

## **COUNCILLOR SPIERS PORTFOLIO REPORT – HEALTH AND SAFETY- SEPTEMBER 2024**

Speeding through the village concerns are ongoing, and Steve Lister and myself have been liaising with Warwickshire County Council for updates and recommendations moving forward. I spoke to them yesterday, and they advised that following a “walk” from Kington Lane end of the village to the Red Lion end to carry out a site survey, they have made various recommendations including enhanced signage (both on the road and on the verges) extending the double white lines, etc. A full report from them will follow. They also suggested we progress with procurement of “white gates” from their approved provider – Glasdon, as once ordered, they will be placed on the County’s works list (we would be currently looking at February 2025 at the earliest for installation). We can expect the cost of these to be £3000 per double unit, plus installation charge. WCC County Cllr Ian Shenton will investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant towards these costs.

Warwickshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team are holding monthly surgeries at the DM Hall, and I attended the most recent meeting. Following recent suspicious activity, where prowlers were found to be snooping around a villager’s garden, they advised that you should always call 999 if you feel threatened. In this instance, the resident had tried to contact 101, was left holding on for 20 minutes, and ended up being cut off. They also suggested people use car steering locks as an extra deterrent, as car theft continues to be a problem in the whole district. The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be holding further meetings at the DM Hall, the next one is 28<sup>th</sup> October from 6.00-7.00pm. I would encourage people to attend with any concerns they have over safety and crime.

Finally, the defibrillator that was situated at the Crown has now been installed at the pavilion on the recreation field, complete with new pads. The code for opening the unit is given out when an emergency call is made for requesting an ambulance.