

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Green Flag Award success**

For the twentieth year running, Baggeridge Country Park has won a prestigious Green Flag Award. With an estimated 150,000 visitors a year enjoying the 152 acres of parkland every year, the award demonstrates that this well-loved green space is being managed and maintained to the highest national standard of excellence. Another success story is the Wom Brook Walk, which has been awarded the Green Flag Award too.

- **Safeguarding newsletters**

Advice on how to prevent babies suffocating on nappy sacks and summer safety for children are two of the topics covered in the latest Child Death Prevention Newsletters. Please click [here](#) and [here](#) to read them.

- **South Staffordshire Council - Approved**

South Staffordshire Council has just received its PSN (Public Secure Network) Certificate for the year as well as passing its NCSE (National Cybercrime Security Council) scans with flying colours. Thanks to Lea Monckton for his hard work on ensuring that the Council's network is secure.

- **Wombourne Carnival**

Members of staff and customers took part in the Wombourne Carnival and its much loved Carnival Parade on Sunday 1 July 2018. A vehicle from the Street Scene team, decorated with bunting and banners promoting leisure services, was used during the parade and instructor Lauren led customers and staff on an 80s style dancing and movement session. STANley the STA mascot for swimming lessons rode on the back of the vehicle and waved to children and adults along the parade route. During the event, the team gave out 300 membership and junior swim day passes. Click [here](#) to see some pics of the day.

- **Skills and Jobs Fair**

A Skills and Jobs Fair will be taking place at the Council Offices on Wednesday 26 September 2018 between 10am and 2pm. We anticipate 40 organisations and businesses will be onsite to promote job opportunities and support to help anyone looking for employment, volunteering and work experience. The event is free to attend for both exhibitors and members of the public. If you know any business or support organisation who may be interest in attending, please

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- **Community safety update - six arrested for distraction burglaries**

Six people were arrested earlier this week in connection with a series of distraction burglaries across the county over the last two months. Warrants were executed and searches carried out at several addresses in the Walsall and Wolverhampton areas during the early hours of Tuesday 17 July 2018. A 20-year-old woman of no fixed address and two women from Wolverhampton, aged 29 and 39 respectively, were arrested on suspicion of burglary. In addition, three men were detained during the raids. A 39-year-old man from Wolverhampton, a 25-year-old man from Walsall and a 39-year-old man of no fixed address were also arrested on suspicion of burglary. All six suspects remain in police custody and enquiries are ongoing.

- **Village events - diary dates**

- Sandon Fete on Saturday 11 August 2018, starting at 2pm.
- Family Fun Day on the Village Green in Huntington on Saturday 18 August 2018 from 10am to 4pm.

- **What's on in the Leisure Centres this summer**

There are lots of things going on this summer in our Leisure Centres in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne. Find out more about our sizzling summer saver (offer available 23-31 July) and summer school holiday swimming and activity programmes by clicking [here](#) for more information.

- **Butterfly and wildlife walk**

On Sunday 22 July 2018, there will be a butterfly and wildlife walk at Baggeridge Country Park. Meet at 11am outside the ranger's office.

- **Having a clear out?**

Did you know that the Council can help get rid of your bulky items? We can collect furniture items such as sofas, beds and cabinets as well as white goods such as fridges, freezers and washing machines. Prices start from £30 for up to three bulky waste items. To book online, register for a 'My Account' [here](#).

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- **Lottery prize draw**

Enjoy the thrill of the race with our July prize draw in the South Staffordshire Community Lottery. Buy a ticket before 28 July 2018 to be in with a chance of winning two fully-inclusive tickets to Wolverhampton Racecourse. Plus there's a chance to win cash prizes of up to £25,000 every week. Click [here](#) to find out more and to buy a ticket.

- **5 Rating**

The following company has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Hollybush Restaurant in Saredon.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Asset Scrutiny Panel** - Monday 23 July 2018 - 10am - Bill Brownhill Room
- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** - Tuesday 24 July 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber

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