Ward Report – Tysoe Ward.

Including the Parishes of Compton Wynyates, Halford, Honington, Idlicote, Oxhill, Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors, Tysoe, and Whatcote.

Overview for November

Central Government "paused" the Devolution and Local Government Reform process due to legal challenges in August. There was no clear indication of what would happen next, but a great deal of time and money has been expended on this sinking Flagship policy. Last week we found out at last! For Warwickshire, the process will continue.

The public consultation for the South Warwickshire Local Plan has been conducted with a stronger than expected level of response. This has been an issue with additional resources being allocated to enter data and analyse the responses before any changes are made to the final submission.

We have had a summer of exceptional weather. Heat and draught will soon give way to the approaching Winter. Experts are indicating that we should expect a severe Winter at a time of Cost of Living and Energy Crisis. I have included details of some further grants that are available to help to keep people warm and not isolated.

Help is available for those in need. Often the most vulnerable of our residents find it hardest to search out the help that they need, please put this report on your websites, Social Media pages, and noticeboards to let people know that help is available for those who need it.

Devolution and Local Government Reform Up-date

DLGR is now un-paused. The decision by HMG was because of legal challenges made by some authorities sighting a failure to follow the process and procedure agreed by parliament, and illegal changes to electoral boarders and accusations of gerrymandering. Last week SDC was notified that the Two–Unitary Authority plan was to restart and continue as before, that is, a North Warwickshire UAS and a South Warwickshire UA.

Elections in May 2027 for the District Council will go ahead, but the election of the Shadow UA will now be postponed until May 2028 with a vesting date for the UA's on the 1st of April 2029.

This means that due Parish elections will also be run along with the District Council elections next year so Parishes should not need to make financial provision in the next budget phase.

South Warwickshire Local Plan and Regulation 19 Public Consultation

A huge circa 18,500 response was received by SDC regarding the public consultation on the SWLP Regulation 19 draft proposals. This has delayed the processing and analysis of the responses. Consideration to the responses must be shown to have been undertaken in the final draft. The final submission date is the 14th December 2026 so time is getting short.

Five-Year Housing Land Supply

Alongside the work being conducted for the SWLP submission, work is also being carried out on restoring the Five-Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS) to ensure that unwanted and inappropriate development is controlled. An up-date on the Core Strategy policies has concluded that the position of policies in terms there 'Planning Weight' has argued that only a few of the Core Strategy Policies are of 'Low or Less than substantial Weight'. These are:

• CS.6 Limited weight in terms of Geodiversity. Full weight in other aspects.	• CS.11 Cotswold National Landscape as it doesn't go as far as NPPF N4	• CS.22 Development Employment Provision.
• CS.10 Greenbelt	• CS.21 Gypsy, Traveller, and travelling Show-people sites. NPPF HO12.	• CS.23 Retail Development.

These are general comments for brevity, so I suggest that planning working groups compare the NPPF with the Core Strategy side by side for detail.

Current Grants & Funding

Cost of Living Support

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is committed to helping you access the right information and services. These are difficult times for people and that many worry about money, the cost of living and not being able to pay bills which can impact on wellbeing.

Please use the referral form to access free help and support with money or housing issues, training, finding a job and general wellbeing.

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In addition . . .

There are several ways that Stratford on Avon District Council can support you. ere A selection are listed below. To access 'Ctrl Click' below and the link will take you directly to the information that you need.

Warm Homes: Local Grants

Assisting low-income to achieve energy bill savings and carbon savings.

Heating and Energy Bills Support

Helping vulnerable households to pay their energy bills and maintain their homes.

Community/Warm Hub Grant Support Scheme 2026

Fund to support existing and encourage the creation of new community and warm hubs to ensure that they are fully prepared for the coming winter.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is seeking to support prolong and enhance community wellbeing activity through community/warm hub events bringing together members of the whole community, but with a focus on more vulnerable residents, existing community/warm hubs, encourage the creation of new hubs. Community/Warm Hub Grant Support Scheme 2026 | Stratford-on-Avon District Council