

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 74**

Click [here](#) to read the latest issue of the Review Magazine (issue 74), which will be distributed over the next couple of weeks to all households in the district. This issue contains a FAQ section about the Council's garden waste collection charge, due to come into effect this summer.

- **Information sharing with parishes**

Following locality 4 and 5 meetings with the Council yesterday as part of the stronger three-tier working, a very useful suggestion has been made that as soon as a future key decision is published it will be included in the weekly news round-up to give parishes advance notice. This will happen in future.

- **South Staffordshire business survey and roundtable events**

If you're a local business, make sure you complete the south Staffordshire business survey. The Council is committed to creating the right conditions for economic growth across the district and supporting local businesses and your thoughts and opinions are key. Click [here](#) to take part in the survey, which closes on Sunday 23 February 2020 (5pm). This piece of research will be instrumental in informing South Staffordshire Council's future strategic plans.

To accompany this, Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce are hosting a series of small business roundtable events on behalf of South Staffordshire Council.

- Click [here](#) to find out more and to book a place at the business roundtable being held on Friday 31 January 2020 at Halfpenny Green Vineyards from 10am to noon.
- Click [here](#) to find out more and to book a place at the business roundtable being held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Essington Farm from 10am to noon.
- Click [here](#) to find out more and to book a place at the business roundtable being held on Friday 28 February 2020 at the Council Offices in Codsall from 10am to noon.

- **Wellbeing events - January 2020**

The Seisdon Wellbeing team will be at Codsall Library on Friday 31 January 2020 from 9.30am to 11am. If you're struggling with the January blues, come in for a chat and a wellbeing check at this community event. Free advice and support available.

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- **Free home energy checks**

This week is Big Energy Saving Week (20-27 January 2020) and the Council has a number of free home energy checks available. The energy checks can help you lower your energy usage and test your boiler and they are available through Warmer Homes for those on lowish incomes, young families, the elderly and those in ill health.

Click [here](#) to apply or call **0800 193 1902** or email advice@mea.org.uk

**BIG
ENERGY
SAVING
WEEK...**

As part of their work, Warmer Homes has been helping residents in the district install a free gas connection and gas central heating where the neighbouring properties have mains gas heating. Click [here](#) to watch a short video showing how one family was helped by the scheme. If you or someone you know doesn't have central heating in your home and you're using electric heaters, electric panels, gas fires or solid fuel fires, switching to gas central heating will save you money on your energy bills and increase your home's comfort so please contact Warmer Homes to find out more.

- **Statement from the Department of Health and Social Care, and Public Health England on coronavirus**

Please see attached link to DHSC's statement on coronavirus -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dhsc-and-phe-statement-on-coronavirus>

- **Meet the Community Lottery family**

Click [here](#) to meet the new lottery family. These cheeky balls are set to bring some lottery fun over coming months, so you'll be seeing a lot more of these delightful characters. Sadly though, the balls have joined us with no names. If you'd like to suggest a name, simply tell us the number of the ball and the name. If your name is chosen, we'll give you a free lottery play for two weekly draws. Closing date is Sunday 26 January 2020 at 9pm. Please forward any suggestions to n.taylor@sstafs.gov.uk.

To support good causes in South Staffordshire and to buy a lottery ticket, simply register on the website (www.southstaffslottery.co.uk) or telephone **01902 213777**.

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- **Time to book your February school holiday activities**

Bookings are now being taken for the children's school holiday activity camps which are running at the Leisure Centres from Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2020. To find out what's on each day at Cheslyn Hay, Codsall and Wombourne Leisure Centres visit <https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/multi-sports-timetables>.

To book, go to <https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/active-camps>.

For details about activities on offer at Penkridge Leisure Centre, visit:

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/leisure/school-holiday-camps-4.cfm>

- **What are your New Year pledges this year?**

The Leisure Centres are encouraging their members to make a fitness pledge this New Year and share it on social media. If you're a member, write down your pledge on your next visit at the Leisure Centre, and let us take your photo.

- **Next week's Council Committee/Panel meetings**

- **Planning Committee** - Tuesday 28 January 2020 - 6.30pm - Council Chamber.
- **Local Plans Member Seminar** - Thursday 30 January 2020 - 5.30pm - Council Chamber.

- **Job vacancies**

- **Leisure Assistant (Cheslyn Hay)** - click [here](#) for information.
Closing date - Sunday 2 February 2020 (5pm).
- **Relief Leisure Assistant (Cheslyn Hay)** - click [here](#) for information.
Closing date - Sunday 2 February 2020 (5pm).

- **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](#).



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- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspection this week - Hilton Catering at Hilton Hall and the Dudley Arms in Himley.

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