

From your District Councillors for Bishops Itchington, Fenny Compton and Napton Ward

New Grounds Maintenance Contract

Following a successful tender exercise, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has awarded a new contract to carry out grounds maintenance across the District from 1 April 2024.

The five-year contract has been awarded to Continental Landscapes Ltd, with the option to extend for up to a further five years.

The contract covers all District Council owned and maintained parks and open spaces covering grassed areas, floral beds, shrub beds/herbaceous beds, hedge maintenance, tree watering, weed control and removal.

The contract also includes park cleansing, park furniture and play equipment maintenance, the maintenance of the paddling pool at the Recreation Ground, together with lifebuoys maintenance along the River Avon in Stratford-upon-Avon and winter gritting.

The new contract includes Key Performance Indicators and Annual Contract Targets to drive service improvements, as well as introducing new features such as 'No Mow May' on Warwickshire County Council Highway verges.

Another change is that herbicides will **not** be applied to any grassed areas, floral beds, shrub beds/herbaceous beds or hedges, as part of the weed control, it will be limited to hard surfaces and spot treatments of invasive weeds and wildflower areas only.

Continental Landscapes Ltd will also be using HVO fuel, from second generation biofuel and a RTFO accredited supplier, for their vehicles together with electric equipment.

Prostate Awareness Screening Event – Sunday 28 April 2024 (see attached)

SDC is subsidising a Prostate Awareness Screening Event, in partnership with Everyone Active and The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT). The event is taking place on Sunday 28 April 2024, at Stratford Leisure Centre, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Use this link to book your place <https://ow.ly/Xib350R2YG3>

Community Safety

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is carrying out a seven week Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation in Stratford-upon-Avon town centre.

A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is a control measure created by the 2014 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. The orders deal with specific nuisances or problems in a defined area that are '*detrimental to the community's quality of life*' and are designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in public places.

The District Council is consulting on the following condition:

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- Anti-social behaviour anywhere within 'Stratford-upon-Avon Town Centre' when consuming or possessing alcohol.

The behaviour which the District Council is looking to prohibit has been identified as detrimental, persistent and unreasonable to the area. It will not stop members of the public from drinking in public. It will, however, allow the police officers and police community support officers additional powers to deal with those who are drinking or possessing alcohol and engaging in anti-social behaviour. Residents are invited to comment via SDC's website (link below) and the consultation runs until 8 May.

[Stratford-upon-Avon PSPO Consultation | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

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We have been notified of a road closure on the A423 on 20 and 21 April as follows:

"We will be working along the highway verge of the A423 near Southam. Given the type of work required, and that this is an A-road with fast traffic, we will need to close the road.

- The A423 Banbury Road, between Ladbrooke and Southam, will be closed Saturday 20 April and Sunday 21 April 2024, from 8am to 6pm.
- Access to properties and businesses within the closure area will be provided.
- We have timed this work to avoid other road closures in the area, and to avoid weekday peak traffic."

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