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# LYT-UP



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The Town Council's Help Centre at Moorland Parade is open Monday-Wednesday, 9.30am - 13.00pm

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS! MAY 2023 BE A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS YEAR**

## CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Our first Christmas community event since Covid took place on 15 December and what a festive extravaganza it was! The event kicked off with Upton Junior Choir 'Young Voices' who gave a wonderful performance and treated the audience to some great Christmas tunes including a percussive version with djembes drums of Jingle Bells. The festive cheer continued with a sing along with the Citrus Singers who sang some old favourites whilst Jamie Jigsaw entertained the children in the community centre. When we didn't think the evening could get any more magical, Father Christmas made a special visit to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas! Thank you to everyone who came along and to all those who helped.



## Welcome to Upton

Our 'Welcome to Upton' sign on Blandford Road North is finally back in situ following its removal as part of the Aldi re-development. Thank you to Dorset Council for arranging its re-installation. You'll also see the new position of one of our Speed Indicator Device's in the same location.





# Town success at Dorset Volunteer Awards

The Town has always prided itself on its dedicated volunteers and this was recently acknowledged by the Volunteer Centre Dorset at its Volunteers Celebration Evening back in November. Cllrs McKell and Pipe received awards for their efforts in setting up and running Upton Together, the Town Council for volunteer work undertaken by employees, and Upton in Bloom, Friends of Upton Library and Sarah Fudge at Lewis Dean.

Certificates were presented to all, and the Council received the only trophy of the night for the employee volunteering. Well done everyone - Upton really stole the show! #teamupton #greatplacetolive



From left to right: Cllr Drane for Friends of Upton Library, Upton In Bloom & Volunteer of the Year certificate



## Cllr Charlie Squires - UK's youngest councillor

We welcomed Cllr Charlie Squires to the town council in October last year and at just 18 years old, he is the youngest councillor in the UK at the time of writing. He has already built a wealth of knowledge from working with local MPs and the Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner. Charlie has a strong desire to give back to the community and is keen to represent the views of younger residents. Follow him on Facebook and contact him via the Council's Help Centre or email him at [charlie@charliesquires.co.uk](mailto:charlie@charliesquires.co.uk).

## CAB returns to Upton

We're pleased to announce that the Citizens Advice Bureau will be returning to the Council's Help Centre at Moorland Parade from Tuesday 17 January between 10am - 12 midday. They will also be offering pre-booked appointments on Wednesday mornings (date to be confirmed). Drop in sessions will also be available on Wednesday mornings at Upton Library. See the flyer for more details.

**citizens advice** East Dorset & Purbeck

**Drop-in Open**  
**Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council & Upton Library**

Starting 17th January 2023:  
 Tuesdays, 10am-12pm, Town Council, Moorland Way, Upton, BH16 5JS

Starting 25th January 2023:  
 Wednesdays, 2pm-4pm, Upton Library, Corner House, Upton, BH16 5PW

Or call us on Dorset Adviceline freephone: 0800 144 8848 10am-4pm to speak to an adviser.  
 Visit our website: [www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.edpcitizensadvice.org.uk)