

## Parish and Partners Foreword

Dear All,

**As we move into early Autumn there has definitely been a change in the weather with a chill coming from the north.**

At this time of year when the days are getting shorter, the Council begins to look forward to the production of the budgets for April next year. We are expecting an indication of what support the Council may receive from Government when the Autumn Budget is announced on 30 October 2024, however, it will be some time in December that we get a better idea. This coming year we are expected to receive a single year settlement, however, a three-year spending review is promised to report back in the spring. These do remain very challenging financial times for all tiers of local government, the Council will need to plan for a number of different scenarios. There will be additional consultation involved in the production of the budget this year. In addition to the consultation surrounding the specific budget proposals which will be launched in early January 2025, there will be the opportunity to influence the thinking of the Council much earlier with engagement starting in October.

A policy area that is currently being reviewed across Warwickshire relates to future devolution arrangements. The whole of Warwickshire is included as 'non-constituent' members of the West Midlands Combined Authority, however, the devolution arrangements which have been delegated to the Mayor of the West Midlands do not extend to Warwickshire. The Government is committed to ensuring that every part of England is covered by a devolution deal. Within the King's Speech it was announced that the English Devolution Bill will establish a standardised framework and make it easier to provide devolved powers quickly to more

areas. The expectation is for county authorities to work constructively with District Councils in realising the potential of devolution arrangements in their area, especially where there are common interests. When we have further details, I will ensure that these are circulated.

At the Council meeting held on 8 July 2024, the revised Warwickshire Local Council's Charter was adopted. The District Council had been involved in a working group that included representatives from town and parish councils across the county, all of the other District and Borough Councils (excluding Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, as this Council does not have any town or parish Councils), and the County Council. This revised Charter replaces that which was adopted by the Council in 2015 and will help manage the relationship between the different tiers of local government within Warwickshire. Within the Stratford-on-Avon-District Council area we have over half of the town and parish councils in the county and therefore this charter is especially important to all of us. The Charter has also now been approved by Warwickshire County Council at its meeting of the Cabinet on 5 September 2024.

There is further information on the Charter within this edition, however, the main objectives of the Charter are as follows:

- Improving communication
- Consulting each other
- Giving help and support
- Measuring how well we are doing

The role of Parish Champion is continued under the revised Charter. Until recently this role was performed by Cllr Manuela Perteghella, however, following her election to parliament this is a role that she no longer has the capacity to perform. The future arrangements will see the role split between Cllr Louis Adams for the East of the District and Cllr Stuart Keighley for the West.

In addition to the adoption of the Charter we are also continuing to implement the recommendations of our recent Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge. As part of this work we have circulated a survey to all town and parish councils on how we can further improve our relationships through the establishment of Parish Forums. The deadline for the survey is 23 September 2024, it would be really helpful if we could please have a response from your council.

The Cabinet will be considering items at its meeting in October in relation to a new Communications Strategy and a Digital Strategy. One of the key aims of these strategies will be to refresh and modernise the Council's website to make sure that it is useful and that information can be easily found. We are committed to ensure that the website should be an extremely useful tool to our residents, businesses and partners. It will take us some time to fully review our site, however, we are very hopeful that you should see some improvements in the near future.

As I mentioned last time thank you again for your on-going support. If there are any topics that you would like us to cover within the Parish and Partners newsletter then please let us know.

Very best regards, David



## Council hosts first Climate Assembly

On Thursday, 5 September 2024, the District Council hosted its first Climate Assembly.

Over 20 local government, climate organisations and local businesses held stalls at the event to discuss their work and sustainable initiatives. And 9 workshops were delivered covering a variety of topics, including Business and Sustainability, Biodiversity & River Health, and Transport.

We'd like to thank everyone who came and engaged with officers, councillors and partner organisations.



## Warwickshire Local Councils Charter adopted

The District Council has agreed a revised Warwickshire Local Councils Charter. This Charter will replace the existing Local Councils Charter agreed in 2015.

The overall aim of the Local Councils Charter is to improve relationships between the tiers of local government in Warwickshire. Effective partnerships will ensure an improvement in consultation and communication about policies and decisions that may affect local communities.

There are three levels of local government in Warwickshire: Warwickshire County Council, the five District and Borough Councils and the Parish and Town Councils. Warwickshire County Council and the five District and Borough Councils form the Principal Councils. The Parish and Town Councils form the Local Councils.

The revised Charter outlines how Councils can work together to provide better services by:

- Improving communication.
- Consulting each other.
- Giving help and support.
- Measuring how well we are doing.

Progress will be reviewed every 12 months by officers from the Principal Councils and representatives from WALC as appropriate. A report of this annual review will be included within the agendas for the annual Area Meetings.

Cllr Susan Juned, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council, said: *"Due to the rural nature of our District, we rely heavily on the community links our residents have with local councils. This Charter supports the collaborative work needed between the Principal Council and local Parish and Town Councils."*



## Public Sector challenge 24 complete!

On Friday 6 September, colleagues from Stratford-on-Avon District Council took part in this year's [Public Sector Challenge](#) to help raise money for Cancer Research UK.

This year's challenge was the Yorkshire Three Peaks; a 24-mile (38.6km) hike including 1585m (5200ft) of ascent taking in the peaks of Pen-y-Ghent (694 metres), Whernside (736 metres) and Ingleborough (723 metres), in the spectacular Yorkshire Dales National Park.

John Careford, Head of Development at the District Council who led the group, admitted: *"It was a gruelling experience with an early 4.15am start to the day and 12 hours of walking. It was also really enjoyable to push yourself mentally and physically and really great to have the opportunity to get to know colleagues even better."*

*"Cancer seems to touch all of our lives and the more we can do to research the disease, support those living with cancer and ultimately beat it, the better. As a District Council in our 50th year, we already make a difference every day but like everyone, we can always do more. Hopefully by undertaking this challenge and raising money for such a fantastic cause, we can inspire everyone to keep going and do more."*

*"Despite the aching legs and feet, the team have already started to prepare for next year's challenge!"*

*"I'd like to thank my colleagues who took part in the challenge and to everyone, including staff, partner organisations, friends and family who have supported us and very generously donated to [Cancer Research UK](#)."*

Donations can still be made by visiting the team's JustGiving page: [Avon Adventurers is fundraising for Cancer Research UK \(justgiving.com\)](#)



L-R: Ross Chambers, Jo Bozdoganli, Craig Bourne, Tina Brain, Hannah Heath, Steve Bates, Marina Moss, Malwina Idziak, Alana Kinloch and John Careford.



## PLANNING NEWS

### South Warwickshire Local Plan housing update

At the [Joint Cabinet / Executive Committee](#) meeting that took place at the beginning of August, Stratford and Warwick District Council both endorsed a study which sets out that 1,679 dwellings per annum should be delivered to meet the area's future housing needs in the next version of the emerging Local Plan.

All Local Authorities are required by law to prepare a Local Plan for their respective areas, setting out which areas should be developed, and which areas should be protected for at least the next 15 years. The District Council and Warwick District Council are working together to prepare a [Local Plan for the South Warwickshire](#) area.

As part of the plan preparation process, this meeting focussed on the recommendations of a study called a Housing and Economic Needs Assessment ([HEDNA](#)) prepared by independent consultants, ICENI.

The key headline from the HEDNA study work is that it was no longer considered credible to continue to use outdated lower housing provision figures provided by the national government's Standard Methodology (published in 2018). This was due to housing moratorium policies being lifted after 2014 and more up-to-date Census data from 2021 becoming available.

The endorsed figure of 1,679 per annum will now be used as the basis for the next version of the emerging South Warwickshire Local Plan, known as the Preferred Options, which will be consulted upon with the public in the coming months.

It was also recognised at the meeting that, the new Government had launched a public consultation on a series of major changes to the planning system which if implemented would substantially impact on the South Warwickshire Local Plan.

This includes a new 'standard method' which would require very many more homes to be built across South Warwickshire to meet local needs than is currently contained within the HEDNA, which is some 2,178 homes per year, almost a 30% increase on the endorsed figures.

Consequently, Members of the committee recognised there will be a need for flexibility to potentially accommodate the new 'standard method' in the preferred options version of the plan and that further versions of the plan, as it is taken forward to adoption, will need to reflect on the outcome of the Government's public consultation, which concludes on 24 September.



### Rural affordable housing site visits and training session

Tuesday 8th October 🏡 Claverdon and Broom

Warwickshire Rural Housing Association and WRCC invite you to join us as we start on site on TWO rural affordable housing schemes in Warwickshire. Come along and find out about the new schemes, which will provide 19 much-needed homes for the rural communities of Broom and Claverdon.

**Plan for the day:** You're very welcome to attend for all or just some of the day

- 10.30am: Meet at Claverdon for ceremonial start on site
- 11.30am: Meet at Broom for visit to phase one homes and overview of phase two plans
- 12.30pm: Lunch at Broom Village Hall
- 1.30pm - 2.30pm District and Parish Councillor training: rural housing delivery

The rural housing delivery training will include:

<b>The role of the Rural Housing Enabler</b> WRCC: Sarah Brooke-Taylor Rural Housing Enabler Identifying local housing need and development sites.	<b>The role of the housing association</b> WRHA: Richard Muggleston Company Secretary Delivering the homes and housing management.	<b>SDC policy and housing allocation</b> SDC: Renata Most District Housing Enabler Ensuring the homes are for local people.
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We hope you can join us  
Find out more and rsvp by 27th Sept, at:  
[www.warwickshirerha.org.uk/event24](http://www.warwickshirerha.org.uk/event24)  
We'll send information about locations and parking to those attending.

All Stratford-on-Avon District Council Members, Parish or Town Councillors, District Council officers and anyone else interested in the provision of affordable homes for rural communities are very welcome to attend.



## PLANNING NEWS

### Council's Planning department busiest in the Midlands

It's official, the District Council has the busiest Planning Department in the Midlands following the release of the Government's annual planning data.

Results have also shown that it is the second busiest in England out of the 162 District Councils.

From April 2023 to March 2024, the department dealt with 1,879 applications. Only East Suffolk District was busier with 2,196 applications.

In the Midlands Region, Wychavon District was second busiest after Stratford-on-Avon with 1,309 applications.

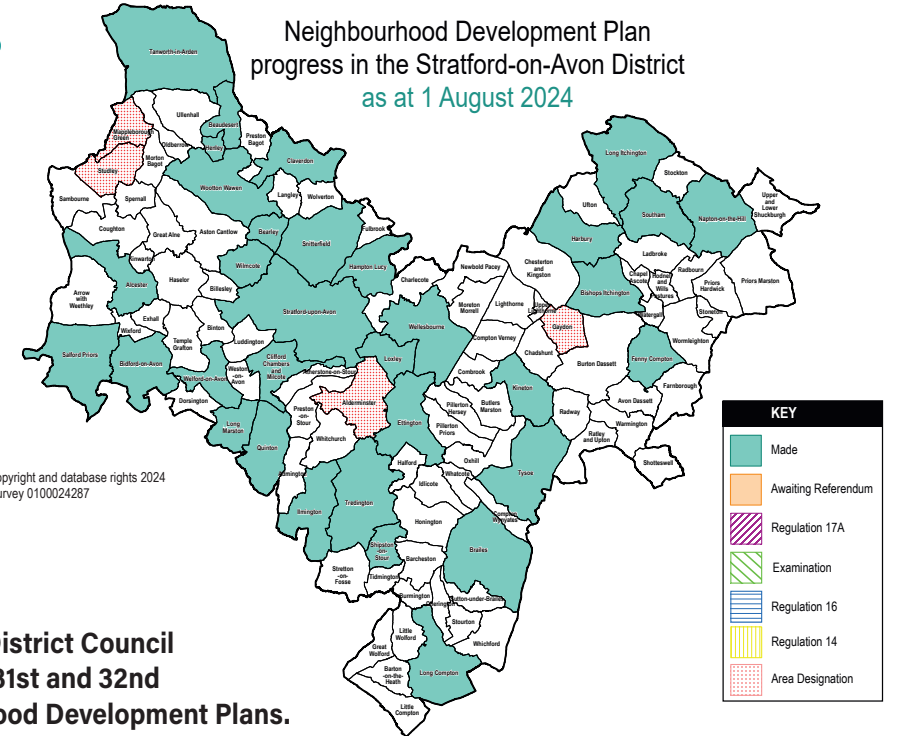
Cllr George Cowcher, Planning and Economy Development Portfolio, welcomed the data, stating that: *"This data puts into context and shines a light on the hard work that everyone in the Development Department at the District Council does."*

*"I would like to thank all staff for their continued efforts as I know that planning can be complicated and contentious, but to continually determine applications effectively and efficiently whilst keeping dozens of plates spinning is a real accomplishment."*

*"Nevertheless, we are always looking for service improvements and following our recent Planning Advisory Service Review, we have committed additional funding from the Council Plan and Change Programme to continue to develop the service further and ensure that residents receive an improved service. We also welcome the new Government's indication that they will be providing more resources for busy planning departments."*

Other statistics show that 89% of applications were approved and 84% of applications were processed in time.

### Current progress of neighbourhood plans



#### In July, the District Council adopted its 31st and 32nd Neighbourhood Development Plans.

The **Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Neighbourhood Development Plan** was the 31st plan to be made in the District and is the culmination of 12 years work by the Joint Parish Council, neighbourhood plan steering group and the local community.

The **Hampton Lucy Neighbourhood Development Plan** was the 32nd plan to be made in the District and is the culmination of 10 years work by the Parish Council and the local community.

Both plans now form part of the Development Plan for Stratford-on-Avon District and will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications within these Neighbourhood Plan areas.



## PLANNING NEWS

### Funding approved for Stratford-upon-Avon Gateway housing scheme

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) has agreed a multi-million-pound investment that will help to kickstart the regeneration of the important Gateway site in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The WMCA has agreed in principle to provide funding to deliver 118 new homes on the part of the site that fronts Birmingham Road and Arden Street, creating 80 local jobs and providing much-needed affordable homes.

The decision is the latest in a series of WMCA investments focused on breathing new life into the region's town and city centres.

The funding will support the District Council to deliver the first element of its recently approved long-term masterplan for a cultural quarter at the northern entrance to the town - one of the region's key visitor destinations.

Richard Parker, Mayor of the West Midlands and chair of the WMCA, said: *"The Gateway site is an important regeneration project for Stratford-upon-Avon.*

*"This is a fantastic example of how we're using our funding, in partnership with Stratford-on-Avon District Council, to unlock a development site that has stalled for too many years to provide the new homes and jobs that are desperately needed in all parts of our region.*

*"As one of the West Midlands' key visitor locations, we're delighted to be working with the district council as they take these first steps to delivering an exciting masterplan for a cultural quarter and all the benefits that will bring to the local and regional economy."*

Cllr George Cowcher, planning and economic development portfolio holder for the District Council, said: *"This is fantastic news for Stratford as it helps unlock one of three major problem sites in the town centre. It will not only generate new housing on a currently derelict site but also opens up the opportunity to work closely with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust to explore the potential for the development of a world-class museum.*

*"Bringing to life a new space in the public realm to celebrate the enduring legacy of William Shakespeare as well as the positive impact on the whole town of Stratford-upon-Avon, is to be welcomed!"*

The WMCA's investment into the Stratford-upon-Avon Gateway scheme is the latest example of the WMCA's brownfield first programme which continues to use a £200m housing funding pot to unlock scores of the region's former industrial sites, often referred to as brownfield land, for new homes and commercial workplaces.

The 'invest to unlock' approach sees the WMCA cover the cost of cleaning up such sites to make them ready for developers to build on. In return, house builders must make a minimum 20% of the homes affordable.

The West Midlands was also the first region in the UK to adopt a localised definition of affordable housing linked to real world local incomes rather than property prices. The definition states that people should not have to pay more than a third of their income on rent or mortgages.

Funding is open to public and private sector developers who share the region's ambition to bring forward high quality, inclusive communities with genuinely affordable homes. Find out more on the WMCA's website.



## It's not too late to apply for free home energy upgrades

Residents need to apply for Home Upgrade Grants BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER so that homes can be made warmer in time for next winter.

To be eligible for an energy efficiency grant, households must:

- Not use mains gas for heating
- Have a household income of under £36,000 a year, regardless of any savings
- Have a home EPC of D, E, F or G (an EPC can be arranged for free if needed)

Eligible properties will be assessed by a retrofit expert and suitable measures will be installed completely free of charge.

**The clock is ticking so please send in applications as soon as possible to avoid missing out!**

The government has provided an online eligibility checker for this funding: [GOV.UK Home Upgrade Grant](https://www.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant)

The District Council works alongside local energy experts [Act on Energy](#) to help administer all home energy grant funding. [Find out more on our website.](#)

Scan to check your eligibility



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- Air source heat pumps
- High retention electric storage heaters

#### Energy efficiency measures:

- Loft insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- External & internal wall insulation
- Draught proofing
- Smart heating controls
- Hot water cylinder insulation

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's delivery partners for HUG2:



## Delay on replacement UBUS service

From September, Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC) and Warwickshire County Council's (WCC) joint UBUS service was due to be replaced by a new Demand Responsive Transport Service (DRT) solely from Warwickshire County Council.

However, the new service will now be introduced on 4 November.

This is to allow more time for WCC to procure the new service and manage the migration from the existing service.

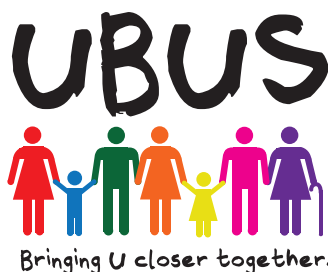
The District Council and WCC have worked with the existing providers to extend UBUS, so residents can continue to access the transport across the District until the new service is in place.

During this time, four buses instead of five will be operating the UBUS service until 1 November, although all other details including booking, operating times and areas covered will remain the same.

Residents in Stratford-upon-Avon will also be able to benefit from an enhanced number 19 bus service which has been operating since the 20 July and a new number 6 service starting on 1 September.

The number 6 service will operate between Old Town and Tiddington via a number of stops in the town including the Maybird Centre, Arden Street and Wood Street.

Details and times of these services are available via WCC's website - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses> or by calling 01926 412929 (option3).



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## High Streets Vacancies Survey

**The District Council alongside Iain Nicholson from The Vacant Shops Academy, are carrying out High Street Vacancies surveys in Stratford-upon-Avon, Alcester and Southam.**

The aim of these surveys is to identify those properties which are habitually vacant and have been for some time. Once these are identified the plan is to discuss with the landlords and the agents what the blockers might be to these properties being rented and to see if the District Council is able to work with them to get this done.

Another important output from this work will be the discussion with stakeholders in these towns to try and shape a plan for the way they would like their high streets to develop. This will include the mix of shops and hospitality businesses that they're trying to attract and other potential uses such as arts and crafts, creative, cultural, community, leisure, education, health and wellbeing.

This project will become an ongoing piece of work that the District Council will be doing with a number of other towns and centres within the District to develop an investment plan for the High Street and to proactively approach businesses that would fit in the mix for each.

The first part of this work is expected to be returned by early October, when work will start with the stakeholders to identify what needs to be done in each case.



## Business Skills Escalator

**The District Council is working in partnership with Warwickshire Skills Hub to launch The Skills Escalator Fund.**

This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in partnership with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Rugby Borough Council, Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council.

Micro, Small and Medium sized business, self-employed or a voluntary or charitable enterprise with up to 249 employees, can apply for up to £750 training support grant per person for up to 5 employees. The Skills Escalator Fund is designed to support businesses to upskill their employees to allow progression within their business.

The program is available to businesses based in Stratford-on-Avon District, Warwick District, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough or Rugby Borough post code areas who are seeking to invest in their employee's progression by supporting them to undertake further training which contributes to the needs of the business.

Training can be qualifications, licences, vocational skills training, or certificated learning which is delivered by a college or independent training provider.

The training, which will be funded by the Skills Escalator Fund, is led by the needs of the business. Support in developing a tailored training plan to reflect your business and employee's aspirations, is available through the Warwickshire Skills Hubs team of Business skills advisors.

Some important information:

- The budget is £750 per person
- The business can apply for up to 5 staff to attend training
- Courses need to be completed by 31/3/2025
- Funding is paid on completion of the course

To find out more and apply, visit the webpage at: [Skills Escalator Fund - Upskill Your Business | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

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## Stratford-upon-Avon Local Nature Reserve partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

Stratford Town Trust and the District Council have appointed Trust Nature Services Ltd, (a wholly owned subsidiary of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust), as partners to assist with the long-term management of the Stratford-upon-Avon Local Nature Reserve.

In 2023, the northern area of the 71-acre site was designated a Local Nature Reserve for the benefit of wildlife and the community, following consultation with Natural England. A 30-year Framework Landscape Ecological Management Plan (FLEMP) has been created for the site, allowing for further enhancement of habitats to increase and preserve biodiversity.



Sara Aspley, Chief Executive at Stratford Town Trust said: *"We are delighted to be working in partnership with the team at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who will be instrumental in helping us to manage the site over the long-term. Their experience in protecting wildlife and wild places will aid the conservation of the existing biodiversity of the site and contribute to its future enhancement. They will also be leading our volunteer working parties, playing a vital role in involving and engaging communities to improve health and wellbeing."*

Cllr Susan Juned, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council said: *"The appointment of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will ensure that this area is properly managed and supported to provide local communities with an area of high-quality green space as well as protecting wildlife habitats, whilst helping us in enhancing the biodiversity within the District."*

*"As a District Council we are committed to deliver climate adaptation measures, which is part of our Council Plan and we have recently declared an ecological emergency to reinforce this ongoing work."*



Karl Curtis, Director of Nature Reserves from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust said: *"We are looking forward to working in partnership to assist in the management of the Stratford-upon-Avon Local Nature Reserve. This is a key part of our work in identifying important habitats to enhance and conserve and to bring wildlife back. This is an important contribution to ensuring 30% of the county is in recovery for nature by 2030 and given its proximity to the town and to local schools, the site will welcome everyone as well as a place for people to take positive action for wildlife in their local environment!"*

To find out about volunteering opportunities at the nature reserve, visit: [www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk](http://www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk)



## COMMUNITY SAFETY NEWS



### Vehicle Crime

As the District Council's Rural Crime Advisors continue their work with local communities promoting crime prevention and having conversations with residents around how best to protect their property, one area of particular concern is vehicle crime.

Vehicles are always a source of gain for thieves. Cars, caravans, motorhomes, vans are often one of the more expensive outlays and potentially the most vulnerable to theft - whether that be the vehicle itself or property left inside it.

Current trends include thefts of cars by compromising keyless entry, property left in view, tools from work vans, wheels, numberplates, catalytic converters.

However, there are precautions that can be taken to reduce the chances of becoming a target.

Further advice can also be found here:

**Landrovers** [Landrover Advice.pdf](http://Landrover_Advice.pdf)  
([warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk](http://warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk))

**Vans** [Van Crime.pdf](http://Van_Crime.pdf)  
([warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk](http://warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk))

**Caravans** [Advice Sheets - Warwickshire Rural Watch](http://Advice_Sheets_-_Warwickshire_Rural_Watch)

**Motorcycles** [Motorcycle Scooter Crime Prevention Advice.pdf](http://Motorcycle_Scooter_Crime_Prevention_Advice.pdf)  
([warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk](http://warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk))



### HELP STOP VEHICLE CRIME



Having your car stolen or broken into can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle safe.

#### Always lock it

It sounds obvious but double check your car is secure every time you leave it. Many thieves are opportunists and looking for easy targets.

It only takes a few seconds for a thief to steal something from your vehicle. Even if you are just popping in to pay for fuel or to get something from your house, make sure you lock it.

#### Close windows and the sun roof to prevent 'fishing'

Thieves can gain access to your vehicle using the smallest openings - sometimes using a bent coat hanger. Don't give them the opportunity.

#### Fit locking, anti-tamper wheel nuts to secure alloy wheels

Stolen wheels are valuable. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.



#### Secure your number plates with tamper resistant screws

The easiest way to change the identity of a stolen vehicle is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your number plates makes it harder for thieves to steal them.

#### Don't leave valuables on display

Valuable such as wallets, handbags, purses, mobile phones, coins, sunglasses or medication left on display are an open invitation for thieves. Ideally don't leave them in the car but if you do, leave them out of sight.

#### Park in well-lit and busier areas

It can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Deter thieves by parking in well-lit busy streets. This increases the chances of them being seen.

#### Choose your car park wisely

Park in well-lit staffed car parks.

#### Secure anything fitted on the outside of your vehicle

Anything left on roof racks, tailgate racks, holiday top boxes or in tool chests are easily stolen when your vehicle is parked. Using cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tool chests, which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but still don't leave things in them if you can avoid it.



#### Tool thefts from vans

Vans are often targeted because thieves think there will be tools in them. Ideally don't leave tools in vans overnight. If you have to, make sure you clearly mark them with your name or your company's name using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Consider using a lockable cabinet in your van to secure your tools.



#### Keyless car thefts

Thieves can steal your keyless car by hijacking and amplifying the signal from your starting device in order to start your vehicle. Help to protect your vehicle.

- Make sure your car is properly locked and keep your key away from doors and windows. This will reduce the chance of criminals amplifying the signal
- Some keys have a function allowing them to be turned off. Check your manual to see if yours does and then use it
- Use some kind of physical barrier such as a steering wheel lock, driveway parking post or wheel clamp. This will deter many criminals
- Fit a tracking device
- Keep your keys in a Faraday bag to block the signal
- Remove the batteries from your spare keys



#### Catalytic converter thefts

Catalytic converters are stolen for their precious metal content. Protect your car.

- Keep your vehicle in a garage or secure area if you have one
- Alarms, lighting and CCTV help to deter thieves
- Buy a protection device for your catalytic converter
- Set your dash cam to detect movement
- Park with your exhaust close to a fence, wall or kerb to make it difficult for thieves
- Avoid parking half on the pavement and half on the road as this makes it easier for thieves
- If parking in a car park try to park alongside other cars
- Mark your catalytic converter with your car's serial number - this makes it harder for thieves to sell it on and means it can be tracked back to your vehicle if police seize it



And remember, be on the lookout for people acting suspiciously and report it by calling 999.

For more information on car security go to [www.warwickshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention)

## Need HELP... with the survey for your Plan?

A personalised consultation service is available, totally independent from the Parish, Town or Neighbourhood Plan process in your area.

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*"Again thanks to you and your staff for a professional job - and lots of patience!"*

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- a learning disability
- a severe stroke
- severe or chronic mental illness

**and are entitled to one of the following benefits:**

- Employment Support Allowance
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- increased Disability Pension
- Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
- Income Support that includes a disability premium
- the care component of high or middle rate Disability Living Allowance
- Constant Attendance Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit

**then you may be entitled to a Council Tax discount**

**and save money off your Council Tax bill**

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## Stratford District Council meetings

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- [Council Meeting Webcasts | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)
- [Stratford-on-Avon District Council YouTube Channel](#)

To see the full calendar of District Council meetings, please go to: [Monthly meetings calendar - October 2024 | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Date	Time	Meeting
Friday 4 October	10.00am	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 7 October	10.00am	The Cabinet
Wednesday 9 October	6.00pm	Planning
Monday 14 October	2.00pm	Council
Wednesday 23 October	6.00pm	Planning
Friday 1 November	10.00am	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 4 November	10.00am	The Cabinet
Tuesday 5 November	4.00pm	Climate Change Panel
Wednesday 6 November	6.00pm	Planning
Wednesday 20 November	6.00pm	Planning
Friday 29 November	10.00am	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 2 December	10.00am	The Cabinet
Wednesday 4 December	6.00pm	Planning
Monday 9 December	2.00pm	Council
Wednesday 18 December	6.00pm	Planning

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