



“ YOUR LOCAL ISSUE “

*Autumn 2018*

**Cllr. Linda Robinson Elected District Councillor for Upton Snodsbury Ward & Leader of Wychavon District Council**

Hello & Welcome to my Annual in Touch.

Looking back It is quite surprising to realise that this is the eleventh ‘In Touch’ that I have sent to all your homes in the Upton Snodsbury ward since I was first elected as your District Councillor back in 2007. I am also in my fourth year of being Leader of Wychavon District Council . I still really enjoy both these roles and therefore unsurprisingly am keen to continue, with your support, after the District Elections in May next year. It is an honour and a privilege to represent such a special ward as ours plus a District that holds a solid reputation as a well run Council, even in the current challenging times for Local Authorities. I feel very proud that Wychavon has once again been placed in the top three best places to live in the UK by the Halifax Quality of Life survey.

Communication with residents is very important to me and this Annual newsletter is my way of ensuring that each and everyone of you whether you use a computer or not get updates from me and not just at election time ! I hope you find it interesting .It is however a huge task which would not be possible over our large area without my willing band of volunteers to whom I give my heartfelt thanks. We could however do with some new blood, perhaps with less miles on the clock so please let me know if you could help lighten the load next year!

For more regular contact for those of you with internet access I update my blog monthly on:-

[lindarobinson.yourcllr.com](http://lindarobinson.yourcllr.com) and am also on twitter @CllrLinda 

My Contact details can be found overleaf should you wish to speak to me directly.

Although I regularly attend your Parish Council & village meetings and am known to many of you I have also arranged an Open Evening on Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Peopleton Village Hall from 7:30pm. till 9pm. This is being held as a pilot in a rural ward to see how best Councillors can engage with more of their residents in widespread communities. I hope to see as many of you there as possible taking the opportunity to learn more about what we can do for you or just coming to meet us. Tea & biscuits will be offered.

I shall be joined by our County Councillor Rob Adams and partners from the Police, County Highways, Planning & Housing association representative plus a senior management team officer from Wychavon. The evening will consist of an opportunity for you to ask and raise questions from the panel in open forum & also privately on an individual basis afterwards.



### Waste Update

Fifteen state of the art trucks (meeting higher standards of emissions) will take to the roads in October as part of our new contract plus an extension to recycling services enabling us to recycle even more from home on the black bin week inc:

Small electricals such as kettles, toasters, hand blenders, electric toothbrushes placed on your bin

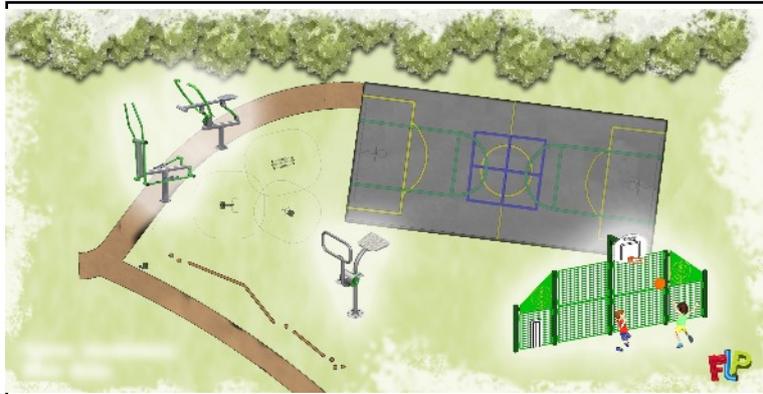
Used household batteries in a tied small clear bag placed on your bin

Used textiles i.e. clothing, bed sheets, and towels in a tied bag placed next to your bin.

n.b. There will be some changes to collection days and /or time of collection. All households will receive more information by letter in advance of any changes

Last month many of you came out to watch the exciting spectacle of the women’s cycle Tour of Britain racing through our area including Flyford Flavell, Kington & Dormston. Here is a photo of the leading peloton speeding past The Red Hart. We are hoping to have them back to Wychavon next year as it was such a success.





USPRA, the charity that owns and maintains Upton Snodsbury village park have good news to share. They have secured grants from Sports England and Wychavon District Council plus support from their Parish Council to renovate the derelict petanque court area and create a brand new Multi Sports Court with additional outdoor gym equipment. This will make an excellent addition to the existing play equipment and widen the age range of users.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> they held a very well attended 'Living History' day brought to life by the Worcester re-enactors. You may have heard the loud canons that were fired

throughout the day! A total of £1000 was raised to match fund the grants. Congratulations to all involved.

### SWDP Update

A statutory review has now begun and the Issues & Options open Consultation will be published in late Autumn as the first key checkpoint. This will set out the housing requirement figures as calculated by the Government's standard methodology.

Discussions so far have recognised that where possible the review should be infrastructure led and proposed development should be within easy reach of sustainable transport solutions such as railways and non congested roads. Rather than relying on urban extensions, consideration is also being given to the prospect of a new settlement / Garden village concept.

You may ask why now and this is explained below showing that we do not have a choice . It is likely to take until 2021 before the review is ready for adoption.

- 1- There is a legal duty for local plans e.g. South Worcestershire Development Plan(SWDP) to be reviewed within five years of adoption( SWDP was adopted in Feb. 2016).
- 2- The requirement to review is also set out in the Government's recently published revised National Planning Policy Framework .
- 3- Each of the three South Worcestershire Councils(SWC) formally agreed in December 2017 to review the SWDP as per the timetable set out in the published (www.swdevelopmentplan.org) Local Development Scheme 2017-2020.
- 4- The Issues and Options is the first (of three) consultation stages but only looks at what the appropriate spatial development should be. It is only at the later final Preferred Options stage that specific sites for development and employment will be looked at and then go out to public consultation in the winter of 2019/20.

### THANK YOU SILHOUETTE

Wychavon have made a donation for four 'silent soldiers' one for each of our towns to help commemorate the end of the First World War. I am sure some of our villages will be marking this centenary in their own way. Do consider sharing this with the British Legion on their Thank you Group on Facebook and let me know your plans as I would love to be involved in remembering those who served from our ward.

100 years ago, the First World War ended and a new world began. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. In 2018, The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in saying Thank You to all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

Communities across Britain and the allied countries changed forever. We are now asking the communities of today to come together not only to reflect and remember the huge sacrifice that so many made during the First World War, but to say Thank You to those who lived through this tragic and remarkable time - and who put Britain on the path to becoming what it is today. It's time to say Thank You for all they did for us.

We very much encourage people to be part of the Thank You movement, to express their gratitude to those who gave themselves to the war and its aftermath, and rebuilt a better nation from its darkest hour. To learn more, please visit the following link to discover ways of joining us in saying Thank You. <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary/thank-you/>



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