

County Councillor report Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 11th October 2022

Gigafactory Update

Warwickshire is among a shortlist of locations in the UK chosen as trailblazers for the Government's new flagship 'IZs', or Investment Zones.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3280/gigafactory-among-sites-shortlisted-by-chancellor-to-form-part-of-the-uk-s-trailblazing-investment-zones>

SEND Community Forum

Community groups across Warwickshire working with families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are being invited to join a newly established SEND Community Forum.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3285/community-groups-invited-to-make-a-difference->

All Age Carers Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire's informal carers are gearing up to welcome a new wellbeing service, designed for carers, by carers themselves.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3289/warwickshire-carers-to-welcome-the-new-all-age-carers-wellbeing-service>

Cost-of-Living Recommendations

The Cabinet Supported the Council's approach and support package aimed at alleviating the cost-of-living pressures in Warwickshire and has endorsed the proposed allocation of the £3.47m Household Support Grant (HSG) for use between October 2022 and March 2023. Living costs have been steadily rising nationally since early 2021 due to a range of factors including the impact of the Pandemic, the war in Ukraine, the increase in consumer price inflation, increasing demand in consumer goods and materials and the rapidly rising costs of energy, food and fuel. This unprecedented combination of events at a global and national level leaves the country facing a period of significant uncertainty and a very challenging financial outlook in the short- to medium-term. The magnitude of cost-of-living pressures, which some predict will result in the biggest fall in living standards since the 1950s, will have significant impacts on the residents, communities and businesses of Warwickshire and will require a focused response, combining activity at national, regional, and local levels. The Government has very recently made announcements which introduce a package of measures intended to mitigate the impacts of cost-of-living increases. At a local

level we will do everything we reasonably can within available financial resources to alleviate the impact of the cost-of-living increases on Warwickshire households and businesses.

Warwickshire County Council has confirmed its commitment to ensuring that residents have access to the support and assistance they need to help with the cost of living.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3313/warwickshire-county-council-commits-to-cost-of-living-support>

Stoptober 2022

Stoptober is back and Warwickshire County Council is encouraging smokers who are thinking about quitting to join in with thousands of others and quit for the month of October.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3314/start-your-quitting-journey-this-stoptober->

Reducing loneliness in Warwickshire

Community groups and individuals who received funding for projects to reduce social isolation and loneliness are reaching out to people and bringing them together.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3337/a-look-at-the-communities-working-to-reduce-loneliness-in-warwickshire>

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