

Wellesbourne PC Report

County Council

Pleased to advise and confirm that children in Warwickshire will not be going hungry over the school holidays.

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme run by Warwickshire County Council, which has already provided £450,000 of support to families through the Covid period, has announced today that it is continuing to support our most vulnerable residents. Children who are registered for free school meals will continue to receive financial support through the school holidays.

The Scheme not only benefits those children eligible for free school meals, but also their younger non-school age siblings aged 2 years or above. And it's not just over this October half-term, but over all other school holidays as well. This initiative will be costing WCC in the region of £200k per week the scheme runs.

Families wanting to apply for support through the scheme should call 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182.

Coronavirus

Cases are continuing to rise across the district and the county and both the districts and county are working closely with Public Health Warwickshire. It is likely that if the current trend continues that the county will move into Tier 2 but we are awaiting confirmation if this would be county wide or district/borough by district/borough – we are lobbying for the latter in view of the geography of the county. Indications are presenting spikes in the number of cases in North Warwickshire and Warwick District with a focus on student populations. I will continue to provide a weekly update and circulate.

It is clear that the spread of infection is arising from households mixing and not hospitality locations and Public Health Warwickshire and SDC's Environmental Health departments have been working very hard to help establishments ensure they can operate safely.

Loxley Road

In response to residents' concerns regarding a safe crossing of the Loxley Road from the new housing following contact with WCC highways team the hedges have been cut back in a fashion and Graham Stanely is involved into looking to see if there could be an alternative location for the crossing point, so as to give pedestrians a better view of oncoming vehicles, this may require WCC extending the existing footpath on the left hand side of Loxley Road closer to the estate. In addition new road safety signage will be included and provided out of my delegated budget.

District Council

On the proposal put forward by the Leader of the Council, all councilors voted against receiving any increases to their allowances until 2023 and in addition it was agreed not to receive the basic travel allowance until further notice either.

Pubic Consultation on the Site Allocations Plan was given the go ahead and details will be circulated to all the parishes.

SDC is continuing to work closely with Warwick District Council in terms of developing the new waste contract and IT.

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