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Congratulations to all Councillors on their re-election. As we are in purdah, the report is a little "thin" as I have to be more careful about what I publish so as not to conflict with the following statement issued by the LGA

It is important to note that pre-election rules restrict activity wider than just publicity. Use of council facilities and resources; the member's code of conduct, developing new policies and holding of events - including some meetings - featuring elected officials should all be carefully considered during a period of heightened sensitivity.

Everyone should have received the following by now

- 1. postal voting cards
- 2. Voter ID information
- 3. Council tax bills

Registration to vote or for a postal vote has now passed whilst the deadline for registration for a proxy vote or for Voter ID certificates was Tuesday 25th April

Permits for Garden waste service have been despatched by the District Council and if your green bin does not display the new permit, it will not be emptied.

Let me know if you have any other small roadworks, white lining or Rights of Way issues and I will look into these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted.

Community Speedwatch

I am in conversation with the Police and Crime Commissioner Office on an automated system for speedwatch using cameras that are fixed and cost around £600 each

Other News COVID update

Most vulnerable to be offered spring COVID-19 booster in the West Midlands

The committee has since advised that a spring COVID-19 booster dose should be offered to:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed

Eligible individuals will be offered the vaccine around six months after their previous dose and NHS England will confirm operational details for the programme in due course.



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Tick awareness



Enjoy the outdoors but be tick aware!,Avoid them by sticking to clearly defined paths, wearing insect repellent and doing "tick checks"Ticks can sometimes transmit microbes that may cause human diseases such as Lyme disease.

Read more: <u>https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/04/13/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/</u>

The Coronation @ Country Parks



Warwickshire's Country Parks are set to be the perfect destination to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Find out what's on: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4118/celebrate-thecoronation-in-the-great-outdoors-at-warwickshire-s-country-parks

Warwickshire CAVA Volunteer Fair



Warwickshire residents with an interest in volunteering are invited to find out all about the many great opportunities across the county at a special Volunteer Fair at Market Hall Museum in Warwick.

Read more:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4122/futurevolunteers-invited-to-attend-the-warwickshire-cava-volunteer-fairat-market-hall-museum-on-thursday-11-may

Check in on your health

Warwickshire County Council is urging its residents to use Spring as an opportunity to think about new habits and inspire people to make some positive changes.

Read more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4123/attend-check-ups-to-check-in-on-your-health</u>

11+ Webinar – May 2023



Laws on employing children

If your child is going to sit the 11+ test this autumn in Warwickshire, then come and meet our admissions team on 9 May at 7pm to learn what to expect and how to apply for your secondary school place. Register now: <u>https://bit.ly/40zCpsl</u>

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April is Child Employment Month, which aims to increase awareness of the law and ensure more young people are working safely and legally.

Find out more:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4126/do-youknow-the-laws-surrounding-employing-children-

Interactive Futures – Gateway into Games

Students, their parents, & prospective career changers can discover how to forge a career in one of the UK's fastest-growing industries when the Learnington video games hub opens its doors next month.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4130/take-your-first-steps-towards-a-career-in-gaming-with-interactive-futures</u>

Business and the Economy Podcast



The broad offer of business and skills support available to businesses and education and training providers is the subject of the latest Let's Talk Warwickshire podcast by Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/413</u>

Warwickshire Libraries Summer Volunteering



Warwickshire Libraries is searching for young volunteers between the ages of 13 - 19 for an exciting volunteer opportunity this summer.

Find out more:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4132/ warwickshire-libraries-offer-exciting-volunteeropportunity-for-young-people-this-summer



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Coronation Weekend

Saturday 6 May

The Coronation Ceremony itself will take place at 11am on the morning of Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, and Warwickshire's Lord Lieutenant, Tim Cox, will be in attendance.

Residents will be able to watch the ceremony on television and online, with some towns hosting big screens so that people can watch it together for free. The BBC is also offering local communities a one-off TV Licence dispensation to watch both the Coronation Ceremony on 6 May and the Coronation Concert on 7 May.

The following Warwickshire Libraries will be open on Saturday 6 May where residents can watch Coronation coverage on public library PCs: Learnington, Kenilworth, Lillington, Wellesbourne, Southam, Alcester, Shipston, Bedworth, Nuneaton, Rugby, and Wolston. Residents will also be able to drop-in and pick up a commemorative seed bookmark from library staff (subject to availability) and enjoy teas and coffees which will be available during library opening hours.

Saturday 6 – Monday 8 May

Warwickshire Country Parks and greenways will be open across the County with free car parking available for the whole Coronation Weekend. At Kingsbury Water Park and Ryton Pools Country Park, families will be able to enjoy Royal-themed trails where children can search for clues, and participants who complete the trail will be entered into a prize draw to win a toy swan. The remaining Country Parks will be hosting self-led Coronation trails where children can search for white pebbles that will have small crowns printed on them.

The Big Lunch is taking place across the whole weekend and encourages residents to come together, from small gatherings in gardens or parks to organising larger street party events. The idea is that by starting simple, and bringing people together to share friendship, food and fun, all sorts of ideas and projects can follow and lead to people doing more within their local communities. Residents are also encouraged to visit Warwickshire's Country Parks with their picnics to get involved with The Big Lunch, and plenty of fun and food will be on offer on Sunday 7 May (further details below).

Sunday 7 May

On Sunday 7 May there will be a special Coronation service at St Mary's Church in Warwick, led by the Bishop of Warwick, to bring people together to commemorate the Coronation in a more reflective way. The service will be followed by a reception in Old Shire Hall which will be hosted by Warwickshire's Lord Lieutenant.

Kingsbury Water Park will be offering circus-style entertainment for people of all ages, including face painting, circus skills workshops, and magicians, as well as a British food market with more than 17 stallholders selling locally produced goods and artisan products. There will also be a variety of food concession stands selling burgers, ice-cream and more, in addition to the onsite café being open and steam train rides operating as normal.

Similarly, Ryton Pools Country Park will be offering a selection of activities to enjoy, including a brass band and face painting, in addition to the onsite café being open and offering a BBQ.

Monday 8 May

The Big Help Out is taking place on the bank holiday Monday and aims to get more people involved in volunteering - whether it be for an hour, a day, or on a regular basis - to help make a real positive difference in our local communities.



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Thousands of volunteering opportunities are already available on The Big Help Out app, which is available to download for free from the AppStore or Google Play, and people can organise and register their own volunteering events on The Big Help Out app or website.

On Monday 8 May at Kingsbury Water Park there will be the opportunity to meet country park volunteers to find out what they do and how to get involved in outdoor volunteering, and Ryton Pools Country Park will be hosting a free Nature-recording volunteer session.

Warwickshire County Council is also sharing a variety of ways people can get involved in volunteering at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/volunteering, and supporting promotion of Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) to celebrate the existing volunteers in the county and promote the benefits of volunteering to support our local communities.

Finally, Heritage and Culture Warwickshire will be hosting the 'WCAVA Big Help Out Volunteer Fair' at Market Hall Museum on either Wednesday 10 or Thursday 11 May, with more details on this to follow.

Schools

Many schools will be taking part in activities relating to the Coronation. We have written to all schools highlighting available resources and will also be sending 10 metres of bunting to our primary schools to help create a sense of occasion and celebration.

Looked after children and care leavers

As the corporate parent to this special group of young people, we will be giving commemorative teddy bears to the younger ones and pin badges to the older group.

Web pages

We have created web pages which we will continue to update, so for the latest information about Coronation events and activities happening across Warwickshire please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronation

Accepted forms of photo ID

You can use any of the following accepted forms of photo ID when voting at a polling station.

- International travel
- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Driving and Parking
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Local travel
- Older Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Oyster 60+ Card funded by the Government of the United Kingdom
- Freedom Pass
- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card

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- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Proof of age
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Other government issued documents
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID. It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy. If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID

You can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if:

- you don't have an accepted form of photo ID
- you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you
- you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason, such as the use of a gender marker

You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Find out how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate

Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you.

The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

Showing ID as an anonymous elector

If you're registered to vote anonymously and want to vote in person, you'll need to apply for an Anonymous Elector's Document.



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PCSO Recruitment

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) inspire confidence on the streets of Warwickshire. They strive to make our communities safer and stronger yet perform one of the most demanding roles in the modern police force.

PCSOs can't make arrests and they don't carry handcuffs or a baton. They rely on their ability to understand and communicate with some of the most challenging people in some of the most difficult situations.

As a result we're looking for special qualities.

Have you got what it takes?

Put yourself in the shoes of a PCSO. These are some of the issues you may have to resolve:

- · How would you deal with a group of binge drinkers dancing in the street?
- · What would you do to re-build the confidence of an elderly couple who were burgled last week?
- How would you handle young people using a shopping centre as an indoor cycle track?

PCSOs work within neighbourhood policing teams helping to solve local issues by getting out in the community, meeting people and offering advice and support to people who live and work in the neighbourhood.

They also deal with minor offences and support front-line policing. They do not make arrests, conduct interviews, deal with prisoners or investigate serious crime. PCSOs go out on solo patrols which means they will be expected to walk their areas alone.

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