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County Councillors report to Henley in Arden JPC as at 17th August 2023

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I now have 10 Parish Council meetings to attend although not all are every month, plus I sit on:

- 5 committees at SDC (Audit & Standards, Regulatory, Licencing, Employment, JCNG)
- 6 committees plus a task force for County (Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Audit and Standards Committee, Joint Children & Young People and Adult Social Care & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Regulatory Committee, Resources and Fire & Rescue Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Warwickshire Local Pension Board)

I am aiming to reduce the above workload as I seem to spend most nights and weekends reading documents related to the above. My aim is to reduce the number of committees I sit on by half.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above just let me know

On Friday 22nd July I met our MP Nadhim Zahawi, along with other SDC Conservative Councillors and whilst the meeting was not specifically to discuss local issues, we did manage to talk about some of the issues surrounding affordable housing in a couple of my Parishes.

Henley in Arden Specific

Funding

This is a reminder that there is currently one funding route open.

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>

Applications to the Shared Prosperity Fund, the Rural Prosperity Fund and the CIL funding closed earlier in July but I have applied to both funds on behalf of the Parish Council.

District Matters

It's a quiet time at the moment as the new Administration finds its feet and starts to make changes. One issue that might find favour is the return of the £10 pensionable age parking permits that the new administration is committed to. On the negative side they are indicating that they will increase off street parking charges.

Speed monitoring

I am offering to use some of my delegated budget to fund speed surveys around the Arden Division, notably in Ullenhall (just before the 20mph scheme is installed) and then a further study afterwards to see what effect overall the scheme has had, Wootton Wawen, where a sub committee has been set up and in Tanworth in Arden where the Residents Association are very concerned about speeds on a number of approach roads in the village.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The South Warwickshire Local Plan [website](#) has been updated following the Issues and Options consultation which ran between 9th January and 13th March 2023. The representations received to the consultation have now been published and can be viewed within the [online consultation portal](#). Instructions on how to view the representations are available in the portal once you click the link at the top of the page. The SWLP Team are currently analysing the consultation responses. Once this process is complete, the two Councils will publish the response and a summary of key issues through a Consultation Statement which will be available to view on our website. In addition, we ran a



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second Call for Sites concurrently with the Issues and Options consultation and these submissions have also been published on the South Warwickshire Local Plan interactive map alongside the earlier Call for Sites 1. Please note that these sites are presented for information at this stage and have not yet been assessed as to their suitability for inclusion within the plan nor are they endorsed. The interactive map can be viewed at:

www.warwickdc.gov.uk/SWLPmap

County Council Matters

Henley in Arden Specific - Let me know if you have any small roadworks, white lining or Rights of Way issues I will look into these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted. Potholes should be reported through the FixMyStreet website where they will be logged by County and passed through to Balfour Beatty where they will be scheduled for repair. You can also report issues directly on the WCC website

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues>

Ref	Date	Parish/Town	C or D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
31	15/08/2022	HIA	C	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>	17/08/2022 Dylan/Graham - urgent issue please 04/10/2022 Jetting job raised and issued by Dylan 26/01/2023 DS will chase this up - area needs to be coned off before jetter arrives as jetter unable to carry out job	30/04/2023 Booked by DW
65	12/12/2022	HIA	C	Road markings on disabled bay by DOLCE CAFÉ have faded and non blue badge holders are parking there...remedials are to be undertaken on the Disabled Bays and lining around that area High Street, and outside the Coop up to the Puffin Crossing. 19/06/2023 Done some but not all - done by ice cream shop - by end of July/August per GS 18/07/2023 all lining except by ice cream shop which will be picked up when 20mph scheme	12/12/2022 Dylan notified 08/02/2023 All markings between Co op and Costa Coffee plus School lane will be renewed where needed - order placed with die crew (Candy) - job is under Stratford remedials	30/04/2023 GS chasing this
110	19/06/2023	HIA		Solar Panel certification Robin Rumbles		06/07/2023 letter sent to County to ask if there is anything else that can be done to help.

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.

West Midlands Combined Authority

As a County we were looking at whether joining the West Midlands Combined Authority as a full constituent member would be in our best interests. Currently we are not a full member and because of this we do not benefit from some of the massive investment funds that Andy Street and the WMCA have access to. I met with Andy Street and his deputy along with Isobel Secombe and councillors during July and my feeling was that this could be particularly good news for the Stratford District and as a result I was pressing for us to do the detailed work. However, it is clear that the short timetable to get the detailed work done that would be put in front of County Councillors, the District and Boroughs and the public of all Warwickshire could not be achieved in the timescale allowed and we have reluctantly pulled out of talks with HM Government unless the timetable can be extended. Due to the Mayoral elections timetable this is unlikely.

Local Transport Plan

You will probably have heard me say before or read, Climate Change is not a political football to be kicked about, it is serious and as we see across other parts of the world, wildfires are raging and temperatures are incredibly high, sea temperatures are rising at a time when they should be falling or stable. Politicians of all parties need to work together. It is interesting that in today's Times that Keir Starmer appears to also recognise the quandary that we all face, we must tackle climate change but the biggest burden must not fall on those less able to afford the cost of electric vehicles, insulation, heat pumps etc. My view remains that Climate change issues should be dealt with in a grown up way rather than blocking or refusing to support vital changes just because of politics.



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At its meeting on Tuesday 25 July, WCC gave its approval for the adoption of a new version of its Local Transport Plan (LTP4). This has a golden thread running through it of climate change and what we need to do in a sensible and pragmatic way because, for instance, to expect residents who live in rural areas with a poor or a non-existent bus service would clearly be unacceptable and naïve. The **Green Party** voted to accept the policy, along with the Conservatives which is a big step forward:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4385/approval-given-to-a-new-local-transport-plan-for-warwickshire>

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

Companion bus passes

The request for travel enhancements to be granted to residents receiving disability bus passes in Warwickshire was approved by the County Council's Cabinet.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4347/wcc-cabinet-gives-its-approval-for-companion-bus-passes>

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>



Foster with Warwickshire

Warwickshire foster carers help to make a difference to Warwickshire's children in care. Find out what it's like to foster with Warwickshire:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4387/discover-what-it-s-like-to-foster-with-warwickshire>

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>



Country Parks Newsletter The Warwickshire Country Park team is launching a newsletter Starting on Friday (14/07), they will be publishing a monthly update, bringing you the latest news, updates, and useful info from across Warwickshire's parks and greenways.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/46lxA49>



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Housing-related support services survey The last day to contribute to the public consultation on the redesign of housing-related support services is Friday 11th August. Have your say today: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/redesign-of-housing-related-support-services/>



Warwickshire Smart Travel Partnership Warwickshire County Council has joined forces with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Compton Verney and Shakespeare's England to offer residents a free-to-use environmentally focused travel assistant. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4400/new-warwickshire-smart-travel-partnership-and-travel-assistant-service-launches>

Summer fun advice and activity ideas As the summer break from school begins, children and young people are ready to enjoy their free time with fun, activity, and safety in mind. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4401/summer-fun-advice-and-activity-ideas-from-warwickshire-county-council>



Secondary school applications Are you worried about the decision of which secondary schools to apply for? Watch this handy video with lots of ideas on how to decide which secondary school is right for your child:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

Alcester North Police News



The map shows the Area that the Alcester North Team have to cover.

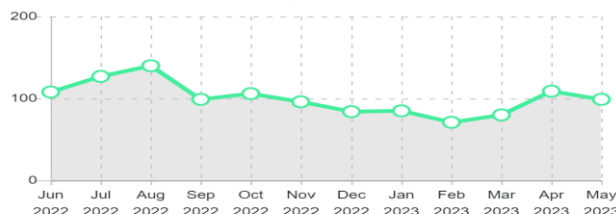
Crime levels overview

for the last 12 months (from Jun 2022 to May 2023)

Last 12 months

Last 3 years

Crime per Month





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Crime types description for the latest month (May 2023)



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SENDING A PHOTO OF YOURSELF?

THINK IT WILL GO NO FURTHER? THINK AGAIN!

Once you've hit send where it ends up will be OUT OF YOUR HANDS



S 'Sexting' may seem like harmless fun but it's **not**.

M Make sure you don't send something to another person that you'll later regret.

@ As soon as you send or post a picture you lose control of where it ends up.

R Remember once a picture is on the internet it can be copied by anybody.

T Talk to a parent, carer or teacher if you are concerned.

Check out www.warwickshire.police.uk/becybersmart
For more info on internet safety and advice go to www.ceop.police.uk and www.cyberaware.gov.uk

#becybersmart



www.warwickshire.police.uk [warwickshirepolice](https://www.facebook.com/warwickshirepolice) [warwickpolice](https://twitter.com/warwickpolice) [warwickshirepolice](https://www.instagram.com/warwickshirepolice)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST



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Leaving your home?

Use this handy checklist to ensure it is left safe and secure.

THINK WIDE(N)

- WINDOWS LOCKED
- INTERIOR LIGHTS ON A TIMER
- DOORS DOUBLE OR DEADLOCKED
- EXTERIOR LIGHTS ON A SENSOR
- (NEIGHBOURS) KEEP AN EYE OUT

WINDOWS

- Are your windows closed and locked?
- Are your window sensors activated?
- Have you secured your garage and shed windows with locks?

DOORS

- Is your front door double or deadlocked?
- Are all the doors to your home locked?
- Are your door keys kept out of sight (but to hand in case of emergency)?

INTERIOR

- Are your inside lights on a switch timer or smart bulb with timer?
- Is your home alarm on?
- Are your valuable items such as jewellery, car keys, laptops, iPads, cash and phones out of sight?
- Are your chargers and cables for laptops/iPads out of view?
- Have you created a written and photographic record of any items of value (financial or sentimental)?

EXTERIOR

- Are your outside lights on a sensor?
- Have you cut down tall hedges around the outside of your home?
- Is all packaging from expensive items i.e. laptops, tablets, phones, games consoles out of sight?
- Are your vehicles locked and valuables removed?
- Are your sheds, side gates, garages and outbuildings locked?
- Are items that can be used to break in, i.e. bricks, rubble, ladders, garden equipment put away?

NEIGHBOURS

- If you are going away for a while, have you let your neighbours know?
- Have you joined your local Neighbourhood Watch group? [Find your local group here.](#)

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no. 1223349



For more advice visit ourwatch.org.uk/burglary