

UFTON NEWS

September 2024 Diary

Tues	10	Food Waste, Grey
Tues	17	Food waste, Green and Blue
Weds	18	HS2 Drop In Village Hall 2 – 6 pm
Sat	21	Coffee, Book, and Jigsaw morning VH 10am to 12 noon
Tues	24	Food Waste

Coffee, Cake, Books and Jigsaw morning Saturday 21st September 2024 10 am - 12 noon, Ufton Village Hall

Come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake with your neighbours. Everyone welcome.

The Great Ufton Tidy Up

Ufton Parish Councillors would like to thank everyone who came and help tidy the village on Saturday 3rd August. The village certainly looked better, and the Parish Council intend to repeat this event in the future.

Please keep an eye out for the next date which will be advertised in a future edition of the Ufton News.

The Cart Pond

Following a Freedom of Information request being submitted to Balliol College the history of the cart pond has been established.

The pond was originally owned by Colbourne Farm and was part of field 97. Colbourne Farm was sold in 1938 to Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd.

At some point the land where Field Close is became the property of Blue Circle Industries PLC, and they sold it to Armitage Shanks International Limited (purchase) and Oxford Developments Limited (Sub-Purchaser). The land where the pond is

was excluded from this purchase. Therefore, the land where pond is either still belongs to Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd, or another company who may have bought them out.

The Parish Council has undertaken work to the trees around the pond in the past as it wrongly believed they owned the land.

It was picked up via Audit Training that Parish Councils must not undertake work on land or buildings they do not own. As Ufton Parish Council had no evidentiary proof of ownership enquiries commenced. Now ownership has been established the Parish Council can not undertake any further work to the area.



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New 30 mph speed limit Woodbine Hill Southam

The 30-mph speed limit has been introduced due to type of vehicles which will be leaving the newly constructed HS2 site entrance. The vehicles will predominantly be the lorries which move the earth (and they do not move quickly when fully laden). Also,

as the entrance is also on a slight bend the vision displays require a 30 mph.

HS2 Drop in Village Hall Wednesday 18th September 2024 2 – 6 pm

Community Liaison Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have, tell you of the work due to take place in the future and show a “fly over” of the work to date.



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THE FIR TREE IN UFTON CHURCHYARD

A number of villagers questioned why the fir tree in the churchyard was being allowed to grow and continue to obscure the view of the church clock on the southern face of the tower and in 2022 we sought your views. The majority verdict was that it should be cut down and replaced, possibly with a fruit tree.

Advice was sought from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) which was “...somewhat divided over the need for felling of the tree. Broadly, the tree was not thought to be in need of felling in its present state, but there was sympathy that this particular species will continue to grow to a point where it is likely to become very difficult to manage in the future.”

In consequence, the DAC was prepared to issue a Notification of Recommendation for felling “...only on condition that a tree replacement plan is submitted, to ensure against net-biodiversity loss. These could be apple trees (or similar), as these will not grow too large and will only require basic maintenance.”

We sought advice from our own horticulturalist which prompted us to submit a plan to the DAC’s Ecological Advisor for two trees to be planted, not on the original site to the west of the church path, but to the east behind the stone cross.

We are delighted to report that our suggested replacements, a Himalayan Birch (*Betula Utilis*) and a Hornbeam (*Carpinus Betulus*) have been accepted and official Faculty approval has now been granted by the Diocesan Registrar. The work will commence shortly.