



Council and district news

Elections



To vote in elections in England in May, you will need to show photo ID.

[Find out what is accepted and apply for free voter ID if you need one by clicking here.](#)

Have your say!

Our Local Plan public consultation is now underway.

The Local Plan sets the planning framework for the district and includes sites for housing and employment, and policies to decide planning applications. The strategy has been revised following changes by the government to national planning policy in late 2023, and updated evidence.



The consultation runs until midday, Friday, May 31st.

The Publication Plan, [FAQs](#) and supporting documents can be viewed at [Local Plan Review | South Staffordshire District Council \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk)

We are holding a number of in person consultation events and two online Q&A sessions.

Our next in person event is at Wombourne Civic Centre on Wednesday, May 1st and you can book a slot by calling 01902 696423.

Details of all the events and links for the meetings are on our website.

All comments must be made in writing before 12 noon on May 31st.

South Staffordshire Council's Enterprise team Goes Green



In a display of community engagement and environmental consciousness, the South Staffordshire Enterprise team recently embarked on a volunteering mission at the Edward Marsh Centre.

The team joined forces with the centre to partake in a tree planting extravaganza. With shovels in hands, they worked to create a greener, picturesque environment for the local community. This collaborative effort not only beautified the surroundings but also contributed to the preservation of the natural ecosystem.

The Edward Marsh Centre in Kinver is a registered charity, led by volunteers. This community centre is surrounded by parkland, including a variety of public footpaths. The centre includes a café, large function rooms and cricket and football pitches. We encourage everyone to visit when in Kinver!

[Click here](#) to visit the Edward Marsh Centre website.

Business drop-in session update



The Business Drop-in Session, held at Dunston Business Village, provided South Staffordshire businesses to connect with the South Staffordshire council Enterprise team and explore the wide range of resources available to enhance business growth. Strategic partners Staffordshire University provided expert advise on South Staffordshire councils Innovate in South Staffs programme.

The Innovate in South Staffs programme provides dedicated support, including bespoke workshops, tailored one-to-one consultation and the opportunity to apply for an innovation grant of up to £3,000. The programme is delivered by Staffordshire University, who have a proven track record working with businesses in innovation and training via their Innovation Enterprise Zone and have expertise in Artificial Intelligence, Net Zero, Big Data, Machine Learning, Automation Robotics, Immersive Technologies, Health, Games, Bioscience, CPD micro-credentials and have links to more funding opportunities. The programme benefits businesses by increasing competitiveness, increasing profits, stimulating R&D and innovation capacity, driving new product development and retaining skilled employees.

Attendees had the opportunity to engage in one-to-one consultations with the team, who gave guidance on topics such as funding opportunities, marketing strategies and digital transformation.

Business Drop in Session's will be run regularly so make sure to follow South Staffordshire Council's social media platforms to attend the next one.

To find out more about Innovate in South Staffs, please [click here](#).

Vacancies



- **Waste Management and Customer Support Officer** - closing May 15th
- **Relief Leisure Assistant (Penkridge Leisure Centre)** - closing May 13th
- **Waste Contracts Manager** - closing May 3rd
- **Street Scene Operative Level 5 (Tree Surgeon)** - closing April 26th
- **Planning Solicitor** - open closing date

All vacancies can be viewed in full and applied for on our recruitment site:

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/vacancies>

Leisure latest

Last chance for the Shape up for summer offer!



Sign up to a membership this month at Cheslyn Hay, Codsall or Penkridge Leisure Centres and get April and May for just £20.

To sign up, pop into your nearest leisure centre or join online. For full details, visit <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/shape-summer>

NEW 'Total Body Walx' Session



As part of South Staffordshire Council's commitment to Health and Wellbeing in the community, a new Total Body Walx sessions is starting soon.

These Walx make every step count! Total Body walking is a unique mix of walking drills, strength and balance exercises with or without total body walking poles. Delivered by our fully qualified WALX Masters who will teach you how to walk well and help you improve how you look and feel with every step, in sessions that are full of fun and variety.

The Walx will take place every Thursday, starting June 13th from 12pm-1pm. Everyone is welcome – meet at Codsall Community Hub reception (Please wear suitable trainers for flexibility – not walking boots). The Walx are free to attend and Walx poles will be provided however there will be limited places.

For more info and to book your place contact Lisa at lisaembrey@hotmail.com or call 0777 332 6373.

Aqua aerobics class

A brand-new aqua aerobics class is starting on June 4th at Penkrigde Leisure Centre.

The class will run every Tuesday from 7.15-8pm.

Aqua aerobics is a cardiovascular pool-based workout. It gently increases your pulse and breathing rate, so it's great for helping to improve your heart health. It strengthens and tones muscles using the resistance of the water and engaging opposing muscle groups in each movement as you push and pull against it.

Members can book 14-days in advance; and non-members can book 7 days in advance.

Call Penkrigde Leisure Centre on 01785 714152 to reserve your place.



Enjoy savings with the new Leisure Advantage Card



Leisure centre users can now sign up and enjoy savings of up to 10% off on individual activities.

Non-members can sign up at their nearest leisure centre at a nominal cost of just £5 for an adult and £2.50 per child with savings then available for an entire year.

For full details, [click here](#).

National Pool Lifeguard course

Penkridge Leisure Centre is holding a National Pool Lifeguard training course, running this May half term.

Date: May 27th – June 1st

Time: 9am-5.30pm

Cost: £280 for the course (£100 deposit required on booking).



For more information go to <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/training-and-courses>

To check availability and book onto the course, email trainingacademy@sstaffs.gov.uk

Funded Local Training Available: See if you're eligible for funded training - call 01902 696228 or email peopleandskills@sstaffs.gov.uk

Aspire holiday camps

Aspire Active Camps are available this Whitsun at Codsall and Wombourne Leisure Centres

Dates: May 28th to May 31st

Aspire Active Camps will be offering children's sports-based activities for young people aged 5-14 year olds.

Bookings are already being taken – book before May, 10th for the best possible price.





To find out more, view activity timetables and book, click on the following links:

Wombourne active camps - <https://www.aeeg.co.uk/active-camps-wombourne>

Codsall active camps - <https://www.aeeg.co.uk/active-camps-codsall>

Wolves Soccer Schools





PENKRIDGE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Where: Penkrige Leisure Centre, Cannock Road, Penkrige, ST19 5RX

When: Thursday Evenings

Who: Boys & Girls - Years 2 to 5

Times: 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Reception to Year 3)
7:00pm - 8:00pm (Years 4 & 5)

For more information email footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk or to make a booking, [click here](#).

Partnership updates

Stay safe!




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Community Safety
Partnership
"Working to make South Staffordshire Safer"
communitysafety@sstaffs.gov.uk


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STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Collect your **FREE** alarm from Codsall Community Hub from
Monday, 22 April, to Friday, 30 August,
between 9am and 5pm *(or contact your local parish council)*

You must be a resident of South Staffordshire.

Questions?

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