

County Councillor report Lighthorne Parish Council 12th July 2022

SEND Inspection Framework

Warwickshire has been selected as one of the local areas across the UK to take part in a pilot to support Ofsted and CQC to develop a new SEND inspection framework.

Warwickshire will pilot the new inspection framework to inform its development and provide feedback on the methodology. As part of the pilot, the inspectors will follow their new draft framework to help to inform future inspections.

Ofsted and CQC have identified the features of effective local SEND arrangements from research, previous inspection evidence and consultation with children, young people, families, leaders, and practitioners. During the pilot, inspectors will evaluate the impact for children and young people and how the local area partnership work together to plan, evaluate, and develop the SEND system.

For more information, please go to: duanechappell@warwickshire.gov.uk

Part-time Fostering in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council is asking residents who have thought about fostering to consider becoming a family link carer, which offers a level of fostering on a part-time basis. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3010/help-to-create-a-child-friendly-warwickshire-by-fostering-part-time>

Conviction rates for domestic abuse perpetrators

Warwickshire County Council and its partners, including Warwickshire Police, saw domestic abuse conviction rates rise above the national average during the first half of 2022.

Counselling for victims-survivors of domestic abuse

Warwickshire County Council has commissioned a new therapy service to help support victim-survivors of domestic abuse, across the County

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3016/new-counselling-service-available-for-victim-survivors-of-domestic-abuse-in-warwickshire>

Green Shoots Fund open to applications

Community and voluntary groups. Get your applications in now for the second round of funding for Warwickshire County Council Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

Read more: : <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3008/the-green-shoots-community-fund-is-open-for-applications-from-climate-positive-projects>

Early Years Education Funding

Parents of young children across the county are being encouraged to contact their local early years provider and find out how they can access their child's Early Education Funding.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3029/are-you-accessing-your-child-s-early-years-education-funding->

Tackling loneliness funding

58 groups and individuals have received a total of £47,000 in grant funding, as part of a project which aims to reduce loneliness and social isolation throughout the county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3035/funding-awarded-to-community-groups-tackling-loneliness>

All Age Carer Wellbeing and Support Service

Following a rigorous tender process, Warwickshire County Council is pleased to announce Carers Trust, Heart of England, will continue as a provider for carers support. Read

more; <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3038/new-all-age-carer-wellbeing-and-support-service-for-warwickshire-carers>

Updated COVID-19 guidance

The UKHSA has issued an update to confirm that in recent weeks the West Midlands has seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. The recent press release contains the latest information and data:

To continue to support our residents to reduce their risk of catching and spreading COVID-19 we ask you to share messages encouraging people to:

- Get vaccinated*
- Wear a face covering in indoor public places*
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and avoid contact with others*

· Let fresh air in if you are meeting indoors For further information, visit www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19 For a list of all bookable and walk-in vaccination clinics, please visit www.happyhealthylives.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination or www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/

Plastic Free July 2022

Residents are urged to ditch the plastic with a series of helpful tips as part of Warwickshire County Council's support for the Plastic Free July campaign.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3041/be-a-part-of-the-solution-this-plastic-free-july-2022>

Warwickshire County Council outlines support and services available from Shire Hall

Shire Hall Meet and Greet can offer support with:

- WCC Library services: Including printing & photocopying, accessing computers, and providing general local information.
- Taking post for Warwickshire County Council departments: For example, Blue Badge and concessionary travel applications.
- Signposting to online information and contact numbers: For WCC and Warwick District Council services and other local services.
- Assisting with Concessionary Travel Applications: Appointments must be pre-arranged.
- Greeting people for their registrar appointment.
- Providing WCC-issued documents for public collection.
- In addition, Warwick Library and Warwick Post Office are also based on the ground floor of Shire Hall.

A full list of services is provided here: <https://bit.ly/shire-hall-services>

Shire Hall Meet and Greet is open Monday to Thursday: 8:00am to 5:30pm and Friday: 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Warwickshire MJ Awards

Monica Fogarty has been selected as National Chief Executive of the year for Warwickshire County Council.

Nigel Minns was selected as National Corporate Director of the Year for Warwickshire County Council

Chris Mills. Kineton and Red Horse