

## **YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR UPDATE – 06.12.21**

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### **Covid19**

**The news has been full of Omicron variant and please note the advice around having to self isolate regardless of your vaccination status or Lateral flow or PCR tests if one of your contacts tests positive for Omicron.**

Covid Figures (Non Omicron variant) update

The rate of infections across the district has increased to 537/100,000 from 463 last week, the over 60's rate has decreased to 89/100,000 (120 last week) with 38 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 450/100,000, North Warwickshire 472/100,000, Warwick 394/100,000 and Rugby 387/100,000. Warwickshire overall has increased slightly from 441/100,000 to 448/100,000. England 436/100,000.

HOWEVER WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT AS CASES IN OUR WARD ARE HIGHER THAN THE DISTRICT AVERAGE – IRRESPECTIVE WHETHER WE HAVE 70 OR 700 CASES per 100,000 we must all STILL be sensible and follow guidance etc,

There have been no further Covid related death this week across Stratford District (total now 152 from the start of this second wave (28<sup>th</sup> August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 102 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,728 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 7 this week (786) with a total of 7,340 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 320 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,386 (11,724 total deaths).

- [www.happyhealthylives.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/vaccination-sites/](http://www.happyhealthylives.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/vaccination-sites/)
- [www.happyhealthylives.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/vaccination-drop-in-clinics/](http://www.happyhealthylives.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/vaccination-drop-in-clinics/)

### **Virtual Q&A session about the COVID-19 Vaccine – 14 December 2021**

Warwickshire County Council and the NHS are inviting people to join a virtual Q&A session about the COVID-19 Vaccine on:

Tuesday 14th December 2021 on Microsoft Teams at 5.00pm until 6.00pm. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

They can take the opportunity to ask questions and speak to staff from Public Health and Primary Care to address any concerns you may have about having the vaccine. The event is open to anyone who wishes to join in online.

### Arranging vaccination transport for 1st, 2nd, or booster doses

Transport to COVID-19 vaccination appointments has been arranged with the volunteer transport providers that cover Warwickshire, they are working to a standard operating process that includes use of PPE and appropriate cleaning schedules. Currently this transport is being provided free of charge. It can be requested if residents have no other safe way of accessing vaccination sites, including initially asking households and bubbles for support. This is to retain capacity in the system.

#### Booking process:

Residents in Rugby, Warwick and Stratford areas contact: VASA 01789 262889 and press option 1, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm or email [transport@vasa.org.uk](mailto:transport@vasa.org.uk)

### Poultry and Captive Bird Keepers Guidance

**AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION ZONE**  
REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL POULTRY AND CAPTIVE BIRD KEEPERS

- Keep free-ranging birds in fenced areas to minimise contact with wild birds, neighbouring poultry or captive birds.
- Inspect outdoor areas, removing wild bird contaminants like faeces, feathers and wild bird carcasses.
- Fence off or put netting over areas of standing water or ponds.
- Provide feed and water undercover, so wild birds can't access it.
- Make your premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers.
- Keep ducks and geese separate from other poultry.
- Store bedding under cover to reduce the risk of contamination.
- Clean and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds. If you own more than 50 birds, place foot dips containing Government approved disinfectant at all entry and exit points.
- Clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly.
- Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises.
- Minimise the movement of people, vehicles and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements.
- Keep records of poultry, captive bird and egg movements.
- Maintain buildings that house birds to prevent water ingress
- Ensure pest control is effective.

Animal & Plant Health Agency

Non-compliance with these biosecurity measures may be an offence.

WCC Trading Standards Animal Health team is alerting Warwickshire poultry and captive bird keepers across the county to new bird housing measures that came into force on Monday 29th November 2021.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2604/warwickshire-poultry-and-captive-bird-keepers-need-to-act>



## Average Speed Camera Enforcement in Warwickshire

Average Speed Enforcement Cameras are to be installed at a number of locations in Warwickshire, as part of a plan to make Warwickshire's roads even safer.

Find out where these new cameras will be installed:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2609/four-new-average-speed-enforcement-road-safety-schemes-for-warwickshire>



## Voice of Warwickshire

Over 830 residents already signed up to share their views as part of the new residents' panel – The Voice of Warwickshire – now Warwickshire County Council is seeking more 18- to 24-year-olds and people from Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2614/more-18-to-24-year-olds-and-people-from-nuneaton-bedworth-borough-needed-to-be-the-voice-of-warwickshire->



## Birmingham CWG 2022 – General Ticket Sales

The remaining tickets to the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games are now on General Sale

Secure your seat to #B2022 right now by buying tickets here → <https://bit.ly/3pcsxnX>

Be quick - tickets are now being sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Warwickshire Libraries – Free E-Magazines



Warwickshire Libraries has a collection of over three thousand popular magazine titles that you can download for free if you have signed up to use their free online library services.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2599/get-online-anytime-and-access-free-emagazines-through-warwickshire-libraries>

### Educaterers' Bake-Off Champion

School caterers, Educaterers, have announced the winner of their first ever Bake-Off competition, which saw the creation of festive cakes that would wow even Father Christmas!

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2601/christmas-cakes-to-the-next-level-leicestershire-teacher-takes-on-talented-warwickshire-cooks-to-become-educaterers-first-ever-bake-off-champion->

### Queen's Green Canopy

Across Warwickshire people have been making the world a greener place by planting trees for The Queen's Green Canopy.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2598/making-warwickshire-greener-queens-green-canopy-project-underway->

Recent successful Police Stops for Drink/Drug driving – 58% tested positive for drink, 42% drugs, 85% male, 71% under 25.

### Winter fuel bill support

Warwickshire residents financially struggling to pay their utility bills this winter can look to the county council for support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2578/help-for-warwickshire-residents-struggling-to-pay-utility-bills>

### Social Impact Fund

Town & Parish Councils: help support the communities hardest hit by COVID to live better lives by applying to the Warwickshire Social Impact Fund. Find out more: <https://heartofenglandcf.co.uk/social-impact-fund/>

### **Special Guardians Virtual Events**

Warwickshire County Council is holding a series of virtual events for Special Guardians Join to ask any questions & network with other SGs.

Next session: 7th Dec, 7.30 – 8.30pm: How to keep children safe online

Register now:

Email: [sgo@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sgo@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Tel: 01926 74 2228

### **NHS 111 Service**

When you need the NHS, just go to 111 online first. They'll get you the help you need. Visit [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk)

### **On-Call Firefighters**

Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to consider gaining new skills by becoming on-call firefighters.

Find out more if you have what it takes:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2544/warwickshire-residents-encouraged-to-gain-new-skills-as-on-call-firefighters>

### **Severn Trent Water**

STW are encouraging vulnerable residents (or family/friends on their behalf) to register their needs with STW – here is the link below. <https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-a-medical-condition-or-disability>

This week there has been the usual work on items such as housing, streetlighting, speeding traffic, utility issues, pot holes, speeding traffic, planning etc , FROZEN PATHS AND GRIT BINS

### **Gritting & grit bins**

From WCC - Any requests for new grit bins would need to come via the appropriate Town or Parish Council, as they would be responsible for the repair and maintenance of these. They would also need to purchase them as we do not supply them. There is a grit

bin assessment that would need to be completed and if the location does not meet WCC criteria, I am afraid the answer will be no.

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?fbclid=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODegfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

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

Thank you to Snitterfield Village for the fabulous Tractor Parade on Saturday evening which was undimmed by the wet weather. Great way to get into the festive mood.

Stay Safe and if you have not done so already do book your boosters!

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