



County Cllr Update. May 2023

I do hope you are enjoying the superb weather.

Cllr Grant Funding

The 1st round of the Cllrs Grant Fund launched on 18 of April. The deadline is 18 June, 5pm. All applications should aim to build community capacity and improve the health & wellbeing of people living in Warwickshire in both urban & rural areas.

👉 <http://ow.ly/JhKi50IUvHw>

Please work with Dominika at WCC to check applications meets the criteria.
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Develop Warwickshire Success

A Warwickshire joint venture which will see £2.5 billion of developments completed over the next three decades has won a major national property award.

The creation of landmark joint venture Develop Warwickshire has been named 'Deal of the Year – Residential' at the RESI Awards, organised by leading business-to-business magazine Property Week.

Develop Warwickshire will see Warwickshire Property & Development Group (WPDG), Warwickshire County Council and Countryside Partnerships bring sites forward for housing across the county for the next 30 years, creating thousands of homes and new jobs for local people.

The joint venture is ground-breaking in its scale and longevity and in the next 12 months is set to start to bring forward 1,800 new homes.

SEND Investment

To unlock a child's potential access to the right education placement for them is essential.

The allocation of over £2.7m for a new SEND facility in Nuneaton and an important step towards ensuring the Council's adult community learning service's delivery is in line with local priorities were discussed at the May WCC Cabinet meeting.

Post-16 provision at Oak Wood School (Twitter and Facebook)

A further 50 places for young people with SEND will be available at Oak Wood

Secondary School following approval for a further £2.7m to enhance the provision.

Sustainability podcast WCC

Warwickshire children and young people are one of the groups who will be most affected by the impact of climate change on our planet, even though they bear little or no responsibility for it.

This is the subject for discussion in the latest episode of [Warwickshire County Council's Sustainable Warwickshire podcast](#). It's a new series of conversations with people from around the County who are all taking action to reduce carbon emissions, support biodiversity and promote economic growth.

Children's Services in Warwickshire Ofsted

Ofsted's recent visit to Warwickshire County Council's Children's Services highlighted highly effective practices.

Become a Supported Lodging Host

Local communities are encouraged to offer support to unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people by becoming supported lodging Hosts. To learn more about becoming a supported lodgings host and make a difference in a young person's life, contact Barnardo's Supported Lodgings Service by phone: 0800 0272 118 or by email: BSLmidlands@barnardos.org.uk.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Anxiety is something that many people experience at some point during their lives, but for those who are struggling with it, there is help available. Anyone who is struggling with their mental health can access help through their GP or the Coventry and Warwickshire Mental Health Access Hubs helpline: 08081 966798. If you have seriously harmed yourself or are considering this, call 999 or ask someone to call 999 for you. For information about a range of local mental health and wellbeing services, please visit: warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth, coventry.gov.uk/mentalhealth or covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

Foster Care Fortnight: Fostering in Warwickshire

Foster carers provide a safe and stable home to children and young people when they are unable to live with their families. Find out more about becoming a foster carer in Warwickshire:

For more information about fostering with Warwickshire County Council:

Visit – warwickshire.gov.uk/fostering Call – 0800 408 1556 Follow - www.facebook.com/warwickshirefostering

Existing foster carers and people looking to find out more about fostering can get involved in events throughout Foster Care Fortnight:

Facebook Live – 23 May, 12.30pm

The fostering team is hosting a Facebook Live event on 23 May at 12.30pm. This is an opportunity to talk about fostering in Warwickshire, the support and training provided, and the different ways people can foster. Catch up any time by watching the recording on our Facebook page.

Foster Walk - 25 May - Ryton Pools, 10.30am-12pm

Foster carers and their four-legged friends are invited to join the fostering team for a get together at Ryton Pools for a coffee and a walk. This is an opportunity to get together and for anyone interested in fostering to meet the team and find out more.

Hoarding

For many the annual Spring Clean and de-cluttering projects are really challenging . In some cases hoarding can delay an individuals discharge from hospital as their living environment is not considered safe. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is warning residents of the potential dangers that hoarding causes in the home.

It is estimated that hoarding affects between two and five per cent of the population. Excessive hoarding can contribute to health and safety issues, as well as underlying mental health issues, but it also increases the risk of fire in the home and the blocking of escape. Hoarding is a recognised mental disorder, defined as collecting items and the inability to discard items, even though they appear to others as having little to no value.

If you have a friend or family member who you believe could be benefit from a safe and well check, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fire-safety/apply-safe-well-visit/1>.

For further fire safety tips and advice, visit our website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/firesafety>.

If you are looking to clear household rubbish you can visit one of our Waste and Recycling Centres, head to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/waste-recycling> to make a booking. It's a great way of getting rid of unwanted rubbish and keeping the home free of clutter.

Bus Fare Pilot

- £2 Bus Fare Pilot
 - It's great news for residents as the government announce that adult single bus fares will continue to be capped at £2 until the end of October, making it cheaper for residents to travel by bus.
- The End

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any matters arising.

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