



## Wootton Wawen Ward District & Arden Division County Cllr.

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Last week I was appointed to two more committee at County and I now sit on the following 5 committees:

Resources & Fire and Rescue Overview and Scrutiny, Audit and Standards, Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny, Warwickshire Local Pension Board, Regulatory.

In addition, I also sit on a taskforce that is looking at Educational Attainment and will be visiting two schools over the next few weeks to discuss how they approach educational attainment.

## District Matters

Congratulations to all Councillors on their re-election. As you will appreciate whilst SDC officers continue to keep the Council operational much of the decision-making process slows down whilst the new Lib Dem administration appoints its Cabinet and new councillors receive lots of training sessions to bring them "up to speed" on how the Council functions, what their roles are as councillors and which committees they will serve on.

The result of the district election for the ward was

**A Wootton Wawen** - Turnout 35.95%  
Chris Duffin - Green - 92  
Dani Hunter - Liberal Democrats - 207  
**Ian Shenton\* - Local Conservatives - 683 Elected**  
Ted Spicer - Labour – 77

## Bearley Specific

### Airfield 18/01253/VARY

Removal of condition1 – relating touse of motorised gliders – still no decision . I have sent a note to Stuart Flaherty to ask when a decision is likely.

## Voter ID data

The data shows that 99.97% of the 44.896 electors that voted (106,394 were eligible to vote) brought voter ID with them . Of the balance 32 voters were not given a ballot paper due to not having acceptable ID 20 of these returned with ID. The overall voter turnout at the election was 42.19% which was higher than many Local Authorities in the region.

Over 300 Voter Authority forms were processed

## Council meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

This was the last Council meeting before the election. Two motions were presented of note.

- Increasing the provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators on new developments
- Impact of solar farm development on villages and food production

In both cases these were referred to the new Cabinet who will report back to Council in due course. Both of these motions are important because in the case of defibrillators there are over 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests in the UK each year. Survival rate is low because for every 1 minute delate in using a



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defibrillator the chances of survival can decrease by 10% whilst, in the case of solar farms applications, there is competition and a need for food production and security and clarity is needed from central government on these competing demands.

**Amongst the questions to Councillors**, I received one on Planning enforcement as this is something that regularly gets questions about. The question centred on what was the highest fine imposed by a breach within the district and how many planning contravention notices had been issued. My answer was along the lines of it is vital that everyone understands that Planning Enforcement is not a statutory duty and it is not a "blue light service". We seek remedies by negotiation because the alternative is litigation which is costly to the council taxpayer and results in a fine but does not remedy the harm. Any prosecution must pass both the evidential test and the public interest test

**Climate Change Panel** There is a current budget of £1.3m unspent and I am hopeful that I will be able to report in future months on how this will be spent and be available to interested and active groups by way of grants to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

### Heads of Service appointments

Two new HOS have been appointed ahead of the retirement of David Platts (Head of Housing and Customer Services) and Phil Grafton (Head of Law and Governance), these being Annette Homer and Marcia Eccleston.

### Warning issue 12/05/2023

The SDC Licencing team have been made aware of a handmade spiking device that has been placed in taxi ranks in the town centre which has caused damage to tyres. Warwickshire Police are aware of this and if any device is seen or found please report it by dialling 101.

### Stratford Leisure Centres

SDC Leisure centres in the district are offering free swimming for those living with dementia and their carers during this week to 21<sup>st</sup> May and is available at Studley Leisure Centre as well as other SDC centres.

## General News

**The Priory**  
Past, Present & Future

Sunday 25th June 2023, 12 noon – 4pm  
Warwickshire County Record Office  
Priory Park, Cape Road, Warwick, CV34 4JS

A family-fun event to celebrate our 50th anniversary on the Priory Park site

**Free Entry! All activities are free!**

- ★ Caribbean food
- ★ Street entertainers
- ★ Live music from a Steel pan group
- ★ A Taste of History - recipes from the archives
- ★ Children's activities
- ★ Vintage lawn games
- ★ Pizza
- ★ Magician and card tricks

- Tour the strongrooms and discover Warwickshire's important historical documents
- Explore your own family history with the Midland Ancestors group
- Meet the Friends of the County Record Office, the Friends of Priory Park, Our Warwickshire and the Warwickshire Museum team

This event is kindly funded by the Friends of the County Record Office

Heritage Culture Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

### Warwickshire's County Record Office

Join us for a free, family afternoon at Warwickshire's County Record Office as we celebrate our 50th anniversary on the site of the 12th-century Priory Park on Sunday 25th June 12-4.

Free Entry & All activities are free. Find out more here: [https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/events/event/64/the-priory-past-present-future?fbclid=IwAR2QI9pa5OyQIJPk1yo5\\_NBBZOPAY7kuK\\_ktIRcGp2Mxrz5K3T4qBnTb1WE](https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/events/event/64/the-priory-past-present-future?fbclid=IwAR2QI9pa5OyQIJPk1yo5_NBBZOPAY7kuK_ktIRcGp2Mxrz5K3T4qBnTb1WE)

## COVID update

Most vulnerable to be offered spring COVID-19 booster in the West Midlands



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The committee has since advised that a spring COVID-19 booster dose should be offered to:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed

Eligible individuals will be offered the vaccine around six months after their previous dose and NHS England will confirm operational details for the programme in due course.