

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Collection rates update**

Official figures published this week by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government confirmed that South Staffordshire Council continues to exceed the national average for Shire Councils for both the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates. In 2017/18, the collection rates for Council Tax and Business Rates were 98.3% and 98.7% respectively compared to the national average of 98.0% and 98.5% Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Council receives Gold Performance Award for its address data**

South Staffordshire Council has been awarded a Gold Performance Award in recognition of the management of its address information database. The award was presented at the GeoPlace annual conference and forms part of this year's Exemplar Awards. These awards highlight best practice in local authorities using land and property and street information to tie different services from across the council together to give a 'property level view of services'.

The Gold Performance Award for Address Data is given to authorities that have reached and maintained the very highest standard in national tests on data excellence and South Staffordshire Council received the award for its Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG).

- **£2,000 community lottery winner!**

Congratulations to the lucky winner of £2,000 in last week's South Staffordshire Community Lottery. Could you be our next winner? Tickets for this online lottery cost only £1 per week and 60% of all proceeds goes to local good causes in the district. To buy a ticket, visit www.southstaffslottery.co.uk or call 01902 213777.

- **Armed Forces Day**

Last Monday was Armed Forces Day and a short service took place outside the Council Offices in Codsall. Click [here](#) to see more.

- **'Beat the heat'**

It may be the hottest week of the year but that doesn't stop our hard-working bin crews - click [here](#) to see more. For information from NHS England about how to cope in hot weather, click [here](#).

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- **Flying (not so) high**

A young green woodpecker at Baggeridge Country Park was rescued and returned to its nest site when its first flight went slightly off course. Click [here](#) to see a close-up of the woodpecker, which now seems to be doing well. You can follow all the latest wildlife news and updates on Baggeridge's Facebook page.

- **Music in the park**

Enjoy music at the bandstand at Baggeridge Country Park with the Compton Hospice Choir on Saturday 30 June 2018 from 3pm to 6pm. Free admission. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **SPACE - Live, Laugh, Learn**

Throughout the summer holidays, discounted weekly membership and swim passes for 10-19 year olds will be available at all four of the Council's Leisure Centres thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and the SPACE scheme.

- £1 per week for a weekly swim pass ((aged 10-19 years).
- £2 per week for a weekly membership pass allowing access into gyms, exercise classes and swimming (aged 16-19 years).

To get your weekly SPACE passes, simply pop into your nearest South Staffordshire Council Leisure Centre in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne.

- **Crime prevention tips**

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves taking advantage of windows being left open or doors unlocked. Protect your home against burglars and find out more by clicking [here](#).

- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspections this week - Prestwood Lodge in Prestwood, Victoria's in Perton, The Courtyard in Wombourne, The Greyhound in Lower Penn, Cheeky Munchies in Four Ashes, The Hartley Arms in Wheaton Aston and All Saints CE Primary School in Kinver.

Regular information - there are no public Committee meetings next week.

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