

## **County Councillors report**

### **Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 14th September 2021**

#### **Support for families and individuals facing hardship**

Warwickshire County Council continues to help local families and individuals facing hardship over the next few months.

Additional funding has been allocated to every Council for families with children, other vulnerable households, and individuals to ensure that people who are struggling have the support they need for food, essential items, and utilities.

Warwickshire's share of Government grant is £1.322m and the Council will be distributing the latest allocation of the Covid Local Support Grant to families eligible for benefits related free school meals and others in need of support over the period when schools were close for the summer. For more information contact [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

#### **Warwickshire continues success in keeping young people in education, employment or training.**

A recent publication from the Department for Education (DfE) has shown that once again, Warwickshire County Council is one of the most successful local authorities in the country for ensuring 16- and 17-year-old residents are either in education, employment, or training. For More information contact:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/neet>

#### **A stark but essential warning – Warwickshire County Council welcomes the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC) report 2021**

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC Report-published on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 has set out the current position in terms of human influenced climate change and overall condition of natural world across the globe. Although the findings are bleak, WCC has welcomed the publication ensuring that considerations of climate underpin all Council decision-making

You can read a copy of the IPCC report:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/#FullReport>

For More information about how Warwickshire County Council is facing the challenges of the climate change emergency, visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/strategies-policies-legislation/facing-challenge-climate-warwickshire>

#### **Warm Hearted Warwickshire residents show support for Afghan refugees**

Warwickshire is expected to welcome around 100 people into the country as part of the National Home-Office Plan. Residents of Warwickshire have been quick to show their compassion and offer support.

**Stratford Welcome Here** group have set up a [justGiving page](#) to support Afghan families.

**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

**“Plant a tree for the Jubilee” Warwickshire County Council- The Queen’s Green Canopy.**

Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Lieutenancy are encouraging individuals, schools' community groups and businesses to get involved in a unique, tree planting initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee 2022.

Anyone can get involved by planting a tree during the forthcoming planting season which runs from October 2021 until March 2022:

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>