

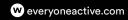
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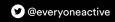
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The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay comes to Stratford-upon-Avon

The Queen's Baton Relay is coming to Stratford-upon-Avon on Friday 22 July, ahead of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

That day's route will start in Kenilworth, before heading to Whitnash, Warwick, Gaydon, Stratford-upon-Avon, Broadway, Pershore, Upton-upon-Severn, Malvern and finishing in Worcester.

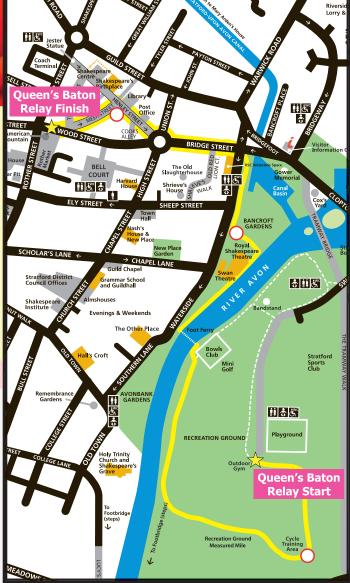
Between 40 and 130 people will be carrying the baton each day.

The baton will be at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon at 10am, with the relay scheduled to reach Stratford Recreation Ground at 11am, at the outdoor gym.

The relay will then follow the paths on the Rec passing the new cycle training area and leave the Rec on the Chain Ferry across the River Avon. It will then move towards Bancroft Gardens and The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, before heading up Bridge Street to Henley Street and Shakespeare's Birthplace, before leaving for its next destination.

Birmingham 2022 is hosting the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay a journey which brings together and celebrates communities across the Commonwealth during the build up to the Games. The Queen's Baton Relay is set to travel the length and breadth of England for a total of 29 days, before culminating at the Opening Ceremony for Birmingham 2022 on 28 July 2022.

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay began at Buckingham Palace on 7 October 2021, when The Queen placed Her Message to the Commonwealth into the Baton and passed it to four-time



Please note: To facilitate the relay, there will be some road closures, relocation of bus stops and parking bay suspension during the morning.

Paralympic gold medallist Kadeena Cox, who had the honour of being the first of thousands of Batonbearers to carry the Baton.

Since then, the Baton has visited Commonwealth nations and territories in Europe, Africa, Oceania, the Caribbean, the Americas, and the Home Nations.

Residents' Survey 2022



From February to April, Your District Council carried out a residents' survey sent to 6,000 households. Thank you to all the 1,875 residents who completed the questionnaire. The full report is available on our website.

Here are some of the headline results below:

Top 3 priorities for residents







58% health Services

57% level of crime

41% access to countryside



Satisfaction with services



Refuse collection



Doorstep recycling



71% Parks & open spaces



59%

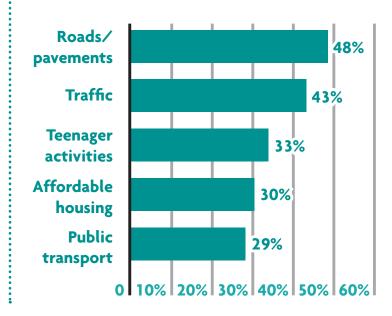
Play areas



59%

Grass cutting

5 areas for improvement





93% feel safe during the day



69% feel safe at night



42% feel dog fouling is a problem







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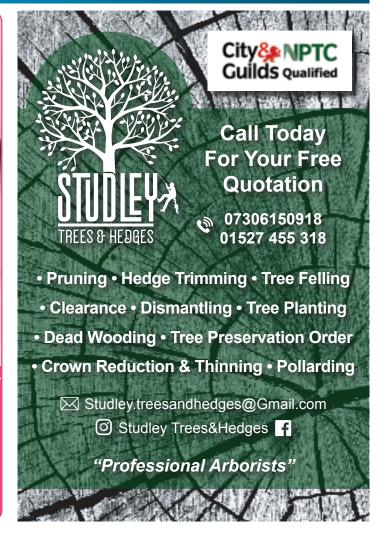


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Collection Service



What is the 123+ waste collection service?



A food waste collection, every week using a food caddy (a small kitchen caddy for inside the property) and a larger food waste bin to use outside and put out for collection.



A recycling collection, every two weeks using a wheeled bin for mixed recycling.



A refuse collection, every three weeks using the existing grey wheeled bin.



A garden waste collection, every two weeks using the existing green wheeled bin.

Food Waste



Every week

Recycling



Every 2 weeks

Waste



Every
3 weeks

Garden Waste



Every 2 weeks



The larger food waste bin is **23 litres** and has a lockable lid to deter pets and pests.

The smaller bin (caddy) is **7 litres** for householders to use in the kitchen, before transferring the contents into the outdoor bin for collection.

Yes please*



Fish, meat and bones



Leftovers and plate scrapings



Bread, rice and pasta



Fruit and vegetables (including peelings)



Teabags and coffee grounds

*full list on our website

No thanks



Packaging of any kind



Liquids such as milk or oil



X Garden waste



X Pet waste



Recycling

240 litres.

Yes please



Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays



✓ Glass jars and bottles



 Tins, clean cans, clean foil and aerosols



Clean, dry paper and card



Tetra Pak and cartons

Place next to your bin in a bag



Textiles,
household
batteries and
small electrical
items

No thanks



✗ Food waste



X Nappies



Black bags and general rubbish



Plastic film from food containers

Recycling boxes, bags and food caddies can be reused (i.e. as storage in shed/garages) or they can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centres (Princes Drive in Leamington Spa, Cherry Orchard in Kenilworth or Burton Farm in Stratford-upon-Avon), for reuse or recycling wherever possible.

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Waste

All new bins will be **180 litres.** This is for waste ONLY.
Please only dispose of items that cannot be recycled.

Residents are advised to place items such as pet waste, nappies and absorbent hygiene products in a tied bag. Store bins out of direct heat to reduce smells. Bins can also be rinsed out with disinfectant after emptying.

Yes please

- Items that cannot be recycled
- Polystyrene packaging
- ✓ Plastic film
- Nappies
- Pet waste bag and tie, store bin out of direct sunlight where possible
- Absorbent hygiene products

No thanks

- **X** Food waste
- X Garden waste
- Soil, turf, building rubble and any items that can be recycled or composted

Important Information

Some street level properties not suitable for wheeled bins, such as some terraced houses or flats above shops, will have a fortnightly waste collection of two sacks.

All of these properties will receive bespoke communications tailored to their collection arrangements.

Garden Waste

240 litres. A valid subscription and permit are required for each bin being presented for collection.

Permits cost £42 and run from April-March. Please allow two weeks to receive your permit.

Yes please



Grass cuttings



✓ Shrub/hedge cuttings



✔ Plants, flowers, leaves and prunings



Bedding from non-meat eating pets



✓ Twigs, branches and small logs (max 10cm diameter)

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- **X** FOOD WASTE
- X Soil or turf
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If you have children, you'll know that parenting is costly.

School lunches are another cost on the long list of things to fork out for. However, your child may be eligible for free school meals depending on what, if any, benefits you receive. if you receive any of the following benefits it would be worth applying for free school meals.

- Universal credit (for those with a net income of £7,400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit

 Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less.

To apply please visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

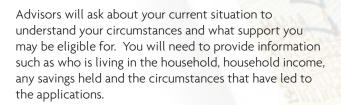
And if your child is eligible don't forget to tell their school as they can benefit from this as well! For every eligible primary aged pupil, schools will receive £1,345 in extra funding!



If your child is eligible for free school meals, they can also access the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme which provides access to free activities and lunch in the school holidays. For information on the HAF programme visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families

The Warwickshire Local Welfare

Scheme is for residents experiencing unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. One way the scheme can help people is by providing vouchers towards energy costs.



To enquire or apply for support call the Local Welfare Scheme on 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182.

Financial and Wellbeing Support

If you are looking for some support around your finances and/or wellbeing, Your District Council's online referral form will automatically make referrals to relevant partners according to the information you provide. Those partners will then make contact with you to discuss how their services can assist you.

To complete the form, visit the District Council's website at: www.stratford.gov.uk/benefits-support/financial-and-wellbeing-support.cfm



Help with high energy bills

If you are struggling to pay for energy or think you may get into difficulty, contact your supplier as soon as you can, particularly if you are in debt to your supplier. Suppliers must work with you to agree on a payment plan you can afford under Ofgem rules. This includes reviewing a plan you have agreed before.



- A review of your payments and debt repayments
- Payment breaks or reductions
- More time to pay
- Access to hardship funds
- Advice on how to use less energy



Act on Energy are a local organisation who offer energy advice and can help you with contacting your supplier.

Act on Energy also offer free small energy saving measures for those living in fuel poverty (eg energy efficient light bulbs, draught excluders).

Call free on **0800 988 2881**.

WRCC oil syndicate

If your property is off the mains gas network, you may be interested in the oil syndicate run by WRCC. The syndicate has been running since 2012 and enables collective purchasing power to keep prices lower than if buying individually. WRCC also have an arrangement with Swift Energy Consultants Limited so you can make savings on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) orders.

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Council Tax energy rebate payments update

All eligible households in England in Council Tax bands A to D, should get the £150 payment from their Council between April and September this year.

Your District Council has already paid out over £4.26 million to 28,445 eligible households for the £150 energy rebate. The quickest way to receive this is by setting up a direct debit payment for your Council Tax: www.stratford.gov.uk/directdebit

For those residents that don't pay by direct debit, and are eligible for the energy rebate, you can now claim on-line using a form available at: www.stratford.gov.uk/energyrebate

Those residents who are eligible will have been sent a letter confirming what they need to do to claim the payment, but if you are yet to receive yours, please contact the team on 01789 260990.

Your District Council has also received additional money in the form of a Discretionary Grant from the Government for those who are most in need of help towards the costs of rising energy bills - details of this scheme are also available at: www.stratford.gov.uk/energyrebate



Nearly 850 jobs have been created or safeguarded in Stratford District as part of a £1.2 million government funding scheme to help businesses with their post-Covid recovery plans.

Your District Council contacted the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) Growth Hub after receiving the major seven-figure sum from The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) scheme.

Your District Council collaborated with the CWLEP Growth Hub to identify companies in a wide variety of sectors that wanted to accelerate their expansion plans.

The full £1.2 million was distributed to 39 businesses based across Stratford District, ranging from Studley to Alcester and Shipston-on-Stour to Southam. The top three sectors that were assisted were manufacturing and engineering, hospitality, and design.

The funding has led to the creation of 135 jobs and 703 jobs being safeguarded, with each business receiving just over £31,000 on average.

The grants helped towards assisting a whole host of projects including buying cider-making equipment, expanding websites into French and and buying sustainable and energy-

Any businesses wanting help, advice or support should contact the CWLEP Growth Hub on 0300 060 3747.



Jobs created

Alcester

Stratford-upon-Avon

Assisted top three sectors

Other sectors assisted: Real Estate, Research & Development and Landscaping.

Legal Status

97%Private limited

3% Sole trader

Southam Ladboke

Charlecote

Wellesbourne

Thank you Stratford District Council and CWLEP Growth Hub, your support has enabled us to revisit a plan we had put on hold because of Covid. We are delighted that we can now proceed with the purchase of additional CNC Machinery, creating an additional manufacturing team at our Snitterfield and Stratford-upon-Avon premises.

Tredington

Shipston-on-Stour

This grant has allowed us to make immediate changes to a number of areas of our business. We have carried out new PR and social media campaigns which have resulted in excellent exposure, already securing a large contract with a new client and we are receiving great client feedback! Thanks to the Growth Hub and the District Council.

Annual Turnover:

39 successful businesses have an average turnover of

£2,648,794

and a combined turnover of

£103,302,955

Breakdown of the 39 businesses assisted by the fund:

- ▶Full-time staff: 703
- ◆Micro businesses: 16
- ◆Small businesses: 20
- → Medium businesses: 3

by number of employees - Micro 2-9 employees, Small 10-49 employees and Medium 50-249 employees

Grants Awarded

Total amount awarded:

£1,277,145

Average amount awarded:

£31,465

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ongoing stability for the company.

Wow! I am blown away by the support we have received. This is taking the financial worries out of the project and enabling us to do thing properly rather than on a budget. Thank you again, for all your support.

I am overwhelmed by the support and expert guidance our business has received during this process. This grant has massively accelerated our plans to grow the business and re-establish a greatly improved presence in the town following challenges of Covid. Thanks to all involved.



District businesses and organisations offered FREE E-Cargo Bike trial

Over the last few months. Your District Council has been busy promoting its

new E-Cargo Bike Initiative - where local businesses, organisations and community or voluntary groups are given the opportunity to 'trybefore-you-buy' for free for up to threemonths.

Examples of the bikes were taken the length and breadth of the District to demonstrate how local businesses can potentially pedal their way to a green future.

Roadshows were held in Stratford, Studley, Alcester, Bidford, Kineton,

Wellesbourne and Southam, with more planned for the future.

> There is enthusiastic interest from high profile local businesses to independent trade persons wanting to explore how an electric cargo bike can reduce the need for the use of cars/vans.

E-Cargo Bikes are ideal for local businesses.

organisations and community groups looking to deliver goods locally to their customers, making journeys between businesses and suppliers easier and often quicker while helping to reduce emissions from operations.

For more information please visit: www.stratford.gov.uk/ecargobikes

Any business, organisation, community and voluntary group interested in taking part in the free trial scheme should email: ecargobikes@stratford-dc.gov.uk

After securing Government funding, Your District Council has purchased ten e-Cargo bikes, five EP2 E-Cargo Bikes and five ALECS E-Cargo Trikes. The E-Cargo Bike scheme has been set up in collaboration with the Energy Saving Trust and local company, Pashley Cycles who are providing the E-Cargo Bikes.





Welcome Back funding

Thanks to funding from the Government's Welcome Back Fund (ERDF), Your District Council together with Shakespeare's England were able to help eight major settlements across Stratford District.

Shakespeare's England, the Destination Management Organisation for South Warwickshire, worked with local town and parish councils to provide activities to bring communities together, to promote the District and its businesses.

In **Shipston-on-Stour** the Remembrance Day service and parade was televised – allowing local residents to watch the event on a large screen or online.

Bidford-on-Avon organised a market which was so successful that it is now being held on a regular monthly basis.

Wellesbourne brought the village together for their annual Christmas lights switch on with new Christmas displays and a central Christmas tree.

Alcester celebrated the Greig Hall reopening with a Christmas Fayre.

Stratford-upon-Avon decided to add electronic animals to a Christmas

pageant with local children taking part in a competition to name the animals.

Henley-in-Arden's project was based around the town's heritage working with local schools.

Studley undertook probably the most ambitious project. The fund paid for several local businesses to get involved with a project to engage young and old generations in comparing Village life through time.



Your District Council's rural cinema scheme - connecting communities

Moving Pictures, the rural cinema scheme was first launched by Your District Council in October 2007. Before the pandemic, this highly successful and well-regarded scheme was one of the largest rural cinema schemes in the country, with around 25 promoters participating.

In 2017, Your District Council appointed Live & Local to run the rural cinema with participating venues across the District.

Live & Local also brought an added bonus, with their cultural arts programme of live performances that venues could access, which proved a big success.

Sadly, with the COVID-19 restrictions, all of the rural cinemas had to stop.

However, with the funding that Live & Local received from Your District Council, they continued to work in other ways

with communities. They put together small projects that could be undertaken virtually or in some cases socially distanced in locations across the District. These projects included creative poetry, reminiscence stories, a virtual village museum and musical pieces. All these activities were a means to keep residents connected during what has been a very difficult time.

Now that restrictions have been relaxed Moving Pictures is up and running again. The scheme is always looking for new promoters in villages across Stratford District. If you are interested, please contact Live and Local on 01926 402173 or visit their website for more information:

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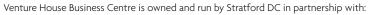








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Community Safety News

Two new members of staff have joined Your District Council's Community Safety Team thanks to part funding from Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Introducing Alison Packer and Rebecca Jenkins: "We are thrilled

to be part of Stratford District Council's Community Safety Team and look forward to continuing the team's crime reduction work in the Stratford and Warwick District."

The Rural Crime Advisors cover Stratford and Warwick and along with their colleagues, work closely with the local policing teams and other partner organisations.



Radway (left to right): PCSO Sarah Bailey, Alison Packer, Rebecca Jenkins, PCSO Liam Allen

PCSO Emma Turner, Nigel Dunn, Rebecca
Jenkins, Alison Packer, Trevor Hall
and PCSO Ben Cole

As COVID-19 restrictions have lifted, the Rural Crime Advisors have continued to plan local initiatives and engage with rural communities. One such project is the roll out of crime prevention boxes, which are available for communities and groups to use.





Shipston (left to right): PCSO Emma Turner, PCSO Ben Cole, Rebecca Jenkins, Alison Packer

As local crime trends are monitored, van crime events continue to be organised, which gives the team an opportunity to offer advice and alarms to trades people and small businesses – work which is supported by the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams.



Southam (left to right): Rebecca Jenkins, PCSO Katrina Campion, Alison Packer



Alcester (left to right): PCSO Carolyn Davis, Alison Packer

Attendance at larger public events such as the community safety afternoon at Meon Vale, Warwickshire Police Family Funday and Kenilworth Show enables sharing of leaflets and advice to a wide-ranging audience. Where possible the team also accompany PCSOs at their open police surgeries held at Alcester, Henley and Shipston and support the Rural Crime Team in their work.

Visits to victims of crime continue, where the team offer reassurance and practical crime prevention advice. For more information and advice please see the Warwickshire Rural Watch website for crime prevention information: www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk or email: community.safety@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Domestic Abuse hits closer to home

We know from reported incidents of domestic abuse in Stratford District, that there are women and men who are experiencing domestic abuse.

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Our Warwickshire Domestic Violence and Abuse Service is experienced at supporting all victims of domestic abuse and our trained workers understand the challenge and impact that abuse can have on an individual.

In addition to our local services, there are a range of national organisations that can assist. The breadth of local and national support available, can be found on www.talk2someone.org.uk

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, please know, #youarenotalone. If you would like to seek support or you are concerned about a family member, neighbour or friend, then please

read on for signs of abuse and support services that you can share with them so they can get help and advice.

Advice

- If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, please dial 999.
- When accessing websites via a phone or website, remember to delete the browsing history so that the search trail can't be traced. For help go to www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk/ browser-safety/
- Encourage the person you are worried about to keep a diary of events. The accounts listed can be used as evidence should the case go to court.
- Help the person you are worried about to draft an escape plan.
- Use codes to check in on one another i.e., two rings and silence could mean call 999.
- Have a bag of clothes, important documents and money stored away, ready for a quick exit.

Domestic Abuse services in Warwickshire

Warwickshire Domestic Violence and Abuse Service

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They have a 24-hour helpline, communitybased support and advocacy and access to refuge accommodation. Drop-in sessions are also provided around the county.

If you live in Warwickshire, you can call 0800 408 1552 to speak to a support worker. To access the website please go to: www.refuge.org.uk/ourwork/our-services/refugewarwickshire-domesticviolence-service/

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NHS trusts toughen stance on abusive behaviour

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust and South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust have reinforced their zero-tolerance stance on racism, discrimination and violent behaviours through a joint campaign backed by Warwickshire Police.

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