

County Councillor report Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 13th February 2024

Tax increase

There will be a tax increase of 4.99% for 2024/25 and planning an assumption of a 2.99% annual increase in future years. This is to support the rising cost of £26m for Adult Social Care, totaling £226m per year. There is also an increase of £18m for SEND and an extra £8.9m for home to school transport now totaling £28m per year.

Warwickshire County Council has set its budget for 2024/25 and its medium-term financial strategy.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4984/council-sets-budget-to-deliver-for-warwickshire>

Log highways issues and report feedback

Warwickshire County Council has launched a new platform to support the way customers can report a highways problem or log customer feedback through its website. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4953/updates-to-the-way-customers-log-highways-issues-and-report-feedback>

Children's social work recruitment

Embrace a new career challenge this year by joining Warwickshire County Council's Children and Family Service. Find out how to apply:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4926/consider-working-in-children-s-social-work-to-be-part-of-child-friendly-warwickshire>

Hey Foster Carer Booklet Launch

Come along to Old Shire Hall at 6:00pm on 28 Feb and find out how you could change a life by fostering with Warwickshire. Reserve your space today:

fosteringenquiries@warwickshire.gov.uk

Read More: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4961/-hey-foster-carer-a-celebration-of-children-s-voices-in-fostering>

New opportunity for trainee solicitors to join Warwickshire Legal Services

Warwickshire Legal Services (WLS) has launched four exciting new positions for aspiring trainee solicitors to join their award-winning, motivated, and nationally recognised team.

WLS is currently inviting applications for up to four training contracts, commencing in September 2024, March 2025, and September 2025.

The trainee solicitors will gain hands-on experience across a wide variety of legal areas such as Planning, Commercial, Contracts, Property, Education, Child Protection and Adult Social Care. The closing date for applications is Monday 4 March 2024. Successful candidates will be invited to attend a virtual assessment in April and shortlisted for an in-person assessment in May. For more information, go to WCC Website. [Apply to become a Trainee Solicitor at Warwickshire Legal Services](#)

Serious violence prevention strategy

A strategy which sets out how we are working to keep communities safe from serious violence was officially endorsed by Cabinet on Tuesday 23 January. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4946/cabinet-endorses-safer-warwickshire-serious-violence-prevention-strategy>

Hate crime strategy

Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership has launched a new strategy that is aimed at benefitting communities that have been previously affected by hate crimes.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4943/new-strategy-for-tackling-hate-crime-in-warwickshire-is-launched>

Suggest an electric vehicle charging location

Could you help by suggesting a location for future electric vehicle charging points across Warwickshire? Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4944/can-you-suggest-a-location-for-electric-vehicle-charging-points-in-warwickshire->

Recycling centres survey

Warwickshire County Council want to know what residents think about the reuse and recycling services at the nine reuse facilities and recycling centres across the county. Complete the survey here:

https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/recycling-centre_2023/

It's time to have your say on Warwickshire's rights of way

Warwickshire County Council is seeking views on all aspects of the county's rights of way as part of a new consultation exercise. Have your say today.

The Council is calling upon all residents to take part in a new consultation exercise that aims to inform an improvement plan for these routes.

This consultation will close on Sunday 10 March 2024.

More information about rights of way in Warwickshire can be found online: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rightsofway>

Council demonstrates commitment to being environmentally responsible

For the 16th year in a row, Warwickshire County Council has been recognised for its environmental management system (EMS) and awarded ISO 14001 certification. The Council was one of the first local authorities in the UK to receive the ISO 14001 certification. For information on this and for ways in which Warwickshire residents can get involved with building a sustainable future in the county, visit www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk.

Flooding

Parish Councils can help by having an emergency plan. Assuming the Parish Council does have a plan, make sure that it is updated.

An emergency number should be available and is contained in Parish and Town Council Emergency Plans. For emergency during out of hours, the local County Councillor can also be contacted who will then call the emergency number for flooding.

<https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>.

Great fire of Warwick History exhibition comes alive in the heart of Warwick.

A catastrophic event in Warwickshire's history has been brought to life with the launch of an innovative exhibition at Market Hall Museum in Warwick. Visitors can now experience an immersive augmented reality exhibit that vividly recounts the Great Fire that engulfed Warwick on 5 September 1694. People visiting the free exhibition will be transported back over 300 years to witness the dramatic events that forever changed the face of the town Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4920/history-comes-alive-in-the-heart-of-warwick-with-new-augmented-reality-exhibit>

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