

County Council Report, November 2021

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations will continue for the whole of next year across UK and around the world.

Warwickshire has started a programme of celebration by planting the first tree in Warwickshire as part of the Queen's green Canopy (QGC) and everyone is encouraged to plant a tree between October and March. The official celebrations run from June 2 to June 5 and beacons will be lighted on June 2. All Parishes in Arden Division have plans to celebrate the Jubilee in some way and more information will be coming out via the Parish Councils.



The High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Min Willoughby de Broke, recently completed a 200 miles cycle tour of Warwickshire to meet the people, organisations and small businesses that make Warwickshire the fine place it is to live, work and visit. She also raised £10,000 for the High Sheriff's Fund which provides small grants to community and voluntary organisations operating in Warwickshire.

The County Highways team has confirmed that it will grit and salt all the usual roads across Warwickshire this winter. It is reassuring residents that, despite media claims to the contrary, the gritting fleet is unaffected by the ongoing shortage of Heavy Goods Vehicles Drivers and will operate as normal over the winter months. To do this work the County has a fleet of 38 gritting vehicles running 29 routes with nine lorries in reserve.



Scams continue to blight our lives and there are too many to list. Some are short lived, but others keep appearing. Scams aren't just restricted to the Internet and many times cold 'phone calls are a front for a scam. Please be on your guard for anything that sounds too good to be true, or things like a notification for a parcel delivery you don't remember ordering.

Arden Clerks and Chairs was held at the beginning of October and progress on minor road schemes was reviewed. Road maintenance in Preston Bagot was highlighted as a problem. Funding for an extension to the 30mph speed limit along Wolverton Road, Wolverton Fields was approved as was a 20 mph speed limit through the centre of Ullenhall. Progress was reported on the design of new gateways and a speed bump on the western approach from Redditch in Ullenhall. County Highways have been asked to review flood risk in Back Lane, Henley in Arden. Claverdon Parish Council has authorised a payment of £500 to fund a design of a safer junction at the Green, Claverdon. The Environment Agency has been asked to assess the safety of the mill dam at Wotton Wawen.

Arden Clerks and Chairs also received briefings from the Rural Crime Team, Alcester North Police Unit and County Flood management.

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