

## District Councillor Update 16.11.21

### Covid19

The rate of infections across the district has decreased sharply to 366/100,000 from 472 last week, the over 60's rate has increased to 188/100,000 (186 last week) with 80 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 375/100,000, North Warwickshire 350/100,000, Warwick 386/100,000 and Rugby 347/100,000. Warwickshire overall has DOWN from 473/100,000 to 368/100,000. England 346/100,000.

Although cases are still relatively high, all Warwickshire areas' rates have fallen this week.

***We must not be complacent and I urge you to follow advice and book your booster and flu jab as per NHS advice.***

There have been one further Covid related death this week across Stratford District (total now 152 from the start of this second wave (28<sup>th</sup> August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 102 in hospital, two in a hospice and 10 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,641 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 7 this week (760) with a total of 6,950 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 320 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,361 (11,334 total deaths).

### Avian Flu Warning

The UK Health Security Agency is now urging people in Warwickshire not to touch any sick or dead wild birds – with avian flu confirmed in the swan populations in the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2542/public-urged-not-to-touch-sick-or-dead-birds-as-avian-influenza-confirmed-by-defra-in-worcestershire-and-warwickshire>

### Climate Change

As COP26 closes we look at the ambitions of the climate change panel at SDC.

There are three main ambitions

- **Ambition 1 – Net Zero Carbon Council by 2025:** ensure the new South Warwickshire Council is net zero carbon within a year of its first elections and services provided through contractors include carbon reduction targets to deliver net zero by 2030.

- **Ambition 2 – Low Carbon South Warwickshire 2030:** to reduce net carbon emissions from across South Warwickshire by a minimum of 55% by 2030 and how to further reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2050.
- **Ambition 3 – Adaptation 2050:** by 2050 to enable our environment and communities to have adapted to the potential of at least a 3 degrees rise in global temperatures by 2100

Cllr Shenton said: “There are many actions underneath our ambitions, but there are also many simple things we can all do to play our part. Don’t leave the tap running when you brush your teeth, recycle as much as you can – there is still a lot of waste going into the grey bins that should be in the blue or green bins. If you are able, use the car less, buy loose vegetables and fruit, reduce meat consumption by a little and don’t waste food. These may be small things but collectively they mount up and as far as waste goes the less that goes to landfill causing greenhouse gas (such as methane which is up to 30 times worse than CO2) emissions, the better.

“Over the coming months we will be putting lots of messages out via social media, the local media, in our council tax booklet delivered with council tax bills and using bin hangers (little paper hangers that are hung on your dustbin). Also look out for our new dedicated website and our *‘one small thing’* campaign.”

Other work includes the South Warwickshire Plan, which will incorporate policies that support the Council’s Climate Change ambitions including delivering adaptable and net zero carbon developments, wherever possible ensuring infrastructure is in place to support low carbon lifestyles and adaptation to a changing climate and supporting the green economy

Also of note is that

- **Garden Waste Subscription**

As at 28 October, nearly 49,000 permits had been purchased and over 75% of dwellings with a garden have at least one permit. Amazingly, we are still selling permits at the rate of around 50 per week or £2,000.

- **Fly Tipping**

Fly tipping is well below last year’s level but still has some way to go before we get to 2019 levels. Against other authorities, we appear to be faring better than they are. However if you do see any fly tipping please report it to streetscene at Stratford district council. If possible take a photo and also copy me in.  
streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk

- **Community Safety**

- As the colder winter nights draw in thinking of homelessness many of us want help by giving a donation to individuals. However following advice not to give cash, two

contactless devices installed (Roly's Fudge & HR Café). Another restaurant has agreed to install a machine. A further two premises are in discussion.

- Camera loans as part of rural crime interventions are underway.
- SDC Teams are working with the Fred Winter Centre to reduce chances of the venue becoming an ASB/crime hotspot.
- Commissioning of a project to assess vehicle crime hotspots within the District.

Stay safe and have a great week.

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