

Tysoe ward Parish Council Report April 2024

1. Public Space Protection Order for Stratford Town Centre - Consultation

SDC is carrying out a 7-week Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation in Stratford-upon-Avon town centre. Such orders deal with specific nuisances or problems in a defined area that are '*detrimental to the community's quality of life*' and are designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in public places.

For more information or to take part in this consultation, please visit the District Council's website: www.stratford.gov.uk/Stratford-PSPO-Consultation.

The consultation runs until 8 May 2024.

2. Stratford Leisure Centre Hosts Prostate Screening Event

On Sunday 28 April 2024 Stratford Leisure Centre will host a prostate screening event. The event is being subsidised by SDC in partnership with The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) and Everyone Active. The event will run from 10am until 4pm and people are able to book at a discounted rate of £12.50. Spaces are limited, so make sure to book.

The aim of the event is to make the local community aware of the signs and symptoms of prostate cancer and to offer free prostate PSA screening blood tests. The statistics show that 1 in 8 men show positive signs of having prostate cancer but if caught and treated early, the results of treatment are extremely good.

3. SDC Receives Funding From Swimming Pool Support Fund

This initiative put forward by Conservative members means that rooftop solar panels will be installed at Stratford Leisure Centre, following SDC's successful bid in Phase II of the Government's Swimming Pool Support Fund. SDC has been awarded £283,000 to provide grant funding for capital investments to help swimming pools become more energy efficient.

The funding will be used to install Photo Voltaic (PV) panels on Stratford Leisure Centre's roof. This will help to reduce the Leisure Centre's energy bills and save carbon emissions.

4. New Eligibility Criteria for Energy Efficiency Schemes

The income eligibility criteria for Home Upgrade Grant - phase 2 (HUG2) funding has increased to £36,000 a year. Some residents who may not have applied previously because they were over the first £31,000 threshold may now be eligible. Residents

are encouraged to apply to grants as soon as possible because there is a three to six months' time frame from application to installation. Please help publicise this scheme.

5. Appointment of Parish/Town Council Representatives to the Audit & Standards Committee (ASC)

Two representatives nominated by Parish and Town Councils are currently co-opted as non-voting members to the ASC. Their terms of appointment are due to end shortly and new appointees will be sought.

One area of activity with which the ASC is concerned is the Code of Conduct with which councillors are required to comply. The most recent report considered by the ASC on 25 March 2024 identified that thirteen of the sixteen complaints against councillors involved parish rather than district councillors.

All 81 parish councils within the District will be invited to nominate up to two parish councillors to be considered for these appointments.

A sub-committee of the ASC will be established to consider nominations and to make recommendations to the ASC and subsequently Council on who should be co-opted.

6. May 2nd Election of Warwickshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is to be the voice of the people and hold the Police to account. They are responsible for the totality of policing. PCCs aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their police force area. As such the role is very important to all of us. Residents with concerns over Police effectiveness should be highly supportive of this role and I encourage all to vote on the 2nd May.

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