

Warwickshire County Council

- Many small projects to improve road safety have been completed. A number of dropped kerbs have been installed for residents who need them. Road works to prevent dangerous parking at Newburgh School are seen as an example of good practice.
- Between 2013 and 2016 we consulted on a traffic scheme for our town centre. Cabinet approval was achieved for the plan. Details of the agreed vision can be seen on the County Council web site. The traffic scheme is proceeding according to plan but extra traffic is diverting into the town centre due to congestion on the A46. The next part of the scheme to be built will be at Northgate.
- The Stanks Island scheme has started but the main work has been delayed due to problems appointing a contractor. Work on Birmingham Road should start this year.
- Network Rail has delayed installing lifts at Warwick Station but the latest information is that work will start this month.
- Changes to Children's Centres have meant that little remains of the original concept from the Town Council. The Children's Centres at the Nursery School and Newburgh School have been assigned to other uses and only Westgate remains.
- There has been significant school building and as a result there is a place in school in Warwick for every child, but not always in the parents' first choice of school. The increased numbers in primary schools will be reaching secondary schools soon but the Local Plan commitment for a new secondary school in Warwick may not go ahead.
- I am a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board which is coordinating the NHS and Social Services. Meetings have been held but we now need to move to outcomes.
- The value of unpaid carers is very large. There is a need to support carers of children with additional needs and our older residents with dementia. Supporting our existing networks is a priority.
- The financial concerns continue despite a 5% increase in Council Tax for the second year running. The Local Plans from our District Councils have committed the County Council to building 63 new schools and it is unlikely resources will be available for this.

Councillor John Holland
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