

**County Report Ilmington Parish Council**  
**26 February 2026**

**Apologies for being unable to be here in person, as usual my clash with work in Cheltenham prevents me from attending**

**Local Government Reorganisation**

Local Authorities have until March 24 to submit preferences for Foundation Strategic Authorities <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance> In essence this will be the Strategic Authority that will be formed by North/South/Unified Warwickshire with other LA's. The preference among most is for a N/S split Warwickshire with South Warwickshire combine with Gloucs and Worcs. It will be a decision by Sec of State

**Have your say on Local Government Reorganisation**

The government has launched a consultation to invite residents, businesses, and key stakeholders, to have their say as part of the consultation on what Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) should look like in Warwickshire.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7405/have-your-say-on-local-government-reorganisation-in-warwickshire>

**County Budget**

Due to last minute changes in Central Government funding the Council's finances are stronger than anticipated and Council tax will rise by 4.44% after other parties united to block Reform's plans for a 3.89% hike. That'll add about £80 a year to a Band D property's bill. Although the difference between the Reform proposal – 3.89% and the maximum allowable – 4.99%, may seem marginal, (about half a Mars bar per week per band D property) over the 5 year MTFS (Medium Term Financial Strategy) this amounts to £26m which has to be found by other service cuts or reductions.

**Councillor Grant Fund**

This has been continued. Given Ilmington's previous success in funding it may be that other parishes may be prioritised, but I will look at each application on its own merits.

**Potholes**

Due to the continued wet weather Highways is under extreme pressure. Please use this link to <https://services.warwickshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole/> If you believe the issue is dangerous, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 412515 between 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am - 4.30pm Friday.

**A few general thoughts:**

**Warning signs of electrical fires**

With so many electrical appliances in our homes, it's crucial to stay vigilant and follow simple safety tips to prevent fires. For essential tips and links to more information click

here: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7398/could-you-spot-the-warning-signs-before-an-electrical-fire-starts> -

### **Sexual Violence Awareness Week 2026**

This Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week, Warwickshire County Council and partners are reaffirming the message that #ItsNotOK for any form of abuse.

Advice and support are available across Warwickshire for anyone who needs it.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7392/warwickshire-stands-with-survivors-for-sexual-abuse-sexual-violence-awareness-week-2026>

### **Young people with learning disabilities NHS health checks**

Families across Warwickshire are being urged to take an important step to support the health and wellbeing of young people with a learning disability.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7395/new-year-reminder-for-families-free-nhs-health-checks-for-young-people-with-learning-disabilities>