

# Council news round-up



Your weekly guide to the latest news

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

- **Christmas opening hours - South Staffordshire Council**

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| Monday 23 December 2019    | Normal opening hours (e.g. 8.45am to 5pm).    |
| Tuesday 24 December 2019   | Normal opening hours (e.g. 8.45am to 5pm).    |
| Wednesday 25 December 2019 | Bank Holiday.                                 |
| Thursday 26 December 2019  | Bank Holiday.                                 |
| Friday 27 December 2019    | Bank Holiday (transferred from May Day).      |
| Saturday 28 December 2019  | Local arrangements apply.                     |
| Sunday 29 December 2019    | Local arrangements apply.                     |
| Monday 30 December 2019    | Discretionary holiday granted by the Council. |
| Tuesday 31 December 2019   | Discretionary holiday granted by the Council. |
| Wednesday 1 January 2019   | Bank Holiday.                                 |
| Thursday 2 January 2020    | Council Offices re-open.                      |

- **Christmas opening times - Leisure Centres**

Click [here](#) to view.

- **Home alone at Christmas event**

The annual Christmas lunch for retired residents of the district who are over the age of 60 and don't have any family or friends visiting them on Christmas Day took place at the Council Offices in Codsall on Friday 20 December 2019.

- **Green Bin update**

Green Bin collections have now finished for the year and will recommence in the New Year from Monday 13 January 2020. Click [here](#) to view your bin collection dates.

- **Waste and recycling advice - what can I recycle in my blue bin this Christmas?**

Yes please - cardboard, Christmas cards (no glitter though), glass bottles and jars, food and drinks cans, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays.

No thanks - Food waste, wrapping paper, Christmas decorations, black bags and polystyrene.

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Remember you can recycle your real Christmas tree free of charge. Simply present your real Christmas tree for collection at the kerbside on your first green bin collection of 2020.

- **Help keep crowded places safe over the festive period**

As the festive season gets underway, Counter Terrorism Policing is calling on the public to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious. This annual campaign asks everyone to be the extra eyes and ears of the police and work together to tackle terrorism. Click [here](#) for more information.

- **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**.

- **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](#).



## Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings - first week of January 2020**

- **Lottery Advisory Panel** - Monday 6.1.20 Bill Brownhill Room – 4pm
- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – Tuesday 7.1.20 Chamber – 6:30 pm

- **5 Rating**

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The following organisation has achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week -  
Aspens Services Ltd near Penkridge.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

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