

Heartbroken - business stunned by vandalism

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THE 'HEARTBROKEN' owner of a children's stay-and-play group in Rugby has had to temporarily close her business after 'malicious' vandals trashed her outdoor play area.

Sophie Winham, who owns Sprogs and Logs in Bilton, says play equipment had been broken and toys 'damaged beyond repair'.

A crowd-funding campaign has been launched to raise the money Sophie needs to reopen the playground, which is based at Old Laurentians Rugby Club.

Sophie said: "I was absolutely heartbroken to arrive on site to see the damage. To say I'm gutted is an understatement.

"Someone has intentionally entered and vandalised our play space. This isn't like any previous time - this appears to be malicious and has resulted in a big loss. I am not financially able to carry out the repairs.

"I'm a small business running purely to create happiness and lasting memories for young children - and to find out my hard work has been destroyed is devastating."

She added her insurance com-

pany refused to cover the cost of the damage.

She said: "This is really disappointing as I had previously hoped they'd cover the cost of replacing toys and the money raised would be funding the new fence."

Leanne Walsgrove, who organised the fund-raising campaign on GoFundMe, said Sophie had 'put her heart and soul' into the playgroup to ensure the children of Rugby have 'the best learning through play opportunities'.

She added: "As a community, and to prevent this happening again, I would love to fundraise to help give Sprogs and Logs a secure fence and replace the broken equipment.

"Let's stand together and help support this small business and get it back up and running."

Sophie said she was 'beyond grateful'.

She added: "I'm absolutely overwhelmed by the incredible generosity shown to us. The love and support from everyone has been truly amazing, and I'm so grateful for every message, share, and donation.

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much."

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr2kud5z> to donate to the GoFundMe campaign.



Families admire the trees. Picture by Marcus Mingins 5125003MMR5



FAMILIES in Rugby are soaking up the Christmas spirit at a town centre church.

Charities, schools, community groups and care homes have filled the aisles of St Andrew's church with their decorated Christmas trees as part of an annual charity fund-raising Christmas Tree Festival, which runs throughout December.

This year's festival is raising awareness of and

money for the Rugby Bareboards Trust, a charity which aims to ensure no one in the community has to face an empty home.

A church spokesperson said: "The festival gives so much pleasure to its visitors, many of whom return year after year to see the church looking so beautiful."

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Couple heading for another battle

A HUSBAND and wife from Coventry – and their beloved battle robot, which played a crucial part in their wedding – are travelling to the Middle East to compete in the ‘Olympics of the future.’

Tom and Sarah Brewster are jetting off to the United Arab Emirates with the rest of Team Monsoon to compete at the Battle of Robots at The Games of the Future this weekend.

Most of the team first met while participating in BBC’s Robot Wars back in 2017, and a year later, their heavyweight robot Monsoon debuted at BattleBots World Championship 3.

Monsoon and the rest of the team have travelled and fought in events across the world, including the USA and the Netherlands.

Monsoon has been part of Sarah and Tom’s lives ever since they met, and when they got married in April 2024, they exchanged rings made from one of Monsoon’s weapon shafts.

The duo have already had a year to remember as they are expecting their first child together – but now their other ‘baby’, Monsoon, will be jetting off to Abu Dhabi to compete in The Games of The Future, where they are one of just 16 teams in the world competing.

Sarah and Tom will be joined by the other members of Team Monsoon – Rory Mangles, Michael Jobson, David Griffin and Karl Asplin – at The Battle of Robots.

Sarah said: “Initially we were a little apprehensive about joining the event as we were contacted in early November.

“That meant we only had a short turnaround of just three and a half weeks until

the robot would need to be shipped to Abu Dhabi, but opportunities like this don’t come up very often so we turned our calendars upside down to make it happen.

“We are very excited to be competing alongside some of the best fighting robots from countries across the world.”

Robot fighting events take place in an arena to ensure the safety of the roboteers and spectators.

The fights can last up to three minutes, during which robots can use their weapon to try to damage their opponent and immobilize them or control the fight by being aggressive.

Sarah and Tom’s battle bot Monsoon is a vertical spinner, with other weapon types including hammers, flippers, horizontal spinner and control bots that can lift or crush their opponents.

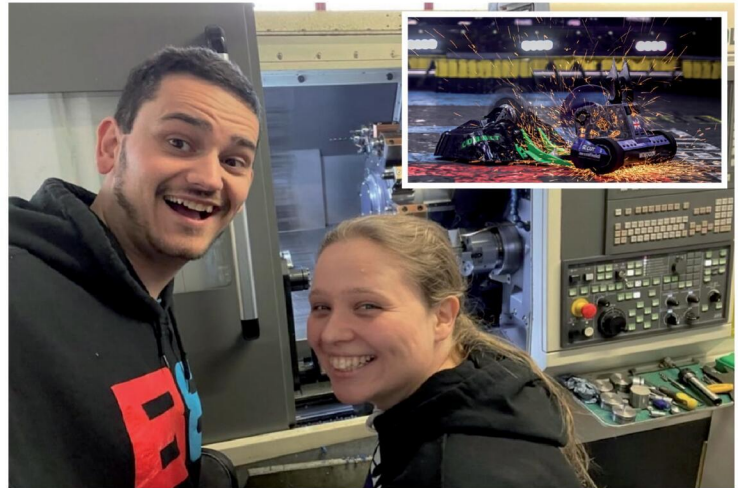
If a robot can no longer move then they are counted out after 10 seconds, and the fight is won by knockout.

If, after three minutes, both robots are still mobile, judges score the robots on damage, control and aggression.

The Games of the Future look to blend cutting-edge digital gaming with real-world athletic competition, showcasing 11 ‘sports of the future.’

Tom said: “It is very cool to have been asked to come along to it. There are teams from all over the world competing including from the USA, Chile, Montenegro, Belgium, Russia, Belarus, India and China.

“This event is being treated as ‘the future Olympics’, and it’s the biggest prize pool ever seen for robot fighting.



Tom and Sarah Brewster working on battle robot Monsoon (Inset).

“It’s becoming more of a legitimate sport as well which is really cool.”

Sarah added: “Robot fighting is a fast paced, engaging sport where engineering meets entertainment.

“We want to prove that Monsoon is a competitive and destructive robot. We’re coming very prepared and ready to go all the way.

“We consider every event an opportunity to prove our design and teams’ capability, whilst enjoying the atmosphere that live events create with the chance to meet fellow roboteers and share the experience.

“Simply put, we love the community; meeting new people and smashing robots is always a good time.”

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We must also remember that our town centres provide warmth in non-financial ways at Christmas, providing belonging, routine and visibility for those who may feel isolated or forgotten at this emotional time of year.

Our cafes, libraries, markets, and shopping centres become a thriving centre, no invitation required-this space belongs to us all, it’s our own shared living room with added sparkle.

So, make a date to visit Solihull, smile and be kind to all you meet over this last week of festive gathering, a living town centre needs people as much as profit.

Melanie Palmer
Chief Executive, Solihull BID

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LEFT: Enjoying the Christmas Songs Saturday session. 5125003 MMR1



RIGHT: Eight-month-old Henry is all smiles. 5125003 MMR4

Pictures by Marcus Mingins

Church hosting tree festival to boost charity

IT'S BEGINNING to look a lot like Christmas at a Rugby town centre church.

St Andrew's Church has decked its halls with boughs of pine for its Christmas Tree Festival, which runs throughout December.

Charities, schools, community groups and care homes have decorated trees to the theme of 'Musical Christmas' – and lights, baubles and candles are casting a festive glow around the aisles.

This year's festival is raising awareness of and money for the Rugby Bareboards Trust, a charity which aims

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to ensure no one in the community has to face an empty home.

For the past 20 years, the charity has supported more than 2,000 families and individuals – including people on low incomes, survivors of abuse, refugees, young people leaving care, and those moving on from homelessness – by providing furniture, household goods, and small electricals.

A church spokesperson said: "This is the 23rd year of holding our Festival and

as always, the main purpose of this event is to raise funds for charities that support the local community.

"We are supporting the Rugby Bareboards Trust for our festival this year.

"In addition to supporting charities, the festival gives so much pleasure to its visitors, many of whom return year after year to see the church looking so beautiful."

All are welcome to go along and enjoy the trees, make a donation, and vote for their favourite in support of Rugby Bareboards throughout December (10am-2pm weekdays, 10am-12pm Saturdays).

Trees fill the aisles. 5125003 MMR8



Pair face extra charges after girl's death

TWO people have appeared in court to face additional charges following the death of a 13-month-old girl in Rugby.

Kinga Wydrzynska, 25, of Johnson Avenue in Rugby, and Michal Stasiak, 27, of Blackwood Avenue in Rugby, previously appeared in court having been charged with murder and causing or allowing the death of a child.

Police said the girl died in hospital on January 7 after being taken ill at a house in Rugby.

Stasiak had also been charged with possession of indecent images.

They appeared before magistrates in Leamington on Friday (December 12) and were charged with two counts of sexual assault in relation to the 13-month-old child that died.

They were also charged with three counts of assault/ill-treat/neglect/abandon a child/young person to cause unnecessary suffering/injury, relating to the 13-month-old child that died and two other children.

Wydrzynska and Stasiak were remanded and will next appear before Warwick Crown Court on Friday January 9.

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Hospice approach helps lift award



Residents turn out for a Christmas service to remember their loved ones.

THE MYTON Hospices' pioneering approach to care has scooped an award.

The charity picked up the Innovator in Care Award at the national Hospice UK Awards, which celebrate the work taking place at hospices and palliative care organisations nationwide. This year's awards received over 150 entries across eight categories, making it the most competitive ever.

The Innovator in Care award recognises individuals and organisations who have improved the experience of care through creativity, collaboration and forward-thinking approaches. Myton received the award for its GP Information Clinics, recognised for transforming how people with life-limiting illnesses, their families and carers access support and information.

Developed in partnership with local Primary Care Networks, Myton's GP Information Clinics embed specialist hospice expertise directly within GP practices. This innovative approach allows patients and families to receive timely, personalised guidance in a familiar and trusted environment.

By offering hospice support earlier in a patient's journey, the clinics empower individuals to make informed decisions and enhances their overall experience of care.

Presented at Hospice UK's national conference in Liverpool, the award was accepted by regis-



Innovative - The Myton Hospices community engagement manager Olivia Bowskill with Catherine Bosworth, director of income generation at Hospice UK.

tered nurse and Myton's community engagement manager Olivia Bowskill, who leads the project.

She said: "I am incredibly proud to have won this prestigious award, which highlights just how important it is to reach people earlier in their illness."

"The patients I see in these clinics are often able to access support services they never knew existed. Being able to offer this service at such a critical time - when things can feel scary, complex and uncer-

tain - helps to ensure people have the knowledge and reassurance they need."

The Myton Hospices plans to expand the GP Information Clinics across Coventry and Warwickshire, enabling even more patients and families to benefit from earlier access to specialist support.

The long-term goal is to embed this model as a sustainable, community-based approach to palliative care, creating a replicable blueprint for hospices nationwide.

Service to remember

LIGHTS were lit for lost loved ones at a special Christmas service in Warwick.

Over a hundred residents turned out for the Lights of Love service, organised by Warwick Rotary Club, in Market Square on Sunday (December 14).

The carol service was led by Revd Canon Angus Aagaard, rector of St Mary's Church. Readings relating to loss of loved ones were made by rotarian Jon Wassall, mayor Jackie

D'Arc, town clerk Jayne Topham and Canon Aagaard.

Warwick Community Band provided the music and members of Emscote and All Saints Junior School choir provided choral support.

The lights were then lit on a tree covered with cards donated by people remembering loved ones.

Proceeds will be shared between Myton Hospice and the mayor's charities.

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Children from Avon Park School turned litter into animal-themed decorations for a Christmas tree at Watford Gap services.

Pupils turn litter into festive glitter

ELVES from a school in Rugby are turning litter into glitter this Christmas.

Pupils from Avon Park School have volunteered to transform rubbish commonly found discarded at the roadside into festive decorations as part of a national campaign.

They have decorated a tree at Roadchef's Watford Gap services, turning items such as discarded crisp packets and disposable cups into animal-themed decorations.

It is part of a campaign run by National Highways, Roadchef and Westmorland Farmshop to raise awareness of the problems caused by roadside litter during the festive period.

The school is part of Witherslack Group, which has 26 schools across England that were also partnered with a local Roadchef

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service station. CEO Jude Jones said: "We're incredibly proud of our pupils for being a part of this fabulous initiative.

"Turning roadside litter into festive decorations not only helps improve our local environment but also teaches our children and young people the importance of taking responsibility for the world around them.

"It's fantastic to see them actively making a difference, and initiatives like this inspire our pupils to develop habits and behaviours that will benefit their communities for years to come."

Their efforts come as part of National Highways' ongoing drive to reduce roadside rubbish.

Head of customer journeys Freda Rashdi said: "Having to clear up litter on our roads causes unnecessary journey delays and costs the taxpayer millions of pounds a year, as well as endangering wildlife living close to our roads.

"If you are driving home for Christmas, please dispose of your rubbish responsibly and help to make sure everyone gets to spend as much time with their loved ones as possible."

Stuart Attfield, head of marketing at Roadchef, added: "Seeing school children turn roadside litter into glitter is a brilliant reminder that small actions can make a big difference.

"By joining forces, we can reduce litter on the UK's motorways and help keep our roads happier, safer, greener and more welcoming for everyone this Christmas."

Free tree lights up Christmas

A TREE-MENDOUS Christmas is on the cards for a Rugby community after it was gifted a large Christmas tree.

The residents of Coton Park received the tree donation from developer Persimmon Homes.

The installation of the 14-foot tree was marked by a celebratory Coton Park Residents Association (CPRA) light switch-on ceremony and Christmas sing-along which was attended by more than 100 residents.

Resident Dean Welburn said: "We are grateful to Persimmon Homes for once again providing us with a festive tree. It's a great way for the CPRA to bring the community together and be proud of where we live.

"Our event raised £100 which we're donating to the OurJay Foundation in memory of one of the estate's



Spruced up for Christmas – left to right: Coton Park residents Janice Willin with JD the beagle, George and Rame Mayer-Maguire, and Dean Welburn with Dexter the labrador.

great characters – friend and community volunteer Jim Willin, who we sadly lost in August."

Neil Williams, regional managing director at

Persimmon Homes Central, said: "We're delighted that the residents of Coton Park are pleased with their tree and wish them all a very Merry Christmas."

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Tails wagging for dog centre's Christmas treat

PAWS were allowed on the table for a very poignant festive feast.

Birmingham Dogs Home, which cares for more than 2,000 stray and abandoned dogs every year, hosted its first-ever "Festive Feast", giving homeless dogs the chance to share a special Christmas meal together at the centre.

For the event, which was organised as part of the centre's annual Christmas appeal and in partnership with Birmingham-based marketing agency Leopard Co, pups from the centre gathered around the table with their canine carers to enjoy a delicious three-course meal, made possible by donations from the public, as well as generous contributions from Miraculous Meals, Pooch & Mutt, and Frozzys.

The team, including those from the Catherine De Barnes site, looks to ensure as many magical moments for the pooches as possible, especially those

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like Stockton, Shadow, and Lorna, who are among the pups set to spend their second Christmas at the home, as well as raising vital funds to help keep the charity's kennels open through the winter months.

Rachel Frost, events and community fundraising manager at Birmingham Dogs Home, said: "Our first-ever Festive Feast was a huge success! We've wanted to host a Christmas dinner for our dogs for years, so to finally see this happen was incredible."

"Our dogs might be waiting for their forever homes, but it's so important to us here at Birmingham Dogs Home that while they're with us, no dog dines alone and that their time is fun and full of care."

"For a lot of our dogs, this is the second Christmas they'll be spending here, so it's activities like these

which help the dogs stay social and, importantly, keep them prepared for life in a loving home once they get there."

She added: "We're so grateful for all the donations we received which made this possible - from the funds from the public, to the products from Miraculous Meals, Pooch & Mutt, Frozzys, Petface and Mountain Paws."

"The festive season has only really just begun, but we already can't wait for next year's Festive Feast!"

Running alongside the charity's seasonal fundraising events - including a Christmas Jumper Day, Boxing Day Walk, and community quizzes and craft faires - the Festive Feast campaign hopes to raise awareness of the £6,000 a day it costs to keep Birmingham Dogs Home running.

For more or to help make a dog's Christmas extra special this year, visit the website at www.birminghamdogshome.org.uk/xmas-2025/.



Woody tucks into his Christmas dinner.



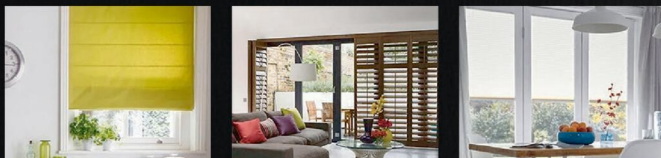
Pups and their canine carers gather for a festive feast.



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The machines offer multiple payment options, including contactless card payments and mobile methods.

Cat Hartley, Director of Communities and Wellbeing at Harborough District Council, said: "This upgrade is part of an investment into our car parks and will significantly enhance the convenience and accessibility of our town centres."

"By having modern payment options at machines and going ticketless, we are improving the parking experience for all in Harborough district."

At each machine, drivers can enter their registration number using a touch screen and follow instructions.

There is no need to display a ticket, as car parking officers use a handheld device to check that a ticket has been purchased for a vehicle.

New standard payment machines accept contactless card and cash payments. In

some larger car parks, there are also additional, smaller payment machines that accept contactless card payments only. Both types of machines are clearly signposted by yellow Pay Here signs showing the payment methods accepted.

Users can opt to receive a physical receipt at the cash and contactless card machines. Receipts are available electronically at the card-only machines.

Payment by phone is available via the Pay by Phone App or by calling the Pay by Phone number on 0330 400 7275. Customers are advised never to pay via a QR code. Parking charges remain the same.

The council is also offering free parking in its car parks on December 20. Drivers will receive one free four-hour session per vehicle per Saturday. A free parking session must be obtained at the machines by entering a vehicle registration number or by obtaining a free parking session on the Pay by Phone App.

Visit www.harborough.gov.uk/payment-machines for more information about the new payment machines.

Visit www.harborough.gov.uk/parking for general information about car parking in the Lutterworth area.



The Age UK Coventry and Warwickshire team are distributing winter warmth packs to older people across the region.

Warm welcome for packs

A WARM gesture has been made to older people in the region by a local charity.

Age UK Coventry and Warwickshire is distributing 300 winter packs to help the elderly stay safe and warm during the colder months.

The packs, funded by Coventry Building Society, include essential winter warmers such as blankets, hats, gloves, and other practical resources to support older people living in or at risk of fuel poverty.

Reece McLaren, Director of Services at Age UK Coventry and Warwickshire, said: "We are extremely grateful to Coventry Building Society for funding these packs."

"Winter can be a particularly challenging time for older people, with low temperatures, rising

energy costs, and health vulnerabilities putting them at increased risk.

"These winter packs aim to provide comfort and reassurance, helping recipients stay warm and safe in their homes."

"They make a real difference in helping older people cope with the cold months ahead. No one should have to choose between heating their home and other essentials."

The winter packs are being distributed directly to those most in need, with the support of local volunteers and Age UK staff.

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Magical theatre on a giant scale

Theatre review

The BFG
RSC Stratford

IT'S BIG on spectacle, huge on magic and vast on presence - the BFG brings a hefty game to the RSC and, thanks to its attention to tiny details, makes a lot of other shows look awfully small.

Roald Dahl's perennially popular tale of an unexpected friendship between a misunderstood giant and a plucky orphan makes for a feast of the richest kind. No effort is spared in ensuring this looks and sounds as good as possible and, without a shadow of a doubt, everything works.

Flight sequences, exploding chemistry experiments, helicopter manoeuvres, thunderous punch-ups and more - Daniel Evans packs an awful lot into a blissfully unrelenting two hours.

Given that this show is a constant stream of visual treats from the first second to the last, trying to pick out highlights is a thankless task. Mention five outstanding moments and, a minute later, five more will spring to mind.

Grabbing the headlines in the lead-up to this run has been the scale and ambition of the puppetry. Comparisons with the practically iconic Warhorse have been plentiful but this show more than holds its own.

Whether the puppet is twenty feet high or a mere six inches the animation is simply breathtaking. Daft

The BFG is bringing some Roald Dahl magic to the RSC this Christmas. Picture by Marc Brenner (RSC).



perhaps to trumpet how realistic the portrayal of a human-munching giant can be, but the tiny details and subtle nuances make these

real-life animations simply perfect, unexpectedly believable.

Amid all this puppetry excellence it should be noted that the

show boasts some equally excellent human acting. There are fine turns from Helena Lymbery as the Queen, Sargon Yelda as the butler

and a splendid pair of military buffoons from Philip Labey and Luke Sumner.

Tom Wells's adaptation stays true to the language and irreverence of the original but offers enough sharp one-liners and modern asides to keep everyone amused.

The show boasts a six-name roster of youngsters taking the roles of Sophie and Kimberley. If the whole half-dozen are as committed and able as the two on display here, there's a golden age of youth talent in the offing.

The skill on the stage is matched by the design and delivery of a technical element that adds rather than just supports. Special effects, spectacular lighting, great music and endless stage trickery arrive in abundance.

The show's programme features four pages of credits for parts played in bringing this to the stage and there's not a single name that doesn't deserve the standing ovations which will come night after night.

There is a sense that the RSC is, as it has in festive seasons past, trying to make sure that every youngster coming to the theatre for the first time will leave with a love of live action that will stay with them. The BFG carries a message about believing in your dreams and those dreams will be realised here.

With a show as good as this, though, it's not just the young who'll be won over. Anyone for whom theatre has lost its magic will find plenty to revive it here. This is a spectacular success on a truly giant scale.

Matthew Salisbury

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Cannabis plants found hidden under motorway

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HUNDREDS of cannabis plants have been found growing underneath a motorway near Rugby.

The unusual but sophisticated cannabis farm, comprising more than 240 plants, was found growing in a drainage culvert which runs the width of the M1 near the village of Watford in Northamptonshire.

It was discovered by maintenance workers from National Highways, who reported it to Northamptonshire Police.

Access to the culvert, a closed tunnel normally used to convey water from one side of the road to the other, had been boarded up to hide the plants.

Dismantling the cannabis factory was made even more treacherous due to heavy rainfall, but police were helped by a local landowner who provided transport and trailers.

Insp Jonathan Davis-Lyons said: "This must be one of the most unusual locations we have discovered a cannabis grow, but it just demonstrates the length criminals will go to produce this high-value commodity."

"Once inside the drainage culvert, we found a sophisticated set up which included extensive shelving to ensure the plants were kept above



Police found a sophisticated cannabis farm under the M1.



water, power diverted for lighting, and other equipment needed to maintain the plants."

Sgt Lewis Judd, who is leading the investigation and oversaw the dismantling of the factory, said: "This was a particularly difficult cannabis grow to dismantle due to torrential rain and the remote location."

"The nearest road access to the

tunnel was about a mile away, but thanks to the generosity and support of a local landowner who provided us with transport and trailers, we were able to close it down."

No-one has been arrested in connection with the grow. Officers would like to hear from anyone who may be able to identify those responsible for setting up

the cannabis factory. Anyone with information is asked to contact Northamptonshire Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111, quoting incident number 25000697502.

Information can also be submitted online at www.northants.police.uk/ro or <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>.

Police plea after M6 death crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a fatal crash which took place on the M6 last week.

On Monday December 8 at around 6.30pm, the driver of a red HGV stopped on the hard shoulder between junctions 1 and 2 on the northbound carriageway.

A short time later, the driver of a white Scania HGV with a blue curtained trailer is believed to have driven into the red HGV.

The driver of the red HGV, a 47-year-old man, died. His next of kin are being supported by specially trained police officers.

Police would like to hear from anyone who may have been on the M6 or on the road network near the M6 that may have seen the white Scania HGV prior to the collision.

Anyone who witnessed the collision, saw the white lorry leading up to the collision, has any dashcam footage or other information that could help with police enquiries, is asked to call 101, email sciu@warwickshire.police.uk or visit www.warwickshire.police.uk/ro/report quoting incident number 299 of December 8.

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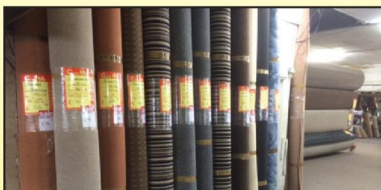
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Best local album:
King - Soul On My Boots: The Collection

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Best local single:
The Session - My Heart Needed A Home

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Best local gig:
The Enemy at The Empire / Peter Hook and The Light at The Empire

It's a tie here but a good tie, because one band is local and one is not. Both gigs were somewhat mind-blowing - The Enemy one in more ways than one. Call a Peter Hook gig a nostalgic journey through Joy Division and New Order if you like, but those songs and those bass lines are just divine. The new stuff was great too and I didn't realise I knew so much of it.

The Enemy gig was yet another joyous return to their home city. I have seen a few in my time, this one was definitely the loudest and the most heartfelt by the crowd, this band can do no wrong for me. Bliss.

Best new local artist:
Hey Budapest



Peter Hook at The Empire.

Rumbling atmos meets soundscape anarchy, Hey Budapest released their first CD a few weeks ago. Yet already plans are brewing for a second album to hit the streets early 2026, no doubt cementing the promise of more spine-tingling music. Little wonder then that they have the new local artist title.

Best local artist of the year:
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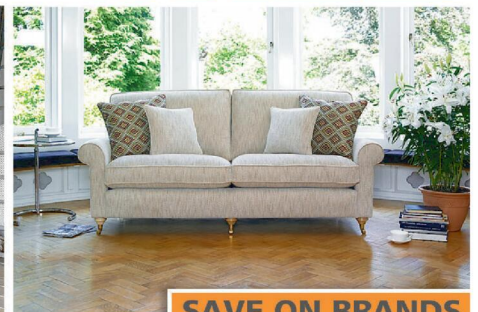
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Sophie Burrell Vocals has been announced as West Midlands Highly Commended at TWIA 2026 in the Musical Act category.



Putting the work in for a spring display



Children from St Anthony's Catholic Primary School join the Mayor of Solihull to plant bulbs in Kingshurst Park.

A BALSALL Common wedding singer has been handed a top honour. Sophie Burrell Vocals has been announced as West Midlands Highly Commended at The Wedding Industry Awards 2026 (TWIA) in the Musical Act category. Based on average voter scores and feedback from customers from the past 12 months and the opinion of more than 160 expert judges, the 2026 Awards saw 26,747 votes cast for 1,300 entrants. Of these, 1,000 wedding businesses became Regional Finalists. Sophie said: "Being still fairly new to the wedding industry and my first year in the awards, I was just happy to attend the finals evening for West Midlands. "No way did I expect to walk home with Highly Commended

Musical Act." Regional Winners are being announced at a series of events held across the country throughout November including at Albrighton Hall Hotel in Shrewsbury for the West Midlands. All of the Regional Winners will then go through to the National Final in Liverpool on January 21. Founder of The Wedding Industry Awards, Damian Bailey, said: "TWIA is the most rigorous, respected and coveted awards in the UK wedding industry so the regional Winners really are at the top of their game. "The competition is tough, the standards very high indeed, but thanks to over 26,747 client votes and our panel of more than 160 expert judges, the Regional Winners have risen to the top in an industry that absolutely demands the best."

GREEN-FINGERED residents dug in and helped plant over 19,000 spring bulbs at Kingshurst Park. Schoolchildren, community groups and people who live in the area came together to plant a selection of daffodils and crocuses added across the site as part of the park's regeneration. The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Annette Mackenzie, joined pupils from St Anthony's Catholic Primary School and local volunteers in the planting effort. She said: "Seeing residents of all ages working side by side shows

how deeply people care about this park. Every bulb planted reflects a shared commitment to making Kingshurst a place where everyone feels connected and proud of their surroundings. "I can't wait to come back in a couple of months when we should see the entire park burst into colour." The bulb planting complements a wider programme of improvements due for completion next month. Designed by Solihull Council's landscape architects, new features include inclusive play equipment, a graffiti wall, shaded seating, resurfaced paths, and improved access

across the park. New benches, bins, and cycle stands will help create a cleaner, more accessible environment. The authority says a focus on biodiversity runs throughout the project, with new trees, hedges, and wildlife boxes being installed to support local ecosystems and encourage residents to connect with nature. The park enhancement project has been funded through the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund and forms part of the broader regeneration of Kingshurst village centre.

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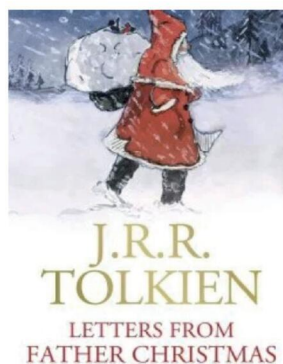
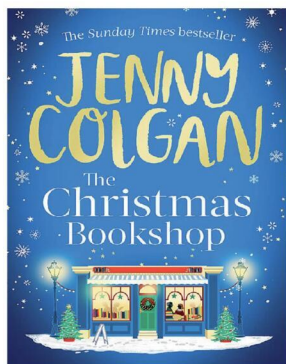
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Christmas is a season made for reading - when the world slows just enough for us to lose ourselves in a good book.

Whether your festive mood calls for mystery, romance, nostalgia or pure magic, these five Christmas books offer the perfect literary companions for your cosiest evenings.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

No festive reading list is complete without the story that shaped

the season itself. Dickens' classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge - equal parts ghost story, social commentary, and joyful redemption - still sparkles with life nearly two centuries on. At just over 100 pages, it's the ideal read for a busy December. And for those of us who like being doubly festive, why not follow up with watching one of its many adaptations. My favourite being The Muppet's version.

The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan

If you're dreaming of a cosy escape, Colgan's charming novel delivers exactly that. Set in a crumbling Edinburgh bookshop in the heart of winter, this is a story about second chances, sis-

terhood, and falling in love - both with people and places. Colgan's has the skill to make a literary world you want to jump right in. A brilliantly cosy book.

Perfect for readers who love feel-good fiction, bookshops, and a touch of festive romance.

One Day in December by Josie Silver

This modern winter romance begins with a fleeting moment - two strangers locking eyes through a bus window - and blossoms into a decade-long journey of missed chances, hopes, and heartbreaks. Set against the backdrop of twinkling London, it's a warm, emotional story that captures the way love can surprise us, especially at Christmas.

One to pick up if you want something heartfelt and utterly addictive.

Letters from Father Christmas by J. R. R. Tolkien

Long before Middle-earth, Tolkien wrote magical letters from "Father Christmas" to his children. Filled with illustrated adventures featuring polar bears, goblins, and the bustling life of the North Pole, this beautiful collection is a treasure for families and nostalgic readers alike. It's whimsical, generous, and infused with childlike wonder - everything Christmas should be.

Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie

Not everyone craves sugar-sweet stories - and for those who like their Christmas with a twist, Christie's holiday murder mystery is irresistible. When a wealthy patriarch is found dead in a locked room during a tense family gathering, Poirot must unravel the truth amid lies, secrets, and festive chaos. Deliciously dramatic, wickedly clever, and endlessly fun.

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Mum's story underlines familiar drink drive plea

"I NEVER thought this would happen to us," - the message from a mum whose daughter was seriously injured by a drink driver.

At the start of Warwickshire Police's operation to remove drink and drug drivers from the county's roads, the mother, named Victoria, has a message for parents and young drivers this festive season.

Victoria's life changed forever on a summer night in June 2024. Her 18-year-old daughter, Amelia, was out celebrating finishing her A-levels with friends. Hours later, Victoria was standing in a hospital, praying her daughter would survive a brain injury caused by a drink driver.

The 18-year-old driver of the car Amelia was in had been drinking. He lost control and crashed into a tree.

Victoria said: "Do you want your mum to sit in a courtroom, wondering if her son is going to prison?" That's what the mother of this drink driver had to do. It's devastating on both sides.

Amelia spent nine days in hospital. When she came home, Victoria and her family became her carers. Now, every month, they travel across the country for medical appointments.

The driver who crashed that night pleaded guilty. His was given a suspended 16 month prison sentence, ordered to carry out 250



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hours unpaid work and given a three year driving ban.

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"I don't want this to happen to anyone else," said Victoria. Her

message is simple - "Think before you drive and don't risk it".

Victoria's gave a message to drivers: "One bad choice can change everything. For you, your passengers, and your family. If you've been drinking or using drugs, don't drive - ever! A drink or drug conviction could affect your freedom, social life, even your job. Always

opt for no drinks if you are getting behind the wheel."

To parents, Victoria said: "Set the ground rules. You're not going out in a car full of friends. You're not getting in a car with someone who's just passed their test. Give your young adult accompanied driving experience and set boundaries to keep them safe."

Advice on batteries

RESIDENTS across Warwickshire are reminded to recycle their Christmas batteries safely.

Warwickshire County Council's waste and recycling service warn batteries should never be placed in the household waste or recycling bin as they pose a serious fire risk, having caused several fires at waste sites across the county.

When batteries end up in waste or recycling streams, they can be easily damaged by sorting equipment. Once damaged, they can overheat, ignite, and even explode, creating dangerous situations for waste management facilities and workers.

Residents are encouraged to, firstly, opt for rechargeable batteries. These are better for the environment as they take much longer, often years, to become part of waste streams.

For residents who have non-rechargeable batteries (or rechargeable batteries that are no longer holding charge) to be disposed of, these should be taken to a household waste recycling centre, which has a special section for used batteries, or large supermarkets and some large shops have special bins where batteries can be disposed of safely.

WCC's environment spokesperson Coun Darren Cheshire said: "It's important that our residents think very carefully about how they dispose of batteries all year round and particularly at Christmas when so many are used in a range of toys and gadgets. Something as tiny as a battery can lead to a great deal of damage and disruption to waste processing services if they are disposed of incorrectly."



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Brits strangest gifts revealed



A BLOW-up boyfriend, a single sock and a potato with the recipient's name on it have been revealed among some of the UK's strangest Christmas gifts.

A new nationwide study commissioned by blood cancer charity Leukaemia Care has revealed that many Brits are rethinking the way they give gifts at Christmas – especially at the last minute.

Around half of the 2,000 surveyed admit they regularly re-gift unwanted presents, and more than a third say they would rather donate to charity than buy a token gift.

The research, released to launch Leukaemia Care's winter appeal 'The Unseen Gift', uncovers the scale of waste and pressure surrounding festive giving in the UK.

Almost a quarter of people say they receive up to two gifts each Christmas that they don't actually want, and a similar proportion choose to donate unwanted presents to charity.

Over 60 per cent admit to buying last-minute panic gifts just for the sake of having something to give, and almost half feel pressured to spend more than they can afford at Christmas.

When asked about the strangest or most unwanted presents they've ever received, respondents revealed that things can go very wrong.

Among the most common were single socks, toiletries, cheap novelty mugs, soap, stationery, and ill-fitting clothing - with many admitting they'd been handed something that had clearly been re-gifted or



chosen in a last-minute panic.

But some answers took a much quirkier turn. People reported being given everything from a potato with their name written on it to a brick, a concrete rabbit, a Viking necklace,

and even a sign for a cheese shop.

A surprising number mentioned risqué gadgets, including a 'blow-up boyfriend' and a 'ladybird battery massager'. Others recalled gifts that were just plain bizarre, such as

a cable wire, a home-made fort (as an adult), or a custom bobblehead of their boss.

Together, the stories paint a picture of well-meant generosity gone hilariously wrong, and underline

how much money is wasted each year on presents no one really wants.

Leukaemia Care's The Unseen Gift campaign encourages people to give differently by donating in someone's name to support those affected by blood cancer, instead of buying an unwanted or unnecessary present.

Colin Dyer, chief executive of Leukaemia Care, said: "Every year, millions of pounds are spent on gifts that end up forgotten, re-gifted or in the bin.

"The Unseen Gift is about turning that waste into something truly meaningful, a gift that could help save a life, support patients and advise families how best to navigate what can be a difficult time together.

"We know people want to show they care, but this research shows many of us are tired of the pressure and the excess. By giving an unseen gift, you're still giving - but in a way that makes a lasting difference.

"We all want Christmas to feel special, but sometimes the most powerful gifts are the ones you can't wrap. Supporting someone through a diagnosis, funding a helpline call, or helping us reach another family in need - those are gifts that truly matter."

The charity hopes the campaign will inspire people to rethink how they give, and remind them that even small, thoughtful acts can make a tangible impact.

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Centre manager Helen Jones said the Christmas dinner came just when everyone needed a boost.

CHRISTMAS dinner was served at the SYNDI Centre in Leamington. Some 80 guests sat down to a festive feast followed by entertainment. Students learning English at the weekly intermediate ESOL class performed Cinderella, while music was provided throughout the meal by Michael, John and Bob, and there was also a quiz. Centre manager Helen Jones said: "It is so lovely to bring the community together like this. There was a huge amount of chatter and friendship in the room at a time when we all need a boost." The SYNDI Centre is at the heart of the Sydenham estate and provides support to the local community. It is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Visit www.sydni.org for more details.



Volunteers arrive at Le ajsk to hand over the vehicles to Ukrainian soldiers. RIGHT: Sister Teresa preparing Christmas presents for children.



Spreading festive cheer and some vital supplies

THREE more ambulances have arrived in Ukraine from south Warwickshire - filled with medical supplies and Christmas gifts. Ambulances 59, 60, and 61, funded by LKQ Euro Car Parts, Gursewak Trust, and the Warwickshire Freemasons, included presents for children from refugee families and orphans, as well as vital medical supplies provided by Ukraine Medical Charity. The gifts and medical supplies will be distributed by the Sisters of St Joseph.

Donations included five boxes of new children's clothing from Boden and £500 from Warwick Rotary Club, together with chocolate from Leamington History Group, Kenilworth Lions and Lifestyle Gift Cards. In Le ajsk, eastern Poland, the volunteer drivers met with officers of the Ukrainian army, who received the ambulances and promptly set off for eastern Ukraine, where they will be used to save lives as quickly as possible. Volunteer Harnek Singh said: "It was a great adventure, but above all, it felt

meaningful to have done something to make a real difference. It was humbling to meet the soldiers who travelled from the front line to meet us. Harnek Singh said: "These deliveries would not have been possible without the incredible generosity and commitment of our partners, donors, and volunteers. Every contribution helps us continue our mission to provide vital support and hope to those most in need, especially children and vulnerable families affected by the conflict."



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A message from the Leader and Deputy Leader

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Unfortunately we know that for some residents this time of year can be especially challenging. That's why we would like to pay tribute to our staff, partners and many volunteers within our communities who will continue to support the most vulnerable throughout the holiday period and the cold winter months ahead.

However you choose to spend it we wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Councillor Ian Davison and Councillor Chris King



The District Council offices including the Royal Pump Rooms Customer Service hub will be closed from **Thursday 25 December and will reopen on Friday 2 January** for phone calls and face to face appointments.

Emergency out of hours contacts

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Festive events and markets

Kenilworth Market
Abbey End, Kenilworth
Thursday 18 December
9am to 3pm

Leamington Market
Holly Walk, Leamington Spa
Friday 19 December
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Warwick Market
Market Square, Warwick
Saturday 20 December
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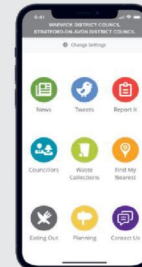
Your refuse, recycling and food waste collections will change over Christmas

There will be no refuse, recycling or food waste collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. All collections will be affected by the following changes:

Normal collection date	NEW collection date over Christmas
Thu 25 December 2025	Sat 27 December 2025
Fri 26 December 2025	Mon 29 December 2025
Mon 29 December 2025	Tue 30 December 2025
Tue 30 December 2025	Wed 31 December 2025
Wed 31 December 2025	Fri 2 January 2026
Thu 1 January 2026	Sat 3 January 2026
Fri 2 January 2026	Mon 5 January 2026
Mon 5 January 2026	Tue 6 January 2026
Tue 6 January 2026	Wed 7 January 2026
Wed 7 January 2026	Thu 8 January 2026
Thu 8 January 2026	Fri 9 January 2026
Fri 9 January 2026	Sat 10 January 2026

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Normal collections will resume on Monday 12 January 2026.

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Special Feature

A right Royal Christmas tradition



FROM PRESENTS to puddings, many of today's favourite Christmas traditions were popularised by Queen Victoria and the royal family in the 19th century.

Several of the traditions still

loved today are rooted in Germanic heritage thanks to Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert. The prince, who moved to England to marry the queen, embraced his childhood traditions and introduced them to his family.

In the early years of Victoria's reign, the royal family celebrated Christmas at Windsor Castle. However after Albert's death in

1861, the queen began celebrating the festive season at Osborne, their holiday home on the Isle of Wight.

Continuing these festive traditions after his death was a tangible way of keeping Albert's memory alive. It also inspired a nation and these customs began to be seen in the private homes of Victorian England.

Decorating Christmas Trees

Decorating trees at Christmas was a festive activity popularised by Prince Albert. Inspired by his heritage, trees in the royal household were adorned with lit candles and trinkets and the interiors filled with evergreen decorations.

But Victoria and Albert weren't the first royals to put up what is known today as a Christmas tree. George III married Queen Charlotte who, like Albert, was raised in Germany. Charlotte is credited with bringing decorated evergreen trees to England when she introduced their first Christmas tree at Queen's Lodge, Windsor, in 1800.

Victoria and Albert are so closely linked to the tradition because they were famously illustrated standing beside a decorated tree with their children. The engraving was published in the press in the 1840s and it quickly took hold of the national imagination.

Turkey or festive bird for dinner

Victoria and Albert enjoyed turkey at Christmas. They would sit together as a family for their main meal and enjoy turkey with all the trimmings. Later they might indulge in a plum pudding.

Naturally finances influenced what families put on their Christmas tables, and the majority of people in Victorian England were not wealthy. Where possible a festive bird remained central to a family dinner and for many this would have meant a goose, like Charles Dickens illustrates in *A Christmas Carol*. Some even joined a goose club so they could pay in instalments throughout the year.

Giving gifts

Giving gifts at Christmas wasn't a tradition the Victorians introduced, but they certainly made it a part of their family festivities. Presents were shared on the evening of Christmas Eve, rather than Christmas Day as is traditional in the 21st century.

In the royal household Queen Victoria insisted unwrapped presents be spread out across tables, as they did with royal birthdays. There are references in the queen's diaries about the gifts she gave and received at this time.

Victoria and Albert famously gave

each other jewellery, works of art, sculptures, paintings. Often the children and grandchildren would give the queen things that they would have made themselves like paintings, embroidery or handicrafts.

Poorer Victorians would have been forced to live within their means. Elaborate tables filled with gifts may not have been adopted by a more modest Victorian family, but the concept of sharing gifts was a part of the annual celebrations.

Plum pudding

Christmas puddings featured regularly on the royal dessert menu at Osborne, and are again referenced by Dickens as a treat enjoyed by regular Victorians. It was often served with a kind of sauce, perhaps an English custard or creme anglaise. But while a staple on the Victorian Christmas table, the humble pudding began as a pottage in the Medieval period.

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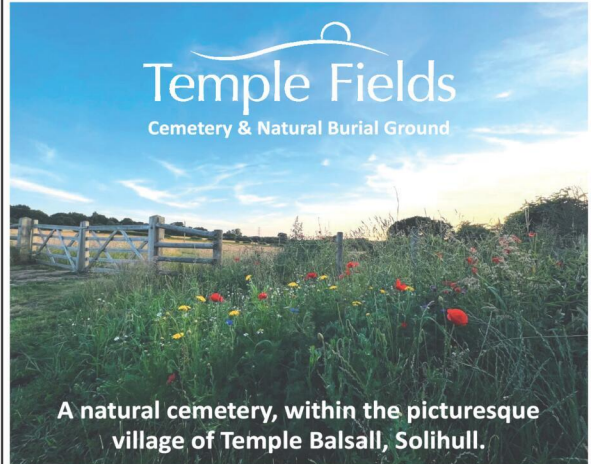
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Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council has made the following Temporary Traffic Orders:
CHAPEL STREET, LONG LAWFORD
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable new water connection works.
Order Commences: 22 December 2025 for up to 18 months.

Anticipated Completion: 24 December 2025.
Access & Diversion: Chapel Street, Cross Street, Main Street, West Street and vice versa.
Contractor: Network Plus, Tel: 01332 820 920.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH R105 IN THE PARISHES OF CHURCHOVER & NEWTON BIGGIN
Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic between Grid References X452277 Y279014 and X452413 Y278739.
Reason for Order: To avoid the likelihood of danger to the public while development works are in progress on or near to the footpath.

Order Commences: 23 June 2025 and was due to expire 22 December 2025. However, the Secretary of State in exercise of his powers under Section 15(5) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 has directed that the Order shall continue in force until 22 September 2026, or until works are completed, whichever is the earlier (unless the Secretary of State issues a further direction).
Access & Diversion: Will be appropriately signed.
Contractor: Winvic Construction, Tel: 07541 688 149.

Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:
CHURCHOVER LANE, HARBOURGH MAGNA
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable works for renewal of a water mains.

Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 1 February 2026.
Access & Diversion: Churchover Lane, Hospital Lane, Harbourgh Magna Road, The Green, School Street, Church Street, Lutterworth Road, Colton Road, Leicester Road, Watling Street, A5, Montilo Lane and vice versa.

Contractor: Severn Trent Water, Tel: 08007 834 444.
B4455 FOSSE WAY, MONKS KIRBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic between its junctions with the B4112 Withybrook Road/Rugby Road and Coal Pit Lane/Mere Lane.

Reason for Order: Carriageway patching and associated works, 09.30hrs-15.00hrs.
Order Commences: 9 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 9 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: There will be no access/egress to/from Bow Lane and Millars Lane via the B4455 Fosse Way whilst works are in progress. Coal Pit Lane, B4428 (Lutterworth Road, Coventry Road), B4112 Withybrook Road and vice versa.

Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.
D3651 PRETORIAN WAY, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from its junction with Gible Farm Road.

Reason for Order: Carriageway resurfacing and associated works, 07.00hrs-18.00hrs, weekend only.
Order Commences: 3 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 4 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: No suitable diversion. Vehicular access & egress will be maintained where possible and safe to do so for businesses and residents only.
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HOULTON WAY, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable essential manhole works.
Order Commences: 8 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 9 January 2026.

Access & Diversion: Vicarage Hill, Rugby Road, Main Street, Lilbourne Road, Hillmorton Lane and vice versa.
Contractor: Customer Solutions Plus, Tel: 03456 027 723.
PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM DUNCHURCH ROAD TO ALFRED GREEN CLOSE, RUGBY
Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic between 38 and 44 Alfred Green Close.

Reason for Order: To enable duct laying works.
Order Commences: 7 January 2026 for up to 6 months.
Anticipated Completion: 8 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: Will be available and signed.
Contractor: Core Highways, Tel: 07979 296 733.

STRAIGHT MILE, BOURTON ON DUNSMORE & RUGBY ROAD, BLUE BOAR, DUNCHURCH
Order Effect: Roads closed to vehicular traffic in phases as follows: 1. Straight Mile from junction with A4071 to A45, Phase 1: 06/01/26-20/01/2026, Phase 2: 19/02/2026-05/03/2026, 2. Rugby Road from a junction with A4071 Rugby Road to A45 Phase 1: 20/01/26-19/02/26 Phase 2: 05/03/26-12/03/26.

Reason for Order: To enable drainage works on A45 network, overnight 20.00hrs-06.00hrs.
Order Commences: 6 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 12 March 2026.
Access & Diversion: 1. Straight Mile, Blue Boar Flyover, Rugby Road, M45, M1, M6, A46, A45 2. Rugby Road, Blue Boar Flyover, Straight Mile, A45, A46, M6, M1, M45.
Contractor: Chevron TM Ltd, Tel: 01785 338 990.

D3574 HILLFIELD ROAD, D3575 PLEXFIELD ROAD AND D3572 WHEATFIELD ROAD, RUGBY
Order Effect: Roads closed to vehicular traffic as follows: Wheatfield Road closed from Nelson Way to Hillfield Road, Hillfield Road closed from Wheatfield Road to Plexfield Road, Plexfield Road closed from Hillfield Road to o/s No. 40 Plexfield Road.
Reason for Order: Footway reconstruction and associated work, 08.00hrs-17.00hrs weekdays only.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 30 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: Nelson Way, Blackwood Avenue, Addison Road, B4642 Bilton Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

GREEN LANE AND PENN LANE, WIBTOFT & PENN LANE, MONKS KIRBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to renew water mains within the carriageway and verge. Works to be completed in phases between 05/12/26-15/02/26.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 15 February 2026.
Access & Diversion: Coal Pit Lane, Mere Lane, Fosse Way, A5, Watling Street, and vice versa.
Contractor: For Severn Trent Water, Tel: 08007 834 444.

D3255 SHERIFF ROAD, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic from Eastlands Road to Lawrence Road.
Reason for Order: Footway reconstruction and associated works, 08.00hrs-17.00hrs, weekdays only.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 6 February 2026.
Access & Diversion: Eastlands Road, Lawrence Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Balfour Beatty, Tel: 03452 415 302.

CONISTON CLOSE, BROWNCOVER, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to renew water mains in the carriageway and footway.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 8 February 2026.
Access & Diversion: No diversion available.
Contractor: Severn Trent Water, Tel: 08007 834 444.

CAWSTON LANE, DUNCHURCH, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to connect onto existing water main within the carriageway.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 9 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: Coventry Road, Alwyn Road, Northampton Lane, Cawston Lane and vice versa.
Contractor: McAndrews, Tel: 07399 662 559.

PYTCHLEY ROAD, RUGBY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to repair/replace defective manhole frame and covers.
Order Commences: 8 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 8 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: Pytchley Road, Faraday Road, Naseby Road, Cromwell Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Customer Solutions Plus, Tel: 07918 298 599.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH R103 IN THE PARISH OF CHURCHOVER
Order Effect: Footpath closed to all traffic between grid reference 451 097.14 E, 278496.01 N & 450685.542 E, 278467.073 N.
Reason for Order: To enable works in connection with development at Rugby Gateway.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 6 months.
Access & Diversion: Will be appropriately signed.
Contractor: Bloor Homes, Tel: 01604 684 400.

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S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 18 Dec 2025

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CHURCH LANE, STONELEIGH
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: To enable works for replacement of a telegraph pole, 09.30hrs-15.30hrs.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 5 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: No diversion available.
Contractor: Core Highways, Tel: 03300 169 688.

CHAPEL LANE, BARNACLE
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to lay approx 112 metres of duct.
Order Commences: 5 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 9 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: No diversion available.
Contractor: Callan Connect, Tel: 01213 275 167.

SPRING ROAD, BARNACLE
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to lay approx 165 metres of duct in the verge and carriageway.
Order Commences: 9 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 14 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: No diversion available.
Contractor: Callan Connect, Tel: 01213 275 167.

HIGHFIELD LANE, CORLEY
Order Effect: Road closed to vehicular traffic.
Reason for Order: Works to replace existing pole, closed 09.30hrs-15.30hrs.
Order Commences: 9 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 9 January 2026.
Access & Diversion: Highfield Lane, Smorall Lane, Breach Oak Lane, Howe Green Lane, Windmill Lane, Red Lane, Park Lane, Nuneaton Road, Coventry Road, Tamworth Road and vice versa.
Contractor: Core Highways, Tel: 03300 169 688.

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available at www.gov.uk/object-hgv-operator-licence.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSED NEW HOMES & PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Catesby Estates is preparing proposals for up to 150 new homes (including affordable housing) and public open space at Land East of Banbury Road, Southam.

This is an opportunity to review and provide feedback on our proposals via the consultation website: www.catesby-southam.co.uk You can submit feedback via the website, info@catesbyestates.co.uk, or by Freepost CATESBY ESTATES.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR FEEDBACK BY WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026

PUBLIC NOTICES

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Aqueduct Road, Solihull Lodge) (Total Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) (Experimental Traffic Regulation) Order 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Council have made the above-mentioned Experimental Order under the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and all other enabling powers. The Order shall come into effect on 5 January 2026 and will remain in force on an experimental basis for a maximum period of up to 18 months. The general nature and hours of the Order will be as follows:

Experimental Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Aqueduct Road, Solihull Lodge - Between its junction with Peterbrook Road and Millisons Road (a distance of approximately 340m). Access to the closed section of Aqueduct Road will be maintained from the Green Lane/Millisons Road direction only.

General Exemptions: Access for cyclists and pedestrians will be maintained. **Order Modifications:** Where it appears necessary for certain operational or other purposes, the Council, or any person authorised by them may modify or suspend the Order or any of its provisions whilst the Order is in force. In due course, the Council will consider whether or not the provisions of the Experimental Order should be continued in force indefinitely.

Within a period of six months from the Order coming into force, (or if any or all of the Order provisions are varied or modified by another Order, from the date of that variation or modification Order, whichever is the latest), any person may object to the making of the Order to continue on a permanent basis.

Further Information: Further details for the Experimental Order including the reasons for making it are available from our website <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Traffic-regulation-orders>

Further details can also be obtained by written request from torders@solihull.gov.uk or the address below; or by visiting Solihull Connect, The Core, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Solihull during normal opening hours. Making Comments or Objections: Comments or objections can be made via torders@solihull.gov.uk stating the grounds on which the comment or objection is being made by no later than 4 July 2026. Alternatively, these can be made in writing to Mr L Stevenson, Legal & Democratic Services, at the address given below.

PAUL TOVEY, Head of Highway Management, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 3QB
tro@solihull.gov.uk 19 December 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
VARIATION TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE FEES AND CHARGES

Notice is hereby given that the Council determined that the fees charged for additional costs associated with driver licences under the above act shall be charged as follows:

Pre-application new applicant training course (including test)	£98.00
Pre-application new applicant test resit	£26.00
Existing driver renewal training course (including test)	£71.50
Existing driver renewal training test resit	£26.00

These fees have been calculated on a cost recovery basis. A copy of this notice will be available for inspection by members of the public during office opening hours at the The Core, Theatre Square, Solihull, B91 3FG, for a period of 28 days from the date of this notice. Any objections should be made in writing to that address or to licensing@solihull.gov.uk before the end of the 28 day period. Should no objections be received, these fees and charges will have effect from 16 January 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Warwickshire County Council

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
Warwickshire County Council proposes to make the following Temporary Traffic Orders:
D5047 SPRING LANE, LAPWORTH
Order Effect: Road Closed to vehicular traffic between Wharf Lane and Church Lane.

Reason for Order: Carriageway patching and associated works, 08.00hrs-16.00hrs.
Order Commences: 6 January 2026 for up to 18 months.
Anticipated Completion: 6 January 2026.

Access & Diversion: D5017 Wharf Lane, A3400 Stratford Road, B4439 Old Warwick Road, D5019 Church Lane 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/roadworks or call us on 01926 412515.

S Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4RL Date 18 Dec 2025

PUBLIC NOTICES

CONRAD MCCARROLL (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 186 Beake Avenue Coventry, CV6 3AW, who died on 18/10/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 20/02/2026, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

ANGELS SOLICITORS LLP 117-119 New Union Street Coventry CV1 2NY

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MARGARET WALTON (Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone with a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 65 Berkeley Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands, B90 2HT, who died on 11/03/2025, must send written details to address below by 20/02/2026, after which the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims and interests notified.

Helen Clayton Northwood Banks and Co, 991 Dodington Road, Lincoln, LN6 3SE, Ref:FE2250111 Walton

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE
Bellec Ltd of Apartment 1, Desford House, Southfield Road Hinxley LE10 1UG, is applying for a licence to use J Coates Garage Services Ltd Unit 2 Watling Street Shawell Lutterworth LE17 6AF as an operating centre for 5 goods vehicles and 5 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the office of the Traffic Commissioner, Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available at <https://www.gov.uk/object-hgv-operator-licence>.

HERBERT GEORG MUNK (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 31 Crescent Avenue, Coventry, CV3 1HD, who died on 20/10/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 20/02/2026, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Aisters Limited, Solicitors Limited, 1 Manor Terrace, Friars Road, Coventry, CV1 2NU (Ref:1G/MUN67/4)

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ANGELS SOLICITORS, 679 Warwick Road, Solihull, B91 3DA

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Application Number R22/0853
LAND NORTH OF STATION FARM COTTAGE, LONDON ROAD, DUNCHURCH
Outline application for: Residential development of up to 350 Dwellings (Use Class C3); provision of open space, including means of access into the site (not internal roads) and associated works, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved.
This is a major development. This development may affect a Public Right of Way
This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement which can be viewed in electronic form at Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR for 30 days. Members of the public may obtain copies of the Environmental Statement (ES) on USB Flash Drive for a charge of £10 from louise.steele@ramptons-planning.com telephone 01295 672310, Oriol House, 42 North Bar, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 0TH. Printed copy of the Non-Technical Summary can also be obtained free of charge from Ramptons.
Please make any representation within 30 days of this notice to the Town Hall address above, online or via email to SWR-CawstonFarm2@rugby.gov.uk Please ensure your full postal address is included.

Application Number R25/0979
LAND SOUTH OF MONTAGUE ROAD, BILTON
Full application for the erection of 195 dwellings (Use class C3), access, drainage, landscaping, open space and associated infrastructure.
This is a major development

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement which can be viewed in electronic form at Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR for 30 days. Members of the public may be able to obtain a paper copy of the Environmental Statement from Michaela Corbett Michaela.Corbett@taylorwimpey.com at Taylor Wimpey - Unit 2 Tournament Court, Edgehill Dr, Warwick CV34 6LG.
Hard copies of the full printed EIA including technical appendices, can be posted at a cost of £50. Volume 1 non-technical summary can be posted at a cost of £10. Volume 2 can be posted at a cost of £30. Volume 3 (technical appendices) can be posted at a cost of £30. USB sticks containing full electronic copies can be requested from the same address at no charge.
Please make any representation within 30 days of this notice to the Town Hall address above, online or via email to swr-taylorwimpey2@rugby.gov.uk Please ensure your full postal address is included.
If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the application please contact the case officer.

Application Number R25/1059
HILLCREST HOUSE, SCHOOL HILL, FLECKNOE, RUGBY, CV23 8AU
Single self-build dwelling with ancillary carers accommodation.
This development may affect a Listed Building. This development may affect a Public Right of Way

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 12 January 2026. 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 householder 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

PUBLIC NOTICES

RUGBY Town & Country Planning
Act 1990 Public Inquiry

Site address: Land North of Rounds Gardens, Rugby
Development Description: Redevelopment of the former football pitch and tennis courts associated with the adjacent employment use, including demolition of the existing pavilion and all other remaining structures and enclosures relating to the previous use of the site; and the erection of 115 dwellings, accesses, landscaping, parking, drainage features and associated works
Application Reference: R24/0111
Appellant: St Modwen Homes
Appeal Reference: APP/E3715/W/25/3373251
Appeal Start Date: 03-Oct-2025

An Inspector instructed by the Secretary of State, N Jones, will hold an Inquiry regarding the above, as detailed below:

Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR
Start Date: 20th January 2026
Start Time: 10:00am

Members of the public may attend the Inquiry and, at the Inspectors discretion, give their views.

If you or anyone you know has a disability and is concerned about facilities at the Inquiry please contact the Council to discuss suitable arrangements.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Inquiry should contact the Local Planning Authority for details of how to do so as soon as possible prior to the enquiry via email (lucy.davison@rugby.gov.uk) or via phone (01788 533696).

Documentation relating to the application can be viewed 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. Please note a planning officer would not be present. If you wish to make an appointment to discuss the appeal please contact the case officer.
Information relating to the inquiry can be found here: <https://www.rugby.gov.uk/wp/planning-inquiry-land-north-of-rounds-gardens>
When made the decision will be published online at: <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

RUGBY **NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 1984 SECTION 60**

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL propose to extend/renew the Public Spaces Protection Order dated 3 October 2022 for a period of three years to prevent anti-social behaviour arising at Newbold Quarry Nature Reserve being satisfied that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the residents of the Borough to be unreasonable, or are likely to be, persistent and continuing in nature.

A copy of the existing Order and plan may be seen free of charge at the Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby. Copies of the Order may be purchased for a fee of £5.00.

The Council would like to seek your views to extend the existing 2022 order for a further three years. Any representation or objection can be presented on our dedicated web page: www.rugby.gov.uk/PSPOconsultation

Alternatively, any comments and/or objections should be sent in writing or by email to the correspondence address below. Proposed extension: To extend the PSPOs for up to 3 years.

At the closure of the formal consultation period, the Council will review all comments/objections and will make a decision on whether to extend the order or an alternative in part or in full.

The PSPO will continue to address anti-social behaviour issues as detailed in the present order, during the consultation period.
More details about the Public Spaces Protection Order can be found on the Council website at: www.rugby.gov.uk/PSPOconsultation

Alternatively, any representation or objection to the variation to the PSPO outlined in this notice must be in writing addressed to:

Public Spaces Protection Orders Consultation, C/O Environmental Health and Community Safety Team, Rugby Borough Council, Evreux Way, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 2RR

Dated 22 December 2025
Legal and Governance Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

RUGBY **NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 1984 SECTION 60**

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL propose to extend/renew the Public Spaces Protection Order dated 3 October 2022 for a period of three years to prevent anti-social behaviour arising from dog fouling, dogs being off leads and being in restricted play areas within areas identified in the Order being satisfied that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the residents of the Borough to be unreasonable, or are likely to be, persistent and continuing in nature.

A copy of the existing Order and plan may be seen free of charge at the Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby. Copies of the Order may be purchased for a fee of £5.00.

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The PSPO will continue to address anti-social behaviour issues as detailed in the present orders, during the consultation period. This order applies to all public places.

More details about the Public Spaces Protection Order can be found on the Council website at: www.rugby.gov.uk/PSPOconsultation

Alternatively, any representation or objection to the PSPO outlined in this notice must be in writing addressed to:

Public Spaces Protection Orders Consultation, C/O Environmental Health and Community Safety Team, Rugby Borough Council, Evreux Way, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 2RR

Dated 22 December 2025
Legal and Governance Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

RUGBY **NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 1984 SECTION 60**

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL propose to extend/renew the Public Spaces Protection Order dated 3 October 2022 for a period of three years to prevent anti-social behaviour arising from ingesting, inhaling, injecting, smoking or otherwise using intoxicating substances within areas identified on the plan in the Order being satisfied that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of the residents of the Borough to be unreasonable, or are likely to be, persistent and continuing in nature.

A copy of the existing Order and plan may be seen free of charge at the Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby. Copies of the Order may be purchased for a fee of £5.00.

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Public Spaces Protection Orders Consultation, C/O Environmental Health and Community Safety Team, Rugby Borough Council, Evreux Way, Rugby, Warwickshire CV21 2RR

Dated 22 December 2025
Legal and Governance Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES


MARY REASON (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 34 Halifax Road Shirley Solihull, B90 2BT, who died on 01/10/2025, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 20/02/2026, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
ERIC BOWES & CO, 139 Stratford Road Shirley Solihull B90 3AY

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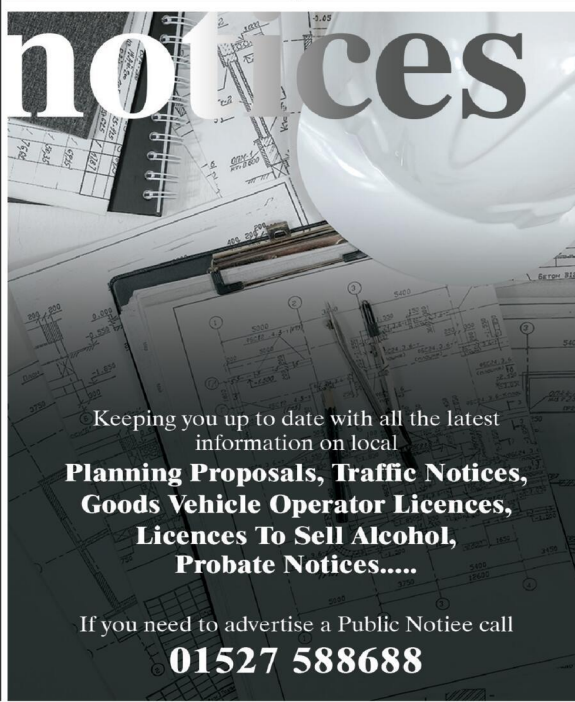
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A limb has fallen from the family tree. Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

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Love Carol and family
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Joshua hopes derby win will inspire Valley

by Aaron Sutcliffe
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FOOTBALL: GRANT Joshua hopes Rugby Town's dramatic derby win against Racing Club Warwick will 'breed confidence' for his side.

An injury-time goal from Jack Concannon earned Valley a 1-0 victory against the Racers at Butlin Road in their last outing.

The win brought an end to Rugby's five-game winless run in the league and believes his players are growing in confidence as the season wears on.

Joshua said: "There was no hiding place for us in front of another excellent crowd."



Valley boss Grant Joshua.
Picture by Martin Pulley.

"Although we didn't reach our levels, we looked solid and won it with a moment of real quality from a class act.

"We've beaten a very good, in-form, physical outfit in Racing Club. It was an even game that we've managed to win.

"The last couple of weeks have been difficult for the players and that's part of growing as a team -

dealing with setbacks after a good run and still fighting, running and believing we're a good side.

"I see what we produce in training and that's where my confidence comes from.

"The aim, which I've communicated to the players, is transferring what we do in sessions into matches, and we saw parts of that process [against Warwick].

"It's only three points, but what they represent going forward is huge. It should breed confidence.

"We'll bounce into Carlton after a week off and hopefully get some bodies back from the treatment table to help us for the festive run-in."

Rugby are next in action against Carlton Town on Saturday, December 20 with kick-off at 3pm at the Bill Stokeld Stadium.

Home comforts desert Borough again in defeat

RUGBY Borough saw their winless run at home stretch to six matches following a 3-1 defeat against Sutton Coldfield Town.

Borough fell behind early on only to draw level later in the first half as Benji Adomako tapped home at Kilsby Lane.

However, a brace from James McGrady either side of half time condemned Rugby to defeat.

And the result means Borough sit 10th in the Northern Premier League Midlands table, six points outside of the play-off places.

Sutton Coldfield broke the deadlock after just two minutes with Borough defender Rich Black only able to turn McGrady's dangerous ball across the six-yard box into his own net.

And Sutton almost doubled their lead on the quarter-hour

mark when Jayden Campbell's curling effort struck the inside of the post.

Rugby goalkeeper Sam Lomax then denied Reece Gibson after the latter attempted to catch the keeper out at his near post.

However, Borough equalised on 28 minutes when Adomako reacted quickest in the box to bundle the ball home.

Sutton reclaimed the lead one minute before the break as McGrady headed Kory Burke's ball across the face of goal into the net at the back post.

And the visitors sealed the points on 74 minutes when McGrady and Gibson exchanged passes in the box and the latter poked home to score his second of the game.

Rugby are next in action against Boldmere St Michaels on Saturday, December 20 with kick-off at 3pm at Kilsby Lane.

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