

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Another fly-tipper caught on camera**

Once again, CCTV cameras installed by the Council have proved to be effective in gathering video evidence, resulting in a second successful prosecution this month. This time, a Perton man was caught fly-tipping 10 breeze blocks out of the back of his work transit van and he was fined £480 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £48 and £1,052.30 costs. Click [here](#) for the full story.

- **Two key developments this week for the Codsall Community Hub**

Work on the Police rooms is about to commence. Rather than a major refurbishment of the space, the Police will move into the rooms as they are, in the knowledge that the building is being transformed under the Codsall Community Hub project. This week, the project initiation meeting with Kier took place and work is now underway on preparing detailed design information.

- **Local MP to be guest speaker at business breakfast**

Brexit is one of the topics to be discussed by The Rt Hon. Gavin Williamson CBE MP at the Council's business breakfast meeting on Friday 12 October 2018. Hosted by the Business Hub, this event will give local business people the chance to find out more about Brexit and what it means for their businesses. Les Ratcliffe, former head of community relations at Jaguar Land Rover and now MD of Community Engagement Ltd, will also be talking at the event and highlighting the value of corporate social responsibility. To find out more, click [here](#).

- **Skills and jobs fair**

Well done to the Enterprise team and a big thank you to everyone who helped at the recent Skills and Jobs fair on Wednesday. It was a very busy day and 200 people attended the event, which included a variety of exhibitors offering hundreds of jobs, apprenticeships and volunteering opportunities and workshops about IT skills, CV writing and interview techniques.

- **National Recycle Week (24 to 30 September 2018)**

This week, the Waste and Recycling team has been busy sharing advice about recycling on social media. Now in its 15th year, Recycle Week celebrates recycling and this year the focus is on plastics with the theme 'Recycling. We do. Because it matters.' Last year, South Staffordshire residents recycled/composted 50% of all household waste in their green and blue bins. Click [here](#) to check out our recycling finder and discover what you can and can't recycle.

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- **Final few days to make your vote count**

Voting closes this Sunday for the UK's People's Choice Awards 2018 so please vote now for Baggeridge Country Park and the Wom Brook Walk. This award asks the nation to have its say and decide which parks and green spaces are the UK's favourites. Only parks that have won the prestigious Green Flag award qualify for the People's Choice nomination. Click [here](#) to vote for Baggeridge Country Park and click [here](#) to vote for Wom Brook Walk.

- **Applications now open for outdoor community art project**

Applications are now open for communities and arts organisations to apply for the award-winning Window Wanderland arts trail. Backed by the Arts Council and featured on The One Show and in The Sunday Times, Window Wanderland is a mid-winter arts festival where front windows become outdoor galleries and communities get creative. Last year, more than 900 windows were lit up during Window Wanderland events, bringing tens of thousands of people to the streets of both urban and rural communities. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Win £250 off your next vacation**

Are you suffering post-holiday blues? Thanks to Co-operative Travel, South Staffordshire Community Lottery's super draw on Saturday is giving one lucky supporter the chance of winning £250 to put towards their next vacation. To be in with the chance of winning this fantastic prize, become a lottery supporter before Saturday 29 September 2018. Tickets cost just £1 a week and can be bought online at www.southstaffslottery.co.uk or telephoning **01902 213777**.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meeting is scheduled:

- **Licensing and Regulatory Committee** - Thursday 4 October 2018 - 2.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspections this week - Co-op Birches Bridge in Codsall, Oak Farm Hotel in Hatherton, Prestwood House Nursing Home and Prestwood Coach House.

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