

**Lighthorne Parish Council 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**County Councillor's Report**

**School Funding**

**Great News for Kineton High School**

Three of Warwickshire's Secondary Schools are celebrating after being successful in their bids as part of the Government's School Rebuilding Programme.

Kineton High, Southam College and Hartshill School will all undergo major rebuild and development at their sites. An investment of around £60million has been secured for these three schools via this programme.

The work will be funded and project-managed by the Department of Education. Warwickshire County Council is facilitating the delivery of the rebuilds, which will enable expected progress at each school to be seen within the next 12 months.

**Warwickshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026**

At the full meeting of Warwickshire County Council on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the Council approved the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026 that sets out the Board's ambitions and approach to ensure support is effective and available where it is most needed.

**Covid-19 Update 9th April 2021**

The positive news is continuing and our number of cases are still going in the right direction thanks to everyone's compliance and the success of the vaccine rollout as the rate of infections are down to 32/100,000 from 44 last week, the over 60's rate has remained at 7/100,000 (7 last week) with just three cases over the last seven days – which when compared to other districts in Warwickshire for all ages is Nuneaton & Bedworth 42/100,000, North Warwickshire 72/100,000, Warwick 28/100,000 and Rugby 54/100,000.

Stratford-on-Avon District has also been revealed as the top district in the UK for the highest percentage of vaccine uptake by the over 50's – which is a fantastic achievement by our NHS professionals and all the volunteers plus of course residents taking up the vaccine offer.

Continuing this positive note, the situation regarding SWFT Hospital Beds has remained at similar levels, there are now 3 (3) confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 1 (2) patients in ICU (figures in brackets are from 2 April). Occupancy levels have increased to 88% in respect of non-Covid patients for elective surgery and there are 46 unoccupied general and acute beds.

There have been no further Covid related deaths across Stratford District over the last week and remain at 140 from the start of this second wave (28<sup>th</sup> August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 90 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 907 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 has now increased to 660 from 656 last week with a total of 3733 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 308 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1261.

The locally led Lateral Flow Testing facility for people WITHOUT coronavirus symptoms in Stratford has now carried out 25,477 tests with 87 positive results. The home testing service is still available to everyone with COVID-19 symptoms and can be accessed through the [home testing online portal](#).

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## **County Elections 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

I am sad to say that after 22 years' service at both County and District Councils, I will not be standing for re-election. As you are aware I am still undergoing chemotherapy treatment for the foreseeable future and not enjoying the best of health.

I have much enjoyed working with Lighthorne Parish Council and send my best wishes for the future to all residents. I will not be joining you at your meeting for which I apologise but should you have any queries or issues that I can help you with please do not hesitate to contact me by email and I will reply as soon as I am able.

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