

# **County Councillors report Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting**

**9th November 2021**

## **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>

## **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>

## **Help for residents to meet household costs through the winter.**

Central Government recently announced that a new £500 million Household Support Fund grant will be made available to local authorities in England, as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic.

The objective of the funding is to support those Warwickshire residents, who are struggling and need immediate financial support this winter with food, energy and water bills. At least 50% of the total funding is ring fenced to support families with children, with the remainder being made available to other households genuinely in need of support this winter.

Warwickshire's allocation is £3.47million to cover the period 6 October 2021 to 31 March 2022.

If you or someone you know is facing hardship right now, I encourage you to look online and get in touch with us, to find out what help there is.

For information about wider support from the council and other services, go to: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)

People can also contact the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme team on 01926 359182 or 0800 408 1448 or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

### **Residents encouraged not to return to pre-pandemic behaviours**

With cases of Covid-19 remaining high across the county, the Director of Public Health for Warwickshire, Dr Shade Agboola is urging residents not to revert to pre-pandemic behaviour to stop cases increasing any further. With winter fast approaching and additional pressures such as flu and sickness bugs set to add pressures on the NHS, now is not the time to lapse on key measures such as wearing face masks in closed spaces, washing our hands regularly, keeping a distance from those we do not live with. For more information, advice, and support, visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/information-cronavirus>

### **Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund: Town and Parish Council Climate Emergency Action Planning Events**

Town and Parish Council's across Warwickshire will be supported to create their own climate emergency action plans thanks to the Warwickshire County Council Green Shoots Fund. The Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of local Council's (WALC) were successful in their Green Shoots bid for £4950 in funding to provide two action planning days in January and March 2022 for Warwickshire's Town and Parish Councils to assist them in producing their own climate emergency action plans. This is made possible by the Green Shoots Funding.

For further information about the Local Council Climate Action Day organised by WALC, visit: <https://www.walc.org.uk/events-list/952-climate-action-day>

### **New counselling project in Warwickshire to support children and parents**

A new project called Strengthened Families will support children and parents in Warwickshire with their wellbeing. It will be managed by the Parenting Project who are a voluntary organisation in Warwickshire working with children and young people, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability from 0-25 and their parents to help them with their mental health needs alongside their general health wellbeing.

For more information contact: [counselling@parentingproject.org.uk](mailto:counselling@parentingproject.org.uk).

## **Warwickshire County Council one step closer to providing Priority Worker Help to Buy funding**

Cabinet approved the plan to progress the development of the PWHTB scheme to facilitate home ownership for priority workers who may not otherwise be able to move onto or up the property ladder.

To read the full report visit: [Warwickshire County Council Cabinet Papers](#)

## **Warwickshire County Council unveils Children and Young People Strategy 2021-2030**

Warwickshire County Council cabinet has approved a new Children and Young People Strategy which outlines the Council's commitment to ensuring children and young people have a voice and to be the best they can be

To find out more visit: [www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk)

## **Have your say on how Covid-19 has impacted on you**

Many people have had a tough time during the last 18 months during the Covid crisis. Therefore, Warwickshire County Council is inviting people who live, work or study in Warwickshire to take part in survey to help understand the impact of the COVID-19 on our communities.

The survey should only take 15 minutes to complete and is available on-line at <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/covid-recovery-survey-2021>

## **Up-Date on Speed signs**

E-mail received 9<sup>th</sup> November from Graham Stanley, WCC. He will be meeting up with the Police on Wednesday morning 10<sup>th</sup> November, 09.30 at junction of Verney Close and Wellesbourne Road. Members of Lighthorne Parish Council are welcome to join.