

## County Council Report

The Elections in May resulted in no changes for Arden Division. I was re-elected as County Councillor, Philip Seccombe was re-elected as Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The Conservatives retained control of the County Council with an enhanced majority.

I am honoured to have been elected to serve Arden for a second term and will seek to represent the Division on the County Council in the best interests of all residents. Thank you very much for your support.

One advantage of a first past the post system is that having been elected, a representative must represent the interests of all residents in a constituency and not just the people who elected them which is one of the risks in a proportional representation system.

**Winter gritting activities ended at the end of April** and during the winter gritting season, Warwickshire gritters travelled the equivalent of 3.4 times round the planet and used 16,600 tonnes of grit while keeping Warwickshire roads safe for motorists.

WCC has changed the way in which it provides **services to Parent Carers**. If you're a parent carer and would welcome support from local service providers and a wellbeing check for the whole family visit a new webpages: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carers/parent-carer-support-pathway>

Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and partners are showcasing the different ways in which new and **expectant parents can access support** during these unprecedented times. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2080/supporting-coventry-and-warwickshire-parents-to-continue-to-access-service>

Scams are getting much more sophisticated. I was recently contacted on the 'phone by an Australian accented man who said he had the same name as me and was getting emails about a bank account in my name (address matched) with Lloyds Bank. The emails concerned overdrafts etc. and he emailed me about four emails. The inference was my identity had been hijacked as I don't have a Lloyds account. Rather than open the mails I tried to forward them to Lloyds Bank fraud department but they would not forward. Please, if you get an unexpected email about your finances do not open it just delete it.

With us making good recovery from Covid and Brexit issues being slowly resolved Climate Change has returned to the national agenda. As I mentioned in my election address most effort is going on achieving carbon neutrality as quickly as possible. However the challenge across the world is huge and I am looking to persuade the County to begin to take steps to mitigate the effect the changes in climate will have on the resilience of our roads and flood events.

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