

Local Councillor update 060725 – Sporting Weekend puns

This will be my last email weekly update to Napton as ‘NPC agreed at the May PC meeting to request that WCC and SDC councillors provide a single monthly update. This update would ideally coincide with NPC council meetings to streamline communication and keep everyone informed in a timely manner.’ However should you still wish to receive this update weekly, please let me know and I will add you to my mailing list

Specific Items appropriate to Napton

Southam Fire Station – whole time staffed in day since 1/7/25, new appliance unveiled last month, Open Day 2nd August

Highways – Issues raised at last month’s meeting inspected by localities officer and jobs raised. Some street furniture, signs etc have been stolen, damaged or defaced – WCC aware. Community Speedwatch is still awaiting vetting from the Police. If Napton PC is happy, I will put in a bid to HCAF for a comprehensive road safety audit (including bus locations) plus funding of any subsequent works, signs, equipment etc. Highways issues raised at Napton PC meetings need to be put in writing and sent to me.

Planning Enforcement case – being reviewed

WCC Cllr Grants available until later in Month (paid for defib last year)

Aldi – hopefully open by Christmas – S278 works start on Southam by pass this month, may cause some delays.

Police events on 8/7/25 and 14/7/25

General report

I think I work hard for the community and communicate well. I think I am a reasonable person but one of my bug bears is being told what to do or include in my weekly report (not once but twice last week). If people ask me respectfully or properly/politely, I am more likely to agree to their request. Needless to say I didn’t include it.

I don’t usually comment on national politics in my local weekly update but the breaking story about the new political party Zarah Sultana is likely to join left me wondering if she is going to be in charge of current affairs and fund raising !!

Extremely busy week as usual- meetings at SDC and WCC as well as attending training and briefings. I still get many queries from people about things that are nothing to do with me or not in my ward.

Councillor Bromwich and I chased the grass cutting around the area – No Mow May had extended several weeks !! Belatedly I believe it has now been completed, though I am happy to be corrected. As Chair of Overview and Scrutiny at SDC, I’ve asked for it to come to a future meeting of the committee.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) for Warwickshire

Whoever pays the piper calls the tune – a report commissioned by Warwickshire's Districts and Boroughs favoured a two unitary option for Warwickshire. I bet the report commissioned by Warwickshire County Council will favour a single unitary option for Warwickshire – I will be most surprised if it didn't.

I know some SDC Cllrs have concerns that the Districts and Boroughs' report fails to answer questions relating to Social Care, SEND, Highways or the Fire Service. Comments I've heard was that it contained vague nice words and was short on substance, short on details, and contained a lot of ifs and buts.

I think residents will be best served waiting until both reports are available, reading them together, not in isolation. Consultation on LGR is likely to begin in 2026, I will post more details when things become clearer.

Stratford District Council has updated its housing land supply position to take account of the revised standard method for Local Housing Need. The changes to the NPPF and the new methodology for Local Housing Need mean that the previous calculation is now out of date. **The Council can currently demonstrate the equivalent of 5.06 years' worth of housing land supply.**

I am happy to advertise 2 Police over the next week or so (please see below)



**WARWICKSHIRE
POLICE**



*Greetings, all! By special invitation from
Warwickshire Police...*

*You are cordially invited, to attend our
'World Café'
Our new and innovative Community Forum Event!*

*Monday 14th July 2025
13:00-16:00 hours*

*The Community Hub & Cafe
Galanos House
Banbury Road
Southam
Warwickshire
CV47 2BL*

RSVP: Let us know ASAP before 10th July.



Southam Safer Neighbourhood Community Surgery

DATE: 08/07/2025

TIME: 18:00-19:00

LOCATION: SOUTHAM POLICE STATION, TITHE LODGE,
COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM, CV47 0HB

Scan the QR code and sign up
to **Warwickshire Connected**
for the latest news and
updates in your area



Come along and speak to members of your local
Safer Neighbourhood Team about any issues or
concerns you may have in your community.



www.warwickshire.police.uk

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Book your health screening test (next weekend – waiting list now)

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has joined together with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) to offer a series of health screening events for both men and women across the District.

The tests on offer cost £14 each, subsidised by the District Council and are:

- For men over 40 - PSA (Prostate Screening)
- For men and women aged 18 and over - diabetes and cholesterol

The next event takes place on Saturday 12th July at Southam Leisure Centre - spaces still available

Book now: [<https://sdc.mypsatestests.org.uk/>](<https://sdc.mypsatestests.org.uk/...>)

Southam Fire Station - brand new Volvo appliance.

The Volvo will be viewable at Southam Fire Station's Open Day event on the 2nd August.

Council's Councillor Grant fund open for applications

Warwickshire County Council's Councillor Grant Fund is now open for applications from community and voluntary groups across the county.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6421/warwickshire-county-council-s-councillor-grant-fund-open-for-applications->

FREE 6 week wellbeing in nature course for adults in South Warwickshire with long term health conditions

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This free 6 week Time In Nature course in Southam is for adults from South Warwickshire who are living with any long term physical or mental health condition(s)

- The course is based on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing
- Meet new people and learn new skills
- Use your smart phone to take up close nature photos (macro lenses provided)
- Try your hand at some simple nature crafts
- Look at nature in a new, gentle way, that helps us slow down and take time for us

The Course is completely free thanks to funding from south Warwickshire Place

The course dates are as follows:

Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and August 7th

All sessions are from 6pm - 7:30pm

The course is based at the Graham Adams Centre, St James Road

You can book directly by email to rosie.charter@wkwt.org.uk or via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../time-in-nature-course...>

Once you have signed up, Rosie will send you a welcome email and a short enrolment form.

Anti-social behaviour week 2025

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week, which runs from 30 June until 6 July, is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about ASB and encouraging communities to take action.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6471/warwickshire-unites-for-asb-awareness-week-keeping-communities-and-businesses-safe>

30 years of licensed venue ceremonies in Warwickshire

Read the stories of couples who have made unforgettable memories here in Warwickshire with the help of Warwickshire County Council's Registration Service over the last 30 years.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6473/celebrating-30-years-of-licensed-venue-ceremonies-in-warwickshire->

Young people fire safety

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding parents of the importance of recognising the early signs of fire setting behaviour this wildfire season.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6476/helping-young-people-to-stay-fire-safe>

Warwickshire's Children's disability and additional needs register

Families with children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) are encouraged to join the county's disability register.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6469/warwickshire-families-urged-to-sign-the-disability-register-to-shape-local-support->

Wondering how to get Direct Payments

Many people who need social care support take a direct payment so that they can employ their own personal assistant.

There are direct payment support services available to help manage direct payment and Penderels Trust is a leading provider.

Find out more: <https://www.penderelstrust.org.uk/directpaymentsupport.php>

Better prepared for industrial accidents

If you live near a site handling industrial materials, you can read Warwickshire Resilience Forum's tips on how to become #BetterPrepared for industrial accidents, at <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/industrial-accidents-major-fires/>

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Healthwatch Survey

Share your experiences of health and care services in the county with Healthwatch Warwickshire to help shape future plans.

Take the short survey today: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TK5N8H/>

Warwickshire Riders education portal

The Warwickshire Riders Education Portal is now live and packed with expert advice!

A new video series will be rolling out over the coming weeks to support safer riding.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/road-safety-education/ready-ride-starting-motorcycle-journey/6>

Warwickshire's Living Well webpages

People in Warwickshire are helped to look after their health and wellbeing and support others with advice and information available through the county's Living Well resource.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6454/warwickshire-s-living-well-webpages-help-residents-stay-well-and-independent>

Self-poisoning

Did you know that poisoning accounts for a high proportion of hospital admissions in Warwickshire.

Find out how to keep your child safe from self-poisoning by visiting the Child Accident Prevention Trust website: <https://capt.org.uk/poisoning-prevention/>

Summer outdoor fire safety

To help enjoy the warm weather and reduce the risk of outdoor fires this summer, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has shared some key tips.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6431/stay-fire-safe-outdoors-this-summer>

Drowning Prevention Week 2025

New data from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has revealed that July sees the highest number of water-related incidents in Warwickshire.

Find out more about staying safe around open water:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6426/drowning-prevention-week-2025-equipping-young-people-and-enhancing-water-safety>

Healthy and happy summer 2025

Eating well and moving more benefits family members of all ages to maintain an active lifestyle and sustain good physical and mental health and we have plenty of places to explore and ideas and information to keep people on the right track.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6432/support-for-warwickshire-families-to-stay-healthy-and-happy-this-summer>

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>

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>

Cost of Living Support - SDC

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

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.crumpp@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

Councillor groans -

I saw another shop selling really big butter knives. They're becoming more widespread.

There's an online group for victims of tailgaiting, I've been following them closely.

Did you know that Wimbledon let a womble in free

Just got myself a first aid kit,thought I'd treat myself.

i walked into a library and asked to borrow a couple of books about Djokovics serving aces.

"no way said the librarian "You'll never RETURN them"

I wanted to be an F1 racing driver but they saw my chequered past

I'm not watching the Lions Rugby Union games anymore, you've seen one game, you've seen a maul...

I bought a fantastic book today, 'How to preserve cricket bats' By Lindsay Doyle.

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