

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Executive Directors.

In many ways 2016 has been a momentous year. The senior management restructure at the District Council almost pales into insignificance when considering other events, not least the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, Brexit and the American presidential elections.

You will see by this edition of the Parish and Partners newsletter that there have been many achievements across the district. The Council is particularly proud of Venture House, a business start-up facility which opened in April and which is already providing significant benefits to new and growing businesses.

Driven by budget pressures, the Council embarked upon a strategic review earlier this year to look at the way it delivers services. This wide ranging review has provided the opportunity for discussion to take place with stakeholders and partners to understand the issues we collectively face and the opportunities to improve services. The work of the strategic review will be continuing into 2017 and we look forward to further engagement with partners.

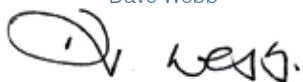
The staff and members of the Council like to support good causes and with the Chairman's charities and the many events throughout the year, lots of funds have been raised.

In addition, the Council committed to help re-locate 12 Syrian refugee families and we are pleased to say that 2 families have been re-located to the district. We would like to thank everyone who has shown commitment to raising funds for charities and those involved in the re-location of the Syrian refugee families.

Finally we wish you a very happy Christmas and a happy new year and we look forward to working with you in 2017.



Dave Webb



David Buckland



2016 Year Review

January

- Digital Inclusion Grants awarded to seven voluntary and community organisations



- SDC to fund Wellesbourne Airfield Feasibility Study
- Further consultation on Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for Gaydon and Lighthorne Health
- 14th Annual Sports Awards – attended by 250 guests
Rory Dwyer (Stratford Athletic Club) won the Senior Sports Person and Agnes McTighe (Stratford Athletic Club) won Junior Sports Person
- SDC joins the West Midlands Combined Authority as a non-constituent member – voting 22 for and 11 against
- Dress Down Day money raised: Chairman's Charity – Alcester Dementia Café and Stratford Cancer and Eye Hospital £1M Appeal - £127

February

- Alcester's Globe House reopens to the public with a new library



- Parkrun comes to Stratford-upon-Avon – free weekly 5km timed run at the Recreation Ground
- Studley with Sambourne District ward by-election – Cllr Hazel Wright elected with 632 votes and turnout 39.5%
- Council Tax set for 2017/18
- New Shakespeare statue unveiled on Bancroft Gardens
- Dress Down Day money raised: British Heart Foundation - £158



March

- SDC backs Clean for The Queen campaign



- Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile at Stratford Recreation ground
- Hampton Lucy Parish Council by-election – Cllr Ewan Timothy Rayment elected with 80 votes and Jeremy Whyman elected with 76 votes and turnout 38.99%
- Two new Executive Director's appointed at SDC – Dave Webb and David Buckland
- SDC hosts Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile at the Recreation Ground
- Core Strategy main modifications consultation
- SDC's first neighbourhood plan referendum for Long Compton
- Designation of Loxley Neighbourhood Plan Area agreed
- Dress Down Day money raised: Marie Curie - £134
- Extra Dress Down Day for Sport Relief - £123



2016 Year Review

April

- New Management structure for SDC
- SDC launch new anti-fraud app for smartphones – Stratford-on-Avon Fraud Reporter
- Venture House, the District Council's new state-of-the-art business centre opens for business
- SDC welcomes civic dignitaries from Fuzhou City in China



- Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations – 400 years since his death
- SDC adopts Long Compton Development Plan
- Designation of Ilmington Neighbourhood Plan Area agreed
- Dress Down Day money raised: Epilepsy Society- £52

May

- Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Elections – Philip Seccombe (Cons) elected with 43,208 (total number of votes) Turnout was 26.73%



- SDC produces helpful dementia leaflet – detailing the range of support available locally for people living with dementia
- New Chairman, Cllr Susan Adams (Alcester & Rural) elected
- Dress Down Day money raised: United Against Breast Cancer - £180



June

- Record year of 288 new affordable homes in Stratford District
- Bancroft Gardens earns 2016 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence
- SDC publishes the Inspector's Final Report on the examination of the District Council's Core Strategy
- European Election Referendum:
Remain - 38,341
Leave - 40,817
Turnout 80.8% (highest in Warwickshire)
- Warwickshire hosts the Aviva Women's Cycle with Stage 2 finishing in Stratford-upon-Avon



- Dress Down Day money raised: Bullies in Need £112

2016 Year Review

July

- Official opening of Venture House



- SDC receive £200,000 from Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) to contribute towards supporting the redevelopment of the Priory Square site in Studley
- SDC's leisure contractor, Everyone Active, wins Operator of the Year, for the fourth time
- SDC approves Core Strategy document – the planning blueprint for sustainable future development in the District up to 2031
- Two sisters from Southam fined £20,000 for failure to comply with Planning Enforcement Notice
- Stratford River Festival
- Summer Fun with Hi-5
- Designation of Alderminster Neighbourhood Plan Area agreed
- Dress Down Day money raised: Tommy's Campaign - £206

August

- Summer Fun with Hi-5



- National Playday event at Stratford Recreation Ground
- Bulldog Bash, Long Marston attended by approximately 20,000 people from all over the world
- SDC's leisure contractor, Everyone Active, invest over £250,000 to refurbish the fitness suites at Stratford and Shipston
- 11 new affordable village homes open on former Shottery Hall grounds
- Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme consultation begins
- Dress Down Day money raised: British Heart Foundation - £125

September

- Kineton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum
- SDC and others visit Fuzhou City in China



- Dress Down Day money raised: Springfield Mind - £115

October

- Stratford Mop Fair and 'runaway' Mop
- Nominations opened for SDC's Building Excellence Awards 2017
- SDC receives best ever Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) rating – the overall satisfaction score for all council services was 79.1%
- SDC adopts Kineton Development Plan
- Voting launches for Tesco's Bags of help initiative
- Dress Down Day money raised: Jeans for Genes - £135



2016 Year Review

November

- SDC host's Senior Citizen's Action Network (SCAN) Annual Conference



- BT Payphone removal consultation opens
- New Council Tax Reduction Scheme approved
- Took part in #OurDay a local government tweetathon – posting 120 tweets
- New tenants, Omni Cyber Security move into Venture House
- Christmas Lights switch on across the District
- Free Thursday night parking in District council owned car parks for Christmas shopping in Stratford-upon-Avon
- District Sports Awards 2017 nominations open
- SDC welcome the first two Syrian refugee families under the government's Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement (VPR) Programme

- SDC's Hodgson Green Children's Trim Trail wins £12,000 grant in Tesco's Bags of help Initiative
- Designation of Wilmcote and Pathlow Neighbourhood Plan Area agreed
- Dress Down Day money raised: BBC Children in Need - £172



December

- SDC supports Small Business Saturday
- SDC continues fight to protect businesses at Wellesbourne Airfield



- Dress Down Day money raised: Syrian Refugee families - £127
- Extra Dress Down Day - Christmas Jumper Day for Shakespeare Hospice - £140

Things to look out for in 2017

- **February** Council Tax set for 2017/18
- **March** Peer Challenge
- **April** Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations



- **May** Warwickshire County Council Elections
- **July** Stratford River Festival
Stratford-upon-Avon Home & Garden Show at Stratford Rec



Stratford-on-Avon District Council offices closed between Christmas and the New Year

The opening hours for the District Council offices over the Christmas and New Year holidays are:

Monday 26 December 2016: Closed

Tuesday 27 December 2016: Closed

Wednesday 28 December 2016: Closed

Thursday 29 December 2016: Closed

Friday 30 December 2016: Closed

Monday 2 January 2017: Closed

Office opening hours go back to normal on Tuesday 3

January that is: 8.45am to 5.15pm Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 8.45am to 5.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

District Council services can still be accessed online at www.stratford.gov.uk and emergency out-of-hours contact is available on 01789 267575.

Changes to refuse & recycling collections over the festive period

There will be only one change this year – properties due for a collection on Monday 26 December will be collected on Tuesday 27 December.

All other collections will remain the same.

Revised arrangements are shown below.

Normal Collection Day for rubbish, recyclables or green waste	Revised Collection Day
Monday 26 December	Tuesday 27 December

From Monday 2 January 2017 collections will return to normal.

In the event of adverse weather affecting collections please check the District Council's website at www.stratford.gov.uk/winter or Twitter on [@StratfordDC](https://twitter.com/StratfordDC) for all the latest updates.



MEETING DATES

Stratford-on-Avon District Council meetings

Date	Time	Meeting	Venue
Tuesday 10 January	6.00pm	Planning (East)	Kineton High School
Wednesday 11 January	6.15pm	Planning (West)	Elizabeth House
Monday 16 January	2.00pm	The Cabinet	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 18 January	6.00pm	Planning (East)	Kineton High School
Wednesday 1 February	6.15pm	Planning (West)	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 8 February	6.00pm	Planning (East)	Kineton High School
Monday 13 February	2.00pm	The Cabinet	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 22 February	6.15pm	Planning (West)	Elizabeth House
Monday 27 February	2.00pm	Council	Elizabeth House
Monday 13 March	2.00pm	The Cabinet	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 15 March	6.15pm	Planning (West)	Elizabeth House
Wednesday 22 March	6.00pm	Planning (East)	Kineton High School



Community Forum meetings

Community Forums are an interactive event enabling residents to learn about issues big and small affecting their area, get answers to questions and influence local decision-making. Anyone with a question about a local issue can go along and put it to officers from a range of organisations.

Forum	Date	Venue	Contact
Wellesbourne / Kineton	Thursday 2 March	TBC	07780 995817
Shipston / Stour	Tuesday 7 March	Shipston High School	07780 995817
Alcester / Bidford	Tuesday 14 March	TBC	07557 565783
Southam / Feldon	Wednesday 15 March	TBC	07780 995817
Stratford-upon-Avon	Thursday 16 March	Elizabeth House	07920 822063
Arden	Thursday 23 March	Wootton Wawen Village Hall	07557 565782



Council, The Cabinet and Planning meetings to be webcast <http://council.webcast.vualto.com/stratford-council/live-webcast/>

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or get involved, please contact the WCC Stratford Area Office on 01789 260133 or email stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Community Forums are part of a countywide initiative involving Warwickshire County Council, District and Borough Councils, NHS Warwickshire, Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Together partners. There are 30 forums across Warwickshire, which bring together elected representatives across all tiers of local government - County, District and Borough and Parish, together with a range of other community representatives.