

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Local Plan Review - consultation now open**

Consultation begins today for eight weeks on the Spatial Housing Strategy and Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2019. This is the second stage of public consultation on the review of the Council's Local Plan and its focus is on housing growth in the district. The consultation is looking at broad locations for growth and is not site specific.

This consultation outlines seven different options for housing growth and the distribution of approximately 9,000 homes across South Staffordshire in the period up to 2037. It also highlights which of these seven options is the Council's initial preferred strategy and asks for comments on this proposal. Click [here](#) for more information and to find out how you can participate in the consultation.

- **Get ready for Brexit**

The Government has launched a public information campaign 'Get ready for Brexit', which sets out what all members of the public and business owners need to know. Visit the Council website (click [here](#)) and find out more at www.gov.uk/brexit.



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- **South Staffordshire Community Innovation Fund**

Community and voluntary sector organisations in South Staffordshire, including those registered to the South Staffordshire Community Lottery, can now apply for grants worth up to £1,000 from the South Staffordshire Community Innovation Fund. Applicants have until 5pm on Friday 1 November 2019 to submit a completed application. Click [here](#) for an application form and click [here](#) for guidance notes. For more information please contact Maggie Quinn (m.quinn@sstaffs.gov.uk).

- **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**.

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- **Penkridge swimming pool - now open**

The swimming pool at Penkridge Leisure Centre is now open following essential maintenance work. Thank you for your patience. For more information about swimming and the Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne, visit: www.sstaffs.gov.uk/leisure.



- **Lifestyle roadshows**

The South Staffordshire Good Life Wellbeing Association has commissioned a Lifestyle Roadshow Co-ordinator to deliver 12 roadshows in the district. The outcomes to be achieved are to reduce social isolation and provide community support in rural areas. The next roadshow is taking place at St Mary's Church, Wheaton Aston on Tuesday 22 October 2019 (from 10am to 1pm). For more information on how to get involved, please contact Liz Minshall (liz.lifestyle12@gmail.com) or call **07340 989383**.

- **Events coming up**

- **Apple Day - Forest of Mercia** - Sunday 20 October 2019, 11am to 3pm. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Wellbeing event at Codsall Library** - Friday 25 October 2019, 9.30am to midday. For more information, follow the Seisdon Wellbeing Team on Facebook or click [here](#).
- **Bilbrook Remembrance Sunday** - Sunday 10 November 2019 from 9.50am. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Christmas Fair** - Codsall Village Centre - Friday 6 December 2019, 4pm to 8pm. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Wombourne Parish Council - Robin Hood The Pantomime** - Saturday 7 December 2019, 6.15pm. Click [here](#) for details.

- **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.

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- **Lively discussion about the play area at Baggeridge**

With over 150,000 visitors a year, Baggeridge Country Planning is a popular nature and wildlife haven but its play area has been attracting lots of discussion on Facebook this week, thanks to a post asking visitors what they'd like to see happen to the play area in a planned regrade this winter. The post on the Baggeridge Facebook page has received over 270 comments and 69 shares. Click [here](#) to take part in the discussion.

- **Take part in our Leisure Centre survey**

We are seeking the views of existing users and members of the Council's four Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne about our group fitness classes and timetables. To complete the survey, click [here](#). The survey shouldn't take longer than five minutes to complete and your answers will help us shape what we offer in future. Thank you.

- **Wombourne Leisure Centre needs you!**

Volunteers are required for filming a 'mince pie class blast' at Wombourne Leisure Centre, which is filming a free Christmas themed exercise class workout on Wednesday 23 October 2019 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. The Leisure Centre is looking for 10 people to take part and all participants will receive a Good Life Leisure sports bottle, towel and a free mince pie. Leisure Centre members and non-members are welcome.

To reserve a place, please call **01902 898202**. The film will be posted on social media over the Christmas holiday and participants must be happy to be filmed and go on social media. We need you to be smiley and please try and wear something red to make sure our class blast is full of festive cheer. Click [here](#) to see staff at Wombourne Leisure Centre getting ready for the class.

- **Charity spin**

Travel through the 80s, 90s and 00s in a three-hour marathon charity spin at Wombourne Leisure Centre on Sunday 27 October 2019 from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Click [here](#) for more information about how to take part.

- **Need to report a pothole?**

Staffordshire County Council is responsible for highways maintenance and repairing potholes in South Staffordshire. Click [here](#) to report pothole damage and find out which roads are being worked on and which ones are scheduled for repair. Or report via the My Staffs App [here](#).

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- **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](#).



- **Planning Portal**

Considering making some home improvements? Not sure if you need planning permission? Click [here](#) to access the Planning Portal website and find out more.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisation has achieved a 5 Rating following its food inspection this week - Weston Park in Weston-under-Lizard.

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