

## **County Councillor Report Oxhill Parish Council Meeting 30th May 2025**

### **Disposable vape ban**

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is advising retailers to act now in advance of the ban on the sale of disposable vapes that comes into force next month. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6309/retailers-be-aware-disposable-vapes-are-banned-from-1st-june>

### **Knife Crime Awareness Week**

As this year's Knife Crime Awareness Week highlights the issue, schools, colleges and youth clubs have praised the VR sessions that are highlighting the real-life consequences of carrying a knife. Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6342/knife-crime-awareness-week-vr-knife-crime-awareness-sessions-make-an-impact-with-warwickshire-s-young-people>

### **Warwickshire SENDIAS**

SEND families are being urged to take advantage of a range of free, impartial, and confidential support service designed to help them understand the SEND system and access the support they need. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6347/warwickshire-sendias-empowering-families-of-children-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities->

### **Supporting young people's mental health**

Understanding and looking after mental wellbeing is just as important as taking care of physical health and a good habit to develop as early as possible.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6236/supporting-young-people-s-mental-health>

### **Warwickshire Supported Employment Service**

The tailored support and interventions from Warwickshire's Supported Employment Service can transform lives. This is shown in the impact the service has made to Jordan, supporting him to grow in confidence and move closer to employment. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6351/jordan-s-journey-towards-support-and-employment>

### **Families to benefit from active partnership**

Families across Warwickshire can enjoy a boost to their health, wellbeing, and access to local amenities thanks to an exciting new collaboration throughout the summer term. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6348/warwickshire-families-to-benefit-from-active-partnership->

### **Free support for families with Warwickshire's Living Well website**

Warwickshire County Council's [Living Well webpages](#) bring together information on a wide range of health, wellbeing, and social care services into one easy-to-navigate page.

The online resource is designed to help families, adults, and older people to live healthier, happier, and more independent lives.

[Living Well](#) is especially valuable to families who are navigating the challenges of caregiving, managing wellbeing, or simply looking for ways to improve their quality of life.

Find information quickly on different aspects of living well, including:

**[Financial support.](#)** Discover practical advice and links to financial support services, helping families to manage rising expenses while maintaining their wellbeing.

**[Looking after yourself.](#)** Learn more about nutrition, staying active, sleep, and general self-care. This information is ideal for parents, carers, and individuals wanting to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

**[Dealing with loneliness.](#)** Explore the resources available to help people stay connected, including community groups and practical suggestions for what to do and where to go for support.

**[Staying well.](#)** Find out more about early action that can be taken to avoid illness and maintain independence, with guidance on vaccinations and healthy eating habits.

**[Lifelong learning.](#)** Discover local adult education and skills development opportunities, as well as inspiring stories from successful learners.

Warwickshire County Council also provides [AskSARA](#), a free assistive technology tool that supports families with access to a range of 'self-help' smart technology and associated services in Warwickshire. Whether it's a mobility aid for an elderly person or a kitchen gadget to support with independent living, AskSARA provides personalised recommendations based on a short questionnaire, and empowers families to make informed decisions

about their care and support. Visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell) to find out more about the support available in Warwickshire.

### **Building suppliers rogue trader warning**

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is warning suppliers of building materials that they are also at risk of falling victim to rogue traders.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6345/building-suppliers-are-warned-it-s-not-just-residents-losing-out-to-rogue-traders>

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