

It's been a busy couple of months with elections being the main focus of events. Following the elections Stratford District Council now has a new leader, Cllr Stephen Gray (Long Compton) after Les Topham decided not to stand for re-election. A total of nine Councillors decided not to stand again so there are a number of new faces at the District Council.

In this issue of Parish Talk there is an introduction to the new leader and the new Cabinet. There's an update on the refuse and recycling roadshows coming to an event near you over the summer. The District Council has found this type of community engagement very successful getting out and about in the District talking directly with service users.

Other articles in this issue include an item on litter picking and dog owners, a contribution from our Active Communities Officers about getting active, information about some ICT Workshops that you can take part in, availability of funding for local community or voluntary groups, a local history photographic exhibition that took place in Wellesbourne, a contribution from Alison Hodge from Warwickshire Association of Local Councils, an invitation to attend our 'State of the District' debate on Friday 2 July and the regular item on Council meeting dates.

As always we welcome your feedback with the deadline for the next issue being Monday 2 August if you would like to contribute.

That's all for now.



Paul Lankester

GET INVOLVED!

**Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Local Strategic Partners
are hosting a public event,**

'The State of the District Debate'

on Friday 2 July at the Town Hall in Stratford-upon-Avon

Just as National Government is involving the public in crucial decision making the District Council and partners wants to engage with local residents about the big issues that affect them and the whole District.

At this event the new District Council Leader, Cllr Stephen Gray and the Local Strategic Partnership Chairman, Charles Goody will start the ball rolling in a debate about the current District-wide issues and priorities for District communities before engaging in wider discussions.

Previous 'debates' have been held in the Council Chamber, this year the new District Council Leader is keen to take this debate outside and involve as wide a group of residents as possible.

Cllr Stephen Gray, Leader says: "I am keen to engage with the public about the issues facing the District, listen to what they are telling us and enable residents to participate in decisions that help shape their own and their communities' futures. I am looking forward to engaging in an interesting and informative debate and would encourage as many people to attend as possible."

The State of the District Debate starts at 10am on Friday 2 July and will be held at the Town Hall, Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

To register your interest in the event please contact Tina Brain at Stratford District Council on 01789 260802 or email tina.brain@stratford-dc.gov.uk

District Council Election Results

Fifty-eight candidates contested 20 seats at the local Stratford-on-Avon District Council elections on Thursday 6 May. The overall turnout was 71.55%.

The results are as follows with winners in bold (Councillors who were fighting for their seats are underlined)

ALCESTER

Barry Doherty (Lab) 241
 Yvonne Hine (Cons) 1438
Susan Juned (Lib Dem) **1651**
 Turnout 68.80%

BIDFORD & SALFORD

Michael Atkins (Ind) 551
 Maurice Howse (Cons) 1354
Daren Pemberton (Lib Dem) **1448**
 Matthew Stephens (Lab) 316
 Karen Varga (Green) 109
 Turnout 69.45%

BRAILES

Laura Nelson (Lib Dem) 416
Philip Seccombe (Cons) **976**
 Turnout 77.58%

HARBURY

Richard Hamburger (Cons) 1340
Richard Tonge (Lib Dem) **1461**
 Turnout 73.83%

HENLEY (by-election)

John Hartigan (Lab) 285
Jem Jones (Cons) **1664**
 Karyl Rees (Lib Dem) 606
 Turnout 70.07%

KINWARTON

Mike Gittus (Cons) **675**
 Jeffrey Kenner (Lab) 54
 Nina Knapman (Lib Dem) 565
 Turnout 74.84%

LONG COMPTON

Stephen Gray (Cons) **859**
 Ginny Mason (Lib Dem) 499
 Turnout 75.53%

LONG ITCHINGTON

Michael Pugh (Lib Dem) 494
Bob Stevens (Cons) **901**
 Turnout 73.34%

QUINTON

Mike Brain (Cons) **959**
 Jeffery Dench (Lib Dem) 467
 Turnout 71.49%

SAMBOURNE

Justin Kerridge (Cons) **696**
 Clive Rickhards (Lib Dem) 380
 Turnout 73.34%

SHIPSTON (by-election)

Christopher Aston (Lab) 315
 Robert Ballantyne (Green) 70
 Clive Smithard (Cons) 1108
Philip Vial (Lib Dem) **1376**
 Turnout 71%

SNITTERFIELD

Helen Hayter (Cons) **940**
 John Insoll (Lib Dem) 403
 Turnout 74.91%

SOUTHAM

Jennie Ellard (Cons) **1631**
 Helena Knight (Lib Dem) 977
 Peter Thomas (Lab) 900
 Turnout 69.60%

STRATFORD ALVESTON

Stuart Beese (Cons) 1682
 Michael Crutchley (Ind) 378
Ian Fradgley (Lib Dem) **1938**
 Samuel Hargreaves (Lab) 288
 Turnout 74.81%

STRATFORD AVENUE AND NEW TOWN

Ian Hurst (Cons) 1423
 Juliet Short (Ind) 620
Clive Thomas (Lib Dem) **1531**
 Stephen Troup (Lab) 352
 Turnout 65.57%

STRATFORD GUILD AND HATHAWAY

Hugh Chatwin (Green) 144
 Irving David (Cons) 1473
Jenny Fradgley (Lib Dem) **1876**
 Bill Lowe (Ind) 364
 David Talbot (Lab) 315
 Turnout 70.66%

STUDLEY

Jacqueline Abbott (Lab) 330
 Bill McCarthy (Cons) 1085
Hazel Wright (Lib Dem) **1755**
 Turnout 69.05%

TANWORTH

Eric Holder (Lib Dem) 613
Peter Oakley (Cons) **1723**
 Turnout 73.09%

VALE OF THE RED HORSE

Kenneth Osborne (Lib Dem) 435
Gill Roache (Cons) **1048**
 Turnout 77.88%

WELLESBOURNE

Danny Kendall (Cons) 1737
 Jessica Pinson (Green) 392
Roger Wright (Ind) **2018**
 Turnout 75.37%

The current political standings of the Council's 53 seats are:

Conservatives 31 seats
Liberal Democrats 20 seats
Independents 2 seats

The result for the Stratford-on-Avon Parliamentary Constituency was:

Neil Basnett (Independent) 1032
 Fred Bishop (English Democrats) 473
 Robert Johnston (Labour) 4809
 George Jones (BNP) 1097
 Brett Parsons (UKIP) 1846
 Martin Turner (Lib Dem) 14706
 Karen Varga (Green) 527
Nadhim Zahawi (Conservative) **26052**
 Turnout was 72.95%

Introducing Stratford District Council's new Leader, Cllr Stephen Gray



I am delighted to have been appointed Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council. The first few days of my appointment have been very hectic and it's a very steep learning curve, but I'm looking forward to this new challenge.

I came from Abingdon in Oxfordshire and moved into Stratford District in 1980 after my job with British Leyland moved to Gaydon. I've always been a car enthusiast and currently own a 1932 Lagonda which only comes out on sunny days. I am married to Gerunde and we have 1 son and 2 daughters who have all since grown up and left the District.

My interest in political life began when I joined Shipston Town Council in 1988 when I was co-opted, obviously in the right place at the right time! I have had the privilege of serving as Mayor of Shipston 3 times and I'm proud to say that Shipston Town Council became the 50th 'Quality Town Council' nationally during my 3rd term as Mayor. I chose not to stand for re-election to the Town Council in 2008.

My next venture up the ranks was when I joined Stratford District Council in 1988 when I represented Shipston, I didn't stand again in 1992 but rejoined in 2005 following a by-election and I have just been re-elected at the most recent District Council elections to represent the Long Compton Ward.

Since 2008 I have been a member of the District Council's Cabinet and was Portfolio Holder for Revenues and Housing where we focused on providing more affordable homes, bringing empty properties back into use and value for money by

working jointly with Warwick District Council.

In my new role of Leader I intend to look forward and focus on the needs of Stratford and the District by listening and understanding the views of the residents. I want to continue the transformation of the District Council; we have many achievements for a small rural District Council and there are many things we do well, such as waste management and we have achieved a prestigious Beacon status for our digital inclusion programme. We must protect these but at the same time continue to stretch ourselves in finding better ways at doing things. We can't do this all in isolation and we need to continue to work effectively with our partners and I very much value the relationship the District Council has with Parish and Town Councils to help us realise our goals.

New Cabinet for Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Leader Leadership & Governance Portfolio - Cllr Stephen Gray

Deputy Leader - Cllr Sue Wixey

Planning Services Portfolio - Cllr Gillian Roache

Revenues & Housing Portfolio - Cllr Valarie Hobbs

Environment Portfolio - Cllr Simon Jackson

Change & Performance Portfolio - Cllr Mike Weddell

Resources Portfolio - Cllr John Appleton

Community Services Portfolio - Cllr Mike Brain

Member & Customer Services Portfolio - Cllr Stephen Thirlwell

Refuse and recycling roadshow dates and locations

Did you know you can now recycle more materials with Stratford-on-Avon District Council's doorstep recycling service?

Well, you can now recycle your firm plastic packaging such as fruit punnets, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots; regardless of their colour. Aluminium foil has also been added to the list and includes the foil on food packaging and bottles, as well as your clean used kitchen foil.

To help residents recycle, Officers will once again be out and about across the District at a variety of events in spring and summer – from Parish Annual Meetings to Carnivals and Green Fayres, promoting the current refuse and recycling service.

Want to know more about recycling? Come along to our roadshows

Date	LOCATION
Saturday 12 June	Harbury Carnival, Playing fields, Harbury
Sunday 13 June	Alcester Annual Street Market
Sunday 20 June	Snitterfield Village Fete
Saturday 26 June	Sambourne Village Fete (TBC)
Saturday 3 July	Ettington Village Fete
Saturday 3 July	Bishops Itchington Carnival
Saturday 3 July	Studley Annual Summer Fete
Sunday 4 July	Shipston Midsummer festival
Saturday 7 August	Avon Dasset Village Fete
Monday 30 August	Ilmington Show, Ilmington Playing Fields (TBC)

Are you planning to carry out a litter clean up event?

If you are planning to hold a litter clean up event, please let us know as we may be able to provide some advice and support.

If you contact us before the event, we may be able to provide refuse sacks, recycling sacks, gloves or litter pickers for you to use and we may also be able to arrange collection of the sacks when you have finished your clean up event.

Details on community litter clean ups is available from Keep Britain Tidy 'The Big Tidy' campaign: www.thebigtidyup.org or phone 01942 612 602

For more information on how the Council may help, please contact Streetscene on 01789 260616 or email Streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk



HELP YOURSELF...!

- To fresh air and 'the feel good' factor
- To meeting new people and making new friends
- To a healthier mind and body

Join our 'GET – SET - GO' range of activities throughout the Stratford District, designed specifically with those aged 45 and over in mind – there is no easier way of getting active!

- **'GET ACTIVE'** – mixed sports sessions and 'Heart Throb' pool based exercise at local sports and leisure centres.
- **'SET THE PACE'** - free guided 1-1½ hour countryside health walks.
- **'GO GREEN'** - outdoor active recreation and gardening projects.

Andrea Ward-Eversley, 64, joined 'Set The Pace' health walks scheme earlier this year and says: "After my daughter Sherri, 45, was taken from me last July with Breast Cancer, I was finding it difficult to focus on my own wellbeing. Then I joined my local walking group. I was hesitant at the start of the walk but the walk leaders seem to be able to assess when someone needs to be alone, needs company, or needs encouragement. The pace of the walks is determined by the group themselves and guided by the leaders, who are often trained volunteers, so no-one gets left behind.

"Then I found out about the 'Get Active' water-based exercise session. I was ashamed of my body, at over 16 stone, but I thought, why not? I took the plunge and I was hooked. I am also going to be volunteering my time to help with the 'Go Green' gardening project when it starts soon.

"There are many aspects of 'GET – SET – GO' that I find beneficial. I enjoy the chatter about every subject under the sun and the social contact is quite uplifting (we often all go for a coffee after the walks). Now I make time for 'me' and plan my day around my activities.

I have lost a stone in weight and my breathing and agility are so much better. The walks have helped me to overcome my grief and to refocus on my own physical and mental health. I also trained to become a volunteer walk leader, so that I may be able to help others to gain from the many benefits of walking, talking, listening, being together, creating friendships, appreciating the outdoors and each other."

For more information on the activities or volunteering please contact the Active Communities Team on 01789 260648 or visit the Council's website at www.stratford.gov.uk/over45activities.

Getting Stratford District Active!

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Active Communities Officer on 01789 260650 or 260648
or visit the Council's website www.stratford.gov.uk/over45activities

Getting more people, more active, more of the time!

ICT (Information & Communications Technology) Training

Stratford-on-Avon District Council provides ICT workshops and the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) qualification to help meet needs across the community. Most training takes place in the ICT Training Room at Elizabeth House in Stratford.

ICT Workshops

The Council runs half-day workshops on a range of topical programs throughout the year for staff, councillors, partner organisations (voluntary groups and Parish Councils), and members of the community.

These workshops can also be arranged and tailored to suit needs – even delivered at a venue of one's choosing.

The ECDL Extra

The ECDL Extra is open to all councillors, Council staff, all partner organisations and other Councils who wish to take advantage of the opportunity to gain this qualification. You must work in the 'public sector' to be able to apply for this course. The course is run on an ongoing roll-on/roll off basis. One can apply to be put onto a waiting list today and notified as soon as a space is available. This can be done via phone or by email — see details below.

Note: more information about this course is included in brochure with this mail-out. The joining fee is currently £50.

Low cost ICT Workshops

The Council will be offering a number of two hour workshops during June for anyone perhaps thinking of starting their own business or generally in need of brushing up on their ICT skills. We are looking to build confidence in people for using ICT. This is a new venture and includes:

- Simple desk top publishing – using MS Word (17th, 13.30-15.30)
- Using the Internet (email and the Web), (18th, 13.30-15.30) and
- Running presentations using MS PowerPoint (25th, 13.30-15.30).

All training will be on MS Office 2003. Six places are available on each workshop. There is an admin only charge on these workshops of £8 per person per workshop.

Interested!? Booking is on a first-come-first-served basis. Book today or find out more contact our ICT Trainer, Francis O'Neill, on 01789 260443 or email francis.oneill@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Stratford-upon-Avon - a Great Day Out!

For anyone wishing to make a day of training and leisure mixed, then Stratford is a great place to visit, not only for its obvious cultural links, beautiful River Avon, but also great for shopping, restaurants and night life. It's within easy access of the M40, has good parking facilities and good overnight stay facilities.

What more of an excuse do you need to come on over...

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Get your ECDL Extra IT qualification @ Stratford-on-Avon District Council

The District Council offers a range of ICT workshops to its community partners and to other Councils. It also offers an IT literacy standard: the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL). Find out more in this leaflet!

Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Take your ECDL Extra at Stratford-on-Avon District Council

The ECDL helps set the standard for Information Technology literacy here in the UK and abroad. It's a 'must have' on any CV where IT competence is a requirement – and arguably IT literacy is now a 'given' requirement on all of us.

This qualification is very popular at home and abroad. It is being delivered in over 137 countries, and in the UK alone nearly two million people have chosen it as the way to gain their IT skills. Here it is notably a popular qualification within the public services sector.

What the ECDL Extra entails

The new ECDL Extra qualification is made up of 4 modules or set to Level 2. It is also set to the national ITQ standard too, and so attracts the ITQ Level 2 qualification. The modules are as follows:

- o Word-processing
- o Spreadsheets
- o Presentation, and
- o Improving Productivity Using IT modules

The time it takes to complete the qualification is flexible. It can be completed in a couple of months or take up to six months or longer – depending upon the learner's starting skills. It is recommended that a person has some computing skills to begin with before starting.

How the ECDL is run at the Council

The Council takes a flexible approach to learning, providing all the necessary training resources in the form of workshops and necessary IT equipment to allow one to work at home or wherever one has access to a PC. Support is provided through drop-in sessions offered in one of the ICT Training rooms at Elizabeth House.

Assessments (tests) are conducted on a monthly basis at Elizabeth House. Anyone signed up for the ECDL is kept well informed of developments via email.

Who can take advantage of this training

The ECDL is open to all Members and Staff at Stratford District Council. It is open to all partner organisations such as voluntary groups and Parish Councils. It is open to other Councils that wish to take advantage of the opportunity to gain the qualification.

How to register

The course is run on an ongoing roll-on/roll off basis. One can apply to be put onto a waiting list today and notified as soon as a space is available. This can be done via phone or by email — see details below.

Registration itself entails filling in a form, paying the fee, and collecting resources.

What it costs

The ECDL cost is £50 per person. The cost includes resources and assessments on all four modules within a 12 month period. Please note a smaller recharge may occur if going over this period.

We run ICT workshops too!

The Council also runs half-day ICT workshops on a range of problems throughout the year for staff, members and partner organisations. These workshops can also be arranged and tailored to needs – and delivered at a venue of your choosing. You can find out more about these and be included in the schedule email-out, by dropping a line to the ICT Trainer – on the phone number or email address below.

☎ 01789 260443
✉ francis.oneill@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Funding available for community and voluntary groups

Community groups and voluntary organisations across Stratford District are being invited to bid for funding to help their work.

Grants of up to £8,000 are available from the Community Development Fund for one-off projects. Bids must be made with support from the local County Councillor and received by the deadline of Monday 5th July.

The fund is run by Warwickshire County Council to help communities address issues of local concern to them. Some examples of projects that have been funded are:-

- A grant of £7,000 was awarded to Warmington Village Hall to improve facilities on offer to the hall and, in so doing, increase the benefit of the hall to a larger number of people.
- £5,000 was awarded to the Healthy Hub at the Bridge Café in Southam to provide a lunch club for older people and a breakfast club for young parents.
- Alcester Town Council received £8,350 towards the Alcester Community Orchard to provide an area where the community can engage with their local environment and provide a range of activities that will encourage greater use of the site by local residents and raise biodiversity on the site.

Once the bids are in, county councillors will choose the successful applications at the local area committee meeting on Wednesday 20th October 2010.

Chair of the Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee, Councillor Mike Perry said: "The Community Development Fund has proved to be a huge success with nearly £350,000 being given to support over 90 projects in the district since 2000/2001.

"The fund aims to help communities, especially in more disadvantaged areas of the county, tackle issues of local concern. The money that is awarded allows Warwickshire County Council to work in partnership to increase access to a number of important local services and we encourage local groups to come up with ideas and apply for help in funding projects that are important to their communities. However, competition for the grants from the Fund is always high, so we do urge community and voluntary groups to hurry and be sure to beat the deadline."

Due to the popularity of the Fund last year, we are inviting prospective applicants to a workshop which will be held on **Thursday 17th June between 2pm – 4pm** at Stratford-on-Avon District Council Offices. The purpose of the workshop will be for applicants to find out more information about the fund and to seek further guidance and support for their application, to include signposting to any other relevant sources of funding for their projects. Places are limited so please book early to guarantee a place.

For more information contact Amanda Wilson-Patterson at the Stratford-on-Avon Area Office, who can provide information, advice and support during your application process and while developing your project: Amanda can be contacted on 01789 290787 or by email at stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk. An application form and guidance notes is available to download on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea

Photographic Exhibition Brings the Village Together

The Local History group of the Wellesbourne Village Society joined forces with representatives of the Dene Valley U3A (University of the Third Age) and Stratford-on-Avon District Council to hold an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia on the theme of 'Wellesbourne trades- 1940's to 1960's'.

The event was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22 May, on a wonderfully sunny spring day, and attracted almost 250 visitors of varied ages, many of them local but some venturing out from Stratford town, Alcester and Kineton too.

The exhibition included fascinating displays of old Wellesbourne shops and trades, local history of the horse, Chedham's Yard, Churches Together, Kineton past and present, Wellesbourne Airfield and Warwickshire Reminiscence Action Project (WRAP). Visitors marvelled at some of the old scenes and many reminisced about times past and discussed what their lives had been like during this period. There was also an opportunity for people to try their hand at brass rubbing to create a replica image of a brass that originated in St Peter's Church in Wellesbourne.

The icing on the cake, literally (!), was the fabulous array of cakes and pastries produced by the local WI that were available to visitors throughout the day. Thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success

It is hoped that from this event further exhibitions and an intergenerational oral history project, on a similar theme, may emerge and local people are already coming forward to be involved!

If you too would like to share your photos, artefacts, or personal memories relating to shops and trades, or general life, of this period in the Dene Valley, then please contact Jan Roberts at Stratford-on-Avon District Council on 01789 260108.



Photo courtesy of the Stratford Herald

Bishops Itchington Clerk achieves second place in the national clerk of the year awards

Congratulations to Alison Biddle for being placed second in the National Association of Local Councils' Clerk of the Year competition. This was just one of the competitions in the Local Council Awards. Warwickshire Councils excelled, as Councillor Graham Leeke, Chair Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council in Warwick District is also to be congratulated for being awarded Councillor of the Year.

The judges were looking for good practice from councils regardless of size or location. They were looking for councils, councillors, clerks and workers who are really making a difference, Cllr Michael Chater, chairman of NALC, said: "The National Association is very proud of the achievements of all our local councils and this came through loud and clear in the applications for all the awards. Indeed I found the standard of applications quite staggeringly high and being on the judging panel was quite a humbling experience."

A council relies on its clerk and Alison Biddle has worked tirelessly to put new projects in place for the benefit of the village of Bishops Itchington. Not least the new Bishops Itchington Community and Blue Butterfly Café which the parish council made possible by obtaining the lease for the old British Legion Clubhouse after many months of negotiations.

Ed Houston, from Aon Insurance, sponsors of the Clerk of the Year Award, said: "Aon are pleased with the continued success of these awards. The purpose of the awards is to recognise the outstanding work that clerks and councils undertake on a daily basis in their local communities."

The photo shows Alison and Graham at the awards ceremony in London on 13 May 2010



Warwickshire Association of Local Councils Area and Liaison Committees for the Benefit of Parish and Town Councils

The Stratford West Area Parish Liaison Committee has been established. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th July 7.30 pm at Elizabeth House. The presentation is very topical with the recent change of government. Elisabeth Skinner from the University of Gloucestershire will expound upon the many changes in local government and recent trend to create unitary authorities and joint working arrangements. Karen Parnell has been appointed secretary karen.parnell@homecall.com

The Stratford South Parish Committee met in March and representatives were briefed by Cllr George Atkinson, Portfolio holder for Planning at Stratford on Avon District Council. He covered issues such as planning in the green belt, the proposals for the Eco-town, provision of sites for travellers and for affordable housing. Cllr Botterill of Tredington PC has been elected Chair and Martin Lloyd, the Clerk to Tredington and Ettington Parish Councils is the secretary. martin.lloydtpc@yahoo.co.uk

The Stratford Central and East Parish Committee – Volunteers Needed

So this leaves those Councils in the centre and east of the District. With threats such as the High Speed Rail Link there is even greater need for parishes to come together and share good practice, views and resources. WALC would welcome hearing from any councillor or clerk who might be interested in organising the meetings for this committee. It is not onerous and there is funding available to pay a secretary. Please contact Alison Hodge at the WALC office. Tel 02476 217349 walc@walc.org.uk

Dog owners and dog walkers are responsible for clearing up after their dogs.

It is illegal to fail to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land which is open to the air and to which the public have access (in accordance with The Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Stratford-on-Avon) Order 2009). The penalty for contravening the Act is a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 or prosecution in the magistrates' court.

Dog bins are sited in the district for disposal and are regularly emptied; alternatively, dog faeces can be put in general litter bins or taken home.

In some areas, signs are erected to alert dog walkers of their responsibilities. Instances of dog fouling can be reported on 01789 267575 (office hours). Please also let us know if any dog bins or signs are damaged or missing.

We all share an interest in public health since these matters affect us so please help us to remind dog owners of their responsibility.

For further information please contact Streetscene on 01789 267575 or by email at streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or by fax on 01789 260808.



MEETING DATES

COMMITTEE	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
The Cabinet	Monday 21 June at 2.00pm	Stratford District Council
Planning (East)	Thursday 24 June at 6.00pm	Stratford District Council
Planning (West)	Thursday 8 July at 6.00pm	Stratford District Council
Council	Monday 12 July at 2.00pm	Stratford District Council
Planning (East)	Wednesday 14 July at 6.00pm	Stratford District Council
The Cabinet	Monday 19 July at 2.00pm	Stratford District Council
Planning (West)	Wednesday 28 July at 6.00pm	Stratford District Council
Planning (East)	Wednesday 4 August at 6.00pm	Stratford District Council
Planning (West)	Wednesday 18 August at 6.00pm	Stratford District Council
Planning (East)	Wednesday 25 August at 6.00pm	Stratford District Council

Community Forums are an interactive event enabling residents to learn about issues big and small affecting their area, get answers to questions and influence local decision-making. Anyone with a question about a local issue can go along and put it to officers from a range of organisations.

Community Forum	Date & Time	Surgery Time	Location
Alcester/Bidford	Tuesday 22 June at 7.00pm	6.30pm	St Benedict's Catholic High School, Alcester
Henley-in-Arden/Studley	Thursday 1 July at 7.30pm	7.00pm	Henley High School, Henley-in-Arden
Wellesbourne/Kineton	Thursday 10 June at 7.00pm	6.30pm	Kineton Primary School, Kineton
Southam/Feldon	Wednesday 23 June at 7.15pm	6.30pm	The Priors Hall, Priors Marston
Shipston/Stour	Tuesday 8 June at 7.00pm	6.30pm	Quinton & Admington Village Hall, Lower Quinton
Stratford	Monday 5 July at 5.30pm	5.00pm	Stratford Football Club

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or get involved, please contact the WCC Stratford Area Office on 01789 290784 or email: stratfordoffice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Community Forums are part of a countywide initiative involving Warwickshire County Council, District and Borough Councils, NHS Warwickshire, Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Together partners. There are 30 forums across Warwickshire, which bring together elected representatives across all tiers of local government - County, District and Borough and Parish, together with a range of other community representatives.