

UFTON NEWS

April 2023 Diary

Tues 4	All bins. Parish Council Meeting VH 8.00 pm
Sun 9	Easter Day Communion Service at Ufton Church 10.30 am. All welcome
Tues 11	Food Waste
Sat 15	Coffee and Book Swap morning. VH 10 – 12 noon
Tues 18	Blue, Green and Food waste.
Sun 23	Emergency Alert Test on mobile phones
Tues 25	Grey and Food Waste

Electoral Commission – Voter ID

From 4th May 2023 onwards, electors wishing to vote at polling stations will have to show an acceptable form of photo ID. Full details of the new requirement are available on the SDC website here: -

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/.../voter-id-at-polling...>

This gives details on what types of photo ID are acceptable and what electors should do if they do not have one.

Anyone without suitable Voter ID can apply online for a new Voter Authority Certificate via the Gov.uk website.

Paper applications can also be accepted by the Elections dept at Stratford District Council so long as they are accompanied by a suitable passport style photo.

Alternatively, electors can come into Stratford's Council Offices where staff will assist electors in completing the form on-line, take their photo and upload it to the portal. The Certificate will then be posted direct to them. People must be on the electors list to be able to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Electors have until 25th April to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in time for 4th May elections.

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Deadline for inclusion of items in March's Ufton News, Sunday 23rd April 2023

Pothole repairs in Warwickshire to receive a funding boost.

Warwickshire County Council has welcomed news following the Chancellor's Spring Budget announcement that it is set to receive an additional £2.874 Million to repair potholes around the county. The Department for Transport (DfT) allocates this funding to local highways authorities so they can most effectively spend it on maintaining and improving their respective network, based upon their local knowledge, circumstances and priorities.

Warwickshire County Council has established a national reputation for swift responses to potholes and is consistently in the top 10 of authorities in the country for customer satisfaction with road repair and condition, according to the National Highways and Transport Survey (NHTS)

Residents wishing to report a highway fault or pothole can visit the online portal: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reporthighwayproblem>

Find out more about the highways' maintenance and pothole repair fund (2023/24): <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-maintenance-funding-allocations/additional-budget-2023-highways-maintenance-and-pothole-repair-funding-2023-to-2024>

In a recent National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction survey it was established Warwickshire residents are satisfied with the condition of the County's roads. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3718/national-highways-and-transport-public-satisfaction-survey-for-warwickshire-2022>

Home Composting Session

Residents are encouraged to find out more about the benefits of home composting for reducing waste.

As part of its commitment to promoting sustainable living practices, Warwickshire County Council is organizing two face-to-

face home composting sessions in April and May 2023. These sessions aim to encourage residents to take up home composting as a way of reducing waste and improving the quality of their gardens.

The sessions will be held at the following locations:

[Face-to-face home composting workshop – Lillington Library & Information Centre, Valley Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7SJ. Thursday 18 May at 11am](#)

[Face-to-face home composting workshop – Kenilworth, 22nd May 2023.](#)

At each session, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the benefits of home composting, including how it can help to reduce waste, save money, and improve soil health. They will also receive practical advice on how to set up and maintain a compost bin and will have the chance to ask any questions that they may have.

In addition to learning more about composting, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase one 330 litre compost bin per household for the greatly reduced price of just £5!

The sessions are open to all Warwickshire residents, and attendance is free of charge with no need to book a place.

UK Government's New Emergency Alert System



The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live. The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding.

Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data. Only the government and the emergency services will be able to send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone, you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency and how best to respond. If you receive an alert, read it carefully and follow the instructions.

On Sunday 23 April there will be a national test, which will be received on compatible mobile phone handsets.

More information is available on Warwickshire County Councils website.

Village Hall News

We are delighted to welcome Jackie Chapman as the new chairman of the Village Hall committee. Jackie was voted in at the AGM on 29th March along with a vice chairman, a treasurer, and a secretary. We would love to welcome more villagers to the VH team and as all the 'jobs' have been filled, now might be a good time! We meet 6 times a year at the VH, so nothing too onerous. We could do with some men on board and also

some of our younger villagers to help us plan events that appeal to everyone. Please contact secretary Amanda Norris if you would like to know more or come along with your ideas and/or enthusiasm to our next meeting at the VH on Weds 17th May at 8pm.

VH GAMES & SOCIAL NIGHT Friday 21st April 6.30 onwards...

A games and social night for villagers of all ages

Board games, card games, parlour games, kids' games, even get the table tennis table out! Katie Harwar, the evening's gamesmaster, will be running a

beetle drive from about 7pm with a break for hot dogs. Bring your own drinks (we

have glasses) and any games you might like to introduce to others.

£1 per adult on the door. Kids free.
Hot dogs £1.

Please drop Katie a text before the 21st if you plan on coming so she can get an idea of numbers (07980 862231).

Future Dates for your Diary

7th May - Coronation Celebrations
3rd June – Spring Fayre
30th June - Quiz and Raffle
8th September – Harvest Festival, with the possibility of a Barn Dance
15 December – Quiz and Raffle
17th December – Carols and Punch Party.

Please pop these dates into your diaries and look out for more information in future newsletters or Village Hall notifications.

New Waste Management Contract for Warwickshire County Council

As Warwickshire County Council announces the award of a new waste management contract, residents are reminded they have a role to play in reducing residual waste.

Warwickshire County Council are pleased to announce it has awarded the contract for the County's residual waste – potentially worth over £6 Million – to disposal specialists Veolia.

The Council seeks to minimise waste and then to reuse, recycle and compost as much of the remaining waste as possible, thereby reducing residual waste in Warwickshire that must be disposed of. Reuse, recycling and composting is not only better for the environment but is far less costly than disposal and therefore every tonne recycled saves the Council and ultimately Warwickshire residents money through reduced disposal bills.

The Council recycles about half of Warwickshire's household waste but still manages in the region of 130,000 tonnes of residual waste a year. Approximately 100,000 tonnes of this waste is sent to

energy from waste facilities, where energy is extracted from the waste in the form of

electricity and/or heat. The remaining 30,000 tonnes is disposed of via landfill.



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