

# UFTON NEWS

## May 2024 Diary

Tues	7	Grey and Food Waste Parish Council VH 8.00 pm
Thurs	9	Ufton Bat Talk 7.30pm Village Hall
Tues	14	Blue, Green and Food waste bin
Tues	21	Food waste bin
Tues	28	All bins
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June		Morning, Jigsaw/Book swap VH 10am – 12 noon All welcome

## Biffa In-vessel composting Planning application.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Ufton Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. It was encouraging to see so many people all united about the smells and flies from the refuse tip.

The Warwickshire County Council Senior Planning Officer, David Cooper listened to everyone and provided answers to everyone's questions. I believe it is fair to say he listened to what was said and he himself said he understood the strength of feeling within the room.

He advised he will be asking for another "Odour Survey" as he felt the survey undertaken in October/November 2023 will not reflect the smells from the site in the summer months. He also advised he will be undertaking a site visit himself and will be having a good look around with his very keen eyes.

David asked everyone to keep him informed of any smell/fly issues and how this impacts

on your day-to-day life. If you wish to write to add further information to the comments you may have submitted via the planning section on Warwickshire County Council website, he would be pleased to receive them.

David has promised to come back to another Parish Council meeting in the future to talk through the results of the next Odour Survey and the application in general.

**Please ensure your report every incidence of flies and smells, we must keep the pressure up if we are to maintain a good outcome for the village.**

## Coffee morning, Book/ Jigsaw Swap.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 in the Village Hall 10 am to 12 noon  
Everyone welcome. There is always some amazing cake available. So come and have a cup of coffee or tea and try the cake if nothing else!

## Bats in Ufton Talk Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### 7.30 pm Ufton Village Hall

Jo Harper, a Bat Ecologist, and a member of Warwickshire Bat Group is coming to Ufton Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to give a talk.

Warwickshire Bat Group endeavours to advance the protection and conservation of bats and their roosts and to educate the public about bats. They offer presentations about bats to local groups and societies and lead bat walks for small groups and for organisations like the National Trust.

There may be the possibility of a walk around Ufton at a later date with equipment to spot bat activity.

Please do come along, it is going to be an interesting talk.



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## **Fosseway/Harbury Crossroads**

County Councillor Chris Kettle has reported that the roadworks should be completed and fully operational by the first Bank Holiday weekend in May. All Highways work is under the remit of the County Council.

Any volunteers to go and see if it is open?

## **Other roadworks**

Work is being undertaken on the bridge by Warwick Castle until the end of November 2024. There are two-way traffic lights in place, expect long queues during commuter and school hours

Work has started at the Ford Foundry Roundabout, Old Warwick Road, Leamington Spa. This highway improvement scheme includes the installation of traffic lights on the existing roundabouts, construction of new footway, cycleway facilities and construction of a new gabion retaining structure. There will be lane closures and delays at peak travel times.

The work is due to start imminently, if not already and will take until May 2025 to complete.

## **Priority Road Crossing**

A priority crossing for pedestrians and cyclists has been installed as part of the new cycle route along the A452 Kenilworth Road in Leamington Spa. The works involved construction of a road hump on Cloister Crofts with give-way markings for drivers. A contrasting surface on the road hump will make the crossing more visible for drivers and help to separate the cycle track section from the footway, whilst providing a continuous and level route for walking, wheeling and cycling. The road hump will support lower vehicle speeds into and out of Cloister Crofts, making the junction safer for all. The priority crossing supports recent changes in the Highway Code This includes:

Rule H2: At a junction you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning.

Rule H3: You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane, just as you would not turn across the path of another motor vehicle. This applies whether they are

using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them.

A video is available to watch at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoqaDYWp\\_tlc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoqaDYWp_tlc)

## **St Johns House Warwick**

On Sunday 12 May, between 11am – 2pm, residents can drop in for a free tour of this beautiful venue and garden. The House itself is a Jacobean mansion that was built between 1667 and 1670, and the site is greatly steeped in history. From 1154 to the present day, it has been a Medieval hospital, a family house, a series of private schools, a military record office, and, after being bought by the County Council in 1959, opened in 1961 as the museum it's become known as today.

## **Warwickshire Fire and Rescue**

**Service** (WFRS) will join fire services worldwide on Saturday 4 May 2024 to commemorate Firefighters Memorial Day. This solemn occasion honours firefighters who have bravely given their lives in the line of duty, while also recognising the ongoing courage and dedication of all serving firefighters. At midday, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service will pause for a minute's silence outside each of Warwickshire's fire stations to honour these fallen heroes. This moment will serve as a powerful reminder of the immense sacrifices firefighters make to protect lives and property. The national commemoration also includes a wreath-laying ceremony at the National Firefighters Memorial by St Paul's Cathedral, led by the Firefighters Memorial Trust.

## **Large Douwe Egbert Coffee Jam Jars**

If anyone has any of these and wishes to donate them, Jackie Chapman, 12 St Michaels Close, will be very happy to have them. Thank you.

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