

Report from Your District Councillor for Ilmington Parish Council – July 2026

South Warwickshire Local Plan

At the time of writing the South Warwickshire Local Plan will be published on Friday 3 July for consideration by the Joint Cabinet Committee (of Warwick and Stratford Councils). If the plan is agreed to go forward to both Councils then each Council (as a whole) will need to determine whether to go to what is known as the Regulation 19 stage. ***This will be when the plan is published for consultation with the public for a second time***, the first having been the Preferred Options Public Consultation. This consultation will focus on the legality and soundness of the Plan. However, if there is something that residents wish to comment on at this stage, then I encourage them to do so when the consultation opens - I will keep you updated.

There is a huge amount of information available on the South Warwickshire Local Plan website: [South Warwickshire Local Plan](#)

Wilder Communities Project

SDC is supporting the Wilder Communities Project run by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. Wilder Communities Project works to improve education grounds, community green spaces and other publicly accessible areas for nature. To find out more about the project or if you're interested in getting involved, please email Olivia.Williams@wkwtrg.org.uk

[Wilder Communities | Warwickshire Wildlife Trust](#)

Community Climate Change and Nature Fund – closing date of 27 July 2026

A reminder that the fourth round is presently open and the budget for this round is £200,000. ***The upcoming deadline for applications is Monday 27th July 2026.*** More information about the scheme and how to apply can be found here: [Community Climate and Nature Fund | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Cost of Living Support

SDC does have funds available to support residents and to put them in touch with other agencies who are able to help with **free** help and support with the continuing

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pressures of the cost of living. There is a referral form on SDC's website, along with details of other support that is available: [Cost of Living Support | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#) or email info@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Hot weather – Earlier bin collections

At the time of writing we are expecting another period of hot weather. It is likely that bin collections will start earlier if this is the case so please remember to put your bins out early!

Potholes

I am aware of three potholes which have been causing particular concerns in the parish. There is a pair right in front of The Howard Arms, which are a trip hazard for patrons going to and coming from the pub. I have made a direct plea via David Curtis to the relevant Officer at WCC to try to expedite the repair, and I await a reply.

There is also a large pothole on Grump Street (first reported in March this year) which sometimes leaks sewage into the street. Since sewage is involved, this is one for Severa Trent (ST). I asked for and obtained an intervention with ST from the Environmental Health Department at SDC. At the time of writing, this pothole was due to be repaired today (2nd July), according to communications from ST. I will be interested to know if this has indeed taken place and will check on my way to the meeting.

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