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### County Councillor's report as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

July should see meetings and reporting returning to normal after the **General Election** on the 4th of July, whoever wins, albeit many parishes do not have meetings later in July.

### Henley in Arden Specific

### County Council's Councillor Grant fund – LAST DAY FOR APPLICATIONS IS TODAY (SUNDAY)

Warwickshire County Council's Councillor Grant Fund is now open for applications from community and voluntary groups across the county. Each year, Warwickshire County Council allocates  $\pounds$ 8,000 to each of its 57 councillors for them to support small-scale projects within their division, whose aims align with the some of the many following areas: improve access to services; reduce loneliness and isolation; improve physical and/or mental health and wellbeing or improve the local area to support the ambition of becoming a Net Zero county by 2050. The full category list can be seen on the website: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants. Applications can be submitted on the council's website, and there are two different forms depending on whether the grant needed is over or under £350. Applications can be submitted from Monday 20 May at 9am, and the deadline for submission is Sunday 30 June at 5pm. Read more:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5246/warwickshire-county-council-s-councillor-grant-fund-is-now-open-for-applications-

**Gully Cleaning and potholes** – Please ensure that all gullies that need cleaning and potholes that need repairing are recorded on the County website using the link mentioned below. In the case of potholes, if you record these through the Parish Clerk you will automatically receive a message when the repair has been carried out. This is a more efficient way of handling issues going forward as we have installed new software which is more dynamic in what it can do. 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 .

In addition, I asked whether a Parish Council could pay for the gulley cleaner and employ them to clear specified gullies and the answer is positive . The cost would be £1,000 per day plus an extra £500 per day if traffic management was required. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this and send me a list of the gullies that need to be jetted. I will then liaise with the team at County and ensure that the route needed to clear these would be feasible in the time allowed and whether traffic management would be required.

**Wall in Wootton Wawen by the Church on South side of WW**, **south of the village centre** – Repairs are due to start on the 1<sup>st of</sup> July and be completed by the 31/08/2024. There has been a robust challenge to the architects representing the diocese by County and myself as the delay in commencing the repairs is unacceptable. Coupled with this the lights have caused issues by failing on several occasions. They are planning to phase the works so that the lights can be removed as soon as possible and have been told by county that they must keep the Parish Council and myself updated on progress.

### Planter at North side of Henley in Arden – Awaiting final decision/outcome.

**Station Rd** – Graham Stanley has advised that these will be done soon. I fully support this, but one resident has raised a valid point. If the road is clear of cars will road speeds increase on what is a "rat run" at times. It may be worth putting new lines down after September to evaluate whether this is the case.

**Chingley Bank** – A request for a drooped kerb to allow those less mobile (and mobility scooters) to cross the road into the car park as present it has standard kerbs. I will be paying for this out of my delegated budget , the cost of this is  $\pounds$ 7.000

Crab Mill – New metal railings have been installed to make the site more secure.



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**Claverdon** – There was a serious accident last week(on the West side of Claverdon) in the vicinity of where we are asking for a reduction in the speed limit. It was a two-car incident which meant the Police were called, road closed, and vehicles had to be recovered from the area.

**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. <u>.</u> To report a Highway fault, use this link <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem</u>. The outstanding issues in my log are below

Ref	Date	Parish/Town	C or D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
-		7		_	_	
23	15/08/22	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 R4 - update needed as GS indicates that it will be signed off on 07/09/2023 02/04/2024 GS will check and update me for the next meeting 02/04/2024 no roundels on the carrieagewayneed the soeed survery results before any further action but repeaters are in place and gateway signs. 29/01/2024 lines still not painted 01/04/2024 Meeting polanned with DW/GS for 2/4/2024 requesting that this 01/04/2024 thereting polanned with DW/GS for 2/4/2024 requesting that this should have been considered as part of the 20mph scheme 10/062024 Note to GS and areaspines to CII. Foradbent
150	08/08/23	HIA		Railings in front of the Co Op	17/08/2023 This would limit the posibility 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. Effcetively the PC want black railings - ockup photos available	18/01/2024 team set up to look at this and I have a respinse from GS on the orcaticalities of what is being suggested. 21/03/2024 loas received from sub committee and passed to GS and DW for consultation 27/03/2024 GS has confirmed the extent of the public pathway and the ownership is pit between the shops and WCC. Note sent to sub committee 01/04/2024 Note put in PC report from me
185	20/10/23	HIA		Flood Team set up	13/11/2023 whole of HIA to be jetted 05/12/2023 - camaera surveyrepairs to gullies that could be lifted 22/01/024 DW says it might be soonish 22/01/2024 - DW will walk Back Lane and by the golf club with me to talk about resolutions to issues	30/01/2024 - AL of Streetscene has been emailed about frequescy of sweeping roads from Liveridge Hill to high Street. 31/01/2024 Net from Angela Loyd. The sweeping on Liveridge Hill is every 8 weeks. It should have been swept last week. If there is an issue with this ae please let me know In addition the Flood tEam have been reminded that they promiosied to set up a meeting with the various stakeholders to discuss the flooding issues in Henley 11/04/2024 SD sent note regarding sluice gate at Blackford Mill - this doesn't exist
207	14/12/23	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 guarantees with this but it will be looked at by our delivery team.	01/04/2024 unlikley to be this year
286	04/03/24	HIA		Dangerous traffic speed near to the ex Bird in Hand Pub , Liveridge Hill		04/03/2024 Note sent to traffic safety team. 01/04/20204 chaser sent to Traffic Safety Team 07/04/2024 Speed line request to Joel who has added this to the list
315	10/04/24	HIA		Bear Lane resident wants to make the lane permit parking only.Resident lives on High Street	Note sent to PC for their views	
325	09/05/23	HIA		Dropped kerb Chingley Bank	P9.05/2024 note to DW asking if there are others and whether they are higher priority.	13/05/2024 sent note to DW authorising this 17/06/2024 land to side being looked at by DW
329	03/05/24	HIA		Manhole cover loose	13/05/2024 DW says ST informed via s81	17/06/2024 temp repiar done per DW
334	14/05/24	HIA		Christmas tree at bottom of Blackford Hill	14/5/2024 Note sent to Lee Ragg and DW copied Mike Rice/sue Westmacott	21/05/2024 DW - no problem / lighting is the sisue
335	20/05/24	HIA		resiting of the planter currently located on the coner of the High Street and the entrance to the car park/golf club	20/05/2024 GS gives HIA until 23/5/2024 otherwise it will be removed by County. I have sent a letter to the PC stating that it is a hazard and that Nadhim is unlikely to get involved	17/06/2024 GS moving this
337	20/05/24	НІА		Note rec'd from Mike Rice re parking permit for 30 Riverside Gardens	Note sent to resident asking for more detail on who said he can't have a permit when there arespaces in front of his property. He currently parks in Alne Close and ays he can't have a permit for there.	
338	20/05/24	HIA		email received regarding overhanging tree/bushes for an Orbit Property	Note sent to residnet asking for permission for me to share her details.	
343	21/05/24	HIA		Market Cross - power	13/06/2024 Lee W will survey the area next week and give me a costing	
353	03/06/24	HIA		Analyse the latest speed data Brrok End Drive & Liveridge Hill (2nd phase)		
369	19/06/24	HIA		Request to make the PH car park a pay and display due to oarking issues	19/06/2024 note to resident re GDPR before pursuing further	
370	14/06/24	HIA		(1)Blocked gullies Nuthurst Grange (2) Damaged verges (3) eroded highway surface	19/06/2024 Note to DW and to resident, copied in TIA parish clerk	19/06/2024 Dylan frtaised jetting job and edge repairshe is dealing directly with it and the resident

### **County News**

**People are being encouraged to report nuisance bikes in their area using a new online reporting form. -** By completing the form on the Warwickshire County Council website, they can help put an end to the issues nuisance bikes create for local communities. Anti-social behaviour caused by nuisance bikes accounts for a large proportion of reports in the county, and a campaign called 'Dob 'Em In' is highlighting the importance of sharing information about perpetrators. As members of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership, Warwickshire County Council's Community Safety team and Warwickshire Police are working together to make it easier for people to report crime and safety concerns that are impacting on local communities.

As well as using the new reporting form at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dobemin, people can also report nuisance bikes to the Police by phoning 101 in a non-emergency. Nuisance bikes, whether they are motorbikes, e-bikes, or quad bikes, can be a cause of concern for several reasons, which is why people are being asked to report any incidents if their area is blighted by the issue.

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If bikes are being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance, Warwickshire Police can issue notices under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act or seize the bike.

Police Officers can also attend addresses with Council Tenancy Officers to issue tenancy warning notices.

# To help provide the best chance of successful action, when reporting an incident, people are being asked to give, if possible:

- a good description of the rider and the bike
- a registration number if it can be seen
- an address of where the bike comes from and goes to (if known)
- as much detail as possible about the nuisance, the riders, bikes, and any vehicles used to transport them if that is the case.

If reporting to Warwickshire Police, always ask for an incident number so you know it has been recorded.

To find out more about the 'Dob 'Em In' campaign, visit https://safeinwarwickshire.com/crime-anti-socialbehaviour/dob-em.

**Household Support Fund** -The objective of the Government's Household Support Fund is to provide crisis support to vulnerable households in most need with the cost of essentials. In recognition that an unexpected increase in costs can create real challenges for our residents who are experiencing financial hardship, another county wide utilities voucher campaign will launch in June 2024.

Short-term financial assistance in the form of a one-off voucher payment will be available to help those who are struggling to afford energy and water bills. This will supplement ongoing emergency support from the Local Welfare Scheme for residents in financial crisis.

Families and households in Warwickshire can apply whether they use pre-payment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of a bill. Residents are invited to contact the Local Welfare Scheme team for a confidential discussion about their situation. All applications for the payment must be made by 5 July 2024.

Anyone entitled to benefits eligible free school meals will have received this support in May/early June. Vulnerable residents in Warwickshire who are struggling financially can apply for support by contacting the Local Welfare Scheme directly on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182. For further information please visit:

#### https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/

The utilities campaign will be advertised via corporate social media channels already and you may also wish to do so via your own platforms. Collateral is attached to support you with this.

**Community Orchards and Micro Woods** -Green-fingered community groups are being offered extra support as Warwickshire County Council announces funding for the creation of community orchards and micro woods across the county. This exciting initiative, funded by Defra's Coronation Heritage Living Fund (CLHF), allows residents to plant a lasting tribute within their local communities while contributing to a more sustainable Warwickshire.

### Fruitful Pursuits: Bringing back orchards, one community at a time

The Fruitful Pursuits Community Orchards project aims to reverse the decline of traditional orchards by empowering communities to plant a variety of fruit trees in underused green spaces.

These community orchards offer a variety of benefits beyond providing access to fresh fruit while supporting wildlife and promoting natural land management. They also provide a place for residents to connect, plant trees, and enjoy community activities and a unique learning environment for schools and communities to explore wildlife, planting, and tree maintenance.

### Creating miniature woodlands with Micro Woods

The project also encourages the creation of Community Micro Woods. Inspired by Japanese botanist Dr Akira Miyawaki's planting method, these miniature woodlands utilize mixed native species planted at high density to create a natural growth pattern in urban areas.

Micro Woods increase tree canopy cover, contributing to a much-needed increase in Warwickshire's overall tree cover. Unlike many other planting methods, these woods require minimal maintenance after the initial establishment period and have far lower vulnerability to vandalism compared to traditional tree planting.

How to Get Involved

Applications for the 2024/25 planting season are now open.

Applications for Community Orchards close at the end of July 2024, with planting to be completed by March 2025. Anyone interested in creating a micro wood should contact Warwickshire County Council's Natural Capital team. General enquiries regarding tree planting initiatives can be directed to the Natural Capital team

at naturalcapital@warwickshire.gov.uk

More information about this funding can be found online: Tree Planting in Warwickshire – Sustainable Warwickshire

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For more information about how Warwickshire County Council is facing the challenges of the climate change emergency, visit: https://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk/

Get the latest news about how Warwickshire County Council and partners are facing the challenge of the climate emergency and how you can get involved: http://eepurl.com/hrk-zf

**Armed Forces Covenant eLearning module -** A brand-new e-learning module has been developed for NHS organisations and Local Authorities on the Armed Forces Covenant Duty as it applies to healthcare is being launched on Armed Forces Day, 2024. Read more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5342/new-e-learning-module-to-assist-nhs-and-las-implement-the-armed-forces-covenant-duty-within-health-services-launched-on-armed-forces-day-2024</u>

**Apply to change schools in September** - If you want your child to start a new school this September you can apply now. Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5347/now-is-the-time-to-apply-to-change-schools-in-september</u>

# **Police News -** These are the latest and nearest incidents reported for the last week ending 16<sup>th</sup> June by Alcester North Police –

**OP RESOLVE** is the project name for Warwickshire Police's hotspot policing uplift for 2024-25. Following the Home Office's announcement that funding would be provided to forces to target ASB and serious violence, Warwickshire Police has implemented a patrol strategy with a combination of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Community Wardens (Leamington Spa only) to target 18 identified zones throughout the County.

Over the coming weeks we shall be highlighting the patrol activities within the following town areas:

- Atherstone
- Nuneaton
- Bedworth
- Rugby
- Leamington Spa
- Stratford Upon Avon

Please be on the lookout for our RESOLVE officers who are keen to engage with you and discuss how we can improve the safety of our town centres.

**New Police Constable -** PC 1348 Sean Lovatt, has replaced PC Hope as the beat manager for Alcester North. Over the coming weeks he plans to be out across the region and introducing himself to the community.

### 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.

### Other County Council News



### All day travel for disabled people

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has approved the extension of the all-day travel trial for holders of disabled person's bus passes who are below state retirement age.

The trial, which began in August 2023, will now continue until March 31st, 2027.

Read more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5307/disabled-people-to-benefit-from-two-year-extension-of-free-weekday-travel-before-9am</u>



### **Education Sufficiency Strategy**

Council proposals to ensure the availability of school places were among the items addressed in the county's School Sufficiency Strategy, which was agreed at Cabinet on 13 June.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5308/the-approach-to-education-place-planning-is-approved-by-cabinet</u>

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### Loneliness Awareness Week

This Loneliness Awareness Week and beyond residents are being encouraged to take steps to combat loneliness and social isolation.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5293/make-</u> connections-this-loneliness-awareness-week

**ACL customer survey** - Are you interested in learning something new?Warwickshire adult education service for people aged 19+ want to hear from anyone looking to brush up skills, find a hobby or try something new.Have your say: <a href="https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/adult-and-community-learning-customer-survey">https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/adult-and-community-learning-customer-survey</a>

### **Healthy Eating Week**

People across Warwickshire are being encouraged to embrace healthy eating habits to help boost their wellbeing. Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5294/making-positive-changes-for-healthy-eating-week</u>

### Funding secured to help address skills gap

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has approved the county's Adult Community Learning Agreement, ensuring that Warwickshire's adult learners can be supported by a £1.6m Adult Skills Fund grant.

Find out more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5309/funding-secured-to-help-address-skills-gap

### Putting Warwickshire Carers on the map

For Carers Week Warwickshire County Council and partners have been sharing information that can help residents across the county navigate through their individual caring journeys. Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5290/putting-warwickshire-carers-on-the-map-for-carers-week-2024</u>

### **Transport and Highways Survey 2024**

You may receive a survey asking you to give feedback on Warwickshire's highways and transport services as part of the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey.Please complete it.

Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5303/have-your-say-on-warwickshire-s-roads-and-footpaths

### **SEND** summer picnic at Ryton Pools

A recent summer picnic at Ryton Pools Country Park brought parent carers and children under three with special educational needs and disabilities together.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5345/ryton-pools-summer-picnic-for-families-receiving-portage-support</u>

**Strategic economic delivery plan** - Following Warwickshire's Economic Growth Strategy approval at Cabinet in April, the delivery plan that sets out what will be delivered was brought to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 June.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5348/warwickshire-s-strategic-economic-delivery-plan-presented-to-members</u>



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### Warwickshire Libraries What's On Guide

Warwickshire Libraries is celebrating one year of National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) status with Arts Council England, with the launch of the service's new What's on Guide for Summer 2024.

Find out more:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/53 39/warwickshire-libraries-launches-what-s-onguide-as-service-celebrates-one-year-with-artscouncil-england



**Level 2 Social Worker recruitment -** Do you want to help people identify opportunities to enjoy, achieve and live independently? WCC are #recruiting now for Level 2 #SocialWorkers

Fancy a new approach to working with adults in an acute hospital setting? <u>Https://warwickshire.gov.uk/work-adult-social-care/hospital-social-care-teams</u> Apply here: <u>http://bit.ly/HSCsocialworkL2</u>



### **Caravan thefts**

🛦 It's holiday season and unfortunately thefts of, or from, caravans do sometimes occur. 🛕

Having your caravan CRiS registered helps the police to identify the caravan as yours.

Find out more at https://cris.co.uk/advice

### ACL resident survey

Are you interested in learning something new?

Warwickshire County Council's Adult and Community Learning service want your views to shape its course offerings for the 2024/25 academic year.

Have your say today: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/adult-and-community-learning-customer-survey/