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County Councillors Report as at 9th January 2023

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Henley in Arden specific news

Small works

Ref	Date	Issue	Location	Action 1
8	27/07/2022	Speeding on Liveridge Hill - see e mail	Liveridge Hill, Henley	1/11/2022 at a separate meeting with Elaine Field (Chair at that time) the speed report/data was going to be given to me to review
16	08/08/2022	Monkey run (Birdcage Walk) damage to surface, electrical cable exposed - Dylan knows about this email sent to DW my PC on 8/8/2022	Birdcage walk	22/10/2022 Refer to Richard Barnard Public right of way (per GS)
31	15/08/2022	Drains issue - water is over flowing due to blocked drains outside 185, 187, 189, 191 High Street, Henley photos available reported by Shelagh Clitherow she.teach@btinternet.com>		04/10/2022 Jetting job raised and issued by Dylan
36	05/09/2022	Plastic bollards outside Co Op have been damaged	High St Co Op	22/10/2022 temp repair done by Dylan- these are to be replaced with new ones 6/8 weeks i.e end of November
64	02/12/2022	Branches and vegetation damaged in one accident by the tennis courts to be removed	A3400 Southbound between Henley and Wootton Wawen	05/12/2022 DW confirms that this is scheduled but it is on a 30 day priority schedule but will probably be done sooner
65	12/12/2022	Road markings on disabled bay by DOLCE CAFÉ have faded and non blue badge holders are parking there.	A3400 Henley Town centre by DOLCE CAFÉ	12/12/2022 DS has arranged for all disabled markings to be remarked

Cllr Bryn Turner also asked about a rolling program of footpath repairs which I have asked to be broken down into “chunks” as I cannot commit my budget for years in advance as it may be “tying” the hands of any future County Councillor. The last communication I have was my email dated 13/10/2022. Let me have a detailed proposal so I can progress this if it is still wanted.

If there are any other items of work outstanding, please let me know.

EV Chargers

I have received a copy of the audit report and the key issues to come out of this are as follows.

- 1). Transport Planning to commission the TRO to designate the bays as 'EV only' to overcome the trip hazard and help alert passing motorists of the location of the bays. The TRO process includes a statutory consultation exercise so any residents will be able to make their views at the appropriate time
- 2). Transport Planning to instruct BP Pulse to install an additional advisory sign to EV users to ensure they park and connect up to the charger in a considerate manner to avoid creating a trip hazard.
- 3). Transport Planning has shared the report with BP Pulse (charge point supplier) and is awaiting a response to the recommendation regarding the height of the signs. Signage should be at a height of 2.5metres. Current signage is too low.
- 4). Transport Planning to push back on the recommendation for additional visibility of the charge points on the basis that a combination of street lighting and the lights on the charge points ensure that there is good visibility.

At a previous meeting the following was also raised by members/members of the public:

- A. **Lack of consultation over the chargers** - This does not appear to be the case as I have had sight of the email trail and checked the minutes of the JPC and noted the following:
 - i. 21/03/2021 Email from Cllr John Clarke to Margaret Smith (County)



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- ii. 22/03/2021 JPC minutes that the matter has been discussed. Margaret Smith gives a short presentation to the JPC/ Members present Cllrs Field, Jones, Woods, Bainbridge, Easton, Bainbridge, Clarke, Kingsworth, White & PC clerk Ray Evans. The County council notes that it was a lively discussion
- iii. In an email dated 22/03/2021 and timed at 19.37- Cllr. Clarke says to Margaret Smith – “I believe that means all systems go”
- iv. 02/08/2021 Public session notes – Chair mentioned that EV terminals will be arriving in Henley shortly and that the subject will be placed on future agendas

This would **seem** to indicate that the EV chargers and the site were known and approved by the Parish Council but if that is not the case then please let me know.

B. Removing the chargers and possibly putting them somewhere else – Whilst this is possible because it is easy to take away the pedestal, the wiring underneath and the area would need to be made good. In addition, due to the nature of the contract there would be a compensation claim. I will discuss this in greater detail verbally but the cost is estimated at around £40k and if the feeling is still that they should be removed then the Parish Council will be asked to underwrite the costs/claims as the PC does appear to have agreed to the chargers.

I do not have a copy of the official report as yet, only the details of what the report says and if the PC want a copy it will need to contact MargaretSmith@warwickshire.gov.uk who will be able to advise you.

Application to the Councillors Grant fund for purchasing recycle bins

Cllr Bryn Turner has made an application on behalf of the JPC for the above and has now received official confirmation that the application was successful (as I had approved the application).

Vehicle Debris caused by two incidents

Debris has been removed

X20 Bus Service

I have reported several late, missing and incorrect routing of the service and County are in discussion with Stagecoach. The issue centres around a lack of trained drivers and whilst I sympathise with Stagecoach the numbers of passengers on this service will fall unless the service is reliable. I will continue to monitor the situation

Warwickshire residents are encouraged to choose cheaper bus travel this year as a new scheme to save money on fares launches.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3688/choosing-bus-travel-around-warwickshire-is-now-cheaper>

Pitch Strategy

I have advised Cllr. Brady that the District Council is content to write a letter of comfort outlining what the council is doing with regards to the pitch strategy. This is the same response that we have arranged for Stratford town Football Club and it has been received well by the club who will presumably pass this onto Sports England. If you do require a letter of comfort then please contact the Deputy Chief Executive tony.perks@stratford-dc.gov.uk

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The consultation opened today (9/1/2023) and runs for 8 weeks.

About whether the PC was consulted I have investigated and any notification of the process was around August 2022.



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General information

Budgets

No further information on the County Council budget since my last report. Cllr. Jennings is reporting on the District Council budget.

Draft Sustainable Futures Policy

With the new year underway, you now have less than two weeks to give Warwickshire County Council their views on climate change and sustainability. Have your say today: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/sustainable-futures-strategy/>

Climate change focus group volunteers:

Warwickshire County Council is looking for community-minded residents to take part in a climate change focus group later in the month. Find out what this entails and how you can volunteer:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3685/take-part-in-a-climate-change-focus-group-in>

2023 Reception or Junior School places:

Parents and carers who have children who are due to start in Reception or to move to a Junior School in September 2023 have only until 5pm on Sunday 15 January to apply for their school place. Find out more and apply: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3686/parents-have-less-than-2-weeks-to-apply-for-their-child-s-2023-reception-or-junior-school-place>

Energy payments for park homes and houses of multiple occupation

It would appear that residents will be invited to register on a Government website to receive the £400 payment that the rest of us are already receiving. The exact detail on this has not been made available but I am telling Parishes that I will run surgeries in those Parishes where there are residents who do not have internet access or do not use the internet to ensure that they are registered. I feel that this is still beset with issues because it is not clear how the Government will check that any application is from someone who lives either on a park home site or in a house of multiple occupation. The possibility of fraudulent claims remains high unless applications are checked. Even the District Council don't know who lives on a Park Home site, only the banding of the property and as the banding isn't specific to just park homes to use well worn quote "Houston, we have a problem".

Cost of Living Support Package for Warwickshire residents:

The County Council's Cabinet has agreed a package of measures to relieve the financial burden on residents who may be struggling with rising living costs. Due to a range of factors including increasing inflation and the long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, many people around the country are finding it difficult to keep on top of their household bills such as food and energy. The Government recently introduced a support package, and Warwickshire County Council has announced additional local measures to provide further help to residents and local businesses. If any resident needs help then please contact the County Council or the District council who will advise on what help is available. If there are any problems contacting the District or County Councils, please let me know.

NHS Update

I have received the following message for the NHS that might be of interest

All parts of our system, including Primary and Secondary care, NHS111 and the Ambulance Service, are currently under significant pressure due to a rise in demand for NHS services. Colleagues from across the system are doing everything possible to increase capacity and ensure that patients are able to access the care they need.

Our Accident and Emergency departments are seeing some of the greatest demand in their history as patients seek help for a wide range of illnesses and injuries. Acuity is also high with patients being sicker



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and therefore likely to need greater input and longer periods of care leading to hospital beds across the system being full.

To give you an idea of scale, approximately 400 patients are in hospital with respiratory conditions (Covid, Flu and RSV), around 25% our total bed base. This is creating pressures around hospital admission, treatment and discharge and a risk to patients, staff, and an increase in staff sickness.

Our ambulance service continues to be extremely pressured and we have seen a marked increase across all sites from the beginning of December onwards in the time taken to handover patients from ambulances into our Emergency departments. Staff continue to do all they can to ensure that those patients waiting for handover remain safe, and that they can be transferred into the department as quickly as possible, but the pressure on our acute trusts means that they are not always able to do this in the time we have previously expected.

Primary Care services and NHS111 services find themselves in a similar position in terms of demand.

Additional capacity created across the system

To ensure we all deliver care to patients to the best of our ability within the constraints of this period of extreme pressure we have increased capacity wherever possible across the system. This has meant in some instances other provision has had to be suspended as there is simply not the capacity to provide everything. Some of the measures we've taken include:

- Most elective procedures have been stepped down with prioritisation of cancer and urgent cases only to allow capacity to be focused on emergency care
- All non-essential community services (not related to admission avoidance or discharges) have been stepped down for next two weeks. This has been done in line with the Community Services Framework which was developed during COVID
- Expediting discharge wherever clinically appropriate to free up hospital capacity
- Our Local Authorities are looking at innovative ways which they can use the adult social care discharge fund across a range of areas
- In the two weeks before Christmas an additional 2000 extended and enhanced GP appointments were created and initial reports suggest that those were all booked. This scheme was extended until 6th of January and we are exploring extending this further.
- We continue to add capacity to our Urgent Community Response teams and look at extending their opening times further
- New paediatric hubs have opened in Coventry, Warwickshire North and South Warwickshire, with a further one set to open shortly in Rugby
- Exploring if we can create additional "Flu Beds" in the same model as our Covid "Blue Beds" to allow care home residents to be discharged from an acute setting while still a potential infection risk
- Exploring with the Independent Sector what support they can provide to maintain surgery, or more generally

We will continue to look at ways we can increase capacity across all areas of the system and NHS organisations and Local Authorities are closely collaborating to ensure we deliver services as safely as currently possible for patients, with a view to also getting the system into as good a shape as possible in advance of the next day of industrial action next week.

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 very best to help.




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CENSUS STATISTICS FOR WARWICKSHIRE


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2021 Census data: Exploring Warwickshire household and resident characteristics




Warwickshire is growing faster than the national average in terms of residents and households.

In Warwickshire		National Average
In 2021	Increase since 2011	
596,769 residents	9.4%	6.3%
253,262 households	9.6%	6.1%




2 in 3 households have fewer than 3 people. The average household size is 2.3.

National average is 2.4




Warwickshire's ageing population is growing. 1 in 5 residents (122,615) are aged 65+.

An increase of 2.3 percentage points in 2011




166 Residents were aged 100 or over.

An increase from 115 residents in 2011



Warwickshire's younger population is growing at a lower rate than nationally.

The number of residents aged under 19 increased by 6.3%; less than the national average of 8.7%.



Between 2011 and 2021 the number of males aged 85 and over increased by 42.9%.

Females make up almost two thirds of residents aged 85 and over; numbers increased by 12.7% since 2011

31,010 residents were aged 0-4 years

16,109 residents were aged 85 years and over



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2021 Census data: Exploring Warwickshire legal partnership status for those aged 16 and over

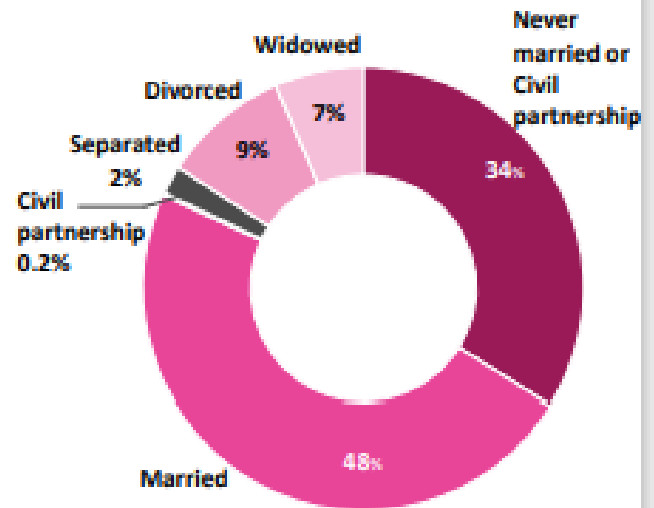
The largest group with 235,473 residents were those who were married.

48% were married, a decline from 51% in 2011.

1 in 3 people aged 16+ have never married or entered a registered civil partnership

An increase of 3.3 percentage points compared to 2011.

Same sex marriage was legalised in 2014 and opposite-sex civil partnerships were legalised in 2019.



1,099 residents were in a marriage between same sex couples.



345 residents were in civil partnerships between opposite sex couples.



The number of same-sex civil partnerships went down from 732 in 2011 to 515, suggesting some couples opted to get married using the new legislation.



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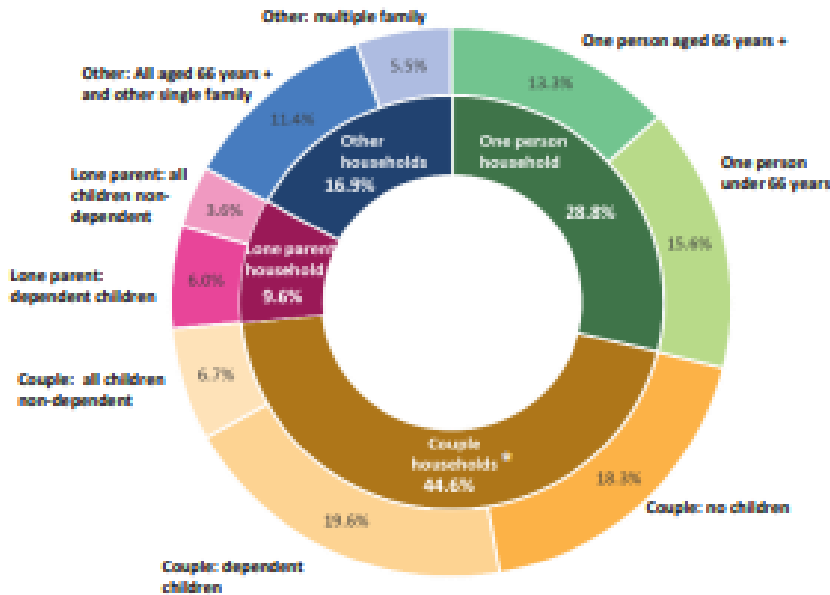
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2021 Census data: Exploring Warwickshire household composition



Households with higher rates of growth:

1. Co-habiting couples
 - under the age of 66 (with and without children) increased by almost one third.
2. Lone parents with non-dependent children
3. Households where all residents were 66 years or over

One Person Households

The proportion of one person households in Warwickshire is at a similar level to 2011. However, growth has been higher in one person households aged 66 and over compared to one person households with younger occupants.

Dependent Children

Approximately, 28% of households contained dependent children in 2021, a similar level to 2011.

15,236

Lone parent households with dependent children



Residents

living alone
33,561 aged 66 and over
39,505 aged under 66



70,174

Households contain dependent children



27,452

Households where all residents were aged 66 or over



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*Includes couples where at least one person is under 66 years. Where both are 66 years + they are counted in 'all aged 66 years +' section following the approach used by the Office for National Statistics