

## County Councillor report Lighthorne Parish Council 12th April 2022

### Ukraine

#### Support for communities during the Ukraine crisis

A new page has been created to signpost to the various support groups, organisations and information supporting Ukrainian people living in the UK.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2783/support-for-communities-during-the-ukraine-crisis>

### Support for Ukraine

Statement at Full Council Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March

*Warwickshire County Council is disturbed by the horrific devastation in Ukraine, and the escalating humanitarian crisis facing the Country. In light of this, and as a way of expressing support for members of our communities who are from or have ties with Ukraine.*

- a. The Council Condemns the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, their families, and friends, including those local to Warwickshire.
- b. Stands ready to provide support to those affected by this war and will open their arms to people displaced and affected.
- c. Will work with and support the efforts of our local communities to provide help and comfort to those in need

### Papyrus Prevention of Young Suicide in Warwickshire

With funding awarded to Papyrus from Warwickshire Covid-19 Mental Wellbeing and Resilience Fund Papyrus is working County Wide across Warwickshire to create “suicide-safer” communities.

**Aims:** to understand the prevalence and impact of suicide

To explore the language, and challenges, when talking openly about suicide

To recognise the “signs” that may indicate someone is having second thoughts of suicide

To consider how we can all contribute to a suicide-safer community.

Available dates to book your place:

27th April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July.

For enquiries Contact: [westmidlands@papyrus.uk.org](mailto:westmidlands@papyrus.uk.org) with subject heading warwickshire22/SP-OT

## **Become a Loneliness Ambassador-Warwickshire County Council**

The Council is looking for people who can help those who are lonely and isolated by: Promoting the Loneliness Campaign. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/become-loneliness-ambassador>

## **Child Exploitation in Warwickshire**

Child exploitation is child abuse and although a child may not realise they are being abused, it puts the young victim at huge risk of damage to their physical emotional and psychological health.

Know how to spot the signs: <http://somethingsnotright.co.uk>

## **Child friendly Easter activities for Warwickshire children and young people**

Eligible children 5 to 16 can attend up to four free activities over the Easter break as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme supported by Warwickshire County Council. The local HAF scheme is part of the nationwide government initiative aimed at children in reception through to year 11 inclusive who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Details of the HAF Easter activities can be found here:

<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/directory/46/haf-easter-activities>

## **Save lives by regularly checking smoke alarms**

After a series of house fire related incidents, Warwickshire residents are encouraged to make fire safety a priority by ensuring they have enough smoke alarms in their homes and that they are in working order.

## **Safer Streets Warwickshire**

Agencies across Warwickshire have secured £249k in funding from the Home Office's Safer Streets fund to increase safety on Warwickshire's streets.

## **Step into Hospitality**

Sign up for 3-day workshop with guaranteed work interviews at end.  
25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> (3 days).

Apply 07852 030334 e-mail [gdrake@pet-xi.co.uk](mailto:gdrake@pet-xi.co.uk)

## **Hospitality Jobs Fair**

A host of local employers currently recruiting  
41 Guild Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6QY  
From 10.00-2.00. 29<sup>th</sup> April

## **DON'T FORGET**

### **County Councillor Grants**

Additional funding of £2,000 was agreed for the County Councillor grants scheme to support the Council's Community Powered Warwickshire approach. Therefore, the Councillor's Grants Scheme will increase to £8,000 to help fund local worthwhile projects.

To find out more please contact Michelle Gravatt at [michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### **Warwickshire Matters** *Article put out by Monica Fogarty Chief Executive WCC*

Theme of the Month: Warwickshire Legal Services

Warwickshire County Council's greatest contact with Town and Parish Councils comes through the legal team. They provided advice to several Town and Parish Councils on matters of varying size and complexity over a number of years. Those matters can range from employment advice and tribunal support to commercial and projects advice on involvement in regeneration projects or how to deal with managing public spaces.

Warwickshire County Council are always happy to discuss with Town and Parish Council colleague's issues that may arise and whether we can help in any way, and to explore opportunities for training and support more generally. The Council aim to provide practically focussed and commercial legal advice that is cost effective and that brings a genuine understanding of the public sector to the matter at hand. The Council provides a shared local authority perspective coupled with a broader resource of experts able to assist.

## **Queen's Green Canopy**

Have you planted a tree yet to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee?  
Remember to add your tree to the QGC map which will be presented to Her Majesty the Queen as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Visit: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/ggc-map/#/>

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