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District Councillors report as at 17th September 2023

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It's a relatively quiet time at both district and county as all meetings cease in August and start up again in September but the Cabinet have made the decision to recommend approval from Full Council in October for the following:

- Notice of Motions in respect of:
 - Provision of Community Public Access Defibrillators on New Developments.
 - Impact of Solar Farm Development; and
 - Public Houses Recommendations Provision of Shopmobility

There are other recommendations but these are the ones of more local interest. More details can be found by using this link to the Cabinet papers <https://democracy.stratford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=485&MId=6365>

Concessionary Parking Permit

On 3 July 2023, The Cabinet agreed to reintroduce the Concessionary Permit with the following terms and conditions:

- Available for those residents of state pension age only.
- Maximum stay of 4 hours a day in any 24-hour period (Monday to Sunday).
- Initial cost of £50 per annum (subject to inflation each year).
- Allows use of Bridgeway Multi-Storey and Bridgeway Surface Car Parks only. These two car parks are the closest to Stratford-upon-Avon town centre (the former is home to Stratford Shopmobility) and both have an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system in operation which will make it much easier and cheaper to enforce.
- Non-transferrable between vehicles.

An approach was made by the Leader of the Council to Warwick District Council (WDC) and officers also engaged with officers at Warwick District Council, following consideration of the request. The Council has now received a response from Councillor Ian Davison, Leader of WDC. In this response he states that WDC do not want to pursue a reciprocal concessionary parking scheme with SDC. In his response it was explained that WDC have never had a scheme like this, nor has there been any requests from residents to introduce one. It was also stated that in their opinion it would be very hard to administer and police, could be open to abuse, will impact on their parking revenue and arguably the most important reason for not pursuing it was because they are trying to promote more sustainable travel, and this would conflict with this work. **I agree with Warwick District Council.**

Bearley Specific

The Old Vicarage 21/01925/Ful – Condition 15/ DISCN/00195/23

In a note from the Planning Enforcement team, they say that the developer is off site whilst he discharges the necessary conditions around the pond scheme and he has been made aware that if he leaves the fence in place he will be in breach of the conditions as the area is designated as open space for the new dwellings. The developer has said that he wants to leave it in place but he will apply retrospectively for this, possibly by applying to vary the condition.

Ex. Countrywide Stores Site 21/00973/OUT

The decision on outline planning permission was issued on the 2nd February 2023 but the planner has advised that there appears to be some delay on discharging the pre commencement conditions so at present we do not know when the works will commence.



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Bearley Scrap Yard

This is still pending a decision with a key objection from the Highways department whom I spoke with at length about this application prior to them submitting their objection, We are aligned on this issue of safety and the issues surrounding traffic.

As always feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues that you feel I can help with and I will do my absolute best to help.

Other News

Covid 19 update This year's autumn flu and COVID-19 vaccine programmes started earlier than planned in England as a precautionary measure following the identification of a new COVID-19 variant.

- Vaccinations commenced on 11 September 2023 in England with adult care home residents and those most at risk to receive vaccines first.
- Eligible people urged to come forward for their jab as soon as they're invited.

Please see below for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/flu-and-covid-autumn-vaccine-programmes-brought-forward>

RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete)

In response to lots of queries over the issue of aerated concrete structures (that have a lifespan of around 30 years) and was used in many schools, hospitals and Courts and how safe they may or may not be, the Chief Executive of Warwickshire issued the following note:-

RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete)

- **Maintained schools:** All Maintained schools have been surveyed with Outwoods Primary School in Atherstone being the only affected school. The school made a full return on Monday 11th utilising mitigated areas within the building as part of the £170k capital works funded by WCC. Additional temporary toilet blocks have been provided on site and a programme of further mitigations will reopen spaces incrementally with all to be completed by October half-term. All compliance & health and safety assessments were completed prior to reoccupation.
- **Trust / Academy schools:** Two academies have been impacted, Myton and Aylesford, both in Warwick. Both have been heavily impacted and are working to the direction of the DfE, reflecting their academy status, with WCC teams fully engaged in discussions about mitigations and contingency plans and offering any support we can. Both schools are instigating temporary solutions to allow the schools to reopen fully, as quickly as possible. Further inspections have confirmed RAAC is not present across wider Academy/Trust sites in the County with a small number of further DfE inspections due to be conducted albeit there is confidence that no RAAC will be present at these schools.
- **Fire and Rescue Service:** We have surveyed all fire stations, confirming no RAAC present in 18 of 20 sites. 2 sites require further intrusive inspections - Leamington Fire HQ and Rugby Fire Station - and we have instructed surveyors to undertake these checks. One has taken place already and the other will take place as soon as asbestos-related issues have been mitigated.
- **Wider estate:** We are concluding an initial filtering exercise to both rule out buildings and prioritise those requiring further inspection. There is an expectation that around 10% are likely to require detailed surveys. An initial programme of inspections is now being drawn up with a focus on risk prioritisation based on public access, levels and type of use, and we expect affected Libraries and Museums to form part of the first tranche. We conduct a rolling programme of asset surveys undertaken on a 5-year cycle which gives us some assurance and has driven prior mitigations and maintenance. Inspections will begin week commencing 18/9



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Speed monitoring

As of today, I have ordered 21 sets of speed monitoring commencing in October. They will be located in Claverdon, Wootton Wawen, Ullenhall, Tanworth in Arden and Henley in Arden, I have paid for these from my delegated County budget with the aim of getting an accurate picture of speed, volume and classification around the division. Look out for the rubber speed strips in these areas. Following on from this we can then look to see what the solutions are to the issue of speeding in and around our villages.

Lench Meadows

At the Cabinet meeting on 4th September, the Council's climate change Officer recommended designating Lench Meadows – an area of green space on the edge of Stratford – as Stratford-upon-Avon Local Nature Reserve. Falling within an area which was recently enhanced as part of the Riverside Project, Lench Meadows was previously designated as a local wildlife site, but was subject to no active ecological management. Under the latest proposals, the site will have long-term active management and will be registered as a Biodiversity Net Gain site, enabling external funding.

And Finally Crabmill

Preston Bagot have been in touch with Tom Fletcher (National Operations Director at Brunning and Price) to ask if there had been any movement regarding its plans for the site. He told us that their properties team had still made no decisions but ruled out any possibility of a rebuild. We note that B&P have recently obtained planning permission for a rebuild in Tidbury Green near Earlswood.

Statistics about the Wootton Wawen Ward

On the next two pages you will find various statistics about the ward that I think you may find interesting plus these key facts , all taken from the 2021 census.

- Joint 2nd with 53% of dwellings owned outright.
- The ward has the 4th highest percentage of Residents over 65, Residents in self-employment, number of households with 4 or more vehicles, number of retired residents.
- The 4th lowest percentage of residents in full time employment
- The 6th lowest percentage of houses with gas central heating
- The 7th highest ward in population terms (3,796)
- The 7th lowest percentage of 0 to 15 years of age children
- Wootton Wawen had the greatest number of households living in park homes with 244 households (15%)



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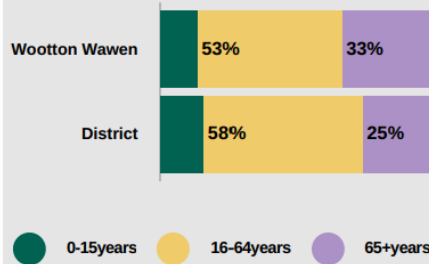
Population

3,796

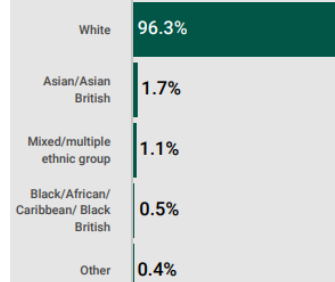
+180(+4.98%) on 2011

134,700 people in
Stratford-on-Avon District
Wootton Wawen = 2.81% total
District population

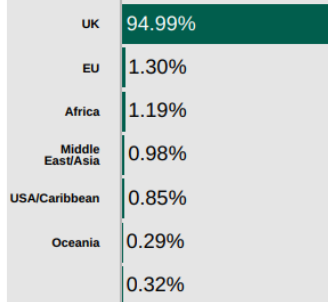
Age profile



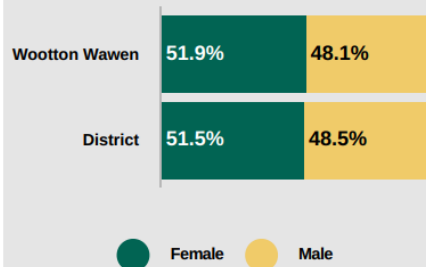
Ethnic group



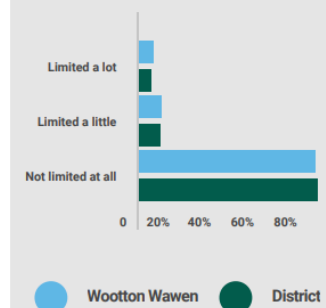
Country of birth



Sex



Disability: effect on everyday life



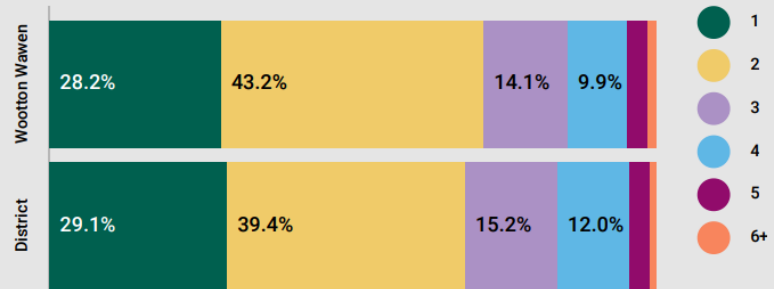
Number of Households

1,689

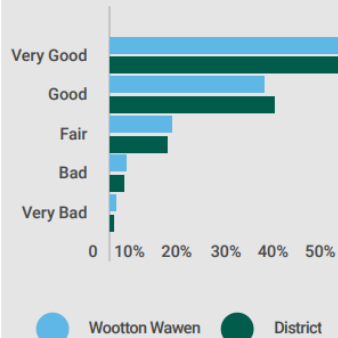
+126(+8.06%) on 2011

59,464 households in
Stratford-on-Avon District
Wootton Wawen= 2.84%
total District households

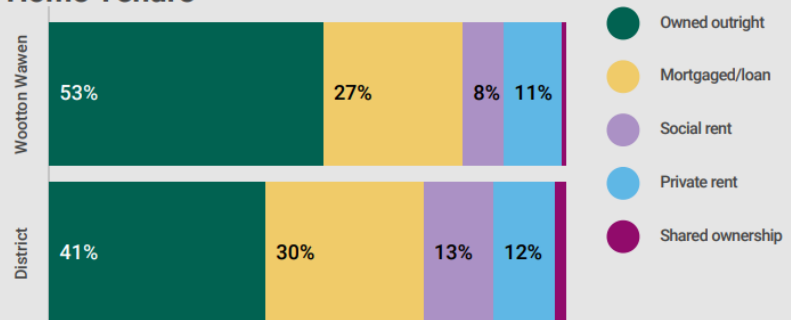
Number of residents in household



Health



Home Tenure





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