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LYT-UP

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Help Centre
at Moorland Parade is open
Monday-Wednesday,
9.30am - 13.00pm

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Upton 'In Bloom' Success



This year's entry into the South & South East in Bloom competition has been an overwhelming success for the Town. It is safe to say that a considerable amount of hard work is dedicated to the competition entry led by Upton in Bloom with volunteers, the Town Council and partner agencies working together to meet the tough standards the competition imposes. This year's award ceremony was hosted by Farnham Town Council with Upton being represented by Upton In Bloom. The Town were awarded GOLD status in 5 categories, and the important accolade of Town of the Year! Following this great achievement, Upton in Bloom was entered into the national Britain in Bloom competition and was awarded a silver gilt award. Congratulations to everyone involved.

A new era for the Town Council's Grounds Team

The Town Council's Head Groundsman retired last month after 13 years of service. A farewell gathering was held at the Town Council offices for Gary and it was great to see so many members of the community popping in to wish him well.

We will be welcoming our new Outside Operations Manager to the team in early November.



As part of the Town Council's commitment to be more energy efficient, it will be upgrading the remainder of its street lights to LED lanterns. The last of the lights to be upgraded are located along Ropers Lane. This sustainable option will also minimise light pollution into homes.



A new home for SID

The Town Council is currently consulting on the proposed new locations for its two Speed Indicator Devices. They are rotated to the various locations in the town, spending 6 weeks at each location. Feedback from local people has shown that they are making a difference to traffic speeds, when they are in situ. The proposed locations for the SIDs are:

- The highways grass verge on Blandford Road North, by the entrance of Aldi (picture 1).
- Poole Road, close to Ropers Lane (picture 2).

Please note that whilst the pole will be a permanent fixture, the Speed Indicator Device, which will sit on top of the pole will be rotated to other locations within the Town every six weeks.

We are currently consulting on these proposals. Any comments can be sent to deputy@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk by Friday 11 November 2022.



PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



Town Council meeting dates

- Tuesday 18 October - Town Council
- Tuesday 25 October - Environment Committee
- Tuesday 1 November - Amenities Committee
- Tuesday 8 November - Planning Committee

All meetings start from 7.00pm and are held at the Town Council office, 1 Moorland Parade. If you are an elector of the parish and have a burning question to ask the Council, there is a democratic session at approximately 7.45pm. Please contact us for further information.

Accessibility around the Town

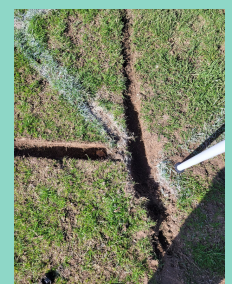
The Town Council is committed to working with its residents and Dorset Council's Highways Team to enable people to travel safely on foot around the Town. We are formulating a list to pass on to our colleagues at Dorset Council so if you know of any locations that would benefit from a dropped kerb, please contact us on 01202 632070 / deputy@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk



USE OF BIKES ON THE RECREATION GROUND



There has been recent evidence showing groups using motorbikes on the recreation ground in Upton causing significant damage to the grounds which impacts upon those who use it for football matches. If anyone witnesses the improper use of motorbikes at the ground, please contact the Town Council or Dorset Police on 101. Please also be reminded that bicycles should only be pushed across the fields and not ridden.



Photos showing the damage to the recreation ground