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District (Cllr Lynda Organ) & County Councillor's report as of 17th July 2024

As Lynda is on annual leave, I have incorporated her report in to this one.

County News

Armed Forces Covenant eLearning module - A brand-new e-learning module has been developed for NHS organisations and Local Authorities on the Armed Forces Covenant Duty as it applies to healthcare is being launched on Armed Forces Day, 2024. Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5342/new-e-learning-module-to-assist-nhs-and-las-implement-the-armed-forces-covenant-duty-within-health-services-launched-on-armed-forces-day-2024

Apply to change schools in September - If you want your child to start a new school this September you can apply now. Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5347/now-is-the-time-to-apply-to-change-schools-in-september

Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Authorities Natural Capital Investment Strategy (LA NCIS).

The LA NCIS is a pioneering approach to protecting and enhancing the environment across the sub-region. It outlines a framework for utilising income generated through developer contributions, or environmental markets and nature-based compensation schemes, such as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). It also offers a strategic framework for investment to best tackle issues such as flood risk, air and water quality or carbon reduction, or to produce the greatest gains for local biodiversity.

Taking a collaborative approach offers several advantages:

- Combined Resources: By pooling resources, the LA NCIS can attract greater levels of investment and deliver larger, more impactful projects.
- Equity and Efficiency: Each local authority will benefit proportionally over time, ensuring fairness and the efficient use of funds.
- Best for Nature: A coordinated approach allows for a more strategic and joined-up effort to enhance the natural environment across the sub-region.
- Alignment with Regional Strategies: The NCIS complements existing regional and national environmental policies and strategies.

With Cabinet approval secured, the focus now shifts to developing a detailed Natural Capital Investment Implementation Plan (NCIIP). This plan will outline specific actions, timelines, and responsible parties for implementing the LA NCIS. The NCIIP is expected to be completed later this month and brought back to Cabinet for final approval in September 2025.

A copy of this report can be found here: https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/s37649/Warwickshire%20Coventry%20and%20Solihull%20Local%20Authorities%20Natural%20Capital%20Investment%20Strategy.pdf

The Council, through the Local Nature Partnership, is currently seeking resident views on the recovery of the natural world in order to create a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Residents can have their say here: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/ **OR See below for more detail**

For more information about how Warwickshire County Council is facing the challenges of the climate change emergency, visit: https://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk/

Nature Recovery for Warwickshire - The Government has asked Warwickshire County Council to prepare a Warwickshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This strategy is to be produced by taking the views from all those that benefit from or impact on nature. That is every business, every organisation and every resident. Through a detailed habitat mapping initiative across Warwickshire, we have identified existing valuable ecological areas and locations with potential for biodiversity enhancement. This aligns with the vision of Lawton's "Making Space for Nature" report, which calls for the creation of 'more, bigger, better and connected' wild spaces. To explore this initiative further, a dedicated map is available which shows existing designated areas like Local Wildlife Sites and identifies potential areas for enhancing connectivity between these crucial habitats. Click on this link to view the map. (This will open in a new window). https://maps.warwickshire.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure/

Click here for information and guidance on the map https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/#factbank-b5d6fb11d29d443382bd097ff01de598

Why your views matter

When we asked people about our Sustainable Future Strategy, biodiversity was the top concern, with 90% of respondents indicating that "Improving the richness and diversity of Warwickshire's habitats, wildlife and landscapes" is very important or important to them. This survey is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas more specifically as we develop a Local Nature



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Recovery Strategy. Please share your views on how we can best protect and improve Warwickshire's natural environment. How to take part

- There are several ways you can share your thoughts on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, whether you prefer to participate individually or as part of a group:
- Online Survey: Take our online survey by clicking the link below. It's the quickest and easiest way to contribute your ideas.
- Paper Survey: If you prefer a paper copy or need a specific format or language, you can request this by via email (naturalcapital@warwickshire.gov.uk) or telephone (01926 418060).
- Written Response: Please send your response directly in writing by email to wcslnp@wkwt.org.uk or by post to:
  Hattie Fuller
  Warwickshire County Council
  Shire Hall post room
  Rear of Shire Hall
  Northgate Street
  Warwick
  CV34 4RL

Community Safety Survey - In Warwickshire, there are a range of organisations working together to keep you as safe as possible. These include local councils, Fire and Rescue, Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Probation Service, Health and charitable organisations, who work together to address and improve community safety through the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board. The Board aims to create safer communities and wants to understand current community safety issues and any concerns of residents and those who work or study in Warwickshire.

The survey will enable the Board to develop its services, with the aim of increasing how safe residents feel and promoting action that can be taken to help make you feel safer. By sharing what matters to you, those that make decisions about community safety at a national and neighbourhood level will better understand how crimes and incidents impact on your feeling of safety. They'll also know what influences how safe you feel, and how you may like to be communicated with and involved.

The results will be analysed in the summer of 2024, and used to inform the setting of local community safety priorities from the autumn onwards. We thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your experiences and concerns are important to us and will help us ensure we are addressing issues which matter to Warwickshire residents and those who work and / or study in the county. The link to the survey is here The survey closes 5/8/2024

Addiction Support - Warwickshire County Council's has strengthened its commitment to ensuring that residents across Warwickshire have access to high-quality support to help them overcome addiction. At the Cabinet meeting on Thursday 16 July, it was decided to recommission the Council's drug and alcohol services which are currently available to residents across Warwickshire.

The recommissioning of services will focus on several key areas:

- Accessibility: Ensuring services are readily available across the county and welcoming to all communities.
- Quality of care: Delivering effective treatment and support for those struggling with addiction, with a focus on complex needs.
- Health and wellbeing: Promoting recovery and supporting individuals into sustainable employment, education, and training.
- Partnership working: Collaborating with other services to safeguard children and young people, reduce drug-related crime, and monitor service effectiveness.

The Council has already engaged with a variety of stakeholders, including service users, service providers, referral professionals and the general public. Additionally, it has carried out service reviews, and needs assessments, which will be used along with the user engagement to inform the development of the future drug and alcohol service provision.

The Council is firmly committed to a competitive tender process to ensure best value for money and return on investment in terms of positive health outcomes for service users.

More information about drugs and alcohol services in Warwickshire can be found here: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/alcohol

New pricing structure for licences permitting works on its highways.

The change to fees offsets the losses that the county council is currently incurring and will bring Warwickshire's charging structure into line with those of similar Local Highways Authorities. As Local Highways Authority, the County Council charges a fee for the granting of licences for a range of applications such as skips, scaffolding, hoardings and signing. While these charges have risen in line with inflation, they have not been reflecting the actual cost to the Council in processing the applications and



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have not been subject to a full review for several years. The approved increase of charges will enable County Highways to fully recover the costs of providing these services without making a surplus or generating income above the level of that required to provide an efficient and cost-effective service.

Key changes include:

- Increased fees for a range of licences and permits, including skips, scaffolding, hoarding, and access protection markings.
- Introduction of a new optional one-month licence period for scaffolding and hoarding to provide greater flexibility.
- A new fee for processing retrospective licence applications, where a licence is required but not obtained beforehand.
- A phased rollout of a new online application system, starting with skip licences.

All contractors, builders, and regular users of these services will be notified of the changes in advance. The new fees are planned to be introduced within the next three months. More information about roads and transport in Warwickshire can be found here: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadsandtransport

Small works -

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 asked whether a Parish Council could pay for the gulley cleaner and employ them to clear specified gullies and the answer is positive . The cost would be £1,000 per day plus an extra £500 per day if traffic management were required. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this and send me a list of the gullies that need to be jetted. I will then liaise with the team at County and ensure that the route needed to clear these would be feasible in the time allowed and whether traffic management would be required**.**

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

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 LII 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
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
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 resident to find out who would actually use this. Also they will approach landowners about giving up some of their land for a footpath.
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
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.
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
372	26/06/24	TIA		Penn Lane spoeed lines	Note sent to resident asking for porecisie location and a copy to the Parish Council	
373	25/06/24	TIA		Clwes Wood Lane ROW issue	26/06/2024 Note sent to resident for exact location	04/07/2024 Note to RB asking for details of who the landowner is



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District News

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Parish-and-Partners newsletter is now available on the SDC website and contains many interesting articles about what the council is doing plus tips from the Police on vehicle security, marking property and much more, take a look using this link https://www.stratford.gov.uk/doc/212844/name/1026%20Parish%20and%20Partners%2049%20JUN24%20FINAL.pdf

Trees call for action – The Heart of England Forest team offer help and advice on planting and financing of trees and can be contacted at TCAP@heartofenglandforest.org.uk

Pop up Safe Spaces -Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Community Safety team and partner agencies are working on a pilot project creating Pop Up Safe Spaces across the District. This project is being trialled across Stratford-on-Avon District, and potentially implemented across the county. The safe spaces will take an innovative and holistic approach, ensuring they are welcoming, confidential, and free from judgement. Anyone can come and talk to the agencies present about available support or concerns in their local community, particularly focusing on crime and anti-social behaviour. The safe spaces will present the community with an opportunity to:

- Gain access to the right help and support
- Feel empowered to access services
- Be signposted or referred to partner agencies
- Build their confidence and trust in agencies
- Have their voice and concerns heard
- Improve their feeling of safety

Warwickshire Local Councils Charter -Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Council has agreed a revised Warwickshire Local Councils Charter. This Charter will replace the existing Local Councils Charter agreed by the District Council in 2015. The overall aim of the Local Councils Charter is to improve relationships between the tiers of local government in Warwickshire. Effective partnerships will ensure an improvement in consultation and communication about policies and decisions that may affect local communities. The revised Charter outlines how Councils can work together to provide better services by improving communication, consulting each other giving help and support, measuring how well we are doing Progress will be reviewed every 12 months by officers from the Principal Councils and representatives from WALC as appropriate. A report of this annual review will be included within the agendas for the annual Area Meetings.

The Stratford District Community Games (Saturday 27 July) will invite residents to compete in a series of exciting challenges, all designed to test teamwork, athleticism, and fun-loving spirit. It will be the first event of its kind in the area, bringing the community together to celebrate a summer of sport with some friendly competition, all while raising money for a good cause. Teams must be made up of four individuals and no prior sporting experience is required. Family units or groups of adults are both welcomed, and there will be separate categories for Family Champions and Adult Team Champions to ensure a fair competition. It costs £40 per team to take part - with 10% of all proceeds going to Dementia UK, a national charity supporting those living with dementia. The event will take place between 1pm and 5pm at Stratford Leisure Centre, which is managed by the event organisers, Everyone Active, in partnership with Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

The tournament challenges have been inspired by the sporting and fitness activities found in the centre, such as Clip n' Climb and the Atlantis Pool Inflatable. What's more, participants will be made to battle it out in a heart-pounding game of TAGactive, an indoor obstacle course similar to Ninja Warrior. Strength and endurance will also be tested in a series of gym challenges.

Warwickshire Rural Hub is pleased to be able to offer Free Trees for Farmers again this year. The trees are being funded by Warwick District Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. The trees are available to farms lying within these local authority areas. The Free Trees for Farmers scheme is also being supported by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, as well as the Trees Call to Action Project (a partnership between the Heart of England Forest and the district councils of Stratford, Wychavon and Warwick, aiming to increase tree cover across the three districts by working with local communities and landowners).Various tree packs are available, which allow farmers to find the perfect species mix for their land, including hedgerow packs, fruit tree packs, and woodland packs. Farmers can apply for anything from a single tree pack up to hundreds of trees. The Trees Call to Action Project can also offer practical support for farmers looking to plant on a larger scale where they may need to undertake Environmental Impact Assessments, for example if they want to plant on a woodland



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scale using the Government's English Woodland Creation Offer grant. If your farm falls within the local authority boundaries and you would like to plant trees this coming winter, you can apply online by clicking here or visiting https://forms.gle/MEjqc26oRZjRV9Qn6

The deadline for requesting trees is Sunday 21st July 2024 at 11pm.

Police News

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Caravan thefts

⚠️It's holiday season and unfortunately thefts of, or from, caravans do sometimes occur. ⚠️Having your caravan CRiS registered helps the police to identify the caravan as yoursFind out more at https://cris.co.uk/advice

#SafeInWarwickshire

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.

Other County Council News



Lung Cancer Screening

When lung cancer is caught early, it is easier to treatment.

That's why the NHS is offering people who are GP registered, aged 55-74 and have ever smoked a lung check to make sure everything is ok.



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



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

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



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Warwickshire Libraries What's On Guide

Warwickshire Libraries is celebrating one year of National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) status with Arts Council England, with the launch of the service's new What's on Guide for Summer 2024.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5339/warwickshire-libraries-launches-what-s-on-guide-as-service-celebrates-one-year-with-arts-council-england



Child friendly local activities and clubs

Summer is here and Warwickshire is buzzing with activities and clubs for children and families!

Find out what is happening in your area: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5363/child-friendly-local-activities-and-clubs-available-to-book-over-the-summer-holidays



Household waste centres summer bookings

Summer is the time of year when Warwickshire's nine household waste recycling centres (HWRC) are at their busiest.

Don't forget to book your slots: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5366/visiting-your-local-household-waste-recycling-centre-this-summer-don-t-forget-to-book-a-slot-



Enhanced support for learners with SEND

Schools in South Warwickshire will soon benefit from a new support and training program designed to help them better meet the needs of learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5369/warwickshire-expands-innovative-trial-to-enhance-support-for-learners-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities

ACL resident survey

Are you interested in learning something new? Warwickshire County Council's Adult and Community Learning service want your views to shape its course offerings for the 2024/25 academic year. Have your say today: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/adult-and-community-learning-custome-survey/

Strategic economic delivery plan - Following Warwickshire's Economic Growth Strategy approval at Cabinet in April, the delivery plan that sets out what will be delivered was brought to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 June.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5348/warwickshire-s-strategic-economic-delivery-plan-presented-to-members

Warwickshire Strategic Economic Plan 2024-34
Delivery Plan 2024 – 2026