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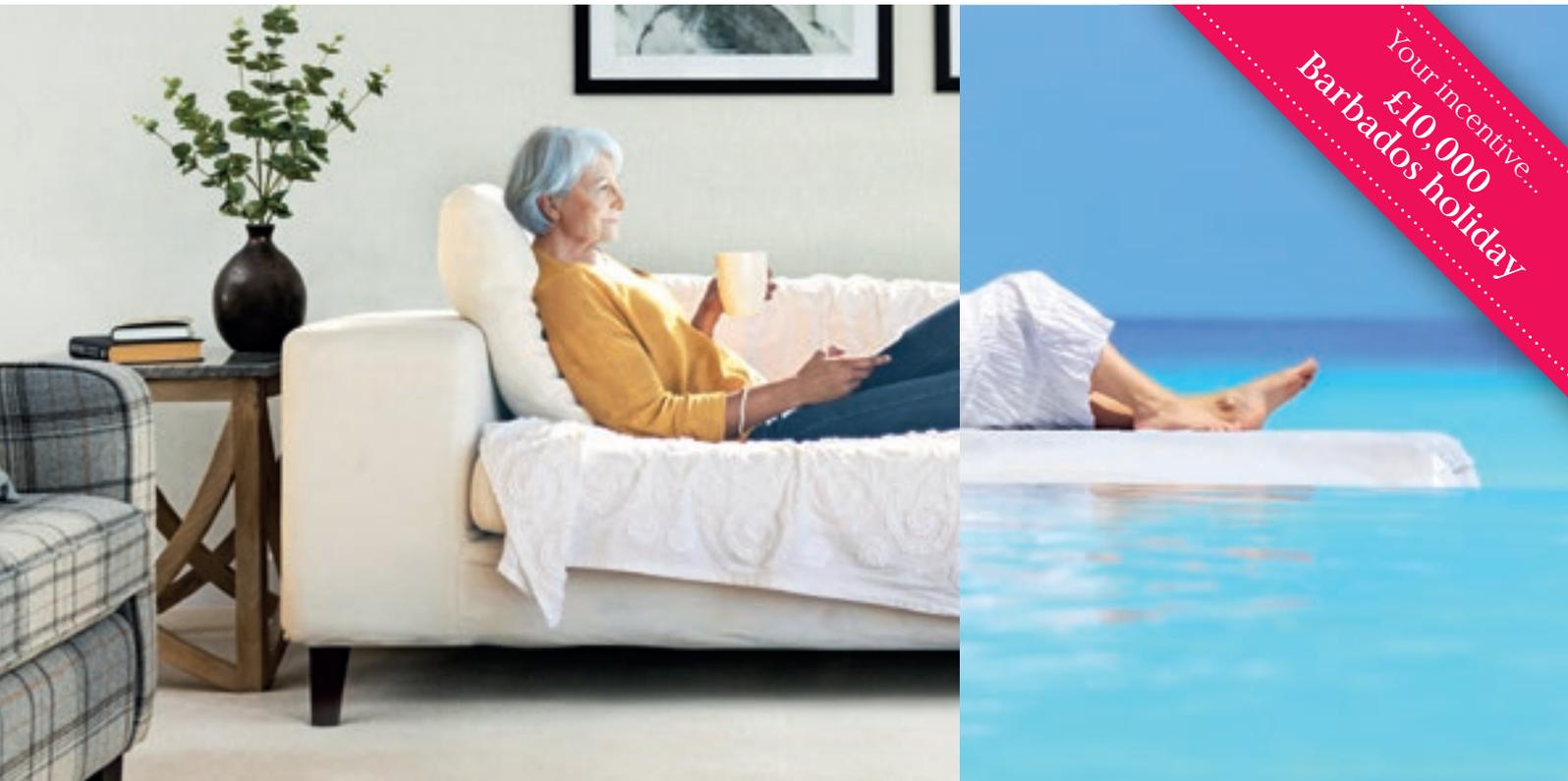
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Welcome to the Winter issue of Stratford-on-Avon District Council's magazine, Stratford View. This magazine is produced twice a year to keep you informed about Your District Council services. The cost of producing the magazine has been covered by advertising 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

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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 21 November until Thursday 19 December from 10am to 8pm.

Come and discover a 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.

There will be no market and no free parking on

Thursday 5 December - due to the Stratford-upon-Avon Victorian Christmas Market taking place over the weekend.

FREE Christmas Parking

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 21 November for the Christmas Lights switch-on.



Calling all Parents

Could you help your child's school claim all the funding it's entitled to?

Pupil Premium is extra funding that schools receive for any pupil who is entitled to a free school meal. Primary schools can receive £1,320 of funding for each child and secondary schools £935 a child. Where a pupil qualifies for a free school meal, their school will receive pupil premium funding for six years. This means almost £8,000 extra for each pupil for a primary school and over £5,500 a pupil for a secondary school. It can make a huge financial difference to schools to receive this additional funding.

However, many primary schools don't receive this funding because of the introduction of free school meals for all four to seven year olds. Parents don't make a claim because their child receives a hot meal anyway.

For a school to access this funding, parents must apply for free school meals, but this doesn't mean the meal has to be taken. However an application must be made!

The money can be used to help with the cost of school trips, extra teaching staff and activities.

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you or your partner receives a qualifying benefit.

More information is available on Your District Council's Website: www.stratford.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Applications for free school meals should be made via Warwickshire County Council's website: www.stratford.gov.uk/apply-for-free-school-meals



Planning Appeals

Your District Council's Planning department is winning the battle against planning appeals.

Since January 2018 through to June 2019, there has been a very clear trend of a decreasing number of appeals allowed and an increasing number of appeals which have been dismissed.

The improvement has been achieved through a greater understanding and application of Core Strategy policies by officers and Planning Committees over these months. The existence of a robust five-year supply of housing being delivered is also invaluable in defending appeals for residential applications.

The total number of appeals from January 2018 until July 2019 was 150, and in the first seven months of 2019 there have been 45 appeals dismissed and only 12 allowed. This compares favourably to the same period last year when 26 appeals were allowed and 24 were dismissed.

Spotlight on Climate Change

In July, Your District Council declared a 'Climate Emergency' with councillors pledging to take local action to contribute to national carbon neutral targets through the development of practices and policies, with an aim to being carbon neutral in the District by 2030.

Following this, a new Climate Emergency 'Task & Finish Group' has been setup by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC).

This Group is exploring what practical steps Your District Council can take and how it can team-up with residents, partners and local businesses to tackle Climate Change. The Group will make a series of headline recommendations between now and Christmas before submitting its final report in January.

A key focus will be understanding how Your District Council can build on its current work to tackle Climate Change.

Recent environmental initiatives have included:

- Installing Electric Vehicle charging points at car parks
- Efforts to maintain the Council's position as one of the top 10 performing local authorities in England for the percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting
- Joining a nationwide water bottle refill scheme to cut plastic waste.

The Group has been inviting ideas from local organisations including Stratford Climate Action, which earlier this year organised a petition signed by over 1,000 local residents calling on the Council to declare a Climate Emergency.

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"My mother was admitted to Quinton Gardens (Quinton House) Christmas Eve and has been made to feel very welcome. The care and the management have gone above and beyond their manner of care. Words cannot express my family and my gratitude to all concerned. A big thank you "

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Friday 6 to Sunday 8 December



Your District Council, in partnership with Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council and LSD Promotions, is delighted to announce that the three-day Award Winning Victorian-themed Christmas Market is back for 2019.

The magical festivities which will take place throughout the town centre with 300 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 carousel.

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

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

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Saturday 10am to 8pm

Sunday 10am to 5pm



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Plastic bags & film
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If you have more recycling than you can fit in your blue bin, please leave it in a rigid or recyclable box next to your bin for collection.

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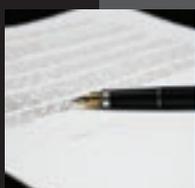
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Planning Enforcement News



Your District Council's planning enforcement team is a busy service and, although this area of work is discretionary (meaning that Your District Council does not have to provide this service), it is understood that without active and effective enforcement there is a risk that some would avoid seeking planning permission.

As with much of the country, the district has experienced a growth in development over recent years and this has led to a significant increase in the demand for investigations, resulting in a high number of enforcement concerns being raised, particularly with regards to non-compliance with planning conditions.

What is the purpose of a planning investigation?

New planning legislation and many changes to existing requirements have come from Government in recent years,

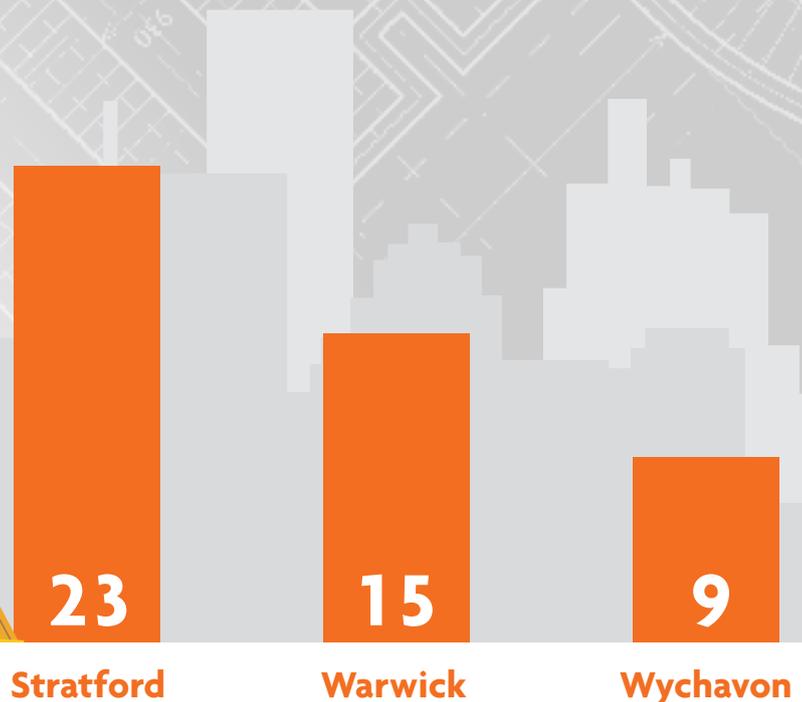
making interpretation more challenging for all. Members of Your Enforcement Team keeps themselves informed of these changes so they are best placed to investigate the circumstances of the cases reported. Many of these cases are reported by residents who are concerned about activity in their neighbourhood, and the investigation very often confirms that there has been no breach of planning requirements.

What happens if there is a breach of planning regulations?

In most cases where a breach has been identified, the owner is given the opportunity to put the matter right, which usually means making a planning application even though work has started. This approach often troubles those who have made the complaint and who may be expecting some form of sanction or even prosecution. Your Enforcement Team is following Government guidance

when allowing the opportunity for permission to be gained retrospectively, and it is only when all approaches have failed or where the breach is among the most serious that formal action is considered.

Enforcement action taken in the 12 months from April 2018 to March 2019 - compared to other local planning authorities.





How does Your District Council compare to other councils?

Your District Council is among the highest ranking councils in the West Midlands in terms of the number of formal actions taken each year. In the last year alone the team has taken 23 formal actions. The graph compares this with a number of neighbouring councils.

Despite being very active, Your Enforcement Team simply cannot investigate all of the concerns that are reported. To help resolve this, councillors agree a plan for the enforcement team that prioritises those cases that are potentially more harmful than others. In this way the most significant matters are targeted and council resources are not:

- diverted into less serious matters
- used by complainants to pursue neighbour disputes which may have their origins in issues outside of the complaints made
- used in an attempt to obstruct developments that have been permitted against local opposition

Enforcement concerns are understandably a serious matter for those raising them, and there is often an expectation that the enforcement team can secure a resolution. However, Your District Council has to prioritise its actions in accordance with the plan, which inevitably means that some complainants do not have their expectations met.

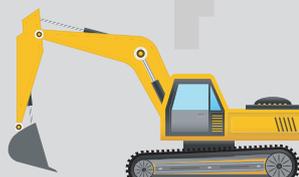
If you have a concern please contact Your District Council's enforcement team
Email: planning.enforcement@stratford-dc.gov.uk
Call: 01789 267575 and ask to speak to the duty officer in the enforcement team



South Staffs



East Staffs



Activities and Support in Stratford District for people with dementia and their carers

Your District Council is committed to becoming more dementia friendly as an organisation and to supporting Dementia Friendly communities within our district. There are several dementia cafes within the district which offer a range of activities for people living with dementia and a chance for carers to talk to others with similar experiences.

Studley

Studley Allotments Dementia Project - Dunstall Allotments, Redditch Road, Studley B80 7AU.
Contact: studleydementiaproject@gmail.com.

Alcester

Alcester Café - Jubilee Centre, off St Faith's Road, B49 6AG. Free drop in dementia café providing information and support. Tuesdays and Fridays 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Contact: Carole Zamboni 01789 488088.
www.alcesterdementiacafe.org.uk

Alcester (Dementia) Day Care (booking required) - Baptist Church Hall, Henley Street, B49 5AJ. Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am - 3.30pm.
Contact: Carole Zamboni 01789 488088 or 07756 438356.

Bidford

Bidford Dementia Café - Westholme Court, Westholme Road, B50 4AL. Mondays 10.30am - 12.30pm (except Bank Holidays)
Contact: Wendy Lancaster 07713 648716 secretarybdc@btinternet.com

Henley-in-Arden

Age UK Warwickshire Dementia
Court, Cherry Orchard, B95 5FJ. Tuesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm (costs apply). To arrange contact: henley@ageuk.org.uk
Dementia Day Ops Team Lead

Stratford-upon-Avon

Alzheimer's Society Dementia
Shottery, CV37 9HQ. Third Tuesday 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Contact: Charmaine Bird 02475 822222

Café WRAP - Bishopton Community Centre, CV37 9PB. Fridays 2pm - 4pm.

WRAP Day Care Provision - a chance for you and your loved one. At Briar Croft, CV37 9PB. 10am - 1pm. Contact: [WRAP at wrap1@hotmail.com](mailto:wrap1@hotmail.com)

Stratford-upon-Avon Picture - a chance to see a picture on the second Wednesday of the month.



Dementia Day Opportunities Service - Dell
W. Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am -
12.30pm. To request a visit contact Maureen Wiginton,
01789 261061 or 07780 684383.

Dementia Café - St Andrew's Church Hall,
Wellesbourne. Last Wednesday of month 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Contact: 01789 261062.

Community Centre, Drayton Avenue,

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Contact: 01789 261061

House - Dementia friendly screenings
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Warwickshire Dementia Navigators

For people with or without a dementia diagnosis and their families. Navigators provide information and advice, practical and emotional support. Contact: 01926 888899 or email: SouthWarks@alzheimers.org.uk



There's a course for those **Looking after a loved one**, providing practical support and advice. For details please contact the Warwickshire Reminiscence Action Project (WRAP) on 07803 729894 or email: wrap1@hotmail.co.uk



Carers Trust

For information on support for carers please contact 02470 101 040 (option 4) www.carerstrusthofs.org.uk/warwickshire-carer-wellbeing-service/



For further information about dementia and the support and services available locally in Stratford district please visit:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dementia.

Wellesbourne

Café WRAP - Wellesbourne Village Hall, School Road, CV35 9NH
Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm. Contact: Heather Brown 01789 841419
muttiebrown@yahoo.co.uk or WRAP Office 01789 261061.

Southam

Southam Dementia Café - Galanos House, Banbury Road, CV47 2BL. Last Wednesday of month 2.30pm - 4pm.
Contact: Galanos House 01926 812185.

Musical Memories Café - Folly Inn, Folly Lane, Napton-on-the-Hill, Southam CV47 8NZ. Third Tuesday of month 10.30am - 12noon.
Contact: Age UK Warwickshire 01926 458100.

Harbury

Connections Café - Tom Hauley Room, (behind the Church), Church Street, CV33 9EY.
Third Wednesday of month 2pm - 4pm. Contact: Jill Baker 01926 612483 jillbaker2015@outlook.com or Janice Montague 01926 612340 janellmont@gmail.com.

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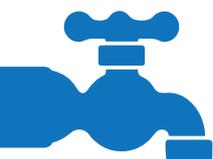
Compton Verney

Alzheimer's Society Dementia Café - Compton Verney Art Gallery, CV35 9HZ. Second Tuesday of month 10.30am - 12.30pm. Contact: Charmaine Bird 02476 652602.

Shipston-on-Stour

Down Memory Lane - an enjoyable singing experience for those with memory problems - Community Lounge Stour Court, Old Road, CV36 4HF. Third Friday of month 2pm - 3.30pm. Contact: Dave Hollingworth 07970 125566 or Barbara Smith 01608 662433.

Active Memory Group Activities for people with memory problems and their carers - St Edmund's Church, CV36 4AP. First and third Thursday of month 10am - 12noon. Contact: Alyson Spence 01608 661703.



Refill Stratford-on-Avon District

Your District Council recognises the urgent need to tackle avoidable plastic waste.

As part of its drive to encourage a reduction of single use plastic waste, Your District Council has teamed up with City to Sea, to set up a local initiative called Refill Stratford-on-Avon District. The scheme is backed by Stratforward, the Business Improvement District and Severn Trent Water.

About Refill

City to Sea is not-for-profit organisation headed by campaigner Natalie Fee, who launched the award-winning Refill Campaign in 2015. The scheme, now being rolled out nationwide with support from Water UK and local water companies, will cut plastic bottle use by tens of millions each year, as well as substantially increasing the availability of high-quality drinking water.

Refill works by connecting people who are looking for water with thousands of local businesses, community venues, transport hubs and public fountains where they can refill for free on the go. Anyone can download the free app to find Refill stations near them.

Participating venues simply sign up to the free Refill app and put a refill sticker in their window, alerting passers-by that they're welcome to come on in and fill up their bottle.

How you can get involved

If you run a business and would like to sign up or learn more about the scheme, it's really quick and easy to sign up to the scheme via the Refill app.

Your District Council is also looking for local volunteers and groups who can back the scheme to promote it on social media and encourage more businesses to sign up to the Refill app and please follow Your District Council on @RefillStratford for regular updates or visit www.stratford.gov.uk/refill.

Local Refill Stations

The businesses listed below are participating in Refill and can be found on the app.

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Stratford-on-Avon District Council Office

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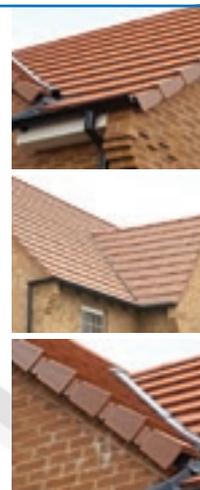
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How the scheme works

Three times a year, iChoosr hold an auction when energy suppliers compete to offer the lowest price for Warwickshire residents who have registered with the scheme.

iChoosr will send you a personalised quote showing how the Switch and Save tariff compares to your current tariff and the potential savings that could be made. If you wish to take up the offer, then respond to the email or letter from iChoosr - and they do the rest.

You are not obliged to take up the offer, so if you change your mind just do nothing and the existing contract with your energy supplier will continue. But be warned - if you do nothing when your tariff comes to an end, your supplier will switch you to their standard variable tariff which is usually their most expensive option.

The latest auction took place on 8 October - but it's not too late to register. Postal applicants can register up to 18 November and online applicants up to 25 November, giving you time to respond to your offer by 26 November. If you miss this date, or it doesn't coincide with the end of your current tariff, there will be another auction in February 2021.

How to register

The process is easy and free to join. If you are comfortable using the internet you can register yourself at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/energy/switch-save. Otherwise you can call Act on Energy on 0800 988 2881 and an advisor will register you over the phone. Or you can attend one of these face-to-face events around the district throughout November:

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Alcester Library	Wednesday 6 Nov	10am - 2pm
Shire Hall, Warwick	Thursday 7 Nov	10am - 2pm
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Whichever way you choose to register, the key information you will need is:

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You can find this information on your latest bill in a section called 'About your tariff' or by contacting your energy supplier.

It's that simple! iChoosr and Act on Energy will do all the legwork for you. All you need to do is have the details on your bill handy. If you live outside Warwickshire you may still be able to join the scheme - contact iChoosr on 0800 048 8116 for details.







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The crime of fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is a serious issue for communities across the district, particularly in more isolated rural areas, but now a new fightback is beginning, thanks to increased use of technology.

Overt CCTV cameras are being used at known hot-spots to help identify those responsible, as well as to provide a deterrent to those who would seek to dump unauthorised waste.

Your District Council's Rural Crime Advisor Bob Church explains: "Fly-tipping has been a serious cause of concern in some of our rural areas, so we have been using innovative new ways to deter and disrupt people from dumping waste, including using CCTV cameras at several locations. This has had a marked effect in the areas we have trialled it, with a reduction in offending of around 70%.

"The scale of fly-tipping ranges from people leaving old electrical items and household rubbish on the roadside to the dumping of commercial waste by unauthorised waste carriers.

"In one case, someone who decided not to take a fridge freezer to the local Council Household Recycling Centre in their van, or didn't want to pay the £12 business waste fee to the Council to dispose of it properly, wound up with a £300 fine after being caught by our cameras dumping it on the roadside. At the other end of the scale we are investigating more widespread commercial fly tipping and we have active lines of enquiry into a number of other individuals, including some people who reside and operate from outside of the county."

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe, who funds the Rural Crime Advisor posts across South Warwickshire, said: "Fly tipping is a serious crime which brings significant impacts to local people. It

blights the countryside and causes disruption and costs to landowners, while also posing a danger to livestock and wildlife. Often it is carried out by organised criminals, so it is right that agencies work together to find and bring the perpetrators to justice.

"I am delighted to see these initiatives bearing fruit and I hope this sends out a clear message to anyone involved with fly-tipping that all of the agencies here in Warwickshire regard it as unacceptable and will do all they can to stamp it out."

Your District Council's Streetscene Lead Contracts Officer, Angela Lloyd, adds: "As a resident you have a legal duty of care to ensure you only pass your waste to an authorised person to dispose of it lawfully and correctly. If you fail to do this and your waste is fly-tipped, you could find yourself liable for fines of up to £50,000 and possibly other sanctions.

"To ensure you don't get yourself in trouble there are a few simple steps we recommend following when disposing of waste."

- Only pass your waste to registered waste carriers. Ask to see the certificate of registration (they should always have this with them).
- Take a photograph of the vehicle registration plate (if the person is legitimate they will not have a problem with this).
- Make sure you are given a receipt to prove what you have given and the amount paid.

For more details of how to dispose of refuse and waste in the district, visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling.

National recognition for district's CCTV



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