

UFTON NEWS

November 2022 Diary

Thurs	3	Night of Our Light, Ufton Cemetery 5.00 - 8.00 pm
Tues	8	Grey Bin & Food Waste
Sat	12	The Ufton Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre. Village Hall 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Sun	13	Short Remembrance Dedication, Church Grounds @ 10.55 am
Tues	15	Blue & Green Bin and Food Waste
Tues	22	Food Waste
Sat	26	Men's Breakfast Village Hall 8.30 am
Tues	29	Blue, Green, Grey and Food Waste Bins

Planning Application 22/00001/FUL Middle Farm, Solar Farm, Harbury and Ufton

The Stratford District Council Planning Officer recommended the above application for the solar farm be granted. As the Parish Council had objected to the application, the planning application had to go to Planning Committee.

On Wednesday 26th October 2022, Ufton Parish Council Chairman, John Tayler attended the Committee. Cllr Tayler and District Councillor Adam spoke on behalf of Ufton Parish Council and gave their reasons as to why they objected to the solar farm. After discussion and debate the Planning Committee refused the planning application.

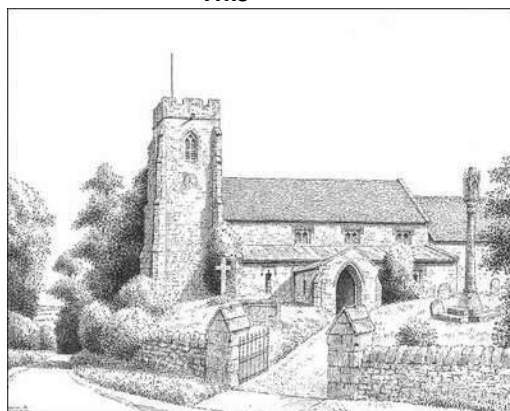
Thank you to everyone who objected to this application and to the Parish Council who worked hard behind the scenes prior to Planning Committee. This is a very good result for the village

New Citizen's Advice Bureau

Service Citizens Advice in Warwickshire are now operating an out of hours phone service on Monday evenings from 5-7pm. This is to enable access to our service for people who are unable to contact us during the day. The freephone number is 0800 995 6047.

UFTON CHURCH – Which would you prefer: -

This



Or this?



Ufton Pedestrian Crossing

HS2's contractor who installed the pedestrian crossing have been asked to check the timing of the lights by Warwickshire County Council.

An operative tested the lights last week and they activated after 34 seconds, according to WCC the lights should activate after 28 seconds.

HS2 are also aware occasionally the lights do not activate at all. Hopefully, the situation will be resolved soon.

Ufton Church – summarized responses in order of receipt.

(Redacted where necessary to respect anonymity)

01 **20.09.22** I am in favour of cutting down (reuse the wood, if possible, re wood burners etc) and replant a suitable replacement little mini fruit tree where village community can use the fruit e.g., pear, apple, plum etc

02 **21.09.22** I'd like to express my option on the tree. It was quite nice 10 years ago when you could put lights on it at Christmas, but it has outgrown any use. So, cut it down and replace with a much smaller tree and maybe a variety that is slower growing and can – when it gets to the right age – be easily pruned. Like an oak or beech or yew.

03 **22.09.22** We prefer to keep the clock and sever the tree! Perhaps replace with something more squat - and potentially flowering? What about a rhododendron or similar?

04 **22.09.22** My views on the tree have not changed over the years. It needs removing and no replacement. As it grows larger the more damage it will cause to the surrounding area, i.e., tombs, wall etc.

05 **23.09.22** I support cutting down the tree. It would be awful looking at a stopped clock!

06 **26.09.22** We go for option 1 (**Leave the tree as it is**) How many people these days do not have a clock in a car, a wristwatch, a mobile phone, or know roughly what time they left home? Also, some people are too short to see the clock while waiting for a bus because of the hedge round the schoolhouse will that be cut down as well? And we are all being told to plant a tree for the environment why cut a healthy tree down with so many being destroyed for HS2?

07 **27.09.22** If the Church closes as, it looks very much like it will happen, the electrics would presumably be shut off including the clock, so the tree would have been cut down for no reason.

08 **30.09.22** Re the churchyard tree! I am strongly in favour of action being taken to restore the old image of our Church, with sighting of the clock face from Ufton Fields and the main road. The speed of growth of the fir is amazing. I believe reducing the height of the existing tree and reshaping it would be possible by a tree surgeon, but, inevitably, that would stimulate rapid regrowth, and the problem would only be resolved for a short time. Replacing the existing tree is definitely the right course of action. Maybe those people who have affectionate attachment to the present

tree could be asked to choose from a short list of suitable replacements so that they feel that their views have been respected. Looking forward to a resolution!

09 **03.10.22** Option 1 (**Leave the tree as it is.**) To cut down a lovely tree to allow a very small number of parishioners to read the church clock more easily from one side is bonkers. (How many of these do not carry a watch?!). The only reason to remove the tree at present would be on safety grounds; I urge you to resist the temptation to bend the knee to a small group.

10 **Undated** Cut the tree down and plant a suitable replacement. Ufton Clock is well recognised, and the removal of the tree will bring the southern clockface in view for residents and those who travel through.

As promised, in the absence of a PCC (Parochial Church Council) these responses will be sent to our vicar, Revd Andy Batchelor.

Night of Our Light – Thursday 3rd November 5.00 – 8.00 pm

At Harbury, Ladbroke and Ufton Churches. Hundreds of candles will light up the churchyards in memory of your loved ones in spirit. Wherever their resting place you are welcome to celebrate their life at any of these churches.



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Deadline for inclusion of items in July's Ufton News, Saturday 25th June 2022

Parked Cars

We are all aware Ufton Village existed well before the arrival of the motorcar. Now most properties have one if not two cars and some have more. Some properties have parking available, others do not.

Whatever your situation, please park responsibly and ensure there is sufficient room for emergency vehicles to be able to access the roads/closes in the village. There have been plenty of examples recently where an emergency vehicle would not be able to reach all the properties in some of the closes.

For those who remember, please do not become a Reginald Molesworth 😊

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership asks public to use What3Words app when calling emergency services

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is launching an online campaign to raise awareness of 'What3Words' in a bid to get more residents in Warwickshire using the app to provide emergency services with the location of a collision or emergency.

What3words has divided the world into 3 metre squares and given each square a unique combination of three words - what3words address. For example, silver.label.smile will take you to a precise 3 metre square for Warwick Castle.

If a collision or emergency occurs, callers can give the call handler the three words and this will help dispatch emergency services to the precise location. This is even more important in rural locations where it's even more difficult to communicate location accurately. The app gives the caller a simple way to describe precisely where help is needed, enabling responders to find and get resources to the scene as quickly as possible. It is hoped that this simple change, could help save more lives and reduce the seriousness of some injuries due to patients getting treatment more quickly.

The system works offline, making it ideal for use in areas with an unreliable data connection. what3words addresses cover the entire world and can be used in over 40 languages.



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Cost-of-living support package

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has agreed a package of measures to relieve the financial burden on residents who may be struggling with rising living costs.

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3430/up-to-4-5m-cost-of-living-support-package-for-warwickshire-residents>

Avian Influenza – Dead bird warning

Warwickshire County Council has issued advice to residents on what they should do if they find a dead wild bird.

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3472/avian-influenza-what-to-do-if-you-find-a-dead-wild-bird>