

County Councillor Report

Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 12th May 2026

Raising of threat level to severe

The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board are sharing this statement from Warwickshire Police on the raising of the terrorism threat level to severe.

Deputy Chief Constable, Ben Smith said:

“You will have seen in the news that the UK terrorism threat level has been increased from substantial to severe – meaning an attack in the UK is highly likely.

“This change comes following a series of recent incidents targeting Jewish communities in London, and our thoughts very much remain with all those impacted by these horrific attacks. “The raise in threat level will no doubt be a cause of significant concern. I therefore wanted to give some information and reassurance about what this means for us all here in Warwickshire.

“The change in the threat status is in response to those recent events and is a precautionary measure, not based on any specific threat.

“But we do all need to be vigilant.

“Warwickshire Police will continue to be visible in our communities, and will be working with partner agencies, local businesses, and faith groups to share information and advice on security, what to be on the look-out for and how to report any concerns.

“Communities defeat terrorism, and we are asking you, the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

“Your support is essential, and communities across the country continue to show they stand together against anyone who tries to divide them.”

If you do see anything that doesn't feel right, please report it via www.gov.uk/ACT. In an emergency, always call 999.

More information about what to do if you are concerned about the behaviour of someone close to you can be found on the <https://actearly.uk> website, including how to spot the signs of radicalisation and where to go for support.

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/news/warwickshire/news/2026/may/raising-of-threat-level-to-severe--statement-from-deputy-chief-constable-ben-smith>

‘Ask for Angela’ scheme

Pubs, bars and other licensed premises across Warwickshire have demonstrated that they are successfully running the ‘Ask for Angela’ scheme. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7591/warwickshire-s-licensed-premises-pass-the-test-when-asked-for-angela->

Shout mental health support service

Are you feeling low or struggling to cope?

Text the word CWHOPE to 85258 for support. Shout’s mental health professionals are available 24/7 and can help if you are feeling stressed, isolated, or low. If you are worried about a young person who is struggling with their mental health, they can also text CWHOPE to 85258 for free, confidential support 24/7. It’s easy, discreet, and some young people may find it more comfortable than talking face-to-face.

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust have partnered with Shout to offer free and confidential text support to anyone in Coventry and Warwickshire.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Warwickshire County Council is proud to support Mental Health Awareness Week, taking place from 11 - 17 May 2026: www.mentalhealth.org.uk/

Mental Health Awareness Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of the mental health and wellbeing services available across Warwickshire. These services offer support to help improve wellbeing and provide help during difficult times. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth

New mental health and emotional wellbeing service for children and young people

A new mental health and emotional wellbeing service for children and young people from Warwickshire County Council will be available from 1 August 2026. The new service will support children and young people aged 0 to 18 years or up to 25 years old with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). In addition to direct support, the service will also work with families, carers, schools, and professionals who play an important role in children’s lives, ensuring they have the knowledge, skills and confidence to recognise early signs of mental health needs and respond effectively. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7550/new-service-planned-to-support-children-and-young-people-s-mental-health

Dementia Action Week

Warwickshire County Council is proud to support Dementia Action Week, taking place from 18 – 24 May 2026.

Dementia Action Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of dementia and the support available for people living with dementia, as well as their families and carers. Find support here: <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

CQC assessment of Reablement service

Warwickshire County Council is celebrating a positive outcome following the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) assessment of its Reablement service, which recognises the service as Outstanding.

Reablement is a service offered to adults aged 18+ years across Warwickshire who need support with regaining their independence after illness, injury, or a period of frailty.

The assessment, carried out in March as part of the CQC's national routine monitoring of services, highlighted consistently positive experiences of people using the service, with feedback praising staff for being kind, empathetic, respectful and motivating, and for involving people fully in assessments, goal setting, and decisions about their care. Read more:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7561/warwickshire-s-reablement-service-rated-outstanding-by-the-care-quality-commission

Cost of living webpages

Are you struggling with the increasing cost of living? Signposting and support is available here: <https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/> For more information, visit the [Crisis and Resilience Fund pages](#) or call 0800

4081448 or 01926 359182.

Emergency contacts

Do you know who to contact in an emergency?

You can find your key contacts near you on the Warwickshire Resilience Forum website. Risks being: Industrial Accidents & Major fires, Cyber Attacks, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Extreme Cold Weather, Heatwave & Drought, Animal Disease, Loss of Gas or Electricity, Malicious Attacks, Pandemics and Flooding. Pick a risk and pop in your postcode at <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/emergency-contacts/>, and find out who's here to help where you are.

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