

## **Local Councillor update 030324** –details of HS2 Road Closure later in March

As I've said before, I use Facebook/social media to pass on information about many local issues, events etc and also to receive comments etc from members of the public. I do sometimes recoil at some of the posts on local Facebook pages, which are unnecessarily nasty and combative, especially as a poster may not even live in the local area, county or even this country.

A really busy week again, lots of meetings (see below) and responding to emails, phone calls, queries and posts of FB and issues, whilst I'm out and about in Southam, Stockton and Napton. I've also been out reporting potholes, blocked drains, flooding (**I've heard February was the wettest in 258 years**), faulty streetlights, overgrown hedges, blocked rights of way, need for new road markings etc.

I hope to announce a local footpath improvement scheme soon.

I've also been chasing up works for/in and around the Daventry Road roundabout. I got this from WCC - this developer led scheme at the roundabout A423 South By-Pass / A425 Daventry Road is progressing through the Technical Review process and includes a signal controlled pedestrian crossing over the A423 just north of the roundabout. Work is also being carried out to review whether it is possible to incorporate facilities for cycling into the scheme utilising the S106 contribution the developer has provided for a cycling connection to the town centre.

Timing of construction of the roundabout scheme is dependent on completing the technical review of the scheme, and will follow works to the roundabout at Galanos (related to the Aldi development).

### **Meetings/visits**

Liaising with local town and parish councils, fire consultation meeting at Southam, Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board's Conference, WCC's Community Risk Management Plan Assurance Panel, SDC's Overview & Scrutiny Committee, HS2 liaison.

### **Notice of road closure, A425 Leamington Road, Southam by HS2**

#### **A full road closure between 23 March and 12 April 2024, 24/7**

Nigel Rock, Chris Kettle and myself were invited to a briefing meeting which took place on Friday afternoon where the closure of the A425 near the polo ground was announced. We wanted to let you know asap.

Another full closure to this important road will cause significant disruption to the local residents of the greater Southam area. This is a repeat on a much smaller scale, of the nine month closure which local councillors fought against a few years ago.

We raised questions about the necessity for the work, why could it not have been predicted and accommodated otherwise, what would happen about emergency vehicles (fire appliances - no provision - I as WF&RS portfolio holder have now sorted), school transport and doubts about dealing with utility providers and adherence to timescales. A fear of time overrun was expressed and also traffic for sporting events at the polo ground - they have extreme confidence that they will not over-run and some contingencies have been allowed

for). The only positive messages to come out of it were that a cycle/pedestrian route will be maintained and the works planned by EKFB a few hundred metres away will be coordinated with the closure. The works are being done during the Easter Holidays to reduce disruption to school transport.

Local Councillors have been invited to inspect the works.

## **FIRE CONSULTATION IN SOUTHAM**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb we had the event at the Grange Hall, with 55 in attendance, with the majority of the attendees being councillors, prospective MPs, retired firefighters, firefighter employee representatives. I would estimate that less than half were Southam residents. Those who attended were able to ask questions (there were also some pre-submitted ones too) and hear information direct from the Chief Fire Officer. To Southam's credit, out of all the many consultation meetings I've attended, it was the most respectful in terms of audience behaviours. There is still time to respond to the consultation (see below).

## **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/>

## **HS2 Notice of traffic lights on A425, Leamington Road, Southam from 26<sup>th</sup> February**

<https://assets.hs2.org.uk/.../AWN-Notice-of-traffic...>

## **Road Safety – A great website**

[www.warksroadsafety.org](http://www.warksroadsafety.org)

## **Report it: Flooding and drainage issues**

Council officers are out across the county clearing our blocked gullies and drains following the recent flooding. If you spot any issues with blocked drains or gullies in your local community, please report it at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit> and click on report flooding or drainage issue.

## **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>

### **Fire safety advice video**

Officers from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service are sharing fire safety tips and advice with the community in a series of Q&A videos.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5010/new-video-campaign-offers-practical-fire-safety-advice-to-warwickshire-residents>

### **Assistive technology aids**

Staying as independent as possible helps people to be safe and healthy, and there is a range of assistive technology available to support people, including self-help devices, equipment, and solutions.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5012/assisting-people-to-remain-safe-healthy-and-independent>

### **New fire training facility in Rugby**

Work has now begun on a new fire training facility in Rugby that will provide the ability to create realistic training scenarios where firefighters can learn essential skills in a controlled environment.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5013/work-begins-on-new-fire-training-facility-in-rugby->

### **Warwickshire Business Ready Programme**

A leading business support scheme which helps innovative businesses access finance, mentoring, and more will continue after a contract award by Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5014/business-ready-programme-to-continue>

### **Foster Carer wins on Saturday Night Takeaway**

Warwickshire County Council's Foster Carer of the Year 2022, Andrea, received an unexpected and heartwarming surprise on Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5016/warwickshire-foster-carer-andrea-wins-getaway-on-saturday-night-takeaway->

### **Supported Internships twilight event**


Taking place on Thursday 14 March, 3pm to 7pm at Eliot Park Innovation Centre in Nuneaton, WCC's Supported Internships Fair will give a first look at new guidance developed to provide improved information on supported internships.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5020/young-people-their-families-local-businesses-and-education-providers-invited-to-learn-about-supported-internships-at-special-twilight-event>

### **No More Week 2024 – Promo**

Next week WCC will be signposting to help for victim-survivors of #DomesticAbuse and #SexualViolence as part of @UKSAYSNOMORE


Follow the conversation and for help and support go to [www.talk2someone.org.uk](http://www.talk2someone.org.uk)

In an emergency dial 999. #YouAreNotAlone 

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### **Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast - Episode 11**

In the latest Sustainable Warwickshire Podcast, members of Warwickshire's Youth Council are encouraging other young people in the county to speak up about climate change and convince others to take action to reduce their carbon emissions.

Listen here: <https://sustainablewarwickshire.podbean.com/e/youth-perspectives-on-climate-change/>

Download image: [SustainableWarwickshire\\_Ep11\\_Feb2024.png](#)

## Warwickshire Connected

Get connected with what is happening in your local area.

Warwickshire Connected is a free community messaging system brought to you by Warwickshire Police.

Sign up here: <https://www.warwickshireconnected.com/>

## Secondary School Offer Day 2024

Friday 1 March was the day you find out which secondary school your child has been offered.

The details will be sent to you by email, or by letter if you applied by post.

You can also check the parent portal any time:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentportalapplications](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentportalapplications)

## Investment Award for Coventry and Warwickshire

The Coventry and Warwickshire area has again been recognised in an annual international award that recognises foreign investment strategy and economic potential.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5023/investment-award-lands-in-coventry-and-warwickshire>

## Stop Smoking Service


Could you be entitled to FREE Stop Smoking support? 🚭

Fitter Futures Warwickshire offers 12 weeks of free Stop Smoking specialist support and advice, plus stop smoking treatments and Quit Kits across #Warwickshire.

Visit: <https://fitterfutures.everyonehealth.co.uk/stop-smoking-service/> to check your eligibility.


## 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](mailto: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>

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 –**

My brother's got a large M tattooed on his back,  
the letter I on his stomach  
and a large H on his thigh...  
that's him all over.

I told the Bank Manager that I wanted to open a joint account,  
He asked Who With?  
I said, the Customer with the most money.

I used to be a DJ at Stonehenge, but I no longer mix in those circles.

I've been trying to get a job in the moisturiser factory for ages now. I've been applying daily.

Kind regards

Andy -07771335273 – [cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllrcrump@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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