

Council news round-up

Your weekly guide to the latest news

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Change to Council opening hours**

This month, new opening hours have been introduced at the Council Offices in Codsall and the building is now open to the public Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5pm. To access Council services online 24/7, sign up to My Account. Registering is easy and takes just a couple of minutes at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/myaccount

- **Review Magazine - issue 72**

The spring issue of the South Staffordshire Review Magazine has now been printed and will be distributed to all households in the district by the end of February 2019. This issue has been produced one month early due to the local elections taking place on Thursday 2 May 2019. Click [here](#) to read the latest issue.

- **February school holiday activities**

Aspire Sports will be delivering full-day and half-day school holiday activity camps next week at Cheslyn Hay, Codsall and Wombourne Leisure Centres for children aged from 4 to 14-year olds. Penkridge Leisure Centre also has a programme of activities running too.

Click [here](#) for details of activities at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre.

Click [here](#) for details of activities at Codsall Leisure Centre.

Click [here](#) for details of activities at Penkridge Leisure Centre.

Click [here](#) for details of activities at Wombourne Leisure Centre.

- **Warning about doorstep traders**

Staffordshire Police is urging residents to be on their guard following a report of rogue traders operating in areas of South Staffordshire. Never allow any unsolicited visitors into your home, or agree to works being completed by doorstep traders.

Follow the **STOP, CHAIN, CHECK** rule when people call at the door.

STOP - If you are not expecting anybody and they don't have an appointment, don't let them in.

CHAIN - Use your door chain or bar before opening the door.

CHECK - Ask to see ID and double check this.

Please contact the police immediately if you have any suspicions about doorstep callers; click [here](#) for more information and advice.

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- **Coming soon to Wombourne**

A new CASS carers' café in the Civic Centre in Wombourne will be opening its doors on Wednesday 13 March 2019, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Click [here](#) for more information about the carers' café and CASS The Carers Association.

www.carersinformation.org.uk

- **Save the date**

The next Let's work together free training session will take place on Monday 25 February 2019 in the Council Chamber. The theme will be community support and the session will include presentations from Healthwatch, Compton Care, Supported Futures and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue. For more information and to book a place, please call **01902 696238** or email

policyandpartnershiperevents@sstafs.gov.uk

- **Candidates and agents' briefing session**

The first candidates and agents briefing session will take place on Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 5pm to 6.30pm at the Council Offices in Codsall. The session will be an opportunity for potential candidates and their agents to collect their nomination packs. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Switch and save**

If you'd like help switching your energy supplier, the Good Life Energy team will be visiting the Council Offices every Thursday between 9.30am and 1pm. Remember to bring along a recent energy bill.

Freephone: **03333 058671**

Email: info@cebltd.com

www.sstafs.gov.uk/energy

- **South Staffordshire Connect service now available**

The South Staffordshire Connect dial-a-ride bus service is now available. This local, bookable bus service is once again helping many people who struggle to get out and about and it is aimed at residents who live away from regular bus routes or who find it difficult to use a standard bus. The new Connect service operates between 10am and 3pm to three zones. For more information, please click on the following for more information - [Zone 1](#), [Zone 2](#) and [Zone 3](#).



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Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meeting is scheduled:

- **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 19 February 2019 - Council Chamber

- **5 Rating**

The following organisation has achieved a 5 Rating following its food inspection this week - Churros Hermanos in Wheaton Aston,

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk