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# Changes to refuse and recycling collections over the festive period

There will only be one change this year – properties due for a collection on Monday 26 December will be collected on Tuesday 27 December. All other collections will remain the same. In the event of heavy snow/ice during the winter, services may be changed or temporarily suspended.

For more information, please visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/winter or follow the District Council's Twitter account @StratfordDC for all the latest updated. Please turn to page 25 for your refuse and recycling calendar up to the end of March 2017 and Christmas recycling tips.







# Support local business

Your District Council is supporting Small Business Saturday UK a national campaign to celebrate and encourage people to shop at independent local shops.

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# FREE Christmas parking Remember there is FREE parking in all District Council owned car parks (excluding the two Bridgeway car parks) from 4pm to midnight on the Thursday Christmas shopping nights in Stratford-upon-Avon, starting on Thursday 24 November for the Christmas Lights switch on.

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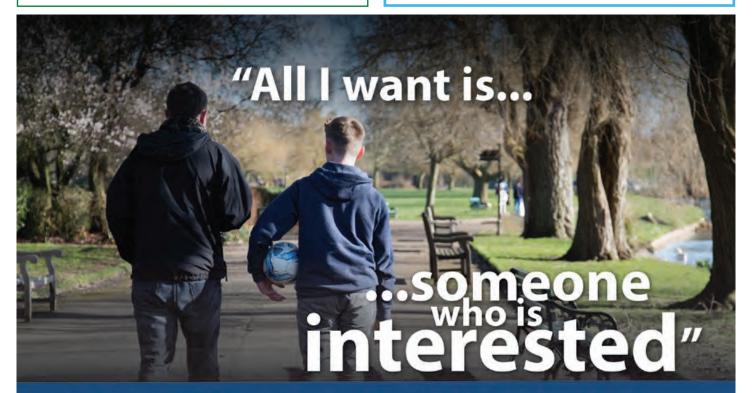
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Nationally Hate Crime is under reported, Warwickshire Police is committed to addressing this issue by giving victims of hate crime the confidence to come forward and report their experience.

Nobody should tolerate being victimised because of who they are, hate crime is any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's:

- Race (including nationality, national origin, ethnic origin, race and colour)
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Transgender
- Individual characteristic that makes someone appear different

# How do I report a hate crime?

You can report a crime in confidence in any of the following ways:

- In an emergency call 999
- For non-emergencies call 101
- Report online at www.report-it.org.uk
- Call in at a police station or stop police officers in the street
- Call Victim Support on 01926 682 693. You do not need to provide your name when reporting to Victim Support.

For more information about Hate Crime in Warwickshire visit: www.warwickshire.police.uk/hate-crime













# Hate crime is everyone's problem:

Don't look away, don't ignore it, don't stay silent

# Help for domestic violence

Are you in a relationship and worried that your partner may have been abusive in the past?

Domestic violence and abuse is a serious issue. It's never the victim's fault. Every year, over 2,000 adults in Stratford District will suffer some form of domestic violence and abuse.

Whatever form it takes, domestic violence and abuse is rarely a one-off incident. The abuse can be physical, sexual, financial, emotional and psychological. More usually it's a pattern of abusive and controlling behaviour through which the abuser seeks power over their victim.

Domestic abuse is a crime that remains largely hidden, leaving its victims feeling trapped, powerless and isolated - afraid to

say anything in case it makes a bad situation worse. On average a victim will endure 50 assaults before seeking help. The level of abuse is likely to increase over time. Domestic abuse ruins family life and has long term, serious consequences for everyone concerned.

If you are worried your partner, or the partner of relative, may have been abusive in the past, there is now a scheme through which you can make inquiries with the police to see if they have any information that you or your children may be at risk of harm. The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) is more commonly known as Clare's Law – named after Clare Wood who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend in February 2009. Clare didn't know about his history of violence against women.

### **Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme**







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For further information on Clare's Law and making an application please go

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If you believe there is an immediate risk of harm to someone, or it is an emergency, you should always call 999.

If you would like to talk to someone about domestic violence and abuse please call the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 408 1552.

If you would like further information on domestic abuse, visit the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse website: www.talk2someone.org.uk





# Long Compton

Long Compton has many of the characteristics of a typical Cotswold village, thatched limestone cottages, medieval church and pretty hedge rowed lanes leading out to gentle green hills. It is a lovely place to live and visit and is fortunate to be positioned within easy reach of both Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford as well as one of the well-known attractions in the Cotswolds itself, the Neolithic stone circle known as the Rollright Stones which is within walking distance from the village.

Long Compton is an ancient village which was established in early Saxon times and appears in the Doomsday Book. The Lynch Gate is the most easily recognizable aspect of Long Compton with its striking half-timbered brick and thatch. This 17th century building was for most of its life the end of a row of terraced cottages. The other cottages were destroyed, but this

one survived. It functioned as a shop, and private residence, until in 1964 it was given to the church. The upper room is now used by the local historical society.

In the 19th Century the village experienced considerable prosperity with many old farm houses developed into large and attractive homes for Victorian farmers. The late 19th and early 20th century saw a change in the fortune of the village as agriculture went into decline and cities of Birmingham and Coventry offered work and a better life for villagers. A falling population and empty tumbledown cottages meant that these were hard times for the village.

Since the end of the Second World War, agriculture and the village have recovered with several successful working farms, the emergence of a number of craft based businesses and of course visitors numbers who are attracted by the village's Cotswold charm. Today the village's population has almost returned to the numbers experienced in its early Victorian heyday and includes a healthy mix of old village families and 'in-comers' all of whom share an enthusiasm for this delightful village.

Now small businesses in the village include a furniture maker, slaughterhouse, two garages, four builders, a carpenter, a glazier, the village shop, several B&B's, the Red Lion pub, a wedding dress shop, a harpsichord maker, a driving instructor and a landscape gardener.

There are 33 listed buildings within the village of Long Compton adding to the attractive appearance of the Conservation Area and it is important to protect these special buildings and their settings. In addition, there are a number of other features greatly valued by residents and visitors alike, including 7 village water pumps and the remains of a mediaeval cross which should be preserved.

Long Compton is separated from Little Compton by Oakham Hill and the ancient monument, The Rollright Stones, straddle the County boundary. The King's Men stone circle is in Little Compton and the King Stone which lends its name to King Stone Farmhouse, is in Long Compton.



# Little Compton

Little Compton was once in an isolated portion of Gloucestershire until about 1845 when it was transferred to Warwickshire and became its most southernmost parish. The village has a population of approximately 250 people.

There is also the small hamlet of Kitebrook which is within the parish of Little Compton

The name "Little Compton" is derived from the old English words "coombe" - a valley on the flank of a hill and "ton" - a town or settlement. In mediaeval times it was known as "Compton in Floribus" -Compton in the Flowers. The village lays in a hollow on the edge of the Cotswold scarp with hills on three sides, varying between 400 and over 600ft, the higher land commanding fine views.

The magnificent manor house dates from 16th and 17th centuries as do many of the older houses in the village. Both the church and the Manor formed part of the endowment of the Saxon Priory of Deerhurst; with it they were given by Edward the Confessor to the abbey of St Denis of Paris, this gift was confirm by William the Conqueror in 1086. The Manor is now Reed Business School, an educational establishment for trainee accountants.

Over the years the village has grown and it received a major boost in the is 19th century when a brewery was built along with a large Georgian style house, Washbrook House, for its owner and smaller cottages for the workers and manager known as Brewery Row and Brewery Cottage.

The building of the brewery also served to link the part of the village which had developed to the east of the manor and church, with the western end which was clustered around the original pub, now known as Pillbridge House. In the 1880's further dwellings were built unusually for the area, partly in brick, at the western extremity of the village, together with a small development known as Newtown or the southern side of the A44 trunk road.

The 20th century saw further small developments taking place, the brewery closed and its buildings were re-developed into private dwellings. The mid-Victorian vicarage and its outbuildings became redundant when a modern clergy house was built in the 1980's. In 1970 most of the village was designated as a Conservation Area and in 1990 it became part of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The parish contains 19 listed buildings, of which 13 are within the conservation area.

Little Compton does not have a village shop or anywhere else that you could call the centre of the village, just The Red Lion public house, the Village Hall, Bowls Club and the Church. The village school closed in 1996 and the old school house is now a 5 star bed and breakfast with animal sculptures in the front garden!

# Wellesbourne older residents better off thanks to OSCARS

A volunteer group is helping to improve the lives of older people in Wellesbourne.

OSCARS - Over Sixties Community and Recreation Scheme - was the brainchild of community nurse Heidi Williams.

Believing more should be done for older people, and inspired by other activities taking place across the District, Heidi got in touch with representatives from local organisations which have contact with, or support older people in the village.

The first meeting was held in May and since then, the group have been working to identify and set up a range of social opportunities and services for the elderly population in Wellesbourne.

OSCARS is designed not only to help alleviate loneliness and isolation but also promote well-being and independent living among the elderly community.

And having spoken to elderly residents of Orbit housing schemes, volunteers discovered many of them had concerns about the distance they had to walk to get into the village.

Knowing there was a bench along the way where they could stop to catch their breath however, would encourage them to go out independently and do their own shopping.

This has health benefits as well as reducing the level of social isolation for those who are elderly.

So the volunteers set about remedying the situation and launched the Big Bench Challenge, which has so far seen two benches secured thanks to donations from VASA and Home Instead Ltd.

Other projects in the pipeline include a carers group, luncheon club, befriending scheme and respite care.

And volunteers are now calling on Wellesbourne residents to get involved by offering to take an older person to an activity group, helping with fundraising or putting posters up around the village.





WRAP -

Looking after a loved one with dementia

Carers looking after those with Dementia are being given a helping hand by Warwickshire Reminiscence Action Project.

Better known as WRAP, the charity was initially set up 20 years ago to support and train people caring for older people in the community.

But over the years, an increasing number of people have started to look after a loved one with Dementia, and WRAP's support services have grown and adapted accordingly.

It has been estimated around 850,000 people in the UK care for a loved one with a form of Dementia, which WRAP understands can be a lonely and overwhelming role.

The charity carries out reminiscence therapy that not only stimulates the senses but also helps to unlock memories, which WRAP has found to have a positive impact on the overall health & well-being of people with dementia. And it has more than 40 themed boxes - ranging from school days to childhood games - available through its resource centre.

WRAP can support people in the completion of life reviews, which enable precious memories to be captured before they are lost forever. And the charity also organises various free activities - including two dementia friendly cafés.

Known as Café WRAP, one takes place at Bishopton Community Centre every Friday from 2pm until 4pm while the other is held at Wellesbourne Village Hall every Wednesday at the same time. The cafés are places for those living with dementia and their carers to share experiences, find support and relax over a cup of tea and biscuits in a safe and caring environment.

The cafés are managed by staff and volunteers who ensure there is a varied event programme in place – including bingo, dominoes, arts and craft activities, and guest speakers.

Café WRAP at Bishopton Community Centre celebrated its first anniversary earlier this year and the milestone was marked with the opening of a pilot day centre.

Every Friday, a WRAP trained team can look after people living with dementia at the day centre from 11am until 1pm - allowing carers some much-needed free time.

Other services provided by WRAP include a one-day reminiscence training, and a free eight-week information programme called 'Looking After A Loved One' (Laalo), as well as inter-generational projects working with schools and the community.

Mike Strophair, WRAP founder, says: "People can live positively with dementia and at WRAP we are here to support those people and their cares. We're also trying to stop prejudices of what living with dementia is like while promoting dementia-friendly environments."

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This change will bring both challenges and opportunities for central and local government – impacting on a wide range of public services. As local government funding is decreasing year on year, there is an increasing emphasis on communities being able to look after themselves and identify appropriate help independently.

Being aware of what support is available - whether it is provided through local authority or voluntary sector organisations - becomes more important as people age with engaging in social activities and feeling part of the community vital to a sense of well-being.

Your District Council supports the Senior Citizens Action Network (SCAN) groups across the District. These groups offer the chance for older people to come together socially while also providing information on local support services.

SCAN members can raise issues, which Your District Council can then try to resolve by either addressing them directly or signposting members to the most appropriate support available. Groups are also a way for older people to keep informed, maintain social connections and be part of their local community.

Although very different, the six groups around the District are all informal and offer refreshments to members.

Details of the six SCAN groups are in the table right.

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#### ✓ Yes please...

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- Christmas trees either in the bin (lid must close) or next to it - please cut trees over 5'/1.5m in half.
- ✓ Turkey carcasses and other bones
- ✓ Nut shells
- ✓ Date stones
- ✓ Food can be put in loose, wrapped in paper or in compostable bags conforming to EN13432)

Christmas tip - why not use one of Jamie Oliver's Cracking Christmas Left-over Recipes www.jamieoliver.com/christmas/ collection/leftovers/

#### X No thanks...

X Artificial Christmas trees

## Recycling bin

#### ✓ Yes please...

- ✓ Large plastic or metal sweet and biscuit tins
- ✓ Cardboard and rigid plastic tray from selection boxes
- √ Wrapping paper (not shiny type)
- ✓ Christmas cards

#### X No thanks...

- X Ribbons and bows (Please reuse these)
- Christmas lights (Please put them in a carrier bag by your bin)
- ✗ Household batteries (Please put them in a carrier bag by your bin)



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**Christmas and New Year arrangements** 

There will only be one change. Properties due for a collection on Monday 26 December 2016 will be collected on Tuesday 27 December 2016. All other collections will remain the same.

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#### How can you prepare your home this winter?

- 1. Seal off drafty windows and doors or consider replacing
- 2. Consider blanketing and insulating hot water lines
- 3. Use a programmable thermostat to reduce heating costs
- 4. Keep all vents and heaters clear
- 5. If you have a fireplace remember to clean it thoroughly
- 6. Consider using an energy monitor to identify appliances using the most energy
- 7. Keep valuables and critical information documents safe during winter to avoid waterlogging or damage this winter

To learn about winter weather visit: www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/get-ready-for-winter

For information of weather impacts on travel visit: www.metoffice.gov.uk/learning/get-ready-for-winter/travel

information on the winter car check list visit:

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#### Winter Health

For information on the symptoms of hypothermia, cold stress frostnip and frostbite, chilblains and other symptoms of winter illnesses visit: www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx

The flu vaccination is available every year on the NHS to help protect adults and children at risk of flu, for information visit:

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