Warwickshire County Council

Feldon Division report

Sept 25

Council issues

Following the resignation of the previous Leader of the Council, Cllr George Finch of Reform UK was elected the New Leader of the Council. The vote was drawn between Cllr Finch and Cllrs and as a result, Cllr Finch was elected by the Chair's, a member of Reform. casting vote.

Last week Cllr Finch held a press conference about the future direction of the Council. The Minority administration intends to focus on:

SEND, potholes and safety.

HS2

There appears to be tentative agreement to keep the pedestrian crossing in the Village, subject to whatever due diligence is required, and the access to Wood Farm.

The closure of the A423 between Southam and Ladbroke. Verbal report.

I have been working with both County officers and Sir Jeremy Wright for over six weeks to get a more rational road closure but EKFB do not seem concerned about the impact of its closure on the local road network and residents.

A simple solution of extending the road closure, with local access permitted, to include the access to Ladbroke would make a significant improvement but EKFB have refused rto consider this proposal

Highways

Introduction of Enforcement Support for Phase 1 School Keep Clear Zones

As part of the Authorities ongoing commitment to improving safety around schools, parking restrictions will be actively enforced from this September 2025.

Uniformed officers will be patrolling designated school sites to monitor compliance, engage with drivers, and raise awareness about the importance of safe and legal parking near schools.

To support this initiative, Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) will be issued to vehicles found in violation of the restrictions.

Why Enforcement Is Necessary

Regular reminders are with parents and carers about the importance of safe and considerate parking near schools. However, some drivers continue to stop or park on restricted markings, such as "School Keep Clear" zones and double yellow lines.

While often unintentional, this behaviour can create unsafe conditions by reducing visibility, increasing congestion, and making it harder for children to cross safely.

Unfortunately, Warwickshire has seen a rise in traffic-related incidents involving *children near school sites.*

By introducing active enforcement, the Council aims to support safer travel for pupils, encourage responsible parking habits, and protect the wellbeing of the entire school community. Enforcement Measures Include: School Keep Clear Zones: • Vehicles parked in these restricted areas during operational hours will be issued a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £70, reduced to £35 if paid within 14 days.

Director of Highways

The Council has now appointed a permanent replacement Richard Fenwick AS Director of Highways from the beginning of this July. Richard was recruited from Lincolnshire County Council.

I have already had a number of Teams meeting with Richard to discuss the local infrastructure. Shail Chohan, remains as head of County Highways.

Changes to some of the teams have already been implemented.

The Devolution Whitepaper

There is no update on this issue

Division issues

Concerns have been raised about the use of Hambridge by overweight vehicles, and as a result, an inspection has revealed some structural damage.

A new 4 tonne wight limit is being considered along with road narrowings to prevent HGVs or large agricultural vehicles using it.

I have authorised expenditure from my delegated budget to resurface the area on Ladbroke Road between the Greaves Club and the entrance to the school. As this work needs to be done in school holidays, it is unlikely this will be done until the Feb 26 half term.

Christopher

Lloyds Tour of Britain (X and Facebook)

Enjoy the dramatic finale of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men - Stage 4 on Friday 5 September at Burton Dassett Hills Country Park.

Book your tickets now for the Park and Ride at the British Motor Museum! Stress-free access for £2 per car, with pre-booking essential: https://orlo.uk/gNnh7

Warwickshire schools to gain safety boost from greater parking enforcement (X and Facebook)

Warwickshire County Council's ongoing commitment to improving road safety around schools will see parking restrictions actively enforced at a number of schools, starting from 1 September.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6928/warwickshire-schools-to-gain-safety-boost-from-greater-parking-enforcement

'British Blind Sport at 50' exhibition opens in Warwick (X and Facebook)

Marking the 50th anniversary of British Blind Sport, part of the ground floor at Market Hall Museum will celebrate the charity's impact and share stories of local blind and partially sighted athletes.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6926/-british-blind-sport-at-50-exhibition-opens-at-market-hall-museum

Discover something new with the Council's Living Well webpages (X and Facebook)

If you're looking to learn a new skill, meet new people, or improve your health, we suggest exploring opportunities available on the Living Well webpages on the Warwickshire County Council website.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6896/discover-something-new-with-the-council-s-living-well-webpages-

Support your wellbeing and your community through helping others (X and Facebook)

Volunteers play a vital role in supporting local services and each other. From activities that help individuals feel safe and connected, to larger community projects that bring people together, the work of volunteers is invaluable, essential and very rewarding.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6895/support-your-wellbeing-and-your-community-through-helping-others

Veterans Contact Point secures long-term lease (X and Facebook)

A Warwickshire military charity, Veterans Contact Point, has secured a new 20-year lease on its headquarters in Nuneaton that will continue to be a safe and open space for veterans in the region.

Learn more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6809/veterans-contact-point-secures-long-term-lease

Warwickshire's adult learning offer (X and Facebook)

If you are looking for something new to do, hoping to develop new skills, or looking for community connections, you can find all this and more with Warwickshire's Adult and Community Learning service.

Discover more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6742/find-a-new-vocation-or-refresh-your-skills-through-warwickshire-s-adult-learning-offer

Share your views about the future of health and wellbeing (X and Facebook)

The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy identifies key areas to help improve health and wellbeing for everyone, wherever they access services, so that individuals can experience more joined-up care.

Have your say on the Strategy today: https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/health-and-wellbeing-strategy/

Pedal, play and plan your way to a healthier, happier lifestyle (X and Facebook)

Consciously choosing to use active travel to get out and about is a great way to stay healthy, happy and independent.

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6745/pedal-play-and-plan-your-way-to-a-healthier-happier-lifestyle

New moth discovery at Ryton Pools Country Park (X and Facebook)

Rangers at Ryton Pools Country Park are celebrating the discovery of a brand-new moth species for Warwickshire, the Raspberry Clearwing, with two individuals recently recorded on site.

Discover more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6747/moth-that-resembles-a-wasp-discovered-in-warwickshire-for-the-first-time-at-ryton-pools-country-park