

## **County Cllr Update 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Covid19**

The rate of infections across the district has increased to 294/100,000 from 263 last week, the over 60's rate has decreased to 96/100,000 (41 last week) with 49 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 374/100,000, North Warwickshire 354/100,000, Warwick 311/100,000 and Rugby 511/100,000. Warwickshire overall has gone up slightly from 360/100,000 to 364/100,000. England 265/100,000.

There have been no further Covid related deaths across Stratford District (total now 147 from the start of this second wave (28<sup>th</sup> August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 97 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,460 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

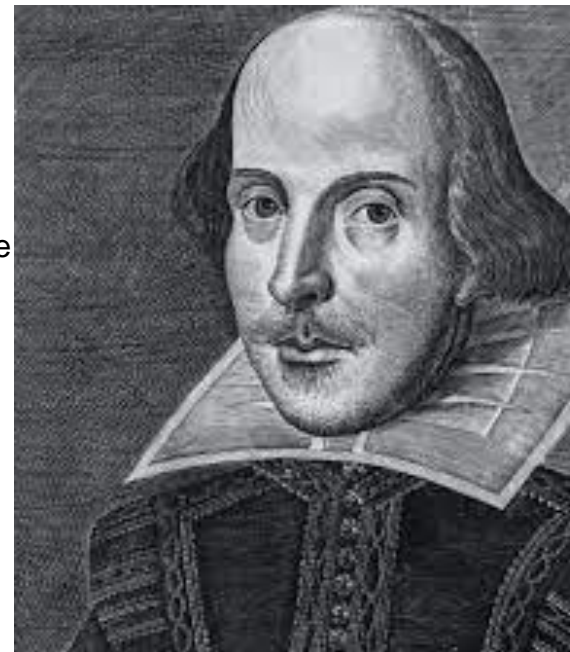
The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 3 this week (711) with a total of 6,113 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 315 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,312 (10,597 total deaths).

### **Literature .....**

Literature lovers will get the opportunity to express their admiration for Warwickshire's world-famous playwright 'out loud' this week, at a special event just a stone's throw from his birthplace, at Stratford-upon-Avon Library.

On Thursday (30<sup>th</sup> September) between 11am – 12 noon, the library will host a special 'Read Out Loud – Shakespeare' event as part of the BBC's 'Read Out Loud' project in collaboration with the Reading Agency.

Keen readers are being invited to come together, under the direction of Paul Edmondson, Head of Research and Knowledge and Director of the Stratford-upon-Avon Poetry Festival for the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, to read their favourite passages of Shakespeare out loud and talk about the experience of reading out loud.



Free tickets for the event, which is subject to Covid-safe measures, can be booked in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/178018286487>.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION – WDC/SDC POTENTIAL MERGER**

A public consultation on whether Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwick District Council should merge and become one combined new District Council is being carried out, see the link for more information:

<https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swc/consultation.cfm>

## **Council Plan Survey**

Warwickshire County Council wants to understand what is important to the people who live, work and study in the county as it continues with its ambition to make Warwickshire the best it can be.

Find out more and take part in the survey:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2425/help-make-warwickshire-be-the-best-it-can-be>

## **Worried about your memory**

Everybody forgets things from time to time and many people find their memory becomes less reliable as they get older.

WCC is raising awareness of dementia, spotting the early signs & the support available for people diagnosed with dementia.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2426/support-available-if-you-re-worried-about-your-memory->

## **Audit and Standards Committee Recruitment**

If you have an interest in democracy and the skills to make sure high standards are promoted, why not apply your knowledge in a place that matters to people?

WCC are recruiting an independent member for our Audit & Standards Committee.

Find out more - <http://ow.ly/2UBu50G6PKC>

## **NHS – Just a click away**

There's an easier way to get the urgent care you need

Instead of going to A&E, use NHS 111 online.

You'll get the advice you need and if you need to be seen straight away, we will book you a timeslot...

### **Warwick Uni – #1 for Teaching**

Congratulations to the University of Warwick who have been named the University of the Year for Teaching Quality in the Sunday Times Good University Guide 2022.

Read more:

[https://warwick.ac.uk/newsandevents/pressreleases/warwick\\_named\\_university](https://warwick.ac.uk/newsandevents/pressreleases/warwick_named_university)

### **Commonwealth Games in Warwickshire**

The Commonwealth Games will be in Warwickshire, Summer 2022 with the Road Race, Bowls and Para-bowls taking place in Warwick and Leamington respectively.

Get the latest news and updates about what this means for Warwickshire here:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Birmingham2022commonwealthgames>

### **Climate Change Newsletter**

The latest issue of the Warwickshire County Council climate change newsletter will be out in the next few weeks.

Sign-up here to get the latest information about how Warwickshire is working together to tackle the climate emergency: <http://eepurl.com/hrk-zf>

### **Green Shoots Fund: The Myton Hospice**

Warwick Myton Hospice will be able to further adopt environmentally-friendly technology for its operations thanks to the Warwickshire County Council Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2431/green-shoots-community-climate-change-fund-the-myton-hospices-ev-charging-and-led-lighting>

### **Green Shoots Fund: Community of Christ Eco-Garden**

The Nuneaton Community of Christ Church will soon have a beautiful new green space thanks to the Warwickshire County Council Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2432/green-shoots-community-climate-change-fund-nuneaton-community-of-christ-eco-garden>

### **Adult Community Learning – Autumn Courses**

Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning is pleased to be opening venues ready for Autumn courses.

There is a range of courses to help adults maintain their wellbeing, develop skills for work and support their children's learning.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2435/time-to-learn-something-new->

### **SEND Ofsted Inspection**

A report from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission on SEND services in Warwickshire has been published highlighting several aspects of good practice alongside areas for improvement.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2434/warwickshire-welcomes-outcomes-of-ofsted-report>

### **Light a beacon for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Warwickshire's Lord-Lieutenant is encouraging local communities, groups, authorities, organisations, businesses and more, to begin registering to take part in a very special event to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2436/light-a-beacon-in-2022-to-celebrate-the-queen-s-platinum-jubilee>

## **Bike to School Week 2021**

School-aged children across Warwickshire are being encouraged to get on their bikes for Bike to School Week 2021.

This week, Warwickshire County Council is encouraging all children across the county to take advantage of the many benefits of cycling for their journey to and from school as part of Sustrans' Bike to School Week 2021, which runs between Monday 27 September and Friday 1 October.



There are many benefits to adopting an active school journey, both for individuals and the wider environment. In terms of benefits to health:

- Physical activity such as cycling can increase mental alertness, energy, positive mood and self-esteem, as well as reducing stress and anxiety, according to the Mental Health Foundation.
- Teachers find that pupils who cycle, walk or scoot arrive at school more relaxed, alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car.
- Cycling, walking or scooting to school also increases awareness of road safety as well as boosting independence for children.

But removing cars from our roads during peak periods also has huge benefits for the environment and our impact on the ongoing climate emergency.

Here are some facts:

- Over 40% of the UK's carbon footprint relates to vehicle emissions and a large proportion of these emissions are produced during short journeys where active travel options would be possible.
- During the peak traffic times – in the morning and evenings – 1-in-4 vehicles on our roads are undertaking a school run.

**White Lines.** If there are any white lines within the Parish which need attention and fall under WCC please advise me of the precise location so that I can include it in my round up of white lines needing attention.

Missed bins - I'm still getting details of the odd 1 or 2 that has not been collected .  
Contacts are [streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or Telephone: 01789 260616

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm>

Reporting out of hours highways issues can be challenging, the best number for that is 01926 415000.

[streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk) or 01926 412515 (not all are currently owned by WCC – some owned by town or parish council.)

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Warwickshire>

It is worth noting for future reference that anything immediately dangerous on the highway should be reported direct to the Police on 999, which is the same process for any pressing issue Out of Hours.

During normal office hours - 8:30am to 4:30pm, WCC call centre is best on 01926 412515

Stay safe and have a good week.

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