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County Councillor's report as of 4th August 2024

County News

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: <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>

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: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5347/now-is-the-time-to-apply-to-change-schools-in-september>

Enjoy free parking and free bus travel with Stratford Park and Ride this summer! - Visitors to the beautiful market town of Stratford-upon-Avon are being invited to take advantage of a new free parking and free bus travel offer by Stratford Park and Ride this summer. From Saturday 20 July to Sunday 1 September 2024, Warwickshire County Council is providing free parking and free bus travel at Stratford Park and Ride to ensure that everyone - from dog owners and couples to families and tourist groups - can make the most of this easy and relaxing journey into Stratford-upon-Avon town centre. The Park and Ride's bus service runs seven days a week, operating Mondays to Saturdays between 7.30am and 6.28pm, and on Sundays between 10am and 6.55pm. The car park is also open daily and has more than 700 parking spaces available including several EV charging points. Visitors can find the car park along Bishopton Lane (CV37 0RJ) with easy access from the roundabout with the A46 and the A3400 Birmingham Road. To discover more about using Stratford Park and Ride this summer, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5408/enjoy-free-parking-and-free-bus-travel-with-stratford-park-and-ride-this-summer

Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Authorities Natural Capital Investment Strategy (LA NCIS) - The LA NCIS is a pioneering approach to protecting and enhancing the environment across the sub-region. It outlines a framework for utilising income generated through developer contributions, or environmental markets and nature-based compensation schemes, such as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). It also offers a strategic framework for investment to best tackle issues such as flood risk, air and water quality or carbon reduction, or to produce the greatest gains for local biodiversity.

Taking a collaborative approach offers several advantages:

- **Combined Resources:** By pooling resources, the LA NCIS can attract greater levels of investment and deliver larger, more impactful projects.
- **Equity and Efficiency:** Each local authority will benefit proportionally over time, ensuring fairness and the efficient use of funds.
- **Best for Nature:** A coordinated approach allows for a more strategic and joined-up effort to enhance the natural environment across the sub-region.
- **Alignment with Regional Strategies:** The NCIS complements existing regional and national environmental policies and strategies.

With Cabinet approval secured, the focus now shifts to developing a detailed Natural Capital Investment Implementation Plan (NCIIP). This plan will outline specific actions, timelines, and responsible parties for implementing the LA NCIS. The NCIIP is expected to be completed later this month and brought back to Cabinet for final approval in September 2025.

A copy of this report can be found here: <https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/s37649/Warwickshire%20Coventry%20and%20Solihull%20Local%20Authorities%20Natural%20Capital%20Investment%20Strategy.pdf>

The Council, through the Local Nature Partnership, is currently seeking resident views on the recovery of the natural world in order to create a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Residents can have their say here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/> **OR See below for more detail**

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

Nature Recovery for Warwickshire - The Government has asked Warwickshire County Council to prepare a Warwickshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This strategy is to be produced by taking the views from all those that benefit from or impact on nature. That is every business, every organisation and every resident. Through a detailed habitat mapping initiative across Warwickshire, we have identified existing valuable ecological areas and locations with potential for biodiversity enhancement. This aligns with the vision of Lawton's "Making Space for Nature" report, which calls for the creation of 'more, bigger, better and connected' wild spaces. To explore this initiative further, a dedicated map is available which shows existing designated areas like Local Wildlife Sites and identifies potential areas for enhancing connectivity between these crucial habitats. Click on this link to view the map. (This will open in a new window). <https://maps.warwickshire.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure/>



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Click here for information and guidance on the map <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/#factbank-b5d6fb11d29d443382bd097ff01de598>

Why your views matter

When we asked people about our Sustainable Future Strategy, biodiversity was the top concern, with 90% of respondents indicating that "Improving the richness and diversity of Warwickshire's habitats, wildlife and landscapes" is very important or important to them. This survey is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas more specifically as we develop a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. Please share your views on how we can best protect and improve Warwickshire's natural environment. How to take part

There are several ways you can share your thoughts on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, whether you prefer to participate individually or as part of a group:

- Online Survey: Take our online survey by clicking the link below. It's the quickest and easiest way to contribute your ideas.
- Paper Survey: If you prefer a paper copy or need a specific format or language, you can request this by via email (naturalcapital@warwickshire.gov.uk) or telephone (01926 418060).
- Written Response: Please send your response directly in writing by email to wcslnp@wkwt.org.uk or by post to: Hattie Fuller, Warwickshire County Council, Shire Hall post room, Rear of Shire Hall, Northgate Street, Warwick, CV34 4RL

Community Safety Survey - In Warwickshire, there are a range of organisations working together to keep you as safe as possible. These include local councils, Fire and Rescue, Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Probation Service, Health and charitable organisations, who work together to address and improve community safety through the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board. The Board aims to create safer communities and wants to understand current community safety issues and any concerns of residents and those who work or study in Warwickshire.

The survey will enable the Board to develop its services, with the aim of increasing how safe residents feel and promoting action that can be taken to help make you feel safer. By sharing what matters to you, those that make decisions about community safety at a national and neighbourhood level will better understand how crimes and incidents impact on your feeling of safety. They'll also know what influences how safe you feel, and how you may like to be communicated with and involved.

The results will be analysed in the summer of 2024, and used to inform the setting of local community safety priorities from the autumn onwards. We thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your experiences and concerns are important to us and will help us ensure we are addressing issues which matter to Warwickshire residents and those who work and / or study in the county. The link to the survey is [here](#) **This survey closes today 4/8/2024**

Addiction Support - Warwickshire County Council's has strengthened its commitment to ensuring that residents across Warwickshire have access to high-quality support to help them overcome addiction. At the Cabinet meeting on Thursday 16 July, it was decided to recommission the Council's drug and alcohol services which are currently available to residents across Warwickshire.

The recommissioning of services will focus on several key areas:

- Accessibility: Ensuring services are readily available across the county and welcoming to all communities.
- Quality of care: Delivering effective treatment and support for those struggling with addiction, with a focus on complex needs.
- Health and wellbeing: Promoting recovery and supporting individuals into sustainable employment, education, and training.
- Partnership working: Collaborating with other services to safeguard children and young people, reduce drug-related crime, and monitor service effectiveness.

The Council has already engaged with a variety of stakeholders, including service users, service providers, referral professionals and the general public. Additionally, it has carried out service reviews, and needs assessments, which will be used along with the user engagement to inform the development of the future drug and alcohol service provision.

The Council is firmly committed to a competitive tender process to ensure best value for money and return on investment in terms of positive health outcomes for service users.

More information about drugs and alcohol services in Warwickshire can be found here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/alcohol>



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Small works -

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 were 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.

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

Ref	Date	Parish/Town	Cor D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
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 Henley 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 02/04/2024 GS will check and update me for the next meeting 31/07/2024 R Rumbles informs me that the yellow lines have been painted but may not be complete 02/04/2024 no roundels on the carriageway....need the soeed survey results before any further action but repeaters are in place and gateway signs. 29/01/2024 Lines still not painted 01/04/2024 Meeting planned with DW/GS for 2/4/2024 requesting that this work is carried out as soon as possible as this request is now 6 months old and should have been considered as part of the 20mph scheme 10/06/2024 Note to GS and arespins to Cllr. Broadbent 10/07/2024GS and PT talking to lining crew
185	20/10/23	HIA		Floods and drains in HIA	13/11/2023 whole of HIA to be jetted 05/12/2023 - camera surveyrepairs to gullies that could be lifted 29/01/2024 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 - AL of Streetscene has been emailed about frequency of sweeping roads from Liveridge Hill to high Street. 31/01/2024 Note from Angela Lloyd. 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 promised 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 unlikely 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. 01/04/2024 chaser sent to Traffic Safety Team 07/04/2024 Speed line request to Joel who has added this to the list 04/08/2024 Data received but residents say the line was not in the right place
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
329	03/05/24	HIA		Manhole cover loose	13/05/2024 DW says ST informed via s81	17/06/2024 land to side being looked at by DW 17/06/2024 temp repair 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 issue 04/08/2024 Group have decided not to pursue this
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 04/08/2024 PT reports that no suitable site found in High Street
337	20/05/24	HIA		Note rec'd from Mike Rice re parking permit for no XX Riverside Gardens	Note sent to resident asking for more detail on who said he can't have a permit when there are spaces in front of his property. He currently parks in Alne Close and says he can't have a permit for there.	04/08/2024 Resident has not responded - close this if no response by 31/08/2024
338	20/05/24	HIA		email received regarding overhanging tree/bushes for an Orbit Property	Note sent to resident asking for permission for me to share her details.	04/08/2024 No respins from resident
343	21/05/24	HIA		Market Cross - power	13/06/2024 Lee W will survey the area next week and give me a costing	04/08/2024 - Chase Lee for cost
353	03/06/24	HIA		Analyse the latest speed data Brook End Drive & Liveridge Hill (2nd phase)	01/07/2024 Data supplied to Cllr McCuskie and I. Ford	04/08/2024 Awaiting their analysis
369	19/06/24	HIA		Request to make the PH car park a pay and display due to parking issues	19/06/2024 note to resident re GDPR before pursuing further 04/08/2024 Matter raised by US at Full Council in July. RR and Mnaager of Medical Centre also concerned. Meeting of all interested parties now being set up by RR as	
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 raised jetting job and edge repairs....he is dealing directly with it and the resident
375	02/07/24	HIA		Pollarding/pruning of lime trees Henley High Street	For noting only at this stage	04/08/2024 Pollarding complete
382	18/07/24	HIA		Branch of tree broken at old railway bridge north side A3400	Paul Taylor was with me when we saw this and he got onto Forestry to get this sorted.	04/08/2024 Check that branches have been removed

Patient parking at Henley in Arden Medical centre – At the recent Full Council meeting I called upon the Portfolio Holder and the District Council to investigate the issues with the parking and suggested a possible solution. The Portfolio holder said the issue was more complicated because it was cross organisation. Stratford District Council own the car park, it is for them to sort out not the Parish Council. The issue is one of there being very few , if any, spaces during the days it seems that office workers



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are using the one and only free car park in Henley. The problem though involves what happens if charging is introduced as those cars might then park on streets and residents will be affected. Since then, the Chair of the Henley Medical Centre Patient & Practice Group has also called for a meeting and interested parties have been asked to suggest dates when they are free over the next few weeks. Progress is being made. If no solution is possible then this needs to be communicated so that users of the car park and the medical centre understand why. One possible solution is to allow free parking for 90 minutes and charge for stays over this.

Station Road – Double Yellow lines – Work has now commenced on this but there have been reports of gaps in the double yellow lines due to cars being parked there when the lining team came to paint them. Further work may be necessary.

Concrete Planter – A suitable place for this on the High Street appears to be elusive although I believe that the senior officer now dealing with this issue is continuing the search for a suitable site. Suggestions would be welcome.

Other issues in nearby Parishes

Wall by the Church on South side of WW, south of the village centre – Repairs were due to start on the 1st of July and be completed by the 31/08/2024. There has been a robust challenge to the architects representing the Church 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. I have asked whether penalties can be levied as the architects, last week, said they would let me, and County know soon when the revised start and completion dates will be.

Parking on corner of Lane /A3400 – a bollard will either be removed from the incorrect locations (opposite the Yew Tree centre on the A3400, or a new one installed in the coming weeks where the vehicle is being parked.

Police News



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>

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

COVID-19

COVID-19 is still in circulation, so we are reminding you of the importance of washing your hands regularly with soap and water.

If soap and water are unavailable, use a hand sanitiser with at least 60% alcohol to clean your hands



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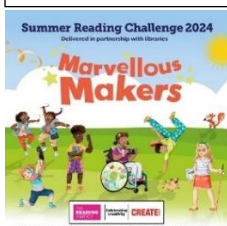
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Events

Summer days out at country parks

Warwickshire's ten country parks, greenways and nature reserves would like to invite you to experience a thriving array of diverse wildlife, secluded woodland walks, scenic lakeside paths, and exciting events hosted by the ranger team.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5390/summer-days-out-exciting-events-and-hidden-gems-at-warwickshire-s-country-parks>



Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2024

This summer, children aged 4-11 can visit Warwickshire Libraries to join the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge and ignite their imaginations through the power of creative expression. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5398/children-invited-to-get-involved-in-marvellous-makers-summer-reading-challenge-at-warwickshire-libraries>

Heritage and Culture Warwickshire summer events

Take part in STEM activities, have fun at the new St John's Playhouse, discover River Monsters fossils, become a Roman soldier, and much more with Heritage and Culture Warwickshire this Summer. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5397/enjoy-an-adventurous-summer-of-family-events-with-heritage-and-culture-warwickshire>

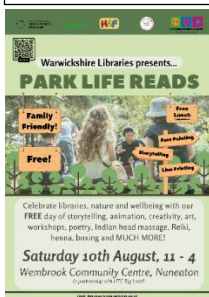
Child friendly local activities and clubs

Summer is here and Warwickshire is buzzing with activities and clubs for children and families! Find out what is happening in your area: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5363/child-friendly-local-activities-and-clubs-available-to-book-over-the-summer-holidays>

Summer support for young carers

For Warwickshire's young carers the summer holidays are a chance to get some downtime, but it also means that they also have to pick up their caring duties for family members too.

Find out the support available: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5423/helping-support-young-carers-throughout-the-summer-holidays>



Park Life Reads event

Warwickshire County Council's libraries service is inviting residents to enjoy Park Life Reads, a free and family-friendly community event taking place on Saturday 10 August at Wembrook Community Centre, Nuneaton, 11am – 4pm.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5428/warwickshire-libraries-invites-families-to-enjoy-nature-mindfulness-and-storytelling-at-park-life-reads-event>

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/5339/warwickshire-libraries-launches-what-s-on-guide-as-service-celebrates-one-year-with-arts-council-england>



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Other County Council News

Get sorted for school



Whether your child will be starting school for the first time, moving up a year group, joining a new school or going on to further education, it's never too early to get September ready.

Find out how to get your child sorted for school:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5388/calling-all-families-how-to-survive-the-summer-and-get-sorted-for-school>

School Readiness Health Questionnaire

The School Readiness Health Questionnaire helps to identify if children have any health and wellbeing needs that they may require support with to reach their full potential as they enter education.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5429/parents-of-warwickshire-children-starting-school-for-the-first-time-called-on-to-complete-school-readiness-health-questionnaire>

Warwickshire County Council announces changes to bus services in Stratford and Warwick Districts effective from 20th July 2024. These changes aim to improve reliability, service frequency, and connections for passengers across the region.



Lung Cancer Screening

When lung cancer is caught early, it is easier to treat. That's why the NHS is offering people who are GP registered, aged 55-74 and have ever smoked a lung check to make sure everything is ok.



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

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>



Household waste centres summer bookings

Summer is the time of year when Warwickshire's nine household waste recycling centres (HWRC) are at their busiest.

Don't forget to book your slots: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5366/visiting-your-local-household-waste-recycling-centre-this-summer-don-t-forget-to-book-a-slot->



Enhanced support for learners with SEND

Schools in South Warwickshire will soon benefit from a new support and training program designed to help them better meet the needs of learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5369/warwickshire-expands-innovative-trial-to-enhance-support-for-learners-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities>