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District Councillor's report For Bearley Parish Council meeting 7th September 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.

August is a quiet month in district council terms as all meetings are suspended apart from planning and the licencing panel (which I do sit on)

The only subject that I will major on in this report is the **South Warwickshire Local Plan**.

At the last Council meeting I voted in favour of the SWLP but only because the latest version excludes Bearley and Wilmcote and therefore the issue of 6,800 is not part of the SWLP. In all other respects I was against the plan and my speech to the packed Chamber was very clear. Whilst I support the removal of Bearley and Wilmcote and will therefore vote for the plan from the plan I do not support the rest of the plan as I do not think it is a well thought out plan and relies very heavily on doubling the size of Bidford (which is dependent upon a new river crossing, let's say around £50m) and Long Marston (where a relief road at a cost of around £150m will be required and won't be ready until 2035). Neither of these major infrastructure costs are funded as yet. Without proof of the funding the planning inspectorate is highly unlikely to accept the SWLP is viable.

If the SWLP is rejected then the process could take another two years to come up with another plan, under less stringent planning rules, and could bring Bearley/Wilmcote back into the plan.

Other News

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 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 remaining events are taking place at:

- 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 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.mypsatestests.org.uk>

For more information and to book please visit <https://sdc.mypsatestests.org.uk> or call 01926 419959 or email info@myhealthtests.org.uk

Home Choice Plus will close to new Housing Register applications on 17 August 2026 as part of the transition to Stratford-on-Avon Home Choice.

Stratford-on-Avon Home Choice will open for applications on 15 September 2026. This will include a re-registration period for existing Housing Register applicants, as well as applications from new applicants. The first properties will be advertised through the new scheme from 27 October 2026. [Find out more](#).



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Social Housing, also known as affordable housing, is for people who cannot afford or who cannot find suitable housing to rent or buy on the open market. As Stratford-on-Avon District Council does not own any housing stock, all social housing is provided by housing associations. Housing association properties that fall vacant are advertised and allocated through our housing register, [Home Choice Plus](#).

To register for Home Choice Plus, please visit this [website](#) or speak to our Contact Centre on 01789 260 861 for further assistance.

Acceptance onto Home Choice Plus is subject to eligibility. For more information, please see the [Home Choice Plus Allocations Policy](#) or visit the [Home Choice Plus website](#).

If accepted, we will send you confirmation of your registration number and the band you have been awarded. We aim to deliver this within 10 working days of receiving your application. If you experience any problems bidding or have any questions, please contact the Housing Advice team:

- Telephone: 01789 260861
- Email: housingadviceteam@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Energy bills support for Stratford-on-Avon residents - Stratford-on-Avon District Council has introduced the Stratford Energy Support Fund, in response to the continued pressures faced from the rise in cost of living and the energy price cap increase. The funding is available to support vulnerable households with financial support for those who are struggling to pay their energy bills living in the District. The scheme can support payments for gas, electricity, oil, and LPG.

The Stratford Energy Support Fund, administered by Act on Energy, provides a one-off grant to help eligible residents with their energy costs. The payment is made directly to the energy supplier or issued as a pre-payment voucher for households using a card or key meter. Eligible families can receive up to £500, while single residents and couples can receive up to £300.

To be eligible households must meet the income and vulnerability criteria.

Income criteria:

- Gross household income of up to £31,000 (not including PIP or DLA)
- No household savings
- A vulnerability from the list shown in the next section

Applicants must also confirm that someone in the home is vulnerable. This is quite a broad measure so please contact Act on Energy if you are unsure.

The full eligibility criteria list is available on the Act on Energy website here: <https://www.actonenergy.org.uk/support/sesf>

Residents can also contact Act on Energy on 0800 988 2881

Further funding schemes are available on the Act on Energy website: <https://www.actonenergy.org.uk/area/warwickshire>

Police Report

Incidents of a public interest from the last 2 weeks: -

- HENLEY
 - Vehicle Crime. High Street. White Audi A3 stolen without key. Between 15.28pm and 18.28pm Saturday 5th September. 0312 05/09/2026
 - Theft. Shop, High Street. Male and female both in their 20's have stolen various items from the shop, when challenged by staff that mentioned they had a knife although this was not seen. 9pm Wednesday 26th August. 0440 26/08/2026