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THE UPTON-BY-CHESTER & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

STANDING FOR PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Are you passionate about Upton? Do you want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you.

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election.

Please contact Democratic Services at
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WE NEED

YOU!



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YOUTH CLUB

A new youth club for Upton is on course to launch later this year.

With help from residents, social workers, and local parish councillors, The Heath is a charity set up during the Covid-19 pandemic intended to fill a perceived gap in youth provision for Upton's locals. On course to launch in 2023, The Heath Youth Club will seek to provide a weekly after-school session for Upton's young people – those aged between 11-19.

It plans to launch its space in the Upton-by-Chester United Reformed Church. Funding for the youth club has been sought far and wide. A great many donations have come in from local charities, businesses and members of local government. As of December, The Heath was able to raise £7,696 of local support, allowing it to sustain itself in buying necessary equipment and employing youth workers.

The Heath Youth Club is hoping for a successful launch and encourages all parents to get involved and show their support. It is active on Facebook, at facebook.com/UptonYouth and can be emailed on theheathyouthclub@gmail.com



TENNIS COURTS & FLOODLIGHTS

The tennis court project began a few years ago, when Upton Tennis Club informed the Parish Council of the availability of grants from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) for new fencing, power supply and an electronic access gate which would operate in line with an online booking system.

To make the installation of an electronic booking and access system viable and to extend playing hours, we needed to invest in floodlights too.

Eventually, sometime after the hiatus of covid restrictions and at no additional cost to Upton residents, the QEII Sub-Committee was able to pull the project together, by making use of Section 106 funding designated for 'open spaces and recreation'.

After a long process to gain planning permission and with the correct lighting solution identified and installed, along with the replacement fencing in place, the official opening of the completed project was held on Tuesday 7 March.

The Parish Council appointed coaching team, from Play Point Sports (www.playpointsports.co.uk), provided a sample of their sessions available for children & adults, including aerobic tennis. Members of Upton Tennis Club attended to recruit new members.



Please get in touch if you're interested in joining (www.uptonbychestertc.org)

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

In December the Parish Council held its annual Christmas carol singing event at the Pavilion. This is a much-enjoyed occasion where the community comes together to sing traditional carols and modern Christmas songs.

Previously we have welcomed members of the Royal Buckley Town Band who sadly is no longer a group, however, previous band players and 'friends' of the Parish Council agreed to come and play along for us.

At the request of the band players, a donation of £100 was made to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.



TEEN CHAT

The Parish Council's QE II Sub-Committee is focused on improving the teen offer at the QE II Playing Fields.

After completion of the playground and tennis courts projects, focus has now turned to the youth/teens of Upton.

The Committee is aware of the limited options for 'things to do' and would like to hear from the teenagers (not their parents, carers or grandparents) about what **they** would like.



There is just over £10,000 of available Section 106 funding for the Parish Council to apply for – money that is the result of agreements with developers of large building projects in the ward. This can only be applied for when a project has been identified. It may be you'd like new outdoor gym equipment or the Multi Use Games Area to be improved (additional funding would be required for this) or a larger shelter.

A Teen Chat event will be held at the Pavilion at 6pm to 8pm on Thursday 13 April. Easter eggs and drinks provided. Please come along and tell us what you want - if you can't make it, please email your ideas to clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk

THE POND

The pond on the QE2 playing field is taking shape and slowly developing into an area that will support wildlife, both plant and animal. The Parish Council has agreed to put up a fence that will delineate and protect the space. It is important that the new growth and wildlife are not disturbed by dogs or humans.

Very recently the opportunity for the ark that had been on the Zoo roundabout to be returned to Upton was welcomed members.

The ark is currently undergoing a refurbishment and then it will be at

Chester Cathedral from March to June, when it will be moved back to Upton. It will rest on a plinth in the pond where it can be seen from the road for everyone to enjoy.



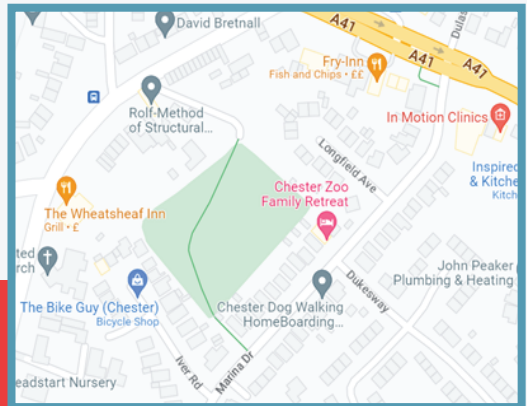
CHEMISTRY PITS PLAYING FIELD

To all neighbours and residents who live next to or use Chemistry Pits Playing Field – please tell us what you think are the priority actions for the area?



There is approximately £8,000 immediately available for maintenance work and/or enhancement.

There may be the possibility of additional funding from Section 106 planning agreements. Most people would agree that this lovely green space could do with some loving care.



Please email the Clerk with your comments at clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk or call 07484415343.

GET IN TOUCH

For general enquiries please contact the Clerk/Proper Officer:

Ms Suzi Bull on 07584415343 or at clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk

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NEXT PARISH MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 17 April 2023.**

Parish Council meetings are held monthly on a Monday evening in Upton Pavilion.

Members of the public are welcome to attend to observe. If you would like the Parish Council to consider something, please contact the clerk 10 days before a meeting.