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Uppingham Antiques, Arts, Books & Creative Crafts Trail Launched Online With Downloadable Map
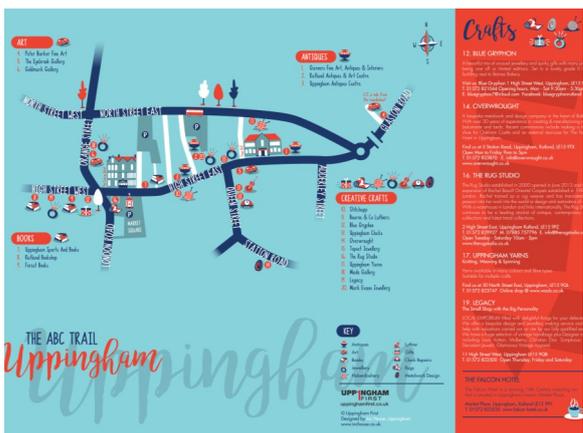
Uppingham ABC Trail

The Uppingham Antiques, Art, Books and Creative Crafts Trail (ABC Trail) is now available to businesses and visitors as a tri-fold pamphlet (extra copies available from secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk) and online at www.abctrail.uk with a downloadable map.

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UF Secretary Ron Simpson BEM said, "We are really very pleased with this joint effort which highlights the creative talent and services available in Uppingham". Five thousand copies of the pamphlet have been printed for distribution far and wide. When ready, the online version will be incorporated into the new Uppingham Portal making it easily accessible to UK and international visitors alike.

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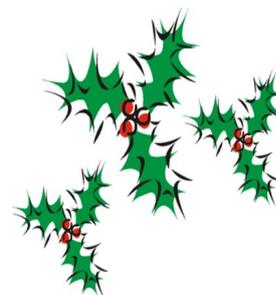
Local Plans Update

Rutland Transport Plan

A consultation response on the draft plan is to be submitted by Uppingham Forums by January 7th 2019. Any input will be welcomed.

Rutland Local Plan

RCC Cabinet is amending the draft plan to enable around 2200 homes to be built at the St George's site. Uppingham First and the Town Council have expressed concern about the impact on the county's highway infrastructure.

Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan

Following the Town Council's refusal, without explanation, to accept its own Neighbourhood Plan Task Group's recommendation that (based on his success to date) Edward Baines continue as Chair of the UNP, the Task Group has now recommended that the Council call a February community meeting to discuss the governance, leadership and content of The Plan's update.

Uppingham Invitation

Uppingham First has been invited to represent the town in a government funded project to create a housing design toolkit for community led plans. The project leaders have expressed interest in the town's Vanguard Board which brings together developers. councillors, schools, voluntary and business groups to discuss future development and appropriate design.

Uppingham North/South Bypass Good or bad idea?
Please complete the 2 minute online survey when it is forwarded to you by e-mail

Not registered to receive business e-mails?
Send 'register' to rons@clara.net

Uppingham Hopper

The Hopper has travelled 12000 miles since May and carried 3940 passengers in its first 26 weeks. In addition, it has supported a variety of evening and weekend community group outings.

Monday is the quietest day for passengers (493). Friday (market day) is the busiest (1091). Mornings (2597) are normally much busier than afternoons (1343). The busiest hours on average are 10am to 1pm (2091). The quietist is 4pm to 5pm (199). Fuel costs just over £100 per week for a Monday to Friday service from 9am to 5pm. Passenger journey donations for the first 26 weeks of operation totalled £2029, an average of £78 per week. Internal advertising in the bus has raised £500 to date with a small number of A4 advertisement holders still available to local businesses at £10 per month or £100 for twelve months.

We now have a team of 14 drivers, two of them women, and one female 'passenger assistant' to help with shopping trolleys on a Friday.

The possibility of home deliveries by Hopper is to be explored during 2019.

Read this and other Uppingham business & community publications at

www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info

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Comments Received on the Work of the Uppingham Business and Neighbourhood Forums and Uppingham First

On An Uppingham First Update for Government - Your report is really impressive and shows how all the different projects in Uppingham are coming together as a really exceptional package. It shows "neighbourhood planning" in the broadest sense and certainly will be best practice I will highlight in events I do across the country. I have copied in some colleagues so that they can do the same   **Government Advisor**

On the Vanguard Board - Your approach is refreshing and impressive

Local Housing Developer

On Community Safety Matters - Following his visit to Uppingham the Police and Crime Commissioner was effusive with his praise of how well everyone articulated themselves and their particular grasp of the wider view of councils, policing and the politics of it all   **Leicestershire Police**

On the Uppingham Emergency Plan - This is very good. The residents of Uppingham are very lucky to have such a proactive team   **Resilience Partnership**

On Training - Just to say thank you for the defibrillator training last night. I thought it was very good and would like to attend again next year for a refresher. I don't know if you are accepting donations for another defibrillator but if so I would like to make a small donation.   **Course delegate**

I am hugely impressed with your strategy and scale of ambition for Uppingham - I think it will put many much larger places in the shade

Opportunity Peterborough

Uppingham has, without question, the most progressive agenda across the LEP area   **GCGP LEP**

Grants & Loans Secured in 2018

National Lottery - £5900 grant towards the running costs of the Uppingham Hopper in 2019

Coop Community Fund - £6k grant to be matched by the Rotary Club of Uppingham and community groups to expand the town's defibrillator network to 8 devices

Locality - £9000 grant to fund a pre-feasibility study of the building of up to 10 homes for under 35s.

Rutland County Council - £25k loan (interest free over 5 years) to help purchase the Uppingham Hopper

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Have a healthy and successful 2019

Robert Wills - Chairman - Uppingham First