



# Town Talk - June 2011

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**Lytchett Minster and  
Upton Town Council**

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## UPTON AND THE BIG SOCIETY

**By Cllr R Griffin, Environment Chair**

The current government has spoken frequently about the 'Big Society'. A comment by a recent visitor to Upton prompted me to reflect on the extent to which Lytchett Minster and Upton would meet the criteria as being part of that 'Big Society'.

"How lucky you are" said my visitor, "to have so much going on and so many groups run by so many volunteers". This observation was based upon a read of four issues of the Clarion, itself of course a vital means of communication in our community and one produced and distributed by a small team of volunteers. It's easy to become a bit blasé and critical about where we live especially if the potholes are not repaired, the pavements uneven, the grass verges rarely cut and the derelict Greenridge still an eyesore!



But a re-read of the The Clarion soon shows that Lytchett Minster and Upton is a thriving and vibrant community.

Regularly The Clarion contains articles about organisations run by and totally dependant on volunteers based here:

- Friends 4 Upton Library
- U3A (with 30 classes)
- Gardening & Flower Clubs
- British Legion
- Keep Upton Tidy Group
- Upton in Bloom
- Grove Youth Club
- Young at Heart/Age Concern
- Mature Residents Action Group
- RSPB

Then consider also the variety of support and activities provided by the churches along with our flourishing Brownie, Guide, Cub and Scout groups.

Many of the above groups meet in the Community Centre, again run by volunteers. Many town councilors, who are also unpaid volunteers give of their time to serve on the aforementioned community groups in addition to their council work.

Should we not take a real pride in our communities? Let's thank all those who give so freely of their time and send a message to government—if you want to see the 'Big Society' in action then come here!

Mind you, all of these groups would welcome YOU if you could give a little of your time.

### ELECTIONS—MAY 2011

You will be aware that elections took place for Parish and Town Councils during May 2011.

The following stood for election:

<b>West Ward</b>	<b>East Ward</b>
June Richards	John Whippet
Mike Holmes	Erylene Andrews
Peter Rusling	Mikka Pryor
Lynn Wright	John Small
Paul Johns	Fred Drane
James Burns	Colin Davis
Ray Griffin	

Mrs Gillian Davies did not stand for election and resigned from council.

Frank Rickard was co-opted to Council on 17 May 2011 (West Ward).



### DID YOU KNOW?

You are permitted to dispose of bagged dog waste in ordinary litter bins located throughout the Town.

We are in the process of applying stickers to all our litter bins advising of this.

This will mean that you will never be far from a waste receptacle and hopefully by doing this it will reduce the amount of dog waste just left irresponsibly on our pavements and paths.



### COUNCILLOR VACANCY (1 seat)

Anyone interested in serving on our Council should contact the Town Clerk on 01202 632070 for further details.