County Councillor report Oxhill Parish Council 8th March 2022

<u>Ukraine</u>

Letter from Monica Fogarty

Chief Executive Warwickshire County Council

Dear Colleagues and Councillors,

I am sure you will have seen the devastating situation in Ukraine and our hearts go out to everyone affected. It really is both unimaginable and unbelievable to see the fear and suffering which so many people are experiencing.

I want to let you know that as a County Council, we are in touch with local communities so that we can offer support to relatives and friends of those caught up in the crisis. We are a welcoming county, and as we have done with asylum seekers and Afghan nationals, we will open our arms to anyone needing our help.

In the same way, if you have colleagues upon whom the conflict is having an impact, please do reach out to them with support. This is an unprecedented situation and one which we all hope will be short-lived. For now, it must be so awfully worrying for those with friends and family in either Ukraine or Russia, because this warfare will be traumatic to the residents of both countries.

We will be in direct contact with the Home Office and will respond as needed.

In the meantime, here is some helpful information for sharing.

Support for communities during the Ukraine crisis

A new page has been created to signpost to the various support groups, organisations and information supporting Ukrainian people living in the UK.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2783/support-for-communities-during-the-ukraine-crisis</u>

Loneliness

Find out how you can help lift someone out of loneliness by going to: <u>https://warwickshire.gov.uk/loneliness</u>

Help To improve pharmacies

Coventry and Warwickshire residents are being invited to take part in a survey which will help inform and shape pharmacy services Find out more and take part <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/arti-</u> cle/2756/help-us-pharmacies-across-coventry-and-warwickshire

<u>Children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire are invited to</u> <u>take on a heroic challenge to win £2,500 for climate change funding for</u> <u>their school</u>

Children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire are being invited to submit their ideas on what it means to be a climate change hero as part of the Young Green Shoots competition run by Warwickshire County Council For more information visit: <u>https://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/</u>.

County Councillor Grants

Additional funding of £2,000 was agreed for the County Councillor grants scheme to support the Council's Community Powered Warwickshire approach. Therefore, the Councillors Grants Scheme will increase to £8,000 to help fund local worthwhile projects.

To find out more please contact Michelle Gravatt at <u>michellegravatt@warwick-</u> <u>shire.gov.uk</u>

Chris Mills County Councillor Kineton and Red Horse