UFTON NEWS

November 2025 Diary

Tues	4	Food and Grey Bin Parish Council meeting 8.00pm Village Hall
Tues	11	Food, Blue & Green Bins
Sat	15	Craft and Coffee Morning Ufton Village Hall 10am – 12 noon
Tues	18	Food Bin
Sat	25	Coffee Morning, Jigsaw/Book swap VH 10am – 12 noon All welcome
Tues	25	Food, Grey, Blue and Green Bins

Tues 2 December Food Bin

Craft and Coffee morning, Saturday 15th November 2025

Ufton Village Hall 10 am to 12 noon.
There will be cakes, tea, coffee, mince pies, and mulled wine available.
There may even be the possibility of sausage rolls!
All monies raised will go to Charity

Can you read a numberplate at 20 metres?

This is the question Warwickshire Police officers will be asking drivers they stop during a national campaign starting this week (28th October 2025) to remind drivers of their legal duty to meet minimum eyesight standards when driving.

During roadside vision checks drivers will be asked to read a number plate from 20 metres in daylight conditions, wearing any glasses or contacts they were wearing when stopped by our officers.

This isn't the only legal requirement. Drivers must also have a visual acuity of at least 6/12 measured on the Snellen scale with glasses or contact lenses if needed and an adequate field of vision. Stricter rules apply to lorry and bus drivers.

Inspector Wayne Boulton said "Many drivers know the risks of worn tyres, but not that poor eyesight can lead to a £1,000 fine, three penalty points, or even disqualification. With 90% of driving information being visual, good eyesight is essential for road safety."

Under Cassie's Law, drivers who fail the roadside test could have their licence revoked immediately if deemed unfit to drive.

Motorists are urged to have their eyes tested every two years to ensure their vision remains roadworthy.

Chief Constable Jo Shiner, National Police Chief Constable Lead Roads Policing comments "Personal responsibility is the starting point for safer roads. Making sure your eyesight meets the standards of vision for driving is really important and something only you can do to keep yourself and all other road users safe while driving."

For practical advice and information about vision and driving visit www.VisionAndDriving.info



Closure of the A425 - 14th November 2025 9.30am – 3.30 pm

At the bottom of the hill to allow for essential patching.

Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A425 SOUTHAM ROAD, UFTON

Warwickshire County Council **proposes to make** a Temporary Traffic Order details as indicated below:

Effect of Order	A425 Southam Road, Ufton closed to vehicular traffic between the junctions of B4455 and Ridgeway Lane.
Reason for Order	Carriageway patching and associated works, 0930-1530hrs.
Order Effective from: 14 November 2025 for up to 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is sooner.	
Anticipated Completion Date: 14 November 2025	
Access & Diversion: An alternative route will be signed and is available via: A425, Warwick Road, Welsh Road West, Welsh Road, B4455. Vehicular access & egress will be maintained where possible.	
Contractor: Balfour Beatty Tel: 03452 415 302	

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning and Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick, CV34 4RL.

24 October 2025

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Ufton Parish Council

It has been suggested that the Newsletter should include regular short updates on Parish Council meetings. We are very happy to do this, and any feedback on it would be useful and welcome. This update will be longer than usual as it covers 2 meetings and explains their format. They will be shorter in future! Just as a reminder, the Parish Council is the local layer of our government system. Ufton is part of Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council, and our meetings are attended by our District and County Councillors. The primary roles of the PC are

- to represent and support the village, including for example making recommendations on planning applications (both from individuals and corporate proposals),
- improving the environment and quality of life in the area,
- working to understand the issues that are important to residents
- working to improve life in the community by lobbying service providers (e.g., the County Council, refuse collection etc.),
- liaising with other parishes and local authorities etc.

Everyone is very welcome to attend PC meetings which are held at 8pm on the first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall. The meetings follow a set, required format including listing members present, apologies from absentees and declarations of interest on any matters to be discussed which are on the agenda. This is followed by reports from our District and County Councilors. Parish Councillors may raise items, however, if a decision is required the matter will have to go on the next Agenda to be discussed and determined. Any planning applications relevant to the village are discussed and any representations to be made to the District Council agreed. Financial reports are then discussed and approved. The agenda is then followed based on topics agreed at the previous meeting.

<u>September Meeting</u>

There is no meeting in August, and the September meeting was short,

Our District Councillor, Susan Ostrander, reminded us of the survey on the District Council website on local government re-organisation, which we have previously explained. Susan also flagged an important recent planning appeal that has serious implications for the housing land supply in Stratford DC.

Our County Councilor, Chris Kettle, confirmed there appeared to be a tentative agreement for the Pelican crossing and new entrance to Wood Farm to be maintained. The PC had formally asked the County for both of these to be left in place and maintained. These were both "temporary" arrangements for the duration of HS2 and if they are to remain the County have to agree; or HS2 would have to remove them and re-instate what was there previously.

There were no planning applications and the financial approvals required related to the maintenance and power for street lighting (which we are liable for) and the Parish clerk's costs. There were no updates on either HS2 or the proposed solar farms in the area.
Other topics discussed included:

- The need to move the village website to a new provider.
- Community Speedwatch – thank you to all villagers who have volunteered. We have now procured the speed gun and are waiting for the police to give a date for training. In addition, the PC has previously agreed to fund strips on both sides of the A425 to record the number of vehicles passing through the village and their speed.
- Ufton village tidy up – planned for 4th October.

October Meeting

Following the usual introductory items, discussion started on communication between the PC and villagers. This had been raised by a number of villagers and it was agreed we need to do better; this Newsletter write up is one attempt! A number of people had also commented that the Village Clean Up planned for 4th October did not take place. This was poorly communicated – even within the PC but was due to the weather the previous day and forecast for the 4th. It was agreed that the village was looking fairly good and our thanks are offered to villagers who have been keeping the grass on the roundabout and verges tidy. A date will be set for Spring when the weeds start growing.
Our District Councillor, Susan Ostrander, reported on:

- a serious issue for housing land supply targets in SDC initially raised at the last meeting. Until recently the district had about 25 years of supply, well above government targets. However, under a new calculation (which ignores the large amount of recent building) and a recent planning appeal, this has dropped from 5.06 years to 2.74 years. This has serious implications because if a Council cannot demonstrate a 5-year land supply, national policy gives a presumption in favour of development, even on sites that would usually be refused, including those outside village boundaries or contrary to local policy. This means applications are much harder to resist and refusals may well be overturned on appeal. SDC is therefore taking urgent steps to restore
- its 5-year position.
- recycling success. According to DEFRA, SDC now ranks 3rd amongst all councils in England for recycling at 61%.
- on the new Warm Homes Local Grant. This helps eligible residents improve home energy efficiency and reduce heating bills. Homeowners or tenants can receive free insulation or clean heating upgrades. You may qualify if your home has an EPC rating of D, E, F or G and your household income is less than £36,000 pa. More info at www.stratford,gov.uk/energy.

- on the Community Climate and Nature Fund and a new Fund regarding community assets that will be announced shortly. The latter may be relevant to Ufton Village Hall.

Our County Councillor, Chris Kettle, reported that,

- there continues to be serious concerns over SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) budget, which is massively above the government grant, but the Council has a statutory requirement to make the provision.
- Southam fire service will no longer operate at weekends, and response will come from Leamington Spa
- the handover from BBV and the retention of the Pelican Crossing and Wood Farm entrances have now been agreed in principle.

There were again no planning applications this month.

The 2 solar applications were briefly discussed. It was agreed that we should contact the Company building the Ufton side of the Fosse Way to determine exactly what they are doing, and also the Radford Semele team fighting the Radford side development to find out the current position. Both will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Planning Applications

If any residents has an interest in planning applications within the village, they can sign up for a “planning alert” via Stratford District Council. The information can be found by following this link

https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/e-planning.cfm

The part entitled “Subscribe to receive email alerts” is the relevant part.

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