

Weekly Update Warwickshire County Council

Alcester Division

Local updates

Covid-19:

There were 84 new cases of Covid in Warwickshire on Friday 18th and we continue to see an increase in infections when comparing to the 7-day confirmed cases against the average rolling rate. Currently Stratford on Avon area is higher than North Warwickshire and Rugby but below Nuneaton, Bedworth and Warwick. Over 60s however remain much lower than the average across all age groups which is positive news. General positive over time is creeping up from 0.7% to 1.7% on 20th June. Anything under 4% is considered low and the county as a whole is reporting 2.1%.

Vaccinations continue to climb with 35.959M having received their first dose and 26.456M having received their second across the UK. Currently 77.9% of Stratford on Avon have received one dose with the 50+ categories achieving 90% or higher. Under 30's is currently only 29.1%.

Warwickshire and Stratford District Council Merger:

The merger with WDC is progressing with the agreement to merge the management teams over the coming months. Major contracts such as waste and leisure will also be brought together as those current contracts come to an end. The management team proposals, which are starting to be implemented in August, are estimated to save up to £167,000 per year to Stratford by 2024.

Stratford District Council:

SDC this week submitted a bid under the 'Levelling Up Fund'. The bid, developed in partnership with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, is aimed at developing what is termed the 'Gateway Project' at the junction of Arden Street and Birmingham Road. This ambitious project envisages the creation of housing, offices, retail areas, a World Shakespeare Centre encompassing a museum, learning centre and community facilities.

Slightly further afield, Mark understands that the British Motor Museum have plans to expand and develop the Gaydon site to create a genuine national motor museum which would contribute to visitors to the area.

This week saw the SDC Climate Change Panel sitting and passing a motion that not only aims to implement procedures to mitigate the effects of climate change but also to include adaptation as well. Some climate lobbyists are vehemently opposed to adaptation but the view of the panel is that climate change will happen sooner rather than later so we need to prepare vulnerable areas.

Warwickshire Cabinet:

In the latest cabinet meeting it was recommended that £130m is added to the capital programme for the Warwickshire Recovery and Investment Fund. It was also agreed that the Council will join the

UK100 Climate Change Network which will be adopted and merged with the actions already agreed previously.

Crime Prevention:

Five shed alarms have been distributed to sheds which have suffered in Alcester from theft by the Alcester Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. There are more available. If you are aware of any further shed break-ins or potential issues please let your communities know and make contact with Piers to get them an alarm.

We are looking to start up property marking of goods which is done by the Police at residents' homes – prevention is better than the cure! Can you please collate a list of residents that would like this service so that we can make contact to arrange a suitable time for a Police Officer or PCSO to visit and to mark their valuables. Please note this is better for items like bikes, mowers rather than jewellery. We are looking at resurrecting Smart Water which works on everything in the coming months.

Community Speed Watch:

More is now happening, and Warwickshire are arranging training. Piers has spoken with the Road Safety Partnership and also the Alcester SNT team who have started carrying out risk assessments for new sites and will be sending out their Safety Packs soon.

We only need one person to be trained on using the gun, as long as other members joining on the day receive safety training from that person.

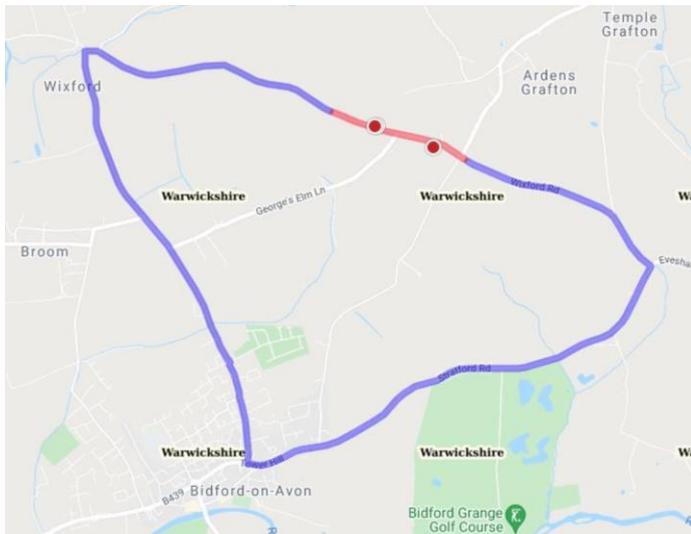
Training has been organised and happening if you have registered for training and haven't yet received an invitation please let Piers know.

Alcester Friends of Cancer Research UK:

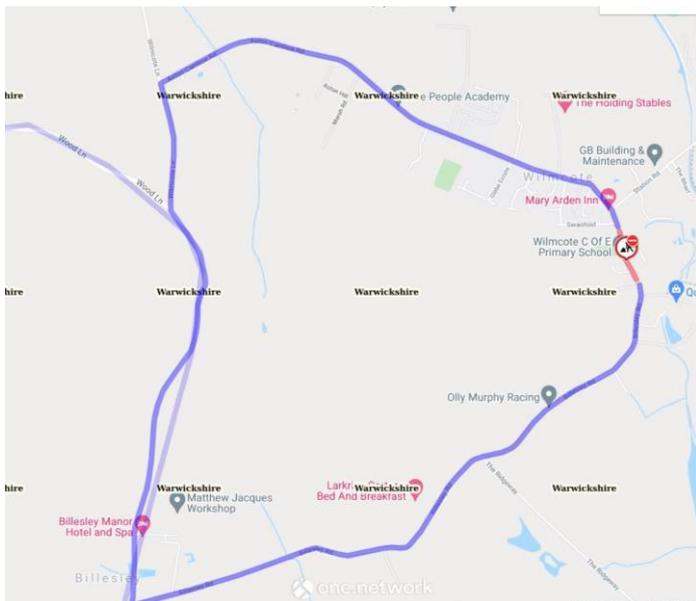
Please find attached poster for the forthcoming Riverside Garden Party being organised by Andrew Matheson and his wife to raise money for Cancer Research. Tickets for the event on 4th July between 2 and 5 pm are being sold at PSW Stationary, Bulls Head Yard, Alcester.

Road Closures:

Please be aware a section of Wixford road will be closed between 8th July to 10th July to enable cabling works.



Temporary Road Closure of Church Road in Wilmcote from 2nd July to 28th August. To safely enable works for construction of school wall and fence.



Warwickshire University Eco-Park:

Warwickshire County Council has wholeheartedly welcomed The University of Warwick's plans to create a huge new, publicly accessible, eco-park on its campus.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2186/warwick-university-s-plans-for-a-huge-new-eco-park-is-welcomed-by-warwickshire-county-council>

Climate Change Newsletter

Sign-up for WCC's latest newsletter and get up-to-date information about the climate change emergency in the County including what we are doing to reduce our carbon footprint and the things that you can do to make a difference: <http://eepurl.com/hrk-zf>

Regular Updates:

Please be aware that Mark and Piers post regular updates to /AmazingAlcester/ – but we are also keen to share good news. If you have any stories that you want us to share please let us know.

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