

County Councillors report Lighthorne Parish Council

10th August 2021

COVID-19 cases rise across Warwickshire

More Information on Coronavirus

- Please go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/> for local information on Covid-19
- You can also visit our Stay Safe website <https://staysafecsw.info/>

Have your say: Warwickshire County Council launches consultation on future bus services

Warwickshire residents are being asked to share their views to help shape an ambitious plan for the future of bus services in Warwickshire.

WCC is engaging with groups and individuals across the county to get their views, including residents; bus operators; public transport user groups; rail stakeholders; business groups; voluntary groups; hospitals and emergency services; Borough and District Councils; Parish and Town Councils; Warwickshire MPs; Highways England and neighbouring local authorities.

Warwickshire County Council want to hear from as many residents as possible to help shape our BSIP and make sure that it reflects our communities right across the county.

Have your say - how to take part

- Click on the link to complete the survey online: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/bus-service-improvement-plan/consult_view/

The closing date to complete the survey is Sunday 19th September 2021

Summer support for families and individuals facing hardship

Warwickshire County Council continues to help local families and individuals facing hardship over the next few months.

Additional funding has been allocated to every council for families with children, other vulnerable households, and individuals to ensure that people who are struggling have the support they need for food, essential items, and utilities.

Warwickshire's share of the Government grant is £1.322m and the council will be distributing the latest allocation of the COVID Local Support Grant to families eligible for benefits related free school meals and others in need of support over the period when schools are closed for the summer. People can contact the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme for a confidential discussion about their circumstance on 01926 359182 or 0800 408 1448. More information about the Scheme can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

For information about wider support from the council and other services, go to:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Council launches small grants to support Warwickshire's youth work organisations

Warwickshire County Council grants are available for small community and voluntary sector groups that provide youth work services for 11–18-year-olds across the county.

Individual organisations can make bids for between £3,000 - £5,000 of funding to support the delivery of youth work for a minimum of 12 months, starting in September 2021. The deadline for submission is Monday the 9 August 2021.

For more information and to access the Terms of Reference and application form, please go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/services-children-young-people/targeted-youth-support-tys/5>

Council Children's Services shortlisted for LGC Award

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has been shortlisted as a finalist in the LGC Awards 2021 in the 'Children's Services' category.

The LGC Awards is about recognising the most exceptional local government talent.

Funded by the Local Government Association (LGA), WCC took part in a project that used behaviour insight to re-design training for schools to support them with safeguarding decision-making to protect children and young people in Warwickshire from harm.

For more information on the support available for children and families in Warwickshire go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies>

Warwickshire continues success in keeping young people in education, employment or training

A recent publication from the Department for Education (DfE) has shown that, once again, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is one of the most successful local authorities in the country for ensuring 16 and 17 year old residents are either in education, employment or training.

The DfE require all local authorities to collect and report information about a young person's post-16 activity on a monthly basis. Warwickshire's numbers of young people either not in education, employment, or training (NEETs) are currently standing at around two thirds of both the regional and national average.

This marks a trend in which Warwickshire has been excelling in recent years and the county is now placed amongst the highest performing areas of England

More information about Warwickshire's support for NEET children in Warwickshire can be found online: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/neet>

Around 17,000 children in Warwickshire to benefit from activity and food programme over the summer break from school

The holiday activities and food programme 2021 (HAF) is a government scheme providing funding to Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and other local authorities to coordinate free, enriching holiday activities and healthy food for families eligible for benefits-related free school meals and including

children with additional needs.

To get involved the families of 17,000 children were sent a HAF code at the start of the summer break. The code allows them to book from a selection of activities from around 90 providers during school holidays promoted via the council's Family Information Service. They include a wide range of experiences including horse riding, sport camps, arts and craft activities, gymnastics and much more.

“Plant a tree for the Jubilee” - The Queen’s Green Canopy

Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Lieutenancy are encouraging individuals, schools, community groups and businesses to get involved in a unique, tree planting initiative, [The Queen’s Green Canopy](#) (QGC), to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022

Anyone can get involved by planting a tree during the forthcoming planting season which runs from October 2021 until March 2022: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

From October 2021 you can add your Jubilee tree to the [QGC map](#).

Get involved

For advice on how to secure a healthy tree which is right for your location; where to plant your tree, as well as the chance to get a free sapling to plant in your area visit:

[The Queen's Green Canopy Plan](#)

For more information about how Warwickshire County Council is facing the challenges of human-influenced climate change, visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/theclimateemergency