# **County Councillor report Oxhill Parish Council Meeting 6th September 2022**

## Act on Energy

Are you struggling to pay your energy bills? Are you worried about the rising cost of energy? Contact them <u>NOW</u> to see how they can help 0800 988 2881

### Pensioners struggling with household costs

Older people in receipt of Pension Credit will receive a contribution toward food and fuel this summer from Warwickshire County Council.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3066/help-for-warwickshire-pensioners-struggling-with-household-costs</u>

We know that sudden unexpected costs can create real challenges for people experiencing financial hardship. If this, is you or anyone you know, help is available?

## Local Welfare Scheme

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 in the form of emergency food parcels or credit for energy. Call 0800 408 1448.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/1218/help-is-available-for-people-who-may-be-struggling-to-cope</u>

#### Extra support for secondary school applications

Parents and carers of children who will be starting Year 6 in September are being given extra support to prepare for their child's application to secondary school in the autumn.

Read more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3099/warwickshire-parents-and-carers-given-extra-support-to-get-ready-for-secondary-school-applications</u>

## Applying for a Secondary School Place in Warwickshire

Have a child in Year 5? Have you started thinking about which secondary schools to apply for? Now's a great time to find out about your options. A good place to start is our Find a School website which will give you info about your local schools: <u>https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/findaschool</u>

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If you child will be moving to Year 7 in 2023, then now is the time to start thinking about your secondary school application.

Watch our video for tips on how to prepare for the move: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs</u>

#### <u>Hope – Young adult mental health journeys</u>

A new animation from Warwickshire County Council shares genuine mental health journeys from young people in the county.

Read more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3094/-hope-animation-shares-young-adult-mental-health-journeys</u>

#### **Emergency duty foster carers**

Warwickshire County Council's fostering service is looking for foster carers to care for young people in a crisis.

Find out more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3211/could-you-offer-a-safe-place-to-sleep-for-a-night-</u>

#### Safer Streets Warwickshire

Funding worth more than £350,000 has been secured from the government by Warwickshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe and local partners to improve safety at four public spaces.

Read more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3154/major-</u> funding-boost-to-help-improve-safety-in-public-spaces-across-warwickshire

#### Latest COVID-19 behaviour messages from UKHSA - Summer 2022

To continue to support our residents to reduce their risk of catching and spreading COVID-19 we ask you to share messages encouraging people to:

Get vaccinated. Wear a face covering in indoor public places

If you feel unwell, stay at home and avoid contact with others

Let fresh air in if you are meeting indoors

For further information, visit <u>www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-</u> <u>a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19</u>

#### Children aged 5 and above are eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccinations.

To find out more, visit <u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-</u> vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years/a-guide-for-parents-ofchildren-aged-5-to-11-years

### **Pregnancy and vaccination**

It is important to get fully vaccinated to protect you and your unborn baby. Thousands of pregnant women have been safely vaccinated in the UK and worldwide.

To book your vaccine, call 119 or visit www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination

### **Green Shoots 2 – Less than a month**

There is less than one month left to submit projects to the second round of funding for Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

Read more: <u>https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/3212/less-than-a-month-for-climate-positive-projects-to-apply-to-the-green-shoots-community-fund</u>

#### **Community Risk Management Plan**

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue want your views on the draft strategy and plans. What should they be doing to keep Warwickshire safe? Are their priorities the right ones? Is their approach the right one for Warwickshire? Please take 10 mins to tell us what you think:

https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/resources/wfrs-pprs-2022-2027-consultation

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