

# LOCAL NEWS

FROM DUNCAN PARKER, YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

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CLAVERDON, SNITTERFIELD, WOLVERTON, LANGLEY & PRESTON BAGOT

## ALL CHANGE AT THE COUNTY COUNCIL



CLLR COWCHER

Unusually, my District Council ward is split into two County Council Divisions:—

- **Preston Bagot, Claverdon, Langley and Wolverton** are in the **Arden (Henley) Division**.
- **Snitterfield** is in the **Wellesbourne Division**.

Following the County Council elections in May, both Divisions have new County Councillors. Welcome to Cllr George Cowcher (LibDem) who will be representing Snitterfield, and Cllr Crocker (Reform) who will be representing the other villages.

Your Councillors are here to help with County issues, and I urge you to get in touch with them. They can be contacted at; [georgecowcher@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:georgecowcher@warwickshire.gov.uk) and [jamescrocker@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jamescrocker@warwickshire.gov.uk). I have asked to meet both Councillors as soon as possible to appraise them of residents' issues that have been brought to my attention.



CLLR CROCKER

A quick reminder of the difference between a County and District Councillor:

**County** - Education, Transport & roads (Highways), Fire & public safety, Social care, Libraries, Trading standards.

**District** - Waste & recycling collection, Recycling Centres, Council Tax collection (for County, District and Parish Councils & Police), Housing, Planning applications, Environmental Health, Licensing, Leisure Centres.

This will change in the coming years as we transfer to a **Unitary Authority** where all these services will be delivered by a single authority, probably based in Warwick.

## EVEN MORE FOR THE BLUE LIDDED BIN

### What can I recycle?

from 14 April 2025



#### Plastic Bags



Carrier Bags, Fruit and Vegetable Bags, Frozen Food Bags, Bread Bags, Cereal Bags

#### Confectionery Wrappers



Chocolate, Sweets, Biscuits, Cakes, Ice Cream, and Chewing Gum Wrappers

#### Foil Lined Packaging



Crisp & Snack Packets, Coffee Bags

#### Cheese, Fish, and Meat Wrapping



Cheese, Fish, and Meat Wrapping

#### Bubble Wrap and Cling Film



Bubble Wrap and Cling Film (Maximum 1M Sections)

#### Outer Layer Bags and Wrapping



Multipacks, Toilet and Kitchen Roll, Magazine, and Newspaper Wrapping

#### Fruit and Vegetable Net Bags



Fruit and Vegetable Net Bags (Once Empty)

#### Plastic Film and Sleeves



Removeable Film, Lids, Plastic Sleeves for Bottles and Jars

Remember all items should be **clean** and **free of food**.

You can now put **plastic bags, sweet wrappers, crisp packets and film** in your blue lidded bin as the sorting robots get smarter!

Sherbourne Material Recycling Facility (MRF) opened in 2023 through a joint venture between eight local councils. Sherbourne MRF takes all the recycling from your blue lidded wheelie bin and separates it into individual 'recyclate' piles. Once separated, many of the recyclate piles have commercial value and can be sold to recover some of the plant operating costs. This facility is state-of-the-art and one of the most sophisticated MUF's in the UK. It uses 18 robots and 14 optical sorters and can process over 45 tonnes an hour.

Sherbourne MRF has been a very successful venture and is a fascinating place to visit. If you would like to join me on a FREE tour of the facility, please get in touch.

## DELIVERED BY VOLUNTEERS - KEEPING YOU INFORMED

If you could help by delivering these Newsletters in your road, 4 times a year, I'd love to hear from you 😊

NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNITY ORCHARD** - Snitterfield Tree Action Group (STAG) are partnering with Friends of Atteys Field (FAF) to plant a community orchard on Atteys field. Anyone who would like to get involved would be very welcome. Get in touch at [stag.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:stag.secretary@gmail.com)

**EMPLOYMENT** - I sit on the Employment Committee at the Council. This committee approves changes in employment contracts at the council & oversees employment issues within the Council. Recently the Head of Housing, Revenues & Customer Services retired requiring recruitment of a replacement. Following the shortlisting of applicants by senior members of Council staff, the Committee interviewed the final four candidates & appointed Hannah Buckley, whom I felt was a very strong candidate.

**LANGLEY CHURCH HALL** - Congratulations to the team and the folks of **Langley** who, after 5 years of restoration, now have their church hall open again. Having attended my first Parish Council meeting in the hall I can confirm that it is much more comfortable!

**HEALTH SCREENING** - Stratford District Council has joined together with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) to offer a series of subsidised health screening events across the district. The events will enable men & women to be screened for disease through a blood test, allowing them to, where necessary, seek further advice via their GP. The tests cost £14 each and are **PSA (Prostate Screening)** for men over 40 & **Diabetes & Cholesterol** for all over 18. The nearest location for us is Stratford Leisure Centre on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September and can be booked using <https://sdc.mypsatestests.org.uk/>.



STAG STEERING GROUP  
ED, KATHARINE & ME

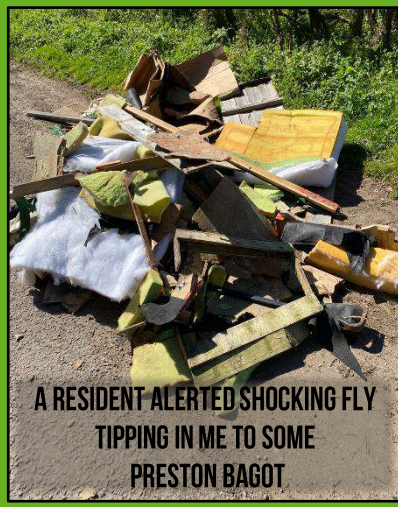
LANGLEY AND SNITTERFIELD LITTER PICKS

I've joined in two litter picks in the last couple of months. Thanks to all those who turned out to help. Of all the 5 villages, Snitterfield suffers the most from litter, likely due to its proximity to the A46. Please get in touch if you would like help organising a litter pick.



A FABULOUS TURNOUT FROM LANGLEY RESIDENTS

FLY TIPPING

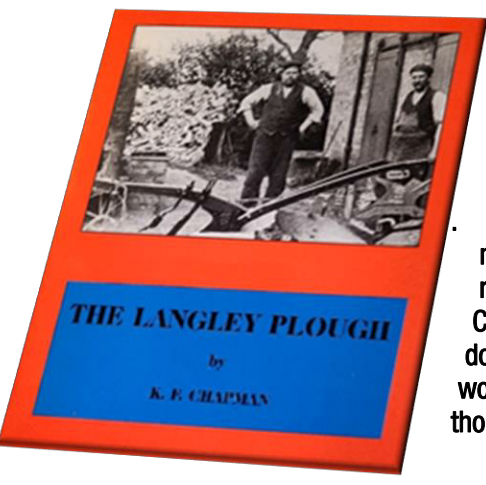


A RESIDENT ALERTED SHOCKING FLY  
TIPPING IN ME TO SOME  
PRESTON BAGOT

Fly tipping remains a problem around the ward. If you see fly tipping, you can email [streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk) with a photo and the location (preferably what3words). If you can't remember this at the time, just send the information to me and I'll get it sorted.

LANGLEY LOCAL HISTORY

I've had much fun & interest reading K F Chapman's book, published in 2003, following the lives of a local family that settled in Langley. The Troth's seemed to be a very able family. In the mid nineteenth century, they perfected the horse drawn plough. Whilst the book is a tale of agricultural engineering it gives a real insight into local life back in the day.



If you would like a copy, they are free from Brian Keefe ([brianatcorncottage@hotmail.com](mailto:brianatcorncottage@hotmail.com)). Given the continual maintenance work required on Langley Church hall, a small donation towards this would always be welcome, though not essential!

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

In April the Council released the figures for remuneration for Councillors. I don't expect residents to trawl through SDC's website so here is what I earned as your District Councillor in 24/25. Councillors are not employees of the Council as this would give employment rights which are inappropriate for an elected position. This also removes the obligation from the Council to pay Councillors the minimum wage. The money I am paid is called an allowance & for the last financial year (12 month period) this totalled £6,526. Added to this is a further £383 per annum Travel Allowance. This is set slightly higher than the basic travel allowance as I cover a rural Ward. Whilst being a Councillor is not well paid; the principle of remuneration is important to allow a wider cross-section of the community to stand for elected office. As you will know, Stratford District Council is funded from your council tax. Of your council tax, £169.12 (Band D) annually goes to paying for running the District Council and providing council services.

CAN I HELP YOU? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH

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