

County Councillor report Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 10th October 2023

Suicide Prevention

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

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/>

Huge boost for electric vehicle charging in Warwickshire

It's great news for residents as new government funding will allow charging points in the County.

The Council has been allocated £3.295m from Tranche 1 of the government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capital Fund, which is made available to regions so that they can increase the number of EV charging points in their area.

Based on current estimates, this funding will allow for the delivery of 2000 charging sockets at both on-street and in car park locations. The Council has already begun its discussions with partners in the Districts and Boroughs to identify suitable sites

The Council is also carrying out a trial to allow home-charging on terraced streets using cable protectors, which forms a part of its commitment to providing a range of charging options that address the needs of anyone wanting to switch to an electric vehicle in Warwickshire.

Nominate a location for EV Charging

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>

Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to get involved and suggest possible locations for future electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the county.

The Council is particularly interested in hearing about those areas where there is a high demand for electric vehicle charging, such as: Residential streets with no off-street parking. Public car parks. Rural locations

Reporting Potholes

A key priority for Warwickshire County Council is potholes - a significant problem for road users. WCC have a comprehensive plan which helps them to identify potholes, repair them and stop them from forming. To do this we use capital funding, including the recently announced additional pothole funding of c.£2.8m for Warwickshire.

We urge residents to report any potholes they see via WCC's website. Other faults residents can report include street light problems; rights of way problems; faulty traffic lights; and roadwork problems. Residents can report a Highways fault here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem or by calling the Council's contact centre (01926 410410).

Stoptober

When you stop smoking good things start to happen! Join the thousands of smokers who are committing to quitting with #Stoptober.

Quitting smoking is much easier with the right support. See how we can help you quit for good. Get in touch today and start your quit journey this Stoptober.

Visit: <https://fitterfutures.everyonehealth.co.uk/stop-smoking-service/>

Call: 0333 005 0095 Text: 'QUIT' to 60777

COVID / flu

The #flu and #COVID19 vaccination programme has been brought forward to provide the best possible protection to those who need it most.

If you're eligible for vaccination, make sure to come forward when invited.

More info: nhs.uk/seasonalvaccinations

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

Homes for Ukraine case study

More than 600 Warwickshire residents have offered their homes and opened their hearts to people in need from the moment that the Homes for Ukraine scheme started in the county.

Hear from Zoia here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4574/zoia-s-journey-from-ukraine-to-finding-a-new-home-in-the-uk>

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