

County Councillor Report. Lighthorne Parish Council

14th December 2021

Warwickshire County Council Successful in bid for Government's Community Renewal Fund

Warwickshire County Council as the lead authority for Warwickshire, is to receive funding of over £2.7m from the Government's Community Renewal Fund to invest in skills and training, to boost business growth and to support people into employment.

Warwickshire County Council Adult and Children Social care

There is an increasing and continuing demand on Adult Social Care. At present, Warwickshire County Council are spending more than £159m per year on ASC alone. This has been exacerbated by the Covid pandemic which has brought with it a lot of mental health issues

Children and young people in Warwickshire to benefit from Autism and Educational Project

Children and young people in Warwickshire are to benefit from a new educational project to improve Autism support in schools. This project is set to run from November 2021 to July 2022. It is difficult to measure the prevalence of autism as there have been inconsistencies in diagnosis over time and across locations. The assessment suggested that there were an estimated 4,777 people living with autism in Warwickshire and 3,197 in Coventry. The estimated cost of supporting people with autism is £9,177m.

New Peer Mentoring project to support young adult's mental health

Coventry and Warwickshire Mind (CWM) has been appointed by Warwickshire County Council to manage and deliver a new and innovative peer mentoring project. The yearlong project to support young adults aged 18-25 across the region with their mental health is funded by Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and was launched on 6th December.

Warwickshire Poultry and Captive Bird Keepers Need to Act

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Animal Health Team is alerting Warwickshire poultry and captive bird keepers across the county to new bird housing measures which came into force on Monday 29th November. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-latest-situation-avian-influenza-prevention-zone-declared-across-great->

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Scam Awareness Rogue Traders and Scams reported to Trading Standards by Warwickshire residents

Bogus mattress sellers. The sellers sometimes claim that the mattresses wear meant for new build homes but are now surplus to requirement and can be sold cheap.

Spoofed meal delivery kits. Fraudsters are spoofing popular meal delivery kit companies.

NHS COVID pass Fraud. Criminals are using the NHS COVID Pass to target the public by convincing them to hand over money, financial details, and personal information.

Bogus iPhone 13 deals

Warwickshire residents have reported receiving unsolicited emails and cold calls from criminals, falsely claiming to be Carphone Warehouse. The criminals offer ‘very good deals’ on iPhone 13s and try to get consumers to agree to enter into a contract. However, once the criminals have obtained your personal and financial information and taken payments, they disappear! Never give your personal or financial information to cold callers.

Residents urged to do the right thing to reduce the spread of COVID-19

Following a government announcement on 27th November, face coverings will be compulsory in shops and other settings such as banks, post offices and hairdressers as well as public transport. With Cases of COVID-19 on the rise in the last few weeks in the Stratford District, Public Health Warwickshire are urging residents to protect themselves to minimise the spread of the virus. Stratford District is 3rd highest in Warwickshire and seems to be more prevalent in the more affluent areas. The Omicron variant is now seen in the East Midlands and Southwest London with three confirmed cases in Warwickshire. Dr Sharde Agboola, Director of Public Health at Warwickshire County Council is advocating “Hands Face Space” to help minimise the risk of spreading the virus.

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