

# Council news round-up



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## This week's news from around the Council.

- **Clean-up of fly-tipped raw meat**

Click [here](#) to see the huge pile of raw meat that was fly-tipped in Wombourne during the Bank Holiday weekend. Removal of the fly-tipped waste was a priority for the Council and members of the Street Scene team were on hand first thing on Tuesday morning to remove the waste.

The news story was covered by BBC Midlands Today, BBC Online and the Express & Star and there were lots of discussions and comments on social media with many residents expressing their thanks to the Street Scene team for cleaning up the waste so promptly. If you have any information about the incident, or if you see anyone fly-tipping in the district, please report it using the Council's website at [www.sstaffs.gov.uk](http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk).

- **September Leisure Centre membership offer**

Get **#BackToIt** with our special Leisure Centre membership offer this September. Join between Monday 9 and Monday 30 September 2019 and you could get up to three months free as part of our **#BackToIt** promotion (terms and conditions apply).

There's something for everyone in our Leisure Centres including swimming pools, fully equipped gyms, exercise class programmes and toning suites. The Council runs four Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne and they offer everything you need to get fit, stay motivated and on track to a fitter and healthier you. For more information about this promotion, please contact your local Leisure Centre.



Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre Tel: 01922 417790  
Codsall Leisure Centre Tel: 01902 844032  
Penkridge Leisure Centre Tel: 01785 714152  
Wombourne Leisure Centre Tel: 01902 898202

Email: [leisure@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@sstaffs.gov.uk)  
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- **Annual Canvass 2019**

Thank you to residents who have responded to the Household Enquiry Form. Every year, we are required to write to every household in the district to confirm that the details we have on the electoral register are correct. It is a legal requirement to respond to this letter and it's quick and easy to reply - you can do this online or by telephoning, texting or signing the form and sending it back. Click [here](#) for more information.

First reminders will start to be despatched shortly for those residents who have not responded yet. We have to follow up any non-responding households so please help us save money by responding quickly.

- **Community Safety update**

Last Friday, Staffordshire Police arrested and remanded a 26 year old male for theft of several motor vehicles in South Staffordshire as well as other offences in the West Midlands. He will be remanded until the case is heard at court.

- **#CouncilsCan**

On Monday 2 September 2019, the Local Government Association (LGA) is hosting a #CouncilsCan social media campaign to show some of the great work that councils do every day to keep communities running and improve the daily lives of residents. Keep an eye on the Council's Twitter and Facebook accounts throughout Monday and click [here](#) to learn more about the campaign.

- **New courses coming this Autumn to Jubilee Wood, Bilbrook**

Community Forest Services Ltd, a local community organisation creating positive connections between people and nature, is offering Staffordshire residents the chance to attend some brand new courses at Jubilee Wood in Bilbrook this autumn.

The courses are delivered through Community Forest Services and funded through Staffordshire County Council Community Learning. Most of the courses are free to attend but booking is essential. Click [here](#) for more information or call Rebecca Banks on **07525 120117** or email [communityforestservices@gmail.com](mailto:communityforestservices@gmail.com)

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- **Energy switch surgery every Thursday**

If you'd like help switching your energy supplier, the Good Life Energy team will be visiting the Council Offices every Thursday between 10am and 1pm. You can book an appointment with the team on Freephone **03333 058671** or turn up with a recent energy bill on the day. For more information, visit [www.sstaffs.gov.uk/energy](http://www.sstaffs.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](#).



- **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](http://www.southstaffslottery.co.uk)) or telephone **01902 213777**.

- **Events coming up**

- **Skills and Jobs Fair** - Friday 20 September 2019 - 10am to 1pm - Council Offices in Codsall. Come along and talk to employers, skills and education providers, recruitment agencies and specialised services offering support into work. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Wombourne Music Festival 2019** - Saturday 21 to 28 September 2019. Tickets available now. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Wheaton Aston Historical Festival** - Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September 2019, 10am to 4.30pm. Click [here](#) for more information.  
[www.wheatonaston-historicalfestival.org](http://www.wheatonaston-historicalfestival.org)

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Essington Fruit Farm Tea Shop in Essington and The Cowshed in Pattingham.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: [comms@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:comms@sstaffs.gov.uk)