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County Councillors report as of 2nd October 2023

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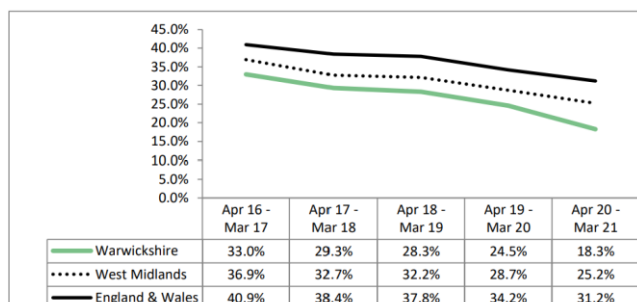
Three notable areas to report on **County** wise are:

1. Support for improving bus services across Warwickshire
(<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4524/cabinet-supports-improving-bus-services-across-warwickshire>)
2. Government funding of £3.295m awarded to WCC for Electric vehicle charging points
(<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4512/huge-boost-for-electric-vehicle-charging-in-warwickshire>)
3. Report by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services on pour Fire service
(<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue>)

Details of the above (1 & 2) and links to the full reports can be found in the **Other County wide news** section below.

I am pleased to say that **The Claverdon Monday Club** asked me to speak about my role as a Councillor and answer some of their questions about various issues. This was the third of three such talks in the space of two weeks, the other two being a presentation on Climate change at **Norton Lyndsey** and an update on County council matters at the **Earlswood Residents Association**. I enjoy these as you never really know what you are going to be asked and so tend to be lively at times.

At last week's Full Council (where all councillors attend) the main issue was a paper on Youth Justice which highlighted the benefits of the approach taken by Warwickshire which has one of the lowest reoffending rates and lock up (imprisoned) rates in the West Midlands and the Country.



	Warwickshire	West Midlands	YOT Family	National
Percentage of offenders who reoffended: Apr 20 – Mar 21	18.3%	25.2%	27.9%	31.0%
Percentage of offenders who reoffended: Apr 19 – Mar 20	24.5%	28.7%	31.8%	34.0%
Change from Baseline	-6.26	-3.48	-3.9	-3.01

As you can see from the next slide the offending population of individual children who have received a substantive outcome in 22/23 shows White males are over-represented, as well as males of Mixed and Black ethnic origin.

Number of Children offending by Gender and Ethnicity	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Unknown	Total
Male	102	6	3	6	0	4	121
Female	23	2	1	0	0	0	26
Total	125	8	4	6	0	4	147

Later in the week I attended the Adult Social Care Committee where we received a presentation from Dr Kate Drysdale and other NHS representatives on the **Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy**. The aim is to improve services, plans and visibility of the availability of these services although worryingly as ambitious as the plan is, which I congratulated them on the strategy as it is full of great initiatives but my question on funding revealed that there is no



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new funding for this strategy and that it will have to be funded by using existing budgets. I have no doubt that the strategy is full of great intentions and the dedication of NHS staff but I am concerned about how it is going to be delivered as the inference would seem to be that other areas will find their funding reduced, although I am assuming that frontline medical and surgery services will not be one of those areas.

In the same meeting we discussed the snappily titled **Sustainable Futures Strategy** before its final consideration by Cabinet over the next couple of months. Primarily concerned with Climate Change and what the County is doing on its own emissions and its plans for the wider area of Warwickshire.

Delivering our net zero Warwickshire target in partnership with the public sector, residents, communities, and business, will result in emission reductions of close to 5,509,000 tCO₂e in 2050 from our 2019 baseline following adoption of the fully inclusive greenhouse gas approach. Current national policy measures and technological assumptions project a gap of approximately 3,000,000 tCO₂e. Closing this gap is reliant on large scale behavioural change, partnering, technological developments, and change in all sectors accelerated by government, regional and local policy, and significant additional funding. The need for a joined-up approach is illustrated by the 18% contribution that emissions from motorway travel has to Warwickshire's carbon footprint (2019 figures), a network that is the responsibility of National Highways. The need to deliver inseting and offsetting measures may also play a part as full decarbonisation will not be realised in all sectors.

I challenged the report asking whether in the light of Government movement on some targets related to Climate Change whether the report was already out of date but the commitments and targets for Warwickshire are remaining the same, there is no desire to dilute the targets for 2030. This is welcome news.

Henley in Arden Specific Speed monitoring update

As of today, I have ordered 26 sets of speed monitoring for two weeks in October/November. They will be in Claverdon, Earlswood, **Henley in Arden**, Tanworth in Arden, Ullenhall and Wootton Wawen. I have paid for these from my delegated budget with the aim of getting an accurate picture of speed, volume, and classification around the division. As Henley already have some speed data, we could consider installing monitoring equipment a few weeks after the 20mph zone is in operation to see what difference it has made.

County Council Matters

Henley in Arden Specific - Let me know if you have any small roadworks, white lining, or Rights of Way issues I will investigate these for you and get a quote for any works that need to be conducted. Potholes should be reported through the FixMyStreet website where they will be logged by County and passed through to Balfour Beatty where they will be scheduled for repair. You can also report issues directly on the WCC website

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues>

Outstanding issues are broadly as they were in September: -

Ref	Date	Parish/Town	Cor D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
31	15/08/2022	HIA	C	Drains issue - water is over flowing due to blocked drains outside 185, 187, 189, 191 High Street, Henley photos available reported by Shelagh Clitherow she.teach@btinternet.com>	17/08/2022 Dylan/Graham - urgent issue please 04/10/2022 Jetting job raised and issued by Dylan 26/01/2023 DS will chase this up - area needs to be coned off before jetter arrives as jetter unable to carry out job	30/04/2023 Booked by DW
65	12/12/2022	HIA	C	Road markings on disabled bay by DOLCE CAFÉ have faded and non blue badge holders are parking there...remedials are to be undertaken on the Disabled Bays and lining around that area High Street, and outside the Coop up to the Puffin Crossing.	12/12/2022 Dylan notified 08/02/2023 All markings between Co op and Costa Coffee plus School lane will be renewed where needed - order placed with the crew (Candy) - job is under Stratford remedials	30/04/2023 GS chasing this 19/06/2023 Done some but not all - done by ice cream shop - by end of July/August per GS 18/07/2023 all lining except by ice cream shop which will be picked up when 20mph scheme
149	07/08/2023	HIA		1 sets of speed/volume/type data collectors for two weeks required top of Liveridge Hill by new development (former Little Chef site), Southbound. Aim is to see if we could reduce the speed limit to 40mph from just before the development i.e extend the 40mph limit further back from where it starts on Liveridge Hill.	10/08/2023 passed to GS	
150	08/08/2023	HIA		Railings in front of the Co Op	17/08/2023 This would limit the possibility of residents and children crossing the road except by the lights plus it will deter motorists from parking - GS/DW - what are the implications and could a scheme be drawn up. Effectively the PC want black railings - ockup photos available	17/08/2023 Get agreement from shop owners
151	08/08/2023	HIA		Lords waste map requested by Ray (Parish Clerk)	17/08/2023 Lords waste map?	Highways Eesearches



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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 absolute best to help.

Other County wide news

Millions of eligible people in England can now book their life-saving autumn COVID-19 vaccine online.

Anyone eligible for the COVID-19 autumn booster can book via [the NHS website](#), by downloading the NHS App, or by calling 119 for free if they can't get online. Those eligible include all those aged 65 and over, pregnant women and those with an underlying health condition. This year's autumn flu and COVID-19 vaccine programmes [started earlier than planned in England as a precautionary measure](#) following the identification of a new COVID variant. We are urging people to come forward for their jab as soon as they are invited by NHS England.

To continue to support our residents to reduce their risk of catching and spreading COVID-19 and flu we ask you to share messages encouraging people to:

- Get vaccinated.
- Wear a face covering in indoor public places.
- If you feel unwell, stay at home, and avoid contact with others.
- Let fresh air in if you are meeting indoors.

For further information, visit www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19

The [list of vaccination clinics](#), including walk-in clinics, is updated regularly and can be found on the Happy Healthy Lives website.

Arranging COVID-19 vaccination transport

Transport to COVID-19 vaccination appointments has been arranged with the volunteer transport providers that cover Warwickshire, they are working to a standard operating process for this work. Currently this transport can be requested if residents have no other safe way of accessing vaccination sites. This service is based on volunteer availability and limited funding arrangements.

Booking process:

- Residents in Rugby, Warwick and Stratford areas contact: VASA 01789 262889 and press option 1, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm or email transport@vasa.org.uk

These agencies also provide journeys to medical appointments if they have available drivers. There is a charge for this service.

Bus Services Improvement Plan



Find out more about Warwickshire County Council's plans to improve bus services across the County over the coming years: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4524/cabinet-supports-improving-bus-services-across-warwickshire>

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service committed to improvement journey.

After a follow up inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) earlier this year, Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS) has reasserted its commitment to ongoing improvement plans. Although progress is being made, the report noted that there is still work to be done... particularly in relation to protection through regulation of fire safety and efficiency of the workforce For more information on prevention, protection and response visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fireandrescue>

Boost for EV charging in Warwickshire.



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New government funding will allow Warwickshire County Council to dramatically increase the number of electric vehicles charging points in the County.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4512/huge-boost-for-electric-vehicle-charging-in-warwickshire>

Can you help by getting involved and suggesting possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county?

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicles/request-new-electric-charging-point>

Cost of Living/ Family support

I need support now	<p>If you are struggling with money and need help now, we can help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍲 food, energy and water bills 💰 money advice 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 aspects of family life 🏠 accessing emergency food 🧠 mental health support <p>Find help here: https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help</p>	<p>L1</p> 
FIS	<p>Warwickshire's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information, advice and one-to-one support on issues including family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support and more.</p> <p>Learn more at https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory-record/40/family-information-service</p>	<p>L2</p> 



St John's House Halloween events

St John's House in Warwick will undergo a spine-tingling transformation for Halloween, inviting brave souls to explore its rooms like never before.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4561/the-spirits-await-at-st-john-s-house-warwick-this-halloween>



Stratford Library free Fun Palace event

Stratford-upon-Avon Library and Information Centre will be transforming into a creative Fun Palace on Saturday 7 October 2023.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4560/visit-stratford-library-for-the-return-of-free-fun-palace-event-on-saturday-7-october>



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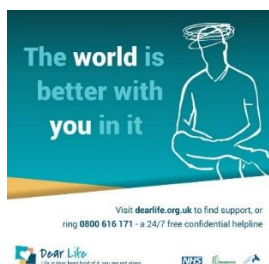
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Fostering film

"Any Of Us...because it really can be!" Is the message of a powerful new short video about fostering in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4559/any-of-us-because-it-really-can-be>



Dear Life – suicide prevention

If you, or someone you know, is having thoughts of suicide or significant self-harm, help and support is available now. Visit <http://dearlife.org.uk> where you will find details for crisis support.

If there is immediate risk to life, call 999.



Climate Change Newsletter September 2023

Get the latest news about everything that is happened in Warwickshire around climate change and sustainability by reading the latest issue of the dedicated newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire.gov.uk/climatechangenewsletter-september-2023>



Warwickshire Young Poet Laureate

The search is on for Warwickshire's next Young Poet Laureate!

The competition is open to anyone aged between 13 and 17 who lives and is educated in Warwickshire. Apply before the deadline of 6pm on Thursday 5 October.

Find out more: <https://ow.ly/BKyP50PLWus>



School attendance issues

If your child is struggling to attend school because of a particular issue happening at school, the first thing is to talk to your child's school about it. You can also visit: <https://youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/>



Caring for someone with Alzheimer's

If you have a caring responsibility for one of the 8,000 people living with Alzheimer's in Warwickshire, support is available to you.

To find out more go to <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/carers>



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Breastfeeding support

If you or someone you know has questions about breastfeeding, there's lots of help available.

For information and support, call the National Breastfeeding Helpline on 0300 100 0212. Lines are open 9:30am to 9:30pm every day.

Find out more: <http://www.nationalbreastfeedinghelpline.org.uk/>



Warwickshire Youth Conference

Get ready to mark your calendars & be part of the 2nd youth conference organised by young people for young people. The "Voices of Tomorrow" youth conference is coming on Friday, 3 November 2023.

Book a free place here:

<https://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/youthconference2023>



Top tips for a happy baby

A happy baby isn't just a fed baby. Every cuddle, smile and interaction counts, for you and your baby.

Here are some top tips for keeping your little one happy:

Stoptober	<p>Stop smoking and good things happen. Commit to quit this #Stoptober.</p> <p>Get in touch today and start your quit journey this Stoptober.</p> <p>Visit: https://fitterfutures.everyonehealth.co.uk/stop-smoking-service/ Call: 0333 005 0095 Text: 'QUIT' to 60777</p>	
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Police News

The nearest reported crime over the last week is.

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Theft. Liveridge Hill. Two white females from a Red Nissan Micra have stolen eight vehicle batteries from works yard. The first part of the registration was 'PY56'. 1pm Tuesday 26th September. 0162 26/09/2023

Alcester Police Station front office is open every Wednesday evening from 6pm till 9pm. Apart from 25th October 29th November 3rd January 2024, 7th February 2024 and 13th March 2024. Further dates will be confirmed. All are invited to attend the station to meet a member of their local policing team. Please come to the front door of the Station in Priory Road. We look forward to seeing you.