

County Councillor report Upper Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 19th October 2023

Suicide Prevention

If you, or someone you know, is having thoughts of suicide or significant self-harm, help and support is available now. Visit www.dearlife.org.uk where you will find details for crisis support.

Suicide is the biggest killer for under 35's. Over 200 teenagers are lost to suicide every year in the UK, from 10 years of age upwards.

School attendance issues

If your child is struggling to attend school because of a particular issue happening at school, the first thing is to talk to your child's school about it. You can also visit: <https://youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/>

Huge boost for electric vehicle charging in Warwickshire

It's great news for residents as new government funding will allow charging points in the County.

The Council has been allocated £3.295m from Tranche 1 of the government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capital Fund, which is made available to regions so that they can increase the number of EV charging points in their area.

Based on current estimates, this funding will allow for the delivery of 2000 charging sockets at both on-street and in car park locations. The Council has already begun its discussions with partners in the Districts and Boroughs to identify suitable sites

The Council is also carrying out a trial to allow home-charging on terraced streets using cable protectors, which forms a part of its commitment to providing a range of charging options that address the needs of anyone wanting to switch to an electric vehicle in Warwickshire.

Nominate a location for EV Charging

Can you help by getting involved and suggesting possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county?

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/request-new-electric-charging-point>

Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to get involved and suggest possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county.

The Council is particularly interested in hearing about those areas where there is a high demand for electric vehicle charging, such as: Residential streets with no off-street parking. Public car parks. Rural locations

Reporting Potholes

A key priority for Warwickshire County Council is potholes - a significant problem for road users. WCC have a comprehensive plan which helps them to identify potholes, repair them and stop them from forming. To do this we use capital funding, including the recently announced additional pothole funding of c.£2.8m for Warwickshire.

We urge residents to report any potholes they see via WCC's website. Other faults residents can report include street light problems; rights of way problems; faulty traffic lights; and roadwork problems. Residents can report a Highways fault here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem or by calling the Council's contact centre (01926 410410).

Stoptober

When you stop smoking good things start to happen! Join the thousands of smokers who are committing to quitting with #Stoptober.

Quitting smoking is much easier with the right support. See how we can help you quit for good. Get in touch today and start your quit journey this Stoptober.

Call: 0333 005 0095 Text: 'QUIT' to 60777

Visit: <https://fitterfutures.everyonehealth.co.uk/stop-smoking-service/>

£2 single adult bus fare extended

The government has announced that adult single bus fares will continue to be capped at £2 until the end of 2024, making it cheaper for Warwickshire residents to travel by bus.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4593/bus-travel-to-stay-cheaper-for-even-longer-in-warwickshire>

Informal Carers

For all the Informal Carers who work tirelessly to look after friends, relatives and neighbours, please do come forward and access the support available. For more information, please go to <http://caringtogetherwarwickshire.org.uk>

Fostering event

Warwickshire County Council is looking for people to provide loving homes for children who can't live with their own families.

Hear more about fostering from foster carer, Jess, at an online event on 17 Oct, 7.30pm. Book your space > fosteringenquiries@warwickshire.gov.uk

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2023

Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership has joined National Hate Crime Awareness Week #NationalHCAW to work with communities affected by hate crime to tackle local issues and make communities safer. Organisations across Warwickshire are marking National Hate Crime Awareness Week 14-21 October by reminding people of support and promoting everyone's right to live in peace and harmony.

Hate crime is criminal behaviour that is motivated by disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or some other perceived difference. It can include verbal abuse, intimidation, threats, harassment, bullying and damage to property.

Find out more: www.reportthatenow.com

World Mental Health Day 2023

World Mental Health Day took place on October 10 with this year's theme being 'Mental Health is a Human Right'. Warwickshire County Council took this opportunity to share the range of mental health support available in the county. 1 in 4 experience mental health difficulties but there's support available to those struggling.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4607/residents-encouraged-to-look-after-themselves-and-others-this-world-mental-health-day>

COVID / flu

The #flu and #COVID19 vaccination programme has been brought forward to provide the best possible protection to those who need it most.

If you're eligible for vaccination, make sure to come forward when invited.

More info: nhs.uk/seasonalvaccinations

Arranging COVID-19 vaccination transport

Transport to COVID-19 vaccination appointments has been arranged with the volunteer transport providers that cover Warwickshire, they are working to a standard operating process for this work. Currently this transport can be requested if residents have no other safe way of accessing vaccination sites.

This service is based on volunteer availability and limited funding arrangements. Booking process:

Residents in Warwick and Stratford areas contact: VASA 01789 262889 and press option 1, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm or email transport@vasa.org.uk

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