

Council news round-up

Your weekly guide to the latest news

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Review Magazine - issue 71**

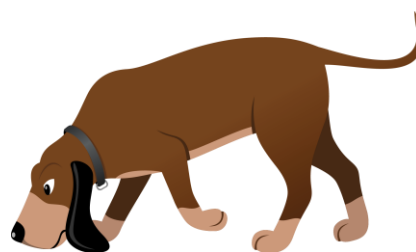
The autumn issue of the South Staffordshire Review Magazine has now been printed and will be distributed to all households in the district over the next couple of weeks. Click [here](#) to read the latest issue.

- **Let's work together - community support**

The next 'Let's work together' session will take place on Friday 23 November 2018 from 9am to 12.30pm at the Council Offices in Codsall. This session will deliver modules on community support. Click [here](#) to see the agenda. If you would like to attend, please email: policyandpartnershipevents@sstaffs.gov.uk or telephone **01902 696238**.

- **We're sniffing out fraud**

This week is International fraud awareness week (11 to 17 November 2018) and the fraud investigations team at the Council is joining the global effort to minimise the impact of fraud by promoting anti-fraud awareness and education on Facebook and Twitter. For more information, please click [here](#).



- **Volunteers needed - annual bulb planting at the cemeteries**

Come and help plant some spring flowering bulbs at the Council's two cemeteries at Sytch Lane in Wombourne and Strawberry Lane in Great Wyrley. Staff from the Council, Co-operative Funeralcare in Wombourne and Wombourne Funeral Services will be taking part and everyone is welcome. All bulbs will be provided as well as gardening equipment. Please wear sensible footwear and warm clothing. There will be two planting sessions.

- Sytch Lane Cemetery, Wombourne - Wednesday 21 November (1.30pm to 3.30pm).
- Strawberry Lane Cemetery, Great Wyrley - Monday 26 November (1.30pm to 3.30pm).

- **Local Plan drop-in sessions continue**

Two drop-in sessions for the Local Plan review took place at the Council Offices in Codsall and at Haling Dene Centre in Penkridge this week. This consultation closes on Friday 30 November 2018 - click [here](#) to find out more.

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- **#OurDay coming up next week**

The Council will be taking part in the LGA's annual #OurDay social media event happening on Tuesday 20 November 2018. Keep your eyes on our Twitter and Facebook accounts and take a look at a day in the life of local government.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisation has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - High Lodge Residential Home in Iverley.

- **Coming up - energy bill surgeries**

Following the success of our first energy bill surgery last month, we will be holding two more Good Life Energy bill surgeries in Brewood and Wheaton Aston.

- Friday 23 November 2018, 2.30 to 4.30pm - Brewood Community Library.
- Thursday 6 December 2018, 7.30pm - Wheaton Aston Village Hall.

You don't have to be a South Staffordshire resident to benefit and Good Life Energy can also help businesses as well. Call Freephone **03333 058671** Email info@cebltd.com

- **New link worker for CASS**

Welcome to Lisa Brickles who is the new Caring Communities Link Worker for South Staffordshire at the Carers Association (CASS). Lisa supports unpaid carers (family, friends and neighbours) in their communities and promotes the Good Life project, which aims to improve life for residents in South Staffordshire by enabling people to be better connected and informed. The aim is to reduce isolation and improve health and wellbeing. 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.

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- **Trustees required**

South Staffs Work Clubs (SSWC) is a registered charity that operates seven work clubs across the district. The charity is looking for new Trustees to join their Board of Trustees - click [here](#) for more information about how to apply.

- **Become a Dementia Friend**

The Council is holding a Dementia Friends session starting at 11.30am on Friday 23 November 2018 at the Council Offices in Codsall. Learn more about how dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference. To book a place, email policyadmin@sstaffs.gov.uk or call **01902 696530**.

- **What's on**

- Friday 23 November 2018 - Bilbrook Christmas lights switch on at Bilbrook Village Green (from 6pm). Click [here](#) for more information.
- Friday 30 November 2018 - Wombourne Christmas lights switch on, outside the front of the Civic Centre (from 5.40pm). www.wombourneparishcouncil.org.uk
- Friday 7 December 2018 - Codsall Christmas Fair from 2pm to 9.30pm - live music, carols around the tree, Santa's Grotto, hot food, entertainment, fairground rides, stalls and much more. www.codsallchristmasfair.co.uk

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Hearings Sub-Committee** - Monday 19 November 2018 - 9.30am - Committee Room 2
- **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 20 November 2018 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber

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