

Parish and Partners Foreword

Welcome to the latest edition of Parish and Partners, and the first since our elections, which were held last month. These elections have seen significant changes – half of the new council is made up of existing councillors, with the other half being freshly elected.

The Cabinet is also very different, with five new members on the team, three of whom were elected for the first time in May. Our new Portfolio Holder for Community is Cllr Sarah Whalley-Hoggins; along with a whole range of responsibilities, Sarah is also the Parish Champion for the council, and will be very eager to engage with you all in the future.

This is an exciting time for the council, as over the next few months we will be engaged in the process of developing our Corporate Strategy. This document will identify the key priorities for the council and our communities over the next four years. The exercise to create this strategy has already begun, and in the first instance we will be working with our elected members to understand their key issues and initiatives. The council will be engaging with all stakeholders, including town and parish councils; it is likely that this will commence at the end of July.

We are hoping to approve our new Corporate Strategy at the meeting of Council in October, just ahead of the process where the council starts considering its budget for the next five years. As we mentioned last time, we are awaiting the results of the government's Fair Funding Review, which will provide an indication of the level of government support the council will receive in future. It appears that instead of a four year settlement, government may be proposing a scheme for just 2020/21. While this does not help with our long term planning, the council is expecting further and sustained reductions in support, making it ever more important that our key priorities are identified.

In addition to the Corporate Strategy and the budget, two other key tasks for the council over the next few months relate to our transformation programme and the delivery of our Core Strategy.

Under Transformation, the council is committed to being the most effective and efficient organisation possible to provide the best services to our communities at a reasonable cost. The council is embracing our "Ways of Working" project, which will increase home and flexible working; the aim of this project is reducing as far as possible our accommodation needs and improving services to residents.

In relation to the Core Strategy, along with the delivery of the two strategic sites at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath and Long Marston, the council is developing key documents under the Local Development Scheme. In the next few months, further planning documents including the Site Allocations Plan and the Gypsy and Traveller Plan will be progressed.

Finally, as you may have heard already, Isabel Edgar Briançon, who was my fellow Executive Director, has left Stratford for an excellent role at Reading Borough Council.

The council will consider over the next few months how it wishes to proceed with any replacement; however, in the interim, we will be reverting to a single lead for the council.

That's all for now, but please do contact me with any comments, suggestions or concerns.



David Buckland



New Stratford-on-Avon District Cabinet

Cllr Tony Jefferson, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council, says: *"Although we have only been working together for a few weeks, the way in which members of cabinet work together and work with officers represents a step forward. Every member of the team brings wide-ranging expertise and enthusiasm to their roles. Together we will continue to work hard to improve the services accessed by our residents and to make a difference where it matters to them."*

"The immediate priority is to develop a new Corporate Strategy, which will focus on both the significant challenges we face and the substantial opportunities we have. We aim to transform the way we work, keep our district prosperous and ensure we deliver even better services and value for money for everyone who lives in, works in, or visits the district."

Leader's Column

You can keep up with Cllr Jefferson's latest reflections on the work of the council by reading his regular newspaper column, District Matters. As well as being published in the Stratford Herald, current and archived columns can be found on our website at <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/districtmatters>

Election Results

Full results from the May 2019 elections can be found at: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/election-results.cfm>



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Planning Policy

In February, Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet adopted the Priors Marston Parish Plan.

In March, Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet adopted the Great Wolford Village Design Statement. The Village Design Statement will now be taken into account in deciding planning applications in the parish and act as a blueprint for the future of the parish defined by the community itself.

Village Design Statements provides a clear statement of the character of a particular village, against which planning applications may be assessed.

Neighbourhood Planning – An update

Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act of 2011.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is designed to help establish a vision and planning policies for an area as well as proposals for the future development and use of land.

The policies within an adopted or 'made' NDP are a significant consideration when the district council makes decisions on planning applications within that area.

As the District of Stratford-on-Avon is a parished area, NDPs in the district are developed by communities in partnership with their town or parish council.

It is up to individual communities to decide whether they wish to produce an NDP or use other existing planning tools (such as parish plans or village design statements) to achieve their aspirations.

Since 2012, a considerable amount of community work has taken place to produce NDPs.

This continues with an ever-increasing number of additional plans now reaching the latter stages of the legislative process in addition to those that have previously been adopted.

Thirteen Neighbourhood Plans have been 'made' to date, and these form part of the Development Plan for the district alongside the district council's Core Strategy.

'Made' NDPs cover the following parishes:

- **Bidford-on-Avon**
- adopted 17 July 2017
- **Ettington & Fulready**
- adopted 17 December 2018
- **Harbury**
- adopted 17 December 2018
- **Kineton**
- adopted 24 October 2016
- **Long Compton**
- adopted 25 April 2016
- **Salford Priors**
- adopted 17 July 2017
- **Shipston-on-Stour**
- adopted 15 October 2018
- **Snitterfield**
- adopted 24 April 2018
- **Stratford-upon-Avon**
- adopted 17 December 2018
- **Welford-on-Avon**
- adopted 27 November 2017
- **Wellesbourne & Walton**
- adopted 17 December 2018
- **Wilmcote & Pathlow**
- adopted 26 February 2018
- **Wootton Wawen**
- adopted 26 February 2018

A number of other plans are continuing through the various statutory planning stages – culminating in referendum and, if approved, eventual adoption:

- **Alcester** - Regulation 16 'formal submission' consultation
- **Bearley** - completed Regulation 14 'pre-submission' consultation February 2019
- **Beaudesert & Henley-in-Arden** - completed Regulation 14 'pre-submission' consultation February 2019
- **Claverdon** - at Independent Examination April 2019
- **Clifford Chambers & Milcote** - completed Regulation 14 'pre-submission' consultation January 2019
- **Ilmington** - Regulation 16 'formal submission'
- **Loxley** - Regulation 16 'formal submission'
- **Napton-on-the-Hill** - completed Regulation 14 'pre-submission' consultation December 2018
- **Tysoe** - Regulation 16 'formal submission' consultation

If you would like further information on the neighbourhood planning process or further details on any of the specific plans mentioned, please contact Planning Policy planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk.



Applications made for PCC's new road safety fund

A new £500,000 fund for projects tackling road safety in Warwickshire has been receiving applications after being opened by the county's Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe.

The Warwickshire Road Safety Fund has been designed to encourage new projects across the county to complement the existing work of the police, fire and rescue and highway authorities. It comes as part of the Commissioner's commitment to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on the county's roads.

The fund will support projects which help to change driver, rider and pedestrian behaviour to reduce risk-taking, protect vulnerable road users, and provide enhanced road safety awareness. Multi-agency and collaborative projects will also be welcomed.

Prospective applicants had until 3 June to bid for a slice of the funding, with successful bids expected to be announced later in July.

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe said: *"By making this money available I want to really encourage a greater emphasis on road safety across Warwickshire for all users of our roads. Our police, fire and rescue services, highway authorities and community safety partnerships already play a key role in road safety but there are other groups and organisations that can help make a real difference.*

"I was really encouraged by an engagement day we had last month with prospective bidders, which showed there are lots of potential schemes and good ideas out there that could help to make a real difference on our roads. In opening the fund for applications, I wanted to hear from as many of them as possible.

"Sadly, in 2018 there were 35 people killed and 320 others who suffered serious injuries on Warwickshire's roads and of course, for every one of these there were many other family members and friends who were also deeply affected. This is simply too high a number and I am determined to find new ways of ensuring that our county is as safe as it can be for all road users and pedestrians.

"This funding will be in addition to the work that is already ongoing to tackle anti-social and dangerous driving, as I am keen to support an even wider variety of road safety schemes as it is clear that more needs to be done."



The Road Safety Fund is open to both established and new service providers, with applications welcomed from community, voluntary, third sector and statutory organisations that deliver projects or services at a countywide level, or for projects that are targeted in one or more local authority areas within Warwickshire.

There is no minimum or maximum bid level but projects should generally last for a period of 12 months.

For more details, visit: www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk

Applications will be assessed during June and the successful bids are expected to be awarded in July.



Philip Seccombe
Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire

Keeping safe in the community – how Supported Villages is lending a helping hand

Supported Villages is a rural community crime prevention initiative funded jointly by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe and parish councils. The project is also being supported by SmartWater, Cremark and BikeRegister.

In gaining Supported Village status, residents are demonstrating that their community is not a soft touch for rural crime, with households and communities being offered crime prevention advice on how to protect themselves and improve their security with a number of proven crime reduction techniques.

The Supported Villages programme is being driven by Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Rural Crime Advisors in close partnership with Warwickshire Police, local parish councils and Neighbourhood Watch.

This proactive and sustainable initiative has been launched in the village of Long Itchington, where several events have taken place and residents have benefited from having their belongings security marked.

The aim is to get at least 50% of the village to sign up to the project, which will provide a real deterrent to any would-be-thieves intent on targeting rural communities.

Village, street and household signage will provide additional deterrents to criminals who will quickly identify that the Supported Village has taken a robust stand against acquisitive rural crime.

The village of Oxhill is scheduled to become the next Supported Village, with several other parish councils now expressing a real interest in bringing this initiative to their villages in the coming summer months.

SDC's Rural Crime Advisors, who are funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner, have been engaging with parish councils in the district and providing presentations on the Supported Villages initiative at a number of parish council meetings.

Bob Church, Rural Crime Advisor, said: *"This initiative provides villages and communities with a real deterrent to rural crime. Security marking items using industry recognised methods is proven to significantly reduce your chances of having valuables stolen."*

"I am pleased that parish councils have been so receptive to the project and working closely with Warwickshire Police and partners has added real value and momentum to the initiative."

"I am also pleased that these community events have provided an opportunity for Neighbourhood Watch schemes to engage with new residents to our expanding villages - you cannot overestimate the importance of having vigilant local residents in combating rural crime."

At the conclusion of each village initiative, parish councils will be provided with a community crime prevention toolbox, which will ensure that anyone in the community can have their items marked in the future.

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe said: *"Communities can play a major part in the fight against crime by ensuring they take sensible precautions to protect their valuables and ensure that everyone knows that the village as a whole is security-conscious and working together with the local police to deter criminal activity. I'm delighted that Long Itchington has become the first to roll-out Supported Village status in South Warwickshire, closely followed by Oxhill, and I look forward to seeing more areas coming on board in the future."*

Barbara Atkins, from Long Itchington Parish Council, said: *"We are delighted to take part in the Supported Villages initiative in Long Itchington as we want to encourage residents to get more involved in taking action to protect their own property and possessions. At both the events we have hosted so far it is clear that the community have welcomed the extra measures on offer and it has shown a visible police presence, which is very reassuring."*

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Martin Newman from Long Itchington Neighbourhood Watch added: *"Long Itchington Neighbourhood Watch was pleased to be able to work with Stratford District Council's Rural Crime team, the Southam Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and Long Itchington Parish Council at the recent property marking events as part of the Supported Villages initiative in Long Itchington. The residents appreciated the opportunity to securely mark their property with overt and covert security marking products and were reassured by the additional police presence."*

Allison Wiggin, Inspector for North Warwickshire and Stratford District Safer Neighbourhood Teams, said: *"The police and partners work closely to protect rural communities from harm, so it is great to see the rural communities empowering themselves in the fight against crime in their area. I look forward to seeing more of these coming online as the year progresses."*

For more information about the Supported Villages initiative, please contact: Bob Church, Rural Crime Co-ordinator at Stratford-on-Avon District Council, on 01789 260200 or email: robert.church@stratford-dc.gov.uk

For further advice on tackling rural crime please visit the Warwickshire Rural Watch website at: www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk.

Moving Pictures – Rural Cinema

On 1 September 2017, Stratford-on-Avon District Council appointed Live & Local to facilitate its rural cinema scheme, 'Moving Pictures'.

This means that Live & Local is now responsible for the rural cinema scheme administration and screenings with participating venues across the district. This scheme brings up-to-date films into your community.

As well as managing its own cinema scheme, Live & Local also manages an artist development scheme and other time-limited projects focusing on community / personal group development, rural economy and health and wellbeing.

In order to achieve its aims, Live & Local works within the following principles:

- partnerships between the knowledge and commitment of local people and professional expertise
- working primarily with voluntary organisations
- using community buildings and other non-mainstream venues
- aspiring to achieve the highest standards of service and provision and be open, fair, inclusive and diverse in its operation
- acknowledging its work has an impact on the environment and committing to reducing negative environmental impacts of its activities

To find out more about the Rural Cinema Scheme, and how your community can access these services, please visit <http://www.liveandlocal.org.uk/> or call 01926 402173.



Warwickshire Police ask rural communities to be vigilant

Warwickshire Police and partners are urging rural communities to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity after a number of incidents of sheep being stolen and illegally butchered in the county. Since 1 January 2019, 80 sheep or lambs have been reported butchered in fields and 29 sheep or lambs have been reported stolen from farms in Warwickshire.

It's reported that similar incidents have also recently taken place in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, and officers are linking in with border forces as part of the investigation.

Carol Cotterill, Rural Crime Officer at Warwickshire Police, said: *"Theft and illegal butchery of sheep is a serious offence that causes suffering to the animals, some of which have been in lamb or with lambs at foot, and financial repercussions to farmers. Enquiries are currently ongoing into the incidents and we would urge anyone who has witnessed any suspicious activity or has any information that could help with our enquiries to please come forward"*.

Police believe

- Incidents are more likely to happen on clear nights when there is better visibility from the moonlight - in particular when there is a fuller moon.
- Offenders may be visiting the area beforehand in daylight to plan the crime
- Offenders park a vehicle where they cannot be seen
- Offenders are choosing quiet secluded locations near to main roads

Police are warning all sheep farmers and rural communities to stay extra vigilant and have provided the following advice:

Crime prevention advice

- If you own livestock or live near fields with livestock in please be extra vigilant and report any concerns to police
- Report suspicious vehicles to police
- Where possible graze livestock in fields away from roads
- Review any weak points in fields in remote locations in particular where sheep are grazed near a main road
- If your field is down a quiet track consider parking a vehicle to block access
- Padlock field gates and ensure gates and boundaries are in good order

- Consider checking your sheep on clear nights, in the early hours of the morning
- Join the Rural Watch scheme
- Set up a WhatsApp group to share information
- Consider grazing other animals with sheep to deter offenders
- Contact your rural crime adviser to discuss crime prevention notices, cameras etc.
- Put your safety first and dial 999 if you believe an incident is in progress

If you suspect someone has attempted to target your animals, or find that you've lost livestock in this way, please report it to police immediately.

Members of the public should also be mindful of being offered meat for sale in suspicious circumstances.

George Bostock, NFU Warwickshire assistant country adviser, said: *"The illegal slaughter of animals is abhorrent and we would urge anyone with information to get in touch with the police."*

"Rural crime has a serious emotional impact on farming families as well as the disruption and financial burden it brings."

"Midlands livestock farmers rear animals to exceptionally high welfare standards and all of our members care about their stock; to

witness this at home, during lambing season, is absolutely appalling."

"Shoppers should always look out for the Red Tractor logo and other assurance marks on the food they buy as it guarantees food quality, safety and standards."

"The NFU will continue to work with Government, police forces and Police and Crime Commissioners to work towards solutions that allow farmers, who already feel isolated and vulnerable, to be better protected."

Police are pleased to confirm that there have been some positive results – with the arrest on 16 April of a man who had a dead sheep in his car and, thanks to the vigilance of farmers and the public, several reports where offenders have been disturbed.

Warwickshire Police is urging the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity by calling 101.

Information can also be emailed to northwarksruralalerts@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk in confidence or given to Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>.

For further advice on rural crime, please see: www.warwickshire.police.uk/RuralCrime and www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk

3-tier rural transport event

Plans are now well underway for the third 3-tier transport event, which is taking place on Thursday 11 July from 4.30pm to 7.30pm at Stratford Racecourse.

This event is being organised by Warwickshire County Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils, and is open to all councillors/clerks within the three tiers of Stratford-on-Avon District.

The aim of the event is to build better relationships with each other as well as understanding each other's roles within specific topics.

Previous successful events have included topics such as Planning and Highways (Parking) and, with rural transport being such an emotive subject to all, we are expecting a very good attendance.

The event itself will include a variety of speakers such as the Town Clerk for Sevenoaks Town Council (Transport Society National Award for their Number 8 Bus Service), WCC Transport Officers, SDC Officers and Southam Town Council, as well as presentations from the community and voluntary sector such as VASA, WRCC, Harbury E-Wheels and Shipston Link.

There will be a workshop session where those attending will be able to participate in discussions around particular questions posed with an opportunity to seek any volunteers to take this subject forward.

For more information please contact Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 07780 995817 or email amandawilsonpatterson@warwickshire.gov.uk



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The residents and staff have embarked on an ambitious project to create an allotment space to the rear of the property, which forms part of a beautiful large garden. The aim of the project is to bring local people together to create an inclusive, accessible growing space which will benefit the whole community.

The initial clearing work was completed by the Community Payback team in early April - a fantastic effort and much appreciated! The garden will also welcome young people taking part in "The Challenge" in August, who will design and deliver a project related to the allotment space. The vision is to install raised beds, accessible walkways, polytunnel/greenhouse etc. together with growing space for fruit and vegetables.



Overgrown and unloved allotment space

So, if you have an interest in growing things and have a few hours to spare, please email Alex (Manager): AMarchewka@people-in-action.co.uk. Also, if you are a business or garden centre and wish to make a big difference to people's lives by donating equipment, tools or materials, then please contact Alex.



Community Payback in action



Cleared and ready for planting



Garden



Easter Family, Food and Fun Club at Lighthorne Heath Primary School

Families had lots of food and fun over two days of holiday activities on 24 and 25 April at Lighthorne Heath Primary School.

Rosalind Anscombe, Warwickshire County Council's Community Development Worker for the area, organised two days of physical games and exercise for parents and children, along with the chance to make a healthy lunch in partnership with Changemakers and supported by Citizens Advice.

Six local families attended on each day, including 14 children, who had a lot of fun.

One parent said: *"This has been really good to come to. I would love it if more days were put on over the holidays."*

More sessions are being planned for the summer school holidays.



Automatic compensation for broadband users goes live



Five UK broadband and landline providers – BT, Sky, TalkTalk, Virgin Media and Zen – who together serve around 90% of landline and broadband customers in the UK, will now automatically compensate customers when services do not work.

Ofcom estimates that there are 7.2 million cases each year where broadband or landline customers suffer delayed repairs, installations or missed engineer appointments but as of 1 April, customers who experience these issues will now be compensated without even having to ask.

Under the terms of the agreement, if an engineer does not arrive on schedule or cancels within 24 hours, the compensation will be £25. If a service stops working and is not fully fixed after two working days, customers will be entitled to £8 a day in compensation.

There will also be £5 per day offered for new services not starting on time.

Two other providers, Hyperoptic and Vodafone, will begin automatic compensation later this year, while EE plans to start paying compensation automatically in 2020. Plusnet has also committed to the scheme but has not provided a timescale for when it will begin providing automatic compensation.

Please visit the Ofcom website for further details on the automatic compensation scheme <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/latest/media/media-releases/2017/automatic-compensation>

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- Severe Disablement Allowance
- increased Disability Pension
- Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
- Income Support that includes a disability premium
- the care component of high or middle rate Disability Living Allowance
- Constant Attendance Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit

then you may be entitled to a Council Tax discount



and save money off your Council Tax bill

For more information please contact Revenues on

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Stratford-on-Avon District Council meetings

Date	Time	Meeting	Venue
Monday 8 July	3.30pm	The Cabinet	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 10 July	6.15pm	Planning A	Elizabeth House
Monday 15 July	2.00pm	Council	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 24 July	6.00pm	Planning B	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 7 August	6.15pm	Planning A	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 21 August	6.00pm	Planning B	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 4 September	6.15pm	Planning A	Elizabeth House
Monday 9 September	3.30pm	The Cabinet	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 18 September	6.15pm	Planning B	Elizabeth House

Webcast of Meetings

The Council, Cabinet and Planning Committee meetings are recorded and loaded onto the District Council's YouTube channel the following day for viewing - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StratfordDC>

You will still be able to access this from our website - <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/council-meeting-webcasts.cfm>

Did you know Stratford-on-Avon District Council regularly posts news, updates and job vacancies on LinkedIn?

Community Forum Meetings



Community Forums are an interactive event enabling residents to learn about issues big and small affecting their area, get answers to questions and influence local decision-making. Anyone with a question about a local issue can go along and put it to officers from a range of organisations.

Community Forums are part of a countywide initiative involving Warwickshire County Council, District and Borough Councils, NHS Warwickshire, Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Together partners. There are 30 forums across Warwickshire, which bring together elected representatives across all tiers of local government - County, District and Borough, and Parish – and a range of other community representatives.

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or get involved, please contact the WCC Stratford Area Office on 01789 260133 or email: stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk

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Don't forget, we're also on Facebook and Twitter – follow us by connecting with [@StratfordDC](https://www.facebook.com/StratfordDC) on both networks.