

UPTON

PARISH COUNCIL

'IN ACTION'



Updates from Upton Parish Council

Community Litter Pick

The first weekend of April saw us out and about in Upton for our Community Litter Pick. We were joined by over 20 volunteers in St Crispin on Saturday 5th April and a similar number in Upton South on Sunday 6th April. A massive **thank you** to everyone who volunteered their time and helped to make Upton a cleaner place to live and work.



Have you heard about our Hidden Graves project?

Last year Upton Parish Council commissioned a topographical and GPR survey to identify the location of those buried in the cemetery gardens of the former St Crispin Hospital. We held a community day to clear vegetation and reveal some of the hidden stones, but it became clear that we need a more permanent investment in the location to ensure the memory of those buried there is honoured.

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in our application to West Northamptonshire Council for S106 funding. This means that works to improve the cemetery gardens will be carried out at no cost to the taxpayer. Our contractor commenced a programme of enhancement work in May.

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 - see councillors details on P35.

Not only will the project honour the history of the area, but it will also provide residents with an area for quiet walks and contemplation. Keep an eye on our website to see photos and updates.

Annual Parish Meeting

We held our Annual Parish Meeting at Valentine's Bistro, Foxfields this year and had a record attendance. We were joined by representatives from WNC Highways, Community Spaces Northampton, St Crispin Bowls Club, Sport4Fitness CIC and Spectrum Northants along with lots of Upton residents. Thank you to all who joined the meeting. We heard lots of suggestions, valuable insights and concerns. We will continue to do our best to serve you as a community and make incremental improvements to Upton parish and life within it.

1st May Upton went to the polls

At the 1st May elections we had the chance to vote for 2 WNC District Councillors, from a list of 9 candidates. Congratulations to successful candidates **Kathryn Shaw** and **Michael Stratton**, both of UK Reform party. The new WNC District Councillors will cover the whole of Upton Parish and Hunsbury Meadows Parish, which together form "Upton Ward", (see map).

For residents in the north of Upton, there was also a second ballot paper, to vote for Upton Parish Councillors.

Upton Parish covers the area from Berrywood Road in St Crispin, down to the river Nene in Upton Country Park. There are 11 seats on Upton Parish Council, of which 8 are for the "North ward" and 3 are for the "South ward". The North and South wards are split by the A4500 (see map).

In the South, 3 candidates were nominated. As this is the exact number of seats available, all 3 candidates were elected "uncontested". Congratulations to Parish Councillors **Mark Watson** and **Michael Warnes**, both of whom decided to stand for election after being co-opted onto the council last year. and, the new recruit, **Matthew Kinton**.

In the North, 10 candidates were nominated and this triggered an election, as there are only 8 seats. Thank you to all 10 candidates for standing and giving us the chance to exercise our democratic right at the most local level. Congratulations to the 8 successful candidates who are:

- 1 Alan Bottwood
- 2 Mike Caddy
- 3 Tony Earle
- 4 Pauline Goodley
- 5 Bill Haylock
- 6 Andrew Holt
- 7 Mike Ingram
- 8 Peter Kershaw

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