

Local Councillor update 310825 – Roadworks and HS2 road closure this week

EARLY Notice of road closure, A423, Southam September 2025 |from 8pm on Friday 5 September to 6am on Monday 22 September 2025

High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. If you have any questions or enquiries about our work, please contact our Helpdesk to find out more. You can sign up for regular updates in your local area at www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk.

HS2 had wanted longer but several local councillors have been on the case and got the closure to a minimum.

Roadworks start on the Southam Bypass for the new junction into Aldi from Monday 1st September to potentially 3rd December.

I am pleased to inform you that the S278 works on the A423 Southam Bypass are due to commence on Mon 1st Sept, with the Streetworks Permit granted this week, allowing works to continue until 3rd Dec 2025.

I will endeavour to keep you fully informed of scheme progress for the duration of the works.

"Section 278 Highway works in connection with the consented Aldi Foodstore on Land off the A423 Southam Bypass, including the construction of a Ghost Right turn island, footway and cycle improvements and upgrade of existing Pelican Crossing at the Galanos Roundabout."

<https://one.network/?GB144810653>

Temporary traffic lights in place with one lane closed.

Applications for the next round of Wigley Community Fund open 1–10 September, that's less than two weeks away!

Whether you're a local charity, community group, school, or organisation making a difference in our area, we'd love to hear about your project and how we can help bring it to life.

Ready to apply? Keep an eye out for the application opening on 1st September!

<https://www.wigleyinvestmentholdings.com/.../wigley.../>

Have you got enough smoke alarms fitted in your home

Working smoke alarms that are regularly tested can provide lifesaving seconds in an emergency.

As part of the latest Fire Kills campaign, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is urging residents to fit smoke alarms in their home.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6727/have-you-got-enough-smoke-alarms-fitted-in-your-home->

Lloyds Tour of Britain

Enjoy the dramatic finale of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men - Stage 4 on Friday 5 September at Burton Dassett Hills Country Park.

Book your tickets now for the Park and Ride at the British Motor Museum! Stress-free access for £2 per car, with pre-booking essential: <https://orlo.uk/gNnh7>

Warwickshire schools to gain safety boost from greater parking enforcement

Warwickshire County Council's ongoing commitment to improving road safety around schools will see parking restrictions actively enforced at a number of schools, starting from 1 September.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6928/warwickshire-schools-to-gain-safety-boost-from-greater-parking-enforcement

'British Blind Sport at 50' exhibition opens in Warwick

Marking the 50th anniversary of British Blind Sport, part of the ground floor at Market Hall Museum will celebrate the charity's impact and share stories of local blind and partially sighted athletes.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6926/-british-blind-sport-at-50-exhibition-opens-at-market-hall-museum

Discover something new with the Council's Living Well webpages

If you're looking to learn a new skill, meet new people, or improve your health, we suggest exploring opportunities available on the Living Well webpages on the Warwickshire County Council website.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6896/discover-something-new-with-the-council-s-living-well-webpages-

Support your wellbeing and your community through helping others

Volunteers play a vital role in supporting local services and each other. From activities that help individuals feel safe and connected, to larger community projects

that bring people together, the work of volunteers is invaluable, essential and very rewarding.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6895/support-your-wellbeing-and-your-community-through-helping-others

Veterans Contact Point secures long-term lease

A Warwickshire military charity, Veterans Contact Point, has secured a new 20-year lease on its headquarters in Nuneaton that will continue to be a safe and open space for veterans in the region.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6809/veterans-contact-point-secures-long-term-lease

Warwickshire's adult learning offer

If you are looking for something new to do, hoping to develop new skills, or looking for community connections, you can find all this and more with Warwickshire's Adult and Community Learning service.

Discover more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6742/find-a-new-vocation-or-refresh-your-skills-through-warwickshire-s-adult-learning-offer

Share your views about the future of health and wellbeing

The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy identifies key areas to help improve health and wellbeing for everyone, wherever they access services, so that individuals can experience more joined-up care.

Have your say on the Strategy today: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/health-and-wellbeing-strategy/>

Pedal, play and plan your way to a healthier, happier lifestyle

Consciously choosing to use active travel to get out and about is a great way to stay healthy, happy and independent.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6745/pedal-play-and-plan-your-way-to-a-healthier-happier-lifestyle

New moth discovery at Ryton Pools Country Park

Rangers at Ryton Pools Country Park are celebrating the discovery of a brand-new moth species for Warwickshire, the Raspberry Clearwing, with two individuals recently recorded on site.

Discover more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6747/moth-that-resembles-a-wasp-discovered-in-warwickshire-for-the-first-time-at-ryton-pools-country-park

Tour of Britain: Active Travel roadshows

With the UK's biggest professional cycling race, the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men, returning to Warwickshire this September, you are invited to get in the saddle with a series of free active travel roadshows.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6749/active-travel-roadshows-help-warwickshire-to-get-lloyds-tour-of-britain-ready>

Cycle September 2025

This September, Warwickshire County Council is joining forces with cycling platform Love to Ride to promote the benefits of cycling to residents and businesses across the County.

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6675/bikes-at-the-ready-as-cycle-september-returns-for-2025->

Back to School Checklist

Warwickshire parents and carers are being reminded of some important things to do to help children be happy, healthy and ready to learn when school starts in a couple of weeks.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6714/have-you-got-your-back-to-school-checklist-sorted->

Warwickshire's healthy lifestyle services survey

Adults who live, work, study, or are registered with a GP in Warwickshire are invited to share their views about the county's healthy lifestyle services.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6703/have-your-say-about-the-future-of-warwickshire-s-healthy-lifestyle-services>

Warwickshire Resilience Forum

Are you following @Warwickshire Resilience Forum yet?

They're here to help you become #BetterPrepared for risks near you, such as heatwaves, flooding and power outages.

It's easy to get started. Give them a follow and visit:

<https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/>

Rural England Prosperity Fund

REPF funding is now available for rural businesses in Stratford District and North Warwickshire Borough who are looking to deliver a rural business capital project.

Read more > <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6613/rural-businesses-supported-with-new-grant-funding>

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>

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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