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District Councillor's report as of 15th July 2024

One of the problems I currently face is that whilst I am both a District Councillor and a County Councillor, I am not both for all my 10 parishes. This means that I have to write 3 slightly different reports each month (not a big problem)

- District Councillor only:- Bearley, Mappleborough Green
- County Councillor only :- Wolverton, Claverdon, Langley, Preston Bagot, Henley in Arden, Tanworth in Arden
- Both District and County Councillor: Wootton Wawen, Ullenhall

The bigger issue is that on a regular basis there are diary clashes as there are tonight with Langley, Bearley and Mappleborough Green all holding meetings, this Thursday Wolverton and Tanworth clash and the following Monday it's the turn of Wootton Wawen and Claverdon with Preston Bagot not holding a meeting this month and Henley and Ullenhall held theirs on the first Monday and Tuesday of this month. I apologise if I cannot always make the third meeting as sometimes as I found with Langley last time, the meeting ends sooner than I anticipated.

Bearley Specific

Railway sidings/scrap yard – planning decision is pending but the planners appear to favour approval as Highways have withdrawn their objection.

Ex. Countrywide Stores Site 21/00973/OUT - No Further update at present.

Fire stations – a revised operating model has now been proposed for Henley Fire Station which would see the Fire Station continue to operate with a greater emphasis on using retained rather than on call personnel. The on call would mainly be for evening shifts.

District News

Stratford District Council following an independent peer review, the aim of which was and is to improve the council's work, found the council to be well run and recognises its challenges and that it is ambitious for the future of the District and in a stable financial position. There were 10 recommendations and full details of these can be found by searching for **Parish-and-Partners** on the SDC website

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Parish-and-Partners newsletter is now available on the SDC website and contains many interesting articles about what the council is doing plus tips from the Police on vehicle security, marking property and much more, take a look using this link <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/doc/212844/name/1026%20Parish%20and%20Partners%2049%20JUN24%20FINAL.pdf>

Trees call for action – The Heart of England Forest team offer help and advice on planting and financing of trees and can be contacted at TCAP@heartofenglandforest.org.uk

Pop up Safe Spaces -Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Community Safety team and partner agencies are working on a pilot project creating Pop Up Safe Spaces across the District. This project is being trialled across Stratford-on-Avon District, and potentially implemented across the county. The safe spaces will take an innovative and holistic approach, ensuring they are welcoming, confidential, and free from judgement. Anyone can come and talk to the agencies present about available support or concerns in their local community, particularly focusing on crime and anti-social behaviour. The safe spaces will present the community with an opportunity to:

- Gain access to the right help and support
- Feel empowered to access services
- Be signposted or referred to partner agencies
- Build their confidence and trust in agencies
- Have their voice and concerns heard
- Improve their feeling of safety

Warwickshire Local Councils Charter -Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Council has agreed a revised Warwickshire Local Councils Charter. This Charter will replace the existing Local Councils Charter agreed by the District Council in 2015. The overall aim of the Local Councils Charter is to improve relationships between the tiers of local government in Warwickshire. Effective partnerships will ensure an improvement in consultation and communication about policies and decisions that may affect local communities. The revised Charter outlines how Councils can work together to provide better services by improving communication, consulting each other giving help and support, measuring how well we are doing Progress will be reviewed every



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12 months by officers from the Principal Councils and representatives from WALC as appropriate. A report of this annual review will be included within the agendas for the annual Area Meetings.

The Stratford District Community Games (Saturday 27 July) will invite residents to compete in a series of exciting challenges, all designed to test teamwork, athleticism, and fun-loving spirit. It will be the first event of its kind in the area, bringing the community together to celebrate a summer of sport with some friendly competition, all while raising money for a good cause. Teams must be made up of four individuals and no prior sporting experience is required. Family units or groups of adults are both welcomed, and there will be separate categories for Family Champions and Adult Team Champions to ensure a fair competition. It costs £40 per team to take part - with 10% of all proceeds going to Dementia UK, a national charity supporting those living with dementia. The event will take place between 1pm and 5pm at Stratford Leisure Centre, which is managed by the event organisers, Everyone Active, in partnership with Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

The tournament challenges have been inspired by the sporting and fitness activities found in the centre, such as Clip n' Climb and the Atlantis Pool Inflatable. What's more, participants will be made to battle it out in a heart-pounding game of TAGactive, an indoor obstacle course similar to Ninja Warrior. Strength and endurance will also be tested in a series of gym challenges.

Warwickshire Rural Hub is pleased to be able to offer Free Trees for Farmers again this year. The trees are being funded by Warwick District Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. The trees are available to farms lying within these local authority areas. The Free Trees for Farmers scheme is also being supported by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, as well as the Trees Call to Action Project (a partnership between the Heart of England Forest and the district councils of Stratford, Wychavon and Warwick, aiming to increase tree cover across the three districts by working with local communities and landowners). Various tree packs are available, which allow farmers to find the perfect species mix for their land, including hedgerow packs, fruit tree packs, and woodland packs. Farmers can apply for anything from a single tree pack up to hundreds of trees. [The Trees Call to Action Project](#) can also offer practical support for farmers looking to plant on a larger scale where they may need to undertake Environmental Impact Assessments, for example if they want to plant on a woodland scale using the Government's English Woodland Creation Offer grant. If your farm falls within the local authority boundaries and you would like to plant trees this coming winter, you can apply online by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://forms.gle/MEiqc26oRZiRV9Qn6>.

The deadline for requesting trees is Sunday 21st July 2024 at 11pm.

Issues in nearby Parishes

Patient parking at Henley in Arden Medical centre – At last week's Full Council meeting I called upon the Portfolio Holder and the District Council to investigate the issues with the parking and suggested a possible solution. The Portfolio holder, in the usual fashion, sought to do nothing and said the issue was more complicated because it was cross organisation. This is a ridiculous statement as I pointed out. Stratford District Council own the car park, it is for them to sort out not the Parish Council so get on with it. I will pursue this issue again.

Wall in Wootton Wawen by the Church on South side of WW, south of the village centre A3400 – Repairs are due to start very soon be completed by the 31/08/2024. There has been a robust challenge to the architects representing the diocese by County and myself as the delay in commencing the repairs is unacceptable. Coupled with this the lights have caused issues by failing on several occasions. They are planning to phase the works so that the lights can be removed as soon as possible and have been told by county that they must keep the Parish Council and myself updated on progress. A hoarding has been erected now that not only gives motorists the up to date situation regarding the works but also contact numbers should the lights fail.

Crab Mill – New metal railings have been installed to make the site more secure.

Claverdon – There was a serious accident recently (on the West side of Claverdon) in the vicinity of where we are asking for a reduction in the speed limit. It was a two-car incident which meant the Police were called, road closed, and vehicles had to be recovered from the area.

Other news

People are being encouraged to report nuisance bikes in their area using a new online reporting form. - By completing the form on the Warwickshire County Council website, they can help put an end to the issues nuisance bikes create for local communities. Anti-social behaviour caused by nuisance bikes accounts for a large proportion of reports in the county, and a campaign called 'Dob 'Em In' is highlighting the importance of sharing information about perpetrators. As members of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership, Warwickshire County Council's Community Safety team and Warwickshire Police are working together to make it easier for people to report crime and safety concerns that are impacting on local communities.



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As well as using the new reporting form at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin, people can also report nuisance bikes to the Police by phoning 101 in a non-emergency. Nuisance bikes, whether they are motorbikes, e-bikes, or quad bikes, can be a cause of concern for several reasons, which is why people are being asked to report any incidents if their area is blighted by the issue.

If bikes are being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance, Warwickshire Police can issue notices under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act or seize the bike.

Police Officers can also attend addresses with Council Tenancy Officers to issue tenancy warning notices.

To help provide the best chance of successful action, when reporting an incident, people are being asked to give, if possible:

- a good description of the rider and the bike
- a registration number if it can be seen
- an address of where the bike comes from and goes to (if known)
- as much detail as possible about the nuisance, the riders, bikes, and any vehicles used to transport them if that is the case.

If reporting to Warwickshire Police, always ask for an incident number so you know it has been recorded.

To find out more about the 'Dob 'Em In' campaign, visit <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/crime-anti-social-behaviour/dob-em>.

Armed Forces Covenant eLearning module - A brand-new e-learning module has been developed for NHS organisations and Local Authorities on the Armed Forces Covenant Duty as it applies to healthcare is being launched on Armed Forces Day, 2024. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5342/new-e-learning-module-to-assist-nhs-and-las-implement-the-armed-forces-covenant-duty-within-health-services-launched-on-armed-forces-day-2024>

Apply to change schools in September - If you want your child to start a new school this September you can apply now. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5347/now-is-the-time-to-apply-to-change-schools-in-september>

Police News

OP RESOLVE is the project name for Warwickshire Police's hotspot policing uplift for 2024-25. Following the Home Office's announcement that funding would be provided to forces to target ASB and serious violence, Warwickshire Police has implemented a patrol strategy with a combination of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Community Wardens (Leamington Spa only) to target 18 identified zones throughout the County.

Over the coming weeks we shall be highlighting the patrol activities within the following town areas:

- Atherstone
- Nuneaton
- Bedworth
- Rugby
- Leamington Spa
- Stratford Upon Avon

Please be on the lookout for our RESOLVE officers who are keen to engage with you and discuss how we can improve the safety of our town centres.

New Police Constable - PC 1348 Sean Lovatt, has replaced PC Hope as the beat manager for Alcester North. Over the coming weeks he plans to be out across the region and introducing himself to the community.

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 County Council News



Lung Cancer Screening When lung cancer is caught early, it is easier to treatment.

That's why the NHS is offering people who are GP registered, aged 55-74 and have ever smoked a lung check to make sure everything is ok.