

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR UPDATE – 22.11.21 –

As “Stir Up Sunday” reminds us that Christmas is not that far away... and our first frosty Monday Morning greeted us today there are messages around our overall health during this festive season.

Covid19

The rate of infections across the district has **increased sharply to 463/100,000** from 366 last week, the over 60's rate has decreased to 132/100,000 (188 last week) with 56 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 423/100,000, North Warwickshire 357/100,000, Warwick 320/100,000 and Rugby 397/100,000. Warwickshire overall has increase from 365/100,000 to 394/100,000. England 385/100,000.

WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT and utilizing the simple advice of masks in crowded spaces, social distancing and washing hands regularly will help to reduce Covid rates along with reducing the transmission of colds and respiratory viruses.

There have been no further Covid related death this week across Stratford District (total now 152 from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 102 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,641 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 12 this week (772) with a total of 7,091 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 320 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,372 (11,475 total deaths).

As we approach the festive season it's time to consider our “Festive Cheers” andReflect on your relationship with alcohol

A third of adults in Warwickshire drink more than the recommended 14 units a week*, and this Alcohol Awareness Week (15th to 21st November) is a great time to reflect on your own drinking.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2570/reflect-on-your-relationship-with-alcohol->

Award success for Warwickshire care leaver

Liss Phillips from Warwickshire has won two awards at the National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum for Best Public Speaker and Champion of The Year.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2569/double-award-success-for-warwickshire-care-leaver>

New Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has welcomed Rob Allen as a new Assistant Chief Fire Officer.

Find out more about Rob: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2571/new-assistant-chief-fire-officer-welcomed-to-warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service>

Keep antibiotics working

Local Authority and NHS partners across Coventry and Warwickshire are working together to help tackle the problem of antibiotic resistance.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2572/do-your-bit-to-keep-antibiotics-working>

I am Cabinet Support for SEND and am thrilled to see the introduction of SEND partnership which is set to make a difference

A local partnership agreement has recognised Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice as the area's strategic voice for parent and carers of children with special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND).

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2573/send-partnership-set-to-make-a-difference->

COP-26

#COP26 may have come to an end but that doesn't mean the fight against the climate emergency does. Keep updated with the latest events in Warwickshire and find useful ways you can still do your bit:

<http://ow.ly/SNOI50GPVb9>

Leader of the Council reflects on COP-26 (Twitter and Facebook)

Councillor Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council, has been reflecting on her visit to the UN Climate Change Conference - more commonly known as COP26 - in Glasgow.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2576/cllr-izzi-seccombe-reflects-on-her-time-at-cop26>

Green Shoots Fund – Priory Park Tree Planting (Twitter and Facebook)

Part of the historic Priory Park in Warwick is to undergo a tree re-planting programme thanks to Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots Fund.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2564/green-shoots-community-climate-change-fund-tree-planting-in-priory-park-warwick>

Winter Wellbeing

Wellbeing for Life and health and care colleagues across Coventry and Warwickshire have created an interactive life map to encourage residents to think about their wellbeing milestones.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2568/staying-well-this-winter-with-wellbeing-for-life>

Warwickshire Family Safeguarding

Warwickshire Family Safeguarding will offer better support for families facing issues of domestic abuse, substance misuse and adult mental health.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2563/more-support-for-warwickshire-families-to-address-mental-health-and-related-issues>

Childcare Survey

Do you have children aged between 0-14 years who are accessing childcare?

If you answered yes, Warwickshire County Council would like to hear from you about your experience with finding and using childcare in your area: <https://forms.office.com/r/udRBVnYr7t>

Special Guardians Virtual Events

Warwickshire County Council is holding a series of virtual events for Special Guardians Join to ask any questions & network with other SGs.

Next session: 7th Dec, 7.30 – 8.30pm: How to keep children safe online

Register now:

Email: sgo@warwickshire.gov.uk

Tel: 01926 74 2228

Correct use of A&E.

West Midlands Ambulance Service attended Adult Overview and Scrutiny last week. They highlighted the increased waiting time for ambulances outside hospitals waiting to admit patients to A&E is not helped by the backlog of people who using A&E as their first point of access re medical advice. This medical advice could be accessed via their GP practice or 111. They have emphasised that you should only attend A&E if it is an actual emergency.

Defibrillators

The WM Ambulance service also asked us to flag up the importance of easily accessible (kept outside a venue not indoors due to out of hours emergencies) fully serviced defibrillators across our districts and villages. There should be more than one in a village and all villagers should know where to locate them. Whilst this might not be practical in some locations they advised that the distance most people will run in an emergency to locate equipment is 400 m and that ideally that should be the distance between Defibrillator locations. It is important that this information is shared regularly with residents perhaps through newsletters and on social media regarding defibrillator locations and when teams are running defibrillator training and CPR training. It is vital this training is kept up to date. As it really could make that vital difference to saving a resident's life one day.

NHS 111 Service

When you need the NHS, just go to 111 online first. They'll get you the help you need. Visit www.111.nhs.uk

On-Call Firefighters

Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to consider gaining new skills by becoming on-call firefighters.

Find out more if you have what it takes: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2544/warwickshire-residents-encouraged-to-gain-new-skills-as-on-call-firefighters>

Severn Trent

Please note that if you are medically vulnerable you can register with Severn Trent to be on their register <https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-a-medical-condition-or-disability>

Dog mess – now we've got the darker nights (clocks go back soon) there seems to be more dog mess on the paths and grassed areas. Please pick it up.

This week there has been the usual work on items such as housing, broadband and utility issues, pot holes, speeding traffic, planning etc ,

ASB (fire), Homelessness etc – PLEASE REPORT ANY ASB , however trivial it may seem. Small incidents can lead to bigger one, so better to nip in the bud. Also, the more calls/incidents the Police have, the sooner they will realise there is a problem in a certain area.

Missed bins - I'm still getting details of the odd 1 or 2 that has not been collected. Contacts are streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or Telephone: 01789 260616

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vkgf03zQgXUsEHH04ODeqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

Reporting out of hours highways issues can be challenging, the best number for that is 01926 415000.

streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk or 01926 412515 (not all are currently owned by WCC – some owned by town or parish council.)

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Warwickshire>

It is worth noting for future reference that anything immediately dangerous on the highway should be reported direct to the Police on 999, which is the same process for any pressing issue Out of Hours.

During normal office hours - 8:30am to 4:30pm, WCC call centre is best on 01926 412515

Stay safe and well

Kind regards
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