

Good Evening I am so sorry that due to my father being unwell and in hospital I am supporting my mother and unable to join you in person and I thank my Cllr Colleague for conveying this update and noting any questions I can be of help with.

Covid19

The rate of infections across the district has fallen to 245/100,000 from 250 last week, the over 60's rate has increased to 34/100,000 (26 last week) with 14 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 384/100,000, North Warwickshire 654/100,000, Warwick 431/100,000 and Rugby 341/100,000. Warwickshire overall has gone from 311/100,000 to 382/100,000 – nearly doubled. England 350/100,000. All areas increasing across Warwickshire.

There have been no further Covid related deaths across Stratford District for the 5th week running, total now 141 from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 91 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,204 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased this week (678) with a total of 5,045 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 309 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,279.

As we approach “Freedom Day “check guidance on the Government website. Key pointers:

- If you think you might have COVID-19 symptoms, [take a PCR test](#) and stay home.
- Wear face coverings in crowded places to help protect others.
- Check in with the NHS COVID-19 app when you're out.
- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds with soap.
- [Get vaccinated](#) if you are 18 or over.

If you are self-isolating or clinically extremely vulnerable to coronavirus you can access help from the council and partners. For practical and wellbeing support go call the hotline 0800 408 1447 or go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable

New megalab opens to bolster fight against COVID-19

The UK's first testing megalab – the Rosalind Franklin laboratory in Royal Leamington Spa has opened and will be processing hundreds of thousands of COVID-19 samples every day to rapidly detect new variants and help stop the spread of the virus: www.gov.uk/government/news/new-megalab-opens-to-bolster-fight-against-covid-19

To view previously circulated additional resources, visit:

<https://www.staysafecsw.info/home/warwickshire-resources/1>

Onto other news:

WCC has just had a SEND Local Area Inspection from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. As a Speech and Language Therapist and also Cabinet Support for SEND (Special Educational Needs) I have a specific interest in the recommendations and will update re the findings as soon as I am able. The WCC Vision is for all children to live their best lives and accessing the right educational package is key.

Recycling garden waste, wood, metal and cardboard this summer is getting easier, as Warwickshire recycling centres are all open and the number of appointments available to book has increased by 5000 per week today. This increased availability should mean it is quicker than ever for people to book a slot at the centre of their choice at a time that suits.

There are over 21,000 slots in total released each week, each day's appointments are released a week in advance. Full details of all of the materials that can be recycled at one of the 9 recycling centres in the county, and details of how to book, can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc. Warwickshire County Council are asking visitors to continue to respect other people on site and allow each other space.

Warwickshire Property and Development Group

Warwickshire Property & Development Group (WPDG), set up to deliver new affordable and market-priced homes and a range of commercial, mixed-use and renewable energy opportunities across the county, has been launched by WCC.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2255/warwickshire-county-council-launches-warwickshire-property-development-group-wpdg->

There is a drive this week to navigate our emergency services :

West Midlands Ambulance Service – Dialling 999

Before calling 999 for an ambulance, please think: "What alternatives could I use to get the best treatment?"

By using an alternative, you are freeing up the emergency phone lines for those who need help in a life threatening emergency.

#HelpUsHelpYou

West Midlands Ambulance Service – High Demand

The current demand for ambulances is 33% higher than in 2019.

Ambulance staff are working incredibly hard right now to help those in the most need. Please #HelpUsHelpYou and visit <http://111.nhs.uk>, a walk-in centre, pharmacy or your GP if you have a non-life threatening medical concerns.

Warwickshire Police – Report it online Please remember that anti-social behaviour and Road Traffic Incidents that do not require police attendance can now also be reported online via Warwickshire Police.

Report it online here: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>

Supported internship success

A Warwickshire student's achievements are being celebrated after she completed a successful supported internship working with Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2274/warwickshire-student-celebrates-supported-internship-success->

West Midlands Gigafactory

Warwickshire County Council has welcomed the plans to construct a West Midlands Gigafactory at the Coventry Airport site.

Find out more about this exciting proposal:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2283/warwickshire-county-council-welcomes-plans-for-west-midlands-gigafactory>

Women's Tour – Team Announcement

Exciting times for cycling fans as twelve of the world's top 15 teams will be among those in action at this year's Women's Tour (Monday 4 – Saturday 9 October), the UK's most prestigious women's cycle race.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2289/world-s-best-cycling-teams-announced-for-the-women-s-tour-coming-to-warwickshire-in-october-2021>

Commonwealth Games 2022 – Ticket Ballot

On your marks...Get set...Go...

People of Warwickshire, the wait is over. The Birmingham 2022 West Midlands ticket ballot is now open!

Find out more and apply now for your tickets: <https://www.birmingham2022.com/the-games/tickets/>

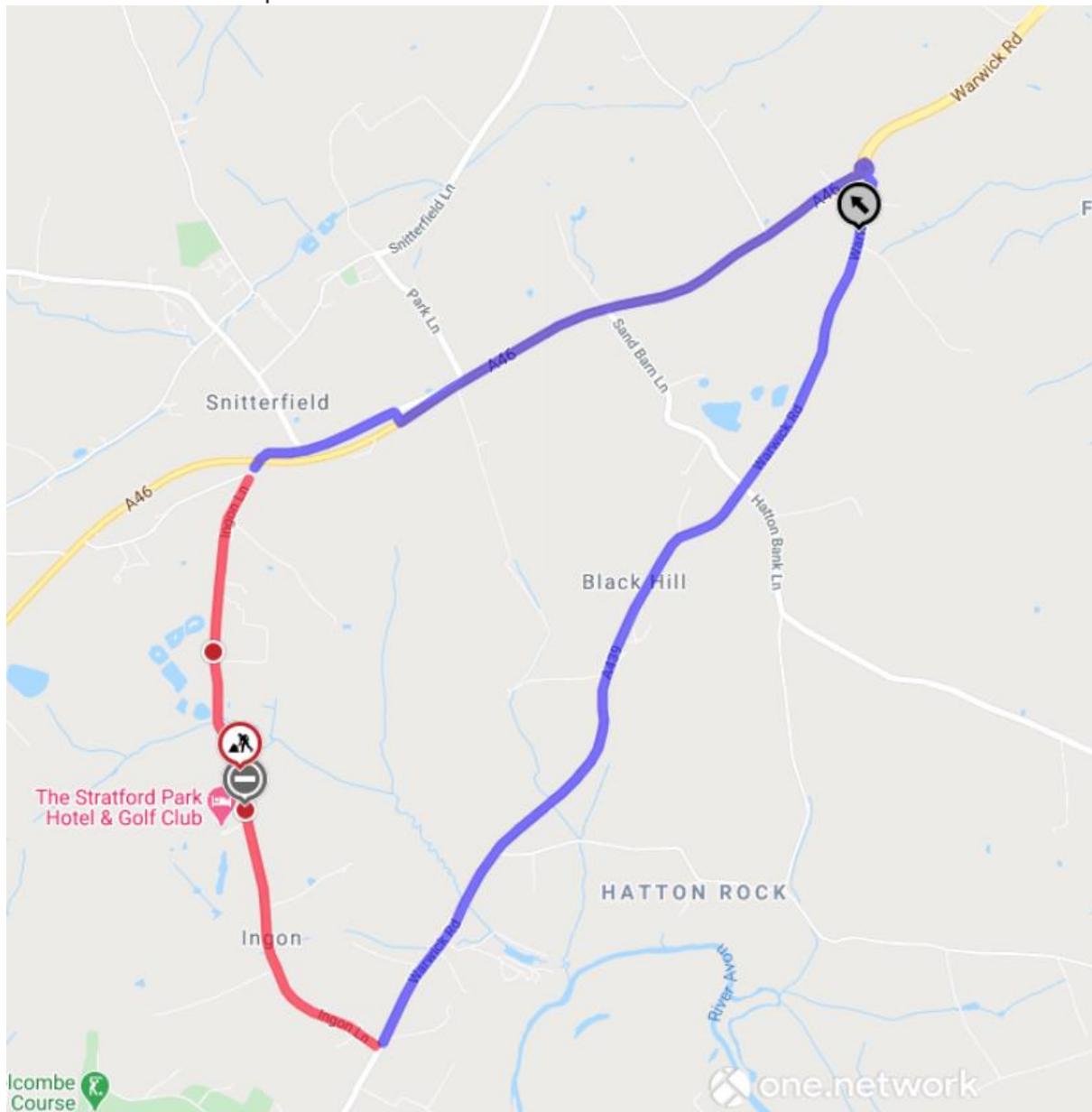
Angle Grinder Chainsaw warning

WCC Trading Standards is urging Warwickshire residents, including workers in the construction industry, DIY enthusiasts and wood carvers and sculptors to stop using chainsaw discs being sold as attachments for angle grinders.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2287/trading-standards-issues-danger-warning-public-urged-to-stop-using-angle-grinder-chainsaws->

Road works on INGON LANE JULY 30TH

Please note that the below route will be closed to allow for resurfacing work diversions will be in place.



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