

County Councillor report Oxhill Parish Council 12th July 2022

SEND Inspection Framework

Warwickshire has been selected as one of the local areas across the UK to take part in a pilot to support Ofsted and CQC to develop a new SEND inspection framework.

Warwickshire will pilot the new inspection framework to inform its development and provide feedback on the methodology. As part of the pilot, the inspectors will follow their new draft framework to help to inform future inspections.

Ofsted and CQC have identified the features of effective local SEND arrangements from research, previous inspection evidence and consultation with children, young people, families, leaders, and practitioners. During the pilot, inspectors will evaluate the impact for children and young people and how the local area partnership work together to plan, evaluate, and develop the SEND system.

For more information, please go to: duanechappell@warwickshire.gov.uk

Unexpected costs

Sudden unexpected costs can create real challenges for people experiencing financial hardship. If this is you or anyone you know, help is available. www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme. If you are isolating or at higher risk to COVID-19, you can access help from the Council partners. For practical and wellbeing support go to call the hotline 0800 408 1447 or go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusvulnerable

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme supports the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. The scheme provides basic and essential help for food and energy in the form of emergency food parcels or credit for energy. Call 0800 408 1448. If you are finding it hard to feed your family, help and advice is online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks

£30m to support the most financial vulnerable customers

Severn Trent Water announced the launch of a £30m support fund as part of a commitment to supporting their customers who are feeling the increasing cost of living the most. Customers who are unable to meet the cost of water charges and who live in the Severn Trent area can apply for help directly and to organisations that work in the area of debt advice. The register helps identify

customers with medical conditions, disability or restricted mobility, sight, or hearing loss. Please see the link: <https://biddiff.co.uk/login.php>

Act on Energy

For people struggling to afford heating bills, Act on Energy provides free advice on energy efficiency and grants and projects available in your area to help keep you warm. Find out more at <https://actonenergy.org.uk/>. You can help others in your community by donating food via supermarket collection points or clothes and toys to charity shops.

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

Between October 2021 and March 2022 Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme distributed £3.4m from government's Household Support Fund to vulnerable families and individuals to help with cost of food, energy, water bills and other essentials as the country continued its recovery from the pandemic. The household Support Fund will be extended to cover the period up to 30th September 2022.

Warwickshire's Household Support Fund Grant

Warwickshire County Council will continue to distribute Warwickshire's Household Support Fund Grant allocation. The scheme is to all vulnerable residents in Warwickshire who are struggling financially through the application process. To apply, residents should contact the Local Welfare

Part-time Fostering in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council is asking residents who have thought about fostering to consider becoming a family link carer, which offers a level of fostering on a part-time basis. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3010/help-to-create-a-child-friendly-warwickshire-by-fostering-part-time>

Conviction rates for domestic abuse perpetrators

Warwickshire County Council and its partners, including Warwickshire Police, saw domestic abuse conviction rates rise above the national average during the first half of 2022.

Counselling for victims-survivors of domestic abuse

Warwickshire County Council has commissioned a new therapy service to help support victim-survivors of domestic abuse, across the County

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3016/new-counselling-service-available-for-victim-survivors-of-domestic-abuse-in-warwickshire>

Green Shoots Fund open to applications

Community and voluntary groups. Get your applications in now for the second round of funding for Warwickshire County Council Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

Read more: : <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3008/the-green-shoots-community-fund-is-open-for-applications-from-climate-positive-projects>

Note from Chief Executive

Town & Parish Environment Events

If your council has any events relating to the environment, climate change or sustainability arranged for the coming months, please do share the details with us? Whether it's a village litter-pick, a mini-festival of eco-friendly activities, or a discussion on how to live a more sustainable life, we'd love to include it on the www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk website. Hopefully it will inspire others to do something similar and it might even attract more interest to your event too. Please send the details to climateemergency@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Warwickshire MJ Awards

Chief Executive, Monica Fogarty for Warwickshire County Council, has been selected as Chief Executive of the year.

Nigel Minns was selected as Corporate Director of the Year

Chris Mills
County Councillor
Kineton and Red Horse