

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **New era for i54 as work starts on western extension**

This week, work started on an extension to i54 South Staffordshire which could generate around 1,700 jobs and lever in up to £300 million of investment. Click [here](#) to find out more.

- **In the picture**

There are some fantastic photographs of the orchids at Baggeridge Country Park taken by visitor Sean Cole. Click [here](#) to take a look and follow Baggeridge on Facebook for all the latest news.

- **Hello from Ellie!**

Ellie Jackson, Ski Ambassador for Snowsport England, took time out recently to give an update to Wombourne Leisure Centre, where she is a member. Click [here](#) to see a pic.

“I’m currently in Scotland competing in the Great British race series and the Scottish Championships. It’s just been confirmed that I came 1st U18 (under 18, my age group) and 2nd overall all ages both days. Extremely happy. Last weekend I was in Manchester in the Great British race series number 1 and 2 and got 1st and 3rd then too. Overall the summer season is going well. I will be doing a Facebook post later, hash tagging Wombourne Leisure Centre in, with pictures from this weekend. Thank you so much for your continued support this summer. It means a lot and I definitely couldn’t be here without the gym access that I have thanks to you.”

- **Community safety update**

This week, two men and seven teenagers have been arrested following a series of attempts to steal cars and enter properties in South Staffordshire. The first incident concerned a report of people seen in gardens in Clee View Road, Wombourne, just before 1am on Tuesday 25 June 2019. Two 16-year-olds were arrested on suspicion of attempted burglary and a 15-year-old and 18-year-old were arrested on suspicion of burglary. All are from the Dudley area.

In a second incident, there was a report at 2.45am of two men attempting to break into a car in Huddlestone Close, Featherstone. Officers arrested four teenagers - aged 15, 16, 17 and 17 - and one man, aged 20, all from Wolverhampton on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle. All nine have been released under investigation to allow for forensic and CCTV enquires to take place. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Click [here](#) for information about what you can do to avoid being a victim of car theft and click [here](#) to download a guide on preventing burglary.

- **Highways England consultation closes next week**

Highways England is undertaking a public consultation on detailed plans for a new M54 to M6 road link. The consultation ends on Friday 5 July 2019 and there are some public sessions where you can see the plans and discuss the proposals with the project team. Click [here](#) for more information or visit www.highwaysengland.co.uk/M54-M6linkroad

- **Together We're Better - public and patient survey**

A series of roadshows has been planned to encourage public conversations across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent, to discuss how we can all think differently, be innovative, and work together to change health and care services so that Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent can become the healthiest places to live and work. Click [here](#) to find out more, get involved and find a list of roadshows including one at Wombourne Civic Centre on Wednesday 17 July 2019.

- **South Staffordshire Connect service now available**

The South Staffordshire Connect dial-a-ride bus service is now available. This local, bookable bus service is once again helping many people who struggle to get out and about and it is aimed at residents who live away from regular bus routes or who find it difficult to use a standard bus. The new Connect service operates between 10am and 3pm to three zones. For more information, please click on the following for more information - [Zone 1](#), [Zone 2](#) and [Zone 3](#).



- **Having a clear out?**

The Council can help you get rid of your bulky waste items including sofas, beds, wardrobes and white goods such as fridges, freezers and washing machines. Click [here](#) to book online 24/7. Unwanted household items can also be re-used or donated via a series of charities and forums including the British Heart Foundation, Acorns Children's Hospice, the Furniture Re-use Network and others. Click [here](#) for more information.

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- **Together we win!**

Good causes in South Staffordshire need your support and one way you can help is by buying a lottery ticket in our weekly Community Lottery. As well as supporting a good cause you might even win a cash prize ranging from £25 up to a jackpot of £25,000. To buy a lottery ticket, simply register on the website (www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or telephone **01902 213777**.

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

There are no public meetings next week.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspections this week - the New City Chinese Takeaway in Cheslyn Hay, St Benedict Biscop Primary School in Wombourne and Codsall Middle School.

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