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### District Councillor's report Ullenhall Parish Council 7th April 2026

**If you need to contact me, please email me as I aim to respond within 24 hours otherwise leave a message on my mobile phone. I am here to help you.**

On Tuesday, the 17/3/2026 I had the pleasure of attending the Licencing of our new Reverend (Rev. Tim Thomas) and much to my surprise I was asked to say a few words of welcome to a packed Church. As I commented at the time, thrusting a microphone in front of a politician is always a dangerous thing which raised a smile. Along with everyone who attended, including the Bishop and Archdeacon I welcomed Reverend Tim to our beautiful area and the Parishes of Claverdon. Preston Bagot, Aston Cantlow as well as Wootton Wawen and hope that Rev. Tim and his family will be very happy in our community.

As we are in the Easter period (today being the third day of Eastertide) the number of committee meetings at SDC tend to tail off although we do have two Full Council meetings planned. I sit on the following committees: -

- Audit & Standards
- Employment
- Overview & Scrutiny (as a substitute for any Conservative member of the committee)

In addition, I create the alternative budget each year for the Conservative Party in consultation with the Group Leader and members of the Party effectively costing each proposal and preparing the justification papers. This process alone can take up to 6 months of work each year.

Outside of SDC I lobby and assist our County Councillor on various issues (but not political ones) as it is essential that we help each other to get the best results for our residents.

I sit on the Henley Patient/Practice group and at mass vaccination sessions you will find me helping outside to organise the flow the patients into the medical centre.

Finally I have offered to be the Parish representative (to the WW CofE First School) school governors so, as you can see, I manage to keep myself fairly busy with the above which is in addition to helping residents and the Parish Councils' of Wootton Wawen, Bearley, Ullenhall and Mappleborough Green.

**Garden waste Charges - Don't forget though, to renew your subscription now otherwise your Garden waste bin will not be emptied.**

### Recycling news



Rank	Authority	Recycling rate for 2024/25
1	<b>Stratford-on-Avon District Council</b>	<b>63.9%</b>
2	Milton Keynes Council	63.2%
3	South Oxfordshire District Council	61.3%
4	Three Rivers District Council	61.1%
5	East Riding District Council	61.0%
6	East Devon District Council	60.3%
7	Dorset Council	60.2%
8	North Somerset	60.2%
9	Stockport MBC	60.1%
10	St Albans City and District Council	60.0%

**Stratford-on-Avon District had the highest household recycling rate in England in 2024/2025 according to figures published by Defra this week.**

With a 63.9% household recycling rate, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has jumped up two places in the league table after seeing a 2.9% increase from the previous year.

Julie Lewis, Head of Environmental and Neighbourhood Services, said: "This is a huge success and it's a testament to our residents and their commitment to recycling. It is an amazing achievement, and we would like to thank our residents and our continued successful partnership with waste collection contractor, Biffa Waste Services Ltd, alongside the hard work of our council officers for this milestone. We did it!

"We would also like to thank Sherbourne Recycling, the state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility where all of the district's household recycling is processed. The facility is continually evolving and has the capability to adapt to new materials over time, helping to ensure our recycling services remain efficient and effective."



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### Markets –

Don't forget that the Waterside Markets will operate each Sunday and the road from the junction of Bridge Street along to Sheep Street will be closed from 9am until 6 pm each Sunday for the rest of this year.

Waterside Upmarket in Stratford-upon-Avon has won Best Large Outdoor Market award at the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) One Day Conference 2026. The popular market has over 90 high-quality stalls every Sunday and Bank Holiday (March to December) and takes place against the stunning backdrop of the River Avon and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. The market is run in partnership with LSD Promotions Ltd and celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2025.

**5-year Housing Land Supply - Stratford** DC can now only demonstrate a 2.21 years deliverable housing supply at a base date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. You will be aware that we were previously reliant on the appeal derived figure of 2.74 years supply, at a base date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The fall in the supply position is largely due to the switch from the previously used hybrid requirement for the 5-year period (one year of Core Strategy requirement and four years of the government's Local Housing Need for Stratford) that was determined by the Planning Inspector for the Bordon Hill appeal. Due to the increase in local housing need coupled with the age of the Core Strategy, from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 we are using the relevant Local Housing Need figure for Stratford District of 1,112 dwellings per annum for the full five-year period.

The new five year housing land supply calculation and details of the sites considered deliverable in 5 years can be viewed on the website at: [Five Year Housing Supply | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

### Some other interesting statistics about the housing supply from a recent report

We have also published the 2024-25 Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), which details progress on topics including housing, economic development, retail and leisure delivery and supply over the period April 2024 to March 2025. It also includes monitoring results from recent surveys of the main town centres in the district, covering the distribution of use classes and vacancy levels.

The full report can be viewed on the website: [Monitoring Information and Reports | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#) but some headline results from the 2024-25 AMR are:

- 903 homes built
  - Of which 379 affordable homes (41.9% of all homes)
  - 71.3% were two-and three-bedroom homes.
- 21 empty homes brought back into use by SDC.
- 209 units (net) of visitor accommodation completed.
- 6.1% vacancy rate in units in Stratford-upon-Avon Town Centre
- 88.3% of the Primary Shopping streets in Stratford-upon Avon in E class use (E use class includes shops, cafes, financial services etc)
- 5.4% average vacancy rate in the shopping areas of the Main Rural Centres
  - Highest vacancy level = Alcester 8.8%
- Lowest vacancy levels = Henley-in-Arden and Wellesbourne, both 2.9%

### Council Tax – This table shows the increases in Council tax from last year to this year.

This means that all the services provided by the District Council cost £3.35 a week for a Band D household. This contributes to meeting the cost of providing a wide range of services including recycling and waste collection, planning, street cleaning, housing, housing benefits, leisure services and children's play areas.

The Council Tax from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for residents for 2026/27 for each of the valuation bands is:

	2025/26	2026/27	% Increase
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	£169.12	£174.18	2.99%
Warwickshire County Council	£1,822.95	£1,903.86	4.44%
Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner	£303.71	£318.71	4.94%
Sub-total	£2,295.78	£2,396.75	4.40%
Town and Parish Councils (average)	£84.13	£87.42	3.91%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,379.91</b>	<b>£2,484.17</b>	<b>4.38%</b>

A	£116.12
B	£135.47
C	£154.83
D	£174.18
E	£212.89
F	£251.59
G	£290.30
H	£348.36



Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
12.8p



Warwickshire County Council  
76.7p



Stratford-on-Avon District Council  
7.0p



Town or Parish Council  
3.5p

### Temporary suspension of textiles recycling collections across Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts

The kerbside textiles recycling service from Stratford on-Avon and Warwick District Councils will be temporarily suspended from 1 April 2026. The Salvation Army, the Councils' current textiles off taker, has confirmed that challenging market conditions, rising operational costs and wider geopolitical instability affecting its recycling operations have led



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to this decision.

With the removal of The Salvation Army clothing banks from the waste depots in both Districts, the Councils are unable to continue offering the current kerbside textiles recycling service in its existing form. During this suspension period, residents are encouraged to make use of the many local alternatives available for donating, reusing, or repairing textiles. These include:

- Charity shops across Stratford-on-Avon District and Warwick District, many of which continue to accept good-quality clothing, shoes, and household textiles.
- Local donation points operated by charitable organisations, which remain open and available for residents wishing to pass on items for reuse.

## House Prices December 2025, changes since 2005/15

The geometric mean<sup>1</sup> average price of a home in Stratford-on-Avon District in the year ending December 2025 was £390,081. This represents a 31% increase on December 2015, a real terms increase of £91,188. Since January 2005, the authority has seen a 76% increase, or, in real terms, £168,634.

House prices increased on average by 43% from December 2015 and 91% since January 2005; so, Stratford District looks to have underperformed the market since 2005. Looking at the authorities which performed better than average, they tended to have a lower starting house price figure, under £150,000; whereas those authorities which have performed less well in percentage terms tended to have higher starting prices in 2005 of in excess of £150,000.

Out of our nearest neighbours, Cotswold District had the highest average house price in December 2025 at £415,906, followed by our district. Warwick had a slightly lower average price at £366,063.

District	Average House price Dec 25
Cotswold	£415,906
Stratford-on-Avon	£390,081
Warwick	£366,063
Cherwell	£355,186
Malvern Hills	£338,287
Bromsgrove	£333,847
Wychavon	£333,519
Solihull	£328,744
Rugby	£275,985

**Health Screening –** I am a great supporter of these screening sessions and book onto them every year.

## Stratford-on-Avon District Council's 2026 health screening events across the District

For a second year, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has joined together with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) to offer a series of health screening events for both men and women across the District.

The events will enable men and women to have a number of health tests from a simple blood test, allowing them to, where necessary, seek further advice or action via their GP.

The tests on offer cost £14 each, subsidised by the District Council and are:

- For men over 40 - PSA (Prostate Screening)
- For men and women aged 18 and over - diabetes and cholesterol

The events are taking place at:

- Saturday 18 April at Lighthorne Heath Village Hall, Valiant Close, CV33 9UF
- Saturday 9 May at Graham Adams Centre, St James Road, Southam, CV47 0LY
- Saturday 30 May at Wellesbourne Village Hall, School Road, CV35 9NH
- Saturday 20 June at Shipston Scout Hut, New Street, CV36 4EW
- Saturday 18 July at the Greig Hall, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, B49 6AD
- Saturday 19 September at Studley Village Hall, High Street, B80 7HJ

- Saturday 17 October at Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, CV37 6YX
- Saturday 7 November at Henley-in-Arden Memorial Hall, Station Road, B95 5JP

The events will run from 10am until 2pm at each of the locations and residents are able to book at a discounted rate of £14 for each test.

Spaces are limited and need to be booked in advanced at: <https://sdc.mypstests.org.uk/>

Last year's health screening events delivered significant results, with a total of 1,137 tests carried out across PSA, diabetes and cholesterol checks. 663 men participated in PSA testing, with 24% referred to their GP for further investigation, an important step in supporting early diagnosis and treatment. The screenings also revealed that 11% of participants had blood sugar levels outside the normal range, while a significant 80% showed cholesterol readings requiring follow-up with their GP.

Cllr Liz Coles, Housing and Customer Services Portfolio said: "The response to last year's health screening events was outstanding, and the results underline just how vital these checks are. By identifying early signs of potential health issues, from elevated PSA levels to concerns around blood sugar and cholesterol, we've helped many people take proactive steps toward better health."

"We're proud to be running the programme again this year and encourage everyone to make use of this potentially life-saving opportunity"

For more information and to book please visit <https://sdc.mypstests.org.uk> or call 01926 419959 or email [info@myhealthtests.org.uk](mailto:info@myhealthtests.org.uk)





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### Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Rural Crime Advisors are participating in 'Operation Recall', a national initiative to raise awareness of livestock worrying.

The initiative is being led by Warwickshire Police and supported by partner agencies around the country, such as the National Farmers' Union (NFU), Country Land and Business Association (CLA), National Sheep Association, and the RSPCA.

At this time of year, pregnant ewes and lambs are particularly vulnerable, but all newborn and young animals are at risk. Reports of livestock worrying sadly increase and this often includes deaths and injury due to attacks by dogs on all kinds of animals, especially sheep.

To help with this initiative, the District Council's team is building on their work around livestock worrying as they continue to raise awareness of the importance of responsible dog ownership across South Warwickshire.

This work involves visiting rural areas where dog attacks on livestock have already been reported, to discuss safe dog walking with members of the public and provide the National Sheep Association's Enjoy your dog walks information leaflet.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, it is a criminal offence for a dog to actively worry livestock and dog owners risk prosecution. Whilst the majority of dog owners do walk their dogs in a responsible manner, unfortunately there are a small minority whose recklessness puts the welfare of other animals at risk.

Sargeant Ruth Day, Rural Crime Team at Warwickshire Police, said: "Livestock worrying causes really financial and emotional harm to farmers, and it is completely avoidable. Operation Recall allows us to take a proactive approach - educating dog owners, increasing patrols, and responding swiftly to reports. Simply keeping dogs on a lead around livestock prevents these incidents, and we're asking the public to help us protect the animals and livelihoods that are vital to our rural communities."

If you would like further information or think your local area would benefit from a visit from the District Council's Rural Crime Advisors, Rebecca Jenkins and Alison Packer, or would like 'Operation Recall' leaflets to distribute in your local area please email: [community.safety@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@stratford-dc.gov.uk) or complete the online form: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/rural-crime-advisor-enquiry.cfm>

If you have livestock and would like a 'Dog on Lead' sign, please email: [ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:ruralcrimeteam@warwickshire.police.uk)

### Funding Opportunities

**Community Climate Change and Nature Fund Round Three is open for applications!** - Stratford-on-Avon District Council introduced The Community Climate and Nature Fund (CCNF) in November 2023 and has since enabled the funding of a multitude of climate and biodiversity initiatives across Stratford-on-Avon District. Funded projects include the installation of solar panels and air source heat pumps, to pond restoration and flood prevention projects.

Round Three of the CCNF opened in May 2025 and will stay open until April 2026. All applications will be considered at the nearest appraisal date following their submission, the dates are as follows:

- 15th April 2026

For your application to be considered at the next appraisal date please submit your application by **5pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

Please send any enquiries about the CCNF to: [climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:climate.emergency@stratford-dc.gov.uk).

**Free trees for Town and Parish Councils** - Town and Parish Councils have received an email from SDC's Sue Greenall, asking for expressions of interest to gauge the level of interest in a scheme for tree planting in their areas. If your Town or Parish Council has suitable areas of public or publicly accessible land and would be interested in applying for the grant and hasn't already responded to the email, please send the following information to [sue.greenall@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:sue.greenall@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

- Name of the Town/Parish Council and contact details for scheme organiser.
- Show the proposed planting location(s) on a map.
- Confirm the number of trees and species that you would be looking to purchase and plant.
- Confirm who is the legal Landowner of the proposed planting area and whether permission for planting will need to be sought.

Once all expressions of interest are received and based on the information provided, an application form will be issued along with a list of conditions to be met and details of evidence that would be required.



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### Police report – Incidents of a public interest from the last week: -

- **ALCESTER**
  - Burglary. Business, Priory Road. Front door glass smashed and entry gained. Small safe, cash and mobile phone taken. Overnight 3rd & 4th April. 0068 04/04/2026
  - ASB Wakefield Way / Kinwarton Farm Road area. Four motorcycles riding around the area causing a general nuisance especially with the noise - revving engines etc. Reported on the 31st March. Ongoing problem around the area.
- **BIDFORD**
  - ASB. High Street. Two males on an e-bike riding dangerously in the area. Both dressed in dark clothing and face coverings. 1pm 4th April. 0172 04/04/2026
  - ASB. Westholme Road. Two females seen on e-scooter in the area. Around 7pm 31st March. 0313 31/03/2026
- **STUDLEY ASB.**
  - Station Road. Youngsters seen on roof of buildings causing a danger to themselves. 4.15pm 31st March OLDBERROW
  - Vehicle Crime. Morton Bagot Road. Grey Land Rover Defender Estate stolen without key. 8.55pm 30th March
- **MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN**
  - Burglary. Pratts Lane. House entered via forced door and vehicle keys taken. Subsequently a Grey BMW X5 and a White VW Transporter Startline was also stolen. Between 7pm 3rd and 7am 4th April. 0062 04/04/2026
- **BEOLEY**
  - Attempt Burglary. Ullenhall Lane. Brick thrown glass at property. It is believed that entry was not gained and nothing was stolen at the time of the report. Alarm activation around 4pm 3rd April. 0216 03/04/2026
- **HENLEY**
  - Theft. Garage, Warwick Road. Two males have seen trying to steal fuel, but they were unsuccessful. They have then stolen a fire extinguisher from the safety cabinet and made off on foot. 11.40pm 30th March.