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District Councillors report as at 24th October 2023

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District

It's a relatively quiet time at both district and county as all meetings ceased in August and start up again in September but the **District Council** have approved the following during October:

- 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.

County

Three notable areas to report on **County** wise are:

1. Support for improving bus services across Warwickshire (<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4524/cabinet-supports-improving-bus-services-across-warwickshire>)
2. Government funding of £3.295m awarded to WCC for Electric vehicle charging points (<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4512/huge-boost-for-electric-vehicle-charging-in-warwickshire->)
3. Report by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services on poor Fire service (<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue>)

I am pleased to say that **The Claverdon Monday Club** asked me to speak about my role as a Councillor and answer some of their questions about various issues. This was the third of three such talks in the space of two weeks, the other two being a presentation on Climate change at **Norton Lyndsey** and an update on County council matters at the **Earlswood Residents Association**. I enjoy these as you never really know what you are going to be asked and so tend to be lively at times.

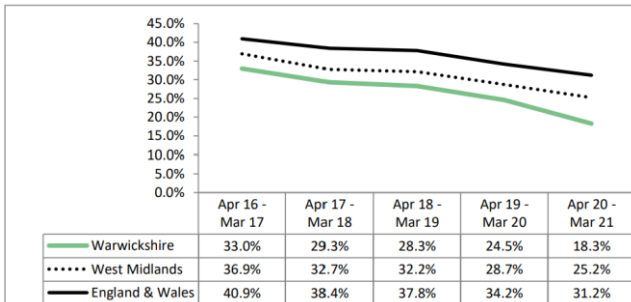
At the recent Full Council (where all councillors attend) the main issue was a paper on Youth Justice which highlighted the benefits of the approach taken by Warwickshire which has one of the lowest reoffending rates and lock up (imprisoned) rates in the West Midlands and the Country.



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	Warwickshire	West Midlands	YOT Family	National
Percentage of offenders who reoffended: Apr 20 - Mar 21	18.3%	25.2%	27.9%	31.0%
Percentage of offenders who reoffended: Apr 19 - Mar 20	24.5%	28.7%	31.8%	34.0%
Change from Baseline	-6.26	-3.48	-3.9	-3.01

As you can see from the next slide the offending population of individual children who have received a substantive outcome in 22/23 shows White males are over-represented, as well as males of Mixed and Black ethnic origin.

Number of Children offending by Gender and Ethnicity	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Unknown	Total
Male	102	6	3	6	0	4	121
Female	23	2	1	0	0	0	26
Total	125	8	4	6	0	4	147

Later in the week I attended the Adult Social Care Committee where we received a presentation from Dr Kate Drysdale and other NHS representatives on the **Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy**. The aim is to improve services, plans and visibility of the availability of these services although worryingly as ambitious as the plan is, which I congratulated them on the strategy as it is full of great initiatives but my question on funding revealed that there is no new funding for this strategy and that it will have to be funded by using existing budgets. I have no doubt that the strategy is full of great intentions and the dedication of NHS staff but I am concerned about how it is going to be delivered as the inference would seem to be that other areas will find their funding reduced, although I am assuming that frontline medical and surgery services will not be one of those areas.

In the same meeting we discussed the snappily titled **Sustainable Futures Strategy** before its final consideration by Cabinet over the next couple of months. Primarily concerned with Climate Change and what the County is doing on its own emissions and its plans for the wider area of Warwickshire.

Delivering our net zero Warwickshire target in partnership with the public sector, residents, communities, and business, will result in emission reductions of close to 5,509,000 tCO₂e in 2050 from our 2019 baseline following adoption of the fully inclusive greenhouse gas approach. Current national policy measures and technological assumptions project a gap of approximately 3,000,000 tCO₂e. Closing this gap is reliant on large scale behavioural change, partnering, technological developments, and change in all sectors accelerated by government, regional and local policy, and significant additional funding. The need for a joined-up approach is illustrated by the 18% contribution that emissions from motorway travel has to Warwickshire's carbon footprint (2019 figures), a network that is the responsibility of National Highways. The need to deliver insetting and offsetting measures may also play a part as full decarbonisation will not be realised in all sectors.

I challenged the report asking whether in the light of Government movement on some targets related to Climate Change whether the report was already out of date but the commitments and targets for Warwickshire are remaining the same, **there is no desire to dilute the targets for 2030**. This is welcome news.

South Warwickshire Climate Change Champions

You may have seen on the Council's social media pages last night a post regarding the South Warwickshire Climate Change Champions: twitter.com



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Together with Warwick District Council, we are looking for stories from people and communities across both districts regarding how people are acting to make a difference regarding climate change. This could include big projects which involve an entire community, right down to small lifestyle changes which can inspire others to decrease their carbon footprint. Whatever it is, we want to hear about it.

Stories can be submitted and are displayed on the website, there are already some great examples to read: [South Warwickshire Climate Champions](#) | [Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

We would be grateful if you could keep this project in mind when attending your parish council meetings and if you come across anyone that might be a Climate Champion with a story to tell.

Feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Speed monitoring

As of today, I have ordered 28 sets of speed monitoring for two weeks, they will be laid before Christmas but avoid school holidays. They are located in Claverdon, Wootton Wawen, Ullenhall, Tanworth in Arden/Earlswood. I have paid for these from my delegated budget with the aim of getting an accurate picture of speed, volume and classification around the division.

Police News

The nearest incidents recorded over the last week are as follows:

ARROW

- Hare Coursing. Arrow Lane on private fields. Up to six males with dogs seen on private land. They split into two groups of three. Their vehicles were not seen. 8.40am Sunday 22nd October. 0098 22/10/2023

BIDFORD

- Attempt Robbery. St Laurence Road area. Grocery delivery driver approached by 5 males, one holding a knife. They demanded items from the delivery van, but the driver managed to drive off. The offenders then threw a bottle at the van. Around 8pm Saturday 21st October. 0285 21/10/2023

STUDLEY

- Theft. Store, Alcester Road. Male has stolen several items by way of shoplifting. Details of possible offender passed to police for further enquiries. 7.40pm Friday 20th October. 0354 20/10/2023
- Vehicle Crime. Watts Road. Silver Fiat Ducato stolen without keys. 10.55pm Thursday 19th October. 0061 19/10/2023

HENLEY

- Attempt Burglary. Brook End Drive. Door tried by unknown person, triggering alarm. 12.15am Saturday 21st October. 0003 21/10/2023
- Burglary. Cottage in Deans Green. Male disturbed on property by occupier. Male was about 5' 6", wearing a dark hoodie, face mask and carrying a screwdriver. The offender ran off as soon as he realised, he had been disturbed. 11.45pm Sunday 15th October. 0361 15/10/2023

ULLENHALL

- Vehicle Crime. St Marys Close. Front number plate stolen from the front of car. Between 16th & 17th October. 0180 17/10/2023



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Other County wide news

Financial support for households



Warwickshire County Council used Household Support Fund Awareness Week (16-22 October) to remind residents of the cost-of-living support available from services across the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4629/helping-households-find-financial-support>

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023

Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership has joined National Hate Crime Awareness Week #NationalHCAW to work with communities affected by hate crime to tackle local issues and make communities safer.

Find out more: www.reporthatenow.com

£2 single adult bus fare extended

The government has announced that adult single bus fares will continue to be capped at £2 until the end of 2024, making it cheaper for Warwickshire residents to travel by bus.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4593/bus-travel-to-stay-cheaper-for-even-longer-in-warwickshire>

World Mental Health Day 2023

World Mental Health Day took place on October 10 with this year's theme being 'Mental Health is a Human Right'. Warwickshire County Council took this opportunity to share the range of mental health support available in the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4607/residents-encouraged-to-look-after-themselves-and-others-this-world-mental-health-day>

Learning disability annual health check



Did you know that young people aged 14 or older with a learning disability are eligible for a free annual health check provided by the NHS?

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4623/supporting-young-people-with-a-learning-disability-to-stay-happy-and-healthy->



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Spot the signs of modern slavery



Services across Warwickshire are helping people to spot the signs of modern slavery, which affects an estimated 136,000 people in the UK.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4630/warwickshire-services-are-helping-people-spot-the-signs-of-modern-slavery>

Fire drones

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS) will be strengthening its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the Warwickshire community with the introduction of three advanced drones to its toolkit.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4619/warwickshire-fire-rescue-service-enhances-emergency-response-with-new-drones>

Community equipment recycling

Did you know that returning community equipment is free and easy to do this Recycling Week and beyond.

Find out more about returning walking sticks, frames and a range of community equipment here:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4617/recycle-your-community-equipment-this-recycling-week-2023>

You can adopt



The National Adoption Week campaign – You Can Adopt – has launched a new campaign that celebrates different generations of adopted people to show how adoption has changed through the decades.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4632/-you-can-adopt-regional-adoption-agency-supports-national-campaign>

St John's Haunted House



The Heritage and Culture Warwickshire team have a range of activities to keep the kids busy during the cold and wet weather in half term.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4635/bonfire-night-crafts-and-get-spooked-at-st-john-s-haunted-house-for-halloween->

Birmingham Road improvement Scheme update

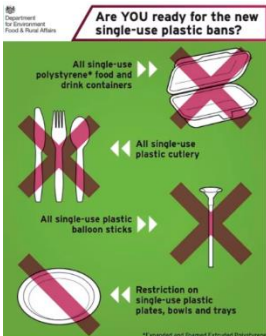
Find out more about plans to adapt phase 2 of the Birmingham Road Improvement Scheme in order to best meet the needs of local residents and visitors to the town of Stratford: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4639/council-provides-update-on-stratford-s-birmingham-road-improvement-scheme>



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Single-use plastic advice for business

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is reminding local businesses that a national ban on single-use plastics came into force on 1 October 2023.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4594/warwickshire-businesses-are-reminded-of-new-single-use-plastic-ban>



Single-use plastic advice for residents

Following the UK ban on single-use plastics, find out how you can reduce your own plastic and food waste and save money too:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4596/warwickshire-joins-the-nationwide-ban-on-single-use-plastics->



Stoptober 2023

Stop smoking and good things happen. Commit to quit this #Stoptober.

Get in touch today and start your quit journey this Stoptober.

<https://fitterfutures.everyonehealth.co.uk/stop-smoking-service/>

Food Champions in Warwickshire

Residents who are passionate about helping others are invited to get involved in a new volunteering opportunity to become Food Champions across Warwickshire.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4609/new-volunteer-opportunity-to-empower-local-communities-in-making-affordable-healthy-and-sustainable-food-choices>



Warwick District nature photography competition

Photography enthusiasts and those with a keen eye for nature are being encouraged by Warwick District Council to take part in their new biodiversity photography competition, for the chance to win a £100 voucher!

Find out more: <https://warwickdc.gov.uk/biodiversitycompetition>