County Councillor's update: Warndon Villages Parish Council meeting on 6th July 2026

County Council meetings of note:

Next Full Council meeting is Thurs 16th July, 10am at Wychavon District Council offices in Pershore. Agenda, papers and video record of the meeting are available at Agenda for Council on Thursday, 16th July, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council

All County Council meeting dates and papers are available via:
https://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1

SEND:

County SEND updates are now available via signup to e-newsletters – see SEND news and updates - June | Worcestershire County Council and SEND news and improvement updates | Worcestershire County Council

Interested in local SEND provision? Link in with Worcs Parent Carer Forum for the latest news, developments and events or to get more involved and attend co-production workshops, forums, discussion groups or to become a parent carer rep at regular meetings with the local area partnership.

County Schools Education and learning page has useful information about finding a school, school attendance, school meals, term dates, continuing to learn and how to apply for a school place. Schools, education and learning | Worcestershire County Council

SEND reform is a major topic of County Council "Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel" meeting of 2nd July Meeting attendance - Meeting of Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Thursday, 2nd July, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council

The plan is to increase the number of children with SEND being included within mainstream schools. A significant challenge with this is the limited capacity of secondary schools in Worcestershire, the unmet SEND need and rapid growth in EHCP demand.

Worcestershire's SEND Reform Plan sets out how the local area partnership will work together over the next three years to improve support and outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

The plan focuses on four key areas:

- strengthening inclusion across education settings
- improving partnership working, leadership and co-production
- improving access to specialist support and local placements
- making sure resources are used earlier, more effectively and more fairly

Over the next year, the focus will be on building on foundations. This includes developing and testing new approaches, strengthening governance, improving the use of data, and continuing to involve children, young people, parents and carers in shaping change. As the plan moves forward, progress will be monitored through performance information, quality assurance, financial measures and, importantly,

feedback from children, young people and families.
The aim is to build on what is already working, learn from current programmes, and move towards a more consistent, inclusive and sustainable SEND system across Worcestershire.

Q&A session for parent carers

We are hosting an online Q&A session on **Monday 13th July at 7:00pm**, hosted by leaders from across the SEND partnership.

This will be an opportunity for parent carers to hear more about Worcestershire's SEND Reform Plan, ask questions, and understand how children, young people and families will continue to be involved as the plan develops.

From the session you will learn:

- Worcestershire context (how the national plans fit in with what we're doing in Worcestershire)
- The key elements of our SEND Reform Plan
- A spotlight on the Experts at Hand model
- Information about what's happening next

The session will be available to join on Microsoft Teams on Monday 13 July at 7:00pm:

Update on Worcestershire's SEND Reform Plan | Worcestershire County Council

Local Issues

Hindlip Anaerobic Digester

This application was granted planning consent in the county planning meeting 30th June. The vote (anecdotal, not formally recorded) was 5 for, 4 against.

Agenda for Planning and Regulatory Committee on Tuesday, 30th June, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council

All documents and details visible on the planning website:

https://worcestershire.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/23/000007/CM

Ankerage Green works



After installation of the pedestrian refuge a few weeks ago, the metal barriers have just been replaced with plastic bollards per the others on Mill Wood Drive. The team have re-fitted the signs advertising the Warndon Villages summer fete, which were attached to the metal barriers.

Homestead Ave / Woodgreen Drive junction

I have been informed of three collisions this year between cars and cyclists heading southwards on the western shared use path at this junction. County Highways officer and I visited the site together to assess. Part of the problem is a hedge encroaching the pavement reducing visibility.

The County Highways team have written to the resident asking for that hedge to be cut back further and are considering other options including “slow” signage or markings. I have advised County that Active Travel campaigners would like to see a priority side road or side road zebra crossing here.

Overgrown hedges on ramped paths from Tesco to Lyppard Hub

Tesco WV store manager helped a small team of volunteers and store staff trim the overgrown hedges and briars back last weekend, to be clear before the Warndon Villages Annual Fete. Thanks to all who helped. The grounds team sessions are not organised by the local store manager, but by regional office who merely notify the local store of forthcoming grounds team visits.



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Notable road / path works in/near Warndon Villages - see *https://one.network/ for full details*

Road works at bottom of Tolladine Road (Cadent) are likely to continue until 13th July for new gas main installation.

The B4550 Blackpole Road traffic lights (National Grid) are due to continue until 10th July. These have been causing considerable delays on Cotswold Way at peak times, with traffic unable to turn right (northbound) out of Cotswold Way towards Fernhill Heath due to queues backed up from the temporary traffic lights which are not in sync with the permanent ones.

County events: see Events | Worcestershire County Council

Other County News: see https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/news

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