

County Councillor Report

Lighthorne Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2026

Crisis and Resilience Fund Community Grant Fund

Community and voluntary organisations across Warwickshire are invited to apply for a share of £500,000 through Warwickshire County Council's new Crisis and Resilience Community Grant Fund. The fund will support projects that help residents become more financially resilient and reduce the risk of future financial hardship. Launched today 1st September. To ask about support call Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme on 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359 182 (Mon-Fri) or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/crisisresiliencefund

New childminder grants launched in Warwickshire

To help newly registered childminders cover the initial costs of establishing their childcare business, Warwickshire County Council has opened the application process for new Childminder Start-up Grants. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8069/new-childminder-grants-launched-in-warwickshire>

Improved mental health services for children and young people

A mental health service, called ECHO, was launched on 3 August 2026. The service will provide early support and improved access to community-based mental health care for children, young people and their families so that they can get the help they need before mental health difficulties escalate. Learn more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7908/improved-mental-health-services-for-young-people-in-warwickshire>

Warwickshire Police – We're Listening Campaign

Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police, where you can tell them about your priorities and be the first to hear the facts about any incidents and emergencies near you. Join today: <https://survey.warwickshireconnected.com/Survey/REGISTRATION/985BF47BF2E1F338BE4B4D9712A944AD>

Operation Etone

Warwickshire County Council and its partners have carried out the largest co-ordinated operation of its kind in the county to tackle the illegal trade of tobacco and vapes. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7967/operation-etone-cracks-down-on-high-street-dodgy-shops->

Vaping and nicotine information for young people

Young people across Coventry and Warwickshire can now access cloudcontrol.info for clear, honest information about vaping and nicotine, helping them make informed choices about their health. Cloud Control is a space for children and young people to get the real facts about vaping, nicotine pouches, snus, and other nicotine products, so that they can decide what they want to do about them. No lectures or judgement. Just honest information to help them stay in control. Visit www.cloudcontrol.info. Learn more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8050/new-campaign-launched-to-help-children-and-young-people-learn-the-facts-about-vaping-and-nicotine->

Carers

If you provide regular unpaid emotional or physical support to a friend, neighbour, family member or member of the community, you are a carer, you may qualify for free support including opportunities to meet other carers, specialist information and advice and more. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/beingacarer>

Living Well and Ask SARA

Make a positive difference to your life or the life of your loved one today. Living Well includes Adult Social Care. Healthy ageing. Health and wellbeing. Financial support. Lifelong learning. Loneliness. Community support. Assistive technology. Information for families

AskSARA for advice about equipment that could make your daily life easier.

Visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell> and select Assistive Technology.

Dementia – Alzheimer's Month

September is World Alzheimer's Month. Find out more about support and services available in Warwickshire at <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

Youth mental health day

We are supporting Youth Mental Health Day, which is taking place 18 September. The theme for this year is #BuildFutureYou. To find out more about mental health services for young people in Warwickshire visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/emotional-wellbeing-mental-health-support-young-people>

World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide prevention Day is on 10 September. If you want to increase your knowledge, skill and confidence to have a potentially life-saving conversation with someone you're worried about, Zero Suicide Alliance offers a range of free eLearning: <https://www.zerosuicidealliance.com/suicide-awareness-training-courses> For more information and details of support please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/488/suicide-prevention> #WSPD2026

Sorted for School

Warwickshire parents and carers are being reminded of some important things to do to help children be happy, healthy and ready to learn when school starts this week. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8030/helping-families-prepare-for-a-return-to-learning>

Secondary school place applications now open

Parents and carers of Warwickshire children starting Year 6 this week are being reminded to apply for a secondary school place for September 2027. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8072/warwickshire-year-6-children-are-invited-to-apply-for-their-secondary-school-place>

MenB vaccination (Yr13 and under 25s)

If you're in Year 13 (or equivalent), starting university for the first time in 2026 and moving into halls or student accommodation, please book your vaccine early so you're protected before term starts. All those who are eligible can continue to get first doses until 31 December 2026; they can get their second dose up to 31 March 2027. If you are an international student looking to come to the UK – you should receive the first dose in your home country (where possible).

Don't wait, please book your vaccine early so you're protected before term starts. For more information, please visit <https://orlo.uk/ESG3C>

Chesterton Windmill Open Weekend

Visitors are being invited to discover the fascinating history and engineering of Chesterton Windmill during a special Heritage Open Days weekend on Saturday 19/Sunday 20 September, from 10am-4pm. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8075/step-back-in-time-at-chesterton-windmill-open-weekend>

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