

UFTON NEWS

February 2026 Diary

Tues	3	Food, Green and Blue Bins Ufton Parish Council Mtg 8pm Village Hall
Tues	10	Food Bin
Tues	17	Food, Blue, Green and Grey Bins
Sat	21	Coffee Morning 10 am – 12 noon Village Hall
Tues	24	Food Bin

Tues 3rd March Food, Blue and Green
Bin

Coffee morning, Saturday 21st February 4th January 2026

Ufton Village Hall 10 am to 12 noon.
Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee
and catch up with villagers.
Everyone is welcome.

January Parish Council Meeting

The first meeting of 2026 took place on 6th
January. We will not go through all the routine
business, but the main areas of discussion
were as follows:

Susan Ostrander, our District

Counsellor's, report covered the position
on local government re-organisation. The
two proposals to be put to governments
are that the current district councils will be
abolished and absorbed into a Unitary
County Council covering all of
Warwickshire (supported by the County
Council). Alternatively, 2 new Unitary
Councils will be formed for North
Warwickshire and South Warwickshire.
The current County organization will
cease to exist, and its functions will be
absorbed into the 2 new organisations,
together with all of the district council
activities in each area. (supported by the
District Councils). Government will decide
between these 2 proposals.

Susan also explained the difficulties faced
by both Stratford and Warwick District
Councils as a result of government
changing the rules on the amount of land

district councils must have available for
housebuilding in the next 5 years. The
changes mean that the huge amount of
new housebuilding we have seen in
recent years does not count. As a result,
the amount of land currently available
falls below the requirement. This has
serious implications as it effectively
makes it much easier for developers to
get planning permission for anything.
They are already seeing very speculative
proposals being submitted that would
normally be refused. This does not affect
Ufton at present, but there are 2 such
proposals in Harbury. Stratford District
Council is working to address the new
requirement as quickly as possible.

It is the time of year when we have to
prepare our budget for 2026/27 financial
year and to determine the precept that
will be included for the Parish Council in
Council Tax. Major items of expenditure
for which the PC is responsible include
the street lighting in the village
(maintenance and electricity). We
determined that the precept will again
stay at the level for the current year and
we will absorb the increased costs from
reserves.

The Appeal against the refusal of
Planning Permission for the Radford
Semele Solar Farm (adjacent to the
Fosse Way) was due to be held in
Leamington on the 4th and 5th February.
We determined that we would apply to
speak to convey the sentiments of the
vast majority of villagers that the Appeal
should be refused. Since the meeting we
have learned that the Appeal has been
postponed.

We have also been trying to find out
exactly what the plans are for the "Middle
Farm" solar farm on our side of the Fosse
Way. This has been taken over by
Centrica, and we have now made contact
with them. There may be some funding
available for community projects, and we
discussed ideas for Ufton, including
improving pavements and refurbishing

the stocks. We would welcome any ideas anybody has for projects in the village.

The saga on moving our website has nearly reached its end. The old website is back online and will be available for a year to enable material to be transferred off it to the new one. This can currently be seen by entering Hugofox Ufton into a browser. Our clerk, Jackie is chasing up being able to access it as Ufton-pc@gov.uk.

The results of the traffic monitoring through the village were discussed. (You may have seen the wires across the road). In summary, over 12 days 54,000 vehicles passed through the village in each direction! Of the total 108,000 vehicles, 3715 were travelling at between 36 and 40mph and 581 exceeded 40mph. Our County Councillor, Chris Kettle, has discussed the results with the new Police Inspector for Safer Neighbourhoods.

The meeting finished by receiving a Cllr John Taylor's resignation. John has served on the Council for more than 25 years, many as Chair. He was thanked for the tremendous contribution he has made. He was thanked formally in the meeting and then informally afterwards in the White Hart. This does mean that there is a vacancy on the Council and this will be advertised accordingly.

Ufton Community Speed Watch

Ufton now has its very own Speed Watch Group. Fellow residents have volunteered to stand together at the side of the road in an effort to slow down the traffic through the village.

Results so far have been impressive!!

We conduct our sessions at different times and different days to deter would be speeders.

Give us a wave if you are passing 😊

The Parish Council new website can be viewed at
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