

County Councillor Report Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 13th May 2025

No Mow May 2025

Why not play a role in protecting our native plants and insects by leaving your lawnmowers in the shed and embracing No Mow May?

Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6165/give-power-to-the-flowers-in-your-garden-take-part-in-no-mow-may-2025>

New contract for short break and family care services

Warwickshire County Council is pleased to announce a new contract to provide a range of short breaks and family care services for eligible children and young people aiming to provide better information and advice for people with mental health concerns, disabilities and those at risk of homelessness.

The services will provide information advice and interventions as well as community-based support for those at risk of losing their accommodation and accommodation-based support such as providing temporary housing. The services are inclusive of people with disabilities. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6126/local-authority-announces-new-contract-for-short-break-and-family-care-services>

Foster Care Fortnight

This May, Warwickshire Fostering is supporting Foster Care Fortnight, raising awareness of fostering and the vital role foster carers play in the lives of children and young people. The UK's leading campaign is dedicated to raising awareness of fostering and the vital role foster carers play in the lives of children and young people, running from Monday 12 May to Sunday 25 May

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6205/warwickshire-fostering-highlights-the-power-of-relationships-during-foster-care-fortnight>

Training course to help professionals support children and young people with their health

The Children and Young People Making Every Contact Count training course is available for professionals to help support the wellbeing of children and young people. Find out more information:

Find out more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/help-new-expectant-parents>

Mental Health

If you are struggling with your mental health, remember you are not alone. There's support and help available to you and it's just a click or phone call away visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth>

Supporting young people's mental health

Understanding and looking after mental wellbeing is just as important as taking care of physical health and a good habit to develop as early as possible.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6236/supporting-young-people-s-mental-health>

I need support now

If you are struggling with money and need help now, we can help with:

Food, energy and water bills. Money advice. Aspects of family life. Accessing emergency food. Mental health support. Find help here:

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

Make healthy choices with Living Well

Residents are encouraged to visit Warwickshire County Council's Living Well website for a wide range of information and services that promote health awareness. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6173/make-healthy-choices-with-living-well->

Bird flu

Bird flu has been detected in bordering counties. At this time, we suggest the following precautionary advice to ensure everyone stays safe. Do not touch or handle wild birds or their droppings. Please wear gloves to clean bird feeders and baths to remove droppings. If you find a dead bird then please report this to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) - visit www.gov.uk/guidance/report-dead-wild-birds

Fire risks that could be associated with air fryers

With the surge in air fryer popularity, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is issuing safety advice to prevent potential air fryer fires.

Learn more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6169/are-you-aware-of-the-fire-risks-that-could-be-associated-with-air-fryers->

Warwickshire's new High Sheriff shares her passion for helping turn lives around

A new High Sheriff was inaugurated this Easter at Old Shire Hall in Warwick. Karen Lynch MBE of Flecknoe will serve as the 691st High Sheriff in Warwickshire. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6172/warwickshire-s-new-high-sheriff-shares-her-passion-for-helping-turn-lives-around>

County Council Election

The Conservatives have lost control of the County Council.

Reform has 22 Councillors

Liberal Democrats 14

Conservatives 9

Labour 3

Green Party 7

Independent 2

Chris Mills
County Councillor
Lighthorne