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Studley, Sambourne
and Mappleborough
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From your local Liberal Democrat team

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Dear Resident,

The past eighteen months have been difficult for many people but, as we look forward hopefully to a more positive time, we want to hear about what matters most to you and your family.

COVID has meant that there are many issues facing our local area and it's important that our councils address them in a way that has the support of residents. And of course we must make sure that the community spirit that has been so evident during the pandemic is not lost.

On the back of this leaflet is a short survey. It would be very helpful if you could complete this, to let us know your views, so that we can focus our efforts on what is important to you.

Best Wishes,
Neil Edden and Peter Hencher-Serafin
District Councillors

LOCAL SERVICES UNDER THREAT

It sometimes appears as though every time there are cuts in public services to be made, Stratford district becomes the target. The latest concerns are around ambulance services and local hospital beds.

The local Hospital Trust that serves south Warwickshire is carrying out a review of hospital beds at Stratford and Shipston Hospitals. Liberal Democrats proposed a motion at the district council, asking the authority to help publicise the consultation on any proposals, expected later this year, whilst also supporting the retention of the beds at both hospitals, where they can be easily accessed by local people. Unfortunately the Conservatives refused to agree to the motion.

South Warwickshire is a very rural area with poor public transport so the Lib Dems regard keeping these beds in our local hospitals as important for both patients and those who wish to visit them in hospital.

AMBULANCE STATION THREAT

At the same time the West Midlands Ambulance Service has announced that a number of Community Ambulance Stations are under review, including the station in Stratford. The Lib Dems have highlighted the contribution the service has made during the pandemic and stressed again the rural nature of this district, which they think doesn't always get taken fully into account when services are reviewed.

MARLE HALL OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

The Conservatives running the county council have decided to close Marle Hall, a residential outdoor education centre in north Wales, close to the Snowdonia National park.

For many years schoolchildren from Warwickshire have been attending courses at the centre and for many it proved a life changing experience. With over 100 beds, residential courses included learning outside the classroom either through adventurous outdoor activities or environmental studies. A petition launched to save the centre from closure estimated that over 60,000 young people have benefited from attending the centre.

Liberal Democrat councillors on the county council believed that this was a valuable facility that ought to have been retained.

COUNCIL MERGER CONSULTATION

A public consultation is under way on the future of your district council.

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils are considering a proposal to merge, creating a new District Council covering the whole of South Warwickshire. This would join all the area currently covered by Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils, but nothing outside these current boundaries, so that it would not include any part of Redditch or other councils currently in surrounding counties. Sharing services with other councils is a way of saving money and the merger is forecast to do that.

To have your say please respond to the consultation - open until October 24th on: <https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swc/>
Paper questionnaires can be requested by emailing: swconsultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk or calling 01789 267575.
The paper questionnaires use a FREE POST address.

SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION

The Lib Dem Leader Ed Davey is calling for a national education catch-up programme to help children whose schooling was affected by Covid-19 restrictions.

The proposal, originally put forward by the government's education recovery commissioner, calls for extra money to go directly to schools, with some money available to parents through a voucher system to be spent on extra tuition. This would be run by schools, tutors or clubs approved to take part in the scheme. The activities could cover activities from tutoring in reading, writing or maths, to music lessons.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR

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CARE COSTS PACKAGE

There have been mixed reactions to the recent announcement by the Prime Minister on care costs. Whilst it is at least an attempt to consider the problem, it only looks at the care cost element of care homes and not the cost of accommodation, meals, cleaning etc, which aren't included in the government's package. This could still result in long term residents having extremely high costs. Clive Rickhards, who was involved with care

issues when he was a county councillor, said, 'With an ageing population we believe that affordable care costs are vital for many residents' peace of mind'.



RESIDENTS' SURVEY

ABOUT STUDLEY...

What would make the village even more attractive?

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Better plants, lights, more attractive walkways and outdoor seating | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The creation of the promised 'civic centre' for the village | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| More council support for small businesses and independent retailers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Better pavements, including access for those with mobility issues | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Choose your top three priorities for Studley

- Bin collections Schools Litter
 Pavement repairs Parks/ green spaces Speeding
 Other _____

Choose your top three priorities for our district

- Health services Economy / jobs Crime / ASB
 Public transport Housing Social care
 Other _____

You can expand on your views here:



LOCAL PROBLEMS THAT WE CAN HELP YOU WITH

What can we help you with? (tick as many as apply)

- Potholes
 Broken street lights
 Blocked drains
 Abandoned vehicles
 Broken pavements
 Fly tipping
 Graffiti
 Other _____

Please let us know where the problems are (ideally - road and nearest house number)

Please return this survey by:

- filling it in online at: <https://www.stratfordlibdems.org.uk/studley>
- Posting it to the Liberal Democrat office marked - Freepost, Stratford Liberal Democrats

CLIMATE CHANGE...

At Stratford District Council Lib Dem Leader Susan Juned presented a paper on climate change to the council as long ago as 2003.

The Lib Dems were responsible for moving an emergency motion in 2019 asking for the council to do whatever was within its power and influence to take action. Recent revisions to the planning system at Stratford now makes applicants for planning think about all possible measures for the environment.

Where should tackling climate change rank for our local councils?

- The very highest priority
Important
Not important

TACKLING CRIME...

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 is not safe at all, 5 is very safe) how safe do you feel living in Studley?

1 2 3 4 5

Have you been the victim of crime in the last 12 months?

YES NO

Do you believe enough resources are put into preventing crime and making sure there is enough community policing in our town?

YES NO



What would make Studley a better place to live?

ABOUT YOU (OPTIONAL)...

If you would like us to come back to you on any of the points raised, please give your preferred contact details:

Name
Address
Postcode
Email
Telephone

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD