

# Council news round-up

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## This week's news from around the Council.

- **Annual Canvass 2019**

Thank you to residents who have responded to the Household Enquiry Form. Every year, we are required to write to every household in the district to confirm that the details we have on the electoral register are correct. It is a legal requirement to respond to this letter and it's quick and easy to reply - you can do this online or by telephoning, texting or signing the form and sending it back. Click [here](#) for more information.

First reminders will start to be despatched shortly for those residents who have not responded yet. We have to follow up any non-responding households so please help us save money by responding quickly.

- **Together We're Better - public and patient survey - closes on Sunday**

It's the final few days for the survey exploring experiences of health and care services across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, which closes at midnight on Sunday 25 August 2019. Every comment will be analysed with a report of findings presented to the CCG's governing bodies in Autumn 2019. Click [here](#) for more information about the 12-week public consultation and click [here](#) to complete the survey.

- **Let's Work Together**

Yesterday, over 30 people from organisations across the district attended a Let's Work Together training session in the Council Chamber. The topic was 'Adult Safeguarding: Self-Neglect' and the morning included presentations by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Staffordshire County Council and Voices of Stoke. The theme of the next Let's Work Together training session will be 'Dementia - Community Support' and it will take place on Thursday 5 September 2019 in the Council Chamber.

- **Visit by Housing Secretary**

Last Friday, the Housing Secretary the Rt Hon. Robert Jenrick MP paid a visit to Pastures View, a 14-home rural development situated in Himley Lane in Swindon, South Staffordshire. The site was completed in 2011 and provides 14 affordable homes, four shared-ownership properties and 10 for affordable rent. Click [here](#) to see more. A big thank you to the Street Scene team who went out to the site beforehand and made sure it was looking its best for the visit.

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- **Events coming up...**

- **Good Life Energy Switch Surgery** - every Thursday - 10am to 1pm - Foyer, Council Offices in Codsall. Need help switching your energy supplier? Bring along a recent energy bill and talk to the Good Life Energy team. For more information, visit [www.sstaffs.gov.uk/energy](http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/energy).
- **Skills and Jobs Fair** - Friday 20 September 2019 - 10am to 1pm - Council Offices in Codsall. Come along and talk to employers, skills and education providers, recruitment agencies and specialised services offering support into work. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Wombourne Music Festival 2019** - Saturday 21 to 28 September 2019. Tickets available now. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Wheaton Aston Historical Festival** - Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September 2019, 10am to 4.30pm. Click [here](#) for more information. [www.wheatonaston-historicalfestival.org](http://www.wheatonaston-historicalfestival.org)
- **Perton Library** is celebrating Staffordshire History Festival with a family-friendly open day - Saturday 5 October 2019. 11am to 4pm.
- **Parish Summit** - Friday 11 October 2019 - 9am to 1pm - Council Offices in Codsall.

- **Funding now available to help you heat your home**

For a limited time, householders and tenants in South Staffordshire can benefit from being connected to mains gas along with a new gas-fired central heating system all installed free of charge (subject to eligibility). The scheme is funded using the Warm Homes Fund, established by National Grid to support local authorities, registered social landlords and other organisations working in partnership with them, to address some of the issues affecting fuel poor households. South Staffordshire Council is working with Staffordshire County Council, E.On and Affordable Warmth Solutions to help fund and successfully deliver this scheme locally and ensure households can afford to heat their homes.

Click [here](#) to view our first installation case study in Perton. For more information, call freephone **0800 193 1902** or email [advice@mea.org.uk](mailto:advice@mea.org.uk).  
[www.staffordshirewarmerhomes.co.uk](http://www.staffordshirewarmerhomes.co.uk)

- **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](http://www.southstaffslottery.co.uk)) or telephone **01902 213777**.

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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.

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - The Blue Ginger in Huntington, Cyril's Tea Room and Vintage Emporium at Piper's Nurseries in Gailey and Wergs Golf Club in Codsall.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: [comms@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:comms@sstaffs.gov.uk)