

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Joint Police Operation 'Disrupt'**

The Planning Enforcement team took part in joint Police Operation 'Disrupt' on 19th July 2019. Unauthorised waste carriers and scrap metal vans were targeted in the Penkridge area resulting in two unauthorised scrap vehicles being stopped and reported for offences.

The overall operation was a great success resulting in:

5 x drugs warrants executed – cash recovered, drugs recovered

14 arrests (including possession with intent to supply Class A/B drugs, burglary residential)

High visibility traffic operation – Penkridge (2000+ vehicles passed through speed gun, advice to dozen drivers for marginal over speed limit),

2 unauthorised scrap vehicles stopped and reported for offences

Parking outside schools in Penkridge targeted.

4 x vehicles seized (no insurance)

Stop Searches – drugs recovered for personal use, warnings issued

1 x reported for using mobile phone whilst driving

Late evening/night activity monitored specifically in Essington, Perton and Wombourne.

- **Annual Canvass 2019**

As part of the Annual Canvass, Household Enquiry Forms have been sent to all households in South Staffordshire this week. Please make sure that you return your form, preferably online as soon as possible. Don't lose your voice on matters that affect you.

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- **Helen & Anthony, Wedding 26th July 2019**

“We just wanted to say a massive thank you for all you did to make our wedding day run smoothly. Everything was wonderful and we had loads of compliments about the room”. Thank you for all you did for us”.

Click [here](#) to see a photo of the happy couple.

- We hosted two more weddings last weekend. Thank you to all who helped make them special for the bride and grooms. [Here are a few pictures.](#)

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Sugar Loaf Tea Rooms, Iverley, near Kinver; The Shrubbery Rest Home, Codsall; Edgars Restaurant & Bar at Pencric, Penkridge; Café at Ledene Golf Centre, Codsall Wood and The Vine, Wombourne

- **The SPACE scheme is back**

Throughout the summer holidays, discounted weekly membership and swim passes for 8-18 year olds will be available at all the Council’s Leisure Centres thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and the SPACE scheme. To get your weekly SPACE passes, simply pop into your nearest South Staffordshire Leisure Centre.

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/space

- **IT Buddies**

Do you need assistance with digital skills? Come and have a chat with an IT buddy at Perton, Penkridge and Codsall Libraries. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Open Space Survey**

Do you or your family use your local park or play area? Do you have an allotment? Maybe you visit Baggeridge Country Park, take a walk along the Railway Walk, or use local public footpaths? We are asking for views on our open spaces, small and large, so that we can see if more are needed, or if the quality could be improved. You can help us by completing our Open Space Survey online. Please take 5 minutes of your time to let us have your views. Closing date is Friday 16 August 2019.

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Click [here](#) to take part. If you would like any further information about the survey, please contact a member of the Local Plans Team on **01902 696000** or email localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk

- **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](#).



- **Having a clear out?**

The Council can help you get rid of your bulky waste items including sofas, beds, wardrobes and white goods such as fridges, freezers and washing machines. Click [here](#) to book online 24/7. Unwanted household items can also be re-used or donated via a series of charities and forums including the British Heart Foundation, Acorns Children's Hospice, the Furniture Re-use Network and others. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Together we win!**

Good causes in South Staffordshire need your support and one way you can help is by buying a lottery ticket in our weekly Community Lottery. As well as supporting a good cause you might even win a cash prize ranging from £25 up to a jackpot of £25,000. To buy a lottery ticket, simply register on the website (www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or telephone **01902 213777**.