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County Councillor's report for Tanworth in Arden Parish Council Meeting as of 20th November 2024

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

There was a shocking road traffic incident on the 30th September in Wootton Wawen and I am thankful that there were no fatalities, but two schoolchildren walking on the pavement did get injured. The air ambulance was called.

For my part I have been in touch with the Traffic and Safety Officers at County to see what changes could be made to slow the traffic down in Wootton Wawen, especially on this bend. Whilst the A3400 for a large part has good visibility from my perspective pure impatience and stupidity caused this accident. The Children were lucky not have been more seriously injured or killed. The road is 30mph at the entry points into Wotton Wawen and despite the Police having just taken delivery of 3 new speed vans, the area they cover means that enforcement of any speed limits along the A3400 or A4189 is highly unlikely on a regular basis.

Highways Community Action Fund - The Highways Community Action Fund is about to be released, or a version of it, allowing each parish up to £25,000 on a match fund basis to put forward their own scheme for consideration. For example, the parish can put in more than £25,000 so with a large scheme costing say £75,000, WCC will put in £25,000 and the parish and its partners would put in £50,000.

This fund is due to be launched before the end of the year so my advice would be to consider suitable schemes now so that when the scheme is released you are ready to apply.

Views sought from survivors of hate crime in South Warwickshire - Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are seeking the views of victims and witnesses of hate crime in South Warwickshire. A survey has been launched by both Councils, the information from which will be used to help tackle hate crime in specific locations. **You can complete the survey by visiting https://online1.snapsurveys.com/hatecrime**

Visit to see the Material Recycling Facility at Coventry - I have been in touch with the officers at the facility and have been told that I can

- Have up to 15 people in a group
- Each group must not have anyone less than 18 years of age
- Only councillors and eco groups (who will be put into a separate group from councillors as they may have different questions) will be able to visit at the moment

I have sent your Parish Clerk and the Chair further details on this so if you are interested in seeing what happens to the waste in the blue bin contact the Parish Clerk.

Other issues

A3400 Birmingham Road, Stratford, update - Double boost for Stratford's Birmingham Road traffic - Warwickshire County Council has announced two measures to ease traffic congestion around roadworks brought about by the first stage of Phase 2 of the Birmingham Road Improvements Scheme.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5672/county-announces-double-boost-for-birmingham-road-traffic

Warwickshire County Council is working hard on the first stage of Phase 2 of the Birmingham Road Improvements Scheme to allow two-way traffic on the Road as soon as possible. Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5690/an-update-on-progress-on-the-a3400-birmingham-road-in-stratford

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

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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

Avoid the queues! Enjoy free parking at Stratford Park and Ride this November -Stratford-upon-Avon visitors and commuters are being encouraged to take advantage of a new free parking offer at Stratford Park and Ride this November. This latest promotion follows a 112% increase in customers using the service throughout the summer holidays earlier this year. From Monday 28 October to Saturday 30 November, Warwickshire County Council is providing free parking at Stratford Park and Ride to help alleviate traffic congestion around local roadworks as we approach the festive period.

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."

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/

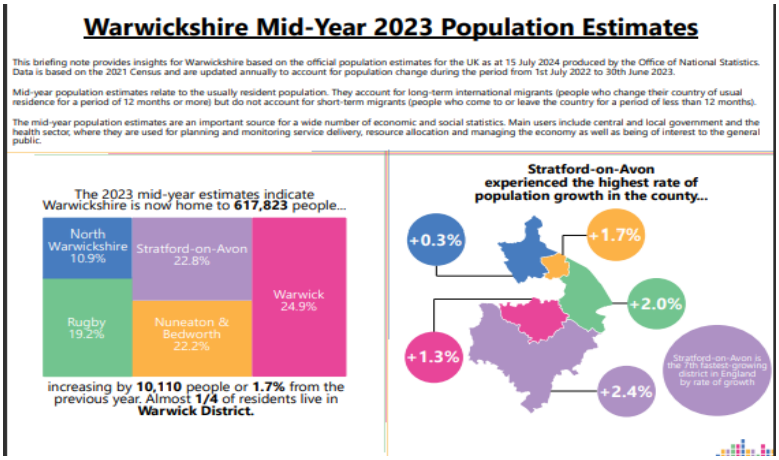
For more information on climate change, visit **https://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk**

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-warwickshireTo report a Highway fault, use this link https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem .

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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.

More Key Facts – Warwickshire

- .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.

Other news and information



Pension Credit -Warwickshire County Council is committed to ensuring the county's eligible residents are supported in claiming their Pension Credit entitlement this winter. Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5658/council-commits-to-raising-awareness-of-pension-credit



Looking after the vulnerable this winter

Older neighbours, friends and family members, may need some extra help over the winter.

Keeping warm over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.



Winter wellness: Norovirus

Norovirus is a stomach bug that causes vomiting and diarrhoea.

Washing your hands frequently with soap and water is the best way to stop it spreading. Alcohol hand gels DO NOT kill Norovirus.



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Winter wellness: Staying healthy at home

Everyday household activities support physical and mental health. Being at home and maintaining routine tasks can improve health outcomes.

Being in hospital for a long period unnecessarily can cause serious harm and impact on a person's ability to manage day-to-day needs.



It could be Long COVID

If you've had #COVID19 and are suffering with fatigue, breathlessness, or a cough, it could be #LongCOVID19. If you think you may have #LongCOVID19 make an appointment with your GP who can carry out tests and refer you to the #LongCOVID19 clinic.



Support for male victims of domestic abuse

This week, Warwickshire County Council and its partners marked the third ever Male Victims Domestic Abuse Day by showcasing the range of support that is available for victims.

Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5700/warwickshire-county-council-highlights-support-for-male-victims-of-domestic-abuse



Armed Forces Covenant signing ceremony

On Wednesday 6 November, Warwickshire County Council hosted an Armed Forces Covenant signing ceremony at Shire Hall in Warwick. Discover more about Warwickshire's support for armed forces personnel: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5709/warwickshire-county-council-hosts-armed-forces-covenant-signing-ceremony



Free parking at Stratford Park and Ride - Stratford-upon-Avon visitors and commuters are being encouraged to take advantage of a new free parking offer at Stratford Park and Ride this November.

Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5687/avoid-the-queues-enjoy-free-parking-at-stratford-park-and-ride-this-november



Winter Wheelers 2024

Winter Wheelers, a motivating winter biking challenge that makes winter riding fun, rewarding and accessible to everyone is back for 2024/25. Discover more and sign-up here: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5712/no-more-cold-feet-about-riding-in-winter-with-winter-wheelers-from-love-to-ride-warwickshire



New funding opportunities with Innovate UK

Coventry and Warwickshire is working with Innovate UK to enable further funding to drive innovation and business growth in the local Immersive & Creative technology cluster. Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5710/coventry-and-warwickshire-launch-new-funding-opportunities-with-innovate-uk-to-drive-innovation-in-immersive-and-creative-technologies



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Supporting children unable to attend school

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet approved a new, unified policy to support children who cannot attend their usual educational setting.

Discover more: **https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5737/supporting-warwickshire-s-children-who-are-unable-to-attend-school**



Preventing home electrical fires

Throughout November, Warwickshire Fire Rescue Service is reminding residents of the dangers of things like overloaded sockets, or faulty appliances, and encouraging people to follow simple tips to stay safe.

Discover more: **https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5723/stay-safe-warwickshire-fire-service-urges-caution-with-home-electricals-to-prevent-fires**

DBV
Improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND

Early success in SEND support across Warwickshire

Six months into the Department for Education funded Delivering Better Value programme, WCC is making positive steps in enhancing support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Read more: **https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5721/dbv-programme-shows-early-success-in-send-support-across-warwickshire-**

Kind COMMUNITIES Kind FOOD

Kind Communities - Kind Food Grant fund

If you are involved in community-orientated food projects across Warwickshire, you are invited to apply to the second round of Warwickshire County Council's Kind Communities-Kind Food Grant fund.

Apply now:
https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5727/community-food-



The Warwickshire Safe Accommodation Strategy

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has approved the Warwickshire Safe Accommodation Strategy for 2025 -2028, which provides improved support for victim-survivors of domestic abuse in Warwickshire.

Read more: **https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5740/council-improving-access-to-safe-accommodation-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse**



Visit Warwickshire Libraries this month (X and Facebook)

You are invited to enjoy two fantastic activities at Warwickshire Libraries this month, including a storytelling fair and the opportunity to learn how to create podcasts and sound effects from industry professionals.

Discover more: **https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5734/visit-warwickshire-libraries-this-month-to-enjoy-exciting-activities-for-families-and-young-**



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Police antisocial behaviour patrols

Warwickshire Police is conducting targeted patrols in hotspots to tackle antisocial behaviour. The Focusing on those locations aims to prevent crime in the specific areas and reduce overall crime levels in the wider area. Discover more about Op Resolve: https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/police-forces/warwickshire-police/areas/warwickshire-police/campaigns/campaigns/2024/op-resolve/

Instagram videos you can share on Op Resolve and antisocial behaviour:

Verbal abuse – https://youtube.com/shorts/rkKkODSysKQ

Noise – https://youtube.com/shorts/vVgK-qPfZcc

Littering – https://youtube.com/shorts/Blc75FMDxto



Helping drivers get winter ready

As winter approaches Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is reminding drivers that now is a great time to book your vehicle in to a garage for a free winter safety check.

Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5684/warwickshire-road-safety-partnership-offers-tips-to-help-drivers-get-winter-ready



Discover Warwickshire's great outdoors

With half term for Warwickshire schools well underway Warwickshire County Council is inviting parents and carers to take advantage of the fantastic outdoor spaces available across the county. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5682/discover-warwickshire-s-great-outdoors-this-october-half-term

Supported internships in Warwickshire - Warwickshire County Council is working to develop pathways to employment for young people with SEND through supported internships.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5681/new-role-to-lead-the-development-of-supported-internships-in-warwickshire



Mini exhibition series at Warwickshire Libraries

New mini exhibition series: Roman Warwickshire – Making Connections will be hosted by ten different libraries from Autumn 2024 to Spring 2025. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5686/new-mini-exhibition-series-at-warwickshire-libraries



Bikeability cycling instructor recruitment - Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to join the growing number of Bikeability cycling instructors and help inspire the next generation of cyclists. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5677/could-you-help-to-inspire-the-next-generation-of-cyclists-in-warwickshire