

# Behind the Scenes

## Fosse Locality November 2011

Would you like to know more about what goes on in the Fosse Locality? Are you interested in the Community Forum's ongoing projects and priorities? 'Behind the Scenes' will give you more information about the area and topics discussed at the Forum. For more information on any article in the newsletter, please contact the Rugby Area Partnership Team on **01788 533656** or e-mail [rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### What is the Fosse Community Forum?

Community Forums are meetings that are held four times a year and which offer a straightforward way for residents to put their views and concerns about local issues directly to public service providers. They are held in venues in the Fosse Community Forum area on a weekday evening.

The Fosse Community Forum covers the wards of: **Wolvey, Fosse and Avon & Swift plus part of Brownsover North**. The parishes in these areas are:

**Wolvey** – Burton Hastings, Copston Magna, Stretton Baskerville, Withybrook and Wolvey

**Fosse** – Ansty, Monks Kirby, Pailton, Shilton, Stretton under Fosse, Wibtoft, Willey

**Avon & Swift** - Clifton upon Dunsmore, Churchover, Cosford, Easenhall, Harborough Magna, Newton & Biggin

For details of your local councillors visit:  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)  
[www.rugby.gov.uk](http://www.rugby.gov.uk)

Information about the meetings, both past and future, can be found on the Rugby Area Team's website:  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rugbyarea](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rugbyarea).

### Boundary Changes

The final recommendations for changes to ward boundaries have been made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). These now have to be approved by Parliament and, if they are, the changes will be implemented at the local elections in May 2012. The recommendation is that the Borough Councils should have 42 councillors, i.e. 6 less than it currently has. There would be 13 three-member wards and three single-member wards. The full report can be found on the LGBCE website by following this link:  
<http://bit.ly/oQgTJz>.

A review of Parliamentary boundaries in the West Midlands has also started. The proposal is for 5 constituencies wholly contained within the county and one that crosses the county boundary between Warwickshire and the West Midlands. The proposed Rugby constituency extends further south to include five District of Stratford-on-Avon wards that are in the existing Kenilworth and Southam constituency. As a consequence, the Borough of Rugby ward of Ryton-on-Dunsmore and the area to the north of the existing Rugby constituency are included in the proposed Nuneaton constituency.

The full details of the proposals for the West Midlands can be found through this link:  
<http://bit.ly/rkPqD>



# WHO GOES TO THE COMMUNITY FORUMS?

Each Community Forum meeting is attended by Councillors from the County and Borough Councils, with officer support from both councils, and representatives from Warwickshire Police and the NHS. As there are also senior staff from these organisations at the meetings many questions raised can be addressed immediately. Also present at the Forums is a member of staff from the Rugby Area Partnership Team who takes minutes at the meetings and who will follow up on any queries that can't be answered immediately by Councillors or officers.

## Policing Priorities

Rugby Rural North's Safer Neighbourhood Team plays a central role in the Community Forum. The Police attend every Forum, both to talk about their work over the previous three months and to identify up to three further local priorities to address over the next three months. These will be carried out in addition to the team's daily duties.

The policing priorities agreed at the September meeting were:

- 1) Detect and enforce parking offences in the locality of Clifton upon Dunsmore C Of E Primary School, Station Road, Clifton – a minimum of 5 high visibility patrols
- 2) Targeted police operations to detect and deter offences of speeding at Wood Lane, Shilton – a minimum of 5 speed detection operations
- 3) Patrols of Coton Park to deter and detect offences of criminal damage and mini moto riders - a minimum of 15 high visibility patrols

Full details of the presentation given at the meeting, can be found at:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums) - Fosse September meeting).

If you have any issues or concerns that you would like to discuss with the SNT, you can raise them at the Forum meetings (either as part of the meeting itself or in confidence at the Drop-in Session before the meeting from 7.00pm). Alternatively you can contact the SNT directly on: **01788 853851** or by e-mail at: [rrn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:rrn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

## Emergency planning

An Emergency Planning event was run by the Sean Lawson and Theresa Summers from the Borough Council on the 11 August. This was attended by representatives from several parish councils and was an opportunity for them to find out more about how they, as organisations, can be prepared for emergencies. Sean and Theresa outlined what some of these could be and who might be at risk from them. They also gave details of how the County and Borough Councils and emergency services could help.

They are happy to run further sessions so give Louise Boffey a call on **01788 533656** if your parish council is interested.

## Broadband in the rural area

Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council have been working together to prepare a bid for funding to improve broadband speeds in their areas. The Government has a commitment to make broadband speeds the best in Europe and have made £530 million available to address problem areas. The good news is that Warwickshire has been awarded £3 million – the slightly less good news is that match funding of £3 million now has to be found!

One idea being looked at is a shared network between the County Council, NHS and the Police which may lead to cost savings for each organisation. If you have any other ideas for generating or saving money that can contribute to the match funding please get in touch with Leigh Hunt at Warwickshire County Council:

[leighhunt@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:leighhunt@warwickshire.gov.uk).

If you are interested in the Government's strategy for delivering broadband (and you have fast enough speeds!) it can be found at:

<http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/10-1320-britains-superfast-broadband-future.pdf>

## Parking around schools

Inappropriate parking around schools is an issue that regularly crops up at Community Forums around the county. Common problems include cars parking across private driveways, parking too close to junctions, parking either side of a road leaving little room for larger vehicles and cars parking on pavements.

There is no easy solution but potential options include actions from the school, people who take children to school by car, residents and the Police/Community Safety Wardens. For example schools can run publicity campaigns, drivers can ensure they don't park in an inappropriate way and residents can report problems to the Police who are able to take action. They may not be able to attend immediately but reporting problems does help them build a picture of an issue at a particular school.

Contact details for your local Safer Neighbourhood Team are on the back of this newsletter.

## Update on local developments

### Rugby Radio Station Urban Extension (Mast Site)

Consideration of the outline planning application for 6,200 homes and 31 hectares of employment land is ongoing. Detailed work has progressed on matters such as education provision, biodiversity and landscape but there remain numerous areas of technical work such as transport modelling still to complete. There is likely to be an additional period of consultation on the proposals before Christmas.

### Gateway Rugby Urban Extension

It is anticipated that construction work on the first phase of the Gateway Rugby site will commence early in 2012. The wider outline application is still being considered though it is hoped to be determined by the Council's planning committee before the end of 2011.

### Churchover Windfarm Planning Application

The application for nine 125m high wind turbines was refused by the Council's planning committee earlier this month. It is not known at this stage whether the applicants have any intention to appeal or submit an alternative proposal.

### Cathiron Lane Gypsy Site

The Borough Council has previously refused an application for a Gypsy site at the Cathiron Lane near Harborough Magna. The Inspector's decision in relation to the appeal site has now been received and the appeal has been allowed, meaning that the site now has a permanent permission.

### Top Road Gypsy Sites

In November and December there are two appeal Inquiries scheduled to consider the Council's refusal of planning permission and enforcement action against the development of gypsy sites on Top Road near Barnacle. The Council is in the process of preparing evidence to support its case and instructing legal representation and expert witnesses; they have been liaising with local residents on these matters.

## Public Transport

At the September Forum two officers from Transport Operations at the County Council gave a presentation on changes to bus services. Amendments in services have had to be made as the passenger transport revenue support budget was reduced from £2.9 million to £1.6 million from 1 April this year, a reduction of £1.3 million or 45%. The original proposal was to remove £1.65 million but £350,000 was subsequently put back into the budget meaning that several routes, including all Sunday bus services, were retained.

A briefing note giving more details on this and a list of affected services in the Fosse locality can be found at:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums)

Follow the link to Rugby Community Forums.

## Community Transport

With inevitable cutbacks to the local bus services the availability of community transport may help plug some of the gaps. Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) have two minibuses that can be hired by communities – a 16 seater and a 12 seater. The drivers are fully qualified and trained and both minibuses can take wheelchairs.

In addition WCAVA run two volunteer driver schemes:

- To take people to hospital
- To take people for social care visits, e.g. day care centres.

Further information on the services and charges made can be obtained from Terri Morgan on 01788 539573.

## Library consultation

WCC are consulting the public on the opening times of 16 of its libraries, one of which is Rugby. There are two options for each library, based on feedback already received from the previous consultation exercise held earlier this year. Paper surveys are available in all libraries; alternatively the surveys can be downloaded from the library webpages or completed online at:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries).

All up to date information will also be available at <http://libraryconsult.wordpress.com/>.

The consultation runs from the 14 November to the 11 December. Once the results have been analysed the outcome of the consultation will be published. The intention is to implement the revised opening hours from 1 April 2012. The option selected for each library will be based on the majority preference.

# Useful Information

## Dates of future meetings

### Fosse Community Forum meetings:

Community Forums meet on a quarterly basis throughout the year. The next meeting will be on:

- **Thursday 1 December – Newton Village Hall. Drop in 7.00 pm, meeting at 7.30 pm**

Dates for 2012:

**1 March**

**21 June**

**13 September**

**22 November**

Full details for all Rugby Community Forum meetings (including minutes and agendas) can be found on our website. For further information about the June meeting or Community Forums in general please visit:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums)  
(and follow the links for Rugby Area)

If you would like to raise an issue for discussion at a Community Forum or would like to suggest an agenda item for a future meeting, please contact the Rugby Area Partnership Team on:

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Have you got any comments about the Fosse Community Forum, the way we publicise the Forum's work, or this newsletter?  
**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**  
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## Local Police Issues

Rugby Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team:

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**\* IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999 \***

## Community Safety Wardens

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[communitysafety@rugby.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@rugby.gov.uk)

## Rugby Neighbourhood Watch

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## Community and Voluntary Groups

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