

UFTON NEWS

May 2023 Diary

Sat	6	Coronation of King Charles III
Sun	7	Ufton Big Afternoon Tea Village Hall 2.00pm (Fully Booked)
Mon	8	Bank Holiday Monday
Tues	9	Food Waste Bin
Tues	16	All bins Ufton Parish Council meeting 8.00 pm Village Hall.
Tues	23	Food waste
Mon	29	Spring Bank Holiday
Tues	30	Food waste, Blue and Green Bins

ALDI comes to Southam

ALDI's planning application for a store off the Southam by-pass, adjacent to Galanos House has been approved by Stratford District Council. Construction will begin shortly with the store opening in mid-2024.

1 Million Illegal Cigarettes seized.

Over 1 million illegal cigarettes were seized in the last 18 months by Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service.

1,008,660 cigarettes (or 50,433 packets of 20) that were either counterfeit or non-duty paid were seized by Trading Standards Officers following raids on suspected shops across Warwickshire. Officers also seized nearly 300kg of illegal hand rolling tobacco (5773 packets). In total Officers estimate that had these products been genuine they would have sold for £778,000 (with a value as illegal products of £320,000).

Trading Standards Officers have been acting on the concerns over the availability of illegal vapes and in the last year have seized 10100, depriving the sellers of an income of £120,000. Officers have also been working with the landlords of problem shops to get the sellers evicted.

Warwickshire Recycling Centres are open over Coronation Weekend

All nine Warwickshire recycling centres will be open for much of Coronation Day – Saturday 6th May 2023, however, the sites will be closed to visits from 10:45am to 12:45pm to allow operational staff to witness the historic occasion live, alongside the rest of the nation.

The sites will be closed and there will be no appointments published for household waste for those two hours and the sites will also be closed to the deposit of trade and commercial waste for that period.

With higher levels of waste anticipated with street parties and barbecues taking place across the county, recycling centre opening arrangements on Coronation Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023 have also been announced with Warwickshire residents able to use five of the sites throughout the day.

Princes Drive will be open for booked appointments from 9:30am to 3:15pm:

Booking is required for a visit to a Warwickshire recycling centre and appointments can be booked via a simple online form

via: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc

Residents warned of the dangers of charging devices on beds after house fire

Warning from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS): Don't charge electronic devices on beds! A recent house fire started due to an overheated charger in a young girl's bedroom. The incident occurred around 10am at a property in Leamington when the charger, which had been left plugged in and charging a device on a bed, overheated and caught fire. Upon discovering the fire, the homeowner closed the door to the bedroom which prevented it from spreading to other areas of the property, before calling 999 and evacuating to safety. The homeowner has shared their story to help educate the public that charging electronic devices on beds or

other soft furnishings can be extremely dangerous, as the heat generated during charging can ignite the material and cause a fire.

To prevent such incidents, we recommend chargers are placed on a hard, flat surface and devices should be charged only under adult supervision.

Make a stand for biodiversity with “No Mow May”

Warwickshire gardeners are being encouraged by Warwickshire County Council to take part in the national No Mow May campaign, simply by putting away their mowers for the entire month. The initiative, which is run by the charity Plantlife, encourages people to let their lawns grow wild in the month of May to give smaller plants a chance to grow and support pollinators such as bees and butterflies.

Although April and May are traditionally the time when lawnmowers are released from sheds and garages, keeping it locked up for a little longer means long grass and wildflowers have longer to grow naturally. By doing this, lawns can provide a vital habitat for a range of insects, such as bees, butterflies, and moths. These pollinators play a crucial role in the ecosystem, helping to pollinate plants, fruits, and vegetables, and ensure that our environment is healthy and thriving.

The UK has lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970's, but there are thousands of gardens in Warwickshire alone, and even the smallest grassy patch can make a difference. Warwickshire County Council already follows the ethos of No Mow May throughout the year and only mows the roadside grass verges when absolutely necessary to keep those using the roads and pavements safe.

The campaign is part of a wider effort to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our environment and supporting biodiversity. Residents who leave their gardens to grow longer can also benefit from a beautiful and diverse lawn, with a variety of wildflowers and grasses adding colour and interest to their outdoor spaces.

Plantlife's research has shown that allowing the grass to grow for just one month can significantly increase the number of flowers in a lawn, providing valuable nectar and pollen for insects. The charity also recommends delaying the first cut until late summer or early autumn, to allow time for the flowers to set seed and continue to support wildlife.

For more information on No Mow May and how you can get involved, visit the Plantlife website

at: <https://plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

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.

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