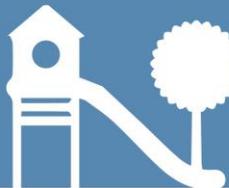


# Council news round-up

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

- **Rare moth makes an appearance**

There was some excitement at Baggeridge Country Park on Thursday morning with the first sighting of a very rare migrant moth. The Clifden Nonpareil Moth is one of the most magnificent moths to be found in the British Isles with a distinctive broad blue band of colour. This is the first time this rare moth has been seen at Baggeridge and it is the first recorded sighting of the moth in Staffordshire since 1852. Click [here](#) to see some pictures.

- **Double success for Brewood Village**

Brewood Village has enjoyed double success in this year's Best Kept Village competition by winning both the South Staffordshire area competition for the 'best large village' as well as 'best large village in Staffordshire'. Congratulations as well to Oona Gowan of Brewood, who won the children's poster competition in the age 5-7 category. Well done to Mrs Sue Hayes and the team of volunteers in Brewood for all their hard work over the last few months.

- **Annual Canvass**

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 next week 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 Lottery - September super draw**

How would you like to win £250 off your next holiday? Thanks to Co-operative Travel, the South Staffordshire Community Lottery will be giving away this amazing prize on Saturday 29 September 2018. Lottery tickets are only £1 a week and you could win a jackpot prize of £25,000. Tickets are available from [www.southstaffslottery.co.uk](http://www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or by calling **01902 213777**.

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- **Thank you!**

Thanks to Mercedes Wolverhampton for supplying some empty barrels that will create extra buoyancy in the new duck raft being built for the pool at Baggeridge Country Park. Click [here](#) to see the barrels and click [here](#) to see the nearly finished duck raft. You can keep up-to-date with everything that's happening at Baggeridge Country Park on their Facebook page.

- **Community innovation fund**

Applicants have until 5pm on Friday 28 September 2018 to submit an application to the South Staffordshire Community Innovation Fund. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for all community and voluntary sector organisations in South Staffordshire including those registered to the South Staffordshire Community Lottery. Please contact [policyadmin@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:policyadmin@sstaffs.gov.uk) for an application form and guidance notes.

- **Coming up - Walking Festival 2018**

Enjoy a walk in beautiful South Staffordshire and take part in our walking festival, which runs from Sunday 2 September to Tuesday 25 September 2018. All of the walks are free and for more information about how to book, please visit [www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk) or click [here](#) to see a programme.

Don't forget that our regular walks on the South Staffordshire Walking Programme will continue to take place too. Click [here](#) to see more or contact our co-ordinator (tel: **07939 631131** or email: [louisewalkingforhealth@gmail.com](mailto:louisewalkingforhealth@gmail.com)).

- **Skills and jobs fair**

Connect with employers, colleges or take part in one of our skills workshops at our Skills and Jobs Fair at the Council Offices on Wednesday 26 September 2018 between 10am and 2pm. The event is free to attend for both exhibitors and members of the public and free transport is also being provided. Visit [www.sstaffs.gov.uk/skillsandjobsfair](http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/skillsandjobsfair) for more information and click [here](#) to register.

- **Perton Village Show**

Perton Village Show takes place on Saturday 15 September 2018, from 12.30pm onwards. Show schedules are available from Perton Civic Centre and Perton Library and enquires can be made to the Show Secretary by calling **01902 741822**.

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- **Book online**

Having a clear out and need some help getting rid of your bulky items such as sofas and beds or white goods? Don't forget that the Council can help and prices for our bulky waste collection service start from just £30 for collecting one to three items. Book online [here](#) or click [here](#) for more information.

## Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Asset Scrutiny Panel** - Tuesday 4 September 2018 - 4.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room
- **Well-being Select Committee** - Tuesday 4 September 2018 - 5.30pm - Council Chamber

- **Coming up...**

- Skills and Jobs Fair at the Council Offices on Wednesday 26 September 2018 between 10am and 2pm.
- Parish Summit 2018 (Our Place - Our Challenges - Our Opportunities - 2020 and beyond) on Friday 28 September 2018 from 9am to 3pm at the Council Offices in Codsall.

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