

## County Councillor Report

### Oxhill Parish Council Meeting 19th May 2026

#### Raising of threat level to severe

The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board are sharing this statement from Warwickshire Police on the raising of the terrorism threat level to severe.

Deputy Chief Constable, Ben Smith said:

*“You will have seen in the news that the UK terrorism threat level has been increased from substantial to severe – meaning an attack in the UK is highly likely.*

*“This change comes following a series of recent incidents targeting Jewish communities in London, and our thoughts very much remain with all those impacted by these horrific attacks. “The raise in threat level will no doubt be a cause of significant concern. I therefore wanted to give some information and reassurance about what this means for us all here in Warwickshire.*

*“The change in the threat status is in response to those recent events and is a precautionary measure, not based on any specific threat.*

*“But we do all need to be vigilant.*

*“Warwickshire Police will continue to be visible in our communities, and will be working with partner agencies, local businesses, and faith groups to share information and advice on security, what to be on the look-out for and how to report any concerns.*

*“Communities defeat terrorism, and we are asking you, the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.*

*“Your support is essential, and communities across the country continue to show they stand together against anyone who tries to divide them.”*

*If you do see anything that doesn't feel right, please report it via [www.gov.uk/ACT](https://www.gov.uk/ACT). In an emergency, always call 999.*

*More information about what to do if you are concerned about the behaviour of someone close to you can be found on the <https://actearly.uk> website, including how to spot the signs of radicalisation and where to go for support.*

Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/news/warwickshire/news/2026/may/raising-of-threat-level-to-severe--statement-from-deputy-chief-constable-ben-smith>

## **Warwickshire County Council AGM**

Key appointments and several important items of Council business were agreed at the Annual General Meeting of Warwickshire County Council, held on 14 May 2026. During the meeting, councillors approved the new Council Plan, Recalibrating Warwickshire 2026-30, which sets out the Council's strategic direction and priorities over the next four years. The Plan will guide Council activity and decision-making, supported by a Council Delivery Plan and Performance Management Framework to ensure progress is monitored and outcomes are achieved. Read more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7634/key-appointments-and-decisions-confirmed-at-warwickshire-county-council-agm>

### **Strengthening local social care and health support**

Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet has endorsed an £80.1 million plan to support residents to live healthier, more independent lives for longer. Find out more: The Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2026/27 continues to bring together NHS and council funding to make health and social care services in Warwickshire simpler to access, better coordinated and more focused on prevention.

Funding through the BCF directly supports older people, disabled residents and those with long-term or more complex health conditions by providing care and support closer to home.

This may include:

Help to remain independent at home for longer

Faster, better-coordinated support when people return home from hospital

Adaptations to homes that make everyday living safer and easier

Joined-up local services so individuals don't have to repeat their story or navigate multiple organisations

By supporting people earlier and in the right setting, the funding also helps to reduce unnecessary hospital stays and avoid long term care where it's needed.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7621/cabinet-endorses-80-million-plan-to-strengthen-local-social-care-and-health-support-in-warwickshire>

### **Enhancing school facilities in Warwickshire**

£1.66 million in funding has been announced to deliver improvements to safeguarding, accessibility, and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision within Warwickshire's schools. A £1.66 million addition to the 2026/2027 Education Capital Programme was approved at the latest meeting of Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet.

The funding will be used to deliver improvements to safeguarding, accessibility, and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision, with a significant focus on reducing travel times for vulnerable students. Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7626/significant-investment-agreed-to-enhance-school-facilities-and-specialist-education-provision>

### **Cost of living webpages**

Are you struggling with the increasing cost of living? Signposting and support is available here: <https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/> For more information, visit the [Crisis and Resilience Fund pages](#) or call 0800

4081448 or 01926 359182.

### **Emergency contacts**

Do you know who to contact in an emergency?

You can find your key contacts near you on the Warwickshire Resilience Forum website. Risks being: Industrial Accidents & Major fires, Cyber Attacks, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Extreme Cold Weather, Heatwave & Drought, Animal Disease, Loss of Gas or Electricity, Malicious Attacks, Pandemics and Flooding. Pick a risk and pop in your postcode at <https://www.warwickshireresilienceforum.org/emergency-contacts/>, and find out who's here to help where you are.

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