

County Council Report, December 2021

An example of how **WCC Green Shoots Fund** can be useful in delivering projects is that Kineton Sports and Social Club (KSSC) received £ 8,995 funding to provide:

- Installation of one set of twin-head electric vehicle charging points, and
- Installation of low carbon air-source heat pumps.



A £1million fund designed to harness the power of communities in tackling inequality and social exclusion has been launched. The **Warwickshire County Council Social Impact Fund** is seeking applications for grants. All applications received will be scored, with a positive weighting to those that benefit areas that have experienced higher COVID rates, and areas of the county that experience multiple levels of deprivation.

For the build up to the Commonwealth Games WCC museums are asking residents to tell them their **Commonwealth Stories** as part of a new exhibition. The personal connection to the Commonwealth might be through sport, work, holiday or family or friends. Please submit your **#WCCOurCommonwealth** stories, memories and photos online at: <https://bit.ly/2Y8dTo1>

- Written submissions can be bullet points, stories, quotes or facts and figures, but must be a maximum of 600 words - Photos and illustrations can also be uploaded via the form

Warwickshire County Council has reacted to the government's National Bus Strategy by producing the county's **Bus Service Improvement Plan** (BSIP). The plan will support the council in its bid to central Government for a £150million share of the £3bn funding available to local authorities to help boost bus travel over a three-year period (2022-2025). The initial targets set in the Warwickshire BSIP focus on increasing passenger satisfaction, achieving passenger growth, improving bus punctuality and reducing bus journey times.

A consultation expected for December 2021 allowing local people to provide further comments on bus services to shape and finalise the Enhanced Partnership Plan and the first EP Schemes, which must be formally agreed with bus operators by 1 April 2022.

New look SEND Local Offer is a one stop shop for parents and carers and families of children with SEND up to the age of 25 to help them to access clear and accessible information on education, health and social care, training and employment, leisure and support in preparing for adulthood. It aims to provide information and support from early help through to more complex needs. The new and improved site - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send> has been co-produced with parents, carers and children whose experiences and opinions have helped shape the new look and feel to ensure that the site is easily accessible and has the right information and advice. Warwickshire County Council would welcome any feedback to fis@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Warwickshire joins the global race to zero carbon emissions by pledging to plan and immediately begin implementing specific inclusive climate policies across buildings, transport, waste, clean energy, food, nature, and other key sectors. More information about the race to zero can be found here: https://www.c40knowledgehub.org/s/cities-race-to-zero?language=en_US. For more information about how Warwickshire is facing the challenges of the climate change emergency, visit: <https://www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk/>

Work continues on making the case for a 20mph speed limit in Henley in Arden with increased parking, and improving the road junction at Pettiford Lane, Preston Bagot. Ullenhall's 20mph speed limit and gateways has been sent to the contractors for implementation.

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