

# Fenny Compton Parish Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Of Fenny Compton Parish Council Held at Fenny Compton Village Hall, Fenny Compton on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 At 7.45pm

**PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Jon Dutton in the Chair, Emma Briscoe, Martin Birch, David Johnson, Roly Whear and Samantha Parkes

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parish Clerk Lydia Cox, District Councillor Natalie Gist and County Councillor Christopher Kettle

### **2024\_01\_01: Apologies**

None received

### **2024\_01\_02: Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (already circulated) were considered and the minutes were **agreed** (Proposed by Councillor Parks and seconded by Councillor Briscoe)

### **2024\_01\_03: Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Whear declared an interest in Aqueous and therefore flooding discussions

Councillor Johnson declared an interest in the Bowls Club and therefore any discussions involving the club, and discussions about the trees around the playing field

Councillor Parkes and Dutton declared an interest in planning application 24/00029/TREE

Councillor Briscoe declared an interest in payment JAN\_24\_6 as relative

### **2024\_01\_04: Requests for Dispensation**

None received

### **2024\_01\_05: Open Forum**

There were two members of the public in attendance

(i) The Ridgeway – Flooding and Adoption of road

Resident has sent an email with the history of Willowbrook development and the choices made by Lagan Homes. It shows that if the FRM1 works had been carried out in the 4/5 years between the S106 agreement and the start of build, Lagan Homes would have used the swale as the output of surface water. This would have meant that we would have improved flood defences, no need of a pumping station and Ridge Way would have been adopted

County Councillor Kettle responded with an email from the Area Director of the Flood Risk Management Team –

The FRM team having been working on a solution to add a new chamber to the existing land drainage system adjacent to the Ridgeway and re-route it across the field opposite to the watercourse. A new chamber, gullies and 450mm pipe will be installed. This will remove the current constriction of a 450mm pipe being reduced to a 225mm pipe at an acute angle as it reaches the end of the Ridgeway and turns onto High Street. We are pushing to have this solution implemented in 2024 if Highways delivery partner have capacity

WCC would not recommend that the surface water drainage is discharged to this new section of pipe, without further modelling to demonstrate that discharging the greenfield run-off rate from The Ridgeway would not create a capacity issue. The original proposal for the development recommended upsizing the entire run along the Ridgeway and across the field to a 900mm pipe. It is not feasible to deliver this work, and so further modelling would be required to demonstrate the new 450mm pipe could cope with additional flows from surface water drainage. Additionally, the current surface water drainage would need to be checked to ensure it was built in accordance with the approved plans and the flow control verified to ensure the rate does not exceed that allowed for in the planning permission.

The original proposal has a number of difficulties that are barriers to delivery of a 900mm pipe including the current

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culvert crosses beneath a number of domestic gardens of properties on Cotters Croft. Replacing the existing 450mm pipe with a 900mm would mean excavating in these gardens to a significant depth to provide sufficient cover over a 900mm pipe. These properties would also be responsible for the future maintenance of this asset which would be difficult to access at the appropriate depth. We would also not be able to upsize just the section crossing beneath High Street and to the watercourse due to archaeology constraints as the field is designated as a site with potential Saxon remains. A much deeper excavation than is currently proposed may disturb these remains and incur significant costs for site supervision. The cost to install the 450mm crossing is already estimated to use up all of the S106 money, so the costs to install an upsized pipe across multiple private landowners, who would be eligible for compensation would be much higher

Resident – Will modelling be updated to include 5 new houses since development built (The Paddock and Mill Lane).  
Councillor Kettle will check

### **Resident left meeting at 20.00**

- (ii) Discussions about the state of road outside Compton Locks

### **2024\_01\_06: Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

- (i) Upper Lighthorne Primary Healthcare: SDC obligation to provide a community centre, along with doctors surgery and area for police. SDC have approved but the ICB have to appoint doctors. ICB have Board meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January but this isn't on agenda, so will have to wait a further two month for more updates
- (ii) Defibrillator Training: Warwickshire Search & rescue – Familiarisation course. Willing to do the same here but would like a donation. Test kit and dummies. Clerk to speak to Explorers to organise a date
- (iii) Wildflower Meadows: Clerk has had no response from broadband company regarding the destruction of the wildflower meadow - Back to complaints team

### **2024\_01\_07: District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

Councillors Gist and Rock submitted a report which can be found in Appendix C

Councillor Kettle submitted a report which can be found in Appendix D

Recommend that the Parish Council respond to the Warwickshire Fire & Rescue consultation

Station Road 40mph speed limit (from current 30 mph limit up to main road) - will be in place by May this year

### **2024\_01\_08: Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received prior to the meeting:

- Residents correspondence
  - #1 Squire Place Streetlight not working
  - Clerk has raised with Zeta as this is one of the new LED lights
  - Broken STW cover at junction of Church Street and Avon Dasset Road
  - Clerk has raised fault with Highways
- Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service - Consultation on proposed service delivery model
  - Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) carries out fire and rescue functions on behalf of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Warwickshire County Council
  - WFRS is consulting on a proposed change to its service delivery model as part of its Resourcing to Risk approach. Resourcing to Risk aims to have the right resource, in the right place and at the right time,

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- to keep people safe in their homes, their workplace, their environment and when they are travelling through Warwickshire
- The Service wants to hear views and feedback on this proposal, which aims to optimise the distribution of fire appliances, firefighters and supporting resources so that they better align to risk and demand
  - The model proposed by WFRS does NOT plan to close fire stations in Warwickshire
  - This consultation summarises the reasons for the Resourcing to Risk proposal and the benefits WFRS think the proposed approach offers in improving how they keep Warwickshire’s communities and people safe
  - The consultation is open until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March
    - Complete the online survey by visiting WCC website
    - You can request a paper copy of the survey or an alternative format or language by telephone (01926 410410) or by email (wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk)
    - Send your comments directly by email (wfrsr2r@warwickshire.gov.uk) or in writing to: Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Service Headquarters, Warwick Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 5LH
    - **Chair will respond**
- Warwickshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan
    - Work is beginning on a review of Warwickshire County Council’s Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). Warwickshire County Council is seeking feedback prior to drafting the new ROWIP so that the document reflects local priorities
    - Warwickshire County Council is responsible for around 1700 miles of public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic across the whole of Warwickshire County
    - Warwickshire County Council’s ROWIP is an important strategic policy document, which the council is required by law to have in place. It sets out how Warwickshire County Council can make sure the public rights of way network meets the needs of the public, now and in the future. The process of reviewing the ROWIP, and the engagement being carried out before the new ROWIP is drafted, will help the council to better understand the needs of Warwickshire County residents.
    - An online questionnaire has been set up for parish and town councils
    - <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/49f3c1bc/>
    - The questionnaire closes on 10 March 2024
    - **Councillor Whear to respond**

### 2024\_01\_09: Planning

(i) The following applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
23/02954/FUL	15 Jan 2024	Claraden Cottage, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	Conversion of garage and store to annexe
24/00029/TREE	25 Jan 2024	1 The Willows, High Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2FS	T1 and T2 - willow - Reduce branches by 10metres back to previous pollard points T3 and T4 - apple - Prune and shape by removing 2metres of growth T5 - conifer - Reduce height by 3metres
23/03378/FUL & 23/03088/LBC	24 Jan 2024	Bayards, Bridge Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2XY	Construction of low level wall in garden to reduce flood risk. Wall and flood barriers will protect historic building

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Councillor Parkes left the room for discussion about 24/00029/TREE

Councillors discussed and agreed to respond with 'no representation' to all applications

(ii) The following decisions have been received since the last meeting:

Reference	Decision Date	Status	Address	Proposal
23/02480/FUL	20 Dec 2023	Permission Granted	Home Farm, The Tunnel, Farnborough, OX17 1EH	Two storey extension, loft conversion, new conservatory, fenestration alterations and proposed replacement vehicular gate
23/03086/TREE	22 Dec 2023	No Objection	1 Church Street, Fenny Compton, CV47 2YE	T1- apple – Fell

(iii) Further Updates

a. Compton Locks

i. Bus stop request – No update

ii. Speed Limit along Station Road – Update as per County Councillor report

**County Councillor Kettle left the meeting at 20.50**

### 2024\_01\_10: Financial Administration

(i) Councillors **approved** the following payments (Proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Whear):

JAN_24_1_SO	Lydia Cox (Jan Salary & Expenses)	(408.24)
JAN_24_2_SO	SDC (Pension contribution Jan)	(114.48)
JAN_24_3_DD	Utility Warehouse (Electricity)	0.00
JAN_24_4_DD	Yu Energy (Street Lighting)	(263.61)
JAN_24_5_DD	WaterPlus (Sports Pavillion Water)	0.00
JAN_24_6	Marc Briscoe (Grave markintg)	(20.00)
JAN_24_7	Michael Mann (Hedgerows)	(174.00)
JAN_24_8	HAGS (Zip wire repairs)	(297.60)
JAN_24_9	0800 Asbestos (Sports pavilion survey)	(234.00)

### Current Account

**(1,511.93)**

(ii) Councillors noted the bank balances and bank reconciliations (Appendix A & B) and agreed them

(iii) Playing Field and Flood Attenuation Pool Grass cut and maintenance tender – Parish council **agreed** to award the contract to Michael Mann

(iv) 2023\_24 Budget – Parish councillors discussed and **agreed** to request a precept of £24,677, a reduction from previous year of 1.8%

### 2024\_01\_11: Updates

(i) Report from Play Area/ Sports Pavilion Upgrade Sub-Committee - Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January. We have received an initial quote for replacement building, numbers look promising. Need more quotes. Asbestos survey completed. When report received, will check against demolition quotes

Looked at current designs and survey results for the play area. Putting together criteria to enable getting a like

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Next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February

- (ii) Compton Locks Integration – No further updates
- (iii) Flood Prevention – Station Road – Ditch along the road on landowners side – It isn't maintained and the ditch doesn't go anywhere. County Council has stated this is not an enforcement issue, and that it is the landowners responsibility  
Councillor Whear will share the map with County Council and Highways team
- (iv) Trees – Discussion about the trees surrounding the playing field. The worry amongst the residents is mainly about the height. Chair discussed that we regularly have a tree survey and that we maintain the trees  
If the trees overhang property then resident has the right to chop branches but parish council can make the tree look symmetrical on the other side  
Clerk to ask tree surgeon about what could reasonably be done
- (v) Highways – No further updates
- (vi) Risk Assessments –
  - a. Memorial Road Salt Bin – Waiting for Highways to empty the bin
  - b. Benches – Clerk has contacted Derek Maries regarding repair

### **2024\_01\_12: Items to Publicise**

- (i) Compton Locks – mud on road
- (ii) Playground funding update
- (iii) Fire Service consultation
- (iv) Public rights of way consultation
- (v) Speed limit in place by May 2024
- (vi) Budget submission

### **2024\_01\_13: Future Discussion**

Parish councillor vacancy

### **2024\_01\_14: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**MEETING CLOSED 21.45**

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## Appendix A

### December Financial Administration

<b>Balances:</b> (See attached bank reconciliation)		<b>£</b>
Traffic Management	2,135.82	
Flood Relief Grant	1,683.76	
Over 8's Play Area	140.56	
NP Plan Projects	86.33	
Allotments	500.00	
Defibrillator	956.68	
Other	17.65	
<b>Deposit Account</b>		<b>5,520.80</b>
Cotters Croft	2,849.58	
PC Balance	7,155.42	
<b>12 Month Partial Withdrawal</b> (High interest deposit):		<b>10,005.00</b>
<b>Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)</b>		<b>19,401.50</b>
<b>Current Account</b>		<b>1,409.58</b>
<b>Total Balances</b> (See Bank Reconciliation)		<b><u>36,336.88</u></b>
Less Payments (See agenda item 10)		
JAN_24_1_SO Lydia Cox (Jan Salary & Expenses)	(408.24)	
JAN_24_2_SO SDC (Pension contribution Jan)	(114.48)	
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JAN_24_9 0800 Asbestos (Sports pavilion survey)	(234.00)	
<b>Current Account</b>		<b>(1,511.93)</b>
<b>Total Balances carried forward</b>		<b><u>34,824.95</u></b>

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### December Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balances	£
30 Day Notice (Allocated Reserves)	5,520.80
12 Month Partial Withdrawal	10,005.00
Deposit Account (Unallocated Reserves)	19,401.50
Current Account	1,538.41
Less payments not included in Dec:	
Utility Warehouse	(29.09)
Pension Error	(99.74)
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>1,409.58</b>
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b><u>36,336.88</u></b>
Cash Book Balance b/f	35,595.32
Add receipts since last meeting:	
Bank Interest	38.65
Burial Ground Income	452.50
Grass cutting precept	250.41
<b>Total Cash Book</b>	<b><u>36,336.88</u></b>

## Appendix C – District Councillor Report

**The New Council Plan** The New Council Plan which will guide the administration for the next four years was voted for at Full Council on 11 December 2023. The new plan may be found here: [Council Plan 2023 - 2027 | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

**Budget** The administration is in the process of setting a budget for the year 2024/5. Central government advises local authorities of their settlement figures on an annual basis, and this year the figure was reported to them on 22 December. Due to these tight timescales, Cabinet has been working on the budget for some months prior to the central government figures being announced just prior to the Christmas break. The preliminary figures have now been finalised and we are pleased to announce that no cuts to services are anticipated. The budget will be out for public consultation, which is expected to commence on 19 January; we welcome your comments

**Cost of Living Support** We should like to remind residents that there is wide-ranging help and support available from the District Council if they are worried about the cost of living, which affects health and wellbeing. There is a link here to the support available: [Cost of Living Support | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#) or residents may telephone Customer Services on 01789 267575

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**Flooding** If your home was flooded during Storm Henk (2-5 January) please report it via the link below. Reporting flooding may help SDC secure government flood funding to support you and help plan for future flood prevention schemes. [Flood Risk Management – Warwickshire County Council](#)

**Community Safety** There have been reports of ‘Nottingham Knockers’ in the villages prior to Christmas. We are also aware that a properties were broken into in the village in the early hours of 2 January. We understand that both matters were reported to the Police who attended. We also attach advice from Southam SNT at the end of our report

**Christmas Trees** Christmas Trees will be collected for recycling between 8-19 January. ***You do not need to have a green bin subscription for them to be collected.*** Please remove all decorations and cut trees over five metres high in half. A link to the website is here: [Refuse & Recycling Collections for Christmas and New Year | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

## Southam SNT tips if someone unexpected knocks on your door

- Lock your back door before answering the front door
- Never agree to have work done by somebody who knocks on your door
- Use a spy hole, chain or window to have a look at the caller before answering the door and keep the chain on. If you do not recognise the caller speak through the closed and locked door
- Always ask for proof of identity. Take it from the person (through the letterbox) and read it carefully before deciding what to do
- Never use a ‘phone number provided by the caller as it could be a false number to an accomplice
- Avoid going outside so they can show you what needs doing as they will probably have an accomplice who will enter the house while you are distracted and steal from you
- Never pay for work before it is completed. Always agree a final price in writing and get an invoice and a receipt as proof of payment
- Do not accept any offer to drive you to the bank to withdraw money or give them your bank details
- Tell them you are not interested and ask them to leave. If they refuse call the police and dial 999 if you feel at risk or are being threatened or pressured
- Never give bank details to a caller, even those claiming to be from charities. Police will have a list of charitable organisations visiting your area which can be checked by calling 101. We recommend that you contact the charity directly if you wish to make a regular donation through your bank or building society
- If you have any doubt, keep them out and remember that you do not have to open the door. Report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or 999.

We wish all residents a Happy New Year.

Cllr Natalie Gist

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## Appendix D – County Councillor Report

### Division issues

**Warwickshire Fire Consultation:** WFRS volunteer call out service, which was historically available for 90% of the time pre pandemic has fallen across the County to 35% and the 12 fire appliances which are crewed by on-call firefighters are, on average, only available one-third of the time. This is unsustainable. In particular Fenny Compton, since May 23 has dropped to an average availability over six months of 9.4%. In the absence of a rapid improvement in call-out personnel availability, changes to how the service is delivered must be considered.

Please read about the need for change and comment on the proposals at: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/wfrs-r2r/>

**Harbury Crossroads:** Work is now continuing on the crossroads with a targeted completion date of the spring. There is a clear programme and timetable for this work and I would hope that we are now entering the final stages of the significant road safety improvement project.

**Highway road improvements:** Councillors should be aware that WCC, after consideration by a Council appointed working party, made the decision some months ago not to introduce mandatory 20mph speed restrictions in village communities. Recently Oxfordshire CC have decided to do so which is clearly of concern to those residents living near the Oxfordshire border. Residents may also be aware that Fenny Compton has a legacy 20mph limit in the centre of the village and Southam has just announced that HS2 are funding a 20mph limit from their community support budget in the centre of the town.

Councillors should be aware of the two HS2 funding schemes set up to mitigate for the impact of HS2 on the community being the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF) and the Community and Environment Fund (CEF).

Clearly each application must demonstrate a need and justification for the funding

Recently a total of 25 differing and widely ranged schemes have been put forward to be funded by HS2.

These 25 schemes have been investigated by the County Councils own Traffic & Road Safety Team and have put each scheme forward to the HS2 Board. The scheme through Southam, is to apply a 20mph speed limit along the main shopping route through the town of Southam. The move received support from Southam Town Council.

Any community can apply for funding from HS2 for the two grants to mitigate for the impact of HS2. Examples of CEF funds are as follows:

- Improved pedestrian, equestrian, or cycle access not provided under statutory services;
- Landscape and nature conservation enhancement projects which increase biodiversity (including pop up interventions such as skip gardens);
- Enhancement or replacement of sports and recreational facilities;
- Improved access and enhancements to public open space;
- Provision of enhanced or new community facilities; and
- Refurbishment/re-use of historic buildings and monuments.

**WCC Cllrs Discretionary fund:** I still have funding for further road related schemes in my delegated highways budget. But whilst these are discretionary grants, any proposal is subject to professional scrutiny by the Highways teams and schemes that do not accord with normal highway protocols will not be accepted.

**HS2:** I have had no further response from BBV about complaints about the attempted eradication of noxious weeds on the land acquired by HS2.

I, as have WCC officers, have written back to make it clear that work practices that do not comply with DEFRA published guidelines are not really an acceptable response.

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**Orbit Housing:** I have had a further case of heating failing in the week before Christmas for a single mother with four children two of whom have special needs. I visited the household and the spoke directly to Orbit, receiving an immediate response from the senior duty manager and the following morning, Christmas Eve, from the main board Director apologising for the sub-contractor's failing.

I am pleased to say that this time Orbit responded promptly but the heating and plumbing sub-contractor Robert Heath, the same contractor as last time:

- Diagnosed a failing fan;
- Would not source the spare parts till after Christmas; and
- Has actually mis-diagnosed the problem and the required part was a standard part on every van.

Orbit immediately offered to pay for electric heating over the Christmas Period and if wanted decamping the entire family to a hotel.

I have had further correspondence from the Area Director since Christmas.

## Events and other matters

**Council celebrates successes for 2023!** Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is proud to reflect on its achievements and express thanks for the unwavering support and collaboration received from partners and communities throughout the county. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4897/council-celebrates-successes-for-2023->

**Warm Welcome Hubs** Check out the Warwickshire Rural Community Council directory of Warm Hubs to find a local, warm, safe, inclusive place where you can expect a friendly welcome. Find out more: [www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/wrcc-warm-hubs/warm-hubs-network/](http://www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/wrcc-warm-hubs/warm-hubs-network/)

**Kind Communities - Kind Food Grant Fund** Do you know of a food-related community project in Warwickshire that would benefit from a funding boost? Apply to the new Kind Communities - Kind Food Grant fund, and empower your community to make more affordable, healthy, and sustainable food choices: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4793/county-council-launches-kind-communities-kind-food-grant-to-support-local-community-food-projects](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4793/county-council-launches-kind-communities-kind-food-grant-to-support-local-community-food-projects)

**WFRS shares festive safety reminder ahead of New Years Eve** One common cause of incidents around New Years Eve is the use of fireworks and sparklers at home. However, WFRS is asking Warwickshire residents to minimise the risk of injury to themselves, their friends and their families, by following some safety guidelines. Find here more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4898/warwickshire-fire-and-rescue-service-shares-festive-safety-reminder-ahead-of-new-years-eve>

**Caring Together Warwickshire** Warwickshire County Council is reminding all those with a caring responsibility to register as a carer to access the latest support over the Christmas period. Read more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4896/warwickshire-county-council-signposts-residents-with-a-caring-responsibility-to-support-from-local-services>

**SEND newsletter** Why not use the lull over Twixmas to explore Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer website? It's packed with information and advice for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Find more here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

**Investing in Education in 2023** Find out more about the significant investment in education that Warwickshire County Council has made throughout 2023: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4889/investing-in-education->

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[2023-was-the-year-for-new-schools-enhanced-facilities-and-expanding-opportunities](#)

**Household Waste Recycling Centre Survey** Warwickshire County Council want to know what you think about their Household Waste Recycling Centres and the services that are offered at them. Have your say here: [https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/recycling-centre\\_2023/](https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/recycling-centre_2023/)

**Winter Vigilance Campaign** Heading out for New Year fun? You can play your part in keeping people safe. Stay alert to anything that doesn't feel right. Tell a member of staff, security or police, or report online at [www.gov.uk/ACT](http://www.gov.uk/ACT). You won't be wasting anyone's time.

**Boxing gym receives Small Capital Grant** A boxing academy has occupied bigger premises to match its growing role at the heart of the community with support from Warwickshire County Council. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4884/cleary-s-boxing-gym-is-punching-its-weight-thanks-to-small-capital-grant>

**Green New Year Resolutions** Stuck for new year resolutions? Why not make them green? From taking up composting to replacing all bulbs in your home with energy efficient LED bulbs, there are lots of little things you can do that make a big difference. Make your pledges today: <https://www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk/greenpledges>

**Domestic Abuse support** The festive season can be a daunting time for those who have or are experiencing domestic abuse. Help is available from Warwickshire County Council and partners. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4895/warwickshire-county-council-highlights-domestic-abuse-support-this-festive-season>