

County Councillor report Upper Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 7th September 2023

World Suicide Prevention Day

September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day but suicide prevention is something we work towards every day. If you are struggling or know someone else who is, visit Dear Life for advice and access to support:

<https://www.dearlife.org.uk/>

Withdrawal of Green Bus service

Warwickshire County Council has moved to reassure the families of young people eligible for free transport to their schools, who have been affected by the withdrawal of The Green Bus Service, that an alternative service will be found.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4468/withdrawal-of-the-green-bus-service-update-30-08-23>

Ridleys Coaches

For all those impacted by the withdrawal of The Green Bus there are now spaces between Stratford and Alcester. Please continue to follow Ridleys Coaches Limited for updates on new routes and bookings.

https://facebook.com/ridleyscoaches?ref=embed_page

Help from WCC

If you are struggling with money and need help now, Warwickshire County Council can help with:

Food. Energy and water bills. Money advice. Aspects of family life. Accessing emergency food. Mental health support.

Find help here: <https://costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

Support for children and young people returning to school this September

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is offering guidance and support for parents and carers to help their children and young people return to school in September.

Read more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4422/support-for-children-and-young-people-returning-to-school-this-september>

Young Carer

If you're a Young Carer heading back to education in the next week, you don't have to struggle between school/college and your caring commitments, there is support for you. Go to www.caringtogetherwarwickshire.org.uk Warwickshire is here to help you.

Migrant Communities Grant Fund

The Warwickshire County Council's Migrant Communities Grant Fund is a grant aimed at community and voluntary sector organisations which support asylum seeker, refugee, and migrant communities. The Fund pot of £35,000 is to support small-scale projects across Warwickshire that support the following outcome: *People fleeing conflict and persecution can rebuild their lives in Warwickshire, fulfil their aspirations and contribute to the social, economic and cultural life of the communities they live in.* The grant opens on Monday 4 September at 9am with the **deadline of Sunday 15 October at 5pm.**

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/migration-services/migrant-communities-grant-fund>

The grant webinar providing more information and an opportunity to get support with the application will be taking place on 20 September at 6.30pm.

To register for the webinar, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wcc-migrant-communities-grant-fund-webinar-tickets-710201691377?aff=oddtcreator>

Supporting SEND transitions

Warwickshire County Council has worked closely with parents, carers and professionals to create a one-stop-shop for advice and guidance to support smooth transitions back to school for children and young people with SEND.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4464/new-one-stop-shop-to-support-transitions-for-children-and-young-people-in-warwickshire>

Support for students in prison

A Kineton-based business which supports prisoner rehabilitation is expanding its reach and growing its influence following support from Coventry & Warwickshire CDA.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4461/cda-support-helps-dworm-to-help-more-students-in-prison>

Supporting young people and their mental health

Everyone experiences ups and downs in their mental health. Learning how to protect your mental health and create positive mental health habits from an early age can help young people deal with stressful times.

Read more about the support available

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4433/supporting-young-people-and-their-mental-health>

Support for children and young people

Is your child feeling anxious about starting school or moving into a new class this September? It can be a worrying time for you and your child, so it's a good idea to start preparing now for changes in routine and to think about how you can support them to settle in more easily. For further tips and advice, read more

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4422/support-for-children-and-young-people-returning-to-school-this-september>

Child exploitation

Child exploitation does happen in Warwickshire - keep your child safe while schools are closed this summer. Make sure you know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing in your community and online. Learn about the signs of exploitation and what to do if you are concerned about a child or young person at www.somethingsnotright.co.uk/ or call 01926 414144 (9am-5pm, Monday-Friday).

Reducing chances of developing dementia

There is currently no way we can completely prevent dementia, but research suggests there are some simple things we can do to reduce the risk of developing certain types of dementia. For further information visit

<https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/reducing-your-risk/>

Caring for someone with dementia

If you or someone you know has dementia, there are services available to support you.

Support services can help you to navigate a dementia diagnosis, understanding what the next steps are and help you to manage the changes in your life.

Find out more at <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

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