



# Lyt-Up - December 2020

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Upton Town Council**

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## Town Council—End of Year Reflections

As the final time of writing this year, we reflect on the difficult and challenging year. 2020 has presented us with the worst of situations; however it has often shown us the kindness of human spirit, the generosity of strangers and what we can achieve if we pull together.

There have been made demonstrations of such in our own community, with strangers helping strangers, new friendships forged, and a desire to help one another through touch times. The Council, alongside its community partner, Upton Together, has received so much kind feedback, and especially important to us, is a recognition of an increase in positive community spirit.

Let us hope that the COVID legacy for us is that it brought our community together in ways we had only dreamt were possible, and our mission is now to keep that sense of togetherness going.

Aside from the COVID work, the Council has continued to serve its residents, albeit in a different format, and we and you have adapted to engaging more remotely. Please ensure you follow our Facebook page, as this is a great way to get across any important messages.

Work to improve our town continues, with the Council pledging funds to continue the Speed Indicator Device programme, which the Dorset Council are withdrawing. We aim to expand on the existing sites to offer this important community safety messaging device to help keep our residents safe.

Members have also approved the installation of some bollards in Dacombe Close to prevent the abuse of the green open space by vehicles travelling across them. Residents have become increasingly concerned about safety in this area, and councillors have listened and acted.

We hope you enjoy our Christmas displays—we are especially proud of our Santa reinforcing the social distancing message! Thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers; without their help these displays would not be possible.

Our eleven dedicated council members work hard, often in the background, lobbying hard to address local issues. There are many unseen meetings and site visits to highlight issues with speed limits, parking issues and anti social behaviour. We will continue to press hard on all issues that we know are important to our community.

Please note that we do have four vacancies—and many hands make light work, so please, if you feel that you would like to serve your community, get in touch with us.

## TOWN COUNCIL HELP CENTRE

Open Mon– Tue 9 am—12.30 pm

Available by phone/email

Wed–Fri 9 am—1 pm.

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[councillors@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:councillors@lytchettminsterandupton-tc.gov.uk)

## Citizens Advice Surgery

No weekly surgeries until January. Contact the Purbeck Citizens Advice Line on

03444 111 4444

## Meeting Dates:

The Town Council are now meeting virtually on a monthly basis to transact business. There are arrangements for a Democratic Session—please refer to the Town Council agendas, placed on noticeboards and our website.

Town Council—19/01/21 7.00 p.m. virtual

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

Help Centre is closed from Wednesday 23 December and re-opens on Monday 4 January. At the time of writing, it is planned that the Help Centre will be open Monday and Tuesdays only 9 am—12.30 pm from 4 January.



**COUNCILLORS AND STAFF WISH ALL  
OUR RESIDENTS A HAPPY AND SAFE  
CHRISTMAS AND A HOPEFUL 2021**