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County Councillor's report for Tanworth in Arden Parish Council as of 16th October 2024

County Council report

Flu Vaccinations - Flu vaccinations Protect yourself and others this flu season. From October, get vaccinated and reduce the risk of flu-related complications. Check your eligibility via www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations #FluVaccine #GetWinterStrong #FightFlu

Councillor Grant Fund is open again for applications until the 3rd November - Warwickshire County Council is inviting community and voluntary groups across the county to apply for the Councillor Grant Fund, which is now reopen for round two of funding. Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5583/warwickshire-county-council-s-councillor-grant-fund-is-open-again-for-applications Each of the 57 councillors in Warwickshire is allocated £8,000 annually to support small-scale projects within their divisions. These projects should align with key areas such as improving access to services, reducing loneliness and isolation, enhancing physical and mental health and wellbeing, or supporting the local environment to help the county achieve its goal of becoming Net Zero by 2050.

Tree planting funding - The application window for community groups to apply for funding to create new orchards and micro woods has been extended until the end of 2024.Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5509/community-groups-given-longer-to-apply-for-tree-planting-funding-in-warwickshire

Devolution Agreement confirmed by the current Labour Government – Izzi Seccombe issued the following statement - "The Warwickshire Devolution Agreement is a significant long-term milestone for the County. It provides a strong foundation from which to secure further powers and resources. It will help us further strengthen our economy, and our continued drive to improve the life prospects for all who live, work or do business in Warwickshire. This Deal is without doubt an endorsement of our County. In delivering on this deal, Warwickshire will continue to contribute strongly at a regional and national level."

Committee meetings are increasing again with me sitting on the Licencing Panel, on site meetings, training, adult social care committee, Audit & Standards committee, Regulatory committee , Full Council, selection panel in the last two weeks alone

Police and Crime Commissioner Survey 2024 - Help to shape the Future of Policing in Warwickshire 🔔

Warwickshire's Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe, has launched a public survey seeking vital feedback on the key priorities that will shape the next Police and Crime Plan. Have your say: https://warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/shape-the-future-of-policing-in-warwickshire-public-survey-now-open/ -

Highest number of Warwickshire officers in force history – Warwickshire Police are continuing to boost the ranks across Warwickshire with new officers joining us. Since the beginning of September, we've welcomed more than 40 new starters – 20 students on our Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) course, 22 from the latest Detective Constable Degree Holder Entry Programme (DCDHEP), plus seven new PCSOs. From service industry workers to ex-military, they all have a variety of backgrounds, cultures and bring with them a wealth of different experiences and we're delighted to see two former cadets among the new recruits. As a force, we're aiming to build a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve, and our new officers will draw on their skills to help police the communities of Warwickshire

Warwickshire Schools leading the way on climate action - Warwickshire schools are taking part in more sustainability activities than ever before. With every school in England required to have a climate action plan and a sustainability lead in place by 2025*, Warwickshire schools are taking part in more sustainability activities than ever before. Schools and universities account for 36% of the UK's public sector building emissions, and with 242 primary and secondary schools in Warwickshire, reducing emissions across school estates will significantly impact net zero goals. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) offers schools a wealth of resources and support, alongside help from public sector bodies, charities, and private organizations. The www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk website also provides a comprehensive list of funding opportunities and educational resources.

The Sustainable Warwickshire podcast series is for those people living and working in Warwickshire who care about climate change. It features conversations with people from across the county who are taking action to reduce carbon emissions and support biodiversity. It covers subjects such as energy, waste and recycling, transport, infrastructure and the green economy, whilst also giving Warwickshire residents ideas on how to get involved and play their part. You can find the Sustainable Warwickshire podcast on Spotify or Apple by searching for "Sustainable Warwickshire". All episodes are also available at: https://sustainablewarwickshire.podbean.com/

For more information on climate change, visit **https://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk**



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Small works - Gully Cleaning and potholes –. 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 .

More help is available using this link : https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5629/drain-cleaning-and-where-to-report-flooding-in-warwickshire

In addition, over the last few months I have 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

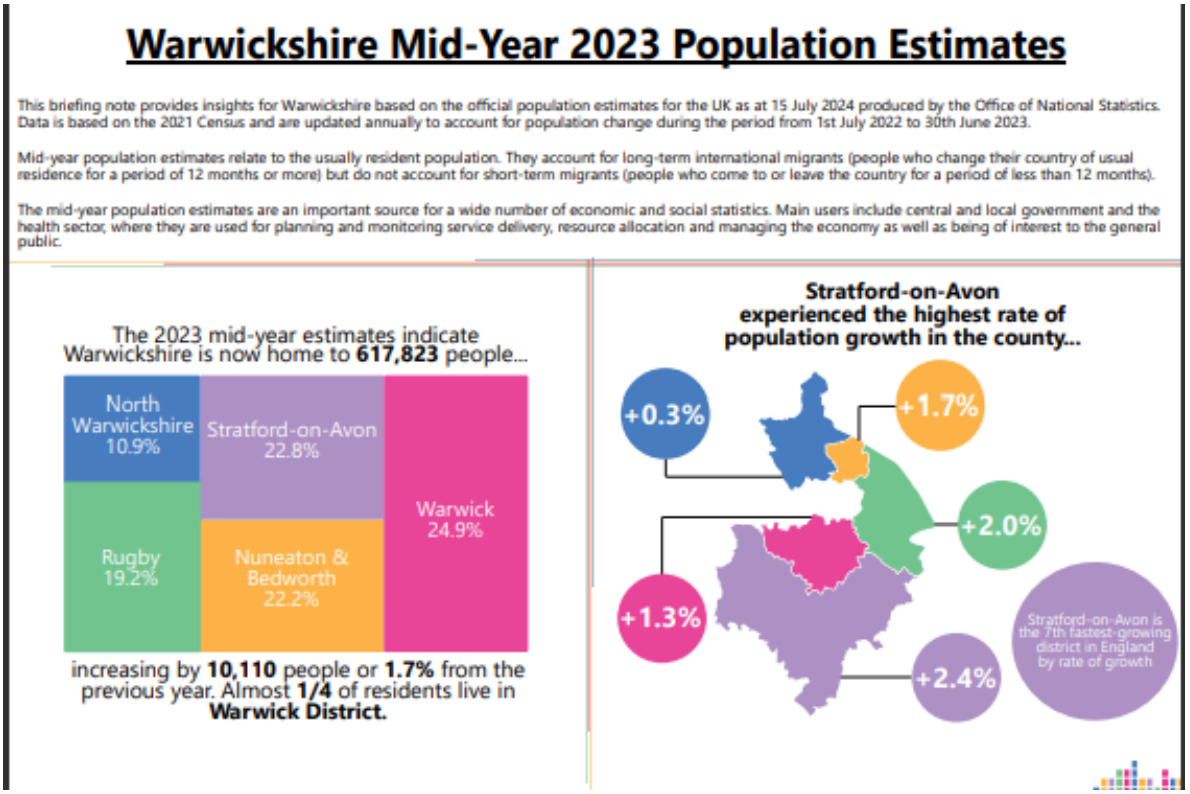
Small Works -The JPC will let me know if there are any small roadworks, white lining, or Rights of Way issues. I will investigate these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted. . To report a Highway fault, use this link https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem .

Ref	Issue	Action 2
7	Priority sign - Valley Rd (see email trail in Tanworth folder) 19/06/2023 - This year within 2 months i.e by September 2023	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 01/09/2024 DW will chase this up through GS
27	Causeway issues - photos available - parking, ASB. PSPO in operation plus cameras	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 13/08/2024 Meeting of CIAG group whilst I am on holiday 18/8/2024 to 01/09/2024
46	Signage and white lining at Cut Throat Lane defective	07/10/2024 patching and resurfacing still to be carried DW 07/10/2024 GS 50 mph sighn on approach to FKnot will be moved to a new location to make it more visible.
84	double yellow lanes Malthouse Lane?	09/092024 resident asked why civil enforecment couldn't send letters to those illegally parking or employ volunteer wardens. Note sent onto Civil Enforecmnet for their comments. 10/09/2024 respinse rescivde and included in the CC report to the Parish on 19/09/2024 03/10/2024 note sent to Sarah about whether further dta aon the patrols will take us any further forward. 01/10/2024 Sam Slemensk raised the issue of bollards with the clerk at a meeting with then recently. Note sent by me to clerk today 11/10/2024 GS states that the pavement and area beisde it is not big enough to take bollards due to the lack of width .Suggestion is that we use a thinner bollard (PC suggested) I have thrown this back to GS -= Cost + installation of standard bolaards is around £300 per bollard. The picture sent by PC shows 10 locations , assuming 10 bollards = £2700 but this only allows for one bollard at each of the locations, may want 2 or 3 in which case £5400 or £8100
119	Extension to existing footpath The Common - Replaces log ref 47	07/08/2024 GS supplied Ewen with maps showing extent of WCC Highway maintained at public expense
124	4 Biddles Hill, Poolhead Lane, Earlswood, B94 5EN. Sewer Connection	01/09/2024 reopened as resident has sent a note to MP 16/10/2024 As MP has got involved I am awaiting her notes on what is being done
196	24/11/2023Deer sign Forshaw Heath Lane	08/08/24 DW says that the sign is being designed 07/10/2024 Gs will chase with Candy / Apprived per DW
297	Questions from a Cllr. Regarding traffic safety issues	04/102/204 meeting held with GS/Cllr Saunders and Mike(resident) . MS will update the PC at meeting 17/10/2024
352	Speed lines to be laid at Flower Knott junction after roadworks are completed after 7/6/2024	12/09/2024 not completed yet
353	Analyse the latest speed data - Foreshaw Heath Lane	
373	Clwes Wood Lane ROW issue	04/07/2024 Note to RB asking for details of who the landowner is
383	Footpath request Valley Road	

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Key Facts – Warwickshire

- The median age of a Warwickshire resident is 42.5 years - a decrease of 0.1 from the previous year
- In 2023 Stratford-on-Avon District had the highest median age (48.3 yrs) while Warwick District had the lowest (40.0 yrs)
- Between mid-2022 and mid-2023, the population of Warwickshire increased by 1.7% - marginally higher than the previous year (1.4%). This compares to growth of 1.0% in England.
- The highest rates of population increase were in Stratford-on-Avon (2.4%) and Rugby (2.0%) followed by Nuneaton & Bedworth (1.7%), Warwick (1.3%), and North Warwickshire (0.3%).
- The proportion of the population aged 65+ is higher in Warwickshire (20.6%) compared to England (18.7%). Just over 1 in 4 of the population in Stratford-on-Avon is aged 65+.
- Deaths exceeded births overall in Warwickshire, there were 5,750 births between mid-2022 and mid-2023 and 6,487 deaths. Therefore, the contribution of natural change to overall population growth was negative, although there was variation between districts and boroughs.
- The key driver of population change in Warwickshire remains internal migration (moves from within the UK) between mid-2022 and mid-2023; net internal migration was 8,245.
- International migration played a larger part in population growth between mid-2022 and mid-2023 compared to recent years; net international migration was 2,583.

Stratford-on-Avon had the **highest net population growth by internal migration**, however **Warwick** had the **largest amount** of **internal migration** into and out of the district **by volume.**

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Other news and information



Apply for secondary school places

Parents and carers of children who have just started in Year 6 are being asked to apply for their child's secondary school place by the deadline of 31 October 2024. Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5570/warwickshire-year-6-children-are-invited-to-apply-for-their-secondary-school-place



Always stop for school crossing patrols

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is reminding drivers that they must always stop when a School Crossing Patrol displays their 'STOP Children' sign, to allow children to safely cross roads near schools. Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5622/warwickshire-road-safety-partnership-reminds-drivers-to-always-stop-for-school-crossing-patrols



Quit smoking to boost mental health and wellbeing

Not only does quitting smoking improve your physical health, it is also proven to boost your mental health and wellbeing.

Find out more about starting your quitting journey: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5619/council-calling-on-residents-to-quit-smoking-to-boost-mental-health-and-wellbeing

West Midlands Combined Authority

West Midlands Investment Zone

The delivery of the flagship West Midlands Investment Zone, capable of driving more than £5bn of investment and 30k new jobs, got underway last week with the announcement of a £14.5m funding package. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5621/first-funding-for-west-midlands-investment-zone



Warwickshire Country Parks Photography competition

It's time to vote for your favourite picture showcasing nature and wildlife at Warwickshire's much-loved country parks. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5614/cast-your-vote-for-the-warwickshire-country-parks-photography-competition-

Investment in immersive and creative technology industry

Innovate UK's Launchpad programme has supported 33 immersive and creative technology projects with over £3m invested into the local area to date. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5615/over-3m-invested-in-coventry-and-warwickshire-s-immersive-and-creative-technology-industry-



Independent Panel Member volunteer opportunity

Would you like to volunteer as an Independent Panel Member to hear School Admission Appeals?Panel Members need only dedicate as much time as they are willing to offer to this voluntary role and exercise good judgement.

To find out more, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jobs-volunteering/become-independent-panel-member



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The Volunteer Companions Project at Warwick Hospital

The Volunteer Companions Project at Warwick Hospital is marking nearly a year of delivering essential support to patients nearing the end of their lives.

Find out more about volunteering opportunities with the project: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5628/volunteers-needed-for-emotional-support-to-terminally-ill-patients-families-at-warwick-hospital



Aston Martin King's Award for Enterprise

Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox, formally recognised Aston Martin in an official award presentation of the King's Award for Enterprise last month.

Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5634/aston-martin-officially-presented-with-the-king-s-award-for-enterprise-by-warwickshire-s-lord-lieutenant

Stoptober 2024

Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council are calling on smokers across the area to quit for good this Stoptober. Find out what support is available: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5603/smokers-across-coventry-and-warwickshire-five-times-more-likely-to-quit-for-good-for-the-28-days-of-stoptober



Warwickshire Fostering Celebration

Warwickshire Fostering is excited to announce a special celebration event on Thursday 7 November at the historic Old Shire Hall in Warwick. Find out more about this event: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5601/warwickshire-fostering-celebration-awards-art-support



Specialist support for children with SEND

More children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Warwickshire are now receiving tailored support within mainstream schools. Find out more about specialist resourced provisions: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5600/warwickshire-county-council-expands-specialist-support-for-children-with-send-



Summer success for Stratford Park and Ride

Stratford's Park and Ride bus service and car park – managed by Warwickshire County Council – has continued to see an encouraging surge in visitors using the service over the summer months.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5598/stratford-park-and-ride-sees-significant-increase-in-visitor-use-following-latest-summer-promotion



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Warwickshire Business Energy Advice Service

A growing manufacturing business in Warwickshire is much more productive and using a fraction of the energy following bespoke support from the Warwickshire Business Energy Advice Service. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5602/wbeas-support-takes-brakes-off-harry-burrows-growth-plans



LCE Fund

A funding scheme created by Warwickshire County Council has lent more than £4 million to small businesses across the county in its first two years. Discover more about the fund: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5597/lce-fund-pumps-more-than-4million-into-warwickshire-businesses-in-two-years



The Baby Box Project

The Baby Box Project initiative from Warwickshire County Council is pleased to announce a new partnership with Baby Basics in Warwick. Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5608/a-warwickshire-project-to-support-care-experienced-parents-goes-from-strength-to-strength



Better prepared for the loss of gas or electricity

Many of us rely on gas and electricity every day. But would you know what to do if you lost power for a few days? Learn how to prepare for power outages, loss of gas supply and more at https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/loss-of-gas-or-electricity/

Green Libraries Week bookmark competition

Warwickshire County Council's libraries service is delighted to announce the winners of its 2024 bookmark competition, after receiving hundreds of entries during the summer holidays. Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5613/warwickshire-libraries-announces-winners-of-latest-bookmark-competition-and-invites-residents-to-enjoy-free-green-libraries-week-events

Warwickshire Youth Council grant fund

Warwickshire's Youth Council is pleased to announce the launch of its Youth Council Project Grant Fund, aimed at supporting the county's community and voluntary organisations that provide essential services for young people aged 11-17.

Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5595/warwickshire-youth-council-launch-grant-fund-to-support-local-youth-projects



Early years education funding - Warwickshire is exceeding national and regional averages for early years education take up. Are you accessing this important funding for your child? Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5580/don-t-miss-out-on-early-years-education-funding-for-your-child