

County Councillor report Butlers Marston Parish Council 24th March 2022

Ukraine

Letter from Monica Fogarty

Chief Executive Warwickshire County Council

Dear Colleagues and Councillors,

I am sure you will have seen the devastating situation in Ukraine and our hearts go out to everyone affected. It really is both unimaginable and unbelievable to see the fear and suffering which so many people are experiencing.

I want to let you know that as a County Council, we are in touch with local communities so that we can offer support to relatives and friends of those caught up in the crisis. We are a welcoming county, and as we have done with asylum seekers and Afghan nationals, we will open our arms to anyone needing our help.

In the same way, if you have colleagues upon whom the conflict is having an impact, please do reach out to them with support. This is an unprecedented situation and one which we all hope will be short-lived. For now, it must be so awfully worrying for those with friends and family in either Ukraine or Russia, because this warfare will be traumatic to the residents of both countries.

We will be in direct contact with the Home Office and will respond as needed.

In the meantime, here is some helpful information for sharing.

Support for communities during the Ukraine crisis

A new page has been created to signpost to the various support groups, organisations and information supporting Ukrainian people living in the UK.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2783/support-for-communities-during-the-ukraine-crisis>

Support for Ukraine

Statement at Full Council Meeting 21st March

Warwickshire County Council is disturbed by the horrific devastation in Ukraine, and the escalating humanitarian crisis facing the Country. In light of this, and as a way of expressing support for members of our communities who are from or have ties with Ukraine.

- a. The Council Condemns the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, their families, and friends, including those local to Warwickshire.

- b. Stands ready to provide support to those affected by this war and will open their arms to people displaced and affected.
- c. Will work with and support the efforts of our local communities to provide help and comfort to those in need

Help To improve pharmacies

Coventry and Warwickshire residents are being invited to take part in a survey which will help inform and shape pharmacy services

Find out more and take part <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2756/help-us-pharmacies-across-coventry-and-warwickshire>

People affected by suicide

Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council would like to remind people affected by suicide that free and confidential support is available to help them through this difficult time.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2772/support-is-available-for-anyone-in-coventry-and-warwickshire-affected-by-suicide>

Child Exploitation in Warwickshire

Child exploitation is child abuse and although a child may not realise they are being abused, it puts the young victim at huge risk of damage to their physical emotional and psychological health.

Know how to spot the signs: <http://somethingsnotright.co.uk>

SEND

Warwickshire County Council is hosting another special educational needs and disabilities webinar and this time it is on the topic of educational transitions.

Please register to attend here: <https://bit.ly/SendWebinarMar>

Young Green Shoots Winners

The winners and runner up of Warwickshire and Coventry's climate change competition, Young Green Shoots, have received their converted prizes following a fierce race for climate change.

Winners: 4-7 age category Elina Williams, Ettington Primary School.

8-11 age category Shirley Jo Slade, Tysoe Church of England Primary School.

12-15 age category Oliver Peake, Lawrence Sheriff School.

Save lives by regularly checking smoke alarms

Warwickshire residents are encouraged to make fire safety a priority by ensuring they have enough smoke alarms in their homes and that they are in working order.

Safer Streets Warwickshire

Agencies across Warwickshire have secured £249k in funding from the Home Office's Safer Streets fund to increase safety on Warwickshire's streets.

Queens Green Canopy

Have you planted a tree yet to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? Remember to add your tree to the QGC map which will be presented to Her Majesty the Queen as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Visit: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/ggc-map/#/>

Chris Mills
County Councillor
Kineton and Red Horse

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Council Tax level for Stratford District.

The amount residents will pay for a Band D property is £154.12 and increase of £5.00, this is an increase of 3.3%. This means that all the services provided by the District Council cost £2.96 for a Band D household. This contributes to meeting the cost of providing a wide range of services including recycling and waste collection, planning, street cleaning, housing, housing benefits, leisure services and children's play areas.

The Council tax from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for residents for 2022/23 for each of the valuation bands is as follows:

A £102.75
B £119.87
C £137.00
D £154.12
E £188.37
F £222.62

G £256.87

H £308.24

Although the district Council acts as the collecting agent for Council Tax, it only receives 7.4% of the Council Tax paid by residents. Warwickshire County Council receives the lion's share of 76.7% the Police 12.7%, Towns and Parishes 3.2%. This means the District Council only retains 7.4p of every £1 paid in Council Tax to provide its range of services.

Anyone who thinks they could be struggling to pay their Council Tax is encouraged to contact the District Council as soon as possible by calling 01789 260990 or e-mail revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Rough Sleepers in Stratford-on-Avon District

The number of rough sleepers across the District on a weekly basis, using figures based on intelligence, along with a weekly spotlight street count and is pleased to be able to advise that in the last four weeks, there has been no evidenced rough sleepers. The District Council and partner agencies have worked hard to eliminate rough sleeping across the District since 2017, at which time it's annual rough sleeper count reported 17 rough sleepers. The District Council has been able to achieve this result using a combination of solutions, including: Offers of Housing First tenancies.

Intensive floating support for former rough sleepers who are in emergency accommodation. Support and engagement from P3's street outreach team, usually the first agency to encounter someone on the streets.

Residents struggling with energy bills

Free energy advice and Home Visits on a one-to-one basis Tailored energy support and impartial advice for everyone, including benefits advice through Warwickshire Welfare Rights Advice Services call free: 0800 988 2881. Email: advice@actonenergy.org.uk

Fly Tipping

Fly Tipping is an ongoing problem for residents and SDC. Defra has recently published fly tipping data for 2012-2021. Stratford-on-Avon District Council has a rate of 4.6 incidents per 1.000 of population which ranks us at 36 out of 314. Stratford-on-Avon District Council's figures have always been lower than most authorities. Although we have seen an increase in fly tipping over the last few years. The whole of England has seen an increases.

New 123+ Waste Collection Service for Stratford

As part of the introduction of the new 123+ waste collection service to start in August 2022 across South Warwickshire, residents in Stratford-on-Avon District will soon be receiving new food caddies as part of the new weekly food waste collection service. Residents will be provided with a small 7 litre caddy and a larger 23 litre food waste bin. The small caddy is

designed to be kept in the kitchen for collecting food waste, which can then be transferred into the external food waste bin for collection.

The external food waste bin is designed to be stored outside and has a lockable lid to contain any smells and prevent vermin getting in. The food waste will be collected every week which will also help prevent smells.

This will be a change from the current collection service where food waste can be put in the garden waste bin as part of the subscription service. The new service will see food waste taken to a different facility for recycling from August 1st 2022

Chris Mills

District Councillor

Kineton Ward