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## **County Councillor's report for Henley in Arden Joint Parish Council as of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

There was a road traffic incident on the 30th September outside the Old Vicarage, close to the Bulls Head in Wootton Wawen, which was shocking, and I am thankful that there were no fatalities, but two children did get injured. The latest information I have received are the following emails from the Police.

The accident was caused by the driver overtaking on the bend, hitting the kerb causing the vehicle to spin, mounting the pavement and trapped two schoolchildren against the railings of the house

***"I have spoken to the OIC for this matter, and he has informed me the driver has been reported for the offences of careless driving and driving without insurance. They considered the offence of careless driving causing serious injury but the injury on the children were not serious enough for the courts to accept it.***

For my part I have been in touch with the Traffic and Safety Officers at County to see what changes could be made to slow the traffic down in Wootton Wawen, especially on this bend. Whilst the A3400 for a large part has good visibility from my perspective pure impatience and stupidity caused this accident. The Children were lucky not have been more seriously injured or killed. The road is 30mph at the entry points into Wootton Wawen and despite the Police having just taken delivery of 3 new speed vans, the area they cover means that enforcement of any speed limits along the A3400 or A4189 is highly unlikely on a regular basis.

**Highways Community Action Fund** - The Highways Community Action Fund is about to be released, or a version of it, allowing each parish up to £25,000 on a match fund basis to put forward their own scheme for consideration. For example, the parish can put in more than £25,000 so with a large scheme costing say £75,000, WCC will put in £25,000 and the parish and its partners would put in £50,000.

This fund is due to be launched before the end of the year so my advice would be to consider suitable schemes now so that when the scheme is released you are ready to apply.

**Winter Fuel Allowance** - At the October District full council meeting my party (Conservative) put forward a motion asking the government to reverse its decision on WFA with an agreement for a slight amendment to the wording from the Lib Dems. The Lib Dems appeared to agree to this and several of them spoke in favour of the motion but however due to an extremely late amendment from the Green Party which weakened the original motion, the original motion was withdrawn. Not only were we, as Conservatives, angry about the refusal of the Green Party to withdraw their amendment several Lib Dems also called for it to be withdrawn. Sadly, the Leader of the Lib Dems appeared to have instructed other Lib Dems to support the Green Party and the result was recriminations all-round. We conservatives will be highlighting the Winter Fuel allowance issue at the next full council meeting in December. Interestingly a number of Lib Dems apologised to me and other conservative councillors after the meeting in October. They were obviously unhappy about what had happened on a serious motion and the chance to make our feelings known to the Labour Government. It is clear though that the Lib Dems in Stratford feel that pensioners should have insulated their homes better, in other words, it is their own fault. I do not share this view at all. Belatedly, the Leader of the Council has now written a letter to the Prime Minister expressing our concerns,

**Views sought from survivors of hate crime in South Warwickshire** - Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are seeking the views of victims and witnesses of hate crime in South Warwickshire. A survey has been launched by both Councils, the information from which will be used to help tackle hate crime in specific locations. **You can complete the survey by visiting <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/hatecrime>**

**Tackling Food Insecurity and Promoting Food Justice** - Cabinet agreed several Recommendations to Council to respond to a Notice of Motion on the above. These include lobbying Government through the 'Right to Food' campaign, enhanced local activity, the development of a more focussed strategic approach, improved understanding through research, promotion of community food production, harnessing the South Warwickshire Local Plan, Licensing Policy and Climate Change Panel to further efforts, enhancing the approach to distribution of surpluses and the improvement of opportunities for children and young people in relation to nutrition and food insecurity/injustice.

## **Other issues**

- **Double boost for Stratford's Birmingham Road traffic** - Warwickshire County Council has announced two measures to ease traffic congestion around roadworks brought about by the first stage of Phase 2 of the Birmingham Road Improvements Scheme. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5672/county-announces-double-boost-for-birmingham-road-traffic>
- **Patient parking at Henley in Arden Medical centre** - After applying pressure on the Cabinet, an additional space for parking has been created bringing the number up to 7 and an additional disabled space has also been created.

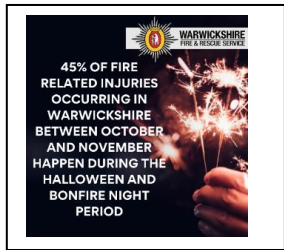


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- **Wall in Wootton Wawen by the Church on South side of WW, south of the village centre A3400** – Repairs continue and whilst the traffic lights may not be removed before the end of the month, we can all see that great progress has been made in rebuilding this wall.
- **Crab Mill** – No further news on what is to happen with the land.
- **Mayswood Road/A4189** – I noticed work being carried out on the field on the corner of Mayswood and the A4189 that gave me cause for concern. I reported this to planning enforcement who investigated. All the work that has been carried out is permitted development, but it is what comes after as the suspicion is that this may be a gypsy and traveller site. Only time will tell.

## County Council report

**Flu Vaccinations** – Flu vaccinations Protect yourself and others this flu season. From October, get vaccinated and reduce the risk of flu-related complications. Check your eligibility via [www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](https://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations) [#FluVaccine](https://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)  
[#GetWinterStrong](https://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations) [#FightFlu](https://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)

**Tree planting funding** - The application window for community groups to apply for funding to create new orchards and micro woods has been extended until the end of 2024. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5509/community-groups-given-longer-to-apply-for-tree-planting-funding-in-warwickshire>

### Visit to see the Material Recycling Facility at Coventry

I have been in touch with the officers at the facility and have been told that I can

- Have up to 15 people in a group
- Each group must not have anyone less than 18 years of age
- Only councillors and eco groups (who will be put into a separate group from councillors as they may have different questions) will be able to visit at the moment

I have sent your Parish Clerk and the Chair further details on this so if you are interested in seeing what happens to the waste in the blue bin contact the Parish Clerk.

**Avoid the queues! Enjoy free parking at Stratford Park and Ride this November** -Stratford-upon-Avon visitors and commuters are being encouraged to take advantage of a new free parking offer at Stratford Park and Ride this November. This latest promotion follows a 112% increase in customers using the service throughout the summer holidays earlier this year. From Monday 28 October to Saturday 30 November, Warwickshire County Council is providing free parking at Stratford Park and Ride to help alleviate traffic congestion around local roadworks as we approach the festive period.

**A3400 Birmingham Road, Stratford, update** - Warwickshire County Council is working hard on the first stage of Phase 2 of the Birmingham Road Improvements Scheme to allow two-way traffic on the Road as soon as possible. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5690/an-update-on-progress-on-the-a3400-birmingham-road-in-stratford>

**Devolution Agreement** confirmed by the current Labour Government – Izzi Seccombe issued the following statement - "The Warwickshire Devolution Agreement is a significant long-term milestone for the County. It provides a strong foundation from which to secure further powers and resources. It will help us further strengthen our economy, and our continued drive to improve the life prospects for all who live, work or do business in Warwickshire. This Deal is without doubt an endorsement of our County. In delivering on this deal, Warwickshire will continue to contribute strongly at a regional and national level."

**Committee meetings** are increasing again with me sitting on the Licencing Panel, on site meetings, training, adult social care committee, Audit & Standards committee, Regulatory committee , Full Council, selection panel in the last two weeks alone

**Police and Crime Commissioner Survey 2024** - Help to shape the Future of Policing in Warwickshire. Warwickshire's Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe, has launched a public survey seeking vital feedback on the key priorities that will shape the next Police and Crime Plan. Have your say: <https://warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/shape-the-future-of-policing-in-warwickshire-public-survey-now-open/> -

**Highest number of Warwickshire officers in force history** – Warwickshire Police are continuing to boost the ranks across Warwickshire with new officers joining us. Since the beginning of September, we've welcomed more than 40 new starters – 20 students on our Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) course, 22 from the latest Detective Constable Degree Holder Entry Programme (DCDHEP), plus seven new PCSOs. From service industry workers to ex-military, they all have a variety of backgrounds, cultures and bring with them a wealth of different experiences and we're delighted to see two former cadets among the new recruits. As a force, we're aiming to build a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve, and our new officers will draw on their skills to help police the communities of Warwickshire



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**Warwickshire Schools leading the way on climate action** - Warwickshire schools are taking part in more sustainability activities than ever before. With every school in England required to have a climate action plan and a sustainability lead in place by 2025\*, Warwickshire schools are taking part in more sustainability activities than ever before. Schools and universities account for 36% of the UK's public sector building emissions, and with 242 primary and secondary schools in Warwickshire, reducing emissions across school estates will significantly impact net zero goals. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) offers schools a wealth of resources and support, alongside help from public sector bodies, charities, and private organizations. The [www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk) website also provides a comprehensive list of funding opportunities and educational resources.

The Sustainable Warwickshire podcast series is for those people living and working in Warwickshire who care about climate change. It features conversations with people from across the county who are taking action to reduce carbon emissions and support biodiversity. It covers subjects such as energy, waste and recycling, transport, infrastructure and the green economy, whilst also giving Warwickshire residents ideas on how to get involved and play their part. You can find the Sustainable Warwickshire podcast on Spotify or Apple by searching for "Sustainable Warwickshire." All episodes are also available at: <https://sustainablewarwickshire.podbean.com/>

For more information on climate change, visit <https://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk>

**Small works - Gully Cleaning and potholes** - 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> .

**More help is available using this link** : <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5629/drain-cleaning-and-where-to-report-flooding-in-warwickshire>

**Small Works** -The PC will let me know if there are 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> .

Ref	Date	ish/To	Issue	Private notes not to be published
150	08/08/23	HIA	Traffic and parking issues	06/11/2024 Meeting set up with Paul Taylor and WCC officers at Budbrooke
185	20/10/23	HIA	Floods and drains in HIA	13/08/2024 Note received from clerk requesting meeting before committing to paying for a gully cleaner. Note sent to Dylan by me asking for his thoughts 20/09/2024 Gully cleaner to be approved at next meeting DW says it will take a week to do Liveridge Hill alone whilst DW will chase up a date on Milfield Court 31/10/2024 HIA JPC need to raise purchase order or approve the expenditure via a minute
207	14/12/23	HIA	State of road and surface dressing	12/09/2024 DW - will be assessed against other requests for next year
325	09/05/23	HIA	Dropped kerb Chingley Bank	08/08/24 not designed yet- at least 3 months
337	20/05/24	HIA	Note rec'd from Mike Rice re parking permit for no XX Riverside Gardens	Riverside garden addresses are not in a named permit area. No facility to grant permits to those living in a non permit area
370	14/06/24	HIA	(1)Blocked gullies Nuthurst Grange (2) Damaged verges (3) eroded highway surface	04/08/2024DW o/s 12/09/2024 edging should hav been carried out but gulleys o/s
388	30/06/24	HIA	Damaged bridge Claverdon/Rowington	31/101/2024 Note to be sent to network Rail (Heritage dept.)
391	01/08/24	HIA	PROW and damaged bridge	07/08/2024 Note sent to RB
395	08/08/24	HIA	List of gullies on the sytem that have issues.	03/10/2024 Met with Chair 2/10/2024 looked at various sites - see email to DW - I will put in £3k
411	02/10/24	HIA	Stylers way from HSL through to PH car park lighting not sufficient resident request	
412	02/10/24	HIA	Bridge over R Alne - safety concerns raised by resident.	
417	02/10/24	HIA	Footpath inspection	

## Key points

- meeting set up to meet the Speed and parking subcommittee on the 6<sup>th</sup> November
- WCC awaiting either a purchase order from Henley JPC for the gully cleaning of Liveridge Hill and selected gullies on the High Street and A4189



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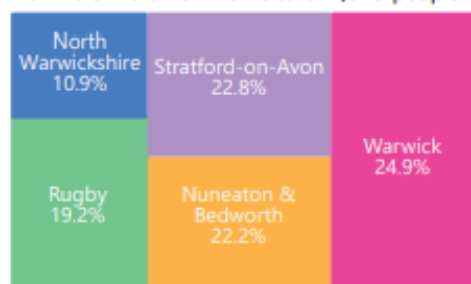
## **Warwickshire Mid-Year 2023 Population Estimates**

This briefing note provides insights for Warwickshire based on the official population estimates for the UK as at 15 July 2024 produced by the Office of National Statistics. Data is based on the 2021 Census and are updated annually to account for population change during the period from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023.

Mid-year population estimates relate to the usually resident population. They account for long-term international migrants (people who change their country of usual residence for a period of 12 months or more) but do not account for short-term migrants (people who come to or leave the country for a period of less than 12 months).

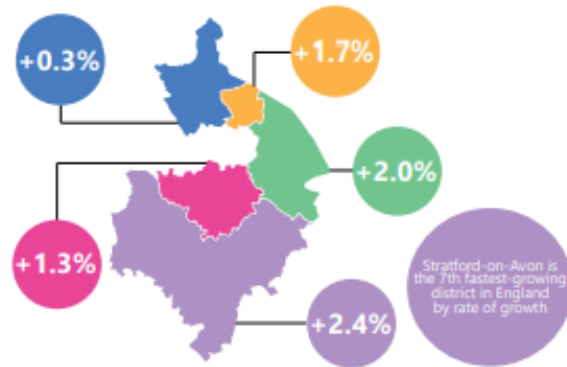
The mid-year population estimates are an important source for a wide number of economic and social statistics. Main users include central and local government and the health sector, where they are used for planning and monitoring service delivery, resource allocation and managing the economy as well as being of interest to the general public.

The 2023 mid-year estimates indicate  
Warwickshire is now home to **617,823** people...



increasing by **10,110** people or **1.7%** from the previous year. Almost **1/4** of residents live in **Warwick District**.

**Stratford-on-Avon experienced the highest rate of population growth in the county...**



Stratford-on-Avon is the 7th fastest-growing district in England by rate of growth

### **Key Facts – Warwickshire**

- The median age of a Warwickshire resident is 42.5 years - a decrease of 0.1 from the previous year
- In 2023 Stratford-on-Avon District had the highest median age (48.3 yrs.) while Warwick District had the lowest (40.0 yrs.)
- Between mid-2022 and mid-2023, the population of Warwickshire increased by 1.7% - marginally higher than the previous year (1.4%). This compares to growth of 1.0% in England.
- The highest rates of population increase were in Stratford-on-Avon (2.4%) and Rugby (2.0%) followed by Nuneaton & Bedworth (1.7%), Warwick (1.3%), and North Warwickshire (0.3%).
- The proportion of the population aged 65+ is higher in Warwickshire (20.6%) compared to England (18.7%). Just over 1 in 4 of the population in Stratford-on-Avon is aged 65+.
- Deaths exceeded births overall in Warwickshire, there were 5,750 births between mid-2022 and mid-2023 and 6,487 deaths. Therefore, the contribution of natural change to overall population growth was negative, although there was variation between districts and boroughs.
- The key driver of population change in Warwickshire remains internal migration (moves from within the UK) between mid-2022 and mid-2023; net internal migration was 8,245.
- International migration played a larger part in population growth between mid-2022 and mid-2023 compared to recent years; net international migration was 2,583.

**Report flooding** For flood advice or to report a flood, please visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding).

### **Other news and information**

**Bonfire night safety** – Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to only attend organised events this bonfire night. Discover more about staying safe: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5688/residents-urged-to-attend-organised-events-only-this-bonfire-night->



**Pension Credit** -Warwickshire County Council is committed to ensuring the county's eligible residents are supported in claiming their Pension Credit entitlement this winter. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5658/council-commits-to-raising-awareness-of-pension-credit>





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**Looking after the vulnerable this winter**

Older neighbours, friends and family members, may need some extra help over the winter.

Keeping warm over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.



**Winter wellness: Norovirus**

Norovirus is a stomach bug that causes vomiting and diarrhoea.

Washing your hands frequently with soap and water is the best way to stop it spreading. Alcohol hand gels DO NOT kill Norovirus.



**Winter wellness: Staying healthy at home**

Everyday household activities support physical and mental health. Being at home and maintaining routine tasks can improve health outcomes.

Being in hospital for a long period unnecessarily can cause serious harm and impact on a person's ability to manage day-to-day needs.



**It could be Long COVID**

If you've had #COVID19 and are suffering with fatigue, breathlessness, or a cough, it could be #LongCOVID19. If you think you may have #LongCOVID19 make an appointment with your GP who can carry out tests and refer you to the #LongCOVID19 clinic.



**Helping drivers get winter ready**

As winter approaches Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is reminding drivers that now is a great time to book your vehicle in to a garage for a free winter safety check.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5684/warwickshire-road-safety-partnership-offers-tips-to-help-drivers-get-winter-ready>



**Free parking at Stratford Park and Ride** - Stratford-upon-Avon visitors and commuters are being encouraged to take advantage of a new free parking offer at Stratford Park and Ride this November.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5687/avoid-the-queues-enjoy-free-parking-at-stratford-park-and-ride-this-november>



**Discover Warwickshire's great outdoors**

With half term for Warwickshire schools well underway Warwickshire County Council is inviting parents and carers to take advantage of the fantastic outdoor spaces available across the county. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5682/discover-warwickshire-s-great-outdoors-this-october-half-term>



**Supported internships in Warwickshire** - Warwickshire County Council is working to develop pathways to employment for young people with SEND through supported internships.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5681/new-role-to-lead-the-development-of-supported-internships-in-warwickshire>



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**Mini exhibition series at Warwickshire Libraries**

New mini exhibition series: Roman Warwickshire – Making Connections will be hosted by ten different libraries from Autumn 2024 to Spring 2025. Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5686/new-mini-exhibition-series-at-warwickshire-libraries>



**Walk in Our Shoes** - Eight young people who arrived in the UK as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children recently performed a moving drama at the Albany Theatre titled: Walk in Our Shoes which shared their remarkable stories.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5691/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-in-warwickshire-share-their-stories-on-stage>



523

People riding



42

Workplaces



44

People encouraged



69,517

Miles ridden



5,904

Bike trips



2,784

Transport trips

**Cycle September round-up**

In September, cyclists across Warwickshire got on their bikes and chose active travel for work and leisure clocking up an impressive 69,517 miles.

That's 2.8 times the distance around the circumference of our planet!

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5667/warwickshire-residents-cycle-almost-three-times-around-the-earth-during-cycle-september-2024>

**Kind Communities Kind Food events**

Learn more about Warwickshire County Council's Kind Communities Kind Food initiative and the latest event which took place in Bedworth: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5666/bedworth-s-latest-kind-communities-kind-food-event-promotes-affordable-healthy-and-sustainable-food-choices>

**Dedicated support for care experienced young people**

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) collaborates with various providers to deliver essential care and support services for children in need. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5663/care-experienced-young-people-overcome-challenges-through-dedicated-support>



**The Local Government Graduate Programme**

Warwickshire County Council is inviting individuals passionate about making a difference in local government to apply for Impact: The Local Government Graduate Programme.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5669/warwickshire-county-council-invites-aspiring-leaders-to-join-impact-the-local-government-graduate-programme>



**Bikeability cycling instructor recruitment** - Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to join the growing number of Bikeability cycling instructors and help inspire the next generation of cyclists. Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5677/could-you-help-to-inspire-the-next-generation-of-cyclists-in-warwickshire>

**The Volunteer Companions Project at Warwick Hospital** -The Volunteer Companions Project at Warwick Hospital is marking nearly a year of delivering essential support to patients nearing the end of their lives. Find out more about volunteering opportunities with the project: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5628/volunteers-needed-for-emotional-support-to-terminally-ill-patients-families-at-warwick-hospital>