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County Councillors report as of 21st January 2024

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General

Happy New Year to everyone. My priorities are:

- To keep the pressure on the County with regards to Flooding issues
- Ensure that the potholes and road repairs are carried out in a timely manner.
- Look at installing more Electric Vehicle charging points with your Parish Council
- Use the data from the speed strips to develop a plan for speed reduction where needed and where it is supported by the data.

Claverdon Specific

Speed monitoring – Don't forget that I will fund up top 4 sets of speed data strips to collect volume, speed, and vehicle classification, just give me the locations and a what3words reference and I will put them on order. When the data comes back, I will let you have it so that you can decide whether there is an actual risk or a perceived risk and any course of action/solution that you might think would help. I can then review this and submit it for consideration as a speed reduction or safety scheme.

Flooding issues

I haven't been made aware of any specific flooding issues in Claverdon but do let me know if this is incorrect and I will look to get these investigated.

I have sent a note from County this week, a precis follows: You will be aware that Warwickshire is one of eight local authorities in the country which received notification from government this week of potential financial support for residents, business owners and farmers that have been affected by flooding. However, critical to our eligibility for releasing this funding is the need to meet the 50 flooded properties threshold set out in the funding criteria. This requires that at least 50 properties have been confirmed as having been flooded. Can I please ask that if you are aware of any residents in your Parish that have been affected by the flooding that you encourage them to contact our Flood Risk Management Team so that they can be confirmed, and potential funding can be released. They can do this really simply through the Council's website at: [Flood Risk Management – Warwickshire County Council](#) Alternatively email the team with the details and we will get someone to drop a leaflet off to them.

County Council Matters

- **Fire stations** – There is a public consultation on the future of several Fire stations, and it includes Henley Fire Station which the proposals indicate would become a "surge" station i.e., the tender would only be used if other stations cannot respond to an emergency. There is an issue with availability of the teams in some stations, but Henley has a good availability and response rate in comparison to others and it has the added responsibility of covering the motorways and neighbouring local authorities.
- If you have an opinion that you want to share, then the consultation process allows this, and it is open until 10th March so please take part in the survey whether you are for keeping Henley Fire Station as it is or support the proposal. In addition, there is a meeting planned for the 5th of February at the Memorial Hall, Henley at 7pm as part of the Henley JPC meeting. There are other meetings planned around the district so please consider going along top one as it is your chance to ask questions of the Chief Fire Officer and the Portfolio Holder
- **There is a link further down to the Resourcing to Risk survey.**



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Council Tax - WCC confirm that the County Council Council Tax will increase by 4.99% in April (2.99% plus 2% for Adult Social Care). Further details were included in last month's report.

Other County Council issues

Claverdon Small works - Let me know if you have any small roadworks, white lining, or Rights of Way issues I will investigate these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted. Potholes should be reported through the directly on the WCC website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues>

As reported last month Rishi Sunak announced an **£8.3 billion boost for roads** – enough to **resurface over 5,000 miles of road** and the largest ever funding increase for the improvement of local roads. Well-maintained road surfaces save drivers up to **£440 each** in vehicle repairs. For **Warwickshire County Council** this funding package includes **£2,056,000** in additional road repair funding next year and at least **£120 million** over the next decade.

Police report

The nearest reports of crime over the last week to Wolverton are as follows

HENLEY • Suspicious Circumstances. Arden Road. Male in dark clothing seen near to parked vehicles. Caller concerned regards their intentions. Male eventually ran off. No offences disclosed at the time. 2.25am Saturday 13th January. 0030 13/01/2024

CLAVERDON • Suspicious Circumstances. Station Road. Male dressed in dark clothing seen on driveway near to vehicles. He was carrying a screwdriver. Area search made by police. No offences disclosed at the time. 2.30am Friday 12th January. 0024 12/01/2024

EARLSWOOD • Burglary. Shutt Lane. Garage entered and hedge trimmer stolen. Intel from the area suggest that there was a suspicious vehicle in the area at 4.45am Saturday 13th January. 0055 13/01/2024

• **Burglary.** Small Lane. Entry gained to property through rear door / window. Untidy search made. Vehicle also stolen from the premises. Unsure of what other items were stolen. Found and reported, early evening Thursday 11th January. 0267 11/04/2024

• **Suspicious Circumstances.** Springbrook Lane. Dark blue pickup truck with rear cover seen on several occasions in the area. Caller concerned regards their motives. 5pm Monday 8th January. 0267 08/01/2024



Resourcing to Risk Consultation

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue is looking at its service delivery model as part of the Resourcing to Risk approach. Please read about the need for change and comment on the proposals at: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/>

This could have a major effect on how the Fire station at Henley is used operationally and how it serves the residents of Henley and surrounding parishes.

Fire Service consultation information event – Henley

A new fire service consultation information event has been added for Henley-in-Arden on 22 February.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/resourcing-to-risk-information-session-henley-in-arden-tickets-799885006587>



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As always feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues that you feel I can help with, and I will do my absolute best to help.

Other County Wide news



Winter Vigilance Campaign

Heading out for New Year fun? You can play your part in keeping people safe. Stay alert to anything that doesn't feel right. Tell a member of staff, security or police, or report online at www.gov.uk/ACT. You won't be wasting anyone's time.



Warm Welcome Hubs

Check out the Warwickshire Rural Community Council directory of Warm Hubs to find a local, warm, safe, inclusive place where you can expect a friendly welcome.

Find out more: www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/wrcc-warm-hubs/warm-hubs-network/



Report it: Flooding and drainage issues

Council officers are out across the county clearing our blocked gullies and drains following the recent flooding. If you spot any issues with blocked drains or gullies in your local community, please report it at <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit> and click on report flooding or drainage issue.

Reporting flooding

Reporting flooding to Warwickshire County Council will help the local authority plan future flood prevention measures. If floods directly impacting properties are not reported to Warwickshire County Council, you may miss out on Government support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4927/communities-urged-to-report-flooding-in-wake-of-storm-henk>



Freezing temperatures safety advice

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking residents to keep safety a priority with further freezing weather forecast over the coming days.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4930/safety-advice-issued-with-freezing-temperatures-set-to-continue>



Cold weather safety

With colder weather forecast to continue over the coming days, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking residents to prioritise safety for both their wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4912/residents-urged-to-be-careful-as-freezing-temperatures-expected-this-week>



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Applications for our three cadet schemes are now open.

Warwickshire Police cadets is for young people who wish to engage in a programme that offers them an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of policing, develop their spirit of adventure and good citizenship, while supporting their local policing priorities through



Public rights of way consultation

Warwickshire County Council is seeking views on all aspects of the county's rights of way as part of a new consultation exercise.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4910/it-s-time-to-have-your-say-on-warwickshire-s-rights-of-way>



Future Apprenticeships Fund

If you are an SME based in Warwickshire, you can now apply for three different funds to either recruit new talent or upskill your existing staff through an apprenticeship.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4919/applications-now-open-for-wcc-s-future-apprenticeships-fund>

Director of Public Health annual report

This year's annual report from Warwickshire's Director of Public Health, Dr. Shade Agboola, has now been published and has a focus on domestic abuse.

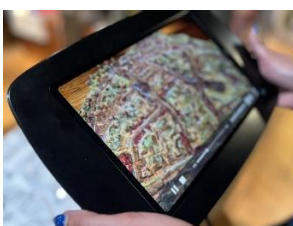
Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4916/director-of-public-health-annual-report-launched->



Children's social work recruitment

Embrace a new career challenge this year by joining Warwickshire County Council's Children and Family Service.

Find out how to apply: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4926/consider-working-in-children-s-social-work-to-be-part-of-child-friendly-warwickshire>



Great fire of Warwick exhibition

A catastrophic event in Warwickshire's history has been brought to life with the launch of an innovative exhibition at Market Hall Museum in Warwick.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4920/history-comes-alive-in-the-heart-of-warwick-with-new-augmented-reality-exhibit>



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Summary of Warwickshire Police Assembly on Sexting

Why do young people get involved in Sexting?

- Peer pressure
- Social Media pressures
- Teens might send a nude photo of themselves as a way of flirting
- A way to get compliments
- Might think it's the cool thing to do

Consequences of Sexting.....

- Nude photos can go viral
- Embarrassment
- Humiliation
- Could be bullied
- Blackmail (Photos are leverage)
- Could lead to individual being groomed - when a person builds a relationship with a child, young person, or an adult who's at risk so they can abuse them and manipulate them into doing things

What does the Law say... ? UNDER THE AGE OF 18 SEXTING IS ILLEGAL meaning it is illegal to:

- **Take or Make** sexual images of yourself or someone else
- **Distribute:** Show, send or upload these images
- **Possess:** Save these images on your phone, computer, or any other device

Consequences of Sexting for the offenders....

- You could go on the Sex Offenders Register (indecent images of a person under the age of 18 years old is classed as child pornography)
- You could get a criminal record which could affect your job prospects
- If you get a criminal record you may not be able to travel to certain countries like America or Australia

Help and support:

- **Warwickshire Police** – call 101, or in an emergency dial 999
- **Crimestoppers** – report crime anonymously on 0800 555 111
- **Parentline Plus** – national charity giving advice on all aspects of parenting, call free on 0808 800 22 22, or log on to www.parentlineplus.org.uk
- **Victim Support** – national charity helping victims of crime, call 0845 30 30 900 or visit www.victimsupport.org