

UPPINGHAM

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The Voice of Civil Society in Uppingham

2018 REVIEW

LOOKING
BACK ON 2017

LOOKING
FORWARD TO 2019

A COMMUNITY REPORT

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A Big Thank You to the Residents of Uppingham

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM JANET THOMPSON, CHAIR OF THE UPPINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to the **2018 Review of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum (UNF)** intended to give all households a brief overview of the Forum's work to date and what is being planned for the future. The Forum is proud of its non-political and non-sectarian constitution and the very positive reputation it has earned in the county and the UK. Uppingham truly is a remarkable market town.

The Forum's achievements have been possible because of the huge collaborative effort made by residents, community groups and local businesses working together with our partners, some of whom are mentioned in the booklet. A great debt is owed to those of you who have given up your free time to serve in the various task and project groups or to help support your neighbours as a volunteer.

Much is also owed to the very many individuals, groups, charities and businesses who have helped fund the town's community projects. Particular mention is appropriate of **Robert and Carol Wills** and their staff teams for the provision of accessible meeting facilities at **The Falcon Hotel** and local company **Clocked In** which has provided complimentary IT support. Since inception, the Forum's administration has been provided by local governance consultancy **RMJS Associates** supported by a team of volunteer newsletter distributors.

Details of the Forum's elected executive committee can be found on the back cover along with the organisation's contact details. All are welcome at the quarterly public meetings. If you have an issue you wish to see discussed, please get in touch. New Forum policies on safeguarding and data protection reflect the latest legislation.

Committee members were very sad to hear of the death of Forum colleague **Helen Hutton** who died in 2018.

The appointment of the Forum's very first **Dementia Champion Margaret Demaine** and the success of nominees **Pam Dalby (2017)** and **Jennifer Fenelon (2018)** in the **East Midlands Women's Awards** was good news.

Help from Town and County Councils, Big Lottery support for the Hopper secured by Executive Member **David Ainslie**, **Rotary** support for defibrillators, the Hopper and **UppWatch**, **Alec Crombie's Big Walk** for the Hopper, an affordable housing project grant to **Uppingham First** from **Locality** and significant personal donations from local business owners and residents have made so much activity possible.

For 2019 the Forum intends to incorporate as a **Charitable Interest Organisation (CIO)**, support the creation of a Charitable Housing Trust and develop a voluntary sector presence on the new Uppingham Online Portal.

Exciting times lie ahead.

Thank you for all your support.

Janet Thompson

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NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum is a fully constituted, neighbourhood infrastructure network which brings together residents and a number of town councillors, charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups. In addition to acting as the voice of Civil Society for Uppingham, the Forum is the vehicle by which community sector directors are nominated for the Board of the Uppingham First Community Partnership. There, Forum delegates come together with business and statutory sector representatives to support and promote the town.

The Forum is recognised by the voluntary sector at regional and national level. It is a member of One East Midlands and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. Forum delegates also attend the group preparing the next Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan and conferences and events around the UK when thought to be in the town's interest.

The Forum has been led in 2017/18 by a strong Executive Committee with representatives of the following organisations and areas being recognised:

- ✓ Beeches Residents Association
- ✓ E J Toon Trust
- ✓ Leicester Road Residents
- ✓ Brownies
- ✓ Limes, Firs and Spurs Residents Association
- ✓ Methodist Church
- ✓ Neighbourhood Watch
- ✓ Rotary Club of Uppingham
- ✓ Uppingham in Bloom
- ✓ Uppingham Women's Institute

Chair of the Forum is Janet Thompson. Vice Chair is Mark Shaw.
Forum Coordinator and Treasurer is Ron Simpson BEM.

GUEST SPEAKERS HAVE INCLUDED:

- ✓ The Police and Crime Commissioner
- ✓ An Assistant Chief Constable
- ✓ The Uppingham Beat Team of Leicestershire Police
- ✓ The Chair and Chief Executive of Rutland Healthwatch
- ✓ Rutland County Council and Uppingham Town Council
- ✓ Uppingham Grows
- ✓ Uppingham Business Forum
- ✓ Victim First
- ✓ and several charities and social enterprises

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Tel: 01572 495050 | Mobile: 07710 328469

The Forum Executive Committee normally meets quarterly.

**NEW GROUPS
ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME!**



All public meetings of the Forum are preceded by a volunteer distributed newsletter to every household.



THE FALCON
HOTEL
— UPPINGHAM —

Meetings are held in the very accessible Garden Terrace of The Falcon Hotel.

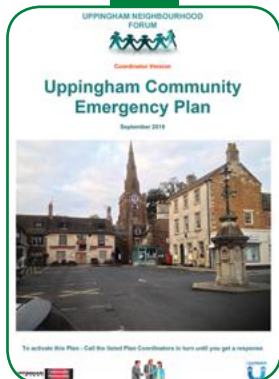
PROJECTS SUPPORTED OR LED BY THE FORUM



UPWATCH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

www.upwatch.uk

- ✓ A team of 20+ volunteers helping whenever they can



THE UPPINGHAM EMERGENCY PLAN AND HOUSEHOLD CARD

Full plan online at:
www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info

- ✓ 20 volunteers on permanent call
- ✓ Household Card distributed with this booklet



POLICE SPECIAL CONSTABLES RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

- ✓ Working with Uppingham First and Leicestershire Police to help keep Uppingham safe

PROJECTS SUPPORTED OR LED BY THE FORUM



THE UPPINGHAM HOPPER

www.uppinghamhopper.uk

- ✓ A team of 12+ volunteer Hopper Heroes working with Uppingham First, local businesses, town and county councils to provide community transport



AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

www.uppinghamonline.co.uk

- ✓ A team of volunteers about to form a charitable housing trust with a view to building affordable homes for younger people in Uppingham. See their first report on the website above



DEFIBRILLATOR NETWORK

- ✓ Working with the Rotary Club of Uppingham and the Community Heartbeat Trust to save lives and create a network of seven defibrillators with one near you.
- ✓ Defibrillators are registered with East Midlands Ambulance Service but checked monthly, and after incidents, by volunteers

PROJECTS SUPPORTED OR LED BY THE FORUM

EVENTS AND TRAINING

- ✓ Classic Cars
 - ✓ WW1 Commemoration
 - ✓ Safer Driving
 - ✓ First Aid & Defibrillator Training
 - ✓ And many more
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- ✓ All organised and supported by community volunteers



TOWN PLANNING

- ✓ In collaboration with Uppingham First, Uppingham Town Council and Rutland County Council, teams of volunteers worked for several years to consult the community and create these important plans intended to develop and protect the town



WOMEN'S AWARDS



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OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

UPP1NGHAM FIRST

Uppingham First is the 'all sector' elected Community Partnership for Uppingham which brings together the voices of community, business and statutory sector forums.

It incorporated as a limited company in January 2009. It was established to protect and promote the interests of Uppingham Town, helping to sustain its vitality and economic viability ensuring it remains an attractive place to live work and play.

Uppingham First is a member of **Locality** and the **Community Transport Association** and is chaired by local businessman Robert Willis.



Uppingham Business Forum is an unincorporated association whose purpose is to provide a non-contributory, voluntary forum for all businesses trading for profit in and around the town of Uppingham. The objectives of the Forum are to:

- ✓ Increase the profitability of businesses through the attraction of more visitors to the town and by increasing the public's awareness of the town.
- ✓ Be the recognised joint voice of Uppingham business where opinion is sought, or collective action is thought necessary.
- ✓ Seek to foster business to business and business to town relationships in the interests of the wider community.

Statutory Sector partners include schools, local and national government, the health service and the blue light emergency services.

OTHER PARTNERS

NCVO is a national charity that champions the voluntary sector and volunteering because they are essential for a better society. It is a diverse community of over 13,000 member organisations – a third of the voluntary sector workforce in England. Forum members attend some **NCVO** meetings.

NCVO helps its members thrive by providing expert support and advice, by saving them time and money, and by keeping them up to date with the news that affects them.

Locality is the national membership network of community organisations. It supports them to be strong and successful, to meet local needs and to give people a purpose, a good place to live and good health. **Locality** believes the power of community will build a fairer society. It supports our affordable housing trust and Neighbourhood Plan work.

The **Community Transport Association (CTA)** is a national charity that represents and supports providers of community transport: thousands of local charities and community groups across the UK that all provide transport services that fulfil a social purpose and community benefit. It supports the Uppingham Hopper.

One East Midlands is the regional network for the voluntary and community sector in the East Midlands.

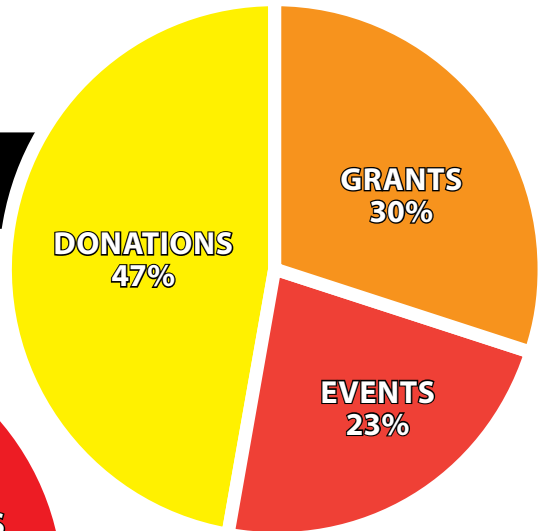




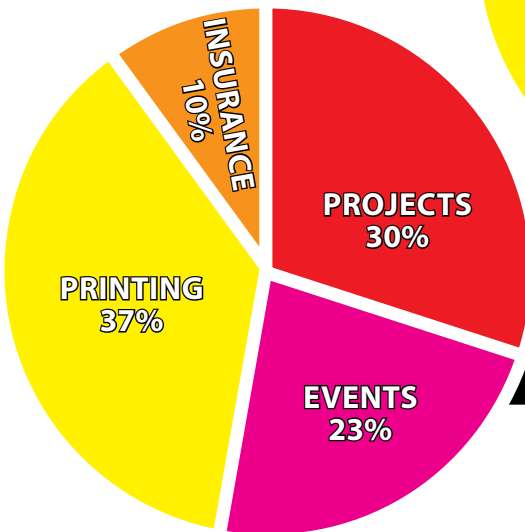
1) WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF FINANCE?

2) WHAT IS IT SPENT ON?

Income Overview



Expenditure Overview



FORUM Q & A'S

NO.	Question	Answer
1	How can my community group or sports club join the Forum Executive?	✓ Email your contact details to rons@clara.net or Tel: 01572 495050
2	Which projects are currently looking for more volunteers?	<p>✓ Uppingham Hopper - Drivers and Passenger Assistants Call 01572 823465</p> <p>✓ Community Emergency Plan Team Call or Text 07710 328469</p> <p>✓ Uppingham Police Specials - Leicestershire Police Text 'PALP' to 87007 followed by your name, contact details and the words 'Uppingham Specials'</p>
3	How do I qualify for the E J Toon Charitable Trust payment of £50 every Christmas?	<p>✓ You must be over 80 years of age on November 1st in the year of payment and have been resident in Uppingham for at least two years.</p> <p>✓ Contact Ron Simpson BEM - Tel: 01572 823465</p>
4	What are the dates of the 2018 E J Toon Payout?	✓ Monday December 3 rd and Tuesday December 4 th - 2pm to 4pm
5	How do I raise an item for community debate or give notice of a question?	✓ Forward your agenda item or question to the Forum at least 7 days before the public meeting
6	Can I be sent UNF Newsletters by email?	✓ Yes. Send 'UNF' by email to enquiries@uppinghamneighbourhoodforum.org.uk



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Rutland
County Council



UPPINGHAM
BUSINESS
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RMJS Associates



Time & Attendance Systems



The Community HeartBeat Trust





Executive Member Organisations 2018

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- Leicester Road Residents ●
- Limes Firs & Spurs Residents Association ●
- Neighbourhood Watch ●
- Rotary Club of Uppingham ●
- Uppingham in Bloom ●
- Uppingham Methodist Church ●
- Uppingham WI ●

CONTACT

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