

Butlers Marston Parish Council

May 2025

Leader and Cabinet for Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet for the new municipal year was agreed

at the [Annual Council](#) meeting on Wednesday 14 May.

- Leader - Strategic Leadership and Climate Change Portfolio - Cllr Susan Juned
- Deputy Leader and Planning and Economic Development Portfolio - Cllr George Cowcher
- Law and Governance Portfolio - Cllr Natalie Gist
- Environment and Neighbourhood Services Portfolio - Cllr Lorraine Grocott
- Resources Portfolio - Cllr David Curtis
- Housing and Customer Services - Cllr Liz Coles
- Projects and Communications - Cllr Louis Adam

Public Space Protection Order Granted by Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has granted a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) that seeks to address anti-social behaviour linked to alcohol consumption in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The PSPO proposal was granted by the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Regulatory Committee on Thursday 5 December, bringing the Order into effect.

Over the last three years, the District Council and Police have received increasing reports from residents regarding criminal and anti-social behaviour linked to alcohol use in Stratford-upon-Avon.

## Stratford-on-Avon District Council to host health screening events across the District

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has joined together with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) to offer a series of health screening events for both men and women across the District.

The events will enable men and women to have a number of health tests from a simple blood test, allowing them to, where necessary, seek further advice or action via their GP.

The tests on offer cost £14 each, subsidised by the District Council and are:

- For men over 40 - PSA (Prostate Screening)
- For men and women aged 18 and over - diabetes and cholesterol

The events are taking place at:

- Saturday 31 May at Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford, CV37 6YX
- Saturday 14 June at Studley Leisure Centre, Pool Road, Studley, B80 7QU
- Saturday 12 July at Southam Leisure Centre, Welsh Road West, Southam, CV47 0JW
- Saturday 2 August at The Greig Leisure Centre, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, B49 6AD
- Saturday 13 September at Stratford Leisure Centre
- Saturday 11 October at Shipston Scout Hut, New Street, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4EW

The events will run from 10am until 2pm at each of the locations and people are able to book at a discounted rate of £14 for each test.

Spaces are limited and need to be booked in advanced at:

<https://sdc.mypsatests.org.uk/>

## ch of Local Climate Engagement Programme Builds on Community Insights

The South Warwickshire Local Climate Engagement Programme is being relaunched to support rural communities to tackle climate change and restore nature.

The programme is jointly run by Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils and a variety of community-led initiatives are already taking place across South Warwickshire.

From drainage guardians to bicycle buses, from solar panels to tree planting, local communities are already making an impact. The programme is crucial in evaluating past projects and identifying what can be done better in the future.

A recent survey of local councils and community groups revealed that most organisations wanted funding advice for a broad range of climate-based projects, and that many were planning tree planting and flood prevention schemes.

The findings from the survey are now guiding the South Warwickshire Local Climate Engagement Steering Group, which brings together district councillors, council officers, Town & Parish Councils, local climate action groups, and WALC (Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils). Together, the group is mapping out opportunities for greater engagement and support for rural community projects across both districts.

Share your green ideas with us! If you've run a project, are planning one, or simply have an idea that needs support - we want to hear from you. Your input will help shape a coordinated, community-driven approach to climate action across South Warwickshire.

The programme is interested in hearing about more place-based ideas that fall into the following areas:

- Climate Change Mitigation (e.g.: solar panels, building insulation, car-sharing, repair cafés, community kitchens)

- Climate Change Adaptation (e.g.: flood defences, rainwater harvesting, shaded outdoor spaces, upgrading local facilities)
- Biodiversity Enhancement (e.g.: tree planting, habitat restoration, bee hotels, community orchards)

Join us on Friday 17 October 2025 at Leamington Spa's Town Hall, where communities and councils will convene to share best practice, develop the network, and pool resources, helping to shape the future of local climate action.

## **County Councillor Report Butlers Marston Parish Council Meeting 29th May 2025**

### **Disposable vape ban**

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is advising retailers to act now in advance of the ban on the sale of disposable vapes that comes into force next month. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6309/retailers-be-aware-disposable-vapes-are-banned-from-1st-june>

### **Knife Crime Awareness Week**

As this year's Knife Crime Awareness Week highlights the issue, schools, colleges and youth clubs have praised the VR sessions that are highlighting the real-life consequences of carrying a knife. Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6342/knife-crime-awareness-week-vr-knife-crime-awareness-sessions-make-an-impact-with-warwickshire-s-young-people>

### **Warwickshire SENDIAS**

SEND families are being urged to take advantage of a range of free, impartial, and confidential support service designed to help them understand the SEND system and access the support they need. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6347/warwickshire-sendias-empowering-families-of-children-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities->

### **Supporting young people's mental health**

Understanding and looking after mental wellbeing is just as important as taking care of physical health and a good habit to develop as early as possible.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6236/supporting-young-people-s-mental-health>

### **Warwickshire Supported Employment Service**

The tailored support and interventions from Warwickshire's Supported Employment Service can transform lives. This is shown in the impact the service has made to Jordan, supporting him to grow in confidence and move closer to employment. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6351/jordan-s-journey-towards-support-and-employment>

### **Families to benefit from active partnership**

Families across Warwickshire can enjoy a boost to their health, wellbeing, and access to local amenities thanks to an exciting new collaboration throughout the summer term. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6348/warwickshire-families-to-benefit-from-active-partnership->

### **Free support for families with Warwickshire's Living Well website**

Warwickshire County Council's [Living Well webpages](#) bring together information on a wide range of health, wellbeing, and social care services into one easy-to-navigate page.

The online resource is designed to help families, adults, and older people to live healthier, happier, and more independent lives.

[Living Well](#) is especially valuable to families who are navigating the challenges of caregiving, managing wellbeing, or simply looking for ways to improve their quality of life.

Find information quickly on different aspects of living well, including:

**[Financial support](#)**. Discover practical advice and links to financial support services, helping families to manage rising expenses while maintaining their wellbeing.

**[Looking after yourself](#)**. Learn more about nutrition, staying active, sleep, and general self-care. This information is ideal for parents, carers, and individuals wanting to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

**Dealing with loneliness.** Explore the resources available to help people stay connected, including community groups and practical suggestions for what to do and where to go for support.

**Staying well.** Find out more about early action that can be taken to avoid illness and maintain independence, with guidance on vaccinations and healthy eating habits.

**Lifelong learning.** Discover local adult education and skills development opportunities, as well as inspiring stories from successful learners.

Warwickshire County Council also provides **AskSARA**, a free assistive technology tool that supports families with access to a range of ‘self-help’ smart technology and associated services in Warwickshire. Whether it’s a mobility aid for an elderly person or a kitchen gadget to support with independent living, AskSARA provides personalised recommendations based on a short questionnaire, and empowers families to make informed decisions about their care and support. Visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell) to find out more about the support available in Warwickshire.

### **Building suppliers rogue trader warning**

Warwickshire County Council’s Trading Standards Service is warning suppliers of building materials that they are also at risk of falling victim to rogue traders.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6345/building-suppliers-are-warned-it-s-not-just-residents-losing-out-to-rogue-traders>

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