

# Council news round-up



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

- **Christmas drink-drive campaign results**

South Staffordshire Council supported this year's annual safer driving campaign over the festive period in the district which resulted in 295 cars being stopped and the drivers breathalysed. Of these, 290 blew nil and were negative, three drivers were warned after blowing seven, 26 and 34 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath (the legal alcohol level is 35), and two drivers were positive and were arrested.

In addition, three motorists were reported for having no valid MOT, two vehicles were seized for having no insurance, and the details of one driver wanted on the police national computer (PNC) for driving offences were passed to West Midlands Police. This campaign by South Staffordshire Local Policing Team was launched with support and funding from the Council.

- **'TREECYCLE'**

Remember to 'TREECYCLE' your real Christmas tree free of charge on your first green bin collection of the year. Click [here](#) for more info.

- **Community Lottery**

For the lottery draw on Saturday 13 January 2018 as well the usual cash prizes and £25,000 jackpot, players have the chance to win special prizes including a fitness tracker watch and a one month membership to Female Boot Camp. You can help support the lottery by buying a ticket - register on the website ([www.southstaffslottery.co.uk](http://www.southstaffslottery.co.uk)) or telephone **01902 213777**. Click [here](#) for more info.

- **Facebook likes quadruple in a year**

What a difference a year makes! Back in November 2016, the Council's Facebook account had only 660 likes but today it now has 2,844 likes as well as 2,971 people following the page. Well done to everyone who contributes to the Council's social media accounts and a special mention to the Waste and Recycling team's proactive work with their messaging about bin collections during the recent snowy weather. This resulted in lots of new people engaging with the Council via social media and made a significant contribution towards channel shift, reducing the expected number of telephone queries to the Council.

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- **Tombola raises money for charities**

The Xmas Tombola in support of First Responders, the Chairman's charity, and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, raised a grand total of £261. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

- **5 Rating**

The following companies have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Cheslyn Hay Sports and Community High School and Café Family Pathway Centre, Oakwood Visitor Centre in Featherstone.

## Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

- There are no public meetings scheduled for next week.

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