

Hampton Lucy, Bearley, Moreton Morrell Parish Council

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County Council Matters

1. Highway Matters I will give a verbal update at the meeting on outstanding matters
2. County Council Community Grants Invitations to apply for the 2026 round are now open and applications are invited.
3. Local Government reorganisation . It was announced last week that Warwickshire will be reorganised to have two Unitary Authorities. South Warwickshire will comprise Stratford and Warwick Districts. I am on the reorganisation committees for both Stratford and Warwickshire. There will be shadow elections in 2027 with Councillors being elected for five years. Vesting day for the new authority will be May.
4. Signage Sandbarn Lane I have reported again that Hampton Lucy remains on the signs on the A46 pointing down this lane
5. Libraries The stocking of libraries and display of materials has traditionally been handled by council staff without political interference. I am concerned that the current administration are trying to make this political and stop the stocking of certain books.
6. Home to School Transport The County intends to reduce funding for home to school transport. I will be investigating whether this adversely affects any children from our parishes.
7. NEETS At this weeks County Council meeting we are proposing that the County does more to ensure more youngsters remain in education or get into work and training. This is an increasing problem.
8. Restore Two other members of the Reform party have chosen to leave and join the Restore party. Restore now has 4 members I more than Labour.

9. Local Government Conference I attended the Local Government Conference in Bournemouth as one of the County's delegates. There were many useful sessions from national politicians as well as topics dealing with Local Government Reorganisation, Adult Social Care, Planning and Housing, Local Government Finance

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