

County Councillor report Kineton Parish Council Meeting 18th December 2024

Support managing winter challenges

Support is available in Warwickshire to help people who might be feeling lonely, stressed or unwell due to social and financial pressures this winter. Find out more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5776/help-for-warwickshire-residents-to-manage-winter-challenges>

Domestic abuse and family relationships

The festive season isn't always the most wonderful time of the year. For victim/survivors of domestic abuse it can mean physical harm to them and any dependents. Domestic Abuse is a crime. Warwickshire is here to help you. For advice, please go to www.talk2someone.org.uk. In an emergency, call 999. #YouAreNotAlone 0800 408 1552

Suicide prevention

If you, or someone you know, is having thoughts of suicide or significant self-harm, help and support is available now. Visit dearlife.org.uk where you will find mental health and suicide prevention information and advice. For urgent support, please call 111 (or visit 111.nhs.uk) and choose the mental health option. Calls will be answered by a trained mental health professional who will be able to quickly assess the situation and determine whether an urgent referral is required. If there is immediate risk to life, call 999.

Improving school experiences for neurodivergent children

Neurodivergent children and young people in Warwickshire are set to benefit from a new pilot which aims to better support them in the classroom.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5801/new-initiative-to-improve-school-experiences-for-neurodivergent-children-in-warwickshire>

Becoming a childminder

Could becoming a childminder be your new year resolution?

Warwickshire County Council is encouraging residents to consider a rewarding career change that allows them to make a real difference in the lives of young children: childminding Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5819/make-a-difference-in-2025-become-a-childminder->

Cabinet approves Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029

On Thursday 12 December, Warwickshire County Council approved the Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029, a comprehensive five-year plan designed to address key challenges in services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The strategy has been shaped through the collaborative efforts of the Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Partnership Board, reflecting a diverse range of expertise and experiences. It has been developed through significant engagement with key stakeholders, ensuring the voices of those who use and deliver SEND services have been central to its creation.

New Destination Work programme

A groundbreaking new programme – Destination Work - has been launched in Warwickshire to deliver intensive employability and skills support to economically inactive people aged 25 and over. The programme will provide intensive support designed to engage some of the hardest-to-reach people in our communities. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5806/new-destination-work-programme-supporting-people-into-employment>

Log burners

Do you have a log burner in your home?

Using wet wood, treated waste wood, such as old furniture, or household waste can be dangerous for your health as it can emit harmful fumes and toxic pollutants into your home when burnt. Switch to Ready to Burn wood for a safer alternative and make sure to have a carbon monoxide alarm fitted for your safety.

Warwickshire Holiday Activities & Food Programme

Warwickshire County Council is thrilled to announce that a wide range of fun and free activities to children and young people eligible for benefits-related free school meals during the winter break from school. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5793/warwickshire-holiday-activities-food-programme-offers-winter-fun-for-children-and-young-people>

Leamington Town Vision

The transformation of Leamington Spa's town centre has taken a step closer after the draft Leamington Town Centre Vision was approved by Warwickshire County Council's cabinet. The Vision is a high-level strategic document aimed at guiding the future regeneration of the town over the coming decade.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5818/warwickshire-county-council-endorses-ambitious-vision-for-leamington-spa-town-centre>

Warwickshire County Council's guide to managing potholes: how you can help keep roads safe

As we enter the colder months, Warwickshire County Council invites residents to join in the fight against potholes. Potholes form as a natural result of traffic, water, and surface wear. When rainwater seeps into cracks in the road, it freezes and expands, breaking the road surface under the pressure of passing vehicles.

Warwickshire County Council has created an efficient reporting system for residents to quickly notify the Council of potholes, track repair progress, and stay informed on ongoing maintenance. **How to Report a Pothole**

Residents can help keep roads safe by reporting potholes through the Council's user-friendly online platform: warwickshire.gov.uk/potholes.

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