

## **District Councillor's report**

**Lighthorne Parish Council 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

### **Stratford District Council merger with Warwick District Council**

At the Full Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December a debate was held on the proposed merger between Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council. Although the vote was not unanimous, it was voted to agree to the merger which should take place in 2024.

### **Covid-19**

At present the district is experiencing its highest level of cases since the start of the pandemic. The current rate per 100,000 over 7 days (3 day lag) is 621.6, the previous high was at the start of October when the same rate reached 605. The district is well ahead of the County average, which is currently 507.4, with the next highest district being Rugby whose rates are currently 529.4.

There is quite a range in the case rates across the age bands. The highest rates are amongst those aged 5-14 where the rates are above 2,100, however, there are also extremely high rates in those aged 35-39 (827.9) and 40-44 (1064.0). In the older age groups the figure are very much lower with no cases in the 80-84 age band and those aged 90+, with a rate of 69.1 for those aged 85-89. Overall, the rate in the over 60s is now below 100 at 98.9.

### **No Changes to refuse and recycling collections over the festive period**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is reminding residents that there will be no changes to refuse and recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year period.

#### **Extra Waste**

If you have any additional recycling, you can place it in a ridged box or container next to your blue-lidded bin for collection.

### **Police target Drink and Drug Drivers as part of National NPCC Operation**

Warwickshire Police will be proactively targeting suspected drink and drug drivers and raising awareness of the serious penalties they can face during the National Christmas anti-drink drug driving operation that started on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is because in 2020 despite lockdown, 3 people in Warwickshire lost their lives as the result of a collision where drink or drugs was a factor.

