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### County Councillors report as of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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#### General

#### Henley in Arden Specific

**Speed monitoring** – The data has now been distributed and hopeful by the next meeting we will have a useful summary of the speeds, volume, and type of vehicles on the roads around Henley

#### Flooding issues

- A larger drain/gully cover has been installed in Back Lane.
- The Localities officer and myself are going to look at what other measures or work could be undertaken to get the water away quickly and avoid the flooding in that area.
- There is a program of works to inspect every gully/drain along the High Street.
- To the North around the Railway bridge the Localities Officer and me are going to have a closer look at what caused the pooling around New Years Day and what can be done quickly to alleviate the issue.
- A meeting of the Environment Agency, Severn Trent, the County Council, and other stakeholders is being set up to explore options to prevent the river topping its banks and improving drainage.

**Fire stations** – There is a public consultation on the future of several Fire stations, and it includes Henley Fire Station which the proposals indicate would become a “surge” station i.e., the tender would only be used if other stations cannot respond to an emergency. There is an issue with availability of the teams in some stations, but Henley has a good availability and response rate in comparison to others and it has the added responsibility of covering the motorways and neighbouring local authorities.

- If you have an opinion that you want to share, then the consultation process allows this, and it is open until 10<sup>th</sup> March so please take part in the survey whether you are for keeping Henley Fire Station as it is or support the proposal.
- **There is a link further down to the Resourcing to Risk survey.**

#### Parking outside the Co Op

There have been several suggestions including railings, red lines, disabled bays etc and I have reproduced below the responses I have received from the County (in blue italics)

With regards to railings from the pedestrian lights to One Stop I am awaiting feedback from the JPC on whether the businesses would be agreeable to this.

- We would like the JPC to consider the following proposal which involves red lines going down in the centre of the town. In our view a single red line should go from the CO-OP to the Henley Boutique and a double red line on the opposite side of the road. *Red Routes are reserved for instances of heavily trafficked urban roads where there is a need to control parking to maintain the free flow of vehicles over and above the normal prohibition of waiting and loading, which does not prevent vehicles stopping for the purpose of picking up and setting down passengers, which in itself can contribute to traffic congestion on very busy roads. They are intended to be used strategically to deal with traffic problems assessed on a whole-route basis, not to deal with issues on relatively short lengths of road. Warwickshire does not have any routes which are deemed to meet this requirement.*
- In relation to the One Stop Shop there is a car park at the back which could be divided up for post office/general staff and disabled drivers only. The approach is down an alleyway and out of sight, so it would



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be useful to show “for disabled blue badge holders” alongside their sign at the front. *A directional type sign is already installed opposite The Croft. I note the sign states parking is free which may not be the case any longer? The text “for disabled blue badge holders” is not a permitted variant and so could not be considered but inclusion of the carpark name could be considered as well as a number of spaces.*

- For the CO-OP there is also no provision for blue badge holders so it is suggested that four spaces could be created in the corner of the Croft Car Park next to the alleyway that goes past the dentist towards the shop entrance. *WCC could not offer any advice regarding signage on private land but note the width of the 4 existing bays approximately 2 – 2.5m each. Inclusive mobility guidance states should be 4800mm long and 2400mm wide with an additional width of 1200mm provided on each side and at the vehicle access end of the space to enable rear access. Working on the assumption that the current width of the area is 10m, and using current guidance, only two full spaces could be provided for.*
- A single disabled spot for blue badge holders could also be created on the left side in front of the CO-OP by perhaps shortening the Zigzag for the pedestrian crossing. The single red line from the CO-OP would start immediately after this allotted space *and* in addition, two spaces for blue badge holders at the end of the red line by Henley Bakery would be ideal with a shortened Zigzag on that side. *I am unsure where these spaces are exactly being proposed but white zig-zags represent “No Stopping” and are installed to ensure visibility is maintained for crossing pedestrians. Consideration would not be made to shortening controlled crossing markings . Further more, the removal of zig-zags and implementation of a parking bay would infer it is safe to park, which seems to be in contradiction to the overall concerns about parking at the location. Blue Badge holders in Warwickshire may park on double yellow lines for up to three hours if it is safe to do so but not within 15 metres of a junction or where there are restrictions on loading or unloading, which there are not at this location*
- Whenever the JPC can take over the Croft car park then a similar sign erected by Stratford District Council showing the same conditions as in the Prince Harry Car park with a maximum stay of 72 hours would seem a good idea *WCC could not offer any advice regarding signage on private land*
- If the red lines were approved, then probably two cameras will be needed to read the number plates of the illegally parked vehicles, one in front of the CO-OP pointing towards the Henley. Boutique and one from the Henley Boutique back towards the CO-OP. In London, the penalty charge notice for a red line misdemeanour is £160. *See above with reference to Red Route restrictions*
- To help with costs of maintenance, perhaps shop workers using the Croft and Prince Harry car parks during the day could pay the JPC for permits? Further discussion is required about 12 car parking spaces for long term parking? *WCC could not offer any advice regarding private car parks*

### Other County Council issues

**WW Small works** - Let me know if you have any small roadworks, white lining, or Rights of Way issues I will investigate these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted. Potholes should be reported through the directly on the WCC website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues>



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Ref	Date	Parish/Town	Cor D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
23	15/08/2022	HIA	C	20 mph speed limit - read documentation on this and see of Station Rd and continuation is covered	22/10/2022 GS says that it could be achieved with placing additional signs before Brook End Drive on the B4189 and near to Proce Harry Rd and Arden Rd. Contact George Westbury and Chris Round after checking the Henely 20 is plenty document	1/11/2022 - NFA as the project team would presumably have this covered. 02/09/2023 yellow lines down Station Rd - update needed as GS indicates that it will be signed off on 07/09/2023 29/01/2024 Loines still not painted
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.	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 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 13/11/2023 DW - when the surface dressing is done the street the lining will be done
150	08/08/2023	HIA		Railings in front of the Co Op	17/08/2023 This would limit the possibility of residents and children crossing the road except by the lights plus it will deter motorists from parking - GS/DW - what are the implications and could a scheme be drawn up. Effectively the PC want black railings - ,ockup photos available	18/01/2024 team set up to look at this and I have a respjns from GS on the orcaticalities of what is being suggested.
179	18/10/2023	HIA		Ev Chargers request by Bryn	18/10./2023 Note sent to Bryn	
185	20/10/2023	HIA		Flood Teamn set up	13/11/2023 wjole of HIA to be jetted 05/12/2023 - camaera survey ....repairs to gullies that could be lifted 29/01/024 DW says it might be soonish 29/01/2024 - DW will walk Back Lane and by the golf club with me to talk about resolutions to issues 30/01/2024 - Angela Lloyd has been emailed about frquesy of seeping roads from Liveridge Hill to high Stret	
207	14/12/2023	HIA		State of road and surface dressing	14/12/2023 DW no defects that reach our intervention levels, there is minor surface wear in areas, but nothing dangerous requiring immediate attention. I have suggested High Street for a future surface dressing scheme as the majority is wearing in areas, please note there are no guaranteees with this but it will be looked at by our delivery team.	
211	20/12/2023	HIA		Kent Cottage - smell of petrol	20/12/2023 awaiting feedback from Severn Trent	
229	11/01/2024	HIA		Trcator procession - safety concerns being raised.	30/01/2024 stephen Rawson says they don't tend to seek permission but dagerous or unrodworth vehicles should be reported to the Police. Ask the organisers to contact Stephen	
246	30/01/2024	HIA		Kent Cottage - smell of petrol Blackford Hill B95 5DQ		

### Police report

HENLEY • Suspicious Circumstances. Beaudesert Lane / Alne Lane. Black / dark coloured Porsche seen to drive slowly alongside pedestrians. The driver said something to them and drove off. 8.45am Wednesday 31st January. 0119 31/01/2024

**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.**





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### Resourcing to Risk Consultation

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue is looking at its service delivery model as part of the Resourcing to Risk approach.

Please read about the need for change and comment on the proposals at:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/>

This could have a major effect on how the Fire station at Henley is used operationally and how it serves the residents of Henley and surrounding parishes.

### Other County Wide news



#### Log highways issues and report feedback

Warwickshire County Council has launched a new platform to support the way customers can report a highways problem or log customer feedback through its website.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4953/updates-to-the-way-customers-log-highways-issues-and-report-feedback>



#### Future secured for Stratford Greenway cafes

A pair of railway carriages converted into independent Stratford-upon-Avon cafes will continue serving cyclists and walkers at a popular country park after securing new lease agreements.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4954/future-secured-for-stratford-greenway-cafes>



#### Kings Award for Voluntary Service

Three voluntary and charitable organisations in Warwickshire have been recognised this month in formal award presentations by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4958/three-local-organisations-presented-with-the-kings-award-for-voluntary-service-by-warwickshire-s-lord-lieutenant>



#### Living Well boost for health and wellbeing

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to be inspired by its Living Well website to improve their general health and wellbeing.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4959/living-well-to-boost-your-health-and-wellbeing->



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### Hey Foster Carer celebration event

Warwickshire residents are invited to attend a celebration event to the launch of the 'Hey Foster Carer' booklet in Old Shire Hall on Wednesday 28th February.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4961/-hey-foster-carer-a-celebration-of-children-s-voices-in-fostering>



### Kitchen Dangers

Following a rise in kitchen-related fires in the County, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue service would like to remind everyone to have safety at the forefront of their minds.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4960/fire-services-urges-people-to-be-alert-to-dangers-in-the-kitchen>



### Dangerous stop-start-button showerheads

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning consumers not to use a dangerous replacement 'stop-start-button' showerhead that can cause second and third-degree burns.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4962/warwickshire-trading-standards-act-after-resident-is-burnt-by-dangerous-showerhead>



### Rights of way public engagement

Tell the Council about your experience of using public rights of way, how important they are for you and how could they be better

Feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of a new plan.

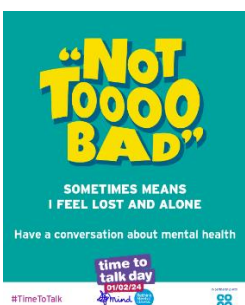
Fill out our survey today here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/>



### Young person bus travel

Investing in a bus pass is a great way to save money in the long run, as well as to help your children become more independent, responsible, and confident as they grow up.

Find out how much you could save by visiting the website: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses)



### A conversation about mental health

Sometimes it's easier to tell people we're 'fine' than it is to say how we really feel.

Make yourself part of the conversation and start an important chat with someone you care about.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4963/have-a-conversation-about-mental-health>



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### Warwickshire's youth council elections

The polls are now open for the county's children and young people to vote for their peers in Warwickshire's youth council elections.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4965/voting-is-open-for-warwickshire-s-next-young-politicians>



### Warwickshire libraries customer satisfaction survey

You are invited to share your views about library services in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4968/share-your-views-about-warwickshire-libraries-in-new-customer-satisfaction-survey>