

Local Councillor update 060424 – (A425 to reopen by next Saturday, maybe before if lucky)

Whilst I don't always expect everyone to believe everything I post (I do try to fact check it) – I find that some people are quite disbelieving and doubting – some who, in my opinion, should know better. I also saw a report of a meeting recently, that I attended, and having read it, it reminded me of the late Queen's comment, 'recollections may vary'. Similar, to the A425 closure below (should be open by next Saturday) or those trying to go over Offchurch bridge when the river is in full flood. **The A425 is Closed until 12th April – On several days this week** I've walked to the river bridge down the A425 and noticed cars ignoring the road closed signs – I watched them go to the bottom of Woodbine Hill and saw them turn road in the drive to Stoneythorpe Hall and come back up the hill. **IT IS DEFINITELY CLOSED TO MOTORISTS – OPEN TO CYCLISTS THOUGH** Access to Dallas Burston is from the Ufton side.

There is a link further down in the report about how to report Highway defects – if WCC doesn't know about them, they can't fix them. I'm always out and about in my ward reporting issues in Southam, Stockton and Napton. The Highways team say I'm one of the most proactive councillors, they deal with, when it comes to reporting problems.

Fosse Way/Harbury Crossroads Junction Update:

Feldon County Councillor Chris Kettle has informed me that the roadworks should be completed and fully operational by the first Bank Holiday weekend in May

Paths/Signs – again I've been working on and with WCC contractors to get as many cleared as possible. It has also led to some community spirited residents picking up newly exposed, due to hedges being cut back, litter or sweeping/edging these exposed footpaths – thank you. **Update this week – someone seems to like turning signs (on posts) around so people can't see them.**

If anyone is interested **in joining the Town Council**, it now has 4 vacancies please contact the clerk - clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk or 814004.

Road Safety – A great website

www.warksroadsafety.org

Test your smoke alarms

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue are reminding everyone to make sure that they have working smoke alarms fitted in their homes and to test them regularly.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5056/smoke-alarms-save-lives-make-sure-to-test-yours-now>

Fire Service issues advice to reduce the risk of smoking-related fires

Warwickshire residents are being reminded of the fire risks associated with smoking and to take precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Read more here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5122/fire-service-issues-advice-to-reduce-the-risk-of-smoking-related-fires

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections

Have your say in the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections on Thursday 2 May 2024. Visit www.wheredoivote.co.uk to find your local polling station and remember to take photo ID with you to vote.

Rights of Way public engagement

This weekend, make sure to have your say on Warwickshire's rights of way! Let the Council know your views before the survey closes on Sunday 7 April:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/>

“Dating app for charities” calls for more Warwickshire residents and businesses to get involved!

A Leamington social enterprise that matches businesses and volunteers with local charities is calling on people from Warwickshire who are passionate about doing something worthwhile to step forward.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5114/-dating-app-for-charities-calls-for-more-warwickshire-residents-and-businesses-to-get-involved-

Longer summer opening makes recycling easier at your friendly local recycling centre

Warwickshire County Council is reminding residents that recycling is now even easier with extended summer opening times in operation.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5112/longer-summer-opening-makes-recycling-easier-at-your-friendly-local-recycling-centre

Warwickshire comes together to commit to tackling child exploitation

Last month, organisations across Warwickshire and the surrounding area pledged their support to raise awareness of child exploitation to mark Child Exploitation Awareness Day.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5107/warwickshire-comes-together-to-commit-to-tackling-child-exploitation

Cameras at the ready! The Warwickshire Country Parks photography competition is officially open

Warwickshire County Council's Country Parks service is excited to introduce the Warwickshire Country Parks Photography Competition, an opportunity for photographers at all levels to show off their favourite shots.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5106/cameras-at-the-ready-the-warwickshire-country-parks-photography-competition-is-officially-open

New strategy launched to prevent serious violence in

Warwickshire communities at risk from serious violence will benefit from the launch of a new strategy to tackle both the occurrences and underlying causes of violence.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5115/new-strategy-launched-to-prevent-serious-violence-in-warwickshire

Supporting people to stay healthy and independent

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to learn more about the ways they can help themselves to maintain their independence for as long as possible.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5116/supporting-people-to-stay-healthy-and-independent

Living Well to combat loneliness

Loneliness can affect anyone, of any age, at any time in their life.

Warwickshire County Council's Living Well website includes information and support for anyone who is struggling with social isolation and feelings of loneliness.

Visit <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell> now to find out more.

Engineering company partners with council and universities to boost recruitment

Multi award-winning engineering company, 3P Innovation, is working with Warwickshire County Council and Midlands universities to support its recruitment as the company grows.

Read more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5121/engineering-company-partners-with-council-and-universities-to-boost-recruitment

National Offer Day – 16 April 2024

Warwickshire parents and carers who have applied for a school place for their child in either Reception or Year 2 of a Junior School starting in September 2024 will get their offer of a school place on 16 April.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5096/warwickshire-parents-and-carers-with-children-starting-school-in-september-2024-will-get-their-school-offer-on-16-april>

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>

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>

Help to meet household utility costs

Warwickshire residents struggling to pay their utility bills can look to Warwickshire County Council for support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5030/help-to-meet-household-utility-costs>

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>

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.

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=IwAR3vfk03zQgXUsEHH04ODeqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

<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 –

Superman is taking an evening stroll past the church when the minister runs down the steps calling for his help.

"Superman, we need your help, a wall has collapsed in the basement, some workmen are trapped," he said, breathlessly.

"No way," said Superman. "I can't go near the crypt tonight."

A friend of mine needs help in setting up a new boxing club
I'll give him a ring later

I can watch a Disney film on 2 screens at the same time - I'm B-ambi-dextrous

I'm nervous for my first night as a barman. I'm having a cocktail of emotions

If there is one place I can't stand.....it's an ice rink.

Kind regards

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