

## **District Councillor Report (04/04/2022) – Matt Jennings**

### **SDC Covid Cases –**

Stratford District 1056 per 100,000 (was 411 last time)

Warwick 1045 (412 last month)

Solihull 793 (253 last month)

Redditch 921 (298 last month)

People aged OVER 12 who have been vaccinated in the District : (No change)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> dose numbers : 85 %

3<sup>rd</sup> dose number : 74 %

### **District News**

New Refuse collection System – I have been asked about Textiles & Clothes – Ideally they would be put into the clothes banks that are dotted around, charity shops or taken to Burton Farm where there is a separate skip.

If that is not possible then the grey bin is the only other realistic alternative, but this is not ideal by any means as it means it will go to landfill at worst, or the Energy from Waste Plant (the incinerator) at best.

The following link is to a leaflet that you can print off and give out or upload onto social media

[CLICK HERE](#)

### **Festival of Motoring**

After a two year break the Festival of Motoring is returning to Stratford-upon-Avon with the welcome addition of an extra day. The hugely popular 3-Day festival will take place on Saturday 30th April, Sunday 1st and Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022. It will be open from 10am until 5pm daily.

Over three hundred vintage, classic, and super cars will be gloriously exhibited throughout the three days, with the town centre streets closed to traffic to accommodate the festival. Bridge Street, High Street, Wood Street, Henley Street, Union Street and Sheep Street will all host various aspects of the motoring event, including family entertainment and free entry for all. The town's markets will complement the occasion with all the regular stalls on Waterside, the popular and well loved street food court, and as an additional attraction this year an artisan market will be located down the centre of Bridge Street.

### **Green Bins / Garden Waste subscription**

Garden Waste online subscriptions service for 1<sup>st</sup> April to March 2023 is now open - the link is [www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/subscribe-for-garden-waste-service.cfm](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/subscribe-for-garden-waste-service.cfm)

## **Market Prize**

As previously mentioned the Stratford-upon-Avon Victorian Christmas Market has picked up one of the top prizes at the Great British Market Awards. The market was named the country's '**Best Large Speciality Market**'. At a ceremony at the Saturday market 10 days ago this was presented by the chair of the NABMA (National Association of British Market Authorities).

## **Federation of Small Business Awards**

I attended the FSB small business awards at the Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel. SDC were sponsoring the 'Star up Business of the Year' so I had the pleasure of judging and awarding the trophy for this category... it also gave me 5 minutes to talk about how SDC had helped businesses over Covid and how we welcomed all new businesses to the area with open arms !

## **Government Energy Prices Help Scam Alert**

Stratford on Avon District Council are NOT calling residents about the £150 Council Tax Rebate to help with fuel bills so any approach is a scam and people should not divulge their bank account details.

## **Venture House**

After Covid if you are looking at changing / reassessing your work life balance / change of career your first port of call should be to visit the Venture House website – it offers a wide range of links for Business support, advice, business programmes, learning & skills opportunities.

Go to : [www.venturehousestratford.co.uk/what-we-offer/business-support/](http://www.venturehousestratford.co.uk/what-we-offer/business-support/)

## **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.

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