

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Green Flag Awards for Baggeridge Country Park and the Wom Brook Walk**

On Tuesday, a record number of parks and green spaces collected a Green Flag Award including our own Baggeridge Country Park and the Wom Brook Walk. This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities. Click [here](#) to read more.

- **Trophy Winners**

Codsall walking football team based at Codsall Leisure Centre took part in their first ever tournament and won the final on penalties, beating teams from Birmingham, Walsall and Wolves. The event raised money for Compton care and Diabetes UK, and Wolves legend John Richards presented the trophy. [Click here to see photos of the winners.](#)

- **Family Dementia Awareness**

A 2 hour session is being hosted at South Staffordshire Council on 1 Aug 2019, 6.00pm – 8.00pm for anyone who is affected by dementia. It is being delivered by Capulet Care, Specialist Care Nurses who run local care homes.

The session will expand on general awareness and talk further about symptoms and signs of dementia, how dementia affects a person's perception and ability to communicate, some behaviour changes and also it will give you an insight of seeing the world through the eyes of someone living with dementia. There will also be chance to talk one-to-one after the formal session has ended if you have any personal questions for advice. [Click here for details](#)

To book a place contact Policy & Partnerships on 01902 696289 or policyadmin@sstaffs.gov.uk

- **Let's Work Together - Adult Safeguarding (Self-Neglect)**

On 22 Aug 2019, 9.30am – 12.30pm South Staffordshire Council is hosting an Adult Safeguarding workshop on Self-Neglect. The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board (SSASPB) has commissioned VOICES to deliver the workshop which is part of a series of workshops taking place around Staffordshire County. For further

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- **Environment, Food and rural Affairs (EFRA)**

On Wednesday 17th July, Dan Roberts was invited to Parliament to attend the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Committee on behalf of The Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC), to discuss plastic food and drinks packaging.

The footage can be viewed online here: <https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/6cd398aa-e1db-428a-831d-d13243109590>

- **The SPACE scheme is back**

Throughout the summer holidays, discounted weekly membership and swim passes for 8-18 year olds will be available at all the Council's Leisure Centres thanks to funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner Staffordshire and the SPACE scheme. To get your weekly SPACE passes, simply pop into your nearest South Staffordshire Leisure Centre.

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/space

- **IT Buddies**

Do you need assistance with digital skills? Come and have a chat with an IT buddy at Perton, Penkridge and Codsall Libraries. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Open Space Survey**

Do you or your family use your local park or play area? Do you have an allotment? Maybe you visit Baggeridge Country Park, take a walk along the Railway Walk, or use local public footpaths? We are asking for views on our open spaces, small and large, so that we can see if more are needed, or if the quality could be improved. You can help us by completing our Open Space Survey online. Please take 5 minutes of your time to let us have your views. Closing date is Friday 16 August 2019.

Click [here](#) to take part. If you would like any further information about the survey, please contact a member of the Local Plans Team on **01902 696000** or email localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk

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- **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.

- **Community Lottery super draw - win a mystery weekend away!**

Thanks to Parry's International, a mystery weekend away is up for grabs. This fabulous prize includes a one-night hotel stay, dinner, breakfast and two mystery day trips. Buy your lucky lottery ticket before Saturday 27 July 2019 to be in with the chance of winning this prize.

Coming up in August - win two tickets to see Madness and two tickets to see Jess Glynne following an evening of racing at Wolverhampton Race Course.

To buy a Community Lottery ticket, simply register on the website www.southstaffslottery.co.uk or telephone **01902 213777**. Good luck!

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following meetings are scheduled:

- Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 23 July 2019 at 6.30 pm – Council Chamber

- **5 Rating**

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The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Colliers Arms in Cheslyn Hay, Snooker Snack Shop in Great Wyrley, Greggs at the Hilton Services (Southbound) and Andy's Ale House in Great Wyrley.

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