



“ YOUR LOCAL ISSUE “

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

Hello & Welcome to my Annual in Touch.

Plenty of interesting content for you this time so quite a brief introduction. Special thanks are due however to all the wonderful volunteers for helping me to deliver this to your doorstep, without them it would not be possible. I appreciate that not all of you are on line so feel it is extra important to keep you up to date. For those of you with computer access, please do access my blog from time to time on [lindarobinson.yourcllr.com](http://lindarobinson.yourcllr.com) which I update monthly with items of interest ( you can also leave feedback if you wish).

May this year saw two elections one for our County Councillor and then a snap General election. Both Rob Adams & Nigel Huddleston retained their respective seats and considerably increased their majorities. Thanks to all of you exercising your democratic right to vote our ward had one of the highest turnouts in Wychavon and we continue to be very well represented at both the County Council & Parliament. I look forward to working closely with them on your behalf and offer my congratulations on their successful elections. If you need to contact any of us please see our details overleaf. I am also on  @CllrLinda why not follow me ?

Finally I do hope the jet stream will move back into a more favourable position soon so that our farmers can manage to get on with their harvest and we can welcome back some better weather for the rest of the school holidays!



I keep a copy of all my Intouch's on file and was surprised to see that in August 2013 I first gave you details of a Joint Services Review by the NHS & subsequent consultation by the CCG's. Four years later after much debate and extended formal public Consultations plus considerable concern over the future of the Alex, I finally received a briefing this July on their decision as follows.

Outcome of the Future of Acute Hospitals in Worcestershire Programme (highlights below)

- Centralisation of emergency surgery to Worcestershire Royal Hospital with skilled staff which will improve outcomes and patient experience
- Creation of centres of excellence for planned surgery at the Alexandra Hospital
- Retention of emergency and urgent care services at the Alexandra Hospital
- Centralisation of inpatient care for children at Worcestershire Royal Hospital with the majority of children's care remaining local
- Centralisation of births at Worcestershire Royal Hospital with ante-natal and post-natal care remaining local
- Day-case and short-stay surgery increased at Kidderminster Hospital and Treatment Centre.

The three Worcestershire CCGs supported the clinical model and the 12 recommendations at their meeting.



The Tour of Britain is coming through our ward! On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September this Premier road cycling men's event moves off from Worcester at 11am and on through Spetchley, Sneachill & Egdon towards Pershore, Upton and through British Camp on Malvern Hills on its final gruelling stage towards Cardiff 180km later. I watched it last time through Pershore and it was quite a spectacle to see them fly past.

I was thrilled to see that in the 2017 Halifax Quality of Life survey Wychavon was voted 2<sup>nd</sup> best place to live in the UK just behind the Orkney's.

I hope you would all agree!



## Waste Update

Wychavon are awarding a new long term waste contract in 2018 offering significant savings which will include kerbside collection of small electrical items such as toasters & kettles for recycling. Our residual waste (black bins) which was previously designated for expensive landfill is now going to the County Council Envirecover Energy for Waste plant at Hartlebury producing electricity. This is good news for our Economy and for our Environment. I went on a fascinating tour at its recent opening and was pleased to see that even the remaining bottom ash from the furnace will be used for road foundations.

## Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>

An open invitation to you all to my Wychavon 'meet your councillor event' at Peopleton Autumn show next to the village hall. I shall be at our stand together with Rob Adams & a Lead Officer to hear what you think about our services or discuss anyway we can be of help to you as a resident or for your business. Please come along & meet us and find out what Wychavon is doing in your area. Open from 12 noon there is something for everyone at this popular venue.

### Upton Snodsbury

May 2017

This is one of a series of profiles covering all of the 32 wards in the Wychavon district.

It provides an overview of the ward's population, housing, economy, education and skills, health, crime and deprivation to help increase understanding about the ward and its residents.

The information included is the most up to date available at the time the profile was produced.

1,314 Male  1,372 Female 

(Mid 2015 population estimate)



28% are aged 65+  
24% in Wychavon



1,050

Households

2.6

people per household

20.5 Square miles  
131 people per sq.mile



17% are under 18  
19% in Wychavon

#### Housing

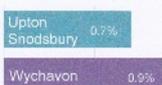
Properties that are detached



Wychavon 41%  
Upton Snodsbury 66%  
England 22%

#### Employment

Residents aged 16-64 claiming out of work benefits



Upton Snodsbury 0.7%  
Wychavon 0.9%

#### Crime



(April 2015 - March 2016)

37 Crimes per 1000 residents

14th lowest ward in Wychavon

8.5 ASB incidents per 1000 residents

2nd lowest ward in Wychavon

#### Education

37% people qualified to level 4 or above 

18% people without any qualifications

28.7% Wychavon 22.1%

27.4% England 22.5%

#### Health

85% Good or very good health

82% Wychavon

81.4% England

Life expectancy female 82.7 yrs

Life expectancy male 81.9 yrs

#### Deprivation

14%

of households are deprived in 2 or more dimensions

6th lowest ward in Wychavon

Data is drawn from the Census 2011 unless otherwise stated.

To discuss this profile contact Paul Curry on 01386 565333 or [paul.curry@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:paul.curry@wychavon.gov.uk)

This is an extract from your ward profile. The complete profile of 11 pages which is full of fascinating facts, figures inc. local & national comparisons from the most recent Census figures is available on line via [www.wychavon.gov.uk/ward-profiles](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/ward-profiles). (There is a whole list of them so you need to click on the one for the Upton Snodsbury ward) .I will also put them on my blog.

Other interesting facts that I have noted are that we have a total population of 2,686 living in 1,050 households.

Of the people aged 65+ that live in the ward 17.9% live alone which is the second lowest of the 32 wards

In 2016 there were 27 house sales at an average value of £438,467 for 15 detached properties & £254, 100 for 10 semi - detached properties .This is significantly higher than the average of £345,981 & £209,577 respectively in Worcestershire as a whole. In February 2017 there were 5 properties in the ward which had been empty for two years or more.

In the Upton Snodsbury ward 22.1% of households are considered to be 'fuel poor\*' and this is the second highest ward and well above the District (11.1%) and County (10.8%) average. \*A household is considered to be fuel poor if they have required fuel costs that are above the national average or were they to spend that amount they would be left with a residual income below the official poverty line.

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