County Councillor Report

Tysoe Parish Council Meeting 12th October 2026

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

More adopters urgently needed across Warwickshire

People from Warwickshire are being urged to consider adoption and help provide children with the safe, loving and permanent families they urgently need. Read more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8146/more-adopters-urgently-needed-for-children-across-warwickshire

Prospective foster carer celebration event

Anyone considering becoming a foster carer is invited to be inspired at the Warwickshire Fostering Celebration Event on Wednesday 4 November. Taking place on Wednesday 4 November 2026 from 6 to 7.30pm at the historic Old Shire Hall, Warwick, the event will bring together foster carers, fostering families, children and young people, and professionals to celebrate the life-changing impact of fostering across Warwickshire. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8177/warwickshire-fostering-invites-prospective-foster-carers-to-special-celebration-event-

Personal Assistant recruitment

Are you a Teaching Assistant looking for extra work? Your skills are highly valued in Personal Assistant roles within the care sector. Find part-time work https://orlo.uk/Personal_Assistant_jobs_OTgbh

SEND

Warwickshire has received confirmation from the Department for Education that the WCC SEND Reform Plan is agreed and that Warwickshire County Council will receive 90% of the DSG deficit, which is **£135 million** through the Higher Needs Stability Grant. This will be paid to the Council on the 30th November 2026.

The grant is intended to address historic SEND financial pressures and represents 90% of the eligible High Needs-related Dedicated Schools Grant deficit accrued up to 31 March 2026. This is a significant and welcome development for the Council and provides important financial support as WCC continue the wider reform of SEND services in Warwickshire. However, this does not remove the underlying pressures in the SEND system. Demand and expenditure continue to rise, and WCC remain focused on delivering the reforms set out in the plan: earlier support for children and families, stronger mainstream inclusion, more local specialist provision and a more sustainable system over the longer term.

Warwickshire County Council and its partners are continuing work to improve support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families with a focus on earlier intervention, increased specialist support in local schools and improvements to Education, Health and Care (EHC) services. Also, Children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Warwickshire are set to benefit from increased access to specialist support in mainstream schools. Read more here: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8139/warwickshire-sets-out-programme-to-strengthen-send-support

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

Have your say on Warwickshire County Council's budget priorities

Warwickshire County Council is inviting people who live, work or study in the county to share their views as it prepares its budget for 2027/28.

Through a public consultation the Council wants to understand which services people value most and gather views on potential Council Tax options. The survey also asks where efficiencies could be explored and how the Council might work differently or generate additional income.

Like councils across the country, Warwickshire County Council continues to face pressure from rising costs and increasing demand for services. These

pressures are particularly significant in demand-led services, including children's and adult's social care, support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and home to school transport.

The Council has a strong track record of robust and effective financial management and has made more than £200 million in savings since 2014, with further savings of £72.3 million agreed in February 2026 as part of its medium-term financial strategy. These pressures mean the Council must make some difficult decisions to ensure it can continue to provide the services its communities depend on, while maintaining a balanced budget. Complete the survey here: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/budget-2027-28/

The King's Award for Voluntary Service

Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Lieutenancy is encouraging residents to submit nominations for volunteering groups, charities, and social enterprises across the County whose exceptional efforts deserve recognition in The King's Award for Voluntary Service. Residents can submit nominations until 1 December 2026. Discover more: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8126/nominate-warwickshire-s-extraordinary-volunteers-this-year-for-the-king-s-award-for-voluntary-service

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