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Ella saves a life days after first aid course



Heroic Ella, 21 - described by David's wife Tracey as 'truly amazing and a wonderful soul'

A 'HEROIC' first-aider has saved a man's life in Rugby town centre - less than a week after she finished her training.

Ella McCauley, 21, sprang into action during her shift at a town centre bar when a customer at a neighbouring hairdressers had a cardiac emergency on Friday (April 4).

Ella, restaurant manager at Inside The 22, had only completed her first aid training four days previously when David, a customer at Mack Hair Studios, fell ill.

She said: "The ladies from Mack ran into our bar to ask if anyone had first aid training, and thankfully I was able to step up."

"I tried to get David to open his eyes, but he wasn't responding. It was scary not knowing if he was going to pull through. I told someone to quickly go and get a nearby defibrillator and started CPR."

"I'll be honest - it was terrifying. I felt David's ribs breaking but I did all I could. When the paramedics arrived, they told me I was doing a great job

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and to carry on whilst they cut his clothes off, and I just kept going, giving it all I had.

"If I wasn't there doing CPR in those minutes, I've been told that he wouldn't have made it."

David's wife Tracey said: "Words don't even begin to cover what we truly feel about what Ella did for our family. She saved David's life, and in turn our lives also. She's truly amazing and a wonderful soul. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

David's family confirmed that he was doing well.

Mack owner Claire Gillooly said seeing loyal customer David in a medical emergency was a shock.

She added: "I'll be forever grateful that Ella was there that day. This experience has shown us that we're not just individual businesses - we're a community that supports each other when needed most."

Ella learned her life-saving skills after Inside The 22 owner Oliver Taylor secured a Warwickshire County Council grant to train his staff in first aid.

He said: "Ella completed her training on Monday. On Friday, she saved a life. That is down to her quick thinking, her courage under fire, her calm level-headedness, her gumption and her heroism. We could not be prouder of her."

The defibrillator used during the emergency was installed thanks to the fund-raising efforts of the Our Jay Foundation, a charity founded by Rugby woman Naomi Rees-Issitt following the tragic death of her 18-year-old son Jamie Rees.

She said: "David's experience highlights exactly why we're working to increase the number of defibrillators available in Rugby town centre."

"We also cannot express highly enough the importance of people like Ella, who used essential life-saving skills to help David and save his life. What an absolute hero she is."

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City students hear No More Knives message

SECONDARY school pupils in Coventry have been learning to say 'no' to knives.

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Students at Blue Coat Church of England, West Coventry Academy, Coundon Court and Sidney Stringer schools have been visited by the No More Knives tour, an award-winning initiative provided by The Message Trust aimed at tackling knife crime among young people.

During the sessions, students hear first-hand stories from people who have been involved in knife crime.

They also combine storytelling with music and education for an impactful session that highlights the devastating impact of knife crime.

Each session aims to provide students with the knowledge and confidence they need to say 'no' to knives.

Blue Coat School Chaplain Lou Peet said: "Seeing our young people so engaged and interactive today has been a joy."

"To see our students genuinely contemplative, reflecting, and willing to pledge to never carry a knife is a precious and potentially life-saving thing."

Year 7 student Olivia said: "I feel a lot more safer knowing that a lot more kids would agree to not carrying a knife."

Holly, another Year 7 student, added: "I really enjoyed it. The music was exciting and gave a positive spin on a difficult topic."

Safeguarding lead Claire Franklin said it was a wonderful, inspiring, interactive

experience for students. She added: "The buzz around school was heart-warming. The messages were loud and clear and so well received by all students and staff."

Partners involved include Coventry City Council, Coventry Police, Hope Coventry and the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership.

The work forms part of Coventry's campaign to be a child-friendly city – called Child Friendly Cov – and to enable children and young people to have their voice heard in matters important to them.

Coun Pat Seaman, city council cabinet member for Children and Young People, said: "The No More Knives tour tackles such an important issue for young people, and it is a chance for them to



The No More Knives tour taught secondary school students in Coventry the knowledge and confidence they need to say 'no' to knives.

explore the issues and help put into practise the positive messages highlighted in the tour.

"We are really ambitious for Coventry to be the best city in the UK for children to grow up in."

"Child Friendly Cov aims to create a child and young person friendly city, ensuring that Coventry is a place where children and young people are valued, supported, and enjoy themselves."

Paul Drower, Police Commander for the Coventry Local Policing Area, added: "Knife crime has hit the headlines in recent years and all the communities in Coventry must work together to protect our children and young people from becoming involved. "The police cannot tackle

this problem alone."

The Message Trust is a Christian charity with over 30 years' experience, which aims to help young people to know their true worth and identity.

CEO Sam Ward said: "Knife crime and its devastating impact is sadly never far from the headlines today, but we know there is a better way."

"Though the No More Knives tour, we want to tell young people how knives aren't the answer, equip them with the skills they need to say 'no', and let them know there is hope."

Steve Elton, of HOPE Coventry, added: "It has been wonderful to partner with the local police, council, churches and schools in being able

to bring the Message Trust and their No More Knives tour into the city for the second time.

"The 2024 tour was a great success, with students and teachers commending the empowering message and engaging delivery around the emotive, challenging and important subject of knife crime."

"We are expecting that this year's tour will have the same notable impact as it plays its part alongside the excellent work already taking place in this area, as we stand together, with young people across Coventry to say 'No More Knives' in our city."

Funding was provided for the tour by Coventry City Council, Hope Coventry and The Message Trust.

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Academy's mission on inclusivity highlighted by autism award

THE NATIONAL Autistic Society has given Corley Academy the Autism Specialist Award at advanced level.

The prestigious award highlights the academy's dedication to providing outstanding support for autistic students and fostering an inclusive learning environment.

Christine Flintoft-Smith, head of autism accreditation and projects at the National Autistic Society, said: "We are delighted that Corley Academy have achieved the Autism Specialist Award. The team should be exceptionally proud of the achievement and commitment towards improving support for autistic people."

Corley Academy has won multiple other awards, previously achieving Autism Accreditation in 2017 and 2021, as well as attaining 'Advanced' status in November 2024.



Corley Academy headteacher Mark White with students.

Mark White, Corley Academy headteacher, said he was incredibly proud of the school's commitment to making a change.

He added: "This achievement is a prime example of how collaborative efforts can improve educational

outcomes for autistic learners in Coventry.

"It aligns perfectly with our mission to support inclusive, high-quality education and we are so pleased to see further recognition from the National Autistic Society."

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'Trade deal negotiations must continue in light of US tariffs'

BUSINESS leaders in Coventry and Warwickshire have backed national calls for the government to fight for the best deal for firms in the region in the wake of ten per cent tariffs from the USA.

Corin Crane, chief executive of the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, said Trump's tariffs would impact the regional economy as well as the national economy, and the government should continue to pursue a better deal.

He said: "The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) has been very clear that this decision will have an affect on businesses here in Coventry and Warwickshire, across the country and, indeed, right across the world.

"Everyone is still digesting the full impact of what it will all mean but we think it is right the government continues the approach of looking to negotiate a deal for the UK that will be in the long-term interests of our economy."

Shevaun Haviland, director general of the BCC, said while the government had kept a cool head it had to continue to negotiate.

"This is a marathon not a sprint, and getting the best deal for the UK is what matters most.

"But no-one will escape the fall-out from these decisions, there will

be an increased risk of trade diversion, and it will wreak havoc on businesses communities across the world.

"Orders will drop, prices will rise, and global economic demand will be weaker as a result. This is a lose-lose situation for everyone.

"So, it is vitally important that the government does not give up on negotiations. Tariffs can be lifted at any time and the US has signalled its willingness to do some form of deal with us.

"The UK is not without influence, our bilateral trade with the US is worth £300 billion, we have £500 billion invested there and it is £700 billion tied up in our economy. There is a high-level of co-dependency and we are speaking to businesses across the UK on options for government to consider.

"There are no winners in the current scenario, negotiations will take time and will inevitably involve compromise. Any decisions on taxes will need to be taken very carefully, and the government must consider all its fiscal options.

"It should keep everything on the table during talks, but retaliatory tariffs should only be a last resort."

Ms Haviland added that many firms, especially SMEs, now faced difficult decisions and urged government to do all it could to provide practical support to them.

Prime minister Sir Keir Starmer, visiting Jaguar Land Rover in



Solihull this week, pledged to only sign a trade deal with the US that was in the UK's "national interest".

He added the import taxes announced by Trump - which sparked economic turbulence across the world - would pose a "huge challenge for our future".

Sir Keir continued that he still hoped the UK could reach an agree-

ment with the US to limit the impact on the UK.

But the threat of retaliation has not been ruled out, with a 400-page longlist of US products drawn up that could be hit with British import duties.

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Left to right: Brian Ayamba Ashu, Cheetij Pun and Alanzo Scarlett are behind bars.

BEHIND BARS: THREE men have been jailed for attacking a man with a machete in broad daylight in Rugby town centre.

Police received reports of a group of people with weapons chasing after someone in Clifton Road at around 4.40pm on July 31, 2020.

The victim - a then 18-year-old man - suffered multiple stab wounds and was taken to hospital where he had emergency surgery to repair a punctured lung.

After investigation and examination of CCTV, officers identified Brian Ayamba Ashu, Cheetij Pun, Alanzo Scarlett, and a fourth man - who cannot be named for legal reasons - as the culprits.

Ayamba Ashu, 25, of Phipps Avenue, Pun, 24, of Morton Gardens, and Scarlett, 26, of Pershore Road in Birmingham, were all arrested, interviewed and subsequently charged.

Appearing at Warwick Crown Court earlier

this year, all four pleaded guilty to violent disorder - while Pun and Ashu also admitted assault inflicting grievous bodily harm.

At the same court on Friday March 28, Pun and Ashu were sentenced to 36 months for violent disorder and 12 months for assault, to be served concurrently, while Scarlett received 26 months for violent disorder.

The fourth man will be sentenced at a later date.

Investigating officer Det Cons Kat Brock said: "This is a good outcome and I'm grateful to everyone who has been involved in this lengthy investigation.

"The victim was fortunate not to suffer more serious injuries and the sentences reflect the severity of the incident.

"I hope this serves as a deterrent for people who carry a knife. I promise your actions will have consequences and you will end up behind bars."

His next of kin has been informed and his family are being supported by a police family liaison officer.

Anyone with dashcam footage of the collision or either vehicle in the lead-up to the collision is asked to contact police by calling 101, quoting incident number 364 of April 3.

A MOTORIST has died in a crash near Rugby.

The driver of a silver Citroen, a man in his 50s, died after his car collided with a blue Peugeot 208 on the A426 Southam Road near Draycote Water at around 9pm on Thursday (April 3).

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Theo's idea will reach the house

AN EAGER sixth form student from Rugby will have his policy suggestion championed in Parliament after he won a competition run by the town's MP.

At a policy pitching event for young people, Theo Speed won over John Slinger MP with his idea about extending voting rights to people with settled status.

At the event, hosted by the Hill Street Centre, young people from local schools, clubs and organisations shared their ideas directly to Mr Slinger and an audience.

Participants each had one minute to pitch their idea, followed by a two-minute Q&A where the audience asked questions about their proposal. Once all pitches had been delivered, the audience voted for their favourite idea.

Participants pitched policies on political education, armed forces recruitment, sup-

port for carers, better information on nutrition, facilities for the constituency and more support for basketball.

Mr Slinger will now take Theo's winning policy to the House of Commons.

Lawrence Sheriff student Theo said: "I am delighted that others shared my passion to have a policy pitched by John Slinger in Parliament. This was an incredible opportunity for young people to get involved in politics."

"I put my heart into every moment, and it was wonderful to see that passion resonate with the audience. I'm honoured to have been part of such a fantastic event."

Mr Slinger, who has hosted work experience students and championed creative arts education in schools, said he wanted to see young people given as many opportunities as possible to engage in the political system.

He said: "It was great to hear so many interesting and different ideas from young people in the constituency. Their ideas and the confidence with which they presented them show that young people here in Rugby care about their community and country. They also have the skills, ideas and confidence to be the leaders of the future."

"One of my key priorities as an MP is to give young people a voice. For too long, their ideas and concerns have gone unheard and older and powerful demographics have dominated the debate."

"The needs and ideas of young people need to be heard loud and clear in the corridors of power and acted upon."

"I am looking forward to championing and exploring Theo's idea about voting rights and I will make sure that ministers hear the idea."



ABOVE: John Slinger MP with participants at his policy pitching event.



LEFT: Winner Theo Speed is applauded for his policy idea.

WITNESSES SOUGHT: POLICE are asking witnesses to come forward as they investigate a robbery.

At around 3am on Monday March 3, the victim was followed by a man as he walked past Tesco in Leicester Road.

The victim entered Hollowell Skate Park via the entrance on Boughton Road, where the suspect reportedly threatened him with what looked like a baton before taking his black North Face backpack.

The suspect is described as a skinny man in his 20s from a mixed ethnic background, around 6ft 2in tall, with a Caribbean accent. He was wearing a white balaclava and a grey Nike tracksuit.

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Man who fled after fatal crash is jailed

A MAN who fled across a field after his dangerous driving killed a woman on the M40 near Gaydon has been jailed for more than seven years.

Akashdeep Singh was driving a Peugeot van northbound on the M40, between junctions 11 and 12, shortly after 7pm on Saturday September 28 last year.

The 24 year-old, of Twydale Avenue in Oldbury, had been disqualified from driving just two days before.

There had already been a collision on that stretch of road and other vehicles had slowed down to avoid the hazard.

But despite having ample warning, Singh did not slow down and crashed into the back of a Hyundai with such force that it collided with a Mercedes van and pushed it out

of the way.

An off-duty paramedic assisted, finding the man driving the Hyundai seriously injured while a woman passenger seat had been killed.

Singh - whose van doors had been jammed shut in the crash - climbed out of the window and fled across fields.

Warwickshire Police launched an appeal to find Singh and he handed himself in.

He was then charged with causing death by dangerous driving, causing serious injury by dangerous driving, causing death by driving while disqualified, causing serious injury by driving while disqualified and causing death by driving a vehicle which was uninsured and driving without a licence.

He was jailed for seven years and eight months when he appeared at

Warwick Crown Court.

DC Sam Bates of the Collision Investigation Unit said: "We welcome this sentence. It has been harrowing to see the devastation that Singh's irresponsible, selfish actions have caused.

"A family now has to spend the rest of their lives without a beloved mother, wife and sister.

"Fleeing the scene of collision that he caused made his actions even more appalling.

"I hope this serves as a reminder to all that we are each responsible for each other's safety on the roads. And that stupid, reckless and selfish behaviour has devastating consequences."

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New attraction guarantees a very mice time

YOU won't hear a squeak out of the latest attraction at Chedham's Yard.

The historic wheelwright's yard in Wellesbourne is opening its doors for a new season from Saturday April 19 and in readiness, volunteer Margaret Taylor has made 100 little fabric mice which will be given as prizes to children who complete the mouse trail around the old workshops, the forge and the wildlife garden.

The yard offers visitors a rare glimpse into our nearly lost rural past. Blacksmiths and woodturners bring the site to life with their demonstrations, and tour guides show visitors round the fascinating collection of tools and equipment left by five generations of the Chedham family.

Saturday events are led by invited experts and are designed to appeal to anyone interested in rural life or traditional crafts. Events range from bee keeping to longbow making, and from traditional wheel tyreing to saving hedgehogs.

Margaret said: "I have great fun making the mice, and really enjoy watching them scampering off to new homes with our young visitors."

Visit www.chedhamsyard.org.uk for more details.

TIPS across Warwickshire are opening for longer over the summer.

Warwickshire County Council's household waste recycling centres are offering greater flexibility with a later-evening opening on Wednesdays until 6pm (excluding Stockton, Shipston and Wellesbourne) and all recycling centres (excluding Shipston) opening until 5.30pm over the weekend.

Over the Easter break, all sites will be open on Saturday and Easter Sunday (April 19 and 20). The smaller sites of Cherry Orchard in Kenilworth, Shipston and Wellesbourne will be closed on Good Friday (April 18) and Easter Monday (April 21) due to planning permission restrictions.

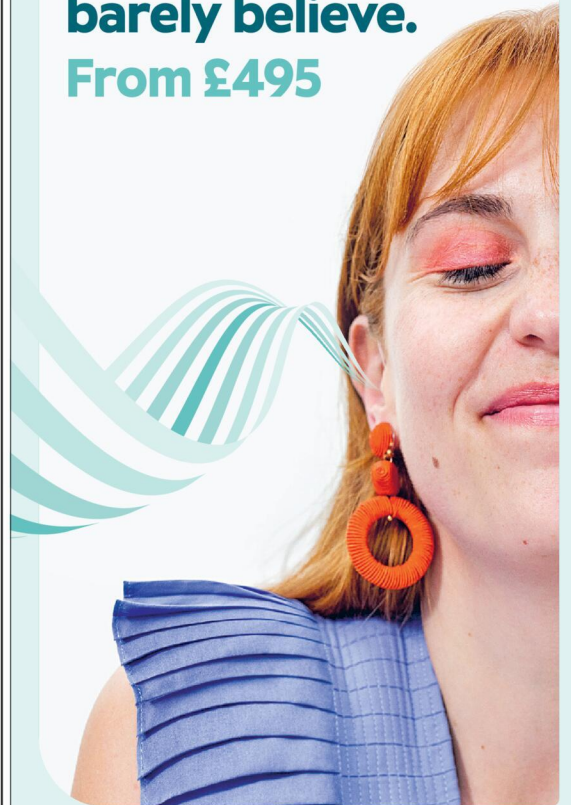
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Uni professor left thrilled with award

AN 'INSPIRATIONAL' academic has been honoured by The High Sheriff of the West Midlands for her exceptional contribution to the Coventry and Warwickshire community.

Nadine Holdsworth, Professor of Theatre and Performance at the University of Warwick, was presented with the High Sheriff's award at a special ceremony.

Prof Holdsworth received the award for her unwavering commitment, empathy, and leadership on behalf of Coventry-based community theatre company Underground Lights, a group run for and by people experiencing homelessness, mental distress, or social isolation.

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She was also praised for her work with global charity Arts & Homelessness International, where she led local initiatives to promote the work of artists experiencing homelessness, and foster confidence and community among people who have been marginalised within society.

Prof Holdsworth said: "I'm thrilled and honoured to receive this award.

"It is especially heartening to know that the creative organisations I work with value what I have been able to contribute by supporting and showcasing the wonderful

work they do with people who have experienced often multiple disadvantages in society."

At the ceremony, High Sheriff Douglas Wright MBE spoke of how Nadine had been pivotal in creating a supportive, inclusive environment where disadvantaged people could engage in theatre and creative expression. He outlined how her work had made a lasting difference and embodied the true spirit of community service.

Prof Holdsworth was described as uniquely bridging the gap between high-level academia in one of the UK's top universities while also being a hands-on community changemaker.

Mr Wright said: "This event is a



Prof Nadine Holdsworth, of the University of Warwick, receives the High Sheriff's award.

wonderful opportunity to honour Nadine's hard work and commitment to making a difference in our community - congratulations on this

well-deserved recognition. Nadine's efforts inspire those around her, and we are excited to celebrate her accomplishments."

Players Liam Kitching and Bobby Thomas signed the Coventry City FC wall at Brandon House. s



Sky Blues players and care home fans all sing together

by **Mia Whitehouse**

STAFF and residents at Brandon House Care Home were buzzing with excitement when two Coventry City FC players visited.

Bobby Thomas and Liam Kitching paid a special visit to celebrate the home's Coventry City wall, a tribute to the football club that many of the residents cherish.

Among these residents was Alan Roughton, a devoted fan who could not contain his joy.

He said: "It was incredible to meet the lads we see on TV.

"They were lovely and happy to talk about football with us."

The nostalgic wall became even more iconic when signed by the players, delighting the lifelong supporters and creating memories to last a lifetime.

Sheryl Davis, care home



Bobby Thomas and Liam Kitching with resident and Sky Blues fan Alan Roughton. s

manager of Brandon House which is managed by HC-One, said: "Seeing everyone come together to celebrate their team was truly special.

"We're already planning to do this again."

With the fresh signatures of Thomas and Kitching, the wall is now a piece of living history.



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Voters urged to be prepared

VOTERS in Rugby have been urged to prepare in plenty of time for May's local elections.

Elections for the borough's ten Warwickshire County Council divisions take place on Thursday May 1, together with a by-election for Rugby Borough Council's (RBC) New Bilton ward.

RBC has relaunched its 'Are You Election Ready?' campaign to make residents aware of the key election dates and deadlines, and remind voters of recent changes to voting.

To vote in the local elections on May 1, residents must have registered to vote by Friday (April 11).

Applications for postal votes must be submitted by 5pm on Monday April 14, while applications for proxy votes must be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 23 April.

Postal voters must now sign a postal vote return form when hand-delivering a vote at a polling station or the Town Hall.

A single voter can hand-deliver a maximum of six postal votes including the voter's own, while a registered voter can act as a proxy for a maximum of two people who live in the UK - or, if acting as a proxy for overseas voters, up to four people, only two of whom can live in the UK.

Voters who plan to vote at a polling station need to produce a valid form of photo ID in order to receive a ballot paper. Voters without a form of valid ID can apply for a free



Voter Authority Certificate (VAC).

Dan Green, Returning Officer for Rugby, said: "I want to ensure every eligible voter in the borough can vote, so now's the time to take five minutes to check you're ready to vote in the local elections."

"Whether you're planning to vote by post or you need a valid form of photo ID to vote at a polling station, it's important to make yourself aware of the application deadlines and the recent changes to the way we vote by post, proxy and at polling stations."

Visit www.rugby.gov.uk/electionready for more information.

An election count at the Benn Hall in Rugby.

Local Elections are happening on Thursday 1 May 2025



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Peace festival back after 5-year break

by Philippa Mingins

THE PEACE Festival is returning to Leamington after a five-year hiatus.

It will be held in the Pump Room Gardens on Friday June 20 and Saturday June 21 and organisers say it is needed more than ever before.

The Leamington Festival of International Understanding and Peace has not been held since 2019 for various reasons, including the pandemic.

The festival started in 1980 with the aim of promoting mutual understanding between people of different countries and cultures by putting on a programme of entertainment and demonstrations by groups of various nationalities.

Now the festival is building on these aims by including the importance of taking care of the environment, exploring sustainable living and personal wellbeing and happiness.

A full programme of events for the festival will be released soon.

The event is being organised by volunteers and more people are welcome to help out.

Organisers are also on the lookout for community groups who would like to perform on the min stage, and businesses interested in putting on taster sessions for wellness



Leamington Peace Festival will be back in June after a five-year hiatus.

activities like Tai-Chi, Bollywood dancing or gardening.

Local businesses are also being asked to sponsor the event.

Email unitypeace7fest@gmail.com to find out more about any of these opportunities.

A festival spokesperson said: "We set out to promote those who are working with dedication in our locality to bring a better quality of life to all people without distinction of race, religion or culture.

"Forty-five years later after the many occurrences and life challenges faced over the last five years

of absence, the festival is returning as the unity and peace festival to continue on the above aims, also including taking care of the environment, exploring sustainable living and how to look after your wellbeing and create happiness for yourself and others around you, support small local talented businesses that are handcrafted, sustainable or reducing our planets waste by re-purposing, and raise awareness of local and world issues by sharing to all communities to embrace and be part of our changing world needs."



Karen MacQueen, from the Leamington International Twinning Society, invites visitors to the new ArtBox exhibition.

Celebrating twinning friends

TWIN towns are being celebrated at Leamington's smallest art gallery.

An installation of memorabilia celebrating Leamington's twinning relationships has been installed at the ArtBox on Clarendon Avenue. The mini community art gallery is housed in a red listed telephone kiosk. It is owned by Leamington Town Council and managed by the Friends of Christchurch Gardens.

The twinning exhibition showcases the longstanding friendships between Leamington and its twinned towns of Sceaux in France, and Bruhl in Germany.


Town twinning is an initiative set up after the Second World

War to promote peace and goodwill between nations and communities.

In Leamington, the bonds with Sceaux and Bruhl have been ongoing for more than 50 years, with the first charter signed with Sceaux in 1969 and the second with Bruhl in 1973.

The Leamington International Twinning Society organises annual exchanges between Leamington and each of the towns.

The exhibition highlights notable events in the twinning relationships, including the gifted red telephone box in Leamington Platz in Bruhl and the iconic Chateau de Sceaux in France.



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A celebration of music-making



Pupils from Clifford Bridge Academy in Coventry showcased their talents in a YouTube video.

'A UNIFIED moment' - a Digital Music Festival has brought together school students across Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull.

Heart of England Music - the Music Hub for the region - hosted the online festival to celebrate music making across the area.

A music showcase on YouTube featured contributions from schools, music service groups, individual pupils and music organisations.

And the Hub hosted a live-streamed free concert featuring Raga Garage live from The Royal Pump Rooms in Leamington, who performed a melting pot of musical influences.

It featured performances from violinists Jyotsna Srikanth and Robert Atchison, pianist Shadrach Solomon, and percussionist Karthik Mani - who tailored their work to attract both classical and contemporary music fans of all ages and cultures.

Heart of England Music was established in September 2024 and brought together the three local authority areas to work together across the area.

Coun Dr Kindy Sandhu, Coventry City

Council's Cabinet Member Education and Skills, said: "It was great that schools experienced a unified moment by joining the live stream together. The Hub works with around 22,000 students per week.

"With the live stream showing the fusion between western classical and bhangra music, it has no doubt inspired young people to take their skills further and continue making music with other Hub members or music services.

"There's something really special about mixing the diversity of music sounds from diverse cultures."

Mark Steele, Coventry Music Lead at Coventry City Council, added: "The event was a great way to enable pupils and families to see the opportunities across the region and to see they are just one of many pupils learning instruments.

"We would encourage all young people to watch the videos - and if a music group looks exciting, for them to get in touch and give it a go."

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3veb93kf> to watch the Digital Music Festival videos.



The Tesco Coventry and Warwick maintenance team helped to revamp a classroom into a practical learning space for SEND students.

GENEROSITY: A NEW home-style life skills room has been created for SEND students with the help of Tesco Coventry.

Staff provided Corley Academy with £500 towards equipment and furnishings after finding out about the school's vision for a life skills area from work experience pupils.

The Tesco Coventry and Warwick maintenance team also helped revamp an existing classroom into a practical learning space. Once completed, students headed down to Tesco Coventry Arena to pick up household essentials to equip the space, some of which were donated by team members.

Known as The Den, the room features a laundry room and a kitchen which will give students the chance to practice real-world skills in a supportive, hands-on setting.

The space will also play a key role in the school's ASDAN Life Skills Challenge qualifications which prepare students for the independence of adulthood.

Mark White, headteacher at Corley Academy, said: "On behalf of our staff and students, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone at Tesco Coventry Arena for their incredible support.

"Their generosity has enabled us to bring our idea to life and will help our students develop essential skills and a sense of independence as they transition into adulthood."

Acknowledging the significant impact of their help, Michelle Walsh, community champion at Tesco Coventry Arena, said "Every child deserves an environment that nurtures their growth in a way that suits them, and we are grateful to have played a part in making that a reality."

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Physios hailed for work over organ donation

DEVOTED physiotherapists at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) NHS Trust have won national recognition for their work promoting organ donation.

The Critical Care and on-call physiotherapists were presented with the Unsung Hero award at the British Transplantation Society (BTS) annual congress in Brighton.

Physiotherapist Amber Murray said: "To be picking up an award alongside people who have MBEs or have

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led ground-breaking research was a bit surreal.

"But it was wonderful to be recognised for what we do. Most of the audience was doctors or nurses, so we were delighted to be representing allied health professionals (AHPs) as well as the trust."

Critical Care-based physios established a number of physio-led interventions to support Specialist Nurses in Organ Donation (SNODs) and ensure organs are in optimal condition for potential transplantation.

This includes working with the patients several times a day to help clear the lungs – helping to preserve the lungs and aid oxygen reaching other organs.

They give advice about donation to new and trainee physiotherapists, and ensure on-call respiratory physios are made aware of potential donors out of hours.

Physiotherapist Lucy Cawtheray said: "For us, it's only a small part of what we do, but it's humbling to know we are having a big impact."

"I've had other physios reach out to me since to see what we do and how



The UHCW physiotherapists with their award.

they can do similar within their trusts, so it's great to be raising awareness within the physiotherapy community."

Nicola Dixon, UHCW Head of Inpatient Therapy, said: "Their attitude to improve, learn and provide the best

patient care is exemplary and I am extremely proud of them.

"I know they feel these particular interventions are just something they do as health professionals within a wider multi-disciplinary team, but this recognition shows that

what they are doing is unique and special."

The conference, which aims to unite clinicians, scientists, AHPs and all those interested in all aspects of organ donation and transplantation, was attended by more than 650 delegates.

Sponsors on the ball to help Bilton's newest Dragons team roar

A NEW boys' football team in Rugby have been given a boost after two businesses teamed up to offer their support.

Bilton Ajax's newest youth football team, the U8 Dragons, have enlisted the help of Somers Road businesses JD Fabrications and The Blind Company - the

former as shirt sponsor, and the latter by purchasing new training equipment.

The Dragons are a group of local boys who became a team in January when they began competing in the Northampton and District Youth Alliance League. They train weekly and compete in league matches

every weekend. After training with their new equipment, the boys went on to secure a victory in their next league match.

The team is coached by Serg and Mark, who volunteer their time to mentor the boys, helping them grow both as athletes and individuals. The coaches

said: "Support from local businesses gives the boys a real boost - it shows them that people care and believe in them."

"We love coaching this team because it's not just about teaching football - it's about shaping character, building teamwork, and instilling the value of

hard work and dedication. The boys have come a long way in the past six months, and we can't wait to see them continue to grow, both as a team and as individuals."

James, CEO of JD Fabrications, said: "I think it's really important that young lads have a healthy

outlet and the opportunity to learn valuable life skills through team sports."

Karl, CEO of The Blind Company and a sports coach himself, said: "I know how vital it is to have the right equipment to support a child's development and help them reach their full potential."



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Art gallery offering something for all



A trail for fun

YOUNG adventurers are being invited to get their walking boots on and go on an Easter egg hunt at Draycote Water. Opening on Saturday (April 12), the Easter trail challenges young ones and their families to scour the country park for eggs and answer questions to claim a prize. Donna Marshall, Visitor Engagement Manager at Severn Trent, said: "Our Easter trail makes for a great day out for the family. It offers hours of entertainment and children can explore their inquisitive side while being

out in nature. "There is so much more that Draycote Water offers, from long walks to cycling and wildlife spotting. You really can get lost in it all." The trail is open from 10am to 4pm every day and will run until Sunday April 27. The trail is over grassed areas so is accessible for most pushchairs and some wheelchairs. Families can pick up a trail sheet for £4 from the cafe in the Visitor Hub with no pre-booking required.

CREATIVE kids can keep busy with a programme of craft workshops and activities at Rugby Art Gallery and Museum (RAGM) during the school Easter holidays.

The venue's latest exhibition, Beyond the Canvas - A Celebration of British Sculpture from The Ingram Collection has inspired the holiday programme, which runs from Saturday April 12 to Saturday April 26.

Throughout the fortnight, visitors can join a free collaborative project to create a giant sculpture in the venue's activity space, with a host of resources available to keep creative minds busy.

The Easter holiday programme also includes a free treasure hunt, challenging visitors to find all the pieces of a missing sculpture which have been hidden throughout the building.

Children aged six and over can take part in wet felting workshops, experiencing the soothing and tactile process of soaking wool fibres in soap and water to create a felt-like, decorative fabric.

Pottery workshops for kids aged 12 and over can make a pinch or coiled pot in a relaxing, motivating atmosphere. Pots can be taken home for painting at the end of the workshops.

Children aged eight and over can turn junk into model masterpieces at workshops, working with a range of recycled materials to design and build



The Easter programme offers colourful, creative fun for children.

a unique monochrome sculpture.

The venue's Easter holiday programme also includes workshops suitable for two to six-year-olds where children can craft sculptures from colourful, scented dough, a sensory experience which challenges youngsters to mould, shape and decorate a sculpture to take home.

On Monday April 14, from 10.30am to 11.30am, RAGM also hosts a special Relaxed Hour session for neurodivergent visitors and visitors with sensory needs, allowing them to explore the Beyond the Canvas exhibition in a calm, relaxing environment while also contributing to the giant collaborative sculpture in the activity space.

Relaxed Hour visitors can also make a small sculpture at the session to take home.

Phoebe Hilton, RAGM's senior learning and engagement officer, said: "We're looking forward to launching our Easter holiday programme, which takes inspiration from the Beyond the Canvas exhibition and encourages children to create, learn, enjoy and discover."

"With limited places available at each workshop, it's best to book early to avoid disappointment, but we'll be a hive of activity throughout the holiday so everyone's welcome to drop in and explore our exhibitions and activities."

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all workshops and activities.

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Easter break sees plenty of free activities

EASTER arts and craft activities will take over Rugby town centre during the school holidays.

Asda and Rugby First will host free Easter craft activities for kids on Monday (April 14) from 11am to 2pm in the supermarket's cafe.

A variety of colourful and creative activities will be on offer, including the decorating of sweet jars and some special Easter themed items.

The activities, suitable for five-to-12-year-olds, will take between 15 and 30 minutes to complete.

ASDA Rugby Community Champion Kayley Griffiths said: "It's great to be able to offer these free activities in partnership with Rugby First and help create some Easter magic for local kids. Asda is an important part of Rugby town centre and the local community, and this is a great way for us to get involved and support both, as well as provide some fun and exciting Easter activities for kids."

Visit www.rugbyfirst.org or call Rugby First on 01788 569436 for more information.

Sweet Art School and Rugby First are inviting children to join them for two Easter Cupcake decorating workshops at the St Matthews Street bakery on Wednesday (April 16) at 11am and 1pm.

The hands-on sessions will teach anyone aged eight and older to decorate two Easter-themed cupcakes to take home and enjoy.

The workshops will be led by Stef from Sweet Art School.

She said: "These workshops are all about creativity and fun - and who doesn't love cupcakes? I'm looking forward to meeting those who join me on the day."

Each workshop lasts around 45 minutes. The activity costs £5 per child and children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Email Sweet.art129@outlook.com to book a place. Rugby First is also sponsor-

ing five free Easter themed workshops taking place at Art at the Alex.

The James Street art venue will host the workshops between Thursday April 17 and Saturday April 26.

The workshops, with an Easter twist, will be delivered by Rugby artists and makers who will show participants how to create fun items to gift, display or use.

Chris Pegler, owner of Art at the Alex, said: "This series of short, fun and creative workshops are introductory level and should appeal to all ages and abilities."

"Make a date to come along or perhaps come to more than one - they all offer something different."

All materials are provided free and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No booking necessary. Visit www.artatthealex.com for more information.

Expert woodcarver Tom Jennings will lead a free spoon carving workshop at St Andrew's Church Garden between 1pm and 4pm on



Woodcarver Tom Jennings will lead a free spoon carving workshop.

Tuesday April 22.

Tom will teach participants how to craft a spoon with traditional tools and methods.

He said: "My workshops are always popular and it's great to see people learn new

skills and watch their faces when they turn a piece of wood into a beautiful spoon that they can then take home with them."

Aprons and gloves will be provided, and the activity will

take between 30 minutes and an hour to complete.

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The Spring Spectacular runs from April 12 to 27 and centre of attention will be the spring arrivals marquee and farmyard favourites, full of baby chicks and ducklings, piglets, bunnies and kid goats, alongside dozens of little lambs.

Youngsters will even have the chance to feed baby chicks while some may be lucky to witness a sheep giving birth.

And tractor and trailer rides around the farm resume after the winter, birds of prey provide the action in the falconry shows, and entertainer Zoobie has an all new Easter Show.

An Easter egg hunt will also be held daily with the Easter Bunny.

Arabella Arkwright, owning partner of Hatton Country World, said: "After the cold winter months, springtime and Easter always herald a new dawn. Trees and hedges are about to burst into leaf, the grass is turning a vivid green and all the animals are giving birth.

"It's the moment when we all want to be in the countryside and there's nowhere more exciting than springtime at Hatton where all the newly born animals join with the Easter Bunny and his egg hunt to make for a very special family trip."

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Windmill has its sails restored

A RESTORATION project to install four new sails at Chesterton Windmill is now complete.

The sails were removed in 2021 after regular safety checks identified cracks in the wood, deeming the sails unsafe to remain on the windmill and requiring replacement.

As guardians of the 17th century windmill, Warwickshire County Council has worked closely with construction and heritage consultants and millwright specialists.

Due to the windmill being a nationally important archaeological site, the project team chose to install the new sails by hand. This involved using traditional methods including ropes, pulleys, winches, and block and tackle, with assistance from a hoist, rather than having a large crane on site.

The team also had to navigate various challenges ahead of the sails being installed, including working around the bat roosting season, and adjusting the plans to ensure bats could continue to roost safely in the windmill going forward.

WCC's culture spokesperson Ayub Khan said: "Chesterton Windmill is an iconic monument both in Warwickshire's landscape and as part of our country's history. The restoration of the windmill's sails

means a lot to the local people who visit and photograph the site often, and we are all delighted to see the sails stand proudly on the windmill once again.

"Heritage and culture is important to our county and our sense of belonging here in Warwickshire. It's so important that we maintain and care for our county's history, as it means that special monuments like Chesterton Windmill will continue to be enjoyed now and by future generations to come."

Chesterton Windmill is Grade I listed and a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It is one of only four windmills in England to have this classification and has stood on a hilltop overlooking the village of Chesterton for nearly 350 years. It is considered one of Warwickshire's most famous landmarks.



The windmill was built around 1632, likely by Sir Edward Peyton, who was Lord of the Chesterton Manor House. At the time John Stone, a pupil of Inigo Jones, was in Chesterton designing the new Manor House and it is thought he probably helped in the design of the windmill.

The estate accounts at Warwickshire County Record Office show the structure has always been a windmill, making it the earliest tower mill in England to retain any of its working parts.



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Website to show off city's finest

THE BEST of Coventry's leisure and culture is being showcased on a new website.

Visit Coventry's new site aims to help visitors and locals to discover the city's attractions, venues and events.

Features include a new 'what's on' guide for the city which provides a day-by-day list of events in the city.

It also includes a 'things to do' section which will showcase entertainment venues, attractions, activities, tours and cost-friendly activities.

Visitors to the website can discover the best of the city's food and drink, hidden gems, and hotels. The platform also offers itineraries for visitors, maps of the city, travel guidance and accessibility information.

The new website is also designed to boost the city's hospitality, leisure and tourism businesses by putting venues, attractions and events in the spotlight, and to help businesses reach new audiences.

Visit Coventry is part of destination management organisation Destination Coventry.

Paul McMahon, managing director of Destination Coventry, said: "This is a huge step forward for our visitor economy."

"We are reimagining and redesigning the visitor experience in Coventry through this new website and it will be a one-stop-shop to find out everything that is happening in the city."

"There is a fantastic story to tell here in Coventry, a story that is appealing to visitors from all over the world and by launching this new platform we will be telling that story to new audiences."

"The goal is to provide visitors to Coventry with an easy-to-use website where they can plan and personalise their trip, whether

they're food enthusiasts, history lovers, music fans, art admirers or passionate sports supporters."

"We'll be working in partnership with businesses across the city to strengthen the platform and ensure it showcases everything that makes Coventry a fantastic, must-visit destination."

Destination Coventry is collaboration between Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce and Coventry City Council.

The website is designed to support the continued growth of Coventry's visitor economy, which has grown year-on-year since the pandemic, to a value of £855million in 2023.

Coun Jim O'Boyle, the council's cabinet member for jobs, regeneration and climate change, said: "Coventry is a great place to live, work and visit and this new website will help make sure that people planning a visit have one single place to go to find out about all the fantastic things that are happening in the city."

"There is something for everyone in Coventry and that is clear to see in the website. I'm also pleased that local tourism venues will also be able to use the website to promote what they have going on."

Corin Crane, chief executive at Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, added: "We have an incredible set of attractions venues and days out in Coventry, so it's important that we do everything we can to support Coventry's growing visitor economy."

"A thriving hospitality, leisure and tourism sector can be a catalyst for growth across the wider economy and the new website will bring real benefits to businesses across the city."

Visit www.visitcoventry.co.uk for more information.



Children from Moseley Primary School were treated to an engaging session from Lioncourt Homes.

BUILDING A FUTURE: Pupils at primary schools in Coventry got to grips with all things construction to celebrate National Careers Week and Coventry Primary Aspirations Week.

Representatives from housebuilder Lioncourt Homes visited Moseley Primary School and Little Heath Primary School to help inspire the next generation into a career in the industry.

Children aged seven to 11 tried on hard hats and hi-vis jackets, learned about different tools, looked through a variety of plans and designs to pick their favourite, and asked questions about homebuilding and construction and careers.

Lydia West, Year Six Teacher at Moseley Primary School, said: "The session was very helpful and gave our pupils a lot of valuable knowledge about homebuilding and careers in general."

"It's great to know that a business operating in the area is actively pursuing ways to

benefit important community assets."

Jo Stanley, headteacher at Little Heath Primary School, said: "This was a great session for our pupils who thoroughly enjoyed learning all about homebuilding and construction."

"It was great to see the children engaged and asking questions, with information given to them in a fun way that they could understand."

Lioncourt Homes is building 171 new homes at The Croft development in Keresley.

Construction Director Danny Tunstall said: "It feels great to have supported multiple schools throughout National Careers Week, and hope it has helped to spark an interest in construction or homebuilding."

"Community engagement is important to us, and we're looking forward to continuing our support for Keresley and the wider area throughout the lifecycle of The Croft development and beyond."

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Top award for charity founder



Rotary club treasurer Liz Jackson, president Dick Dixon and Helen Smith of Evelyn's Gift with a bereavement pack.

BEREAVEMENT packs for children will be purchased with a £1,000 donation to Evelyn's Gift from Warwick Rotary Club.

President Dick Dixon presented mum and charity founder Helen Smith with £1,000 to purchase the packs, which are given to youngsters to help them understand their loss.

The donation was funded with a 50 per cent grant from Rotary Foundation and will enable the charity to keep up with demand

from local schools and organisations.

Helen had returned to update rotarians on recent projects by her charity Evelyn's Gift, set up in memory of her daughter Evelyn who died in 2013.

The charity carries out little acts of kindness - helping the homeless, care leavers, young people and those suffering domestic violence. They offer bereavement services to parents who lose young children, and promote CPR and lifesaving skills in schools.

A MUM from Warwick who founded a charity in her late daughter's name has become the first recipient of a new award recognising outstanding personal achievement.

Rachel Ollerenshaw, who set up Molly Ollys, received The Inspirational Individual Award - Person of the Year - the only individual category at the inaugural Coventry and Warwickshire Business and Community Awards.

Rachel established the children's charity, with husband Tim in 2011, following the death of their eight-year-old daughter Molly from a rare kidney cancer.

It works to support children with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and their families and help with their emotional wellbeing. As well as providing more than 4,300 wishes to date, they donate therapeutic toys and books to both children directly and to hospitals throughout the UK.

Part of more than \$5million raised to date, has also been used to fund the first consultant in paediatric palliative medicine at Birmingham Children's Hospital and pay for the training of a further two consultants.

The awards were hosted by the Belgrade Theatre and organised by Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce.

Rachel said: "It is very humbling to be recognised in this way, especially amongst the incredible group of people nominated. My inspiration comes from the children that we support, who face their challenges head on and deal with so much at such a tender age with a maturity and wisdom that we can often learn a lot from."

"I am incredibly lucky to be supported by a



very caring and dedicated team, together we all feel very privileged to be able to help children and families and, thanks to our donors, we can keep helping and finding ways to improve the services available.

"Thank you to everyone who nominated me. We all had a great night at the Awards and loved meeting more people from our local community and learning more about what is happening around us."

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Rachel Ollerenshaw picks up her award with husband Tim.

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Care leavers are being given cookery lessons thanks to a £1,000 donation.

More urged to take to the bike for five minutes



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Cooking up good advice

COOKERY lessons are being served up to care leavers in Warwickshire. Pertemps Network Group is donating £1,000 to help care-experienced young people, aged 18 to 25, buy household essentials, as well as supporting cooking lessons in Warwick. It comes as part of Warwickshire County Council's ongoing partnership with Pertemps, managing the council's own recruitment needs and supporting people into work. Pertemps spokesperson Laura Barnes said: "Pertemps is known for helping people into employment, and young people leaving care are among the most vulnerable groups needing this support. "Working in partnership with

Warwickshire County Council, we have been introduced to some of the regional initiatives and support programmes that care-experienced young people can access as they set up for independent living." WCC's children and families spokesperson John Coleman added: "We are grateful to Pertemps for this donation which will provide a real boost for our care leavers to help them as they prepare to live independently. "Pertemps is a friend of the county's Child Friendly Warwickshire initiative which brings local services, businesses and individuals together in a collective effort to ensure children and young people are happy, healthy, heard, skilled and safe. This is a great example of the support the growing network of friends provides."

BIKE MONTH CHALLENGE  RIDE 5

RESIDENTS across Warwickshire are being urged to saddle up for a five minute ride. Warwickshire County Council is encouraging people to explore the many benefits of an active travel lifestyle for the Love to Ride Bike Month 2025 Challenge. Bike Month aims to get businesses, communities and individuals to take up cycling for work, health and leisure. And the theme this year is #Ride5, which encourages individuals to ride at least five miles during May in order to clock up points for their workplace and to be in with a chance of winning prizes. WCC's transport spokesperson Stephen Rumble said: "The benefits of active travel,

particularly travelling by bike, are huge, both for the individual and for our wider environment. "For residents looking to reduce vehicle costs for fuel and maintenance, improve physical and mental wellbeing while also benefiting the environment, then there is no better time than now to get on those bikes. "It's often the short journeys – less than five miles – which have the greatest negative impact, both on the environment and on finances. However, these are also the easiest ones to replace with a cycling alternative, whether it be for the school pick-up, the commute to work or to pop into town for shopping and socialising." Visit www.lovetoride.net/warwickshire to sign up.



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New face takes key county role

A NEW vice lord lieutenant has been welcomed in Warwickshire.

Pal Sanghera has taken over the role following the retirement of Sue Saunders - who has served the county since being appointed a deputy lieutenant in 2011, before becoming vice lord lieutenant in 2021.

During her tenure, she played a crucial role in supporting lord lieutenant Tim Cox, attending events across the county, and engaging with Warwickshire's many charities and volunteer organisations.

Sue was instrumental in improving the lieutenancy website, and also organised 'Get Togethers' at various venues around the county for deputy lieutenants - active and retired - fostering strong relationships within the lieutenancy and the broader community.

Sue represented Warwickshire at national events, including the Royal Platinum Jubilee service at St Paul's Cathedral, as well as the recent Coronation celebrations, where she championed initiatives to involve local schools. Her passion for community engagement was evident in the Advent Carol Service at St Mary's Warwick, held in recognition of the county's dedicated volunteers.

Sue said: "The lieutenancy continues to evolve to remain relevant to 21st century Warwickshire. My advice to the new vice lord lieutenant is to enjoy the opportunities the role offers."

Pal has a distinguished legal and community service background of over four decades, serving as a district judge, a crown court recorder, and a judicial trainer both in the UK and internationally. His commitment to Warwickshire extends beyond the court-



Pai Sanghera is the new vice lord-lieutenant for Warwickshire. Sue Saunders has retired from the role.

room, having dedicated years to supporting educational institutions, community initiatives and cultural celebrations.

A deputy lieutenant since 2017, Pal has played an active role in the lieutenancy, particularly in fostering diversity and inclusivity. He has been a longstanding advocate for voluntary groups in the county, championing causes such as youth initiatives, inter-faith events, and charitable fundraising.

Pal added: "I am deeply honoured to take on this role and to continue serving Warwickshire. My focus will be on raising awareness of the lieutenancy and supporting the outstanding voluntary work happening across our county."



Ryton Pools County Park is hosting a series of events and activities this Easter.

Events over Easter

SPRING into action - Warwickshire's Country Parks are hosting a series of events and activities in the great outdoors this Easter.

Country Parks Rangers will host sessions at Ryton Pools Country Park, Hartshill Hayes Country Park and Kingsbury Water Park, including Easter egg hunts, Easter crafts, pond dipping, minibeast hunts, and toasting hot cross buns over a campfire.

Kingsbury and Ryton Pools also have play areas, miniature railways, cafes, bike hires, lakes and pools, and a choice of trails to explore.

Elsewhere, Burton Dassett Hills is perfect for picnics and kite flying, Hartshill Hayes is a haven for woodland walks and picturesque viewpoints, and Offchurch, Stratford and Kenilworth Greenways provide scenic routes

through the countryside, with horse-riding available on the latter two.

Coun Heather Timms, Warwickshire County Council's spokesperson for Climate, Culture and Environment, said: "Warwickshire's country parks provide the perfect low-cost way to get outdoors and make the most of the Easter holidays."

"With an exciting programme of ranger-led activities alongside fantastic spaces to explore, there's no better time to enjoy the benefits of nature, from boosting wellbeing to creating wonderful family memories."

Visit <https://countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/2/country-parks> for more information on Warwickshire's county parks.

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Award-winner is causing a Storm

YOUNG bookworms have picked their Warwickshire secondary school book of the year.

'Quiet Storm' by Kimberly Whittam scooped the award following a vote by year 7 and 8 pupils from secondary schools across the county.

The book is about Storm, a pupil who struggles with shyness and the transition to secondary school as he navigates new and old friendships. The overriding message of the book is that it is okay to be scared, and not to let fears stop you from chasing your dreams.

The annual Warwickshire Secondary Book Award is hosted by Warwickshire Schools Libraries Services with the objective of encouraging more students to enjoy reading for pleasure through school and library settings.

The shortlist of books chosen for students to read this year included Bite Risk by SJ Wills, Bringing Back Kay-Kay by Dev Kothari, I am Wolf by Alastair Chisholm, Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer by Jeffrey Boakye and The Wrong Shoes by Tom Percival, as well as Quiet Storm by Kimberly Whittam.



To participate, pupils were encouraged to read all six books from the shortlist and to vote for their favourite book as the winner, using the criteria that the book must be 'a page-turner that pupils would highly recommend to others'.

WCC's libraries spokes-

person Ayub Khan said: "It is important to support the ongoing personal development of Warwickshire's students, and the Warwickshire Secondary Book Award is a great way to encourage them to discover the many benefits of reading."



Exceptional student - School staff congratulate Harsimran Dhillon on receiving the Mary Dormer Harris Memorial Bursary.

TOP PRIZE: AN EXCEPTIONAL student at Champion School in Leamington has received a Mary Dormer Harris Memorial Bursary.

Harsimran Dhillon, who is in her final year of sixth form, has been presented with the prestigious award which was set up to provide deserving students with financial support as they embark on their journey towards higher education, including university.

Harsimran's teachers describe her as an exceptionally conscientious student, who

demonstrates a proactive approach to her learning.

Looking ahead, Harsimran has set her sights on studying psychology at university in September.

A school spokesperson said: "Harsimran's enthusiasm shines through in her academic pursuits, where she consistently engages in her classes. Furthermore, her positive attitude and supportive nature make her a cherished member of the school community, as she often lifts the spirits of her classmates and encourages them to strive for their best"

GET READY FOR SCHOOL: NATIONAL Offer Day is approaching for parents in Warwickshire who have applied for a primary school place for their child this September.

They will get news of their child's place for either reception or year 2 of junior school on April 16.

And as with the Secondary National Offer Day earlier in March, Warwickshire County Council will automatically accept school places on behalf of each family on this day. This means that parents and carers don't need to take any additional action but wait to hear from their new school.

Johnny Kyriacou, Director of Education at Warwickshire County Council, said: "Starting school for the first time is always a big milestone for every child and their

family, as is moving from an infant to a junior school. We always try to make this process as easy as possible, so parents and carers can log onto our Parent Portal on Wednesday April 16 to see where their child will be going in September.

"As usual, we will automatically accept the place on their behalf and this way, parents and carers have less work to do, and it allows us to focus more of our time on placing children in schools."

On receipt of their school place, only those families who have alternative plans for their child need to contact the admissions team. Details on how to do this will be included in their letter.

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Health chiefs prescribe a six-week course on best use of antibiotics

A DIGITAL campaign to help keep antibiotics working for all and tackle the threat of antibiotic resistance has been launched.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has introduced 'Andi Biotic' who is set to embark on a six-week long mission to answer people's uncertainties about when and how to take antibiotics to help preserve their effectiveness for us today and future generations.

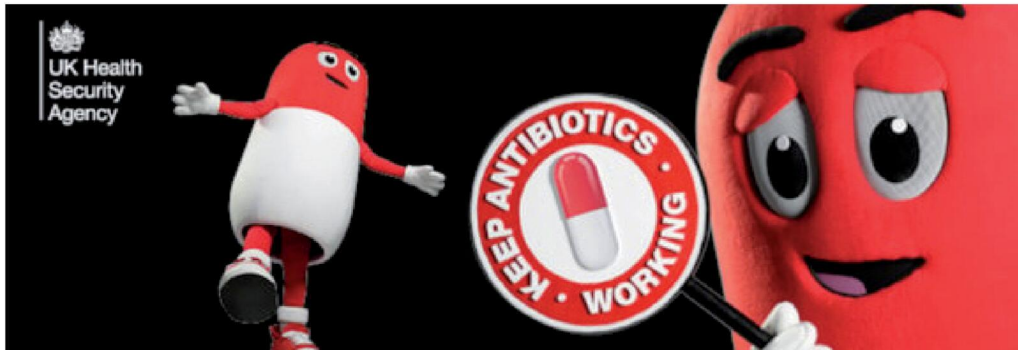
Andi is said to come to the rescue in a variety of scenarios to make sure people are taking antibiotics in the right way, including not taking them for colds and flu, only taking antibiotics when they have been prescribed and not saving antibiotics for future use.

Antibiotic resistance is a major public health threat, and new research by UKHSA highlights that almost half of the UK population are concerned about how the issue affects them personally.

Yet, over half are either unsure if there is anything they can individually do to prevent antibiotics becoming less effective at treating infections or incorrectly believe there's nothing they can personally do.

Dispelling myths

Aiming to bust these misconceptions among young adults aged 18 to 34, the digital campaign will be led by a new comedic mascot character, Andi Biotic.



Andi Biotic will challenge misconceptions about antibiotics and tackle the threat of antimicrobial resistance.

Andi was developed by UKHSA to take the success of the Keep Antibiotics Working Campaign from 2018 to a new generation.

This first stage is a pilot which will test the potential to capture people's attention and imagination through digital channels.

UKHSA regional deputy director – West Midlands, Katie Spence, said: "Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest global health threats that exists."

"Each time antibiotics are not used correctly, it increases the chance that microbes will evolve to resist the medicine designed to kill them, leading to more and more

resistant strains of infections, aka 'super bugs', that become increasingly harder to treat.

"This puts you and your family at risk of more severe or longer illness, and means in the future, antibiotics might not work when you really need them."

"That's why we're asking everyone in the West Midlands to support us in the fight against AMR (antimicrobial resistance), by doing a few very simple things."

The campaign launched on UKHSA's social media channels and will be at participating GP surgeries and pharmacies throughout April and May.

'Future threat to health'

Prof Dame Jenny Harries, Chief Executive of UKHSA, said: "Antibiotic resistance is impacting people every day in this country and is one of the biggest threats to our future health. But we can all help tackle the problem. Everyone, especially young people, has the power to help change this by following simple steps to take antibiotics correctly and only when they have been prescribed by a healthcare professional."

"This isn't just for our own health – it's about helping protect everyone in our communities and future generations."

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria of any kind are less likely to respond to some treatments, which can cause serious complications, including bloodstream infections, sepsis and hospitalisation.

People who get a bacterial infection that is resistant to one or more antibiotics are more likely to die from their infection compared to those who have an antibiotic sensitive infection.

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Joy to be back on the bike

Motorcycle paramedic John Brown has been passionate about motorcycles from an early age.

His father was a bike enthusiast and John was the proud owner of his first bike by the age of 16. "My father loved his bikes! I grew up surrounded by them so I guess it was inevitable that biking would become such a big part of my life" explained John.

John has had a very successful career in the emergency services, starting with the fire service before training to become a motorcycle paramedic. John described that part of his career as a 'dream come true!' "To be riding my bike daily for work and helping people was amazing!" said John.

13 years ago when on duty as a paramedic, John was involved in a serious accident which resulted in him losing his leg. However, this didn't stop him getting back on his bike at the earliest opportunity.

Earlier this year, John started developing symptoms in his hand. "It began with tingling and loss of feeling in my fingers but it got so bad that I couldn't even hold my knife and fork when eating. It also affected my riding as I couldn't turn the throttle.

My bike is my main mode of transport, I use it every day and it was frustrating that it was becoming so difficult" explained John.

A family member recommended John should speak with hand and wrist specialist Mr Shyamalan to seek treatment. John described his experience "We were in the middle of a global

pandemic so I was unsure what was possible.

However, Mr Shyamalan conducted a video consultation and diagnosed carpal tunnel. The following week I had my surgery and within 48 hours I had regained the use and feeling in my hand and the pain had gone.

Mr Shyamalan and his team were great and I was reassured by all the measures in place to keep me safe."

Six weeks after his hand surgery, when the travel restrictions had been lifted, John was able to enjoy a 4000 mile bike tour around Europe.

John is really happy with the results of his treatment and he is busy planning his next biking adventure.

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MORE THAN half a million youngsters across the Midlands have dived into the Wonderful World of water and had a taste of 'Sewer Soup' over the last five years thanks to Severn Trent's education team.

Sewer Soup, Water Street and Hydration Heroes are some of the interactive sessions that Severn Trent's added to the school syllabus for Midlands children.

The company started the sessions in 2020 to give school children an opportunity to make a splash in learning about saving water and when they flush the loo – using fun props, activities and games to inspire the next generation of water users.

Severn Trent's education offering was designed at inspiring a generation of primary school children aged between seven and 11 as experts cited that they're the most receptive to learning and embedding good behaviours for life.

Lessons covered what happens when we

flush and only flushing the three P's, paper, poo and pee - as well as sharing tips like turning the taps off when brushing and taking shorter showers to help save water at home.

Across the whole of the Severn Trent area, the education officers have engaged with a massive 559,777 children.

Maxine Smith, senior education officer at Severn Trent said: "Our free workshops and assemblies are always a huge amount of fun, as well as being very informative and a fantastic way for children to get involved and learn more."

"We would like to say a huge thank to all the schools who have welcomed us in and given us the opportunity to talk more about the work that we do."

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Mission to make our streets safe

RECOVERING stolen cars, targeting dangerous drivers and making the region's roads safer is all in a day's work of the West Midlands Roads Policing Unit (RPU).

In February alone, the unit made 179 arrests, and recovered 650 vehicles – including more than 400 that were uninsured and 135 that were stolen.

The force unveiled a new approach to keeping the roads of the West Midlands safe in October, with extra patrols, the latest technology, and new cars.

Road crime teams (RCT) target serious and organised criminals who use the road network, while road harm prevention teams (RHPT) work to drive down the number of people killed and seriously injured in collisions. A third unit of 24/7 officers work around the clock to bolster the work of their colleagues.

Last month the RCT recovered stolen cars worth £674,000, £64,950 of drugs, and made 28 arrests for offences ranging from drug dealing to arson, burglary, robbery, theft of cars and dangerous driving.



Successes included three stolen vehicles recovered in one night after pursuits, with six people arrested for offences ranging from burglary to drug dealing, a 16-year-old driver arrested after a stolen Ford Focus he was driving was spotted in Tyseley and made off from officers - he was arrested with the help of the police helicopter after fleeing on foot into a park and the discovery of this chop shop following the pursuit of a stolen Range Rover and two arrests.

Inside the chop shop, police said officers found two more stolen vehicles and multiple stolen car parts.

Supt Gareth Mason, head of the RPU, said: "We've had some fantastic successes since October's launch. Our officers are absolutely dedicated to making the roads safer, and removing criminals from behind the wheels of cars where they can cause real damage."

"We know that too many people are still being killed and seriously injured on our roads, and our Road Harm officers are committed to educating and taking action against drivers who put themselves and others at risk with their driving."

Inside the chop shop.

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West Midlands Safari Park is excited to announce the return of 'Easter Eggstravaganza' with a variety of fun-fuelled family activities and a new character.

Running from 12 to 27 April 2025, guests will be invited to take part in the celebrations, which include an interactive trail, competitions, a new show and a chance to get creative with some Easter arts and crafts.

This year, a brand-new character has 'hatched' called Chirpy Chick, who will be roaming the Safari Walk areas of the Park, meeting guests and taking pictures with them.

Also new for 2025 is 'Bramble Bunny's Hoppy Easter Show', a live, interactive performance bursting with fun, games, magic and dancing.

Children will be able to win chocolate or a sweet treat by taking part in the Eggsplorers' Trail, by following clues and answering questions at each point.

There is a photo competition, where guests can win a VIP Rhino Feed Experience if they find the missing egg and take a picture with it to post on the Park's Facebook page.

In the Discovery Trail, guests will find a huge egg, filled with smaller colourful eggs. If they can guess how many eggs it

contains, they can enter the competition to win a Safari Lodges stay of their choice.

There is also the chance to see the Park's newest arrivals, the three Sumatran tiger cubs, at the new viewing 'peepholes' of their outdoor den.



For your chance to win a WMSP Family Ticket so you and your family can Hop into Easter Fun at West Midlands Safari Park, just answer the following question:

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Prime Minister hails importance of local news at media reception

PRIME Minister Sir Keir Starmer paid tribute to local and regional media at a special reception at 10 Downing Street last Monday.

Around 100 journalists from across the UK attended the event, including Tristan Harris, the head of editorial at Bullivant Media Group Ltd and the editor of the Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Redditch Standards and the new Kidderminster Standard.

After a welcome, Sir Keir spoke

about the journalists he had met whilst on the campaign trail across the country.

"There's a sort of mixed feeling because I've always felt that - and I say this to Cabinet members - you may think answering questions in Parliament is the most difficult thing you're going to have to do, just wait until you get in front of regional media because somehow you always ask us the question that we've been secretly hoping was the one that wouldn't get asked.

"But there is a really serious

point that underpins this because nobody knows your local areas and issues in the way that you do and I don't think there's any other sort of media outlets, interrogators, interviewers who can put the questions in the way that you do because you understand what's happening on your patch the way nobody else does.

"And in a sense, I think because you're able to translate it into what matters where you are, it makes it more meaningful."

He added it was important for politicians to understand what mattered to local communities.

"There's no one more committed to shining the torch on those issues."

He also praised the local media for running campaigns on issues, such as knife crime, which, he said, had always been an important part of the job.

Sir Keir also said of local media: "It's such a force for good, and I think respected by millions and I strongly feel people go to their local regional media as a trusted source in a way that they don't quite believe they can get to a trusted source elsewhere."

He added he and his colleagues always tried to reserve space for local and regional media when out and about.

He said the reach of local regional media going up was 'a good news story' but added he understood

the pressure and the challenges coming up at the same time was huge.

"Keep advocating for your regions, because, obviously here in Downing Street is where we have a laser focus of communities that you're advocating for delivering on their priorities, and you must hold us to account for that."

He thanked the local media for all it did and added: "Thank you for all of the work that you do holding us to account."

"But as uncomfortable though it is it is really important and it's really important we're open about that because particularly at the moment, we have to remind ourselves what living in democracy really is, where politicians can't just say things and get away with it.

"They've got to say things, and then they've got to face questions of what they've said and particularly when it's put in the context of local communities, local areas and local regions."

Tristan said: "It was heartening to hear from the Prime Minister about the value he places on local media



and papers and websites like ours. "And it was great to get the recognition for what we do - my team works extremely hard and these are tough times for our industry - but it is in everyone's interests to have a strong local press which supports and champions its local communities whilst also holding those in power to account."

ABOVE - Standard editor Tristan Harris at 10 Downing Street. s

LEFT - Sir Keir Starmer addressed around 100 local and regional journalists. s



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THE BLINDING BEST: How one Coventry business is raising the bar (and the blinds!)

In a world of quick fixes and throwaway trends, it's refreshing to find a company where craftsmanship, care and community still matter.

Step into the world of Brixham Blinds, and you'll soon see it's not just about dressing windows – it's about transforming homes. Based in the heart of Coventry and proudly serving the West Midlands, Brixham Blinds is a shining example of what happens when passion meets precision. With a service as

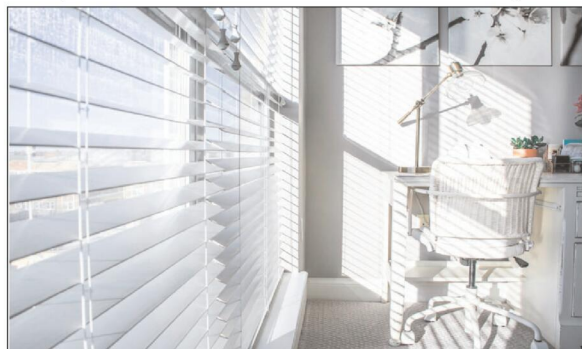
seamless as their sleek roller blinds, owner Zak Manger has spent the past ten years building something truly special: a local business that combines top-tier products with good old-fashioned service. "At Brixham Blinds, we pride ourselves on being more than just a supplier," Zak says. "We provide a made-to-measure service, tailored exactly to each customer's needs, no matter the size, style or shape of their space." And it shows. With 100% five-star reviews and an ever-growing number of loyal customers, Zak and his team have become the go-to for

both homeowners and tradespeople across the region. Whether you're styling a single window or outfitting a whole development, Brixham Blinds offers free consultations, expert advice, and solutions for every question you can think of. From minimalist vertical blinds for a contemporary living room to dramatic Roman blinds that give your kitchen a five-star feel, there's truly something for everyone. Their extensive collection includes roller, venetian, pleated, woodweave, blackout blinds and classic shutters – each one carefully crafted using high-quality materials, and all compliant with the latest child safety regulations. And if you're in the trade? You're in good hands too. "We work closely with builders, interior designers, and property developers to deliver bespoke blinds at competitive trade prices," Zak explains. "Everything is made to measure, and everything is backed by our five-year guarantee." Speed, too, is part of the Brixham promise. "We know timing is everything," Zak smiles. "That's why we offer a seven-day fitting promise and aim to get your blinds measured within 48 hours of consultation." It's that kind of commitment that keeps the rave

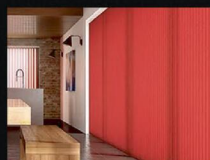


reviews rolling in: "Absolutely delighted with all of my blinds. Professional, lovely to deal with and the quality is superb." "They look fantastic. Lovely staff and very quick turnaround. Highly recommended." "Excellent service from start to finish. My blinds were fitted within a week of ordering them." And let's not forget the fitting. Brixham Blinds offers a no-obligation measuring service, a seven-day fitting promise, and a generous five-year guarantee. That's not just service - it's peace of mind. As someone who's wrestled with wonky DIY blinds in the past (hello, lopsided Ikea disaster), I can't tell you what a relief it is to meet

someone who gets it right the first time. Zak and his team don't just fit blinds - they make your house feel like a happy and well functioning home. Whether you're chasing that dreamy, show-home look or just want a better night's sleep in total blackout bliss, Brixham Blinds is ready to help you reimagine your space – beautifully, affordably, and reliably. With Zak at the helm, it's clear this Coventry gem isn't just good... They're the blinding best. Ready to find your perfect fit? Browse their collection online or book a free, no-obligation quote. The blind of your dreams is just a consultation away.



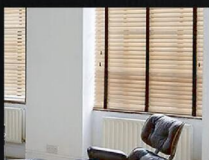
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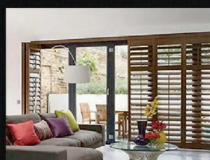
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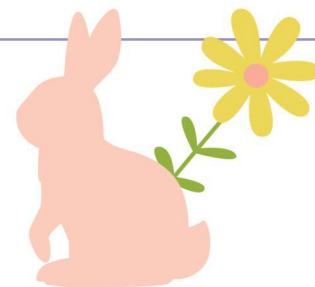
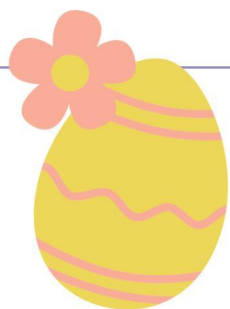
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This Easter, Touchwood is hosting a variety of eggstra special events for the whole family to enjoy! From enchanting experiences to workshop wonders and competitive crescendos, there is something for everyone this April at Touchwood.

Saturday 12th until Sunday 27th April

Your little ones are invited to meet Snow White and her woodland friends as they step into a fairytale adventure at Snow White's Easter Kindness Cottage. This enchanting experience will have the kids crafting their own friendship bracelets and learning all about the joy in giving and sharing as they nestle into the charming woodland surroundings before embarking on the Kindness Trail.

The Blossom Tree Art Display will also be there for young creators to showcase their arts and crafts as they add colourful masterpieces to this growing symbol of kindness.

Wednesday 23rd April

The popular Touchwood Knight School Workshops make a triumphant return for the Easter break! Perfect for any aspiring noble, in this workshop any aspiring young hero will learn all about the skills of chivalry, swordplay and of course, bravery. Promising unforgettable fun for the whole family, make sure you don't miss out this Easter!



Saturday 10th May

Touchwood welcomes Bluey for a meet and greet with her biggest fans! Take selfies with the loveable pup as she has an adventure around the mall in true Bluey style.



And the fun doesn't stop there...

For those looking for a day out with a healthy competitive edge this Easter, head over to Spinners where you can challenge the family to a whole host of eggciting games and delicious dining! From crazy golf and electric darts, to bowling, clay shooting and shuffleboard, we're certain that a day spent at Spinners will leave you very hoppy!



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Feature

Is your dog a hay fever sufferer?

HAY FEVER season has arrived - and dog owners are being advised their pets can suffer from the condition too.

Pooch and Mutt's - poochandmutt.co.uk - in-house Veterinary Surgeon, Dr Linda Simon, has shared vital advice on spotting the signs dogs might be suffering and they can be relieved of their symptoms.

She said: "Dog pollen allergies come about in the same way we develop allergies - by coming into contact with pollen granules released by plants. It can start at any age but typically develops in early life.

"Whilst we may suffer from a runny nose, watery eyes or a fit of sneezing, hay fever in dogs is different.

"Here are vital signs to look out for to ensure your pup is not in any discomfort and can live their best life through to the late Summer months."

Here are some of the symptoms dogs may exhibit if they are affected by hay fever.

All-Over-Scratching - This includes pups itching, rubbing or nibbling their paws, eyes, ears, mouth and other areas of their body, especially after a grassy walk - this could indicate an allergic reaction to pollen.

Red, sore or flaky skin - A pollen allergy can leave dogs with red skin rashes.

Their skin might also look sore, especially in areas regularly touching the ground. There could also be redness around their eyes, ears, mouth and muzzle, armpits and tummy.

Their skin can also look flaky from excessive rubbing or licking. They can also lose patches of fur. Frequent scratching can cause a build-up of bacteria and yeast and lead to skin, ear and eye infections, so watch dogs closely throughout the summer.

Runny eyes and nose - Dogs can sometimes suffer a watery discharge - owners noticing any persistent discharge or discharge with a cloudy, yellow or green appearance should visit their vet - it could be something more severe like a blockage or infection.

Frequent sneezing, coughing or wheezing - Hay fever symptoms can involve the respiratory system with coughing or sneezing. However, frequent sneezing is more likely to be a different irritation like dust or something stuck in their nose or throat.

Owners whose dogs are experiencing any breathing problems should always contact their vet immediately.



Dog hay fever remedies and relief

Dr Simon said: "The best way to naturally relieve hay fever symptoms in your pooch is to limit their exposure to pollen.

"This may be difficult if you live in the countryside, but here are a few things you can try to help manage the symptoms."

Go for a walk early in the morning - The pollen count is much lower early in the morning and late at night once the temperature drops. Keep dogs on a led in grassy areas to stop them rolling around and covering themselves in pollen. Avoid areas with lots of weed and grassy areas.

Pollen exposure - Exposing puppies to a range of pollen - grass, trees and plants - when they are young can help build immunity to developing hay fever symptoms.

Mow lawns - Regular cutting of grass will keep it short and prevent grass seed injuries where seeds attach themselves to a dog's fur and can burrow into the skin. Also reduce a dog's time spent in the garden.

Shut doors and windows - During hay fever season, keep windows and doors in your home shut whenever possible to minimise the

amount of pollen getting in.

Wash and groom more - After a walk, owners should wipe their dog to remove any pollen from their paws, fur or face. Regular brushing and hosing down will also help remove pollen from their skin. Owners should regularly wash their dog's bedding and vacuum the areas they frequent the most. Keeping this clean and any areas in the house they spend a lot of time in will help reduce allergens in the house.

Consider allergy testing

Owners whose dogs are really suffering can get them allergy-tested. This sees vets examine dogs to determine the root cause of skin irritation, infections and discomfort. They may also recommend testing for specific allergens. Depending on the outcome, they may suggest immunotherapy - a treatment where dogs are administered with small doses of the allergen on a regular basis to reduce the symptoms of allergies, which can even potentially result in a permanent cure.

Vets can recommend various treatments from topical shampoos, skin creams and sprays, ear and eye drops or even steroids in severe cases.

There are plenty of things owners can do to provide hay fever relief for their pets. s

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PATHFINDER

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

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ACROSS

- Quote (4)
- Crusade (8)
- Harmful (7)
- Morning reception (5)
- Ingrained habit (6,6)
- Foreign (6)
- Anew (6)
- Irrational belief (12)
- Distort (5)
- Raise (7)
- Maim (8)
- Exceedingly (4)

DOWN

- Box (8)
- Poisonous (5)
- Agree (6)
- Lowest RAF commission (5-7)
- Upside down (7)
- Requirement (4)
- Agreeing by chance (12)
- Stormy (8)
- Eye-specialist (7)
- Declare (6)
- Angry (5)
- Separate particular (4)

Scribble pad

LADDER

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.

- Terrible
- Goad
- Time period
- Moderate
- Chew



NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

- 6347 gives a bird;
- 9728 gives a second bird;
- 651172 gives a third bird.

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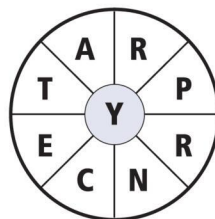
CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

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WORDWHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

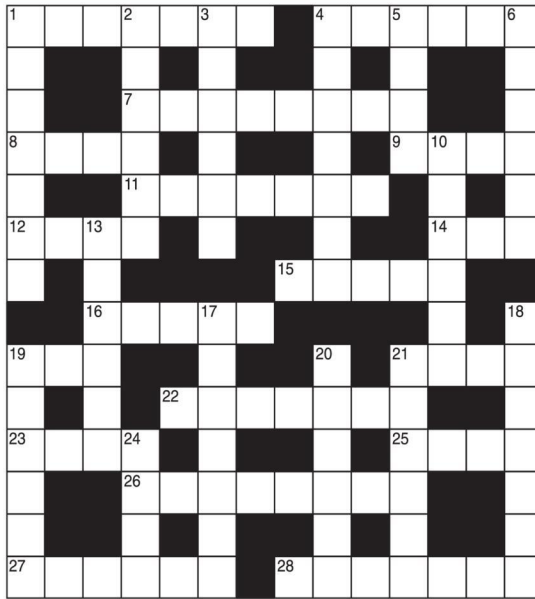


How you rate
 15 words: average
 20 words: good
 25 words: very good
 30 or more: excellent.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 JRR ---, philologist and novelist whose works include *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* (7)
- 4, 19 & 8 Across Howard Spring novel published in 1940 (4,2,3,4)
- 7 Fee paid to a barrister, etc., for a right to their services if required (8)
- 8 See 4 Across
- 9 & 20 Down Author of the *Famous Five* and *Secret Seven* series (4,6)
- 11 Of Spain and Portugal as one country (7)
- 12 & 16 Across Constellation also known as the Great Bear (4,5)
- 14, 19 & 5 Down British statesman who refused to take the oath of supremacy to Henry VIII as head of the Church and was executed for high treason in 1535 (3,6,4)
- 15 Surname of the second president of the US (5)
- 16 See 12 Across
- 19 See 4 Across
- 21 In the Bible, the twin brother of Jacob (4)
- 22 Angela ---, Irish television presenter (7)
- 23 Inland departement in Normandy, noted for the powerful Percheron horses bred there (4)
- 25 King of the Greek gods (4)
- 26 An ornamental textile fabric made by passing coloured threads among fixed warp threads (8)
- 27 Short lyrical poem (6)
- 28 Short, devotional exercise in honour of the Incarnation, repeated three times daily (7)



DOWN

- 1 The duke of Athens in A Midsummer-Night's Dream (7)
- 2 Hardy shrub, with bright yellow flowers in spring (6)
- 3 Dish served at dinner between the chief courses, or as a substitute (6)
- 4 Republic in north-eastern Europe whose capital is Helsinki (7)
- 5 See 14 Across
- 6 In snooker, a rest with long legs, used to raise the cue above a ball (6)
- 10 In Greek mythology, a centaur who carried travellers across the Evenus for a small fee (6)
- 13 In Acts 13, a Christian teacher at Antioch 'called Niger' (6)
- 17 The back of the head or skull (7)
- 18 Edible bivalve molluscs found in clusters attached to rocks (7)
- 19 See 14 Across
- 20 See 9 Across
- 21 Any one of a large class of protein substances produced by living cells, which act as catalysts in chemical changes (6)
- 24 Town opposite Windsor, with an old public school (4)

SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Tolkien; 4 Fame Is; 7 Retainer; 8 Spur; 9 Enid; 11 Iberian; 12 Ursa; 14 Sir; 15 Adams; 16 Major; 19 The; 21 Esau; 22 Scanton; 23 Orme; 25 Zeus; 26 Tapestry; 27 Sonnet; 28 Angelus. DOWN: 1 Thesus; 2 Kerria; 3 Entree; 4 Finland; 5 More; 6 Spider; 10 Nessus; 13 Simeon; 17 Occiput; 18 Mussels; 19 Thomas; 20 Byron; 21 Enzyme; 24 Eton.

General Knowledge Crossword

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Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Cite; 3 Campaign; 9 Noxious; 10 Leave; 11 Second nature; 13 Exotic; 15 Aftersh; 17 Suppression; 20 Twist; 21 Elevator; 22 Mutilate; 23 Very. DOWN: 1 Canister; 2 Toxic; 4 Assent; 5 Pilot-officer; 6 Inverse; 7 Need; 8 Coincidental; 12 Thunder; 14 Occultist; 16 Assent; 18 Trape; 19 Item.

Wordwheel Pathfinder

Wordwheel Pathfinder: Lipstick, powder, tissues, cotton buds, bushel, eyeshadow, kohl, primer, mascara, lip liner, concealer, eye liner, foundation, rouge, bronzer, eyelash curler, false eyelashes, eyebrow pencil, lip gloss, cream, eyelash glue. PROVIDENT: nail polish, brushes, emery board, cleanser, tweezers, contour. Niner: bronzer, eyelash curler, false eyelashes, eyebrow pencil, lip gloss, primer, mascara, lip liner, concealer, eye liner, foundation, rouge, lipstick, powder, tissues, cotton buds, bushel, eyeshadow, kohl.

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WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL (Off Street Parking Places) ORDER 2025 NOTICE OF MAKING



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), the Traffic Management Act 2004 (as amended) and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489) and all other enabling powers has made the Warwick District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2025 on 2 April 2025. The 2025 Order revokes and replaces the Warwick District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2020 (as amended) and comes into operation on 00:01 hours on 15 April 2025.

The effect of the Order is to revoke the Warwick District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2020 and Notices of Variation and will make the following changes to the conditions, use, charges and periods of parking at Council Off-Street Car Parks:

1. Increase the fees and charges to all Warwick District Council (WDC) Car Parks, with a reduction in charges at Hampton Road Car Park.

Royal Leamington Spa			Warwick		
Location of off-street parking place	Existing charges Monday-Sunday	Varied Charges Monday-Sunday	Location of off-street parking place	Existing charges Monday-Sunday	Varied Charges Monday-Sunday
Chandos Street Surface car park, Bedford Street Surface car park, Covent Garden Surface car park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.10 – 4 hours £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.20 – 4 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	New Street Surface car park and West Gate surface car park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.10 – 4 hours £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.20 – 4 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)
Adelaide Bridge Surface car park and Rosefield Surface car park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.10 – 4 hours £8.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.20 – 4 hours £8.00 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	Castle Lane Surface car park and The Butts (in front of Church Wall) car parks	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.10 – 4 hours £8.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.20 – 4 hours £8.00 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)
St Peters Multi Storey car park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.70 – 4 hours £8.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.80 – 4 hours £8.00 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	Myton Fields Picnic area car park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.10 – 4 hours £8.00 – Day rate	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.20 – 4 hours £8.00 – Day rate (no change)
Bath Place, Packington Place and Court Street car park	£1.00 – hour £2.00 – 2 hours £3.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.10 – 1 hour £2.20 – 2 hours £3.30 – 11 hours £4.50 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	St Nicholas Park Car Park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.10 – 4 hours £8.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am) Up 2 hours free (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.20 – 4 hours £8.00 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am) Up 2 hours free (6pm to 8am)
Station Approach (Surface & Roadway)	£1.00 – hour £2.00 – 2 hours £3.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.10 – 1 hour £2.20 – 2 hours £3.30 – 11 hours £4.50 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	Hampton Road car park	£1.00 – 1 hour £2.00 – 2 hours £3.00 – 24 hours £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am) Charges for Coach/Motorhome (where there are designated spaces) £10.00 Day rate (8am – 6pm)	Free – 0 to 2 hours £2.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am) Charges for Coach/Motorhome (where there are designated spaces) £11.00 Day rate (8am – 6pm)
Kenilworth			Vittle Drive car park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £4.50 – 4 hours £5.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £4.60 – 4 hours £5.00 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)
Abbey Fields car park	Free – 0 to 2 hours £3.10 – 3 hours £4.00 – 4 hours £7.30 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	Free – 0 to 2 hours £3.20 – 3 hours £4.10 – 4 hours £7.30 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	Bread and Meat Close car park	Free – 0 to 2 hours £2.60 – 2 to 3 hours £3.90 – 3 to 4 hours £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	Free – 0 to 2 hours £2.70 – 2 to 3 hours £4.00 – 3 to 4 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)
Abbey End car park	£1.30 – 1 hour £2.20 – 2 hours £3.10 – 3 hours £4.00 – 4 hours £7.30 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.30 – 2 hours £3.20 – 3 hours £4.10 – 4 hours £7.30 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	Priory Road surface car park and West Rock surface car park	£1.40 – 1 hour £2.60 – 2 hours £3.90 – 3 hours £5.10 – 4 hours £8.00 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.50 – 1 hour £2.70 – 2 hours £4.00 – 3 hours £5.20 – 4 hours £8.00 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)
Square West car park	£1.30 – 1 hour £2.20 – 2 hours £3.10 – 3 hours £4.00 – 4 hours £7.30 – Day rate £2.20 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)	£1.30 – 1 hour (no change) £2.20 – 2 hours (no change) £3.10 – 3 hours (no change) £4.00 – 4 hours (no change) £7.30 – 10 hours £12.00 – 24 hours £2.30 – Overnight fee (6pm to 8am)			

Season Tickets

Car Parks	Current Annual Charge	Current Monthly Charge	New Annual Charge	New Monthly Charge
LONG STAY				
Adelaide Bridge, Rosefield Street, Court Street, Packington Place, Bath Place, West Rock, St Nicholas Park, Hampton Road, Vittle Drive, Myton Fields, Abbey End and Square West	£1030	£106	£1133	£117
Leamington Spa				
St Peters Multi Storey	£792	£92	£871	£101
Adelaide Bridge, Rosefield Street car park	£647	£92	£712	£101
Leamington Spa Old Town				
Packington Place, Court Street, Bath Place Station Approach and Station Approach Lower Road car parks	£627	£92	£689.70	£101
Warwick				
St Nicholas Park, Myton Fields (weather permitting), West Rock, Vittle Drive, Priory Road	£647	£92	£712	£101
Hampton Road	£139	£20	£153	£22
Kenilworth				
Square West, Abbey End, Abbey Fields	£574	£84	£631	£92

Car Park	Current Annual Charge	New Annual Charge
Resident 12-month permit - Abbey Fields	£40	£44
Overnight Permits All WDC pay and display car parks (Except Myton Fields)	£64	£64
Car Park (School Term Time Only Parent Drop Off) Bedford St car park (St Peters School Parking) and St Nicholas Park car park (Coten End School Parking)	£50	£55

- Introduce a new tariff for 24 hours' parking in all relevant long stay car parks and to reduce the current 'All Day' tariff to stay up to 10 hours in all long stay car parks except Old Town Car Parks in Leamington Spa, where the 'All Day' tariff will allow a stay of up to 11 hours (Bath Place, Court Street, Packington Place, Station Approach and Station Approach Lower Road Car Parks).
- Introduce new and revised terms of use surrounding the use of Electric Vehicle Charging Bays and Charge Points.
- Include reference to 'electronic Season Tickets' in its T&Cs Part III Season Tickets.
- Increase Special Event charges to £10 across all WDC Car Parks, to align with current standard budget increases.
- Increase the fees to secure the release of vehicles from Multi Storey Car Parks (MSCP) to £69, to align with current standard budget increases.
- Increase the charge for skips and scaffolding to be placed on car parks to £69 per day and £265 per week, to align with current standard budget increases.
- Increase the admin charge in connection with lost or damaged Season Tickets, Overnight Permits, Resident's Overnight Permits, Royal Spa Permits and Electric Vehicle Permits to £8, to align with current standard budget increases.
- Formally designate St Peter's MSCP as a Pay and Display (pay by phone) Car Park.
- Separate the Car Park currently designated as 'Station Approach (Surface and Roadway)' which includes both the Surface Car Park and the Roadway Parking, into two distinct parking areas with a Lower Road addition to the name of one.
- Allow Season Tickets provision at the Station Approach Car Park and Station Approach Lower Road Car Park in line with Old Town charges.
- Rename the Car Park known as Newbold Comyn Car Parks (Leisure centre, Football Pitch and off Wills Road) Leamington Spa to Newbold Comyn Car Parks (Leisure Centre, off Newbold Terrace East and Football Pitches) Leamington Spa.
- Introduce enforcement powers in relation to the existing parking restriction areas within the Housing Westbrook House residential complex off the adopted highway.
- Remove the Riverside House, Upper Grove Street and Royal Priors Multi-Storey car parks in Leamington Spa and the Barrack Street Multi-Storey car park in Warwick from the Parking Order.
- Introduce parking restrictions and enforcement into the Parking Order for:
 - the Leamington Spa Town Hall front service lane and adjoining pedestrian area (fronting the building);
 - the Radford Road Car Park (a free of charges car park).
- Include West Street Car Park (a free of charges Car Park) and Oakley Grove School Car Park, Oakley Wood Rd, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington (Long Stay) in the Parking Order.
- Clarify the terms for 0 to 2 hours' free parking at Bread and Meat Close and Abbey Fields Car Parks (Available between 06:00 and 22:00 Monday to Sunday inclusive and only if the correct vehicle registration number is entered into the ticket machine, with no return for additional free parking within 12 hours).
- Introduce 0 to 2 hours free parking and reduce the 24 hours parking charge in Hampton Road (Surface) Car Park. The same terms to obtain free parking as to the Bread and Meat Close and Abbey Fields car parks will apply.
- Clarify the New Street (Surface) Car Park and West Gate (Surface) Car Park short stay maximum stay duration as being 4 hours.
- Remove enforcement obligations for Humphries Street and Weston Close Housing parking areas.
- Clarify the permitted parking schedule for vehicles using Cocksparrow Street Housing Area car park does not include WCC on-street parking permits in addition to the existing Council tenant permit holders.
- Define the area of the Parking Place Myton Fields Picnic Area, (Long Stay) (Weather Permitting) that is operational between 1st April and 1st November each year, weather permitting and the overflow field reserved for authorised vehicles only for events and for recognised angling groups with Green Spaces permission during the fishing season with a valid licence and permit.
- Introduce Special Event Charging at Abbey Fields Car Park.
- Introduce a car park layout and capacities at Castle Farm Leisure Centre following its redevelopment.
- Amend the eligible properties list for Abbey Fields resident permits.
- Introduce to the Parking Order, a 2-hour maximum free parking stay and no return in 4 hours at Oakley Woods Crematorium, Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington Spa (Short Stay).

A copy of the 2025 Order, relevant plans and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be inspected free of charge at the Council's principal office at the Royal Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 4AA between the hours of 09:30 and 16:30 Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays and public holidays). The documents may also be viewed on the Council's website at https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/downloads/download/1893/off-street_parking_places_order_2025

Any person wishing to challenge the validity of the 2025 Order or any provisions contained in it on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any instrument made under it, has not been complied with, may within six weeks from the date on which the Order is made, apply to the High Court.

Darren Knight, Deputy Chief Executive

2 April 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

C28 NEWNHAM LANE, BRINKLOW
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from Bretford Road to the Fosse Way.
Reason for Order: Drainage works.
Order Commences: 14 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 17 April 2025.
Access & Diversion: Bretford Road, Kings Newnham Lane, Fosse Way and vice versa.
Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

CAWSTON LANE, DUNCHURCH
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Tanker parking during works on Cawston Lane pumping station.
Order Commences: 14 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 20 April 2025.
Access & Diversion: Coventry Road, Alwyn Road, Northampton Lane and vice versa.
Contractor: Chevron Traffic Management Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

HAREBELL WAY, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to repair sluice valve and rebuild chamber.
Order Commences: 16 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 18 April 2025.
Access & Diversion: No diversion available.
Contractor: Chevron Traffic Management Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH R144 RYTON ON DUNSMORE
Order Effect: Footpath closed to ALL traffic between Grid References E440462, N275356 and E439949, N274986.
Reason for Order: Because works are being carried out on or near to the footpath
Order Commences: 21 October 2022 and was due to expire on 20 April 2025. However, the Secretary of State in exercise of his powers under S.15(5) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 has directed that the order shall continue in force until 20 April 2027, or until the works to which it relates are completed, whichever is the earlier (unless the Secretary of State issues a further direction.
Access & Diversion: please use an alternative public route
Contractor: Smiths Concrete Ltd, Tel: 07929 362 801.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

AVONDALE ROAD, BRANDON
Order Effect: Road Closed to vehicular traffic from a point outside property number 20. In addition, the One-way traffic flow will be temporarily suspended.
Reason for Order: To repair/replace defective manhole frame & covers, 09.30hrs-15.30hrs.
Order Commences: 2 May 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 2 May 2025.
Access & Diversion: Rugby Road, Main Street, School Street, Fosse Way, Brandon Road, Bretford Road.
Contractor: Customer Solutions Plus, Tel: 07918 298 599.

BARR LANE, BRINKLOW
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic between 1 Barr Lane & Revel Pharmacy.
Reason for Order: To safely enable installation of gas works. Road closed weekends only.
Order Commences: 26 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 4 May 2025.
Access & Diversion: No diversion available. Access/Egress to be maintained to businesses and residents only where safe and possible to do so.
Contractor: Headway TM, Tel: 01214 744 344.

CHURCH ROAD, GRANDBOROUGH
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: For works to lay a new domestic gas service.
Order Commences: 28 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 1 May 2025.
Access & Diversion: Church Road, Sawbridge Road, Main Street and vice versa.
Contractor: Headway TM, Tel: 01214 744 344.

TOWER ROAD, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable installation of a boundary box and meter.
Order Commences: 28 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 29 April 2025.
Access & Diversion: Naseby Road, Tower Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Chevron TM Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance,
Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 11 April 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

NAPTON HOLT ROAD, NAPTON ON THE HILL
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable works to install boundary box and water meter.
Order Commences: 30 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 1 May 2025.
Access & Diversion: Napton Holt Road, Thorntons Lane, Chapel Green Road, New Street, Dog Lane, Priors Marston Road, Shuckburgh Road, The Holloway, Southam Road, Welsh Road, Welsh Road East, Holt Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Chevron TM Ltd, Tel: 03300 080 820.

PARK LANE, SOUTHAM
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to lay new gas service from mains located nearside footway.
Order Commences: 28 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 30 March 2025.
Access & Diversion: Park Lane, Market Hill, High Street, Coventry Street, Welsh Road West, Welsh Road, St James Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Headway TM, Tel: 01214 744 344.

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S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance,
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Environment Agency
Water Resources Act 1991
(as amended by the Water Act 2003)
Notice of application for a transfer licence to abstract (take) water

J.N. Bentley Limited has applied to the Environment Agency for a licence.
The Environment Agency is giving notice of this application, in accordance with Section 37 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and Regulation 6 of the Water Resources (Abstraction and Impounding) Regulations 2006.
The application is for a licence to abstract water from alluvium and river terrace deposits from points at Longbridge Sewage Treatment Works at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP 27336 62935 to transfer it to Fisher's Brook at NGR SP 27700 63003 without intervening use.
The application is to abstract water as follows:
• 117 cubic metres an hour • 2,800 cubic metres a day • 1,022,000 cubic metres a year.
Abstraction will take place over a 3 year period until April 2028, for the purpose of construction dewatering. All water abstracted will be returned to the Brook.
Please contact us via email or use the number below to arrange to see the application documents.
Send any representations about this application in writing, quoting the name of the applicant and Reference Number **NPS/WR/043865** to the Environment Agency, at the Permitting and Support Centre, Water Resources Team, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield, S9 4WF or by email to PSC-WaterResources@environment-agency.gov.uk by 8th May 2025.
For advice about how to make a representation call 03708 506 506.

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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:

C64 HIGHFIELD LANE, CORLEY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from Rock Lane to Smorrall Lane.
Reason for Order: Footway reconstruction and associated works, 09.30hrs-15.30hrs, weekdays excluding bank holidays.
Order Commences: 14 April 2025 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 22 April 2025.
Access & Diversion: Smorrall Lane, Hospital Lane, Royal Oak Lane, New Road, Exhall Road, Bennetts Road North and vice versa.
Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

For all of the above temporary orders, pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

To report any problems with these works or for further details of our current & planned roadworks visit our website warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap or call us 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance,
Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 11 Apr 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

Rugby Borough Council
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Application Number R25/0318
27, BROCKHURST LANE, MONKS KIRBY, RUGBY, CV23 0RA
Proposed alteration of existing annex into existing workshop.
This development may affect a Conservation Area

Application Number R25/0328
LAND ADJACENT TO SPRINGWELL HOUSE, MANOR LANE, CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE, RUGBY, CV23 0BS
Variation of condition 2 of R19/0052 to amend elevations and include sustainable energy measures.
This development may affect a Conservation Area

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and documents submitted with it online at: www.planningportal.rugby.gov.uk or in an electronic form at: Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby CV21 2RR between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday until **04 May 2025**. Please note a planning officer would not be present.
If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the application, please contact the case officer.
Any person who wishes to make representation to the above mentioned Council about the applications should make them online - www.planningportal.rugby.co.uk (search for application number and select comment) - or in writing by that date to The Chief Officer Growth and Investment, Town Hall, Rugby, CV21 2RR.
If an application is determined by the Planning Committee, members of the public may have the opportunity to speak at the meeting. More details about public speaking are available from the Council or on-line at www.rugby.gov.uk/speakingatplanning
For household or minor commercial applications, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Nicola Smith
Chief Officer - Growth and Investment MRTPI

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LICENSING ACT 2003 - Public Notice
EMINE FEZAL YURDAKUL is applying for the new grant of a Premises License for Turkish Kitchen - 72-72a Warwick Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 1JH. The premise is a restaurant. We would like to serve alcohol ancillary to food orders.
If granted the application will allow the following licensable activities to take place: sale of alcohol on the premises and sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises
Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Authority: Warwick District Council
Town Hall, Parade
Royal Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV32 4AT
licensing@warwickdc.gov.uk
Representations may only be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this Notice.
A copy of the application for the grant of the above licence is kept by the Licensing Authority at the above address. The application can be viewed Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, and 9.00 am to 4.30 pm on Fridays, except Bank Holidays.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the Standard Scale. 05 April 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003
Notice is hereby given that V&J Retail Limited has applied to Coventry City Council for a NEW PREMISES LICENCE for 90 Far Gosford Street, Coventry, CV1 5EA
Details of Application: To provide Sale/supply of Alcohol (OFF SALES) Monday 00:00-23:59, Tuesday 00:00-23:59, Wednesday 00:00-23:59, Thursday 00:00-23:59, Friday 00:00-23:59, Saturday 00:00-23:59, Sunday 00:00-23:59
Any person wishing to lodge a representation concerning this application may write to: Licensing Authority, The Council House, Earl Street Coventry CV1 5RR
Or send an email to: licensing@coventry.gov.uk.
The application may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address and further information may be available at www.coventry.gov.uk on the public register.
Any Representation relating to this application must be made in writing to the Licensing Authority by 21/04/2025
Please note it is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction for this offence is Unlimited.

PATRICIA ALDRIDGE (Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 264 Sewall Highway, Wyken, Coventry, CV2 3NX, who died on 04/02/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 12/06/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
Alsters Kelley Solicitors Limited,
1 Manor Terrace, Friars Road, Coventry CV1 2NU (Ref: TG/ALD36/2)

SHAMISHER SINGH MANN (Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 28 Granville Street Leamington Spa, CV32 5XN, who died on 20/07/2023, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 12/06/2025, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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Kenilworth teen makes history

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RUGBY UNION: A TEENAGER from Kenilworth, who attends Princethorpe College, made history on the international stage.

Henry Fox, who plays for Old Leamingtonians RFC, captained Jamaica's newly-formed under-16 team in their first-ever match.

The 16-year-old has also played for Gloucester Rugby's academy this season.

Fox captained Jamaica in a game against the Elite Rugby Academy from North London. Jamaica will play another



friendly against Coventry Rugby's under-16 academy at Ealing Trailfinders this weekend (Saturday, April 12).

Jamaica Rugby Football Union hold ambitions to become a tier one nation in the sport.

The creation of an under-16 team forms part of a five-year pathway led by coach Nash Cohen.

Jamaica hope the pathway will enable the country to qualify for the 2029 under-20 World Cup.

The programme includes international training camps and fixtures against elite under-18 academy teams from England, France and South Africa.

Jamaica also hope to create university and club scholarship pathways in the United Kingdom, United States and southern hemisphere.

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Bears draw opener with Sussex as Westwood 'takes positives'

CRICKET: ROB Yates impressed with bat and ball as Warwickshire CCC began the County Championship season with a draw against Sussex.

Yates scored 180 runs with the bat across both innings and also took three wickets and a catch at Edgbaston.

Warwickshire took 14 points from the Division One fixture with Sussex claiming one more point than the Bears.

Warwickshire first team coach, Ian Westwood said: "There's lots of positives to take from it and some great individual performances.

"We've got five homegrown academy graduates in the team which is important for the club.

"We've got some talented guys coming through who are all keen and eager to get an opportunity.

"It was great to see them contributing out there."

The Bears won the toss and put Sussex into bat as Ethan Bamber (4-105) took a couple of early wickets.

However, Tom Clark (140), James Coles (51) and John Simpson (181 not out) punished the Warwickshire attack.

Warwickshire eventually bowled Sussex out for 528.

In reply, the Bears put on 116 runs for their opening wicket as Alex Davies (66) and Yates (115) ensured the hosts made a strong start with the bat.

And Warwickshire's middle order batters, Dan Mousley (63) and Ed Barnard (82), helped the Bears reach 454 all out.

Sussex looked to add to their lead as Tom Alsop (82 not out) top scored for the visitors in their second innings.

However, the Bears took wickets at regular intervals as Yates (3-79) impressed with the ball.

Sussex eventually declared on 313-7 on the final day, leaving Warwickshire a total of 388 to win in a minimum of 44 overs.

Yates (65 not out) continued his fine start to the season as the game ended in a draw with the Bears closing on 104-2 from 28 overs.

Warwickshire are next in action against Durham on Friday, April 11 with the game to begin at 11am at the Riverside Ground.

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