

County Councillor Report

Oxhill Parish Council Meeting 15th September 2026

Crisis and Resilience Fund Community Grant Fund

Community and voluntary organisations across Warwickshire are invited to apply for a share of £500,000 through Warwickshire County Council's new Crisis and Resilience Community Grant Fund. The fund will support projects that help residents become more financially resilient and reduce the risk of future financial hardship. Launched today 1st September. To ask about support call Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme on 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359 182 (Mon-Fri) or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/crisisresiliencefund

New childminder grants launched in Warwickshire

To help newly registered childminders cover the initial costs of establishing their childcare business, Warwickshire County Council has opened the application process for new Childminder Start-up Grants. Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8069/new-childminder-grants-launched-in-warwickshire>

Improved mental health services for children and young people

A mental health service, called ECHO, was launched on 3 August 2026. The service will provide early support and improved access to community-based mental health care for children, young people and their families so that they can get the help they need before mental health difficulties escalate. Learn more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7908/improved-mental-health-services-for-young-people-in-warwickshire>

Investment in schools and SEND provision

At its meeting on 10 September 2026, Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet approved a £2.06 million investment into local education infrastructure.

Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8110/substantial-investment-in-local-schools-and-send-provision-approved>

Warwickshire Police – We're Listening Campaign

Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police, where you can tell them about your priorities and be the first to hear the facts about any incidents and emergencies near you. Join today: <https://survey.warwickshireconnected.com/Survey/REGISTRATION/985BF47BF2E1F338BE4B4D9712A944AD>

Your views on ANPR traffic restriction enforcement

Warwickshire County Council is asking residents and drivers for views on proposals to enforce existing moving traffic restrictions using Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras. The cameras are proposed at six locations across the county. Moving traffic restrictions include offences such as entering a yellow box junction when the exit is blocked, making prohibited turns, and driving through School Streets at certain times of the day. These restrictions help keep roads safe and traffic moving efficiently.

The locations being considered are:

- Alcester Road / Greenhill Street / Arden Street / Grove Road, Stratford-upon-Avon
- Birmingham Road / High Street / Blythe Road, Coleshill
- Clifton Road / Moultrie Road, Rugby
- High Street / Bath Street, Leamington Spa
- Lansdowne Place, Rugby
- Midland Road / Abbey Green, Nuneaton

The consultation does not propose any new traffic restrictions. Instead, it seeks views on whether Warwickshire County Council should apply to the Department for Transport for powers to enforce existing restrictions using ANPR cameras, alongside current police enforcement. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8084/engagement-launched-on-camera-enforcement-of-traffic-restrictions->

Operation Etone

Warwickshire County Council and its partners have carried out the largest co-ordinated operation of its kind in the county to tackle the illegal trade of tobacco and vapes. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7967/operation-etone-cracks-down-on-high-street-dodgy-shops->

Vaping and nicotine information for young people

Young people across Coventry and Warwickshire can now access cloudcontrol.info for clear, honest information about vaping and nicotine, helping them make informed choices about their health. Cloud Control is a space for children and young people to get the real facts about vaping, nicotine

pouches, snus, and other nicotine products, so that they can decide what they want to do about them. No lectures or judgement. Just honest information to help them stay in control. Visit www.cloudcontrol.info. Learn more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8050/new-campaign-launched-to-help-children-and-young-people-learn-the-facts-about-vaping-and-nicotine->

Carers

If you provide regular unpaid emotional or physical support to a friend, neighbour, family member or member of the community, you are a carer, you may qualify for free support including opportunities to meet other carers, specialist information and advice and more. Find out more:

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

Dementia – Alzheimer's Month

September is World Alzheimer's Month. Find out more about support and services available in Warwickshire at <https://dementia.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

Youth Mental Health Day

We are supporting Youth Mental Health Day, which is taking place 18 September. The theme for this year is #BuildFutureYou. To find out more about mental health services for young people in Warwickshire visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/emotional-wellbeing-mental-health-support-young-people>

Top tips for young people leaving home

Warwickshire services are helping young people leaving home for the first time to have a safe and healthy start. For many young people, this will be the first time they will live independently, whether they're a student, apprentice or starting in the world of work - and this can sometimes be far away from home.

They may be excited but also worried about what to expect and what they can do to make the most of this experience.

To help young people have a safe time, Warwickshire County Council and Safer Warwickshire partners have pulled together a few tips that can help across different aspects of their new chapter, including immunisations, mental health, fire safety, being scam aware (on- and offline) and being safe when out and about. Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8098/young-person-leaving-home-make-sure-they-stay-safe-and-well-with-these-tips>

Update on fridge collection at recycling centres

Warwickshire County Council has announced that residents can once again deposit fridges and freezers at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across the county. The resumption follows a temporary suspension issued on 5 August, which was put in place after around 1,000 cooling appliances accumulated across WCC sites, pushing storage capacity to its limit. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8083/warwickshire-county-council-resumes-fridge-and-freezer-collections-at-recycling-centres>

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