lee (Vice-Chair)

Sherin Akhtar

Matt Bryan

Matt Carter

John Ebo

Chris Jeffery

Alan Lingard

Helen Morgan

Helen Wilman

Remembrance Parade - Sunday 12 November

Everyone is invited to attend all or part of this important event. Please note there will be some road closures around the Memorial.

09.15 Assemble at Upton Royal British Legion

09.35 Form up of Parade

09.40 Step off from Upton Royal British Legion

09.50 Arrive at Holy Ascension Church

Service within the church to remember the fallen, especially those from Upton

10.50 Depart from the Church

10.55 Arrive at Upton War Memorial

11.00 Last Post and two-minute silence

Laying of wreaths; Parade will march back to the Upton Royal British Legion

Christmas 2023 – Monday 4th December

The Parish Council will be hosting a community Christmas Carols event at the Pavilion, including singing from our local school choirs, mulled wine, and mince pies. If you have ideas for other Christmas activities in 2024 to bring the community together – please let us know.

What events would you like to see in 2024?



The biggest event in the Parish Council calendar is the Annual Fun Day, which due to safety legislation, takes up a huge amount of planning. But it is an important event and aims to bring the whole community together. But are there other events that you would like to see? We received some suggestions at the Fun Day – but please keep your ideas coming in.....

The Parish Council needs to be more visible.

After all, the main source of our income comes from the Parish Council precept within your Council tax. In April 2023, this provided us with @ £150,000.

What do you want us to spend this money on?

How would you like to be kept informed of what the Parish Council is doing – from the website, social media, newsletters, or even a WhatsApp group? What is important to you is important to us, so communication needs to be both ways. Please do get in touch. You don't need to leave your name/contact details, but if you do, we promise to get back to you – and all your ideas will be discussed by the Parish Council.

To share your thoughts, please get in touch:

Email: clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk Tel.07584 514343 Or call into the Pavilion
