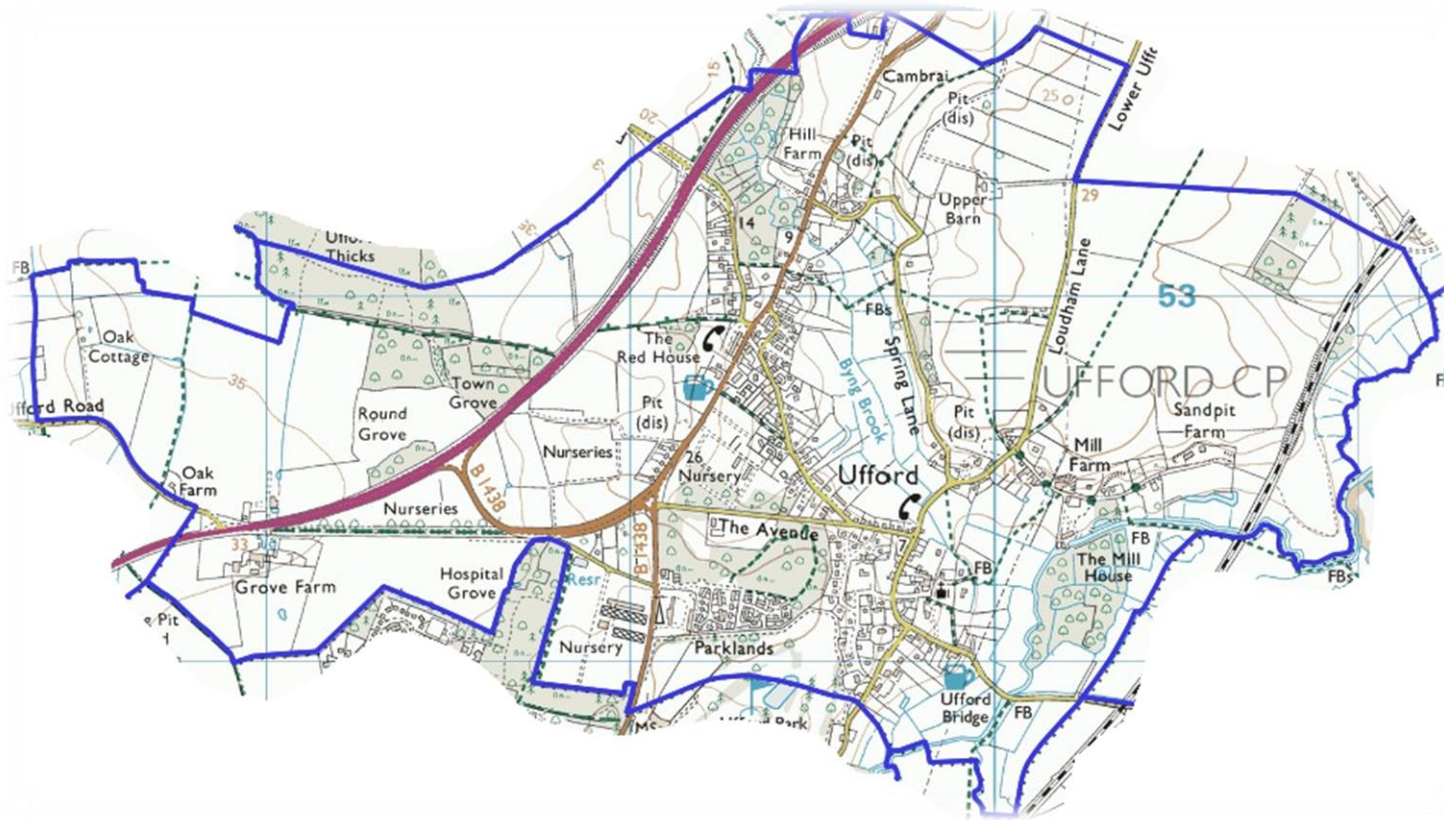


Ufford Parish Council

A GUIDE TO WHAT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL DOES



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Dear Ufford Resident

We often hear “*That’s a job for the Council*”; but which Council? Here in Ufford there are three different ‘*Councils*’ that have an impact on the village: Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council and us, Ufford Parish Council.

This guide will give you direction on where you can go to resolve any issue you may have. If you are unsure who to speak to, please contact us initially and we will assist you or point you in the right direction (see numbers over).

Three different Councils

Ufford Parish Council (UPC)

Ufford Parish Council is the foundation tier of the Council ladder and we play a very important role.

The Parish Council is responsible for the following elements:

- Recreation Ground and Play Park – We maintain, improve, promote and arrange safety inspections at the Play Park and Recreation Ground. We also work closely with the Community Hall Management Committee.
- Parklands Wood – UPC purchased Parklands Wood (surrounding the Recreation Ground) in 2012. It is managed by the Friends of Parklands Wood Group, for UPC. The woods are there for all to enjoy but we do ask that children are suitably supervised at all times. If you notice a loose branch or any other issue please contact the Woodlands Group on 01394 420241
- Planning Applications – We do not determine planning applications but we are a statutory consultee for SCDC and our opinion is sought for every application concerning property in the village. If you have a strong opinion about an application please let us know.
- Street Furniture provision – UPC purchase and maintain the litter and dog bins in the village. We also manage the bus shelters, the three notice boards and the Grit Bins.
- Ufford PUNCHLine – The PUNCHLine is an electronic news service in a timely way, advertising items such as lost animals, fallen trees and pending planning applications. It is a joint venture with the PUNCH Team and a group of volunteers administer it. If you would like something circulated please call the Clerk on 01394 411405.

- Grants – UPC do have the ability to give grants to village organisations. The amount of grants is kept at a sensible level and reviewed each year.
- Highways issues reporting – Although UPC are not the Highway authority we do play a vital part in reporting issues to SCC.

Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC)

- SCDC district extends from Felixstowe in the south to Chediston in the north. Ufford lies in the 'Melton' Ward. SCDC manage elements of our daily lives such as Council Tax, housing needs, leisure facilities, elections, some benefits and, perhaps most importantly, Planning Applications.
- The District Councillors for the Melton ward are James Bidwell and Jane Day
- In addition, Suffolk Coastal Norse are contractors who deal with many tasks previously undertaken by SCDC including grass cutting, supply and emptying of dog and litter bins and refuse collection. Ufford PC use the services of SC Norse to keep the recreation ground tidy.

Suffolk County Council (SCC)

- SCC cover the whole of Suffolk County and manage Highways (including footpaths), Education, Healthcare, Waste recycling centers, Children's Services and community safety, among many other elements.
- The County Councillor covering Tunstall is Alexander Nicoll.

Useful Contact Numbers

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| ➤ Ufford Parish Council Clerk – Judi Hallett – 01394 411405 | ➤ SCDC Councillor for Ufford – Jane Day – 07551 702336 |
| ➤ Ufford Parish Council E-Mail – ufford.pc@hotmail.com | ➤ Safer Neighborhood Team (non-emergency) – 101 |
| ➤ SCC Councillor for Ufford – Alexander Nicoll – 07922 586303 | ➤ Suffolk Coastal Norse (for refuse collection) – 01394 444000 |
| ➤ SCDC Councillor for Ufford – James Bidwell – 01394 385193 | ➤ SCDC Planning Department - d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk |

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