



Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council



September 2026 Newsletter

This issue's must-read articles:

- South Warwickshire Local Plan - Regulation 19 Consultation
- 200 years of the horse-drawn Tramway
- Mayor's Soup Lunch, Heritage Open Days & Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Vacancies at the Town Council
- Stratford Food Festival 2026
- Updated Foodbank opening times
- Community Corner and much more...

For regular updates throughout the month, follow us on [Facebook](#)!

South Warwickshire Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation

A reminder to have your say on the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Consultation.

The Regulation 19 Consultation for the South Warwickshire Local Plan is open and runs until 11.59pm on Tuesday 8 September 2026.

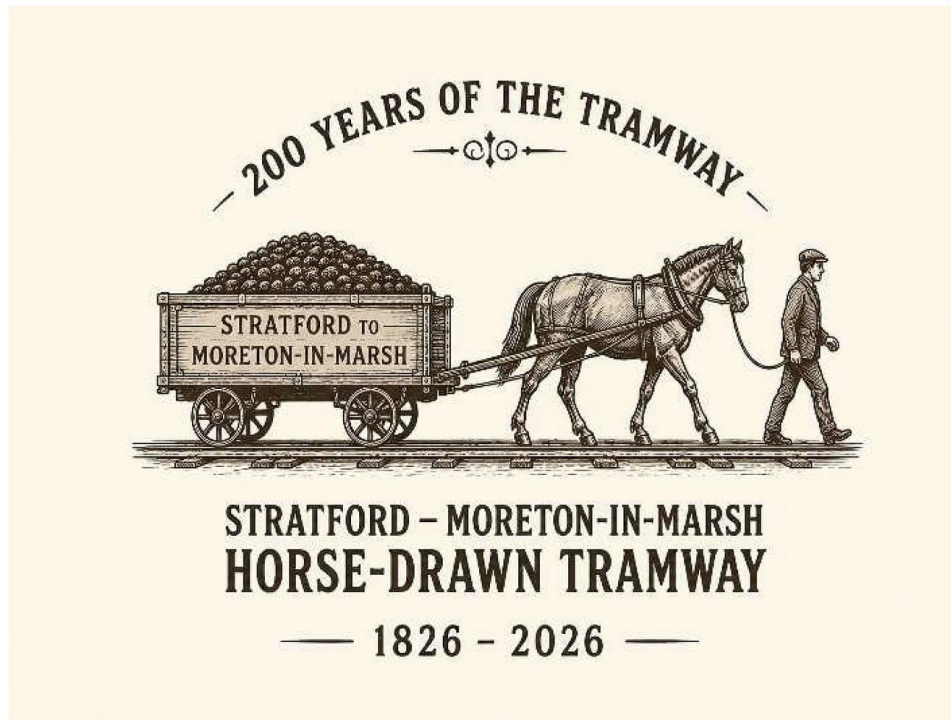
This is the final stage of public consultation before the Plan is submitted to the Government for independent examination by a Planning Inspector. The Local Plan will help shape future housing, employment, infrastructure and growth across South Warwickshire.

At this stage, comments should focus on whether the Plan is:

- Legally compliant – prepared in line with planning legislation and regulations
- Sound – positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national planning policy

All comments received during the consultation period will be considered by the independent Planning Inspector as part of the examination process.

Stratford - Moreton-in-Marsh Horse-Drawn Tramway 200th Anniversary



SPREAD THE WORD, PUT THESE TRAMWAY200 DATES IN YOUR DIARY AND COME ALONG IF YOU CAN!

Monday 31st August 2026

Plaque Unveiling by Lord Redesdale and Lord Faulkner

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Moreton-in-Marsh Co-operative Store

Saturday 5th September 2026

Plaque Unveiling by The Mayor of Stratford

10.00am

Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon

Tramway200 Exhibition Stand

8.30am – 5.30pm

Moreton Show

We hope you will join us in marking this very special anniversary and look forward to seeing many of you there.

MAYOR'S
SOUP
Lunch

*A warm bowl.
 A warm welcome.*

Join the Mayor
 for her soup lunch.

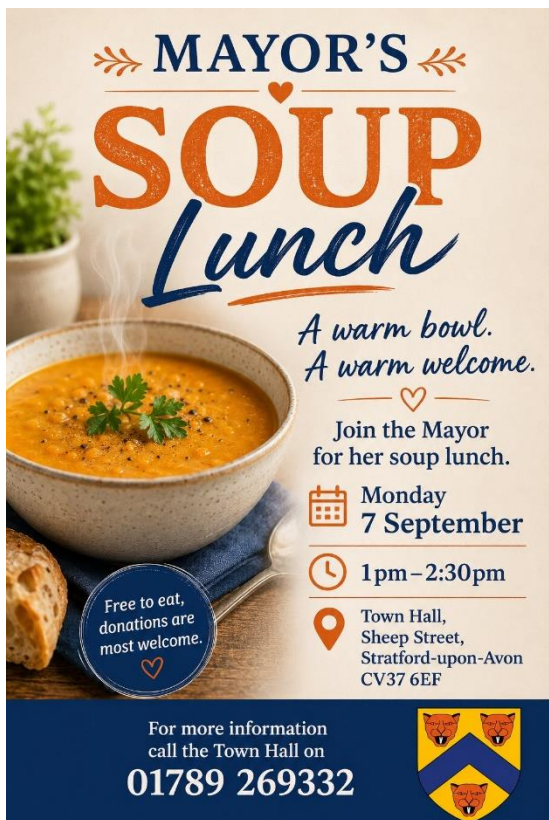
 **Monday
 7 September**

 **1pm – 2:30pm**

 Town Hall,
 Sheep Street,
 Stratford-upon-Avon
 CV37 6EF

Free to eat,
 donations are
 most welcome.

For more information
 call the Town Hall on
01789 269332



Stratford-upon-Avon
 Town Council
 are hosting a

**MACMILLAN
 COFFEE
 MORNING**

 Town Hall,
 Sheep Street,
 Stratford-upon-Avon

 **Monday
 14 September**

 **10am – 12noon**

Come along, enjoy a cuppa,
 cake and great company –
 and help support people
 living with cancer.

**MACMILLAN
 CANCER SUPPORT**
 RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

 Stratford-upon-Avon
 Town Council

EVERY
 CUP HELPS
 CHANGE
 LIVES



**Heritage
 Open Day**

Town Hall
10am – 4pm

Visit the historic Georgian Hall,
 the working home of the Town Council.

Councillors and the Mayor will be
 available on the day,
 no booking required.

Discover. Explore. Celebrate. | **Saturday
 12 September 2026**

heritage open days



Vacancies

The Town Council currently has the following vacancies:

- **Mace-Bearer** – Closing date for applications: **Friday 4 September 2026**
- **Deputy Chief Officer** – Closing date for applications: **Sunday 20 September 2026**

Further information, including details of how to apply, can be found on the Town Council website: stratford-tc.gov.uk/jobs-and-vacancies/



Stratford-upon-Avon Food Festival



**A WEEKEND OF
GREAT FOOD,
GREAT DRINK &
GREAT COMPANY.**

Over 100 artisan food and drink traders
Live cookery demonstrations
Live music and entertainment
Free entry

**19 & 20
SEPTEMBER
2026**

SATURDAY
10AM – 6PM

SUNDAY
10AM – 5PM

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
TOWN CENTRE**
HENLEY STREET • BRIDGE STREET



PLAN YOUR VISIT
stratforduponavonbid.co.uk/food-festival/



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STRATFORD-UPON-AVON BID



Mayor's Engagements

If you would like to request the Mayors attendance at an event, please click on the link below and complete the online form. Once received we will check availability and contact you as soon as possible: stratford-tc.gov.uk/the-mayors-diary/

Updated Foodbank Opening Times



**Monday: St Nicholas Church Hall, Henley
(B95 5JY) 2-3pm**



**Tuesday: Meon Vale Village hall (CV37 8YE)
10-11am**



**Tuesday: Masons Road Hub (CV37 9NU)
5-6.30pm**



**Thursday: Crawford Hall, Bidford (B50 4EZ)
5-6.00pm**



**Friday: Ken Kennett Centre (CV37 0DA)
10-11am**



**Friday: Masons Road Hub (CV37 9NU)
2-3.30pm**

www.stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk
07736 929 025



Stratford-upon-Avon
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Civic Diary 2026

Monday 12 October

Opening of the Mop Fair, Town Centre

Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Sunday, Garden of Remembrance

Wednesday 11 November

Armistice Day

Saturday 14 November

Christmas Lights Switch-on, Town Centre

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 November

Stratford Christmas Markets (weekend 1)

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December

Stratford Christmas Markets (weekend 2)

Hubs in Stratford-upon-Avon

Hubs – Stratford upon Avon

Net Zero Climate Hub

30 Meer Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6QB
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 10am-4pm

Arts & Heritage Hub

The Old Slaughterhouse, Sheep Street CV37 6EE
Mondays 1-3pm

RSC Warm Hub

The Welcome Space, Level 2, Royal Shakespeare Theatre CV37 6BB
Tuesdays 10:30am-12:30pm

Stratford Warm Hub

Office 1, 11 Guild Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6RE
Tuesdays 11am-12:30pm

Stratford Library Henley Street CV37 6PZ

(general Library opening hours 9am-5pm Mon-Fri and 10am-3pm Sat)
Wednesdays 1:30-4pm

Stratford Town Trust Community Hub

Venture House, Avenue Farm Industrial Estate CV37 0HR
First Thursday of the month 10am-12:30pm

St Gregory's Parish Room

Welcombe Road, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6UJ
Thursdays 11am-1pm

Clopton Connect Warm Hub

Ken Kennett Centre, Justins Avenue CV37 0DA
Fridays 1-3:30pm

Net Zero : Community Kitchen

Ken Kennett Centre, Justins Avenue CV37 0DA All welcome.
Pay as you feel.
Fridays 5-6:30pm

January 2026

NHS Services, Minor Injuries and Useful Contact Numbers

Choosing the right service



A&E	A&E	Choking Blackout Blood loss Chest pains	An A&E department (also known as emergency department or casualty) deals with genuine life-threatening emergencies. People are seen and treated in order of need.
999	999	Choking Blackout Blood loss Broken bones	Call 999 if someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.
	Minor Injuries Unit	Strains Sprains Stitches	Visit a walk-in centre, minor injuries unit or urgent care centre if you have a minor illness or injury (cuts, sprains or rashes) and it can't wait until your GP surgery opens.
	GP/Doctor	Persistent symptoms Long term conditions Chronic pain New prescriptions	Make an appointment with your GP if you are feeling unwell and it is not an emergency.
	Pharmacist	Minor illnesses Headaches Stomach upset Bites & stings	Ask your local Pharmacist for advice – your pharmacist can give you advice for many common minor illnesses.
	NHS 111	Unsure? Unwell? Confused? Need help?	Call NHS 111 if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation. You can also call NHS 111 if you're not sure which NHS service you need.
	Self Care	Coughs & colds Grazed knees Sore throats Other minor issues	A lot of illnesses can be treated in your home by using over the counter medicine and getting plenty of rest.

The Minor Injuries Unit at Stratford Hospital is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9am-5pm.

- *Sprains and strains*
- *Broken bones*
- *Wound infections*
- *Minor burns and scalds*
- *Minor head injuries*
- *Insect and animal bites*
- *Minor eye injuries*
- *Injuries to the back, shoulder and chest*



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Heating
Insulation
Energy efficiency
Energy saving tips

Registered Charity number 1075679
call our **free** phone
0800 988 2881

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On
Energy

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www.actonenergy.org.uk



Useful Contacts

Local Police (Non-emergency)	101
Severn Trent emergency line	0800 783 4444
National gas emergency service	0800 111 999
Power cuts	105 0800 6783 105
NHS	111
Late night pharmacy	01789 200920
Stratford Hospital	01789 205831
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
UHCW Hospital	02476 964000
Stratford Foodbank	07736 929029
Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council	01789 269332
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council	01926 410410
Citizens Advice South Warwickshire	0808 250 5715
VASA – Community Transport	01789 262889 (Option 1)

Future Town Council Meetings

Tuesday 8 September 2026

Planning, Environment & Transport Committee

Tuesday 15 September 2026

Town Council

Tuesday 29 September 2026

Planning, Environment & Transport Committee

Meetings start at 6:30pm and are held in the Town Hall, Sheep Street,
Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EF

More information can be found here: stratford-tc.gov.uk

Say 'I do' at the Town Hall
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T: 01789 269332

E: emma.evans@stratford-tc.gov.uk

Townswomen's Guild



Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 3 September 2026

Location: Town Hall, Sheep Street, Stratford upon Avon

Time: 2:15pm (arrival from 2pm)

Featuring: Holistic Meditation with Trish Collier

Refreshments and raffle

New Members Welcome!

The Stratford-upon-Avon Townswomen's Guild are now on Facebook!

Click on the link to view their page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61573768105002>

Community Corner

If you would like to share an event that town residents would enjoy, please send an email with more information to info@stratford-tc.gov.uk

Want to see what's happening in the town? From live events and local theatre to family days out and festivals, the new Stratford-upon-Avon What's On website has it all. Click on the box below and start exploring!


South Warwickshire University
NHS Foundation Trust

Bereavement Café 2026

Our drop in bereavement cafe is on the first Wednesday of every month. Open to anyone who would like a coffee, a chat and the support of others who understand what you are going through.

Wednesday 6 th May	Wednesday 1 st July
Wednesday 3 rd June	Wednesday 5 th August
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Wednesday 7 th Oct
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Wednesday 2 nd Dec

Community Wellbeing Hub,
Ground Floor @ Stratford Hospital 3.30-5pm








#BPFF26

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@bigpicturefilmfestivaluk



3 - 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

PROUD TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2024

BIG PICTURE FILM FESTIVAL

"POPCORN & PERSPECTIVES"

IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

PROUD TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2024



For full programme
and Pay-What-You-Feel tickets,
scan QR code or visit:
www.liveandlocal.org.uk

















Stratford

— UPON - AVON —

Interfaith Forum



Respect and compassion
through dialogue and cooperation

Open Meeting of the Stratford-upon-Avon Interfaith Forum

You are invited to join together with people from
different faiths, world views and cultures, as we aim
to develop strong and positive links and relationships
for the benefit of the community.



Monday 7th September 2026, 7.30pm



The Quaker Meeting House,
37 Maidenhead Road
Stratford-Upon-Avon CV37 6XT

➤ *Everyone Welcome!* ➤



For more information contact
office@stratford-upon-avon.org



NHS
South Warwickshire University
NHS Foundation Trust

CRAFTERNOON

COMMUNITY WELLBEING HUBS AT SWFT

Please join us for an afternoon of crafts. A FREE monthly activity for people in our community to come together to share skills or to learn new ones. A space to meet and have a chat!

16 Jul – 17 Sept – 15 Oct – 19 Nov – 17 Dec

14:00 – 16:00
Stratford Hospital, Building One, CV37 6NX

If you would like more information, please email health&wellbeingcentre@swft.nhs.uk

Learn to play Bridge as a complete beginner

Lessons starting in September

Year 1: Beginning Bridge

- 3 terms of 10 weeks Tuesday mornings from 22 September 10.00 - 12.00 **£110 per term**
- 3 terms of 10 weeks Thursday evenings from 24 September 19.00 - 21.00 **£110 per term**

Year 2: Continuing Bridge

- 3 terms of 10 weeks Monday evenings from 22 September 19.00 - 21.00 **£110 per term**
- 3 terms of 10 weeks Thursday mornings from 24 September 10.00 - 12.00 **£110 per term**

Weekly timetable commencing 21 September

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Assisted Play	Duplicate	Year 2 lessons
Tuesday	Year 1 lessons	Gentle Duplicate	Relaxed Improvers
Wednesday	Improvers Duplicate	Assisted Play	
Thursday	Year 2 lessons	Duplicate	Year 1 lessons
Friday	Gentle Duplicate		Duplicate
Saturday		Gentle Duplicate	

Already play bridge?

We also have lessons for improvers, intermediate and experienced players running. For more information come along on the day or contact Sandra by emailing teaching@stratforduponavonbridgeclub.org.uk



WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Contact us for a wide range of information relating to children and young people aged 0-25, including: childcare, money, debt and benefits, housing, SEND, health and wellbeing, and so much more.



Scan me

warwickshire.gov.uk/fis
 FREEPHONE: 0800 408 1558
 Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

Stay up to date with the latest news to help your family at:
warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates

 @WarwickshireFIS






#Remembrance #Poppies #Knitting #Crochet #Community #LestWeForget
#HolyTrinityChurch #StratfordUponAvon



REPAIR CAFE

Stratford-upon-Avon
FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Donations
welcome!

10am - 2pm (last item 1pm)
Stratford Methodist Church

Limited parking - walk/cycle if you can

Refreshments
provided!

Repairs on offer can vary each month but usually include:
electrical, bikes, clothing & fabric, IT, tool sharpening.

Plus 'Give & Take' monthly swap event.



We advise you visit our website below before you visit to see any
up-to-date information.

www.stratfordrepaircafe.co.uk



Run in partnership by Net Zero Stratford & Stratford Town Trust.



GIVE AND TAKE

SAVE MONEY - REDUCE WASTE - RECLAIM YOUR SPACE

Bring along your unwanted, good quality items for the month's theme
and help yourself to anything that has been given by others

2026 SCHEDULE

WHEN: First Saturday of the month from March 2026

WHERE: Stratford Methodist Church 10am - 1pm
The Pavilion, Meon Vale 2pm - 4pm

MAR	Clothes & accessories
APR	Plants, pots and seeds
MAY	Kids stuff (toys, books, clothes)
JUN	Books & magazines
JUL	Homewares
AUG	Anything!
SEPT	Clothes & accessories
OCT	Books & magazines
NOV	Arts & crafts accessories
DEC	Christmas stuff, toys and games

- ~ No need to give an item to take one
- ~ No electrical items
- ~ Clean and usable items only
- ~ No money required but donations welcome

2026 is the
'National Year of Reading'
so there will be a small selection of books available to take every month

Find us on Facebook - @giveandtakesua



Brunch



2nd Saturday of the month
10.00am to 12 noon



Join us for Cereals, Toast & Juice
Full cooked breakfast
Tea & Coffee



No charge but donations please

Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council are proud to support the following organisations.



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Get in touch

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our Newsletter, we would love to hear them. Please email us at info@stratford-tc.gov.uk. You can call us on 01789 269332.

If you would like to discuss an issue in your ward, or with a specific concern of the Stratford-upon-Avon Town Council, you can reach out directly to a Councillor.



Our mailing address is:
Town Hall, Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EF