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### County Councillors report as at 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

At this time of the year many Parishes hold an annual Parish Assembly which is a chance for local groups and volunteers to showcase what they do and what they have been doing over the last year. The ones I've already attended over the few weeks have been well attended and I am always amazed and interested to see how many different types of groups we have in our communities. There is literally something for everyone and the enthusiasm of the members is infectious and if I could I'd be joining groups in all ten parishes that I cover, but sadly, there is not enough time in my days to do this but I do get great pleasure in meeting residents at these Assemblies so if you ever wondered what groups are available in your village or parish then go along to the Parish Assembly, you are certain to be welcomed at the very informal evening.

I am available most days of the week and my day regularly starts at 8am and runs to 10pm some days. Contacting me by email is always best as I am often in meetings with residents, business owners, farmers, and officers.

In addition to the 4 themes below, I have received over 200 local requests on other issues ranging from potholes to broken or additional signage, double yellow lines, trees, and parking fines. I receive around 60 emails a day, that's more than 21,000 a year in my dual role as County Councillor for Arden Division and District Councillor for the Wootton Wawen Ward. As you can imagine, answering the phone with so many emails is challenging but luckily my wife, Christine, will often do this for me. Then there are the committee reports that I must read, the latest one is 286 pages long, brevity is definitely in short supply in local government. I usually have two or three of these a week.

My last 12 months have been dominated, locally, with 5 issues

- Flooding
- Speeding
- 20mph Scheme
- Parking issues
- Pot Holes

Flooding has been a big issue around my parishes, and it has been a challenge to keep gullies/drains/ ditches and culverts clear of silt and debris, but I have had many gullies/drains cleaned which does seem to have helped. There are only 3 gully cleaners to cover the whole of Warwickshire, so delays are commonplace. I am arranging to hire a gully cleaner for two weeks to deal with even more of these issues across my division. If you know of a blocked gully or drain let your Parish Council know or go to the County Council and enter it yourself as, obviously, we can't do anything about a blocked drain unless we know about it.

Speeding, like flooding, is a common issue across my division that covers from Wolverton (to the East) and takes in, Langley, Claverdon, Preston Bagot, Henley, Wootton Wawen, Ullenhall and Tanworth in Arden (including Earlswood). Data from the various speed lines that I funded from my budget is being reviewed by your subcommittee.

I have two 20mph schemes (Ullenhall and Henley in Arden) of which the Henley 20mph scheme is complete apart from the double yellow lines that should have been painted near to the Station. Now the weather is improving I have asked for this to be carried as soon as possible. Ullenhall's scheme will be completed this spring/summer.

County wise there are 4 big issues that account for 70% of the council tax that it receives. These are:

- Childrens services
- Adult Social Care
- SEND (Special education needs and disabilities)
- Home to School transport

The County Council receives approximately £490m each year in Council tax and business rates but over £375m is allocated to the 4 areas above. In addition, we receive a further £290m from the Government of which £180m is allocated for education services. Other areas we cover are the Fire Service, support for businesses, refuse disposal and much more as the table to the left shows.

**WW 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> . To report a Highway fault, use this link <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem> . I haven't included the log of outstanding items this month as very little has changed since last month.



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### Claverdon Specific

Ref	Issue	Action 1	Action 2	WCC
171	In other news, a lady from Yarningale Common has pointed out the 'SLOW' text on the road on Common Lane either side of the junction with Buttermilk Lane has virtually disappeared. I was just wondering if, when Highways come out to do the teeth and other speed calming measures in Claverdon they could also do those (and maybe the white line outside that house near Claverdon station who has been filling your inbox!)?		10/10/2023 DW will investigate - won't happen this year....limiting budget used 02/02/2024 this year	DW
175	Agreed to pay the £500 for traffic survey and drawings	Agreed with GS	29/01/2024 Job raised but will be in new financial year 04/03/2024 GS sent back costings from RSA over £15k	
181	Glasdon Gates	26/10/2023 Hazel Spiers requesting gates - IJS asked for details of where and the PC's agreement.		IJS
224	Breach Lane - jetting and road cleaning	10/01/2024 note sent to DW, jetting job raised DW has now spoken to Angela and she has informed me that the road will be swept next week.	01/03/2024 Jetting won't have been done YET ( DW) 02/04/2024 completed in last 2 weeks...CLOSE	DW
232	Chevrons on rugby club fence	01/03/2024 DW has requested Traffic Safety team to look into this	DW asked Martcin Fairlie to contact traffic and safety. DW has already sent this but remind Martin who to contact 02/04/2024 - DW g=ahs asked MF to contact Traffic & Safety to follow up on DW referring this.	DW
253	Yarningale Common - Flooding of resident's house	18/02/2024 Flood Team notified who have subsequently sent a note to resident- Resident must respond to the team	01/03/2024 Resident in Russia currently 13/05/2024 message from resident who has returned from Russia requiring help	IJS
272	Lye Green - Flooding issue	27/01/2024 Note sent to DW	01/03/2024 DW visiting...02/04/2024 Job raised by DW 6 12 month waiting list	DW
287	Refill slat bins, remove old bins in readiness for the new ones	04/03/2024 Note to Ken asking for more detail on location and colour.	08/03/2024 copied to DW 02/04/2024 Now approved	GS/DW
289	Hazel Spire is asking who represents WASPI in Parliament	04/03/2024 Note to Nadhim	CL:OSE	
296	Resident car was damaged by the pothole in REF 277 and has been informed by the claims team there is no liability on the part of WCC	08/03/2024 IJS send s note to Claims team		
317	speed sign by Red Lion rotted	17/04/2024 note to DW/ response rec'd - logged by DW		
319	Potholes opening up on the cats eyes on west side of A4189 from Claverdon to Henley in Arden	22/04/2024 Note to Dylan	10/05/2024 - DW arranging repairs	
320	. New 30mph Zone - Speed reduction to 30mph. To significantly reduce the speed through the village we need to create a wider 30mph zone. On the East & West side of the A4189 as you enter the Claverdon.....the Claverdon Village signs says 'Welcome to the village and please driver slowly' however at that point there is a 50mph speed limit, so vehicles are looking at driving at 50mph or more. Can we investigate extending the 30mph buffer zone through the exiting 40mph to 50 mpm posted speed limit	22/04/2024 Note sent to Graham	10/05/2024 GS investigating an will come back to me.	
324	request for speed strips			
327	remove growth over footpath between red lion and railway station			
330	Footpath overgrown from Kington Lane to Crown pub on West side of A4189			

**Flooding of homes – potential grants available - A reminder** - You will be aware that Warwickshire is one of eight local authorities in the country which received notification from government of potential financial support for residents, business owners and farmers that have been affected by flooding. 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.

#### Longer summer opening makes recycling easier at your friendly local recycling centre

Warwickshire County Council is reminding residents that recycling will become even easier with extended summer opening times in operation from 3 April.

Summer opening times for Burton **Farm, Cherry Orchard, Hunters Lane, Judkins, Lower House Farm and Princes Drive.**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9:30 am to 3:15 pm
- Wednesday - 9:30 am to 6:15 pm
- Saturday and Sunday - 8:30 am to 5:45 pm

### County News

**New Electric Vehicle Parking Policy** - Warwickshire County Council's commitment to achieving net zero across the county has taken a step forward as its Cabinet approved a new Electric Vehicle Parking Policy. **Warwickshire County Council's commitment to achieving net zero across the county has taken a step forward as Cabinet approved a new EV (Electric Vehicle) Parking Policy.** - This policy allows the council to make on-street EV charging bays 'EV-Only.' They can currently be used by all car types. Limiting availability to charging EVs only will enhance their availability for EV drivers across the county. The updated parking policy comes as electric vehicle ownership in the region continues to steadily increase and directly aligns with the council's transport and environmental aims of prioritising sustainable travel and reducing harmful emissions.



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### Strategic Economic Plan approved at Cabinet

 <p><b>Ambitious Growth</b></p> <p>Warwickshire aims to position itself as a dynamic and resilient economy, fostering prosperity, building on current sector strengths and supporting emerging sectors.</p> <p><b>Connecting to...</b> Inward investment, devolution, growth, transport, infrastructure</p>	 <p><b>Inclusive Growth</b></p> <p>Warwickshire will focus on nurturing a skilled workforce, aligned to the needs of industries, collaborating with skills and education provision. To develop an economy that works for all our residents, one that tackles existing inequalities and ensures that everyone benefits from a strong and prosperous business base.</p> <p><b>Connecting to...</b> Skills, careers, education, levelling up</p>	 <p><b>Sustainable Growth</b></p> <p>Warwickshire aims to embrace green technologies, reduce carbon emissions, and promote eco-friendly practices across businesses and communities.</p> <p><b>Connecting to...</b> Sustainability, community power, health and wellbeing</p>
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This is a Warwickshire-wide strategy that sets out the purpose for Warwickshire to have an economy that is ambitious, inclusive, and sustainable which will be achieved by working with a wide range of partners and focus on building a strong viable and resilient economy.

Work is already underway to establish a delivery plan that will underpin and help achieve the key objectives in the SEP.

Warwickshire's Strategic Economic Plan highlights the work that the county and its partners are doing with three pillars that are key to developing an economy that is

- fit for the future
- that will grow and create jobs for all of the county's communities
- and will be sustainable and contribute to the county's net zero carbon emission targets.

The three pillars of the Strategic Economic Plan each have dedicated areas of focus which includes the actions that will be taken to create impact and the outcomes.

The Ambitious Growth pillar encompasses supporting businesses with high growth potential to start or scale i.e., grow organically at a manageable rate and a future economic strategy will seek to increase the numbers of businesses accessing finance. It highlights how the county council will continue to foster research and development.

The infrastructure of the transport system and digital connectivity and ensuring that land supply meets the needs of growth are key aspects.

Talent – attracting and retaining it with high-quality employment – is integral to Warwickshire's growth. There are plans to work with the Department for Business and Trade to investigate potential for exporting.

The Inclusive Growth pillar will target support for employment and will look to work on the outstanding success of the Warwickshire Supported Employment Service, which has made such strides since its launch in engaging some of the county's residents who have previously struggled to find employment with businesses. It will also bring together local partners such as the Growth Hub and the Chamber of Commerce and national partners including the Department for Work and Pensions.

Raising aspirations in low output areas of the county and developing clear career pathways will be among the targeted support for employment, as the strategy seeks to level up opportunities across Warwickshire. Regeneration of priority areas and empowering communities will be key to achieving this. The strategy will seek to encourage enterprise in such areas as well as in under-represented groups such as women or minority ethnic backgrounds.

The developing jobs market is another core focus of the county's planning with schools and colleges being supported to develop career activity that is relevant for the needs of the future.

Finally, Sustainable Growth, which will underpin businesses' transition to net zero, makes up the third pillar. Supporting low Carbon tech businesses and encouraging new ones while ensuring there are the skills in the job market to make the transition is key to the plans for the strategy. Key partners will be assisted in decarbonising transport across the county. Businesses will be supported to reuse, recycle, and reduce materials. Residents will be encouraged through various means across a range of council services to increase the use of active travel; businesses will be supported in a move to using sustainable freight.



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**If you've ever wondered how the County Council spend the council tax that you pay, then look no further, here is a table showing just that.**

### How the money is spent

	2023/24 Spending after income £ millions	2024/25 Spending before income £ millions	2024/25 Income £ millions	2024/25 Spending after income £ millions	Change in Spending after income £ millions
<b>Children and Young People Directorate</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>292.0</b>	<b>-181.3</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>20.2</b>
Children & Families	81.7	112.4	-29.1	83.3	1.7
Education Services	8.9	179.6	-152.2	27.4	18.5
<b>Communities Directorate</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>163.8</b>	<b>-43.0</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>13.5</b>
Environment, Planning & Transport	60.4	89.7	-17.3	72.4	12.0
Fire & Rescue	23.0	25.9	-2.0	23.9	0.9
Economy & Place	22.9	46.3	-23.3	23.0	0.1
Strategic Infrastructure & Climate Change	1.0	1.9	-0.4	1.5	0.5
<b>Social Care and Health Directorate</b>	<b>160.4</b>	<b>345.1</b>	<b>-179.4</b>	<b>165.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Social Care & Support	148.9	299.5	-143.8	155.7	6.8
People Strategy & Commissioning	11.5	45.6	-35.6	10.0	-1.6
<b>Resources Directorate</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Enabling Services	26.9	33.3	-5.4	27.9	1.0
Finance	15.7	20.3	-4.4	15.9	0.2
Strategy, Planning & Governance	5.5	8.4	-2.3	6.1	0.7
Workforce & Local Services	9.8	14.7	-3.9	10.8	1.0
<b>Corporate Services</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>-21.2</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
Corporate Services (Including provision for pay inflation)	45.4	51.9	-21.2	30.7	-14.7
<b>Service costs</b>	<b>461.5</b>	<b>929.5</b>	<b>-440.9</b>	<b>488.6</b>	<b>27.1</b>
Money taken from (-) or put into our reserves	-17.9			-11.3	
<b>Our budget</b>	<b>443.7</b>	<b>929.5</b>	<b>-440.9</b>	<b>477.3</b>	
<b>Less money from the Government</b>					
Business rates	-80.8			-90.7	
Extra (-) / Deficit (+) Council Tax collection from previous years	-0.2			0.4	
<b>Amount we will raise from the Council Tax (£m)</b>	<b>362.6</b>			<b>387.0</b>	
<b>Tax base</b>	<b>219,304.2</b>			<b>222,915.7</b>	
<b>Band - D council tax (£)</b>	<b>£1,653.57</b>			<b>£1,736.19</b>	

**Police News** - PC 1348 Sean Lovatt, has replaced PC Hope as the beat manager for Alcester North. Over the coming weeks he plans to be out across the region and introducing himself to the community.

**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.**

#### Child Exploitation in Warwickshire

Do you know the signs to look out for and what to do if you think something's not right? There are many different types of child exploitation. Visit <https://sometthingsnotright.co.uk> for advice. Child Exploitation is happening. Don't ignore it. #SomethingsNotRight



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### Smoking-related fire reduction

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is asking residents to consider the fire risk associated with smoking and the steps to take to keep safe.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5122/fire-service-issues-advice-to-reduce-the-risk-of-smoking-related-fires>



22 - 28 April 2024

#BeWaterAware

### Be Water Aware

As the weather, albeit slowly, begins to heat up Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging all residents to Be Water Aware.

Find out more about staying safe around water:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5154/be-water-aware-campaign-launches-in-warwickshire>



New changes to the High Income Child Benefit Charge

### Child Benefit Changes

The threshold people start paying the High-Income Child Benefit Charge has increased to £60,000. If you haven't claimed for your child, the new threshold will apply to any claims made from 6 April. Find out more about the change and how to claim online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-high-income-child-benefit-charge>



### Animal attraction hygiene

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is reminding families of the simple steps they can take to make sure they enjoy visits to farms and petting zoos safely throughout spring and summer.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5157/the-importance-of-hand-hygiene-when-visiting-animal-attractions>



### The Teenage Market North Warwickshire – Apply for a Stall

The Teenage Market gives young people a free platform to showcase their creative talents.

It's easy to sign up to have a stall at The Teenage Market, all they need to do is follow this link: <https://bit.ly/4cYIE5G>



### The Teenage Market North Warwickshire – Apply to perform

Do you know a young person that can sing, dance, or are part of a band? If so, The Teenage Market would be perfect for them to showcase their talent, and put on a show.

They can apply here: <https://bit.ly/3Q5cqGB>

### Child Friendly Warwickshire Network of Friends

Warwickshire businesses are invited to take part in a virtual event to inspire collaboration and innovation towards a shared goal to make Warwickshire a child friendly county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5197/be-part-of-child-friendly-warwickshire-join-our-network-of-friends>



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### Our Home, Our Art Competition

Children and young people in the county are being invited to express their creativity and empathy through artwork, while celebrating the diversity of our communities, as part of an art competition to honour and celebrate Refugee Week 2024.

read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5200/our-home-our-art-youth-art-competition-for-refugee-week-in-warwickshire>



### Podcast – Rugby and Stratford Climate Eco hubs

The Climate Eco hubs in Rugby and Stratford are featured in the very latest episode of the Sustainable Warwickshire podcast.

Find out more and listen: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5205/rugby-and-stratford-climate-eco-hubs-featured-in-sustainable-warwickshire-podcast->



### New Warwick cycle route works

Construction of a new cycle route on the A429 Coventry Road is due to start on Tuesday 14 May.

Find out more about this route: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5208/work-set-to-begin-on-new-warwick-cycle-route>



### The King's Awards for Enterprise 2024

A record eight King's Awards for Enterprise have been awarded to Warwickshire businesses this year.

Find out more about the winners: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5198/record-number-of-warwickshire-winners-of-the-king-s-awards-for-enterprise-2024>



### Stratford Greenway essential resurfacing work

Details of the resurfacing works that have been arranged for Stratford Greenway to ensure the pathway can continue to be safely accessed by a variety of visitors have now been confirmed.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5195/detail-confirmed-on-stratford-greenway-essential-resurfacing-work>



### Sensory smoke alarms

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding deaf residents of the importance of installing sensory smoke alarms this Deaf Awareness Week.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5196/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-reminds-deaf-residents-of-the-importance-of-installing-sensory-smoke-alarms-this-deaf-awareness-week->



### May 2024 Cabinet

Find out what happened at the Warwickshire County Council Cabinet meeting on Thursday 9 May: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5211/warwickshire-county-council-cabinet-9-may-2024>



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### Educational attainment in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has today – Thursday 9 May – endorsed a series of recommendations aimed at tackling disparities in educational attainment rates across the county.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5213/plans-to-improve-life-opportunities-through-education-in-warwickshire>

### Funding for school development

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has approved significant investment to create thousands of new school places across the county.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5215/warwickshire-commits-to-further-investment-in-school-places-across-the-county>



### Specialist resourced provision in Warwickshire

The expansion of the Specialist Resourced Provision offer at several schools in the county has been approved by Warwickshire County Council Cabinet.

Find out what this means: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5212/cabinet-approves-the-expansion-of-specialist-resourced-provision-in-the-county>

### Bus service improvements

A significant package of investments designed to improve the county's bus network has received approval from WCC's Cabinet.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5216/new-funding-secured-to-improve-bus-services-across-warwickshire>



### Delivering Better Value Programme for SEND

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has officially endorsed four pivotal projects proposed as part of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Delivering Better Value Programme.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5214/cabinet-endorses-delivering-better-value-programme-for-send>



### Social Care and Support recruitment event

People will be encouraged to choose a career with Warwickshire County Council at an Adult Social Care and Support recruitment fair and showcase event later this month.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5210/warwickshire-recruitment-event-for-people-looking-to-advance-their-career-in-social-care-and-support>

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