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Warwickshire County Councillor Report November 2023

Reporting Vehicle Speed Concerns - Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership

The joint approach from Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council is for members of the public (including councillors and key community representatives) to submit their concerns via the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership website Enforcement and Community (warksroadsafety.org) This is the central reporting method for speed concerns within Warwickshire, which enables a consistent and data-led approach.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is bringing partners together to improve the approach on how we investigate and respond to residents' concerns of speeding in their area. A consistent and data-led approach has been developed which considers all types of personal injury collisions reported and average speed data at the location. To report a speed concern please visit Enforcement and Community (warksroadsafety.org) and click on 'Reporting Speed Concerns.'

Warwickshire County Council's Councillor Grant fund open for applications

Warwickshire County Council's (WCC's) Councillor Grant Fund has reopened for applications from community and voluntary groups across the county.

Earlier in the year over £318,000 was distributed to support a wide range of projects that will bring positive outcomes to local communities. The application window reopened on 16 October as the Council looks to award the remaining funds.

The County Councillors' Grant Fund provides each of WCC's 57 Councillors with an allocated fund of £8,000 to support small-scale projects within their area that have a positive impact on the wider community.

The fund is aimed at projects that build community capacity and support initiatives that improve access to services; financial capability; reduce loneliness and isolation; promote equality and inclusivity; enhance the physical environment; and reduce environmental impact.
For more information and to submit an application, visit https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants

Parents and Carers Invited to Join "Applying for a Primary School Place" webinar

Parents and carers with a child that is due to start in Reception or move to a Junior School in September 2024 are invited to join the school admissions team on Thursday 9 November at 7pm to get advice and guidance on how to apply for their school place.

This applies to children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 for Reception, and any child currently in Year 2 at an infant school who is planning to move to a junior school.

The webinar is open to everyone and free to join. A recording of the event will also be made available via the School Admissions YouTube Playlist shortly after for those not able to join on the day.

To book a place, go to www.eventbrite.com/e/737955162757

Please note: Applications for primary school places can only be made after 1 November 2023. All applications received by the deadline of 15 January will receive a school offer on 16 April next year, which is National Offer Day. Any applications submitted after the 15 January deadline will only be considered after this, meaning the child is much less likely to be offered a place at a preferred school.

Applications can be made online after 1 November at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace.

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Visit Warwickshire Libraries to enjoy learning how to use new digital Hublets for e-reading



Warwickshire County Council libraries are delivering a series of free drop-in sessions between November 2023 to January 2024 to support new and existing customers in learning how to use Hublets, which are free digital tablet devices available in most Warwickshire library settings for e-reading.

Hublets are now available to use at LeamingtonWarwick, Kenilworth, Southam and Stratford libraries, and allow users to enjoy eMagazines, eNewspapers, eBooks, and other online eResources without the need to have or bring their own digital devices to the library.

The drop-in sessions to learn how to use the Hublet devices are taking place between 10:30am – 12:30pm on:

- 13 December at Kenilworth Library 13 November at Warwick Library

Warwickshire Buses: The new name for bus service improvements across Warwickshire

Buses are good for our health, good for the economy and good for the environment and Warwickshire is committed to making them better!

This vision for bus travel in the County will be achieved through the introduction of measures aimed at helping to achieve the growth in bus passenger numbers, which were set out in the National Bus Strategy for England (Bus Back Better), published in March 2021.

Bus patronage in Warwickshire has been steadily increasing over the past year as the industry continues to recover from the pandemic and people regain confidence in using public transport and the Council is keen to see this growth continue.

A report recently went to Cabinet which set out the Council's plan for improving services across the county over the coming years, which included:

- Fully integrated bus services on the Warwickshire Bus Network;
- The availability of simple multi-bus operator tickets, multi-modal tickets and 'tap on / tap off' fare payment, like London;
- Bus priority measures on the local highway network;
- High quality and standardised information for all passengers;
- Improve and expand turn-up and go (demand responsive transport) services;
- Increasing bus use through behaviour change activities that encourage modal shift; and
- Financial support for bus services.

Find out more about the Warwickshire Bus Services Improvement Plan at: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4524/cabinet-supports-improving-bus-services-across-warwickshire

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