

## **County Councillor report Butlers Marston Parish Council Meeting 28th September 2023**

### **Suicide Prevention**

If you are struggling or know someone else who is, visit Dear Life for advice and access to support: <https://www.dearlife.org.uk/>

### **Help from WCC**

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>

### **Domestic abuse accommodation**

Warwickshire County Council and domestic abuse service provider Refuge, have used Government funding to offer a new way to provide safe accommodation to anyone who may be affected by domestic abuse.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4473/warwickshire-county-council-commissions-domestic-abuse-accommodation-which-is-equitable-and-accessible-for-all>

### **Safe device charging**

In the wake of a recent house fire believed to have been caused by a tablet charger, Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service is urging residents to exercise caution when charging electronic devices.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4478/warwickshire-fire-rescue-service-issues-warning-about-charger-use-after-devastating-house-fire>

### **Business Fire Safety**

Businesses across Warwickshire are being advised to prepare for upcoming changes in fire safety legislation set to take effect on the 1st of October 2023.

Find out what this means for your business:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4540/warwickshire-businesses-urged-to-make-fire-safety-a-priority-ahead-of-changes-to-legislation>

### **Supporting young people and their mental health**

Everyone experiences ups and downs in their mental health. Learning how to protect your mental health and create positive mental health habits from an early age can help young people deal with stressful times.

Read more about the support available

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4433/supporting-young-people-and-their-mental-health>

### **Taking care of your memory**

September is World Alzheimer's Month and Warwickshire County Council is using the month to help people learn more about dementia.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4477/taking-care-of-your-memory>

### **Reducing chances of developing dementia**

There is currently no way we can completely prevent dementia, but research suggests there are some simple things we can do to reduce the risk of developing certain types of dementia. For further information visit <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/reducing-your-risk/>

## **Caring for someone with dementia**

If you or someone you know has dementia, there are services available to support you.

Support services can help you to navigate a dementia diagnosis, understanding what the next steps are and help you to manage the changes in your life.

Find out more at <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

## **RAAC in Warwickshire schools**

Warwickshire County Council has produced an update about reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in the County's schools.

**WCC maintained schools:** of these, one school has been impacted - Outwoods Primary School in Atherstone. Warwickshire County Council invested £170k of its capital over the summer in mitigations and had agreed these with DfE.

**Academy schools in the County:** Myton and Aylesford Schools in Warwick have been affected. Other academies may be identified through ongoing DfE surveys, but we cannot advise on the progress of these as they are not overseen by WCC. Both academies have longer mitigation periods. We are offering all help and support to the schools, including potential temporary solutions.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4479/reinforced-autoclaved-aerated-concrete-raac-in-warwickshire-update>

## **Support for children and young people returning to school this September**

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is offering guidance and support for parents and carers to help their children and young people return to school in September.

Read more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4422/support-for-children-and-young-people-returning-to-school-this-september>

## **Secondary school applications**

Parents and carers of children starting in Year 6 this week are being asked to apply for their child's secondary school place by the deadline of 31 October 2023.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4474/warwickshire-year-6-children-are-invited-to-apply-for-their-secondary-school-place>

## **Huge boost for electric vehicle charging in Warwickshire**

It's great news for residents as new government funding will allow charging points in the County.

The Council has been allocated £3.295m from Tranche 1 of the government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capital Fund, which is made available to regions so that they can increase the number of EV charging points in their area. Based on current estimates, this funding will allow for the delivery of 2000 charging sockets at both on-street and in car park locations. The Council has already begun its discussions with partners in the Districts and Boroughs to identify suitable sites. The Council is also carrying out a trial to allow home-charging on terraced streets using cable protectors, which forms a part of its commitment to providing a range of charging options that address the needs of anyone wanting to switch to an electric vehicle in Warwickshire.

## **Nominate a location for EV Charging**

Can you help by getting involved and suggesting possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county?

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/request-new-electric-charging-point>

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Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to get involved and suggest possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county.

The Council is particularly interested in hearing about those areas where there is a high demand for electric vehicle charging, such as: Residential streets with no off-street parking. Public car parks.  
Rural locations

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/request-new-electric-charging-point>

### **Kineton High School**

Following a meeting with the project leads from the DfE, I am pleased to report that the sports block will be handed over mid-November and that the main building is on track for completion in Spring 2024.

Chris Mills

County Councillor