

Council news round-up

Your weekly guide to the latest news

Issue 63

12 April 2018



This week's news from around the Council.

- **Successful environmental prosecutions**

The Council has successfully prosecuted a Wolverhampton man and woman for breaching environmental laws. The cases were heard at North Staffordshire Justice Centre in Newcastle-under-Lyme last month and earlier this week. Both defendants pleaded guilty and the prosecutions resulted in fines and costs totalling nearly £2,000. Click [here](#) to find out more.

- **Civic Dinner coming up**

Councillor Val Chapman, Chairman of South Staffordshire Council, will be hosting her Civic Dinner at South Staffordshire Golf Club on Saturday 21 April 2018 to recognise her end of term in office as Chairman. Her chosen charity is The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. If you would like to donate a prize for the tombola to help raise funds for the Chairman's chosen charity, please contact Helen Astley (h.astley@sstaffs.gov.uk telephone **01902 696254**). If you would like to donate online, please click [here](#) for the Chairman's Just Giving page.

- **Services accommodation - to let**

The South Staffordshire Business Hub is now home to 20 private businesses and public sector organisations that are spread across the Council Offices and Jubilee House. One serviced office has become available so if you know any local businesses looking for a new home, please tell them about the Business Hub. Further information can be found [here](#).

- **Theft from Baggeridge Country Park**

On Tuesday, a car parking machine was stolen from the car park at Baggeridge Country Park. All the car parking machines are emptied every day so it contained very little money and the damage to the machine was covered by insurance. The car park still has one working car parking machine in situ and if anyone has any information about who is responsible for the theft, please contact the Police.

- **How to report pothole damage and which ones are scheduled for repair**

After all the recent snow and cold weather, some of the roads you use in the district may be showing signs of pothole damage. Staffordshire County Council is responsible for highways maintenance and repairing potholes in South Staffordshire and you can click [here](#) to read more on which roads are being worked on, which ones are in the pipeline and about how to report pothole damage.

Council news round-up

Your weekly guide to the latest news

Issue 63

12 April 2018



Staffordshire County Council prioritises all potholes so that the most dangerous ones are repaired either the next day or within seven days. The vast majority of potholes are given to specialist teams and will be repaired depending on location and road use, usually within 90 days. However, this may be extended depending on resources.

The easiest way to report an issue on the roads is to report a pothole online (click [here](#) for the link). You can also report potholes via the My Staffs App at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/mystaffs-app

- **Community safety - what to do about rogue traders**

Along with the rest of the UK, rogue traders continue to cause problems for residents in the district, particularly those who are elderly and vulnerable. Rogue traders are often referred to as 'cowboys' and can pose as property maintenance workers, gardeners and builders who cold-call residents offering any number of services. Click [here](#) for more information about what to do.

Staffordshire residents who have concerns about rogue traders operating in their area can contact Trading Standards Confidential on **01785 330356**. For advice on your consumer rights, you can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **03454 040506**. Remember that you can call Staffordshire Police on **101** if you require assistance with a suspicious caller or **999** in an emergency.

- **5 Rating**

The following company has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Mochan's Meals in Huntington.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following meetings and events are scheduled:

- **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 17 April 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber – see papers [here](#)
- **Asset Scrutiny Panel** - Wednesday 18 April 2018 - 3.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room – see papers [here](#)

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