

County Councillor Report

Oxhill Parish Council Meeting 21st July 2026

Crisis and Resilience Fund

The Crisis and Resilience Fund offer emergency help with essential living costs for low-income households after a sudden financial shock.

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

FIS

Warwickshire's Family Information Service (FIS) provides information, advice and one-to-one support on issues including family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support and more. Learn more:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/directory-record/40/family-information-service

Positive changes coming to NHS Health Checks

Residents will continue to receive NHS Health Checks through their local GP practices. However, from 1 July 2026 the delivery of the service will be moving from Fitter Futures Warwickshire to Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Primary Care. The NHS Health Check programme offers eligible Warwickshire residents aged 40–74, who do not have certain pre-existing health conditions, a free health check every five years. The checks help identify early signs of conditions such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and kidney disease, enabling people to access advice, support and treatment to improve their long-term health and wellbeing. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7753/positive-changes-coming-to-nhs-health-checks-in-warwickshire-for-residents-aged-40-74>

Screentime for children

How does screen time affect my child's development?

Your child's brain develops rapidly before age 5 and thrives on play, conversation and connection. While screens are part of daily life, too much can affect sleep and development.

What content is better content?

Young children's brains are stimulated much more easily than adults', so they need content specifically made for them.

Slow-paced content: Slow-paced, predictable content is better for young brains. Fast-paced, over-stimulating social media-style videos may affect how young children learn to concentrate, so it's best to avoid them.

Choose safe content: Use [parental controls](#) to block inappropriate, harmful content. **Avoid social media:** Social media isn't made for young brains, so it should be avoided. **Avoid AI:** Don't let young children use AI toys, tools or chatbots until there's more evidence on how they affect your child. This includes devices or apps such as interactive robots, smart speakers or AI chat apps. For more info visit: <https://orlo.uk/wXQrh>

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>

Private seller car buying scam warning

Warwickshire County Council is warning residents who are selling their cars privately to be alert to fraudsters posing as genuine car buyers. Anyone who has been approached by suspected fraudsters should report the incident to Warwickshire Trading Standards through the **Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline** on **0808 223 1133**. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7905/trading-standards-warns-of-car-buyer-scam-targeting-private-sellers->

Summer safety

Protect your skin by keeping an eye on your moles. Keen an eye out for changes to your skin. Check for: A new mole, lump, or growth Changes in size, shape, or colour of existing moles or freckles If you notice anything unusual, contact your GP. Early detection matters.

Support for home heating oil or LPG

Warwickshire residents using heating oil or LPG may be eligible for support through the Crisis and Resilience Fund. WCC is working with Act on Energy to help households manage rising fuel costs. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7727/support-available-to-help-warwickshire-residents-with-heating-oil-and-lpg-costs>

Hybrid booking system at HWRCs

Warwickshire County Council has announced that a new hybrid booking system will be introduced across its Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), coming into effect on Monday, 20 July 2026. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7866/new-hybrid-booking-system-for-household-waste-recycling-centres>

Councillors' Grant Fund – Final Call

Community groups across Warwickshire are being reminded that the deadline for applications for the refreshed Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant Fund 2026-27 is 5pm, Sunday 26 July. A key change for 2026-27 is the introduction of a maximum grant award of £5,000 per organisation. The new limit is designed to ensure funding reaches a wider range of community projects across the county. It reflects the fund's focus on supporting small-scale initiatives and recognises that the majority of applications already fall within this funding level. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7926/final-call-for-community-groups-to-apply-for-councillors-grants-deadline-26-7-5pm>

Free summer parking at Stratford Park and Ride

Visiting Stratford-upon-Avon? Take advantage of FREE parking offered by the Stratford Park and Ride this summer! Available from 1 August until 31 August.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7895/explore-beautiful-stratford-with-free-parking-at-the-park-and-ride>

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