

Local Councillor update 020225 – something to get your teeth into

Another busy week, lots of meetings (Regional Flood Forum, Budget Working Groups at WCC & SDC, WCC Cabinet, SEND education provision in Southam, Fire CRMP panel, Community Safety (re Best Bar None), emails, calls, texts and messages.

Heath services are trying to contact people who live on boats to understand and improve access to health care services – see article below. Particularly pertinent with the amount of marinas and canals in our area.

Friday, I had the pleasure of having 2 teeth removed (including a wisdom one) – they took a while to stop bleeding, now I know what people mean when they call me bleeding Cllr Crump ! Hence the subject for my Cllr Groans below.

WCC Cabinet: 28 January 2025

Find out more about the key decisions that were taken by Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet during their meeting on Tuesday 28 January:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5932/warwickshire-county-council-cabinet-28-january-2025>

Did you know that young people aged 14 or older with a learning disability are eligible for a free annual health check provided by the NHS?

A health check presents an opportunity for you and your child to discuss any health or well-being concerns with a GP or nurse.

Learn more about health and SEND services: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/health-wellbeing-send/health-wellbeing-6>

Eating a healthy, balanced diet is an important part of maintaining good health and can help you feel your best.

Learn more about how you can eat healthier as a family by making small changes:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>

If you provide regular unpaid emotional or physical support to a friend, neighbour, family member or member of the community, you are a carer.

You may qualify for free support including opportunities to meet other carers, specialist information and advice and more. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/beingacarer>

Wholetime firefighter recruitment

Applications are now open for wholetime firefighters with Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Read Firefighter Peter's story about what it's like to work with the service here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5921/a-new-career-is-waiting-for-you-at-warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service>

Residents offered support with financial concerns

January, and into the New Year, can be a time of financial anxiety for some.

If you are feeling concerned about money and the cost of living, support is available.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5931/coventry-and-warwickshire-residents-offered-support-with-financial-concerns-during-and-beyond-january>

Celebrating the magic of storytelling (I don't my weekly updates either ha ha)

Warwickshire County Council is celebrating the joy of storytelling and is proud to support families and schools in inspiring children to develop their creativity and literacy skills through reading and storytelling.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5930/warwickshire-celebrates-the-magic-of-storytelling>

Help to improve pharmacies)

You are invited to complete a short online survey about your experience of pharmacy services to assess future and current needs across Coventry and Warwickshire.

Have your say: <https://ow.ly/hKfu50ULPsA>

Flu vaccines and winter pressures

Our hospitals are experiencing high levels of attendance to A&E due to winter pressures.

To help alleviate long waiting times and pressure on the NHS, it's important to get your winter flu vaccination.

Find out more: <https://ow.ly/Mj4v50UFZx8> #FluVaccine #GetWinterStrong

Concessionary travel companion add-on

Carers can continue to enjoy free travel on Warwickshire's buses, when accompanying eligible concessionary passholders after Warwickshire County Council confirmed the continuation of the Companion (+1) Travel Pass add-on scheme.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5928/further-free-travel-for-carers-as-companion-travel-pass-add-on-continues>

School places in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has endorsed the Annual Education Sufficiency Update (0-25) 2024, which provides a comprehensive overview of the current and future needs of children and young people in the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5926/warwickshire-county-council-endorses-annual-education-sufficiency-update>

Key funding for education

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has approved a series of additions to its Education Capital Programme 2024/25, focusing on expanding specialist resourced provision and increasing early years places.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5925/cabinet-approves-key-funding-for-education-in-warwickshire>

Support for Coventry all-electric buses scheme

Warwickshire County Council has approved plans to procure all-electric buses for cross-boundary services operating into Coventry as part of the Coventry All Electric Bus City (CEBC) Scheme.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5927/warwickshire-county-council-moves-forward-with-support-for-all-electric-bus-city-scheme>

Public Health podcast

Learn more about the perception and concerns around body image amongst young people in the latest Warwickshire podcast:

<https://letstalkwarwickshire.podbean.com/e/warwickshire-public-health-keeping-our-teenagers-safe-and-well/>

Warwickshire Family Information Service newsletter

Finding reliable information and support for your family is as easy as checking your email.

Thousands of Warwickshire parents and carers already subscribe to the county's Family Information Service newsletter, why not join them?

More: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5924/the-warwickshire-family-information-service-newsletter-family-support-at-your-fingertips->

Access to health care for people who live on a boat

Healthwatch Warwickshire is conducting a survey to understand and improve access to health care services for the boating community.

If you live on a boat, or know someone who does, the survey can be found here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/4GHN7I/>

Register your appliances

Every January, a nationwide campaign gets underway that encourages people to register their appliances allowing them to get up to date safety information, such as product recalls.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5889/register-your-old-and-new-appliances-to-stay-up-to-date-with-the-latest-safety-information>

Home to school transport process simplified

Students living in Warwickshire starting Year 7 in September 2025 will benefit from a simplified school transport process.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5901/home-to-school-transport-process-simplified-to-help-families->

The Local Welfare Scheme remains open with the current extended welfare offer to help Warwickshire's most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. Residents can enquire or apply for support, by calling on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182. Further information on support available can be found here

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>

Flooding in Warwickshire

With water levels remaining high across Warwickshire, emergency services and partners are calling on the public to take care when driving or walking near flood water.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5868/warwickshire-residents-urged-to-take-care-amid-widespread-flooding>

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>

Cost of Living Support - SDC

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/benefits-support/cost-of-living-support.cfm>

Stratford-on-Avon District Council will be holding an **Extraordinary Full Council meeting on Monday 10 February at 2pm at Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon** to discuss the implications for the Council from Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation arising from the recent government white paper.

The additional meeting has been organised to allow Councillors to discuss devolution plans as well as giving the opportunity to members of the public to come along and have their views heard.

This meeting will also provide a chance for our residents, local businesses and organisations to share their views with SDC and to help SDC form views on the proposals.

Public attendance at the meeting is on a first come first served basis and capacity is limited to 56 in the Council Chamber, however the meeting will be live streamed on the Council's YouTube channel - [Stratford DC - YouTube](#)

If members of the public wish to speak at the meeting, they must register to speak by 12noon on 5 February 2025 and should contact Democratic Services at committeemanagers@stratford-dc.gov.uk or telephone 01789 260245 for further advice.

Papers for Full Council will be published on Friday 31 January and will be available online at [Agenda for Council on Monday, 10th February, 2025, 2.00 p.m. | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Reporting highways issues – or let me know !! cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk

Warwickshire County Council is urging residents to report any Highways faults that they encounter while driving or walking in the county via its website.

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

Collection Calendar

SDC no longer post out the A5 bin collection calendar as a matter of course.
<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling>

A pdf can also be downloaded or printed

Paper copies can be requested still either by emailing info@stratford-dc.gov.uk or ringing 01789 267575. Residents in my ward of Stockton and Southam Central and East can use my contact details (andrew.crump@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or [07771335273](tel:07771335273) if they need my assistance.

Missed Bins – please continue to report to SDC – the App is very useful for doing so and **make a note of your reference**. It helps SDC hold the Contractor to account.

Missed bins -. Contacts are streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or Telephone: 01789 260616

Or download the app.

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODeqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm>

PAVEMENT PARKING/PARK IT RIGHT – the excuse, I won't be long isn't sufficient – it only takes a few seconds for a collision to occur. THINK ABOUT OTHERS NOT JUST YOURSELF

Every week, I get reports of some terrible parking – with cars blocking pavements (especially dropped kerbs), making it impossible for people with mobility scooters or with push chairs to get by, without going into the road. In some cases, too, emergency services vehicles (particularly fire appliances) would struggle to pass. PLEASE THINK OF OTHER PEOPLE, NOT JUST YOURSELF

PLEASE REPORT ANY ASB , however trivial it may seem. Small incidents can lead to bigger ones, so better to stop them before they escalate .Also, the more calls/incidents the Police have, the sooner they will realise there is a problem in a certain area. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE YOUR PROPERTY AND CAR IS LOCKED AND SECURE.

Reporting out of hours highways issues can be challenging, the best number for that is 01926 415000.

streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk or 01926 412515 (not all are currently owned by WCC – some owned by town or parish council.)

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Warwickshire>

It is worth noting for future reference that anything immediately dangerous on the highway should be reported direct to the Police on 999, which is the same process for any pressing issue Out of Hours.

During normal office hours - 8:30am to 4:30pm, WCC call centre is best on 01926 412515

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Why are dentists like lawyers – they want the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth

What time is best for a dentist appointment – 2.30

Which American State makes the best false teeth – Massachusetts

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