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County Councillors report as of 8th January 2024

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General

Happy New Year to everyone. My priorities are:

- **To keep the pressure on the County with regards to Flooding issues**
- **Ensure that the potholes and road repairs are carried out in a timely manner.**
- **Look at installing more Electric Vehicle charging points with your Parish Council**
- **Use the data from the speed strips to develop a plan for speed reduction where needed and where it is supported by the data.**

Henley in Arden Specific

Speed monitoring – I am expecting the data from the speed strips to be made available to me this week. As soon as I have the data, I will pass this into to the JPC to be reviewed and reported on.

Flooding issues

The latest storm on New Years Day onwards brought heavy rains and whilst the area to the north of the Town witnessed pooling north of Johnson's Place to the x-Finest Catch but the High Street remained relatively dry. Whilst it is clear that some of the drains/gullies need work to improve the flow, the jetting carried out after the storm in October may have improved the situation. Further down the High Street by the Market Cross through Back Lane, where water caused flooding to properties the Flood teams are looking at how excess water can be diverted back into the river avoiding properties and reducing the risk of flood.

To the North of the town a meeting of the Environment Agency, Severn Trent, the County Council, and other stakeholders is being set up to explore options to prevent the river topping its banks and improving drainage.

County Council Matters

- **Fire stations** – There is a public consultation on the future of several Fire stations, and it includes Henley Fire Station which the proposals indicate would become a "surge" station i.e., the tender would only be used if other stations cannot respond to an emergency. There is an issue with availability of the teams in some stations, but Henley has a good availability and response rate in comparison to others and it has the added responsibility of covering the motorways and neighbouring local authorities.
- If you have an opinion that you want to share, then the consultation process allows this, and it is open until 10th March so please take part in the survey whether you are for keeping Henley Fire Station as it is or support the proposal.
- **There is a link further down to the Resourcing to Risk survey.**

Other County Council issues

WW Small works - 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 directly on the WCC website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4085/warwickshire-county-council-encourages-residents-to-report-road-issues>

As reported last month Rishi Sunak announced an **£8.3 billion boost for roads** – enough to **resurface over 5,000 miles of road** and the largest ever funding increase for the improvement of local roads. Well-maintained road surfaces save drivers up to **£440 each** in vehicle repairs. For **Warwickshire County Council** this funding package includes **£2,056,000** in additional road repair funding next year and at least **£120 million** over the next decade.



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Ref	Date	Parish/Town	Cor D	Issue	Action 1	Action 2
23	15/08/2022	HIA	C	20 mph speed limit - read documentation on this and see of Station Rd and continuation is covered	22/10/2022 GS says that it could be achieved with placing additional signs before Brook End Drive on the B4189 and near to Proce Harry Rd and Arden Rd. Contact George Westbury and Chris Round after checking the Henely 20 is plenty document	1/11/2022 - NFA as the project team would presumably have this covered. 02/09/2023 yellow lines down Station Rd - update needed as GS indicates that it will be signed off on 07/09/2023
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 die 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 13/11/2023 DW - when the surface dressing is done the street the lining will be done
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	see 159
154	02/10/2023	HIA		Branches by side of A4189 westbound before Glenhurst Rd/ overhanging branch in layby by Wasps	04/10/2023 DS has already logged this but will see if these can be dealt with sooner than SLA	10/10/2023 mDW advises that job has been raised
179	18/10/2023	HIA		Ev Chargers request by Bryn	18/10/2023 Note sent to Bryn	
185	20/10/2023	HIA		Flooding issues around High Street and A4189	13/11/2023 wjole of HIA to be jetted	05/12/2023 - camaera surveyrepairs to gullies that could be lifted
207	14/12/2023	HIA		State of road and surface dressing	14/12/2023 DW no defects that reach our intervention levels, there is minor surface wear in areas, but nothing dangerous requiring immediate attention. I have suggested High Street for a future surface dressing scheme as the majority is wearing in areas, please note there are no guarantees with this but it will be looked at by our delivery team.	
211	20/12/2023	HIA		Kent Cottage - smell of petrol	20/12/2023 awaiting feedback from Severn Trent	
216	29/12/2023	HIA		South end of High Street - pot hole	03/01/2023 DW - delivery team to prioritise the permanent repair of the gully, to reset it and patch around it with tarmac. However to keep it safe in the meantime I have raised another job to have it temporarily filled until the permanent repair can take place. Unfortunately we have an extremely high work load at the moment, so whilst I appreciate a permanent repair is what is needed to resolve this issue, this temporary repair is necessary to keep it safe for now.	

Police report

HENLEY • Attempt Burglary. Prince Harry Road. Glass in rear door smashed by unknown offender(s). This alerted the occupier who found the broken glass. Nothing believed stolen at the time. 9.20pm Friday 5th January. 0321 05/01/2024

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.





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Resourcing to Risk Consultation

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue is looking at its service delivery model as part of the Resourcing to Risk approach.

Please read about the need for change and comment on the proposals at:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/>

This could have a major effect on how the Fire station at Henley is used operationally and how it serves the residents of Henley and surrounding parishes.

Other County Wide news



Winter Vigilance Campaign

Heading out for New Year fun? You can play your part in keeping people safe. Stay alert to anything that doesn't feel right.

Tell a member of staff, security or police, or report online at www.gov.uk/ACT.

You won't be wasting anyone's time.



Warm Welcome Hubs

Check out the Warwickshire Rural Community Council directory of Warm Hubs to find a local, warm, safe, inclusive place where you can expect a friendly welcome.

Find out more: www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/wrcc-warm-hubs/warm-hubs-network/



Household Waste Recycling Centre Survey

Warwickshire County Council want to know what you think about their Household Waste Recycling Centres and the services that are offered at them.

Have your say here: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/recycling-centre_2023/



Kind Communities - Kind Food Grant Fund

Do you know of a food-related community project in Warwickshire that would benefit from a funding boost?

Apply to the new Kind Communities - Kind Food Grant fund, and empower your community to make more affordable, healthy, and sustainable food choices:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4793/county-council-launches-kind-communities-kind-food-grant-to-support-local-community-food-projects



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SEND newsletter (Twitter and Facebook)

Why not use the lull over Twixmas to explore Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer website?

It's packed with information and advice for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

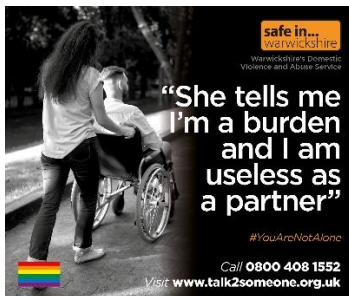
Find more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>



Investing in Education in 2023

Find out more about the significant investment in education that Warwickshire County Council has made throughout 2023:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4889/investing-in-education-2023-was-the-year-for-new-schools-enhanced-facilities-and-expanding-opportunities>



Domestic Abuse support

The festive season can be a daunting time for those who have or are experiencing domestic abuse.

Help is available from Warwickshire County Council and partners.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4895/warwickshire-county-council-highlights-domestic-abuse-support-this-festive-season>



Caring Together Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council is reminding all those with a caring responsibility to register as a carer to access the latest support over the Christmas period.

Read more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4896/warwickshire-county-council-signposts-residents-with-a-caring-responsibility-to-support-from-local-services>



Parents have less than two weeks to apply for their child's 2024 Reception or Junior School place.

More details can be found using this link.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4908/parents-have-less-than-two-weeks-to-apply-for-their-child-s-2024-reception-or-junior-school-place>