

South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) – Consultation open until 7 March 2025

At the recent Parish Council meeting, residents raised concerns about the emerging South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) preferred options consultation, which opened on 10 January 2025 and runs until **7 March 2025**.

The consultation document and related materials are available to view online: www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/preferredoptions.

Responses can be made via the online portal: [South Warwickshire Local Plan - Preferred Options 2025](http://SouthWarwickshireLocalPlan-PreferredOptions2025) or responses will be accepted in writing to:

The SWLP Team, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6HX, or by email: swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk; or The SWLP Team, Warwick District Council, Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 4AT, or by email: swlp@warwick-dc.gov.uk.

Residents are encouraged to make their views known on the proposals.

A hard copy of the consultation document is available to view at the Pavilion hall (together with hard copy Comment Form for anyone wishing to submit their response by post or email) on Tuesdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm, until Tuesday 4 March 2025.

Parish Council and Highways Quarterly Meetings

The Parish Council has been invited to engage with colleagues from SMBC Highways Department on a quarterly basis to discuss any highways issues in Hockley Heath brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk if you would like us to raise any issues on your behalf.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council have a vacancy which was previously advertised by way of Notice of Vacancy. As no request from 10 or more electors was received to hold an election, the council will now progress to fill the vacancy by co-option. Interested parties should contact the Clerk for an informal discussion (details also available on our website).

Hockley Heath SWLP Public Meeting – Thursday 20 February 2025 (7.00pm-8.30pm)

Following the consultation opening on the emerging South Warwickshire Local Plan, a public meeting has been arranged for residents in the Pavilion hall. Please do attend if you are able.

Traffic for West Midlands (TfWM) bus reform consultation

A consultation is currently taking place, which opened on 6 January 2025 and runs until 30 March 2025. Residents can have their say on how the bus network is operated. To find out more information and to complete the consultation survey please click here:

[Have your say on how buses are run in the West Midlands | Transport for West Midlands](https://www.tfwm.org.uk/consultations/bus-reform/) or visit <https://www.tfwm.org.uk/consultations/bus-reform/>

Repair Café at the Pavilion hall

The first Repair Café held on Tuesday 14 January 2025 was well received. Future Repair Cafes will be held bi-monthly on Tuesdays from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. The next café is planned for March 2025. Please follow our FB page www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc for further information and for dates of forthcoming Repair Cafés (dates will also be published on the noticeboards and the website). Volunteer opportunities are available, please contact the Clerk for further information.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – Winter 2025

Warm winter greetings from the Parish Council. Welcome to the first edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter in 2025.

This edition includes:

- Parish Councillor Vacancy
 - South Warwickshire Local Plan
 - Precept 2025/2026
- If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk:

Phone: 07591 954002

Email: clerk@hockleyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk
[Hockley Heath Parish Council – Serving the Local Community](#)

Precept for 2025-2026

Following a thorough consideration of the April 2025 - March 2026 budget, Hockley Heath Parish Council resolved to increase the precept by 5%. For a band D property, this will equate to £81.21, an extra £3.87 per year as compared to 2024-2025. The shortfall between income and expenditure will continue to be taken from the Parish Council's general reserve. The accounts are discussed monthly at Parish Council meetings so please attend a meeting to find out further information. Annual account audit information is also published on the Parish Council website.

The precept pays for the maintenance and running costs of the recreation ground, play areas, car park and the Pavilion hall. The precept also pays for staff/contractors and for some activities within the village, such as the War Memorial and the Christmas lights annually and one off projects such as the installation of village gateway fencing (an ongoing project to be taken forwards into the 2025-2026 financial year).

Kickboxing Comes to Hockley Heath From Monday 10 February (4.30pm – 5.30pm)

Elite Kickboxing Academy is excited to launch a brand-new kickboxing class at the Pavilion hall. Discover the perfect combination of fitness, self-defence, and fun in a welcoming and high-energy environment.

Open to all abilities, this is your chance to start something new and exciting this year. Reserve your spot now and join us for a FREE trial lesson!



FREE Solihull Council Event - Friends Against Scams and Networking – The Pavilion hall – Friday 14th March 2025 @ 10:30am

The Solihull Community Development Team provide support to volunteers, groups, organisations, charities and other organisations within the Borough. They are offering a Friends Against Scams session, followed by networking. The session is designed to highlight the scale of the problem, change the perception of why people become



victims of scams. In this session anyone can learn about the different types of scams and how to spot and support

victims. To confirm places at the event please fill out this form [Hockley Heath Friends Against Scams – Google Forms](#), email cdt@solihull.gov.uk or call 07721 236256.

Hockley Heath Cricket Club

As 2024 marked the 150th anniversary of the formation of Hockley Heath village cricket club, local man Dave Bullivant has written the history of the club, its association with village life and the impact it has had on so many individuals “Thanks for the Memories – the story of a Warwickshire Village Cricket Team, 1874-2024” is a book covering the history of Hockley Heath Cricket Club. All profits from book sales go to Hockley Heath Cricket Club. The cricket club are looking for new players from Hockley Heath, they are hoping to form a junior section with village children being given the chance to play. Anyone wishing to play for the Club or serve in an administrative capacity should contact Dave Bullivant at thebullivants@blueyonder.co.uk

Arden Free Tree Scheme

We have been busy planting sapling oak, wild cherry and rowan trees following a successful application to the Arden Free Tree Scheme. We hope that these saplings will be given the best chance of survival on the recreation ground for future generations of villagers to enjoy.

Christmas Lights Donation

The Christmas lights are funded by the Parish Council and this year's costs were £6,427. The Parish Council would like to thank the Hockley Heath Social Club for a generous donation towards the light features. Donations are welcomed from Hockley Heath businesses to support the annual Christmas light fixtures.

Fly tipping in the village

Fly tipping hotspots are regularly reported to Solihull Council via the online reporting system. Any instances of fly tipping found by residents is encouraged to be reported here <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Roads-pavements-and-streetcare/Fly-tipping> for Solihull Council. If the fly tipping falls within another Parish, use this link [FixMyStreet](#). Reporting incidents of fly-tipping helps to identify hotspots, enabling focused monitoring and resource allocation to address the worst-affected areas.

Drop in Café at the Pavilion hall

The volunteer led Parish Council Drop in Café is proving popular in bringing residents of Hockley Heath together. There are free hot drinks and biscuits, and everyone is welcome to stay and chat. Thanks to those who donate towards the café supplies. The café is held from 10am to 12noon in the Pavilion hall every other Tuesday. Forthcoming Drop in Café's will be held on **Tuesday 25 February, Tuesday 11 March and Tuesday 25 March 2025.**