

Turning empty properties into affordable rented homes for local people

Responding to the communities and its partners needs Stratford-on Avon District Council recognised the need to create more affordable housing for local people in its Corporate Strategy 2008-2012.

In response to this need a range of initiatives have been launched to bring into use some of the 600 plus properties kept empty by owners for more than 6 months. One of the initiatives, the **Empty Homes Assistance Grant** provides funding to assist owners of disused houses in bringing them back to a habitable standard.

The first tenant who will benefit from this grant money will move into the renovated property in Studley, which has been converted into two self contained two bedroom flats, on Wednesday.



The District Council placed a number of conditions on the owner following the award of the grant including:

- Tenants must be registered on the Home Choice Plus Scheme with a housing need
- Tenants have a local connection with Studley
- Tenants will pay an affordable rent, significantly lower than the market rent
- The properties will be modernised and left in a higher standard

In many cases only relatively small amounts of work need to be undertaken to bring properties back into use and whilst Councils now have additional powers to bring this about, the District Council would rather work with owners.

Owners of empty properties who would like further information and guidance regarding bringing their properties back into residential use or would like further details of the Empty Homes Assistance Grant should contact Carol Roberts, Empty Homes Officer at Stratford District Council on 01789 260866 or email carol.roberts@stratford-dc.gov.uk or visit our website at www.stratford.gov.uk for further information.



Studley Children's Centre brings together quality early learning, child and family health services, family support and links to training and employment advice, all under one roof. We are attached to Studley Infant School on the High Street.

We are a small, friendly centre which works together with a wide range of organisations and agencies. The health professionals we work with include Health Visitors, Midwives, Speech and Language Therapists, Dieticians and School Nurses. They deliver many services from our centre. We also work with Children's services, Job Centre Plus, Family Information Services and Orbit Housing.

If you have a child under the age of 5 and are looking for a place to go, some advice or support then please pop in and pick up a timetable. There will be something of interest for you and your little one/s.

Please telephone the centre on 01527 850136

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Henley & Studley Community Forum

Thursday 1st July 2010

**Henley High School, Stratford Road
Henley in Arden B95 6AF**

Local Surgery 7.00pm, Community Forum starts at 7.30pm

Community Forums give YOU the opportunity to raise issues of local concern and keep up to date with what is happening in YOUR community.

Local Surgery

If you have a specific concern or problem then come along to the local surgery from 7.00pm – 7.30pm where you will be able to speak to Police Officers from your local Safer Neighbourhoods team, Councillors and Officers from Warwickshire County and Stratford District Councils.

Topics for Discussion at the next Forum

- **A Voice for Young People in Henley**
- **Looking Ahead – Your chance to help shape the future of your Community.**
- **And Lots More**

If you would like to suggest an issue for a future Community Forum meeting, or find out more please contact Lizzie Price on 01789 260133 or email stratford@warwickshire.gov.uk

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/communityforums



Reflexology

Reflexology treatments received regularly are an excellent way of promoting good health and general wellbeing for people of all ages.

It is a holistic, non-invasive, natural therapy which can be used as a preventative measure against ill health & disease and be beneficial for many conditions eg stress, headaches, digestive problems, hormonal imbalance, symptoms of pregnancy, allergies, circulatory problems etc.

For more information or to book an appointment please contact:

Bethan Thompson, ART (Regd), MBRA
Tel: 01527 857679
Mobile: 07703 460152



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!!



The Parish Council have a page of photographs of Studley Parish on our website. We are always looking to add to these pictures. Please email your photographs to dorothymitchell@btconnect.com or info@studleyparishcouncil.org.uk with your full name and short title of your photograph.

STUDLEY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Eldorado Close, Studley



Studley Sports & Social Club was originally founded in 1949 as the Entaco Club for the employees of the then prestigious Needle Industries factory in the village. When the factory fell on hard times, the new company wanted to close down the club and sell off the land. The non Needle industries 'social members' wanted to save the club and preserve the facility for the residents of Studley and surrounding area. Studley Parish Council were approached and asked to assist the members in preventing the closure of the club. After much hard fought negotiating, the Parish Council purchased the club from the new owners Coates Viella and the club was leased back to the members on a 99 year lease in the late 1980's. It has since been run by a full time Steward/Manager and an elected committee of volunteers.

Studley Sports & Social Club is situated off Eldorado Close and comprises of a clubhouse with bar, function room with bar, snooker room and extensive changing rooms, all of which is contained within a 10 acres site that includes sporting pitches and playing areas for Tennis & Bowls.

The club offers a range of sports including Football, Cricket, Tennis and Bowls and the club house also hosts a wide range of other sports and club activities; such as Sub Aqua Diving, Royal Enfield Motor Cycles, Blue & White Rope Skippers, Avon Vale Model Flying Club, Weight Watchers and is the Headquarters of the Studley Branch of the Royal British Legion. The club also now has Sky Sports in the bar with a 'Widescreen TV' for viewing major sporting events.

Membership is open to anyone wishing to join and our annual subscriptions are very affordable.

As a member of the club you may wish to play for one of our many indoor teams playing Darts, Snooker, Crib etc.

The club also hosts a wide range of Live Entertainment events using quality, well established tribute artists and bands.

The function room which has recently been decorated is available for hire by both members and non members, with concession hire charges for members, the function room has a capacity of 140 people, ideal for family parties, weddings, anniversaries and corporate events. The function room is also available for free use for recognised charity/fund raising events.

Visitors and new members are welcome at the club, why not drop in and sample one of our beers, lagers, cider or whatever you fancy.

DOG FOULING

Pick it up and Bag it!

Stratford District Council has adopted the latest law on Dog Fouling. All dog walkers **must** now pick up the mess if their dog fouls the pavements, footpaths, sports fields and play areas. If they fail to do so they will face either a £75 fixed penalty charge or prosecution which could result in a fine of up to £1,000. It is the intention of Stratford District Council to fine people whenever possible.

Although most dog owners recognise their responsibilities there is a significant minority who do not seem to understand. Dog mess apart from being very unpleasant, can cause serious disease- particularly in children. SDC are imploring dog owners to always make sure they take a bag with them and they pick up their dog's mess. They do not have to find a 'dog bin' they can either put it in a normal bin or take it home and put it in the household waste bin. Stratford are asking people to report offenders to them and where possible complete a witness statement so they can issue Fixed Penalty Notices. If everyone can work together we can clean this problem from our environment. Make no mistake if notices have to be served they will be.



SPEEDING WASTES LIVES

New Wheelie Bin Slow Down Stickers

Warwickshire County Council's Road Safety Unit are just about to launch a new road safety campaign called Speeding Wastes Lives. The campaign consists of free Wheelie Bin Stickers being made available to our communities.

Each Household may request up to 2 free stickers direct from the Road Safety Team.

To maintain availability and to ensure correct usage of the sticker, every sticker must be associated with an address. It is vital the scheme is not misused and therefore each sticker be will accompanied by a detailed set of instructions and guidelines.

Each household can request up to 2 stickers by:

Email: safetyengineering@warwickshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01926 418612

Or by calling in to the Parish Office in the Village Hall between 9am and 12 noon to collect a slip which can be completed and forwarded to the Road Safety Team at Warwickshire County Council.





POPPY CALLS

The British Legion has launched a handyperson service called Poppy Calls which is available in Birmingham and surrounding areas.

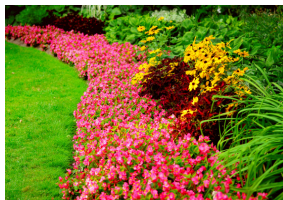
Poppy Calls provides a free dedicated handyperson service to those who are unable to carry out small repairs and minor alterations to their homes.

To be eligible for Poppy Calls help you must have served in the Forces for at least seven days or be the dependent of someone who has served, this includes widows and widowers. They should also be in receipt of a Means Tested Benefit such as Pension Credits or Housing Benefit.

If you would like to know more about this service please call Poppy Calls Administration Centre on 01480 478035.

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Studley Parish Council Village Awards



Judging will be taking place in July for Village Awards for the Best Kept Garden. There are a number of categories so we urge residents to make an effort to make their garden 'look good' which helps to enhance the look of the Village.

Judging will also be taking place for Studley in Bloom on Friday 23rd July. It is with thanks to the small army of willing volunteers that the village goes from strength to strength and looks better with each passing year. Last year Studley gained a Silver Gilt award from the Heart of England in Bloom judges. It would be wonderful if we could go one better this year. The hard work of Studley in Bloom makes the village a much nicer place to live and work and I am sure their work is much appreciated by all residents in Studley.

Hypnotherapy

Hypnotherapy offers a non invasive and effective way of combating many of the challenges we face each day and can help us to live our lives in a more fulfilling and positive way.

Imagine being able to reach your target weight and stay there with ease;
imagine being able to break your unwanted habits such as smoking or nail biting;
imagine feeling good about who you are and enjoying life to the full.....Hypnotherapy can safely help you achieve all these and more.

For further information or to book an appointment please contact:

Michael Rolls Dip Hyp CS
Mobile: 07776152992

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BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

At present the monthly bulky waste collection is being abused by a few. It is being monitored but if residents wish for this valuable service to be retained we wish to bring to your attention:

HOUSEHOLD BULKY WASTE ITEMS ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO TRADE WASTE

**Paint, Old Batteries, Fluorescent tubes, bricks, concrete blocks etc.
WILL NOT be accepted.**

Please do not bring garden waste as this is collected in the green wheelie bins.

**No materials will be accepted from Commercially Logged Vehicles,
especially Vans.**

