

County Councillor Report

Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 9th June 2026

Strengthening local social care and health support

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has endorsed an £80.1 million plan to support residents to live healthier, more independent lives for longer. Find out more: The Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2026/27 continues to bring together NHS and council funding to make health and social care services in Warwickshire simpler to access, better coordinated and more focused on prevention. Funding through the BCF directly supports older people, disabled residents and those with long-term or more complex health conditions by providing care and support closer to home.

This may include:

Help to remain independent at home for longer

Faster, better-coordinated support when people return home from hospital

Adaptations to homes that make everyday living safer and easier

Joined-up local services so individuals don't have to repeat their story or navigate multiple organisations

By supporting people earlier and in the right setting, the funding also helps to reduce unnecessary hospital stays and avoid long term care where it's needed.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7621/cabinet-endorses-80-million-plan-to-strengthen-local-social-care-and-health-support-in-warwickshire>

Enhancing school facilities in Warwickshire

£1.66 million in funding has been announced to deliver improvements to safeguarding, accessibility, and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision within Warwickshire's schools. A £1.66 million addition to the 2026/2027 Education Capital Programme was approved at the latest meeting of Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet.

The funding will be used to deliver improvements to safeguarding, accessibility, and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision, with a significant focus on reducing travel times for vulnerable students. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7626/significant-investment-agreed-to-enhance-school-facilities-and-specialist-education-provision>

FIS

Warwickshire's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information, advice and one-to-one support on issues including family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support and more. Learn more:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory-record/40/family-information-service

Support available for families awaiting ADHD assessments

Parents and carers in Warwickshire whose children or young people are waiting for an ADHD assessment are being reminded that help and support are available without the need for a formal diagnosis. Warwickshire County Council and partners recognise that waiting for an assessment can be a stressful and uncertain time for families. Work is continuing across the county to improve waiting times, with partners committed to making progress as quickly as possible. In the meantime, families do not have to wait for an assessment or diagnosis for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), to access support. A wide range of advice, guidance and practical help is available, including: **Family Support**

- [Children and Family Centres](#) offer flexible support for families with young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 years with additional needs).
- [IMPACT SEND Youth Forum](#) provides an opportunity for young people aged 13-25 years with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) to have their say and influence support in Warwickshire.

Advice and Signposting

- [Warwickshire Local Offer](#) - Here you'll find help, advice and information about the services available to support children and young people with SEND, from birth to age 25.
- [Warwickshire SENDIAS](#) - provides independent advice and support around various topics relating to SEND for children and young people aged 0-25 living in Warwickshire and their parents or carers.
- [Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice \(WPCV\)](#) - is an independent, parent carer led organisation for anyone with a child or children with SEND aged 0-25. WPCV ensure parent carers are involved when designing services for children, young people and their families.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7628/support-available-for-families-awaiting-adhd-assessments-in-warwickshire->

Personal Assistant recruitment

Do you have the skills to be a personal assistant in the care industry?

Carers come from all ages and backgrounds, bringing unique experiences.

Check out jobs near you: Including Kenilworth, Leamington Spa, Shipston-on-Stour, Southam, Stratford and Warwick.

https://www.penderelstrust.org.uk/rcrPA16.php?recruitment_region=West+Midlands

Strengthening support for community food projects

Warwickshire County Council has awarded more than £25,000 in funding to 27 community organisations to support local initiatives that improve access to healthy, affordable food.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7668/warwickshire-county-council-strengthens-support-for-community-food-projects->

Measles

Measles can cause serious complications like chest infection, brain inflammation, and even death. Two doses of the measles vaccine are highly effective at protecting against measles, mumps and rubella and will give you long term protection. Check your vaccination history and book with your GP. For more information, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Pharmacy First

Meet George! George is a pharmacist in Leamington Spa who wants to tell you about Pharmacy First. If you feel ill you can get certain prescription medications for a range of ailments straight from a pharmacy, without a GP appointment! Please watch the video by clicking here -

https://youtube.com/shorts/ZuQ-r_-Zu4U?feature=share To find your nearest pharmacy by visiting <https://orlo.uk/ZRygn>

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Report waste crime

Waste crime costs the English economy an estimated £1 billion every year, but only 27% of incidents are reported. If you've seen large scale or repeated illegal waste dumping, contact CrimeStoppers 100% anonymously, online or call 0800 555 111. Report it: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/rural-crime/environmental-crime>

Stay alert to doorstep crime

Stay Alert to Doorstep Crime! It happens when someone turns up without being asked and talks about repairs, services or other work. It often involves pressure or claims that aren't true. You can report it at: <http://citizensadvice.org.uk/scams>.

Be prepared: Loss of gas and electricity

Most of us rely on gas and electricity every day - Would you know what to do if you lost power for a few days? The UK's power network has never completely failed. However serious outages have occurred abroad, such as the 2003 Northeast Blackout which affected 55 million people and more recently, the 2025 power outages across Spain and Portugal, affecting over 50 million people and severely disrupting telecommunications, transportation and essential services.

Learn how to plan for power outages, loss of gas supply and more at: <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/loss-of-gas-or-electricity/>, and take the first steps towards being Better Prepared.

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