

County Councillor Report

Butlers Marston Parish Council Meeting 30th September 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>

Improved mental health services for children and young people

A mental health service, called ECHO, was launched on 3 August 2026. The service will provide early support and improved access to community-based mental health care for children, young people and their families so that they can get the help they need before mental health difficulties escalate. Learn more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7908/improved-mental-health-services-for-young-people-in-warwickshire>

Strengthening SEND support

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. Read more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8139/warwickshire-sets-out-programme-to-strengthen-send-support>

Young people at the heart of Warwickshire's future

When Warwickshire County Council asked residents what matters most for the future of the county, one of the messages that came through most clearly was: opportunities for young people matter. As part of the engagement for our new Council Plan, Recalibrating Warwickshire, residents told us that giving children and young people the best possible start in life should be a priority. Better

education, stronger support and more opportunities to gain skills and find employment were all highlighted as being important for Warwickshire's future.

Over the last year, Warwickshire County Council has approved over £47 million of investment in education. This includes delivering 660 new school places, while improvements to classrooms, sports facilities and specialist learning environments are helping schools meet the needs of growing communities. Since 2015, 15 new schools have opened across Warwickshire, creating additional capacity for future generations of learners.

Alongside this, the Council has continued to expand support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Through £1.27 million of investment, new specialist places are being created and accessibility improvements delivered, helping more families access the support they need within their local communities. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8131/young-people-at-the-heart-of-warwickshire-s-future>

Safe and Active School Awards

The outstanding achievements of over 100 of the county's primary schools were celebrated recently as schools, local partners and road safety advocates came together for Warwickshire County Council's third Safe and Active School Awards. The awards recognize the dedication of primary schools across the county that have actively engaged with the Council's Safe and Active Schools Programme. Last academic year, 120 schools signed up for the initiative, ensuring that over 27,000 Warwickshire children received age-appropriate road safety education and active travel activities. Discover more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8143/outstanding-school-road-safety-initiatives-celebrated>

Vaping and nicotine information for young people

Young people across Coventry and Warwickshire can now access [cloudcontrol.info](https://www.cloudcontrol.info) for clear, honest information about vaping and nicotine, helping them make informed choices about their health. Cloud Control is a space for children and young people to get the real facts about vaping, nicotine pouches, snus, and other nicotine products, so that they can decide what they want to do about them. No lectures or judgement. Just honest information to help them stay in control. Visit www.cloudcontrol.info. Learn more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/8050/new-campaign-launched-to-help-children-and-young-people-learn-the-facts-about-vaping-and-nicotine->

Carers

If you provide regular unpaid emotional or physical support to a friend, neighbour, family member or member of the community, you are a carer, you may qualify for free support including opportunities to meet other carers, specialist information and advice and more. Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/beingacarer>

World Mental Health Day

As part of World Mental Health Day on 10 October, we want to remind everyone how important it is to take care of your mental health and well-being. Whether it's reaching out to a friend, practicing self-care, or seeking support from professionals, every step counts. Find local support through our mental health webpage: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth>

Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHST)

Book your place: Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHST) Conference

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust's Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHST) is holding its first conference: Stronger Together. Parents and carers are invited to register and learn how we're strengthening mental health support for children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire. **Key information:**

- when: Tuesday 6 October (registration from 8:30am)
- where: Coventry Cathedral, 11 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX

What to expect: inspiring talks from NHS and education speakers

- personal experiences of support
- practical and engaging sessions on mental health management
- marketplace of local services to support children and young people

The conference is free to attend and booking is essential. [Book your place here.](#)

If you have any questions about the conference, please email

MHSTNavHubAdmin@covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

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>

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>

Chris Mills

Butlers Marston

Mental Health Support Teams in Schools Conference (Stronger Together)

Celebrating and strengthening mental health support

- Tuesday 6 October
- Coventry Cathedral

Agenda

Registration opens at 8.30am. Please note, the agenda is subject to change.

8.30am - Registration, refreshments and marketplace

9.15am- **Chair welcome, housekeeping and conference introduction**, Tina Swain, *Director of Operations for Children and Young People CWPT*

9.25am - **Opening keynote address**, Mary Mumvuri, *Chief Executive Officer CWPT*

9.55am - **School presentations**, *Hartshill Academy and North Leamington School*

10.35am - Refreshments and marketplace

11am - **Occupational therapy quality improvement project** - Ready for year 7, (OT clinic), *Laura Bradford, Rachel Webb and Robert Duncan*

11.25am - **Education mental health practitioner (EMHP) - Five Ways to Wellbeing**

11.50am - **My Happy Mind**, *Laura Earnshaw and Sam Wilkinson*

12:10pm - **Integrated Care Board (ICB) perspective**

12.30pm - Lunch and marketplace

1.30pm - **NHS England national update**, *Liz Morris, Children and Young People's Mental Health Programme Manager*

1.50pm - **CWPT spotlight session**. Title to be confirmed. *Jade Stanley and Dr Hannah Fallon*

2.15pm - **Understanding neurodiversity**, *Dr Heather Moran, Clinical and Educational Psychologist*

2.55pm - **Bookable 1 hour masterclasses** (limited spaces to book on the day)

- Room 1: Building health self-esteem in children and young people
- Room 2: Supporting anxiety in children and young people
- Room 3: Creating inclusive classrooms
- The marketplace will remain open during masterclasses

3.55pm - Refreshments and marketplace

4.20pm - **closing remarks and thank you**, *Tina Swain, Director of Operations for Children and Young People, CWPT*

4.30pm - conference close

[Book your place by 30 September](#)