

County Cllr Update 1.11.21

Covid19

The rate of infections across the district has increased to 575/100,000 from 527 last week, the over 60's rate has increased to 242/100,000 (211 last week) with 103 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 594/100,000, North Warwickshire 509/100,000, Warwick 706/100,000 and Rugby 518/100,000. Warwickshire overall has gone up from 573/100,000 to 594/100,000. England 481/100,000.

There have been one further Covid related death this week across Stratford District (total now 151 from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 101 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,582 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 4 this week (741) with a total of 6,689 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 319 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,342 (11,073 total deaths).

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps our most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

Support to help families and individuals struggling financially

Central Government has provided councils with one-off funding (Household Support Fund) for the period 6 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 to support vulnerable families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic.

The Local Welfare Scheme is responsible for distributing this funding to families and individuals in need. Priority support is offered to families with children eligible for benefits related free school meals

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

Household Support Fund

Central Government recently announced that a new £500 million Household Support Fund grant will be made available to local authorities in England, as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2505/help-for-residents-to-meet-household-costs-through-winter>

Warwickshire County Council one step closer to providing Priority Worker Help To Buy funding

Warwickshire County Council has agreed to explore the setting up of a Priority Worker Help to Buy (PWHTB) scheme, designed to complement the national Help To Buy Scheme.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2527/warwickshire-county-council-one-step-closer-to-providing-priority-worker-help-to-buy-funding

Warwickshire residents urged to think safety on Bonfire Night

As bonfire night approaches, Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards and Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are asking residents to think safety first.

Read more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2526/warwickshire-residents-urged-to-think-safety-on-bonfire-night

Have your say on how COVID-19 has impacted you

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is inviting people who live, work or study in Warwickshire to take part in a survey to help understand the impact of COVID-19 on our communities.

Find out more and have your say: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2525/have-your-say-on-how-covid-19-has-impacted-you

Birmingham 2022's Cycling Road Race Route Announced

With nine months to go until the Games begin, Birmingham 2022 has announced the full course for the Cycling Road Race.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2524/birmingham-2022-s-cycling-road-race-route-announced

Warwickshire County Council unveils Children and Young People Strategy 2021 – 2030

Warwickshire County Council has launched the Children and Young People Strategy 2021 - 2030 which has the Child Friendly Warwickshire programme at its heart.

Read more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2523/warwickshire-county-council-unveils-children-and-young-people-strategy-2021-2030

New website helps to highlight adoption

A new website, launched by Adoption Central England, features a range of information and articles for anyone interested in adoption or who has been affected by adoption.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2522/new-website-helps-to-highlight-adoption

More organisations prove their staff can Thrive at Work

More organisations have been officially recognised by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) for their work in actively promoting the health and wellbeing of their staff.

Read more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2519/more-organisations-prove-their-staff-can-thrive-at-work

Warwickshire Police Public Contact survey

Warwickshire Police would like to understand the views of the public and how people interact with the police to help learn, adapt, and improve their services.

Have your say here: <https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=163153197663>

Dog mess – now we've got the darker nights (clocks go back soon) there seems to be more dog mess on the paths and grassed areas. Please pick it up.

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 or Telephone: 01789 260616

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODEqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

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

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>

White Lines Action

Please contact me with reports of any white lines you feel need replenishing from a safety aspect.

Highway Safety

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

Casework

The heavy rainfall has caused some issues with footpaths and localised roads which have been reported to the relevant teams and residents updated.

As SEND Cabinet support My focus this week has been working with SEND teams around the written statement in response to the SEND inspection from Ofsted and CQC and learning more about the 30 projects involved in their Inclusion for change programme.

Time has also been focused on supporting a resident facing immediate homelessness and working closely with my SDC colleague to ensure this was avoided.

Kindest Wishes

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