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County Councillors report as of 20th June 2024

The last couple of months have been challenging as I have 10 parish councils to serve with Annual Parish meetings plus AGM's as well as the ordinary meetings. It has meant that most nights during May I was attending at least one meeting , sometimes up to 4 meetings, which has meant that I have not always been able to attend one or more of the meetings.

June should have seen this return to normal but with the **General Election** having now been announced all the way to the 4th of July will be challenging once again as I will be expected to deliver leaflets and canvas, but I will give you this assurance that I will attend the Parish Council meeting come what may.

As always please email or call me if there is something that you wish to discuss with me. After the GE everything should return to normal again whoever is in.

I have included, further down, the timetable for the General Election 2024

Tanworth in Arden Specific

County Council's Councillor Grant fund Warwickshire County Council's Councillor Grant Fund is now open for applications from community and voluntary groups across the county. Each year, Warwickshire County Council allocates £8,000 to each of its 57 councillors for them to support small-scale projects within their division, whose aims align with the some of the many following areas: improve access to services; reduce loneliness and isolation; improve physical and/or mental health and wellbeing or improve the local area to support the ambition of becoming a Net Zero county by 2050. The full category list can be seen on the website: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants. Applications can be submitted on the council's website, and there are two different forms depending on whether the grant needed is over or under £350. Applications can be submitted from Monday 20 May at 9am, and the deadline for submission is Sunday 30 June at 5pm. Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5246/warwickshire-county-council-s-councillor-grant-fund-is-now-open-for-applications-

Gully Cleaning and potholes – Please ensure that all gullies that need cleaning and potholes that need repairing are recorded on the County website using the link mentioned below. In the case of potholes, if you record these through the Parish Clerk you will automatically receive a message when the repair has been carried out. This is a more efficient way of handling issues going forward as we have installed new software which is more dynamic in what it can do. Potholes should be reported through the directly on the WCC website https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues .

In addition, I have asked whether a Parish Council could pay for the gulley cleaner and employ them to clear specified gullies. Dylan has sought clarification on this for me and as soon as I have a response, I will come back to you.

WW Small works - Let me know if you have any small roadworks, white lining, or Rights of Way issues I will investigate these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted. . To report a Highway fault, use this link https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem . The outstanding issues in my log are below



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Ref	Date	Parish/Town	C or D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
7	31/07/22	TIA	C	Priority sign - Valley Rd (see email trail in Tanworth folder) 19/06/2023 - This year within 2 months i.e by September 2023	20/10/2022 - GS states that this is a road narrows sign not a priority sign- Check with Lil what is there now	26/01/2023 2 signs to go up GS raising order....road narrows sign . Possible charge to my budget of £500 17/08/.2023 Delivery team have 12 months to deliver
10	31/07/22	TIA	C	Reduce the 50mph speed limite to 40 mph on Foreshaw Heath Rd	check data and submit a case to Highways 22/10/2022 contact Jo Edwards (per GS)	21/05/2024 check with GS
27	24/07/22	TIA	C	Causeway issues - photos available - parking, ASB. PSPO in operation plus cameras	Meeting planned with Police (Insp Hembry) 2/9/2022 17/08/2022 - email Chris Kettle, read up on PSPO, solutions? 26/09/2022 ONGOING 23/01/023 Spoke to Sam Slemmensk - legal issues with closing causeway still being worked on Yellow lines needs to be followed up with GS	25/1/2024 Meeting between Sam, Lynda and myslef, subsequentlt raised with David Buckland and Marcia 04/03/2024 Lynda has sent a chaser to SS
44	16/09/22	TIA	C	Rights of Way Team - See Tab 44	12/12/2022 note sent to richard Barnard asking for an update 26/01/2023 meeting arranged for Monday 13/2/2023	13/02/2023 meeting held with Richard Barnard who will review these and come back to me over the next two weeks with his response and prioritised and time bound list 18/07/2023 DW will meet me on site - 31/08/202 Note sent to RB for an update 17/06/2024 Need an updated list from the Parish Clerk
46	10/10/22	TIA	C	Signage and white lining at Cut Throat Lane defective	16/11/2022 Dylan confirms that it will be done using the emergency budget but I have also advisd that I am happy to use my deleagted budget 26/01/2023 DW Nothing can be doNE . Owner of land either side need to take down hedges . Flatten the bank, white square fence now overgrown - residenst/opc issue 15/02/2023 reopened case as Road safety team alos now involved - read email trail	19/06/2023 - Junction inspected by GS/Tom Ross and myself. Potholed and white lining already deteriorating. Further comments received from councilllors so I have re opened this 19/07/2023 - temp repair...road will need to be closed for a perm patch plus new whitelining - DW confirms job raised 10/10/2023 Job issued tp contractor and DW has raised a seperate job to refresh the lining and replace the post that supports the stop sign that has been hit. Stop sign is till visible 30/01/2024 Job is raised and waiting for spring weather 10/01/2024 Note recod from GS..send note to sub committee asap 20/05/2024 - Speed line requested per Cllr Saunders location 17/06/2024 relining and surfcaing will be done soon as job has been issued per DW ....speed line will be installed after wiork is completed by IJS/Joel
84	19/01/23	TIA	C	double yellow lanes Malthouse Lane?	03/03/2023 Message from Ben Taylor The proposals for double yellow lines are going to be presented to the Portfolio Holder for a decision on 14th April. Once we have received approval to implement the double yellow lines, we will submit a works order to install them and as part of this works order we can add in an order to refresh any of the faded yellow lines along the causeway (see 88 in emails for full message)	24/03/2023 Need to find out what the PC want on this 18/05/2023 PC chased up on this 19/06/2023 IJS to visit and see what has actually been done as its not clear whetehr this is still outstanding 27/11/2023 Note sent to Ben Davenport ragarding gaps and also survey 31/08/2023 No further complaints received close off 01/10/2023 complaints received as some residents still want the lines extened 10/10/2023 email sent to Trafic & Safety (advised to do this by DW) 13/11/2023 DW sent note to Highways small works team asking about the missing yellow lines and the survey 29/01/2024 no complaints for around 6 months, close this 17/06/2024 Further complaints received
119	22/06/23	TIA		Extension to existing footpath The Common - Replaces log ref 47	18/07/2023 Not enough room/space per DW	23/10/2023 Cost at least £100,000 plus and land that needs toi be bought. If it is a priority we could look to get this onto the list but there are other major schemes well ahead of this 13/11/2023 Teams meeting arranged with Cllr Doidge who refused as would prefer a face tp face meeting when GS is mobile again. Meeting 25/01/2024 with Ewen and Roy - issues of land ownership, hedges, numbers of people at medical practice who actually would walk there. This is a long term project as either land will neeed to be donated or purchased and who pays. Conservative estimate for pathway is £100k plus land 01/03/2024 PC councillors to survey Medical Cnetre and residnets to find out who would actually use this. Also they will approach landowners about giving up some of their land for a footpath.
124	02/07/23	TIA		4 Biddles Hill, Poolhead Lane, Earlswood, B94 5EN. Sewer Connection	17/07/2023 Note sent giving ST contact as this is their responsibility	17/08/2023 - note to ST?? 14/02/2024 Resident contcated me again. I will send letter to Director of Operations 27/03/2024 Further letter from residents...Note sent to ST 04/04/2024 note erecived from ST with details on how to apply for a s101a connection and funding
196	24/11/23	TIA		24/11/2023Deer sign Forshaw Heath Lane		29/01/2024 job raised some time ago 01/03/2 DW chceked it is on the system 17/06/2024 o/s
263	09/02/24	TIA		Causeway - barriers lying on side	16/02/2024 DW Responded and fwd to Lil	01/03/2024 Special job due to to the crash barriers plus a road closure 02/04/2024 DWv- will be there for a hwile 18/06/2024 work cannot be acrrieed out unkless a road clsoure ...no date at present due to getting the permot 19/06/2024 - temp barriers damaged again .note sent to DW
297	20/02/24	TIA		Questions from a Cllr. Regarding traffic safety issues	08/03/2024 Note sent to traffic safety asking for responses.	08/03/2024 Note sent to traffic safety asking for responses.
316	15/04/24	TIA		email received on inappropriate planning	NFA at this stage	
326	03/05/24	TIA		Flooding on Malthouse Lane Earlswood	13/05/2024 IJS asked for precise location	03/06/2024 2 locations received Awake.pure.tribes. And anyone.deputy.looks 18/06/2024 Capacity issue per DW
336	20/05/24	TIA		Missing white line Broad Lane	20/05/2024 DW notified by copy of email	21/5/2024 DW gone to surface dressing team to see why a line was put in at all. Why have they done it. 17/06/2024 - email the white lining team direc
347	21/05/24	TIA		Speed line request from resident on Penn Lane	17/06/2024 location received	
352	21/05/24	TIA		Speed lines to be laid at Flower Knott junction after roadworks are completed after 7/6/2024		
353	03/06/24	TIA		Analyse the latest speed data - Foreshaw Heath Lane		
368	14/06/24	TIA		Blocked drains and soakaway	17/06/2024 Note sent to DW	18/06/2024 - private land not ours

County News

People are being encouraged to report nuisance bikes in their area using a new online reporting form. - By completing the form on the Warwickshire County Council website, they can help put an end to the issues nuisance bikes create for local communities. Anti-social behaviour caused by nuisance bikes accounts for a large proportion of reports in the county, and a campaign called 'Dob 'Em In' is highlighting the importance of sharing information about perpetrators. As members of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership, Warwickshire County Council's Community Safety team and Warwickshire Police are working together to make it easier for people to report crime and safety concerns that are impacting on local communities.

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As well as using the new reporting form at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin, people can also report nuisance bikes to the Police by phoning 101 in a non-emergency. Nuisance bikes, whether they are motorbikes, e-bikes, or quad bikes, can be a cause of concern for several reasons, which is why people are being asked to report any incidents if their area is blighted by the issue.

If bikes are being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance, Warwickshire Police can issue notices under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act or seize the bike.

Police Officers can also attend addresses with Council Tenancy Officers to issue tenancy warning notices.

To help provide the best chance of successful action, when reporting an incident, people are being asked to give, if possible:

- a good description of the rider and the bike
- a registration number if it can be seen
- an address of where the bike comes from and goes to (if known)
- as much detail as possible about the nuisance, the riders, bikes, and any vehicles used to transport them if that is the case.

If reporting to Warwickshire Police, always ask for an incident number so you know it has been recorded.

*To find out more about the 'Dob 'Em In' campaign, visit https://safeinwarwickshire.com/crime-anti-social-behaviour/dob-em***.**

Household Support Fund -The objective of the Government's Household Support Fund is to provide crisis support to vulnerable households in most need with the cost of essentials. In recognition that an unexpected increase in costs can create real challenges for our residents who are experiencing financial hardship, another county wide utilities voucher campaign will launch in June 2024 .
Short-term financial assistance in the form of a one-off voucher payment will be available to help those who are struggling to afford energy and water bills. This will supplement ongoing emergency support from the Local Welfare Scheme for residents in financial crisis.
Families and households in Warwickshire can apply whether they use pre-payment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of a bill. Residents are invited to contact the Local Welfare Scheme team for a confidential discussion about their situation. All applications for the payment must be made by 5 July 2024.
Anyone entitled to benefits eligible free school meals will have received this support in May/early June.
Vulnerable residents in Warwickshire who are struggling financially can apply for support by contacting the Local Welfare Scheme directly on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182. For further information please visit:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme
https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/

The utilities campaign will be advertised via corporate social media channels already and you may also wish to do so via your own platforms. Collateral is attached to support you with this.

Community Orchards and Micro Woods -Green-fingered community groups are being offered extra support as Warwickshire County Council announces funding for the creation of community orchards and micro woods across the county.
This exciting initiative, funded by Defra's Coronation Heritage Living Fund (CLHF), allows residents to plant a lasting tribute within their local communities while contributing to a more sustainable Warwickshire.
Fruitful Pursuits: Bringing back orchards, one community at a time
The Fruitful Pursuits Community Orchards project aims to reverse the decline of traditional orchards by empowering communities to plant a variety of fruit trees in underused green spaces.
These community orchards offer a variety of benefits beyond providing access to fresh fruit while supporting wildlife and promoting natural land management. They also provide a place for residents to connect, plant trees, and enjoy community activities and a unique learning environment for schools and communities to explore wildlife, planting, and tree maintenance.
Creating miniature woodlands with Micro Woods
The project also encourages the creation of Community Micro Woods. Inspired by Japanese botanist Dr Akira Miyawaki's planting method, these miniature woodlands utilize mixed native species planted at high density to create a natural growth pattern in urban areas.
Micro Woods increase tree canopy cover, contributing to a much-needed increase in Warwickshire's overall tree cover. Unlike many other planting methods, these woods require minimal maintenance after the initial establishment period and have far lower vulnerability to vandalism compared to traditional tree planting.
How to Get Involved
Applications for the 2024/25 planting season are now open.
Applications for Community Orchards close at the end of July 2024, with planting to be completed by March 2025. Anyone interested in creating a micro wood should contact Warwickshire County Council's Natural Capital team.



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General enquiries regarding tree planting initiatives can be directed to the Natural Capital team at naturalcapital@warwickshire.gov.uk
More information about this funding can be found online: Tree Planting in Warwickshire – Sustainable Warwickshire
For more information about how Warwickshire County Council is facing the challenges of the climate change emergency, visit: https://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk/
Get the latest news about how Warwickshire County Council and partners are facing the challenge of the climate emergency and how you can get involved: http://eepurl.com/hrk-zf

Police News - These are the latest and nearest incidents reported for the last week ending 16th June by Alcester North Police –

Earlswood Common. Group of males with face coverings / balaclavas have approached another group of young lads and have stolen their push bikes, bags, and mobile phones. 6.25pm Friday 14th June. 0275 14/06/2024

OP RESOLVE is the project name for Warwickshire Police's hotspot policing uplift for 2024-25. Following the Home Office's announcement that funding would be provided to forces to target ASB and serious violence, Warwickshire Police has implemented a patrol strategy with a combination of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Community Wardens (Leamington Spa only) to target 18 identified zones throughout the County.

Over the coming weeks we shall be highlighting the patrol activities within the following town areas:

- Atherstone
- Nuneaton
- Bedworth
- Rugby
- Leamington Spa
- Stratford Upon Avon

Please be on the lookout for our RESOLVE officers who are keen to engage with you and discuss how we can improve the safety of our town centres.

New Police Constable - PC 1348 Sean Lovatt, has replaced PC Hope as the beat manager for Alcester North. Over the coming weeks he plans to be out across the region and introducing himself to the community.

As always feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues that you feel I can help with, and I will do my absolute best to help.

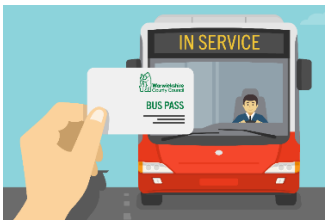
2024 election timetable

Day	Event	Date	Day
0	Dissolution of Parliament and return of writs	30-May	Thursday
1	Returning officers receive writs	31-May	Friday
3	Last day for publishing notice of election (by 4pm)	04-Jun	Tuesday
6	Deadline for submitting or withdrawing a nomination (4pm) Publication of statement of persons nominated (5pm)	07-Jun	Friday
13	Deadline to register to vote (by midnight)	18-Jun	Tuesday
14	Deadline for new postal vote applicants or amending existing absent voting arrangements	19-Jun	Wednesday
19	Deadline for new applications to vote by proxy (5pm). After 5pm it may be possible to apply for an emergency proxy in certain circumstances, but they are not available on demand. Deadline for applications for voter authority certificates (VACs, by 5pm)	26-Jun	Wednesday
21	First day voters can apply for a replacement for a lost postal vote	28-Jun	Friday
25	Polling day – 7am to 10pm Deadline for emergency proxy applications (5pm) Deadline for re-issue of spoilt or lost postal votes (5pm) Deadline for production of temporary VACs (10pm)	04-Jul	Thursday



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Other County Council News



All day travel for disabled people

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has approved the extension of the all-day travel trial for holders of disabled person's bus passes who are below state retirement age.

The trial, which began in August 2023, will now continue until March 31st, 2027.

Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5307/disabled-people-to-benefit-from-two-year-extension-of-free-weekday-travel-before-9am



Education Sufficiency Strategy

Council proposals to ensure the availability of school places were among the items addressed in the county's School Sufficiency Strategy, which was agreed at Cabinet on 13 June.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5308/the-approach-to-education-place-planning-is-approved-by-cabinet

ACL customer survey

Are you interested in learning something new?Warwickshire adult education service for people aged 19+ want to hear from anyone looking to brush up skills, find a hobby or try something new.Have your say: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/adult-and-community-learning-customer-survey

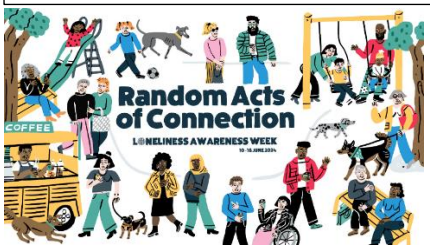
Healthy Eating Week

People across Warwickshire are being encouraged to embrace healthy eating habits to help boost their wellbeing.Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5294/making-positive-changes-for-healthy-eating-week

Funding secured to help address skills gap

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has approved the county's Adult Community Learning Agreement, ensuring that Warwickshire's adult learners can be supported by a £1.6m Adult Skills Fund grant.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5309/funding-secured-to-help-address-skills-gap



Loneliness Awareness Week

This Loneliness Awareness Week and beyond residents are being encouraged to take steps to combat loneliness and social isolation.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5293/make-connections-this-loneliness-awareness-week

Refugee Week 2024

Warwickshire County Council is proud to announce a week-long series of events in celebration of #RefugeeWeek2024 and World Refugee Day (20 June). Join us and reflect on what "Our Home" means to you! Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5302/warwickshire-county-council-marks-refugee-week-2024-with-a-series-of-community-events #OurHome #WelcomeToWarwickshire

Putting Warwickshire Carers on the map

For Carers Week Warwickshire County Council and partners have been sharing information that can help residents across the county navigate through their individual caring journeys.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5290/putting-warwickshire-carers-on-the-map-for-carers-



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Transport and Highways Survey 2024

You may receive a survey asking you to give feedback on Warwickshire's highways and transport services as part of the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey.Please complete it.

Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5303/have-your-say-on-warwickshire-s-roads-and-footpaths