

Local Councillor update 070124 –

I do smile when I see comments on Facebook about people not liking the tone of a response, yet they had previously commented in what could be perceived as an aggressive manner. Whilst being an elected representative for Southam, Stockton and Napton, I reserve the right to respond robustly and in a forthright way, if I receive what I perceive to be unfair criticism or a comment that is devoid of facts. I know at least one other local councillor who feels the same.

Most weeks, I post some sort of safety update e.g. fire, flooding, driving related, food, rogue traders etc – they are not meant to be patronising and I apologise if they are interpreted that way. Below, there will be several flooding and weather related ones – this week we had a Mercedes stuck in Kenilworth, with the occupants having to be rescued by the Fire Service, I believe. Not only did they put themselves at risk, but their rescuers too.

Message from the Police – update from last week

During the period around Christmas, there were 14 break ins and car thefts in a 2week period. They have arrested 2 people which they believe they can link to many of those crimes.

Flooding advice

If flood water enters your home it can be a very stressful experience, but before you start clearing up:

- ▶ take photos of any damage and the flood water line
- ▶ speak to your insurance company about what you can move and throw away

For more information: <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/flooding/advice-flooding>

Flooding advice – Water entering homes

There are flood warnings still in place across Warwickshire.

If flood water enters your home, unplug electrical goods and move them to a higher level if you can.

Don't use any mains powered electrical items until advised by a registered electrician that it's safe to do so.

Flooding Advice – Driving

Water levels are still high in Warwickshire. Please stay safe and only travel if it is necessary.

Do not drive through flood water – it puts you and your passengers at risk of harm, as well as those who come to rescue you. Don't take the risk!

Cold weather advice – Driving

The storm this week has left a lot of standing water around the County. Temperatures are forecast to drop, which means there is an increased risk of ice. Warwickshire's gritters will be out, but residents are urged to take extra care when out and about.

Local Food Champions

Residents who are passionate about helping others are invited to get involved this year in a new volunteering opportunity to become Food Champions across Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4907/looking-to-volunteer-in-2024-help-to-empower-local-communities-in-making-affordable-healthy-and-sustainable-food-choices>

New Year's Honours List 2024

The extraordinary achievements of four people living in Warwickshire have been recognised in the King's New Year's Honours list for 2024.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4902/four-extraordinary-warwickshire-residents-recognised-in-new-year-s-honours-list-2024>

Library Lead recognised in New Year's Honours List

Harbury Community Library's Library Lead, Richard Charles Fowler, has been recognised in the King's New Year's Honours list for 2024 and awarded a British Empire Medal for his services to Libraries.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4903/library-lead-at-harbury-community-library-recognised-in-new-year-s-honours-list-2024>

Warwickshire Energy Strategy

Find out more about Warwickshire County Council's ambitious energy strategy and action plan and how it will reduce, use, generate and measure energy as part of its plans to build a sustainable future for the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4905/ambitious-energy-roadmap-is-set-to-build-a-sustainable-future-for-warwickshire>

Green new year resolutions

If you are thinking about making new year resolutions for 2024, why not make them environmentally friendly, by using Warwickshire County Council's new pledge tool.

Make your commitment to a greener future here:

<https://www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk/greenpledges>

Manufacturing Growth Programme

Warwickshire County Council, on behalf of Warwickshire's six local authorities, has successfully contracted Oxford Innovation Advice to mobilise and deliver a new Manufacturing Growth Programme in the county.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4906/unlocking-sme-manufacturers-potential-the-warwickshire-manufacturing-growth-programme>

Empowering Futures JSNA

Do you work or volunteer with children and young people?

This survey is for you: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/empowering-futures/>

The Empowering Futures JSNA aims to understand how you feel talking to children and young people about their health, and what you need to better support them.

MMR Vaccinations

With families preparing to send children #BackToSchool we've got an important reminder on keeping kids healthy for the new term

In the West Midlands we especially want parents to look out for symptoms of MEASLES and make sure kids are up to date with MMR

Domestic Abuse support

The festive season can be a daunting time for those who have or are experiencing domestic abuse.

Help is available from Warwickshire County Council and partners.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4895/warwickshire-county-council-highlights-domestic-abuse-support-this-festive-season>

Resourcing to Risk Consultation

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue is looking at its service delivery model as part of the Resourcing to Risk approach.

Please read about the need for change and comment on the proposals at:
<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/>

Bin 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.

Help from Warwickshire County Council

If you are struggling with money and need help now, Warwickshire County Council can help with:

-  food, energy and water bills
-  money advice
-  aspects of family life
-  accessing emergency food
-  mental health support

Find help here: <https://costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

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>

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=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODegfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

<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 used to work for the local council trimming all the hedges along the roads. Unfortunately they've just made me redundant due to all the cutbacks!

We have a 99 year old man in our darts team so as a surprise we are going to fulfil his wish of spending his centenary birthday in the Caribbean.
He's going to be 100 in Haiti

Someone asked me what I knew about atoms. Very little.

As the optician handed over my new glasses he said "These are the special James Bond model".

I said "Why James Bond?"

"Because they're for your eyes...."

Kind regards

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