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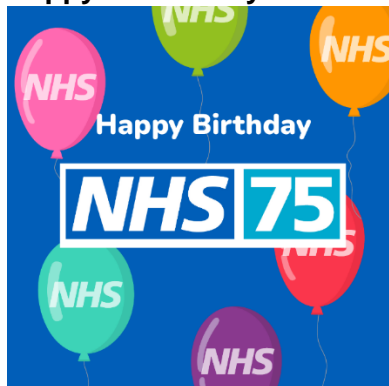
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I have completed two school visits since my last report with the specific aim of finding out how the schools recognised and helped disadvantaged children reach higher levels of educational attainment. I went to one primary and one secondary school, the head teachers at both schools were very welcoming and gave me their time willingly. What impressed me was the passion and leadership skills of both head teachers, this filters through the whole school. I spent two hours with each of the school's and came away absolutely in awe of these inspirational Heads teachers and their staff. Whilst I worried a little before the meetings that I would be like a fish out of water I was put at ease by everyone and can honestly say that I would happily visit more schools to discover how they improve educational standards for all pupils as each school tailors their approach to this important issue to suit their needs.

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 absolute best to help.

Happy 75 Birthday to our NHS



On 5 July 2023, the NHS will mark 75 years of service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they do.

Find out more about how you can get involved in this important milestone:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhsbirthday/get-involved/>

Henley in Arden specific news

Small works

If there are any other items of work outstanding, please let me know. The issues being looked at under this were reported last month and as there is little or no change, I haven't included them this month.

Funding

This is a reminder that there are currently 2 funding routes open. I have already sent full details of the funds to your Clerk & RFO plus your Chair. I have attached full details of the funds at Appendix 1 towards the end of this report (Pages 7 & 8). The two funds are:

- Shared Prosperity Fund – applications are made to District council – closing date Friday 14th July
- CIL Fund – applications are made to District council – closing date Friday 14th July



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Social Fabric Fund

An innovative new fund that will invest in the power of communities has been given the green light by Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4289/warwickshire-county-council-launches-a-social-fabric-fund>

Reported incidents to the Police

- Suspicious Circumstances. Birmingham Road. Agitated male has gone to door asking for money. He said that he was ex-military. The male left when the occupant couldn't help him. 12 midday Friday 30th June. 30/06/2023
- Vehicle Crime. The Croft. Fiat 500 Gucci Convertible stolen from driveway. Vehicle is black with thin stripes of red and green going over the convertible roof. Stolen between 9am 29th & 7.30am 30th June. 30/06/2023
- Vehicle Crime. High Street. Nissan Navara stolen without keys. Tracked and found in Birmingham. 3.50pm Monday 26th June. 26/06/2023

Number plate theft

Having had my own number plates stolen whilst I was at a recent Henley in Arden Parish Council meeting the Police have offered this advice.

How to protect your plates

- Use a garage at night if you can
- Park in busy, well-lit areas if you have to park on the street
- Use safe, well-lit public car parks
- Consider using security screws which can be turned easily using a screwdriver to fit them but cannot be undone using normal tools.
- Consider using theft-resistant number plates which may cost a little more but are designed to resist known attack methods and will break apart if someone tries to remove them by force.
- If your plates are stolen, replace them with a new design so they are different to the lost ones as soon as possible.
- Report all suspicious behaviour

Other County wide news

Healthy Aging Microsite

There is a new microsite called Healthy Ageing: A companion tool that can be used as a standalone point of advice about nutrition and keeping active or used interactively, with gentle core strengthening exercises if you feel unsteady on your feet.

Visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthyageing

Small Supports

Do you provide care for autistic people and/or people with learning disabilities and think you could offer this care in a more bespoke and creative way?

WCC can help you to set up your own organisation. Book an info session.

Go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/smallsupports>



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Plastic Free July 2023



Why not ditch the single use plastics this July with the help of a variety of suggestions from Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4302/this-july-embrace-sustainability-and-be-a-part-of-the-movement-to-reduce-single-use-plastics>



Discover Warwick's latest ceremony venues You are invited to consider St. John's House and The Judges' House in Warwick as two beautiful and recently licensed venues for legal ceremonies to take place in the County.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4300/discover-warwick-s-latest-ceremony-venues-for-celebrating-special-occasions>

Secondary school applications Webinar

Warwickshire parents and carers with children due to start Year 6 in September are being encouraged to start preparing now for their child's application to secondary school.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4301/now-s-the-time-to-prepare-for-secondary-school-applications>



Warwickshire Secondary Induction Day Postponed

Warwickshire Secondary Induction Day (Transition Day) which was planned for Wednesday 5 July, is to be postponed until Monday 10 July where necessary.

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4299/warwickshire-secondary-induction-day-transition-day-postponed-due-to-strike-action>

Warwickshire's next Young Poet Laureate



Warwickshire County Council's Library Service is delighted to announce that the competition to become Young Poet Laureate 2023/24 is now open.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4290/the-search-is-on-for-warwickshire-s-next-young-poet-laureate>



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Stratford Library Sensory Offer



Warwickshire County Council's library service has launched a new sensory offer at Stratford-upon-Avon Library.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4309/stratford-library-launches-new-sensory-offer-to-support-with-children-s-development>

Safe Haven Warwickshire



The new Safe Haven Coventry and Warwickshire service will provide community-based, non-clinical support for those who have feelings of mental health and emotional distress. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4307/expanded-safe-haven-service-to-provide-improved-mental-health-support-to-coventry-and-warwickshire-residents-from-1st-july>

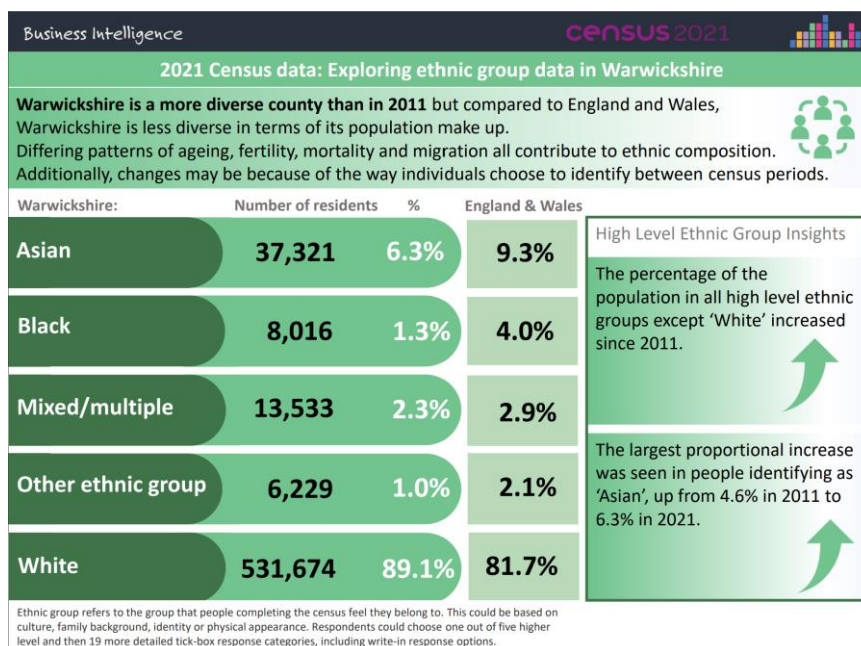
Have your say on childcare provision



Warwickshire County Council is asking for the thoughts of parents and carers in the region who currently, or may in the future, use childcare such as childminders and day nurseries.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4311/calling-parents-and-carers-have-your-say-on-childcare-provision>

Statistics on Ethnic Diversity within Warwickshire





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Appendix 1 – Funding available

Shared Prosperity Fund

This email is to inform you that for a 6-week period between Monday 5th June and Friday 14th July 2023, Stratford-on-Avon District Council is inviting project submissions to be considered for two alternative funding streams. These two funds are the Shared Prosperity Fund/Rural Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund. Each fund has a separate application form and if you wish to submit multiple projects, please submit a separate form for each project.

Two information webinars will be held on Thursday 15th June at 6-7:30 pm and Tuesday 20th June at 8:30-10 am covering both the SPF/REPF and CIL funds. If you would like to attend one of these webinars please register via the Eventbrite registration link <https://bit.ly/42db8wt>

Shared Prosperity Fund/Rural Shared Prosperity Fund

This is the second year of the three-year Shared Prosperity Fund and the first year of two for the Rural Shared Prosperity Fund. There is one application form for both and you will need to specify which fund you are applying for when completing your application, accompanied by a legal document that also requires completion. The link to the online application form is Shared Prosperity Fund Application 2023-2024 Page 1/9 (snapsurveys.com)

Year two's themes for the Shared Prosperity Fund include projects for Community and Places as well as the other major theme of Support for Local Business. Additionally, this year sees the launch of the first year of a two-year programme Rural England Prosperity Fund, with capital grants for small scale intervention in micro and small enterprises in rural areas, investment, and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities and capital grant funding for rural circular economy projects.

Submitted SPF projects will be assessed, and recommendations presented to the Local Prosperity Advisory Group later in the summer. It is intended that SPF funds will be allocated, and contracts issued during September 2023.

The details of the funding opportunity and accompanying documentation can be found on our website at [UK Shared Prosperity Fund \(UKSPF\) | Stratford-on-Avon District Council and also Rural England Prosperity Fund - Call for projects | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund

CIL Project submissions are now invited for consideration for inclusion in the 2022/23 version of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) and possible CIL funding. The application form is available at <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/sdcccil>.

CIL is intended to fund infrastructure that will support new development within the area, information on the criteria used for assessing CIL project submissions can be found within Chapters 6 and 7 (Tables 16 and 18) of the latest IFS. Submitted CIL projects will be considered for inclusion within the IFS and potential allocation later in 2023.

The District Council adopted its 2021/22 Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) in December 2022. The IFS includes a list of the infrastructure projects or types of infrastructure that the authority intends to fund, either wholly or partly, by CIL, this is set out in Table 17 of the current IFS (page 30). Following adoption of the IFS the Council agreed its latest round of CIL allocations based on this list at the Cabinet Meeting held on 6th February 2023.

You may be aware that Parish Councils receive CIL monies directly from developments that take place in their area (15%, or 25% if there is a Neighbourhood Plan in place) to fund localised infrastructure needs.

If your organisation submitted a project that was included on the current IFS List, please can you advise if you wish this project to remain on the list for future potential CIL funding and/or whether there have been any changes to the project information including the funding gap. If this is the case, please submit a fresh form for the project.

If you have any queries about the Shared Prosperity Fund please contact Mark Wathen, Economic Development and Investment Team Leader, at UKSPF@stratford-dc.gov.uk, any queries on the CIL fund should be directed to Rachel Blanchard, Policy Planner, at planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk.