

County Councillor report Kineton Parish Council Meeting 24th September 2024

Devolution deal for Warwickshire

The County Council is delighted to announce that the Government has indicated its intention to move forward with a devolution agreement for Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5573/devolution-deal-for-warwickshire>

Preparing for extreme cold weather

As we head towards Autumn, take a moment to learn how you can become Better Prepared for extreme cold weather, on the Warwickshire Resilience Forum website. Visit

<https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/extreme-cold-weather/>

Apply for secondary school places

Parents and carers of children who have just started in Year 6 are being asked to apply for their child's secondary school place by the deadline of 31 October 2024. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5570/warwickshire-year-6-children-are-invited-to-apply-for-their-secondary-school-place>

RSV vaccination in pregnancy and older people

If you're 28 weeks pregnant you are eligible to have the respiratory syncytial virus RSV vaccination to protect your unborn baby.

The UK will become the first country in the world to have a national programme that uses the same vaccine to protect both newborns and older adults against RSV.

The rollout, which started on 1st September 2024 in England, includes a vaccine for those over 75 and a one-off campaign for people aged 75 to 79. These are the groups at the greatest risk from RSV, based on advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. Older people are vulnerable to the disease, which can lead to hospitalisation

Support to pay household bills

If you are struggling to pay your utility bills, you can look to Warwickshire County Council for support. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5542/apply-for-support-to-pay-household-bills>

Dementia Connect in Warwickshire (for anyone living with dementia and their carers)

Dementia Connect in Warwickshire is available for everyone affected by dementia. This service is commissioned by Warwickshire County Council and delivered by Alzheimer's Society across Warwickshire. People affected by dementia whether they have a diagnosis or are a carer can self-refer to Dementia Connect. Contact number (charged at local rates): **0333 150 3456**.

There are lots of support services in Warwickshire to provide help for the person who has been diagnosed with dementia as well as loved ones around them. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5561/supporting-people-with-dementia-to-maintain-independence>

AskSARA

AskSARA is an award-winning online self-help guide providing expert advice and information on products and equipment for older adults and people with disabilities. AskSara Warwickshire is an easy to use website available 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5569/asksara-an-award-winning-online-self-help-guide-for-warwickshire-residents>

All-electric buses in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council is moving closer to its ambitions to be net zero by 2050 following the announcement that the county has allocated significant funding to commission 27 all electric buses. At the cabinet meeting on Thursday, 5 September 2024, the decision was taken to add £13.864 million to the Capital Programme for the Warwickshire Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA)2 Scheme. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5533/27-all-electric-buses-on-their-way-as-zero-emission-scheme-is-approved>

Tree planting funding

The application window for community groups to apply for funding to create new orchards and micro woods has been extended until the end of 2024. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5509/community-groups-given-longer-to-apply-for-tree-planting-funding-in-warwickshire>

Local Councils' Charter

Warwickshire County Council has approved a refreshed Local Councils' Charter, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening partnerships with local

communities. The Charter outlines how the County Council will work with Parish Councils to improve services and decision-making at local level. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5532/warwickshire-county-council-welcomes-refreshed-local-councils-charter>

Registering birds

Do you keep ducks, geese or chickens in your back garden or smallholding or allow your pet parrot or budgerigar to go outside? If so, you will need to register them by 1 October 2024. WCC's Trading Standards Animal Health Team want to make smallholders aware of this new measure to help tackle the ongoing risk of Avian Flu and other bird diseases. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5552/pet-owners-and-smallholders-are-urged-to-register-their-birds>

Police and Crime Commissioner Survey 2024

Help to shape the Future of Policing in Warwickshire

Warwickshire's Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe, has launched a public survey seeking vital feedback on the key priorities that will shape the next Police and Crime Plan. Have your say: <https://warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/shape-the-future-of-policing-in-warwickshire-public-survey-now-open/>

County Councillor Grants

Round 2 Grant Applications opened on 23rd September and will close 3rd November 2024

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