

District Councillor Report (02/08/2021) – Matt Jennings

SDC Covid Cases –

Last time we spoke Henley-in-Arden & Claverdon had 8 cases – it is now at 28

Stratford District 234 per 100,000 (was over 450 a week ago)

Warwick is 335

Solihull 459

Redditch 360

I looked back on the number of Covid related deaths in the District – Unfortunately we had 301 back in March... Now at the start of August we are at 302

1st dose numbers : 87 %

2nd Dose numbers : 74 %

S 106 Payment

I have spoken to the CIL & 106 Monitoring team about the S106 payment for Sports Facilities Contribution in Henley-in-Arden from planning application 20/00066/FUL. They have confirmed that Invoice 2016598 for £50,168.68 has been paid in full.

Welcome Back Project

To help kickstart Tourism we are putting on a series of ‘Welcome Back’ events throughout the district (between the end of the summer and next April). These will be at the 8 main rural centres – Alcester, Bideford, Henley, Shipston, Southam, Stratford, Studley and Wellesbourne. We have contracted Shakespeare’s England (our DMO) to co-ordinate these events – Glyn Slade will be the Welcome Back Manager (WBM) at SE - so he will be in touch soon.

The idea is :

- the Towns or Parish Council will come up with ideas as to how they want to ‘celebrate’ the ending of the Covid related restrictions. They will submit ideas / ways this funding could be used for maximum effect. The WBM will have access to a small budget to pay for or contribute towards these events.
- The WBM would be responsible for co-ordinate the proposals and oversee delivery within the agreed budget. There are parameters but Glyn will be able to discuss these with you.
- Shakespeare’s England will commission a PR Agency to maximise communication opportunities. The WBM will be their day-to-day contact and will be responsible for would be responsible for ensure the Welcome Back Events are properly promoted both on and off-line, maximising print, social media and website visibility. Getting local, regional and National coverage.
- This would be an entirely new targeted campaign under the #welcomeback (working title) hash tag and would include photography and videography at each event for future use on the Towns’ websites, the Shakespeare’s England website and SDC’s website.

I am running this project so you do have an alternative contact point.

Mop Job Fair

The Stratford Mop was originally a fair to match up Land Owners and Farm workers in the 1500's – We are going to revive this tradition with a modern twist – the Job & Apprentice Fair on October 12th

So far I have gathered support from our MP Nadhim Zahawi, the Growth Hub, LEP, BBC and a number of other key stakeholders. The list is growing.

This will not be Stratford Towncentric but instead be for the whole of the District. I am keen to get as many on board this event as possible – so If you know of any companies / businesses who are looking for staff or apprentices tell them to get in touch with me. The same for colleges or schools or whoever else who may be looking for employment (apprentices can any age).

The interest is snowballing and this could grow into quite a large event. More on this as it develops.....

Again I am running this project – at this stage all on my own but with additional resources hopefully coming soon...

Finally Blue Bins !

Recycling collections across Stratford-on-Avon District will start again on Monday 2 August.

Two weeks after the devastating fire at the Pure Recycling facility in Ettington on 19 July and the temporary suspension of recycling collections on 21 July, arrangements for an alternative disposal source for the dry recyclable materials have now been made.

Cllr Daren Pemberton, Deputy Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council said: "Firstly, I would like to apologise for this disruption in service and thank our residents for their patience and understanding in this matter.

"As with any unexpected event, contingency and business continuity plans exist, but do take time to put in place, particularly when physical infrastructure has been destroyed. SDC officers have been working intensely behind the scenes with our contractor, Biffa who deliver the waste service, to ensure right alternative disposal arrangements are put in place. The easy option would have been merely to collect recyclable material and send it to either landfill or for incineration. Neither of these options would have allowed for recycling of waste, which we know is really important to our residents who want to play their part in living sustainably and addressing climate change. For that reason it was and is important for us to get the right disposal method in place even though that meant a slightly longer suspension of the service.

"The majority of residents across the District have only had one recycling collection missed with a total of 8 days of recycling collections actually missed. All other collections remained as normal. We recognise the inconvenience and thank residents again for their understanding. We will be collecting extra recycling on the next set of rounds. We also remember and be thankful that the fire was contained and expertly dealt with by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service and that no one was hurt in the fire."

For residents that have had a missed recycling collection, they will be able to put out any extra recyclable material with their next collection. If this can't be fitted in the wheelie bin, then it can be placed beside the bin in cardboard boxes, rigid containers or in, preferably, clear plastic bags.

Cllr Pemberton continued: "We know that when collections start there will be extra recycling collected, which means the trucks will fill up quicker, so catch-up collections have been factored in and collections may not take place at your usual time. The advice is: ***'Please present your bin on***

your normal collection day and if crews don't manage to collect it, please keep it out and they will get to it as soon as they can. This may be one or two days later. Please do not report these as missed bins.'

"Additional crews will be deployed to catch-up on collections as quickly as possible. Residents may see different vehicles collecting the recycling, but please be reassured that all the material collected will be recycled.

"Throughout the whole of the pandemic last year and this, crews have done exceptionally well in keeping the service running and operational and we know how much our residents have valued this and we can only apologise for this disruption in service following a totally unexpected event.

"To help with the collection of additional recyclable materials, please make sure it is washed, cleaned and dry as best as possible to help with the end destination point and prevent the contamination of loads."

How you can help

- Please present your bin on your normal collection day.
- Please make sure your bin is out for collection at 6am - collections may not take place at your usual time, so make sure your bin is available for collection.
- If it is not collected, please don't report as a missed bin, please leave it out and crews will collect it as soon as they can.
- All the usual recycling material will be collected - please make sure it is washed, cleaned and as dry as possible.
- Extra recycling will be collected and this can be placed beside the bin in cardboard boxes, rigid containers or preferably, in clear plastic bags.

For further information on what you can recycle please visit: [Our Recycling Collection | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)