

## **District News**

Spring is here at last, whilst writing this the sun is shining and the hedgerows are exploding with life, I also have a Starling nest in the loft. By the time you read this I will have handed over the Chairmans Chain and become a full time Ward councillor again. I have also had discussions with the Uttlesford District Communities Police Inspector who has agreed to attend or have one of his officers attend a questions and answers session towards the end of the summer to answer any questions from you directly. Watch out for details and please email suggestions of location and timings to me, I will arrange the session to suit the most replies.

## **Local Plan**

Moving forward, after the adjustments made after the Regulation 18 consultation, there are plans to bring the local plan back to full council on the 16<sup>th</sup> July for a vote on moving forward to Regulation 19. This will also go before the Local Plan Group at some point before coming to Full Council, so I would expect that all documents should be available the week prior to Full Council at some point.

## **Fly Tipping**

Below is a redacted extract from the rural crime report I am sent on a regular basis

Uttlesford Takeley and the Canfields 42/70828/24

Other criminal damage, other (Under £5,000)

06/05/2024 13:26 05/05/2024 12:00 HIGH CROSS LANE

SUSPECT UNKNOWN CUT THE PADLOCKED CHAIN TO GATE USING A GRINDER AND FLY-TIPPED TWO LORRY LOADS EQUATING TO 40 TONS OF A FINE POWDERY SUBSTANCE ONTO PRIVATE LAND.

Fly tipping, although still fairly rare in Uttlesford is not only carried out on private land, it happens in small lanes, field entrances and even on footpaths. Should you come across an example of the unsocial behaviour please contact Waste Services on [WasteAware@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:WasteAware@uttlesford.gov.uk) If you have the what3words app on your phone, please indicate the location using the app and copy both Neil and I into the email.

## **Human Library**

Please see below the contents of an email that I have received recently, would you like to take a part in this event?

Dear friends,

As a collaboration with Essex Police, Essex Faith Covenant and Essex Mind and Spirit, we would like to hold a Human Library Event.

If you've not come across a human library before, the idea is that people serve as books, and attendees can choose a book to go to. The "book" will then tell their story and answer questions from the "readers". The hope is to have faith "books", as well as books with mental health stories - so we would need people confident to tell their own personal story of faith/living with mental health issues/both and to hopefully answer any questions on this, which may be quite personal.

The aim of the library, is to combat stigma, ignorance and discrimination so we'd want books specifically from these groups, but could also include LGBTQ+, people from ethnic minority backgrounds, and others.

I have booked St John Payne School in Chelmsford as a venue as it's nice and central, lots of parking and a big space to hold this event – and it's been offered for free. I have booked 4th July 16.00-19.00 (entry from 15.00 to set up) and the real perk of doing this in the school is that students will be able to attend straight after school finishes, so a great opportunity to get youth engagement, which I know we all want. We can have stalls from all 3 of us at the event, as well as Healthwatch, who are also hopefully attending, to promote what we do, in addition to the books.

As part of the Covenant or Essex Mind and Spirit, please let me know if you feel you could serve as a "book" at the human library – it would be great to have some really wide representation. And if you feel that you could do this, but on a different topic please do get in touch.

Either way please save the date – 4th July!

Thank you.

With kind regards,

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Essex Police

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### **Uttlesford housing market report: February 2024**

If you would like to see what has happened in the last two years with house prices in the district a report has been added to the UDC website

The report gives a snapshot of house price data at ward level as of February 2024. This information is designed to provide information on the current housing market pressures within the district. Information is taken from the web-based analytics company Hometrack ([hometrack.co.uk](http://hometrack.co.uk)) and is based on sales and valuation data.

Context, Property prices in Uttlesford are higher than figures for the Eastern region due to the district's proximity to London and Cambridge. For example, the average price of a property is £416,596 for the Eastern region compared to £561,261 for Uttlesford. For further details go to: -

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk>

### **Ward surgeries**

Please note that these surgeries are for you to discuss issues that you may have with UDC, that we as your District Councillors can help with, or represent you where possible. Please do come along and have a chat, you do not need to arrange an appointment, they are walk in surgeries.

See below for location and timings:

The first Tuesday of each month at Great Hallingbury Village Hall, 2 – 4pm (4th June) and the third Friday of each month at the Dukes Head PH, Hatfield Broad Oak also between 2 – 4pm (21st June).

And the normal reminder. that should you need to contact us, you can email us on the following addresses.

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