

County Councillor Report Upper Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 20th April 2023

Health and the High Cost of Living

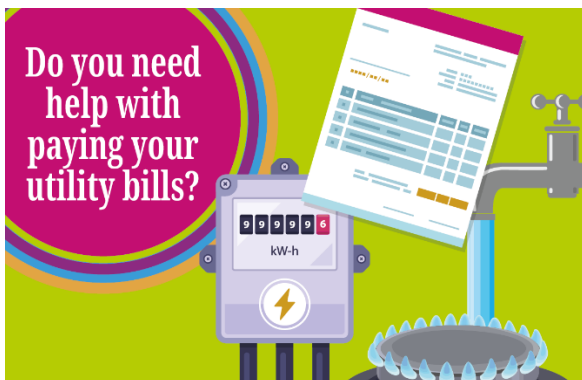
This year, Warwickshire's Director of Public Health Annual Report focuses on the rising cost of living and the impact this has on the health and wellbeing of people across the county.

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.

Residents struggling to pay utility bills

Warwickshire residents financially struggling to pay their utility bills can look to the County Council for support.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3994/help-for-warwickshire-residents-struggling-to-pay-utility-bills>



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>



**safe in...
warwickshire**
Warwickshire's Domestic
Violence and Abuse Service

**“Even if there
is no mark –
it doesn’t
mean it hurts
any less”**

#YouAreNotAlone

Call **0800 408 1552** or visit
**www.warwickshire.gov.uk/
talk2someone**



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>



Opting out of Government Emergency Alerts

The domestic abuse charity, Refuge, has produced this short video that explains how anyone experiencing domestic abuse, or needs to, can opt out of emergency alerts and the Government's test of the service on Sunday 23 April 2023.

Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2MBcHwmiy8>



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.

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>



Voter ID for local elections

Don't forget! 🇬🇧

You will need photo ID to vote at the polling station in the elections on 4 May.

If you don't have an accepted form of ID, there are less than two weeks left to apply for free Voter ID.

Find out more: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate>



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