

# Council news round-up

Your weekly guide to the latest news

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

- **Council approves new garden waste collection charge**

South Staffordshire Council is to introduce an annual charge for collecting garden waste. An annual charge of £43.60 per bin is set to be introduced in the first week of July 2020 when the green bin garden waste collection service will become a subscription-only service. Click [here](#) to find out more and click [here](#) to read some useful FAQs. These FAQs will also be added to the waste and recycling page on the Council website and will appear in a two-page article in the next Review Magazine, which is due to be distributed to all households in the district later this month.

- **Community safety update**

A man who pushed an elderly woman to the ground to steal her car in Great Wyrley has been jailed for seven years and nine months. Click [here](#) to read more.

- **Free home energy checks**

Next week is Big Energy Saving Week (20-27 January 2020) and the Council has a number of free home energy checks available. The energy checks can help you lower your energy usage and test your boiler and they are available through Warmer Homes for those on lowish incomes, young families, the elderly and those in ill health. Click [here](#) to apply or call **0800 193 1902** or email [advice@mea.org.uk](mailto:advice@mea.org.uk)

**BIG  
ENERGY  
SAVING  
WEEK...**

As part of its work, Warmer Homes has been helping residents in the district install a free gas connection and gas central heating where the neighbouring properties have mains gas heating. Click [here](#) to watch a short video showing how one family was helped by the scheme. If you or someone you know doesn't have central heating in their home and is using electric heaters, electric panels, gas fires or solid fuel fires, switching to gas central heating will save them money on their energy bills. Contact Warmer Homes to find out more.

- **Codsall Community Hub update**

This week, activity has continued onsite removing trees around the west wing of the Council Offices in Codsall. This work will be completed shortly and it has resulted in a quantity of logs

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becoming available for members of the public and staff to take away. The logs are free of charge but it would be appreciated if a voluntary contribution could be made to the Chairman's Charity. Members of the public can leave a donation with reception. The trees need to be removed at this time of year to avoid the bird nesting season. Some people have asked why the stumps remain and this is because keeping them removes the risk of disturbing underground services, pipes and electric cables. Once the main contractor comes onsite, they will remove the stumps.

- **Starting next week - Health Kickstarter 2020**

The Leisure Centres are launching an eight-week Health Kickstarter programme next week. The programme includes:

- Full access at the Council's Leisure Centres in Codsall, Cheslyn Hay, Penkridge and Wombourne (full membership).
- Weekly group personal training sessions.
- In-depth advice on nutrition, healthy weight control and a food diary.
- A booklet on all elements including food, sleep, and hints and tips on exercise.
- Regular health checks, weigh ins and all the tools you need to make this year your year.

Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Football Leagues**

Did you know there are football leagues running at Cheslyn Hay and Codsall Leisure Centres which are free to join? Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information. The leagues are held on Monday evenings and can be booked by contacting Jamie Proctor on **07917 681104** or by emailing [jamie.proctor@powerplay.co.uk](mailto:jamie.proctor@powerplay.co.uk). Codsall Leisure Centre also runs walking football sessions every Monday evening from 6.30 to 7.30pm. For more details, call the Leisure Centre on **01902 844032**.

- **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**.

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- **Next week's Council Committee/Panel meetings**

- **Your Community Challenge Panel** - Monday 20 January 2020 - 4.30pm - Committee Room 2.
- **Member Engagement and Training Group** - Tuesday 21 January 2020 - 4.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room.
- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** - Tuesday 21 January 2020 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber.
- **Licensing and Regulatory Committee** - Thursday 23 January 2020 - 2.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room.

- **Council job vacancies**

- **Part-time Receptionist (Penkridge)** - click [here](#) for information. Closing date - Monday 20 January 2020 (5pm).
- **Leisure Assistant (Cheslyn Hay)** - click [here](#) for information. Closing date - Sunday 2 February 2020 (5pm).
- **Relief Leisure Assistant (Cheslyn Hay)** - click [here](#) for information. Closing date - Sunday 2 February 2020 (5pm).

- **To let - serviced office at the Business Hub in Codsall**

Click [here](#) for more information and email [businesshub@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:businesshub@sstaffs.gov.uk) to arrange a viewing.

- **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](#).



- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Himley Hall Golf Centre, The Olde Vicarage in Bilbrook, The Wheatsheaf in Great Wyrley and Dine Contract Catering in Acton Gate.

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