Stratford-upon-Avon

Victorian Christmas Market

UBUS keeping you connected

#RecycleRight Christmas tips
Take a leaf out of our book and compost at home

Compost Bin from £10
Uncooked food and garden waste

Cooked food waste
Green Cone from £20

Cooked food and garden waste
Green Johanna from £30

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting or call 01926 412593

Special Offer
6 rolls x 25 liners
only £7.95
inc. P&P
for Warwickshire residents

COMPOSTABLE Caddy Liners

Order now online
www.biobag-uk.com/warks
Welcome to the Winter issue of Stratford-on-Avon District Council’s magazine, Stratford View. This magazine is produced twice a year to keep you informed about Your District Council services. The cost of producing the magazine has been covered by advertising income and only a small amount of money has been spent on distribution. We are always keen to receive ideas for content in future issues and receive feedback on the magazine, contact us at corporate.communications@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Christmas and New Year refuse collection changes 2018-19

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>If your normal collection day is</th>
<th>If it is your refuse week your grey bin will be collected</th>
<th>If it is your recycling week your blue bin will be collected</th>
<th>If it is your recycling week your green bin will be collected</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday 24 December</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 25 December</td>
<td>Thursday 27 December</td>
<td>Thursday 27 December</td>
<td>Saturday 29 December</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 26 December</td>
<td>Friday 28 December</td>
<td>Friday 28 December</td>
<td>Saturday 29 December</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 27 December</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Saturday 29 December</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 28 December</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Saturday 29 December</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 31 December</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 1 January</td>
<td>Wednesday 2 January</td>
<td>Wednesday 2 January</td>
<td>Saturday 5 January</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 2 January</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Saturday 5 January</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 3 January</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 4 January</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
<td>Normal Collection</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you find the text in this magazine difficult to read we can supply it in a format better suited to your needs. We try to write everything in plain English and want to make sure that everyone has access to the information they need.

Tel: 01789 260105
Email: corporate.communications@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Stratford-on-Avon District Council does not accept responsibility for or endorse any products or services offered by advertisers. All information correct at time of printing.

When you have finished with this magazine please recycle it.

Printed on environmentally friendly paper from renewable sources.

If you run a business and you would like to advertise in the next issue of Stratford View please contact Community Information Services on 01253 885777 for rates and details.

Stratford View is designed and printed by Community Information Services
Email: view@cispress.com
www.cispress.com

Stratford View is distributed by The National Leaflet Company
Tel: 0191 415 3200

Front cover image: Stratford-upon-Avon Christmas lights by Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Did you know that Your District Council offers a highly trained and professional pest control service?

During the summer there was a huge surge in wasps’ nests because of the warm and dry weather, and Your District Council’s Pest Control Officers, Andy and Gavin, worked tirelessly removing nests from local residents’ properties.

Now the cooler weather is here, rats and mice will be looking for somewhere nice and warm to nest, so these are the main pests officers will be treating. To prevent these pests from entering your home it is a good idea to assess your property, sealing up any cracks or holes. Try to keep clutter to a minimum and gardens cut back to prevent shelter for pests. Store food correctly and dispose of it in an appropriate bin with a secure lid.

Rodents are not only unhygienic, but can also be dangerous. Rats need to continuously chew due to their ever-growing teeth and can damage household cables, which not only costs money to repair but can pose a fire risk.

If you see evidence of rodent activity, Your District Council’s Pest Control Officers will aim to visit your property within 48 hours to deal with the issue.

Pest Control Officers treat a wide range of pests including:
- Rats
- Mice
- Squirrels
- Fleas
- Bedbugs
- Wasps
- Hornets
- Cluster Flies
- Carpet Beetles
- Clothes Moths

Your District Council’s pest control team also offers contracts to businesses and farms. Each contract is tailored to your needs and will help to keep your business pest-free throughout the whole of the year.

To book a treatment or discuss a business contract, please call Your District Council on 01789 267575 or visit www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/pest-control.cfm

Stratford-upon-Avon Thursday Christmas Markets on Bridge Street

Come and visit the fabulous Christmas Market on Bridge Street, on the Thursdays leading up to Christmas from Thursday 22 November until Thursday 20 December from 10am to 8pm.

Come and discover an eclectic mix of traditional gifts and crafts with street food aplenty! Find that unique Christmas present or treat yourself - there is something for everyone to suit all tastes and budgets.

Please be aware, there will be no market and no free parking on Thursday 6 December due to the Stratford-upon-Avon Victorian Christmas Market taking place over the weekend.

Remember there is FREE parking in all District Council-owned car parks (excluding Bridgeway multi-storey and Bridgeway surface) from 4pm to midnight on Thursday Christmas shopping nights in Stratford-upon-Avon, starting on Thursday 22 November for the Christmas Lights switch-on.
Your District Council is keen to work with businesses and partners to maximise investment opportunities across the District, helping existing businesses to grow and attracting inward investment. Your District Council would also like to maximise opportunities and benefits for Stratford-on-Avon district from across the West Midlands, including once-in-a-generation events such as the Commonwealth Games and Coventry City of Culture.

To help achieve this, Your District Council recently consulted stakeholders on its draft Local Industrial Strategy ‘The Place for Business at the Heart of England’ which is expected to be formally endorsed in December. Importantly, it includes an action plan setting out what priorities and action Your District Council will take to increase productivity and support economic development across Stratford-on-Avon District. The Strategy can be viewed at www.stratford.gov.uk/enterprise.

Your District Council has recently consulted stakeholders on its revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which sets out how it will engage when exercising its plan-making and planning responsibilities. The revised SCI can be viewed at www.stratford.gov.uk/sci.

In July Your District Council formally adopted its new masterplan for the Canal Quarter in Stratford-upon-Avon, to lead on the regeneration of this underutilised area of industrial land and create a vibrant new neighbourhood that celebrates the canal.

The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will sit alongside the Core Strategy and act as a guide to developers to ensure that planning applications deliver the additional homes, offices, commercial premises and open space required.

The masterplan can be viewed at www.stratford.gov.uk/canalquarter-spd.
You deserve a little luxury in later life. And it shouldn’t cost the earth either… **Austin Heath is located between the cultural hubs of Warwick and Royal Leamington Spa, and offers a choice of stunning homes from £227,000 to £516,000, with your very own wellness spa, bistro-café, landscaped gardens, village concierge and maintenance team, plus care and support as and when you need it.**

**This is more than luxurious. This is Inspired.**

Call **01926 683 517**  
www.austinheath.co.uk/lc01  
Gallagher Way, Warwick, CV34 6AF
You deserve a little luxury in later life. And it shouldn’t cost the earth either…

Austin Heath is located between the cultural hubs of Warwick and Royal Leamington Spa, and offers a choice of stunning homes from £227,000 to £516,000, with your very own wellness spa, bistro-café, landscaped gardens, village concierge and maintenance team, plus care and support as and when you need it. This is more than luxurious. This is Inspired.

Just imagine feeling spoilt for choice.

Call 01926 683 517
www.austinheath.co.uk/lc01
Gallagher Way, Warwick, CV34 6AF

2 FREE PANELS THIS MONTH
* Quote Ref SF1118

“it’s the best home improvement we have ever made. Our conservatory is now our dining room in the garden.”
Mike Millis, Middleton On Sea

Our lightweight insulated panels can make your conservatory:
♦ Warmer in winter ♦ Cooler in summer ♦ Quieter in bad weather
♦ Installed in less than a day ♦ Usable all year round

Our lightweight insulated panels can make your conservatory:
♦ Warmer in winter ♦ Cooler in summer ♦ Quieter in bad weather
♦ Installed in less than a day ♦ Usable all year round

For more information call:
0800 652 5157
www.greenspaceconservatories.co.uk

*Orders placed by end of Nov 2018. Applies to orders over 8 panels. Smaller orders receive calculated discount. Not valid for use with any other offer.
Home of Stylish Interiors

restful sleeping

beautiful flooring

carpet | rugs
karndean | hard flooring
curtains | blinds | bed linen
furniture | home accessories
beds | mattresses
soft furnishings

to save an extra 10%*
off new order
quote “winter view”
on enquiry

FREE floor estimating
Professional flooring installation & furniture moving service available

Extra Save Discount Terms & Conditions
*The 10% discount offer is valid as an extra discount on our main sale items but excludes clearance sale ranges, carpet stock ranges & carpet remnants, excludes accessories, fitting and seamstress charges, only one voucher per household and must be presented on first enquiry, for further details telephone, email or visit the showroom.

www.carpetwise.net
Step inside Quinton House Nursing Home and Quinton Gardens Specialist Dementia Unit and you’ll know you’ve arrived somewhere special. Over the years, we have given each resident a home from home in a loving, caring environment.

From our wonderful home in Warwickshire, we promote independence, choice, dignity and the highest standards of care.

From our unique person-centred approach and stunning surroundings to the little touches that set us apart, every aspect of Quinton House is completely focused on ensuring we provide the best quality of care for all our residents.

Discover our story for yourself by coming to see Quinton House - with a beautiful home and gardens, along with high-quality care, we're sure you'll feel right at home here.

“...the staff are patient and show great compassion, respect and sensitivity towards the residents as individuals and work very hard to stimulate and engage them in group activities.”

01789 720247
info@quintonhouse.net
quintonhouse.net

Quinton House Nursing Home, Main Road, Lower Quinton, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8RY
Your District Council, in partnership with Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council and LSD Promotions Marketplace Ltd, is delighted to announce that the award-winning three-day Victorian-themed Christmas Market is back for 2018.

The magical festivities will take place throughout the town centre with 200 stalls from local makers, producers and traders offering a variety of gifts and crafts, an international area and an extensive choice of street food including a traditional pig roast.

There will be merriment and entertainment with a plethora of street and staged entertainment supported by amateurs and professionals. Extra special touches will include a traditional vintage fun fair with a carousel.

**Opening hours:**
* Friday 11am to 8pm
* Saturday 10am to 8pm
* Sunday 10am to 5pm

The civic opening of the Victorian Christmas Market will be held on Friday 9 December. The civic procession will leave the Town Hall at 6.30pm, making its way to the stage on Henley Street for the official opening. This will be a lantern procession, led by dignitaries and choristers from the Holy Trinity Church.

So come and join in the festivities and make Stratford-upon-Avon your must go-to Christmas destination.

In support of the Victorian Christmas Market, Johnsons are proud to be providing a complimentary shuttle bus service from the Park & Ride at Bishopton, with collection and drop-off points on Rother Street. Please note that the service will operate every half hour between 9am and 7pm on Sunday 9 December only.

There is something for everyone, the Christmas lights will be sparkling, and a warm welcome awaits!

Why not combine your visit with the historic Shakespearean attractions and exceptional range of independent shops, boutiques and popular high street names that our quintessential riverside town has to offer!

**ROAD CLOSURES**

The following roads will be closed from 6pm on Thursday 6 December until 12.01am on Monday 10 December 2018:

- Bridge Street
- Sheep Street
- Meer Street
- High Street
- Rother Street Market (paved area)
- Waterside
- Wood Street
- Henley Street
- Union Street

Rother Street will not be closed and the access from Greenhill Street and Windsor Street into Rother Street will be maintained during this period.
LSD Promotions Marketplace Ltd was appointed as market contractor in October last year by Your District Council and Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council. Since then residents and visitors to the town’s markets will have seen a new look, with some of the same traders and some new ones too.

Rother Street on Fridays and Saturdays has grown in stature, and when you visit them you will see that the market offers something for everyone! On Fridays, find a range of international street food and fresh produce stalls alongside a selection of clothing, hats and scarves, silver jewellery, leather handbags, accessories, beautiful flowers and fabulous gifts. On Saturdays, enter the world of the weird and wonderful with a range of stalls that include local makers, street food, cool junk, vintage and rare finds, hand-crafted jewellery, new stuff, old stuff and great quirky gifts.

A number of speciality themed markets have also been held. Those on Henley Street have ranged from the Make it or Bake it Market in September to the Chocolate and Prosecco Mystical Market and Cheese & Spice Festival in October, while Waterside welcomed both the Fright Festival and the National Youth Market, which saw entrepreneurs aged 16-30 from around the country compete to be crowned best young stallholder.

2018 saw the introduction of the Wonderland Summer Festival, a three-day market where the Wonderland story and tea party were brought to life with Alice, the Mad Hatter and the Queen. There were free activities for families and children, including flamingo croquet, hat making, giant chess, a mirror maze, and the ‘big chair’ for photo opportunities.

The town’s Upmarket is held between April and December on Sundays and Bank Holidays and has now moved to a new location from Waterside to Bridge Street for a trial period. This vibrant market offers a wide and diverse variety of unusual products, selling the finest quality goods and a selection of street food and refreshments.

To find out more about our fabulous markets visit www.lsdpromotions.com
Be a Councillor!

With the District and Parish Elections being held in May 2019, now is the time to find out what’s involved in being a Councillor and whether it’s something you’d like to do.

Log on to the Council’s website for more details www.stratford.gov.uk

FLEXIBLE WORK THAT DRIVES INDEPENDENCE IN WARWICKSHIRE.

Apply for a care role 87% of staff recommend, search “reablement warwickshire” today.
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reablementassistants
Your independent automotive specialist in the service, repair, MOT and maintenance of all VW, Audi, Seat, Skoda and Bentley models.

Our fully-trained technicians use the latest in diagnostic technology and equipment to deliver the quality of work you would expect from a main dealer but at a fraction of the cost. Although we are VAG group specialists we do service all makes and models of other vehicles.

01789 764851
info@vwaudispecialist.co.uk
1 Tything Park | Arden Forest Industrial Estate
Alcester | Warwickshire | B49 6ES
www.vwaudispecialist.co.uk

OPEN Monday to Friday 8am–6pm

Your independent automotive specialist in the service, repair, MOT and maintenance of all VW, Audi, Seat, Skoda and Bentley models.

Our fully-trained technicians use the latest in diagnostic technology and equipment to deliver the quality of work you would expect from a main dealer but at a fraction of the cost. Although we are VAG group specialists we do service all makes and models of other vehicles.

01789 764851
info@vwaudispecialist.co.uk
1 Tything Park | Arden Forest Industrial Estate
Alcester | Warwickshire | B49 6ES
www.vwaudispecialist.co.uk

OPEN Monday to Friday 8am–6pm

Specsavers recommends that everyone over the age of 55 should have a hearing test every two years.

Pop into the store at 8 Wood St, Stratford-upon-Avon, for a free hearing check or call 01789 262606 or visit www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/stratforduponavon-hearing to book an appointment for a full hearing test.

*Action on Hearing Loss, Hearing Matters report.

Your independent automotive specialist in the service, repair, MOT and maintenance of all VW, Audi, Seat, Skoda and Bentley models.

Our fully-trained technicians use the latest in diagnostic technology and equipment to deliver the quality of work you would expect from a main dealer but at a fraction of the cost. Although we are VAG group specialists we do service all makes and models of other vehicles.

01789 764851
info@vwaudispecialist.co.uk
1 Tything Park | Arden Forest Industrial Estate
Alcester | Warwickshire | B49 6ES
www.vwaudispecialist.co.uk

OPEN Monday to Friday 8am–6pm

Your independent automotive specialist in the service, repair, MOT and maintenance of all VW, Audi, Seat, Skoda and Bentley models.

Our fully-trained technicians use the latest in diagnostic technology and equipment to deliver the quality of work you would expect from a main dealer but at a fraction of the cost. Although we are VAG group specialists we do service all makes and models of other vehicles.

01789 764851
info@vwaudispecialist.co.uk
1 Tything Park | Arden Forest Industrial Estate
Alcester | Warwickshire | B49 6ES
www.vwaudispecialist.co.uk

OPEN Monday to Friday 8am–6pm

Your independent automotive specialist in the service, repair, MOT and maintenance of all VW, Audi, Seat, Skoda and Bentley models.

Our fully-trained technicians use the latest in diagnostic technology and equipment to deliver the quality of work you would expect from a main dealer but at a fraction of the cost. Although we are VAG group specialists we do service all makes and models of other vehicles.

01789 764851
info@vwaudispecialist.co.uk
1 Tything Park | Arden Forest Industrial Estate
Alcester | Warwickshire | B49 6ES
www.vwaudispecialist.co.uk

OPEN Monday to Friday 8am–6pm

Specsavers recommends that everyone over the age of 55 should have a hearing test every two years.

Pop into the store at 8 Wood St, Stratford-upon-Avon, for a free hearing check or call 01789 262606 or visit www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/stratforduponavon-hearing to book an appointment for a full hearing test.

*Action on Hearing Loss, Hearing Matters report.

Specsavers recommends that everyone over the age of 55 should have a hearing test every two years.

Pop into the store at 8 Wood St, Stratford-upon-Avon, for a free hearing check or call 01789 262606 or visit www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/stratforduponavon-hearing to book an appointment for a full hearing test.

*Action on Hearing Loss, Hearing Matters report.
There is currently a serious housing shortage in Stratford district and empty properties contribute to problems of overcrowding and homelessness. There are over 800 empty properties in the district, of which more than 200 have been empty for over two years. Your District Council is committed to finding solutions to address these long-term problems.

Here we take a look at some popular myths associated with empty homes and give you the facts.

**MYTH:** Why is the District Council interested in my empty property?

**FACT:** A home that is left empty may cause problems if it is left unattended and not secure. It can attract vandalism, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour, and may soon become an eyesore. If it becomes run down it may start to cause repair problems to the properties next door and will affect the market value of other homes in the area. It is a wasted resource!
Renovation work has started on a property in Stratford-upon-Avon, which Your District Council has recently taken enforcement action against.

The property had been left empty by the owners and fallen into disrepair, impacting on neighbouring properties. It is now subject to an Empty Dwelling Management Order, which means that Your District Council will take over management of the property for a period of up to seven years. On completion of the work, a family with a local connection will be offered a new home.

Local contractors R.D. & T.D. Swinnerton & Sons Ltd are undertaking the task of transforming the scruffy, tired house into a comfortable family dwelling. Works should be finished in time for a family to enjoy their first Christmas in their new home!
**What’s on - a selection of events across the district**

**Alcester**

Alcester Christmas Lights switch-on - Sunday 25 November from 4pm to 5pm on Alcester High Street.

St Nicholas Night - Thursday 6 December from 5.45pm to 9pm. Christmas shopping, Santa’s Grotto, children’s rides, parade of classic and rally vehicles, White Hart Morris Men and a host of other attractions on Alcester High Street.

Town Carols - Sunday 16 December at St Nicholas Church.

For more information on any of the above events, see www.alcester-tc.gov.uk.

**Bidford-on-Avon**

Bidford Christmas Lights switch-on, Sunday 25 November, times to be confirmed.

**Henley-in-Arden**

Henley-in-Arden Christmas Lights switch-on - Saturday 1 December from 4.45pm to 6pm.

Saturday Social Dances - Saturday 15 December at the Church Hall, Beaudesert Lane, Henley-in-Arden from 8pm to 11pm. Please contact Alan or Vivian on 01789 204989 or email ilov2getherdancing@hotmail.com.

**Kineton**

Kineton Victorian Evening - Friday 30 November from 6pm to 8pm.

Carols in the Market Square - Friday 21 December from 6pm with mulled wine and mince pies.

**Newbold-on-Stour**

Christmas Tree Festival - Fun for all the family - Saturday 1 December from 10.30am to 5pm and Sunday 2 December from 10.30am to 4pm concluding with a candlelit Christingle Service at 4pm.

**Shipston**

Ekica (formerly New Hope) Fundraising – Saturday 1 December - A professional reading of Dickens’ A Christmas Carol by Peter Le Breuilly. Tickets £7.50 including glass of wine and mince pie, starting at 7pm at the Parish Centre, Catholic Church, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour. All are very welcome. Contact: Sue or Tadge on 01608 662065.

Christmas Handmade Market Sunday 2 December from 12pm to 3pm at Shipston Townsend Hall

Shipston Rotary 2018 Victorian Evening - Friday 7 December from 6pm to 8pm.

Shipston Community Christmas - Tuesday 25 December at Townsend Hall, Shipston. Shipston Community Christmas brings together individuals on Christmas day who otherwise may find themselves alone. For more information see www.facebook.com/shipstoncommunitychristmas.

**Southam**

Southam Christmas Lights switch-on - Sunday 25 November from 5pm.

Southam town centre, Southam, CV47 0HA. Including a Christmas Market between 11am and 6pm in the town centre. There will be a Lantern Parade, stalls, games, rides, live music and much more.

**Stratford-upon-Avon**

Tea Dance - Wednesday 5 December at the Town Hall Ballroom, Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon from 2pm to 4.15pm. Please contact Alan or Vivian on 01789 204989 or email ilov2getherdancing@hotmail.com

Shakespeare Hospice’s Santa Scramble on Saturday 8 December.

Stratford-upon-Avon Christmas Lights switch on - Thursday 22 November from 4.30pm. For more information see www.stratforduponavonchristmaslights.co.uk.

**Studley**

Christmas in Studley - Friday 30 November - an afternoon and evening of festive fun!

• Studley in Business Christmas Market from 2pm to 8pm at Millennium Square, High Street

• Studley Village Hall Christmas Fayre from 5pm to 8pm at the Village Hall, High Street

• The Annual Studley Grand Christmas Lights switch-on from 6.30pm.

**Tiddington**

Charity Tea Dances - Wednesday 19 December at Tiddington Community Centre, Main Street, Tiddington from 2pm to 4.15pm. Please contact Alan or Vivian on 01789 204989 or email ilov2getherdancing@hotmail.com.

**Wellesbourne**

Wellesbourne Christmas Lights switch-on - Saturday 24 November from 5pm to 7pm.

Christmas at Chedham’s Yard - Saturday 15 December. Christmas special with carols and songs by the wood stove, Christmas cheer, cakes and mince pies plus Father Christmas and children's activities. For more information see www.chedhamsyard.org.uk/event/202-christmas-at-chedhams.

All information correct at time of printing
Tis the season to #RecycleRight

Christmas is coming: there’ll be lots of festivities and some of us may indulge more at this time of year!

With all the food, drink, cards and wrapped presents, there are recycling opportunities everywhere.

At Christmas we generate over 30% more waste, so here are some of the hints and tips that you may well see on Twitter and Facebook as part of Your District Council’s #RecycleRight campaign.

If you’ll be leaving Santa a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, don’t forget to put the pie case and empty bottle in your blue bin.

When you take down your Christmas cards, put any non-glittery ones in your blue bin. Alternatively, cut them up to make gift tags for next year’s presents.

Most wrapping paper can be recycled from your blue bin. However, we’re unable to recycle glittery or plasticised paper.

If you do have more recycling than you can fit in your blue bin, Your District Council will be happy to take it away - just leave it in a rigid or recyclable box next to your bin for collection.

Put your real Christmas tree next to your green bin for collection in January. Trees over 1.5 metres /5 feet should be cut in half. We can’t take artificial trees!

To keep up-to-date with #RecycleRight posts, follow Your District Council on Twitter or Facebook via @StratfordDC. Residents can also find a full list of what can and can’t be recycled at www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/our-recycling-collection.cfm, and suggest new topics for future #RecycleRight posts by emailing streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk.
It’s sad to say but sleeping rough and begging is on the increase in Stratford-upon-Avon and also in other parts of the district. It’s a complex picture which can’t be solved by just putting a roof over people’s heads.

Your District Council is aware of all those who are sleeping rough in Stratford town and has offered all of them the support and help that is available, including:

• Emergency accommodation to those who may be vulnerable.

• Assistance with accessing hostel placements outside of the district, including arranging transport.

• Bed and Breakfast accommodation is offered to all those sleeping rough during cold weather.

Sadly some rough sleepers have refused offers of accommodation and some of those that have been given B&B accommodation have subsequently been asked to leave due to their behaviour.

To address the issue of people who sleep rough, Your District Council has:

• Created a post of Rough Sleeper Engagement Officer, who engages with all known rough sleepers in the town.

• Continued to run The Link Project, a drop in centre on Waterside in Stratford-upon-Avon for rough sleepers, former rough sleepers and those who are socially excluded.

Help and advice is available from Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm, along with access to a number of activities, including music sessions, guitar and cookery lessons, use of an allotment, shower facilities and more. Free breakfast, tea, coffee and other food is available.

• Commissioned support provider P3 to run the Housing First project, which is where entrenched rough sleepers are offered tenancies and receive intensive support. There are currently six Housing First tenancies running.

Want to help?

You may think that giving money directly to those on the street can help, but donations are habitually used to fund drug and alcohol lifestyles. Giving food and drink also encourages rough sleepers and beggars to sustain this way of living and spurn any assistance from those organisations trying to help them.

There are also reports of a number of professional beggars who commute to Stratford from elsewhere because of the lucrative nature of begging in the town. Some of these beggars pitch themselves in shop doorways to catch the theatre goers in the evenings, and bed down with sleeping bags, even though they are not homeless and have accommodation they can return to.

Your District Council, together with partners including shops and businesses in the town, is currently looking at setting up alternative methods of giving so that members of the public can give financial assistance to support rough sleepers, but not cash directly to the rough sleepers and beggars themselves.
Most people sleeping rough do not beg and most people begging do not sleep rough.

The Link Project already has a Just Giving page, and those who wish to support this project can donate at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stratfordlinkproject.

THE FACTS
In a survey of those who beg in Stratford-upon-Avon:

- 70% of people who beg in the town have accommodation and benefits, and help is available to those who don’t.
- 80% of people who beg do so to support a drug habit.
- A person begging can earn up to £100 a day.

Got a concern?
24/7 Hotline: 0300 5000914 to report concerns about someone sleeping rough.
Come and explore Christmas at Coughton Court this winter

Sat 24 Nov - Sun 2 Dec, 10am - 4pm

Seasonal cheer for all the family awaits at Coughton this winter. With festive shopping, the house dressed for a Throckmorton family Christmas and a traditional market both weekends; there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

Call 01789 400 777 for details

nationaltrust.org.uk/coughton-court

When you visit, donate, volunteer or join the National Trust, your support helps us to look after special places like Coughton Court for ever, for everyone.

© National Trust 2018. The National Trust is an independent registered charity, number 205846. Photography © National Trust Images.
Your District Council’s UBUS service is a dial-a-ride, door-to-door community transport service which can take you anywhere in the district. The service is for people who have limited public transport in their area or who struggle to use public transport because of mobility or other health reasons.

Two new UBUS passengers tell us about using the service

Mrs S lives in the south of the district. She stopped driving earlier this year due to macular degeneration, a condition which affected her eyesight. Sadly, Mrs S then lost her husband in June. Very limited public transport in her village meant that getting out and about was difficult. Mrs S had previously visited her son, who has learning difficulties and lives independently in Stratford, on a weekly basis. She was unable to do this without taking a taxi or asking friends for a lift. After seeing an advert in the local Focus magazine about the UBUS, Mrs S rang the number, registered as a UBUS passenger and has used the service every week since then. She is delighted that she is again able to regularly visit her son.

“I am so pleased I found out about UBUS. Travelling had become a struggle. But UBUS picks me up at home and takes me to my son’s house, then back again.”

Now that she is comfortable with the service, Mrs S is planning to use the bus more than once a week to go into Stratford for a wander round the shops - something she hasn’t been able to do for a while.

“I don’t know why more people don’t use UBUS. It’s been a blessing to me.”

Mrs P lives in Harbury. She had begun to lose confidence driving and, as there is limited public transport, it took two buses and a great deal of time to go shopping. She read about UBUS in the Harbury News and thought she would give it a try.

She is now a regular passenger and is grateful she is able to get to a large supermarket again to get all the fresh items she likes.

“UBUS is a great service. The drivers are helpful and I think it’s very good value for money. I’d encourage anyone who is stuck for transport to give it a go.”

To find out more about UBUS or to register call 01789 264491.
Dental Implants
Implants are a fantastic option for replacing a missing tooth or to secure loose dentures. Here at Cedarlea we use the best Implant system on the market. Once placed an Implant can transform your mouth and improve your chewing function. This can have an impact on your overall wellbeing.

Adult Orthodontics (Braces)
You are never too old to have perfectly straight teeth. Orthodontic treatment is used to improve the appearance, position and function of crooked or abnormally arranged teeth using braces. Braces come in many different types and can be fixed, removable and clear.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, you are not alone.

Refuge-Domestic Violence Service
Warwickshire Helpline 0800 408 1552
Our services include:
• Emergency safe accommodation for women and children
• Independent domestic violence advocacy for men and women navigating the legal system
• Outreach support for men and women in their own homes, in the community
• Drop-in services
• A 10 week women’s group work programme
• Sanctuary scheme - providing additional security within a property

DVSW@refuge.org.uk
In an emergency always call 999.

For more info & to book your FREE CONSULTATION Call reception on 01926 817264
12 Warwick Road, Southam, CV47 0HN

Now Offering Free Consultations For:

Puppy and Dog Training Classes in Kenilworth & Evesham

www.dogtrustdogschool.org.uk
01386 835812  wmidsdogschool@dogtrust.org.uk
@dtwestmidsgs  fb.com/dogtrustdogschool  dogtrustdogschool

Be Cyber Safe At Christmas With Our Top Tips
Watch out for scams in emails, text messages and on social media. Always go directly to a website to claim any offer or ‘bargain’ advertised, instead of clicking on these links.

When you visit a website, make sure the web address begins with https, and there is a padlock symbol within the address bar.

Take 5 before you buy! Do you know and trust the retailer? Does the offer look too good to be true? Trust your instincts and if it doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t.

For more information about staying safe online, visit:

www.cybersafewarwickshire.com
Now is the time to start conditioning your lawn to get the best results in the upcoming months - a little investment now will pay dividends in the near future!

Following this year’s hot and dry summer, your lawn really needs help to fully recover and look its best in the coming months.

Our seasonal treatments, along with scarification and aeration, reduce these problems, giving your lawn the perfect start to reach its full potential.

For your FREE lawn analysis and no-obligation quote, contact your local friendly branch today.

Simply call 01869 345333 or email banbury@greenthumb.co.uk

*Based on a lawn size up to 40m²

With Shine Bright Oven Cleaning your oven will be virtually like new! We cover Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire and beyond!

Put the shine back into your oven – call Richard on 07801 442523 or visit www.shinebrightovencleaning.com

Specialist cleaning of ovens, carpets, upholstery, hardfloors & rugs

Tel number 01789 766040
info@oldschoolnursery.co.uk

The Old School Nursery

Alveston Leys, your local Bupa care home in Stratford-upon-Avon

Whether you need to find a care home now, or are just starting to look into the options, you can consider us for nursing and residential care.

Stays in our home can be for as short or as long as needed, whether it’s a week to experience living here, a month while recovering from an operation or a more long-term move. You’re welcome to visit us and ask for further advice.

Call us for advice or to arrange a visit
01789 867 174

Inspected and rated
Good
Care Quality Commission

Open to everyone

Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. Calls are charged at no more than the local rate and count towards any inclusive minutes from mobiles. We may record or monitor our calls.
Southam Country Stores
For All Your Beaks, Paws And Claws

- Stockists of all premium pet foods
- Large range of accessories
- Bulk wild bird & horse feeds
- Cage & aviary birds
- Small animals
- Aquatics & fish
- Rabbits & guinea pigs

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

Westfield Road, Southam, CV47 0JH | 01926 815054
www.southamcountrystores.co.uk

BANCROFT GARDENS RESIDENTIAL HOME

Find true care in our residential home in Stratford-upon-Avon

At Bancroft Gardens Residential Home we employ an experienced team who maintain the highest standards of care, whilst ensuring a happy and relaxed atmosphere at all times. For more information please contact us.
Gold Standard Framework Silver Award - Investors in People Silver Award

Tel: 01789 269 196
Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BA
www.bancroftgardensresidentialhome.co.uk

The Law Firm That Puts Clients First.... Here when your needs change

Penmans SOLICITORS LLP

Are you looking for advice on Family Matters?
Contact our Family Lawyers for professional, practical and confidential advice.
Initial 1/2 consultation free.

Kenilworth 01926 858222
30/32 Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1GW
Coventry 024 7622 6575
17a Queens Road, Coventry CV1 3DH
Wellesbourne 01789 470022
The Precinct, Wellesbourne, CV35 9NL
www.penmanssolicitors.co.uk

We also provide legal services for Residential & Commercial Conveyancing, Wills & Probate, Powers of Attorney, Estate Administration, Inheritance Tax & Trusts, Clinical Negligence & Personal Injury Claims, Criminal Defence (24 hour police station attendance)

0808 301 4686
gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk

Full fibre broadband connections offer the fastest and most reliable speeds available, and the government is committed to a vision of a full fibre Britain. As part of this commitment in March 2018 we announced our £67m Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme.

Stratford upon Avon District Council is supporting this national scheme where residents can claim a voucher worth up to £500 in setting up broadband.
Consultancy firm set to expand its business

A Stratford-upon-Avon business with professional and IT service clients all over the globe is set to expand its team and client base.

Simon Teale, a founder and director of Felber Consulting, set up the business seven years ago, and since then it has gone from strength to strength. Within the next 18 months, the firm is looking to double the size of its team as demand for services continues to rise.

Convenient base

To begin with Simon used coffee shops as a base for operations, but then decided to move into offices.

Due to the nature of the business, the team was often out on the road and the offices were under-used and an unnecessary cost. But Simon liked having somewhere that was very much a work environment and didn’t want to bring his work home, which led to the search for somewhere he could take up a small amount of useful space.

He discovered Venture House - Your District Council’s business centre, which opened on the Avenue Farm Industrial Estate in Birmingham Road in 2016, after receiving £450,000 of funding from the Government’s Local Growth Fund through the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP).

“I hot desk at Venture House and it proves perfect for me,” Simon said. “Felber did have an office, but because the team and I travel so much, it didn’t really get used.”

Unexpected benefits

What has surprised Simon is the benefits that he didn’t think would come from Venture House.

“What I didn’t expect is that being based at Venture House has provided networking opportunities, which have been very useful, and the facilities are fantastic if you do need to have meetings,” he said.

Although growth is on the horizon, Simon is keen to keep his relationship with Venture House open as it has proved very valuable.

He added: “As we grow and expand we will need offices, and I hope that we may be able to look at working with Venture House as its services have proved to be very worthwhile to the company and myself.”

To find out more about Venture House, please visit www.venturehousestratford.co.uk or contact 01789 207500.
Stratford Play House is a unique entertainment venue in the heart of Stratford upon Avon. Providing a versatile 455 seat main auditorium, a variety bar and stage, family friendly atrium, courtyard garden and meeting room, the venue is ideal for a wide range of events.

For full season listings www.stratfordplay.co.uk
Box Office 01789 333990

StratfordPlays

Groundworks:
- Demolition of garden buildings
- Site Clearance
- Asbestos removal
- Concrete base laying
- Driveways and paths
- Fencing

Landscaping:
- Gates and fences
- Brick walls
- Patio & Steps
- Soil moving
- Slabs and paving
- Turfing - Kerbs - Shingle

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICES?
Call 01789 721 777 E: ground-force@hotmail.com www.ground-forcegroundworks.co.uk

Warwickshire Library and Information Service

Joining the library is FREE and all of this too!

- Borrow books, talking books & large print books
- 24/7 access to online library services
- eBooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers & eAudio
- Information & signposting services
- Rhyme Time and Story Stomp sessions for under 5s
- WiFi and computer access
- Plus much more...

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries
0300 555 8171

Warwickshire County Council
By following the simple guidelines of W.I.D.E. you can reduce the possibility of your home becoming the target of a burglar.

W - Window Locks
Fit key-operated window locks to all downstairs windows that can’t be seen from the street and easily accessible upstairs windows, e.g. those above a flat roof or near a drainpipe. Locks should conform to British Standard BS7950 or EU equivalent.

I - Internal Lights
Table / standard lamps should be placed on timer switches in different rooms around the house. Set them to come on and go off at different times to give the impression that the house is occupied. You could also use a timer switch on a radio.

D - Door Locks & Bolts
External doors should be fitted with good quality locks which comply with British Standard BS3621 or EU equivalent - and always remember to use them.

E - External Lights On Sensors
External lights should be fitted with sensors. Dusk to dawn lights with low energy bulbs can be more effective as a deterrent than motion sensor controlled lighting. These should be fitted at the front and rear of your home to maximise your security.

Protecting individual items
Remember you can protect individual items within your property by marking them (see safeinwarwickshire.com for more details).
Warwickshire Police advise that overnight, valuable items, such as car keys, are not:
• taken upstairs • left in locks • or kept in plain view but should be kept downstairs, out of plain sight (e.g. in a drawer).
Warning: Commercial vehicles are being targeted by criminals

There has been a recent increase of commercial vehicle crime in this area involving theft of tools and equipment from unattended vans.

Vans are often used for work requirements and, as a result, transport a range of technical goods, tools and equipment. These items are often valuable and easily sold on by criminals.

To avoid property being stolen from your van, ensure all valuable items such as tools are removed from the van overnight.

Protect your vehicle, secure tools and equipment

Please help the Police to tackle this crime

Take steps to reduce the chances of your vehicle being targeted. The Police need to know about any suspicious activity around parked vehicles. Please contact them with any information about what is happening in your area.

Please call 101 to speak to your safer neighbourhood team. (Call 999 if you witness a crime in progress.)

Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org to report information anonymously.

For more information, please visit: www.warwickshire.police.uk

You can contact your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team for a Van Security Pack.
Building beautiful new homes across Warwickshire.

Discover your brand new home in **Tredington, Long Marston** or **Lapworth**.

**House to sell? No problem!**
Ask about our fantastic **Keymove** and **Part Exchange** packages for a hassle-free move.

To view our current collections visit
**cameronhomes.co.uk/developments**

---

**Painting and Drawing Lessons**

Release your inner artist!
Fun, sociable classes in Wellesbourne

Contact Audrey Sibert
Call 01789 840146 or 07546 053543
audrey.sibert@hotmail.co.uk

---

**DO YOU WANT TO SHAPE UP AND GET STRONGER?**

WELL...

THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT WE HELP PEOPLE DO.

Southam’s Premier Personal Training Studio

@contactBTB  www.BTB.ME.UK
We can help you find a brighter future.

“TM is the most powerful form of meditation you can use to control your stress. It’s life changing for anyone suffering from stress, anxiety and low moods. It isn’t hippie dippie - it’s pure science.”

China Drew
Bromsgrove and LA, Creative Director at FounderMade

Check out TM for yourself at one of our informal weekly info sessions in Stratford or Birmingham.

To find out more or to book a place visit www.uk.tm.org or call Linda or Huw on 07973 442650

Huw and Linda Meadows - Teachers of Transcendental Meditation since 1990. Certified by the Maharishi Foundation.

Transcendental Meditation® is available in the UK only from the Maharishi Foundation® Registered Educational Charity no 297547 (England & Wales)

Burgis & Bullock has recently expanded its presence in Stratford after merging with another local accountancy firm, Guard D’Oyly.

All of the existing Guard D’Oyly staff, including its Principal, Nick White, have moved into Burgis & Bullock’s Elm Court offices.

The move is the latest success for Burgis & Bullock after moving into the town two years ago, and will allow the Guard D’Oyly team to help their clients cope with the requirements of the forthcoming Making Tax Digital (MTD) initiative.

As more and more financial procedures move online, Burgis & Bullock’s expertise in cloud accounting and online book-keeping software will be ideal to assist clients with the new MTD requirements.

Burgis & Bullock also offer a wide range of specialist advisory services, including VAT consultancy, audit, tax planning, business sales and acquisitions, as well as a team of experts advising not for profit organisations.

For more information, visit www.burgisbullock.com
01926 451000

Burgis & Bullock

We can help you find a brighter future.

Learn to breathe with Buteyko, increase your oxygen levels and experience:
- Quiet, refreshing sleep
- Feelings of calm & wellbeing
- Increased energy & vitality
- Easy, gentle breathing
- Improved physical performance
- Naturally reduced pills & puffers

Buteyko breathing retraining workshops
- London - Stratford-upon-Avon
- worldwide one2one
Courses via Skype/Zoom etc.

SAFE REDUCTION OF asthma, migraine, snoring and sleep apnoea symptoms www.buteyko.co.uk

www.stratford.gov.uk
Live retirement to the full at Harvard Place

Retirement doesn’t have to mean putting your feet up. But it should mean having freedom from time consuming or tiresome chores and the worry of maintaining a large house.

We understand that you want more from your retirement - more quality time to spend with the people you love and doing the things you want to do.

At Harvard Place in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon, you’ll soon be able to do just that. The apartments will be spacious, secure and close to all amenities. And with friendly and professional staff always on hand, you can be sure we’ll be there to offer domestic support should you ever need it.

Register today to receive more details.

Enjoy your own privately-owned apartment, in our brand new development which offers*.

✓ Exterior Maintenance completely taken care of
✓ Team on-site 24 hours per day
✓ Homeowners’ Lounge for socialising & relaxing
✓ Domestic assistance tailored to you
✓ Beautiful gardens lovingly maintained by us
✓ On-site Restaurant serving delicious food daily
✓ Great location close to shops & amenities
✓ 24 hour call system for your peace of mind

Show Complex now open. Book an appointment.

To find out more Call 0800 153 3038
Visit mccarthyandstone.co.uk/harvard-place

*Terms and conditions apply. *Additional charges apply. #Price correct at time of print.