

Fenny Compton Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 20th May 2024 At 7.45pm

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Samantha Parkes, David Johnson, Emma Briscoe, Martin Birch and Roly Whear

IN ATTENDANCE: Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, District Councillor Natalie Gist and County Councillor Christopher Kettle

2024_05_01: Apologies

None received

2024_05_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting and Ordinary meeting held on 15th April 2024 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Birch)

2024_05_03: Declarations of Interest

Councillor Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore flooding discussions

Councillor Johnson declared an interest in any discussion regarding the Bowls Club

Councillor Birch declared an interest in planning application 24/01113/FUL as borders property

2024_05_04: Requests for Dispensation

None received

2024_05_05: Open Forum

There was one member of the public in attendance to represent The Colts. They have agreed that the proposed building is suitable for the needs of The Colts and are happy for it to go ahead.

The Colts will relook at quotes for containers now that the weather has improved. Previously, delivery companies said that they couldn't get the containers over the hedge, but wouldn't go over grass as too wet

Resident left the meeting at 20.00

2024_05_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- (i) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: Agreed to put in a permanent facility from 2027. See District councillor report for more information
- (ii) Broadband contractor issues: Contractors have agreed to pay £600 but not yet received
- (iii) Chicane on Dog Lane: WCC have agreed that a new system can be installed if it is paid for by the Parish Council
- (iv) Gov.uk email addresses: Additional .gov.uk email addresses would cost £4.90 per month per address
- (v) Migration of website: SDC have migrated the old website to Word Press and have removed redundant pages/information, but it is not yet live. Clerk has had training and Councillor Birch will also have access rights
- (vi) Noticeboards: It has been agreed to reuse the noticeboards from the Canal & River Trust. Clerk is just waiting for them to confirm it can be removed. Berry Meadow noticeboard has been temporarily fixed
- (vii) Green waste at playing field: Councillor Dutton and Whear will remove

2024_05_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports

Councillors Gist submitted a report which can be found in Appendix C

Council raised a question regarding the grass cutting that SDC reimburses the parish council for – Would like

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clarification for which areas this covers

Councillor Kettle joined the meeting at 20.15

Councillor Kettle submitted a report which can be found in Appendix D

2024_05_08: Correspondence

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- Road closure – Station Road will be closed between 15/07/2024 to 06/08/2024
 - Clerk will communicate when further information received
- Application for a Street Trading Consent in the Stratford on Avon District Zone Three
- Environmental projects – Correspondence from Avon Dassett regarding electric vehicle charging points
 - Councillor Birch happy to represent the council

2024_05_09: Planning

(i) The following applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
24/00916/TREE	15 May 2024	Stonegate , Church Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YE	G1 - conifers: Reduce back conifers, where adjacent to the highway boundary, by up to 1metre, for highway clearance
24/01113/FUL	4 Jun 2024	Meadow Bank , Mill Lane, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YF	T1- leylandii: Reduce 2m from height and all overhanging branches over border of property to increase light

Councillors discussed 24/00916/TREE between meetings and **agreed** to respond with ‘no representation’

24/0113/FUL was discussed in the meeting and it was **agreed** to respond with ‘no representation’

(ii) The following decisions have been received since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
24/00061/FUL	17 Apr 2024	Permission Granted	The Orchard , Dog Lane, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YD	Single storey rear extension
24/00600/TREE	1 May 2024	No Objection	Rick House, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	T1 willow (Salix) - Remove 4-8no. branches, approximately 5 metre reduction.

(iii) Further Updates: Compton Locks – See further detail in County Councillor report

Signed _____

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2024_05_10: Financial Administration

- (i) Councillors **approved** the following payments (Proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Whear):

MAY_24_1_SO	Lydia Cox (May Salary and expenses)	(417.19)
MAY_24_1	SDC (Planning Application) - Reimburse L Cox	(143.25)
MAY_24_2_SO	SDC (May Pension Contribution)	(114.48)
MAY_24_3_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(225.24)
MAY_24_4	Warwickshire Search & Rescue (Training)	(50.00)
MAY_24_5	Michael Mann (Village grass cut)	(750.00)
MAY_24_6	Michael Mann (Playing field grass cut)	(326.40)
MAY_24_7	National Grid (Sports pavilion electricity disconnection)	(661.20)
MAY_24_8_DD	Utility Warehouse (Sports Pavilion Electricity)	0.67
MAY_24_9_DD	Utility Warehouse (Meter Disconnection)	(114.00)

Current Account

(2,801.09)

- (ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them
- (iii) Approval of 2023/2024 AGAR and review of Internal Audit. The Internal Audit report has been received from Trevor Gill and no issues have been highlighted. Councillors have reviewed the AGAR submission and are happy with the content. Councillors therefore **approved** the AGAR (Proposed by Councillor Parkes and seconded by Councillor Birch)
- (iv) Insurance Renewal: Clerk has received one year and three-year quotes from both Zurich and Clear Councils. Councillors reviewed the quotes, and discussed the need to alter the insurance cover when the new play area and sports pavilion are complete in a few month's time. Councillors **agreed** to move to Zurich with a three-year deal as this was the best value for money
- (v) Fixed Term Deposit Account matures – Councillors **agreed** to reinvest £10,000 in the Fixed Term Deposit for a further year at 3.6%

2024_05_12: Updates

- (i) Report from Sports Field Upgrade Sub-Committee –
- a. Play Area Upgrade – Councillors Parkes, Briscoe and Birch, along with Jude Meaney met with Playdale, Wicksteed and Kompan. All were asked to review and update their original submissions with updated criteria and a budget of £100,000. After considering the quotes versus the brief provided, the range of equipment, value for money and responses to follow up questions, councillors **agreed** to proceed with Wicksteed. The Wicksteed quote is £119,984.40 incl. VAT
- A follow up meeting will be organised with Wicksteed to finalise the design and build timings
- b. New Sports pavilion – Councillors have reviewed designs from Eurocell, Warwick Buildings and Henley Garden Buildings, as well as general discussions with other providers. Councillors were very keen to use a company that could provide a finished building (rather than separate contractors for electricals, plumbing, etc), and with minimal maintenance (this ruled out a wooden building). After discussion with The Colts (who will be the main users of the building), it was **agreed** to proceed with Henley Garden Buildings. The quote is £72,169.69 incl. VAT

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Again, a follow up meeting will be organised to finalise the colour of the cladding and internal design

- (ii) Compton Locks Integration – No further updates
- (iii) Flood Prevention – No further updates
- (iv) Trees – Clerk has asked a local tree surgeon to review the maintenance list to see if any work is required
- (v) Highways – New Dog Lane sign

2024_05_13: Items to Publicise

- (i) Agreement regarding play area and new sports pavilion
- (ii) Station Road closure

2024_05_14: Future Discussion

Wildflower area

2024_05_15: Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 17th June 2024

MEETING CLOSED 21.15

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Appendix A

April Financial Administration

Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,683.76	
Play area upgrade	112,736.00	
Allotments	750.00	
Defibrillator	885.94	
Cotters Croft	2,849.58	
Allocated Reserves		121,041.10
PC Balance - Budgeted expenses remaining		23,288.87
Unallocatted Reserves		13,443.03
Total		<u>157,773.00</u>

Within the following accounts:

Current Account	125,911.50
Deposit Account 1	5,544.43
Deposit Account 2	6,204.39
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,107.66
Total Balances (See Bank Reconciliation)	<u>157,773.00</u>

Less Payments (See agenda item 10)

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Total Balances carried forward	<u>154,971.91</u>

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Appendix B

April Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
Current Account	125,911.50
Deposit Account 1	5,544.43
Deposit Account 2	6,204.39
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
1 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,107.66
Refund not yet received:	
WaterPlus	4.95
Add Payments between meetings:	
Simon Bradley	17,264.00
Current Account	17,268.95
Total Bank	<u>175,041.95</u>
Cash Book Balance b/f	31,375.68
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	35.64
CiL Payment	130,000.00
VAT Reclaim	1,292.13
Precept	12,338.50
Total Cash Book	<u>175,041.95</u>

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Appendix C – District Councillor Report

Fiftieth Annual Council Meeting of Stratford on Avon District Council: The Annual Meeting of Stratford District Council takes place on Wednesday 15 May. This Annual Meeting is also an opportunity to celebrate the fiftieth annual council meeting of Stratford on Avon District Council. 330 Councillors have served the Council in the past fifty years and past Councillors are invited to join the Council at their Annual Meeting to celebrate this milestone.

Community Safety – CCTV: Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet has approved the direct award of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) grant funding of £200,000 to carry out vital work to upgrade CCTV infrastructure, software and equipment.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is a three-year funding deal. Funding is to be spent across the three themes of: communities and place, business support and people and skills. One of the specific objectives within the Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus is Built & Landscaped Environment to 'design out crime' (E5) intervention. Stratford-on-Avon District Council will utilise the Shared Prosperity funding for four key initiatives:

- CCTV data storage upgrade
- Five new CCTV Camera Replacements
- Stratford-upon-Avon Recreation Ground Wireless System Upgrade
- Eight new re-deployable camera upgrades

Stratford-on-Avon District Council operates a 24-hour CCTV control room which covers nine towns and parishes across the District. Working in partnership with Warwickshire Police and other key agencies, the team deal with over 14,000 incidents per year. Not all incidents relate to criminal activity, CCTV has played a key role in supporting vulnerable people with welfare related incidents, environmental management by monitoring flooding, road traffic accidents and flagging incidents to partner agencies to allow them to deal with issues more effectively.

Public consultation shows that residents feel that crime is a principal area they wish to see more investment from authorities. The Stratford Citizens Panel 2020 revealed that residents wished to see the greatest increases in spending relating to CCTV and crime reduction in the District.

The function of the CCTV control room contributes significantly to the prevention and detection of crime which is a statutory duty of Stratford District Council under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This upgrade also aligns with the District Council's new Council Plan 2023-27 objectives which aims to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

GP services in Upper Lighthorne: The work to provide a GP practice at the new village at upper Lighthorne near Gaydon has proceeded to a new phase. NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has awarded St Wulfstan Surgery the contract to deliver GP services to Upper Lighthorne following a successful tender process. Upper Lighthorne was identified as an area needing additional primary care provision due to the new housing development, which will see 3,000 new homes built over a 10-year period – potentially increasing the local population by more than 7,000.

St Wulfstan is rated Outstanding by the CQC and was rated the tenth best practice in England, and first for practices with over 10,000 patients, in the 2023 GP Patient Survey and have experience of opening a branch surgery. The new branch practice is set to open in summer 2027 as part of the new village centre. The new premises are part of a joint development with Stratford District Council.

The need for a such a facility at Upper Lighthorne has been highlighted by the work carried out by members of the 24 Parishes in the area and demonstrates the need for community infrastructure to go hand-in-hand with housing development.

No Mow May: Stratford-on-Avon District Council will be taking part in No Mow May this year, following the new grounds maintenance contract and the Ecological Emergency Notice of Motion passed at Full Council on 22 April.

No Mow May is one of the actions which will preserve and enhance biodiversity within Stratford-on-Avon District. This

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aligns with our climate emergency declared in 2019 and with one of the District Council's Council Plan objectives to increase and protect green spaces which positively affect nature recovery.

No Mow May has multiple positive impacts for biodiversity. Reduced mowing allows different plant species to grow, which provides food sources for pollinators and other animals. Longer grass also provides wildlife with shelter. No Mow May also reduces pollution, increases carbon sequestration, and reduces emissions by reducing fuel use.

It is a contractual requirement for No Mow May to be carried out on highway verges, on non-rural roads with a speed limit of 40mph or less. Some road junctions will continue to be cut to maintain sight lines and not restrict the visibility of road users.

No Mow May forms part of a wider agenda to enhance biodiversity which is being delivered by Stratford-on-Avon District Council. Other measures that have been delivered include tree planting, the creation of wildflower meadows on Council owned land and the declaration and ecological enhancement of a new Local Nature Reserve.

Open Space Supplementary Planning Document: At Full Council on Monday 22 April, formally adopted its revised Open Space Supplementary Planning Document following a public consultation, where all Public Open Space as part of new developments will now be adopted by either the local Town/Parish Council or by the District Council. For some time both here and nationally there are concerns raised by residents about:

- Charges levied by the private management companies appointed by the developers to maintain the public open space which are not always made transparent at the time of purchase, can change every year and are unlimited.
- The quality of the maintenance work carried out.

Also, where a Parish or Town Council decides not to take ownership of public open space, the District Council would generally take ownership of the land, with responsibility for ongoing maintenance. The option of passing maintenance responsibilities onto private management companies would no longer be included in Section 106 agreements.

This updated Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) clarifies public open space created as part of new development should be offered for adoption to (in order):

- a) Parish Council or Town Council
- b) Stratford-on-Avon District Council

The changes provide the District Council with the basis to fulfil its decision to secure high quality open space as part of new development, and where appropriate, acquire and maintain public open spaces.

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Appendix D – County Councillor Report

Division issues

Harbury Crossroads: The delay to the works has been extremely frustrating. However, National Grid are on site today and until Thursday to connect the lighting columns

All WCC's and the subcontractor works are essentially complete and the traffic lights have been calibrated.

As note above the remaining piece of work is the connection of the street lights, illuminating the junction, to the mains supply. All the ducting is in place but National Grid formerly Western Power Distribution, although given four months notice have not met the deadlines agreed with them to connect the lighting stands.

For Highway safety reasons, the new traffic lights cannot be switched on until the street lights are operational, so the

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temporary lights have to stay. As they do not have the technology to allow filtering, the new multiple lane layout cannot be used.

The Traffic management team have therefore had to continue with the existing safety approved layout until National Grid complete the connections. This is now anticipated to start next Monday.

I have personally written to the project manager of National Grid and been on site with WCC's own site supervisor over the weekend. There are no options to remove the traffic cone layout. WCC officers are extremely unhappy to have been let down by National Grid. But it is a matter beyond their control.

HS2: I have met meeting with the HS2 Construction Commissioner, Sir Mark Worthington, appointed by the Transport Secretary on Wednesday to discuss and complain out the behaviour of both local track contractors BBV and EKFB about their continuing and avoidable disruptions to local residents and businesses.

The works between Wormleighton, Priors Hardwick and Lower Boddington remains significantly behind the proposed timetable started in July 23 with the closure of the Wormleighton Road scheduled for late autumn 23 still to commence.

The closure of the A423 at Southam, over a whole weekend to remove what turned out to be 30 metres of hedgerow was unnecessary.

These points were raised along with many others.

Primary schools admissions: Primary School Offer Data As of 9 April 2024, the data is as follows:

There were a small number of families who applied late for Reception and Junior Schools along with families changing their previous applications.

For children who have not received an offer at any of their chosen schools, the local authority has a legal duty to ensure the child is offered a school place to start in September 2024. This year, there are 54 reception children and 4 junior children in this situation. They have been made an offer at the school that is closest to their home address and has places left after all the on-time applications have been considered.

ASB and neighbour disputes in affordable housing: I, with your District Councillors are continuing to work on this challenging matter.

Ufton Waste tip and green waste IVC facility – planning extension: The planning application for this site is still being considered. The planning officer has made a detailed site visit to assess the source of local residents' concerns.

This is achievable through the use of new technology that can measure the nuisance effect of flies and smells although the control mechanism have been used many times elsewhere in the past.

Speed limits on Station Road: The Traffic Regulation Order have been drafted for the new speed limits have now been drafted and will shortly be going out for statutory consultation. I have not been given a specific date but I have spoken to the Director of the Service and requested that every effort be made to ensure this is carried out ASAP.

Bus stops: These was not funded in the S106 agreement for the Compton Locks site and there is limited funding within WCC for additional stops. So I am pursuing other avenues including whether new bus stops can be funded from my discretionary highways budget.

WCC Cllrs Discretionary fund: Applications for this opens today.

Please don't forget opportunities to improve certain aspects of the WCC Highway Network whilst I still have funding for road related schemes in my delegated highways budget.

Events and other matters

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Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections: The PCC elections resulted in the current PCC, Philip Seccombe being reelected for another four year term in office

Child Friendly Warwickshire Network of Friends: Warwickshire businesses are invited to take part in a virtual event to inspire collaboration and innovation towards a shared goal to make Warwickshire a child friendly county.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5197/be-part-of-child-friendly-warwickshire-join-our-network-of-friends>

Our Home, Our Art Competition: Children and young people in the county are being invited to express their creativity and empathy through artwork, while celebrating the diversity of our communities, as part of an art competition to honour and celebrate Refugee Week 2024.

read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5200/our-home-our-art-youth-art-competition-for-refugee-week-in-warwickshire>

Podcast – Rugby and Stratford Climate Eco hubs: The Climate Eco hubs in Rugby and Stratford are featured in the very latest episode of the Sustainable Warwickshire podcast.

Find out more and listen: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5205/rugby-and-stratford-climate-eco-hubs-featured-in-sustainable-warwickshire-podcast->

New Warwick cycle route works: Construction of a new cycle route on the A429 Coventry Road is due to start on Tuesday 14 May.

Find out more about this route: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5208/work-set-to-begin-on-new-warwick-cycle-route>

The King's Awards for Enterprise 2024: A record eight King's Awards for Enterprise have been awarded to Warwickshire businesses this year.

Find out more about the winners: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5198/record-number-of-warwickshire-winners-of-the-king-s-awards-for-enterprise-2024>

Celebrating Foster Care Moments: This May, join Warwickshire County Council Fostering as they celebrate Fostering Fortnight, a national campaign running from 13 to 26 May 2024.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5203/celebrating-foster-care-moments-with-warwickshire-county-council-fostering>

Stratford Greenway essential resurfacing work: Details of the resurfacing works that have been arranged for Stratford Greenway to ensure the pathway can continue to be safely accessed by a variety of visitors have now been confirmed.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5195/detail-confirmed-on-stratford-greenway-essential-resurfacing-work>

Sensory smoke alarms: Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is reminding deaf residents of the importance of installing sensory smoke alarms this Deaf Awareness Week.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5196/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-reminds-deaf-residents-of-the-importance-of-installing-sensory-smoke-alarms-this-deaf-awareness-week>

May 2024 Cabinet: Find out what happened at the Warwickshire County Council Cabinet meeting on Thursday 9 May: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5211/warwickshire-county-council-cabinet-9-may-2024>

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Educational attainment in Warwickshire: Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has today – Thursday 9 May – endorsed a series of recommendations aimed at tackling disparities in educational attainment rates across the county. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5213/plans-to-improve-life-opportunities-through-education-in-warwickshire>

Funding for school development: Warwickshire County Council’s Cabinet has approved significant investment to create thousands of new school places across the county.

Specialist resourced provision in Warwickshire: The expansion of the Specialist Resourced Provision offer at several schools in the county has been approved by Warwickshire County Council Cabinet. Find out what this means: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5212/cabinet-approves-the-expansion-of-specialist-resourced-provision-in-the-county>

Bus service improvements: A significant package of investments designed to improve the county’s bus network has received approval from WCC’s Cabinet. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5216/new-funding-secured-to-improve-bus-services-across-warwickshire>

Delivering Better Value Programme for SEND: Warwickshire County Council’s Cabinet has officially endorsed four pivotal projects proposed as part of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Delivering Better Value Programme. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5214/cabinet-endorses-delivering-better-value-programme-for-send>

Social Care and Support recruitment event: People will be encouraged to choose a career with Warwickshire County Council at an Adult Social Care and Support recruitment fair and showcase event later this month. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5210/warwickshire-recruitment-event-for-people-looking-to-advance-their-career-in-social-care-and-support>

“Dating app for charities” calls for more Warwickshire residents and businesses to get involved! A Leamington social enterprise that matches businesses and volunteers with local charities is calling on people from Warwickshire who are passionate about doing something worthwhile to step forward. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5114/-dating-app-for-charities-calls-for-more-warwickshire-residents-and-businesses-to-get-involved-

Longer summer opening makes recycling easier at your friendly local recycling centre: Warwickshire County Council is reminding residents that recycling is now even easier with extended summer opening times in operation. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5112/longer-summer-opening-makes-recycling-easier-at-your-friendly-local-recycling-centre

Warwickshire comes together to commit to tackling child exploitation: Last month, organisations across Warwickshire and the surrounding area pledged their support to raise awareness of child exploitation to mark Child Exploitation Awareness Day. Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5107/warwickshire-comes-together-to-commit-to-tackling-child-exploitation

Cameras at the ready! The Warwickshire Country Parks photography competition is officially open: Warwickshire

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County Council's Country Parks service is excited to introduce the Warwickshire Country Parks Photography Competition, an opportunity for photographers at all levels to show off their favourite shots.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5106/cameras-at-the-ready-the-warwickshire-country-parks-photography-competition-is-officially-open

Leamington Spa businesses invited to have their say on the Vision for Leamington town centre: Leamington Spa businesses are invited to hear about more work to refresh the Vision for Leamington town centre and have their say on what should be included.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5108/leamington-spa-businesses-invited-to-have-their-say-on-the-vision-for-leamington-town-centre

New strategy launched to prevent serious violence in Warwickshire: Warwickshire communities at risk from serious violence will benefit from the launch of a new strategy to tackle both the occurrences and underlying causes of violence.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5115/new-strategy-launched-to-prevent-serious-violence-in-warwickshire

Supporting people to stay healthy and independent: Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to learn more about the ways they can help themselves to maintain their independence for as long as possible.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5116/supporting-people-to-stay-healthy-and-independent

Living Well to combat loneliness: Loneliness can affect anyone, of any age, at any time in their life.

Warwickshire County Council's Living Well website includes information and support for anyone who is struggling with social isolation and feelings of loneliness. Visit <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell> now to find out more

Engineering company partners with council and universities to boost recruitment: Multi award-winning engineering company, 3P Innovation, is working with Warwickshire County Council and Midlands universities to support its recruitment as the company grows.

Read more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5121/engineering-company-partners-with-council-and-universities-to-boost-recruitment

Fire Service issues advice to reduce the risk of smoking-related fires: Warwickshire residents are being reminded of the fire risks associated with smoking and to take precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones.

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