

## **County Councillor report Kineton Parish Council 25th March 2025**

### **Warwickshire's Supported Employment Service**

Warwickshire County Council's Supported Employment Service is celebrating a significant milestone as it marks its second anniversary. The Warwickshire Supported Employment Service is designed to support Warwickshire young people and adults with autism and learning disabilities with an aspiration to work. Our ambition is to inspire those we work with to gain and sustain employment, striving towards independence and develop essential skills along the way. Discover more: <https://skillshub.warwickshire.gov.uk/supportive-employers-1/warwickshire-supported-employment-service>

### **Youth group funding**

Youth groups across the county are invited to apply for small grants to support their work with young people aged 11-18. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6065/funding-to-help-warwickshire-groups-working-with-young-people>

### **Household Support Fund – Energy bill support**

Are you struggling to pay your energy bills? If you live in Warwickshire, you may be eligible for a one-off voucher to help towards the cost. Visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme) to apply online or call 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182.

### **Funding for school improvements**

Significant investment has been approved by Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet to support the education and attainment of Warwickshire pupils. The Cabinet took the decision to allocate £1.27m to the Education Capital Programme to enhance specialist resourced provisions and bolster school safeguarding measures Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6045/approved-investment-to-boost-warwickshire-s-education-capital-programme>

### **Warwickshire's UKSPF allocation**

Warwickshire's allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) for 2025-26 has been approved, supporting local communities, businesses, people and skills. The Ministry for Housing confirmed that Warwickshire will receive £5.27m in 2025/26 Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6047/warwickshire-s-ukspf-funding-allocation-approved-at-cabinet>

## **Funding approved for Connect to Work programme**

Warwickshire County Council Cabinet has approved the grant funding to develop and deliver Connect to Work in Warwickshire. Connect to Work, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions, is designed to help people with a disability. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/5976/funding-approved-for-connect-to-work-programme-in-warwickshire>

## **£1M Highways Community Action Fund**

The Warwickshire Highways Community Action Fund (HCAF) is a £1 million investment designed to support local communities to improve our highways. Whether it's resurfacing roads, installing safer signage, or enhancing public spaces, this fund empowers communities to bring their ideas to life.

### **What can be funded?**

HCAF focuses on capital investments, ensuring lasting improvements to Warwickshire's highways, including:

- Road resurfacing and pavement improvements
- Safer routes to schools and speed reduction measures
- Environmental enhancements like signage and wayfinding
- Flood prevention through improved drainage

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hcaf>

## **Register to vote**

With local elections approaching on 1 May 2025, Warwickshire County Council is urging all eligible residents to register to vote and have their say on important local issues. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6055/warwickshire-county-council-urges-residents-to-register-ahead-of-local-elections>

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