



UPTON

PARISH COUNCIL

'IN ACTION'



Updates from Upton Parish Council

Upton Parish Council explains their budget for next year and why this will mean a council tax increase of £1.33 per month for residents.

Upton has huge potential and an exciting future. The parish is entering a new era - as developers complete their obligations, the time has come for Upton Parish Council to step into the breach. We will be taking on new areas of green open space next year. Council has bold plans to move the parish forward, with projects to improve play equipment, fix the Memorial car park potholes and optimise spaces, provide connected footpaths/trails, arrange sports areas for young people and improve fencing, signage, litter bins and other amenities. CIL Reserves and S106 will be used where possible, and we are actively working on where best to invest these funds to have the greatest impact for our community. However, it's important to remember that many expenses will not meet the criteria to qualify for these funds. A step change in precept is also required, after decades of keeping it at a record low. Despite this reset, Upton's precept will remain one of the lowest in the area, ensuring residents receive exceptional value for their contribution.

Residents can consult our website to see a breakdown of the Budget, a Budget FAQ and a Council Tax estimator. We encourage residents to visit:

<https://upton-pc.gov.uk/budget-information/>

Responding to criticisms that the Parish Council should not have made such a high percentage budget increase, Chairman Andrew Holt stated, "With an election approaching, it would have been easy not to square up to the facts and make prudent budget provisions for Upton's future. We knew that the percentage increase would be sensationalised by some, but the context is an increase of £1.33 per month. This long overdue reset will put Upton on the path towards assets and services it deserves, commensurate with its growing size. I am proud that Council has had the foresight and integrity to make this decision, putting Upton's residents at the heart of its actions". **numbers quoted are based on Band D property.*

Take our Quick Quiz to Learn How to Report Incidents in Upton

1. Anti-Social Behaviour

A group of eight youths gathered near your property, drinking, smoking, setting a fire, and damaging the children's play area. They left behind empty bottles, cans, and vapes. Should you:

- Put an angry post on Facebook
- Report the incident to Northamptonshire Police by phoning 101 or online at this link:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Answer: b) Report Anti-Social Behaviour to the Police. They cannot act on social media hearsay but can respond to direct reports via 101 or online. Local PCSOs will monitor every incident, helping to allocate resources to problem areas.



2. Theft

You ordered football boots online. The courier left the package on your doorstep at 11:49, and at 15:07, your Ring doorbell shows someone taking the package. Should you:

- a) Post the doorbell footage on Facebook
- b) Report the incident to Northamptonshire Police by phoning 101 or online at this link:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Answer: b) Report theft to the Police. Include doorbell footage in your report to help build intelligence. Local PCSOs track all incidents to allocate resources accordingly.



3. Shed Burglary

Your shed was broken into last night, and your drill and two other power tools were stolen. Should you:

- a) Post on Facebook to alert your neighbours
- b) Report the incident to Northamptonshire Police by phoning 101 or online at this link:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Answer: b) Report theft to the Police. Your report will help local PCSOs build accurate information and allocate resources.



4. Dog Fouling

Every morning, a man walks past with his Golden Labrador and lets it mess on the pavement, ignoring it while looking at his phone. Should you:

- a) Post on Facebook to express your outrage
- b) Report the matter to West Northamptonshire Council online at this link:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cleaner-communities/dog-fouling>

Answer: b) Report dog fouling to West Northamptonshire Council. Provide details on the time, dates, and description of the dog and owner to help the Enforcement Team investigate and issue fines.

By taking prompt and appropriate action, you can help keep our community safe and well-managed. Thank you for your vigilance and cooperation!



Our website

If you want to know when the next Parish Council meeting is, who your Parish Councillors are or what was recorded in Minutes of the last meeting, head over to our website at www.upton-pc.gov.uk for this and much more information on what your local Parish Council is doing for our community. You can also contact us by email, using the contact details below:

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