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For the next week or two I will be attending the Parish Council meetings but as my wife is having reconstructive surgery on Tuesday 30th August, I might not be able to stay for the full meeting as I will be acting as nurse during her recovery period. She will probably be glad to have some peace and quiet for an hour or so though.

WRCC Warm hubs scheme

I am looking at the Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) warm hubs scheme as we may find more residents struggling with fuel bills and choosing to turn the heating down or off even though cooler weather is approaching with autumn and winter. In a reader's poll in the Times shows that over 40% of respondents feel that they will have trouble paying energy bills this winter. Whilst the WRCC warm hubs is not a solution it can be an opportunity for communities to meet at village halls for a cup of tea/coffee or breakfast and hear about the help and advice that is on offer and it can also help with the problem of isolation as some of the hubs are very well attended and it is an opportunity to talk to other people within the village. I will post further details over the coming days and if you're interested in taking this further just let me know. If you want to know more now then click on this link:

<https://www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/halls/warm-hubs/>

Anti-Social behaviour

PLEASE REPORT ANY ASB, however trivial it may seem. Small incidents can lead to bigger ones, so better to stop them before they escalate. Also, the more calls/incidents the Police have, the sooner they will realise there is a problem in a certain area. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE YOUR PROPERTY AND CAR IS LOCKED AND SECURE. Call 101 for non-emergency issues but dial 999 if:

- A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- Someone is in immediate danger or harm
- Property is in danger of being damaged
- A serious disruption to the public is likely

Helping residents with living costs

Warwickshire residents can find information to help them to live well from Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more about the support available <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3169/helping-residents-with-living-costs->

Miscellaneous

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

streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk or 01926 412515 (some are owned by Parish Councils).

Another useful link for reporting issues is <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.

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



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JOGGING – Please wear something that makes you easily seen, preferably use the paths wherever you can and if you do have to run on the road, it is advisable that you run on the right hand side of the road, facing the traffic (especially if wearing earphones and you can't hear traffic coming from behind).

As always feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues that you feel I can help with and I will do my very best to help.

This newsletter is in 3 parts

Part 1 Update on the 123+ waste system

Part 2 is about initiatives within the County

Part 3 – Free Activities for everyone

Part 1 – 123+

The scheme seems to be settling down now with over 98% of all bins being collected on time but should you be unlucky enough to have been missed them use this link.

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm/form/missedbinv2/q/1>

Note though that not all bins are emptied by the same truck, there are separate trucks for residual waste (grey bin), recycling (blue bin), garden waste (green bin), food waste (green caddy).

Residents are encouraged to download the new app for the 123+ waste collection service or alternatively the SDC website bin checker is excellent and can be found here

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/when-we-collect.cfm>

Contacts are streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or Telephone: 01789 260616

Part 2 – County wide

Green Shoots 2 – Less than a month



There is less than one month left to submit projects to the second round of funding for Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3212/less-than-a-month-for-climate-positive-projects-to-apply-to-the-green-shoots-community-fund>



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Green Business Event



Businesses throughout Warwickshire are being invited to join a Green Business Programme event, hosted by Coventry City Council in partnership with Warwickshire County Council.

Book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/green-business-programme-warwickshire-event-tickets-391562071697>

Emergency duty foster carers



Warwickshire County Council's fostering service is looking for foster carers to care for young people in a crisis.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3211/could-you-offer-a-safe-place-to-sleep-for-a-night->

Shaping the SEND Local Offer



Young people aged 12-25 years with SEND and parents and carers are invited to share their views to help shape the SEND Local Offer.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3209/calling-all-young-people-with-send-and-parents-and-carers-in-warwickshire>

GCSE results in Warwickshire



Thousands of Warwickshire students celebrated this week as they received their GCSE results, which were the culmination of hard work after a difficult couple of years.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3213/warwickshire-students-receive-gcse-results>



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Stepping into a healthy lifestyle



Taking steps to lead a healthy lifestyle can benefit both physical and mental health now and in the future.

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3206/stepping-into-a-healthy-lifestyle>

AskSara – Gadgets to help stay independent



Looking for gadgets to help you or a loved one to stay independent?

AskSARA Warwickshire gives practical advice and information to help 'make life easier'.

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3207/looking-for-gadgets-to-help-you-stay-independent-asksara-is-here-to-help>

On-call firefighter recruitment (Twitter and Facebook)



"The most rewarding part of the job for me actually comes weeks after an incident: you become a recognised member of your community and people come up to you and say thank you for helping their friend or family member.

"My family are proud of what I do now, especially given I have a history of family members with military and emergency service backgrounds. It's also something my family and I thought was beyond my reach when I first applied. To say the service changed my life would be an understatement."

Stuart Shearsby, firefighter



On-call firefighters dedicate a set number of hours a week where they are available to respond to any incidents that occur.

Read Stuart Shearsby's story:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3214/this-is-the-difference-you-make-meet-stuart-shearsby-on-call-firefighter-at-warwickshire-fire-rescue-service>



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A difficult summer for WFRS (Twitter and Facebook)



Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service have offered their thanks to residents and businesses for their support during the multiple heatwaves that have defined the summer of 2022.

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3208/warwickshire-communities-and-firefighters-pull-together-as-record-temperatures-make-for-a-difficult-summer>

Lewis Williams brings It home (Twitter and Facebook)



Lewis Williams, who won a gold medal at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games on Sunday 7 August is lending his support to the Child Friendly Warwickshire.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3205/lewis-williams-brings-it-home>

Part 3 – Free activities for everyone

- Click on this link for the best free things to do in Warwickshire (Trip Advisor)

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g186395-Activities-zft11292-Warwickshire_England.html

- Warwick Market Hall museum

<https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/about-the-museum-service/market-hall-planning-your-visit>