

## **County Councillors report**

### **Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 12th October 2021**

#### **Council releases powerful video to raise awareness of child exploitation in Warwickshire. Hundreds of children and young people in Warwickshire exploited**

Child exploitation is the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under 18 and it takes many forms.

WCC has released a powerful advert to raise awareness of it happening across the County with the aim to encourage young people, parents, carers, teachers, professionals, and all other members of the Community to learn how to spot the signs and most importantly to report it or get support.

The campaign website [www.somethingnotright.co.uk](http://www.somethingnotright.co.uk) is packed full of information and resources including the different types of exploitation and the warning signs.

To watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQ0Z2iLDyRA>

If you are worried about a child or young person, contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday on 01926 414144.

#### **New strategy to support victims of domestic abuse is approved**

Warwickshire County Council has approved a Safe Accommodation Strategy which looks to provide safe and secure accommodation and support for women, men and children who are at risk of, or have experienced domestic abuse

#### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support**

WCC's COVID-19 Mental Wellbeing and Resilience Fund has awarded £750k to support local community groups and businesses to develop sustainable and innovative solutions to help improve the mental wellbeing and resilience of Warwickshire.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2464/warwickshire-county-council-is-investing-750k-on-local-initiatives-to-support-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

## **Refreshing the Council Plan**

The Warwickshire County Council Plan public engagement survey is now live on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask)

The survey is open to anyone who lives, works, or studies in Warwickshire, and as you will be aware, we will use this feedback to help inform the development of a refreshed Council Plan.

While we want to encourage as much participation as possible through the online route, paper copies will be available through our library network and can be requested through the Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410 or by emailing [askwarwickshire@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:askwarwickshire@warwickshire.gov.uk)

We will be publicising the survey extensively during the next four weeks and would welcome your support in sharing links through your own channels and networks.

## **Project Warwickshire**

A £557,000 contract to help the county's small businesses in the hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors bounce back from the Covid pandemic has been awarded by Warwickshire County Council to Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2472/project-warwickshire-launches-to-help-tourism-leisure-and-hospitality-businesses>

## **Stop smoking to protect friends and family from household fires**

Warwickshire residents are encouraged to give up smoking to improve their personal health and to protect friend and family members from household fires related to smoking.

Warwickshire County Council is supporting the annual Stoptober campaign and Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service highlighting the dangers that smoking and smoking materials can pose. Government research states that there were 6,572 fire incidents recorded in the UK between 2020 and 2021 where smokers' materials, cigarette lighters or matches were listed as the primary source of ignition for the fire. Smoking-related fires can be caused by people smoking in bed, knocking over ashtrays or leaving lit cigarettes unattended. These minor actions can have fatal consequences and in the same period there were 908 fatalities in the UK where smokers' materials were listed as the primary source of ignition for fire.

For more information about Quit 4 Good visit: [quitforgood.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://quitforgood.warwickshire.gov.uk)

## Covid19

The rate of infections across the district has decreased slightly to 566/100,000 from 604 last week, the over 60's rate has decreased to 105/100,000 (110 last week) with 45 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 642/100,000, North Warwickshire 435/100,000, Warwick 492/100,000 and Rugby 631/100,000. Warwickshire overall has gone up from 544/100,000 to 562/100,000. England 332/100,000.

There have been no further Covid related deaths this week across Stratford District (total now 148 from the start of this second wave (28<sup>th</sup> August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 99 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,509 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 8 this week (725) with a total of 6,333 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 316 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,326 (10,717 total deaths).