

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Review of polling district and polling places underway**

A full review of polling districts and polling places started earlier this week and will conclude by the end of February 2019. Consultation has now opened and if you wish to make any comments or suggestions please complete a submission. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Certificate of Excellence**

This week, the Council heard that its Efficiency and Income (E&I) Plan will be awarded a Certificate of Excellence from iESE at the Local Government Transformation Conference on Thursday 8 November 2018. Another great example of the work of the Council and reflecting the contributions that everyone is making to transform our services.

- **Good Life Energy - Are you paying too much for your energy bills?**

Next week, a Good Life Energy bill surgery will take place in the reception area of the Council Offices in Codsall on Wednesday 24 October 2018 from 11am to 3pm. Come along and find out more. Whether you find your energy bills confusing, don't have time to switch or you've just had a bad experience trying to switch energy companies by yourself, don't let this put you off switching. It could be costing you a lot of money. Click [here](#) for more information and remember to bring your bills along so advisors can help talk you through your best deals.

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- **Community Lottery - October Super Draw**

Food lovers - it's time to eat, drink and be merry! October's monthly super draw is giving away two tickets to the Winter BBC Good Food Show at the NEC in Birmingham, which takes place from 29 November to 2 December 2018. To be in with the chance of winning this fantastic prize, buy your lottery tickets before Saturday 27 October 2018.

- **Public showcase for new community room**

Come along and take a look at the new community room at Baggeridge Country Park on Saturday 10 November 2018 between 2pm and 4pm. Called the Lydiate Room, this spacious room measuring 10 by 10 metres with its own self-catering kitchen is a welcome addition to the park's facilities and is perfect for children's parties, functions, corporate meetings and events. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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- **Enforcement action on domestic waste fly-tips**

The Council's Enforcement team has investigated a large number of domestic waste fly-tips this month. Investigations have revealed that many of these tips have resulted from householders paying illegal waste carriers to take their rubbish, and the waste has then been fly-tipped. Click [here](#) to see some of the waste and click [here](#) to find out how to dispose of your household waste. There are household recycling centres in Bilbrook, Wombourne and Cannock and don't forget that South Staffordshire Council also operates a bulky waste collection service too - click [here](#) to find out more.

- **Community safety update**

On Friday 12 October 2018, South Staffordshire neighbouring policing team ran an eight office team operation again, targeting street dealing and anti-social behaviour in hotspot areas. Plain clothed officers as well as uniformed officers were utilised working as a team. Areas targeted included Kinver clock tower and the KSCA (sports and community association), Wombourne Civic Centre, Brickbridge Lane in Codsall, Coven Park and rear of the shops, Essington, Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley. A number of people were spoken to and searched for drugs and two males were arrested at different locations for possession of cannabis.

- **Become a Dementia Friend**

Learn how you can become a Dementia Friend at a free information session on Thursday 25 October 2018 from 10.30am to midday at Kinver Library.

- **Apple Day at Hilton Green**

Celebrate Apple Day with Forest of Mercia CIC at a free family event at Hilton Green, Essington, on Saturday 20 October 2018 between 11am and 3pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **EnviroGrant scheme now open**

This year's Staffordshire EnviroGrant scheme is now open. The grant scheme has been set up by Veolia in partnership with Staffordshire County Council and it is a community fund that not-for-profit community groups based in Staffordshire, including South Staffordshire, can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for projects that aim to improve their local environment or the quality of life for their local communities. The closing date for applications is 29 October 2018 and grants will be awarded in early December 2018. Click [here](#) to read more about the scheme and click [here](#) for a funding application form. <https://www.veolia.co.uk/staffordshire/>

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- **Call out for volunteers**

The South Staffordshire Walking Programme needs volunteers to help lead or assist with walks on its local 'Ramblers Walking for Health' scheme as well as develop news routes and provide office support. Full training and support is given. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **SPACE scheme is back**

The SPACE scheme is back again this October half term thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner. SPACE provides young people aged 10-19 years access to hugely discounted leisure activities. Throughout the school holiday, young people aged 10-19 have the opportunity to purchase a weekly swim pass for just £1 and young people aged 16-19 years can purchase a membership pass giving them access to the gym, classes and swimming for just £2.

To purchase SPACE passes pop into your nearest South Staffordshire Council Leisure Centre in Cheslyn Hay, Codsall, Penkridge and Wombourne.

- **Book now for October school holiday activity camps**

South Staffordshire Council's leisure centres provide school holiday activity camps for children aged 5-12 years and bookings are now being taken for the October school holiday activity camps from 29 October to 2 November 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Home alone at Christmas**

The annual Christmas lunch for retired residents of the district takes place on Friday 21 December 2018 from midday to 2.30pm in the Academy Restaurant at the Council Offices in Codsall. The lunch is free for pensioners over the age of 60 who don't have friends or family visiting them on Christmas Day. Numbers are limited to 50 people so early application is recommended. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Local Plan Review 'Issues and Options' consultation - drop-in sessions**

The eight-week consultation on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan Review continues and the Council will be holding three all-day, drop-in sessions where residents can speak to the Local Plans Team. Sessions will run from 10am until 7pm. Click [here](#) to view information about the consultation and the sessions.

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Regular information

- **Committee meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Hearings Sub-Committee** - Monday 22 October 2018 - 6.30pm - Bill Brownhill Room
- **Asset Scrutiny Panel** - Tuesday 23 October 2018 - 6pm - Committee Room 2
- **Full Council** - Tuesday 23 October 2018 - 7pm - Council Chamber

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