

## **District Councillor Report (10/01/2022) – Matt Jennings**

### **SDC Covid Cases –**

Last time we spoke Henley-in-Arden & Claverdon had 50 cases – it is now at 85.

Stratford District 1592 per 100,000 (was 542 last time)

Warwick 1649 (411 last month)

Solihull 1807 (456 last month)

Redditch 1979 (497 last month)

People aged OVER 12 who have been vaccinated in the District :

1<sup>st</sup> dose numbers : 88 %

2<sup>nd</sup> dose numbers : 83 %

3<sup>rd</sup> dose number : 70 %

There have been 3 deaths within 28 days of a positive test -brings the total to 17 since the 1<sup>st</sup> April last year.

Usual message - If you know of anyone who has not been jabbed – please encourage them to do so.

## **District News**

### **SDC / WDC Merger**

Both the WDC & SDC full councils voted on the merger to create a South Warwickshire District Council.

WDC – 23 For, 12 Against & 5 Abstaining

SDC – 26 For, 3 Against & 2 Abstentions

A formal submission document has now been sent to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove MP, to request his permission for a full political merger to create a South Warwickshire District Council.

### **Unregistered Tattooists**

There has been a surge in unregistered tattooists operating in the District. We are issuing a warning about the potential dangers of using unregistered tattooists and piercers such as HIV or hepatitis.

### **Long Marston**

Long Marston Airfield is Warwickshire's only designated Garden Village and Phase 1 of the development is already under construction.

Highway modelling acknowledges the need for a relief road to the south west of Stratford-upon-Avon town (known as the Southern Western Relief Road (SWRR)), to address concerns regarding highway capacity.

Planning applications for the remaining phases of development and the SWRR have been submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) and are awaiting determination with funding to deliver the SWRR still to be secured.

The District Council has been working with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Homes England, the Government's housing delivery agency, to progress delivery of the Garden Village.

In light of the climate change emergency declared by both Councils, it has been agreed to commission consultants to investigate sustainable transport options for Long Marston Airfield. This work will include considering how the Garden Village could become more self-contained so as to reduce the need for residents to travel.

## **Rough Sleeping**

The annual estimate of the number of people sleeping rough across Stratford-on-Avon District for 2021 has been confirmed as 3, following the annual count that took place in mid-November.

This is down from the previous year's 4 rough sleepers, and a further reduction from 6 rough sleepers reported in 2019, and 10 reported in 2018. 17 were reported in 2017.

This year, the Council's figure included an estimate based on intelligence, along with a spotlight street count. To agree the figure, the Council met with a variety of support agencies, which included P3, the police, CGL, Spring, the NHS, and the Street Pastors to go through the names of all known rough sleepers who have been verified as being outside on the typical night chosen. The spotlight count was carried out in the early hours by P3's street outreach team and written reports were also received from St Basil's and Together.

## **Victorian Christmas Market**

This was a great success. This is reflected in the number of vehicles in our car parks during the four day Victorian Christmas which was 17,458 whilst in 2019 it was a three day market with 12,211 vehicles - an increase of 42% in vehicle numbers. Most visitors were on the traditional three days of Friday to Sunday with 14,516 visiting during that time an increase of 2,305 vehicles, or nearly 19% on a like-for-like basis.

## **Venture House**

'Online Events' for November :

### *Events*

[Launch Event: Sanctuary: Built to Burn. Designed to Heal](#) - 18 Jan

[Start-up 2022: the UK's biggest start-up show](#) - Enterprise Nation - 21 Jan

### *Workshops*

[Personal Branding for Startups](#) - CUE Business Solutions - 11 Jan

[Are you ready for the customs impact of Brexit moving into 2022](#) - 12 Jan

[A Guide to Quit your Job and Start a Business](#) - CUE Business Solutions - 18 Jan

[ChamberLIVE: How to commercialise and protect your ideas and innovations](#) - 25 Jan

[Meet the Contractors Delivering Birmingham](#) - Growth Hubs - 27 Jan

[Small Business Britain](#) have a free workshop for every need over on their Facebook page.

### **Local networking**

Take a look at our [list of local networking groups](#) to see what you might like to get involved with. If you run an online networking group that does not appear on this list, please tell us about it and we can add your listing.

For further information visit : [www.venturehousestratford.co.uk](http://www.venturehousestratford.co.uk)