



Lyt Up!

August 2026

The Town Council Newsletter for Lytchett Minster and Upton

Your New Deputy Clerk

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Deputy Town Clerk: Katy Babbs.

Katy has previously worked with the NHS at Poole Hospital and, more recently, was Administration Officer at Wareham Town Council.

'I'm so excited to be joining the team,' says Katy, 'and to be able to bring my experience to my home town. I look forward to serving the people of Upton and Lytchett Minster in whatever way I can.'

As our staff team expands, we are enhancing the potential of your local town council, and the benefits this will bring your local community.



Fun in the Sun! Our Picnic in the Park 2026

We were thrilled to put on our summer Picnic in the Park for 2026 this July, inviting all the town to Upton Recreation Ground for an afternoon of FREE family fun, entertainment, and activities.

Between face painting, bouncy castles, a climbing wall, Roman Centurions in the living history tent, a visit from children's entertainer Mr Merlin, the Christchurch and District Big Band, falconry displays, and sea shanties from Poole Me Hearties, there was certainly plenty to see and do!

We are especially grateful to the charities and local organisations who chose to spend the day with us, promoting their causes and providing more fun activities for local families.



We hope to see you all again next year on **Saturday 26th June** for an even bigger and better event!

Councillor Vacancies

We have TWO vacant seats for Councillors at Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council. If you have an interest in influencing local decisions and a passion for your area, please email our Town Clerk, Kate Osborne, at clerk@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk for more information.

Visit our office (09:30-13:00, Mon-Weds):

1 Moorland Parade, Upton, BH16 5JS

www.lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk



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Police Pop-Up

Following a spike in crime, we heard how concerned residents were about the lack of police presence in the local area. This is a concern that we share, and one that we take very seriously: in the intervening months we've been speaking with Dorset Police, as well as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, to help get more resources directed to Upton and Lytchett Minster.

Therefore, we have been allocated three "Police Community Contact Points" across the next few months, each taking place at our offices (1 Moorland Parade, Upton, Dorset, BH16 5JS) from 11am - 12 noon on:

THURSDAY 23RD JULY

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER



These are drop-in sessions that anyone can attend to ask questions, raise concerns, and keep up-to-date with the latest measures in crime prevention.

It's a small step in the right direction and, on behalf of local citizens, we will continue to advocate that a holistic, supportive, and comprehensive police presence is required to help keep us all safe in Lytchett Minster and Upton.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Council has agreed to lead on the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Town.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan? Neighbourhood planning is a powerful tool that empowers local communities and gives them the opportunity to **influence** planning and development in their local area. The document will play a vital role in shaping the long-term future of our community, from housing and green spaces to local services, infrastructure, and the character of the parish.

As a community plan, the Council is inviting residents to register an interest in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm, commitment, and a desire to contribute. You would also need to be able to attend monthly meetings.

If you are interested, please send a short expression of interest to the Town Clerk, clerk@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk, outlining why you would like to join and what you feel you can bring to the group.

Council Meeting Dates

All meetings take place on Tuesdays from 6:30pm at the Council Offices on Moorland parade. Council takes a brief recess over most of August. The next meetings are:

- **Full Town Council:** 15th September
- **Environment and Planning:** 18th August
- **Amenities:** 8th September