

County Councillor Report

Shotteswell Parish Council Meeting

9th October 2025

New Single-Provider model for SEND mediation services

Warwickshire County Council is transforming the way families access support during the SEND appeals process with the launch of a new, single-provider mediation service from September 2025. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6977/council-announces-new-single-provider-model-for-send-mediation-services->

Adoption in Warwickshire

Are you interested in adopting a child? Adoption Central England's friendly and experienced staff are there to guide you through your adoption journey – whatever that may look like. To find out more, visit

<https://www.aceadoption.com/> or call 0300 369 0556.

Fostering for Warwickshire

Could it be you we're looking for? Fostering changes children's lives, not just now, but for a lifetime. To find out more about the process of becoming a foster carer, watch the video <https://youtu.be/dOTfs6Qek34> Get in touch, visit:

<https://fostering.warwickshire.gov.uk> or call 0800 408 1556

Support available to help people into work

Thousands of sick or disabled people across Warwickshire will be helped into good, secure jobs following a major expansion of tailored employment support through the DWPs Connect to Work programme. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7001/support-available-to-help-people-into-work>

Starting a conversation about suicide and suicidal thoughts

Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System is encouraging people to open up conversations about mental health and suicidal thoughts, if they suspect someone is struggling. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6984/starting-a-conversation-about-suicide-and-suicidal-thoughts-world-suicide-prevention-day-2025>

WCC budget consultation

We want to know which council services matter most to you and where you think we could make savings. This feedback will help us develop our next budget and future financial plans. Complete the survey today:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/budget-2026-27/>

Safe and Well Checks

Do you know someone who would benefit from a free Safe and Well Check from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service? They can help people to stay safe and reduce the risk of fire in their home. Book online at

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fire-safety-home-1/apply-safe-well-visit>

Leave winter illnesses out in the cold

With the onset of winter and the colder months sweeping across the country, Warwickshire County Council is reminding everyone to book in for winter health immunisations for adults and children. According to the UK Health Security Agency last year in England, flu caused around 8,000 deaths, while vaccination prevented an estimated 96,000 to 120,200 hospitalisations. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7037/leave-winter-illnesses-out-in-the-cold-by-taking-up-a-vaccination-to-protect-yourself-and-family>

Holiday activities and food programme

Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme code form now open for applications! Families receiving benefits-related free school meals who are new to HAF can apply for a code to access the programme via the website:

<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/HAF> Every session includes a free meal.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This October, Warwickshire County Council and its partners are supporting Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The month-long campaign gives anyone who needs it, encouragement to come forward. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7043/support-available-for-all-this-is-domestic-violence-awareness-month>

Community Risk Register

Familiarise yourself with the Community Risk Register for Warwickshire and the **Top risks to our county**

Learn the most significant risks that could occur in Warwickshire. The information sets out what Warwickshire responders and other partners are doing about the risks. It also outlines the likely consequences of these risks along with advice on what the public can do to prepare for and respond to these risks.

The following are the key risks that have the potential to cause a significant disruption to Warwickshire.

Industrial Accidents and Major Fires

Cyber Attacks

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Extreme Cold Weather

Heatwave and Drought

Loss of Gas or Electricity

Malicious Attacks

Pandemics

Flooding

Animal Disease

Cyber Attacks

To learn how to be Better Prepared for the key risks near you, visit <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/risks/>.

Councillor grant fund second round

Applications for the second round of the Cllr grant fund are open now until 2 November 2025. Apply now for funding for small scale projects within your community and voluntary groups. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7021/warwickshire-county-council-s-councillor-grant-fund-returns-for-second-round>

Stoptober: Let's quit smoking together

Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council are encouraging people to quit smoking together this Stoptober. Stoptober is the annual nationwide campaign that helps millions of people in England to make a quit attempt. Evidence shows that **if someone can stop smoking for 28 days, they are five times more likely to quit for good***. Find out more about starting your quitting journey today:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7011/let-s-quit-smoking-together-support-available-in-coventry-and-warwickshire-this-stoptober>

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