

UFTON NEWS

January 2024 Diary

Tues	9	Blue/Green and Food bins
Tues	16	Food waste bin
Tues	23	All bins
Sat	29	Coffee Morning, Jigsaw/Book swap VH 10am – 12 noon All welcome
Tues	30	Food Waste Bin
Weds	31	Village Hall Annual General Meeting 7.00 pm Village Hall. All welcome

Coffee morning and Book/ Jigsaw Swap

Saturday 29th January 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!

Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Carol Service and Punch Party.

The Church looked truly lovely after having a good spruce up. Thank you to Anne Ainscow, Sylvia Beards and Trisha Crowther who did the flowers, Tina Jones, Michelle Mendoza, Barbara Looney, and Laurie Holtby who dusted, polished, and brushed the hall. A special mention to Ann Ainscow's friend who diligently cleaned all the brass columns at the altar. Thank you to Rachel Hill who supplied us all with refreshments.

Thanks go to Revd. Clucas for taking the service and Marguerite Dove for playing the organ. Apparently, Ufton Church organ takes a lot of effort to play as it is not motorized.

Ufton Parish Council

Ufton Parish Council is pleased to announce Sarah Thoday has taken on the role of Parish Councillor as from 2nd January 2024. The Parish Council welcomes Sarah and hopes she enjoys working with us for the benefit of the village.

At its meeting on 2nd January 2024, the Parish Council set its precept demand for the forthcoming financial year

2024 – 2025. Whilst the Parish Council is very much aware of its current expenditure, it cannot predict what will happen to the cost of the electricity for the streetlights. That said the Parish Council decided they have sufficient reserves to meet any additional demands in the forthcoming year and resolved to leave the precept at its current rate of £8970 per annum.

Therefore, whilst households will see an increase in their Council Tax, there will be no increase in the Ufton precept.

Finally, there is still one vacancy left on the Council. If you would like to join us, please come to the next meeting due to be held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 @ 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Winner of the Cockerill Draw

The lucky winner of the Cockerill Draw was Amy Gandy. Well done, Amy.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the drawer and good luck for the next time.]

The Parish Council thanks Heart of England Farms for their kind donation

New Dog Waste Bin in Ufton Fields

District Councillor Ostrander has managed to get a dog waste bin installed at Ufton Fields Nature Reserve near the gate where you enter the reserve from the car park. The bin is due to be emptied weekly.

If the bin is not emptied or it overflows between collections, please contact Warwickshire County Council Country Parks Department on 01827 872660 or email

parks@warwickshire.gov.uk

Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Is due to take place on Wednesday 31st January 2024 @ 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue (WFRS)

Is inviting feedback on a proposed change to its service delivery model as part of its Resourcing to Risk approach.

Complete the consultation survey today: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/>

The public consultation period launched on Monday 11 December 2023 with Warwickshire residents, businesses, community groups and public sector partners invited to have their say on the way that WFRS manage their resources. Resourcing to Risk aims to have the right resource, in the right place and at the right time, to keep people safe in Warwickshire.

The Service wants to hear views and feedback on this proposal, which optimises the distribution of fire appliances, firefighters and supporting resources so that they better align to risk and demand across the county.

Chief Fire Officer for WFRS Ben Brook said: "Currently our resource doesn't match with activity levels. We have more fire appliances available at night when activity levels are lowest, and fewer fire appliances available between 8am and 10pm, which is when 89% of life and property incidents occur.

"One of our challenges is that despite the commitment and hard work of on-call firefighters who serve their communities whilst also having other commitments such as full-time jobs, our on-call availability has fallen from 90% to 35% over the last five years. As a result, the 12 fire appliances which are crewed by on-call firefighters are, on average, only available one-third of the time. This is a similar picture nationwide and we expect this trend to continue in the long-term."

The public consultation, available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask summarises the reasons for the Resourcing to Risk proposal and the benefits that WFRS

believes the proposed approach offers in improving how they keep Warwickshire's

communities and people safe. It includes an online survey which will remain open until 10 March 2024. A series of consultation events will also be held in each of Warwickshire's five district and boroughs in January and February. Anyone interested in viewing the proposal and giving feedback should visit <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/> or, if you need a paper copy of the survey, or an alternative format or language, please call 01926 410410 or email wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk.



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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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