

## **County Councillor Report Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2023**

### **Health and the High Cost of Living**

This year, Warwickshire's Director of Public Health Annual Report focused on the rising cost of living and the impact this has on the health and wellbeing of people across the county.

The rising cost of living is yet another reminder that our environment shapes and influences health. Not being able to afford essentials such as food, hot water, heating, and rent or mortgage payments can significantly negatively affect physical and mental health and wellbeing.

### **UK Says No More to Domestic Abuse 2023**

Warwickshire County Council and partners are uniting to say NO MORE to Domestic Abuse as part of a national campaign.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3996/warwickshire-supports-uk-says-no-more-to-domestic-abuse-2023-campaign>

### **Community Autism Support Service**

The Coventry & Warwickshire Community Autism Support Service (CASS) is a low-level support service for children, young people and adults who are on the neurodevelopmental waiting list for an autism diagnosis, or who have previously received a diagnosis but require support to manage their needs.

In April 2023, this service will also be relaunched to include additional service elements of a navigation function to be a single point of access for queries relating to neurodiversity and peer mentoring to offer guidance and support.

### **Government Emergency Alerts system**

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live.

The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger. It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4062/government-emergency-alerts-system-what-you-need-to-know>



### **Adult Social Care Services Feedback Event**

Warwick District Council are holding a free online event for anyone who uses Adult Social Care Services in Warwickshire, or cares for someone who does.

Monday 17 April 2023, 2pm.

We are inviting you to talk about your experiences, both good and bad.

You can also telephone our staff if you prefer 01926 422823:

Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm.

### **SEND provision receives a boost in Warwickshire.**

At its meeting on Thursday 16 March 2023, Warwickshire County Cabinet unanimously agreed to projects that would add an additional 60 places to the County's SEND provision as part of the Education Capital Programme.

The expansion of schools that meet the needs of learners with SEND, in line with population growth, is a priority to ensure that there are enough places. Nuneaton & Bedworth and Warwick have been identified as areas with a high demand for SEND places across all year groups.

### **Stress Awareness Month 2023**

April is stress awareness month and Warwickshire County Council is reminding people of the support available to help residents recognise and manage stress through improving their general wellbeing.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4076/focus-on-wellbeing-in-stress-awareness-month>



### Coronation Champions Awards

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to nominate their local voluntary heroes for the Coronation Champions Awards.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4034/nominate-your-local-community-hero-for-a-coronation-champions-award>



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Kineton and Red Horse