

Free Community Computers

“Rowington actually received two community computers from WCC last year and both were donated to Rowington Village Hall for use by the local computer class “Computing for the Terrified”, run by Stratford College, which continues to grow in numbers. The Parish Council paid for a broadband connection to the village hall and this enabled the computers to be used by the Family History Group too. This is another extremely popular group, running many classes, and this group would not have been able to operate at the village hall without the generous donation of computers from WCC. Both these groups continue to grow and the computers have obviously been a vital part in their success”.
Allyson Coleman Clerk to Rowington Parish Council.

Warwickshire County Council are giving away 125 recycled computers FREE to community or voluntary organisations, including Town and Parish Councils, within Warwickshire.

The Computers are four years old and each computer package will consist of a Dell Gx260 desktop computer, with a Pentium 4 2.26 GHz processor and 256Mb Memory. It will include a monitor, keyboard and mouse, a starter package put together by Warwickshire County Council comprising of a number of license free programmes including Open Office 2.0 software. Modems are also available if required. There will also be an anti-virus software and a firewall or instruction as to how the user can get them free of charge from the internet. A 3-month warranty is offered with each computer, but ongoing support or maintenance will be available on a chargeable basis after that.

Who can apply?

- & Locally based community or voluntary organisations, including Town and Parish Councils.
- & Small-scale groups who have little or no IT equipment, and can show how it will be used to grow their organisation.

Application forms are available by contacting Partnership and Communities Team, Warwickshire County Council on 01926 412020 or email communitycomputers@warwickshire.gov.uk. Applications can also be down loaded from www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freecomputers.

Closing date for applications is Friday 14th November 2008.
