

UPDATES FROM SHIRE HALL



Things remain chaotic at Shire Hall, with a Reform administration that likes to make the headlines for all the wrong reasons...

So far the only thing they have delivered is a change in the council's flag policy that only seeks to water down support for minority groups.

They've also failed to turn up to key committees. I sit on the Adult Social Care & Health scrutiny committee, which should have four Reform representatives, however two posts are still vacant, while another has yet to attend!

In the midst of this chaos, Liberal Democrat colleagues and I are pushing for real change:

- **Action on Highways** - Pushing for better priority setting that responds to local need, not big vanity projects.
- **Social Care & Health** - Integrating social care and health services with effective use of data.
- **Electric Vehicle Transition** - Backing more ambitious targets to install and support more EV charging points in our town.
- **Supporting Active Travel** - Promoting cycling and walking to take cars off the roads, reduce traffic and deliver better health outcomes.

GET IN TOUCH WITH CLLR MAX LANGER

Have a local issue or concern? Have an idea to improve our community? Or just want to ask some questions?

Please feel to get in touch by email or phone and I'd be happy to help. I can't always fix everything but I'm always here to help and we can discuss how we make your ideas a reality.

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MONTHLY SURGERIES

Each month I'll be holding surgeries where I'll be available to speak to you and answer your questions.

Third Saturday of each month - 11am to 12pm

Advice Room, upstairs inside Leamington Library, Royal Pump Rooms.

Please pop me an email or call if you want to attend so I can manage demand.



FOCUS

ON LEAMINGTON CLARENDON



FROM COUNCILLOR MAX LANGER AND THE LIB DEM TEAM



ClarendonLibDems



www.wdlibdems.org.uk

NEW LOOK FOR WARWICKSHIRE

On October 14th, Reform, Labour and Conservative County Councillors united to vote to reorganise Warwickshire into a 'super council'.

This will see the abolition of our district and county council, to be replaced by a new 'Warwickshire Council' which will carry out all local government services. This is intended to simplify local government for residents and enable greater integration of services.

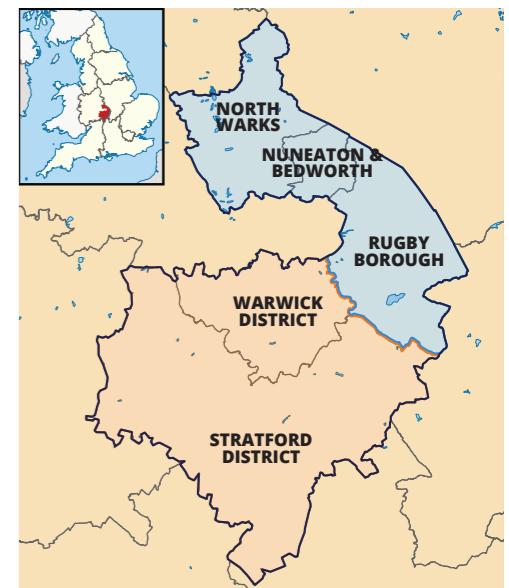
However, by combining these services we will see the removal of local decision-making, with all decisions being made in an unwieldy 114

councillor chamber.

It will also mean that our local council tax will go up, to match the high council tax rates in the north of the county. This will see an additional £78.85 (3.6%) added onto our tax bills, on top of a likely annual 5% increase.

Instead, I voted in favour of a new South Warwickshire, which would have kept decision-making local and our council tax lower.

The final decision will sit with the Labour Minister in Westminster and we should hear back in the middle of next year.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

September's district by-election was an extremely close contest with Liberal Democrat Raina Deo missing out by just 13 votes!



I want to thank Raina for being an amazing candidate who worked extremely hard throughout

LAB
30.3%
(-21.4%)

LD
29.6%
(+14.7%)

REF
16.3%
(new)

GRN
12.7%
(-2.1%)

CON
7.4%
(-9.2%)

Vote changes compared to the 2024 Clarendon by-election

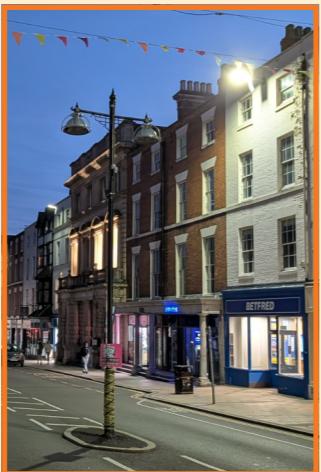


RAISING MONEY FOR HELPING HANDS

As a County Councillor, I'm keen to champion local causes and support them wherever I can. To this end, I've been fundraising for the Helping Hands Community Project who do amazing work across Leamington to support homeless people and those at risk of homelessness, through support groups, counselling and providing meals. To raise money, I've run the Leamington Spa Half Marathon and taken part in the Helping Hands Big Sleep Out.

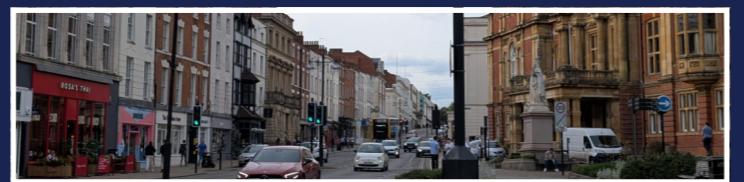
So far I've raised £270 and hopefully I can raise much more over the coming year!

Read more: tinyurl.com/maxlanger



PARADE LIGHTING

At the most recent Full Council meeting I asked why streetlights on the Parade have been left unfixed for months. Apparently, the council's highway contractors don't have the equipment to fix them and we'll have to wait until 2026 for a fix! It's obvious that this isn't good enough, the council should be hiring contractors who can actually do the work!



PARADE REGENERATION

Things have quietened down around the plans to pedestrianise the Parade. Over the summer over 2,000 people responded to public engagement on the plans. We should expect a response to this and updated plans sometime in 2026. So, watch this space!



MAKING THINGS HAPPEN



New 'give way' signs soon going up on Augusta Pl where there has been several near miss crashes.



Refreshed road markings at the junction of Kenilworth Rd and Clarendon Ave.



Grasscrete verges on Leicester St to provide more parking for local residents.



Repairs to sewage overflows and street drainage on Leicester St



Repairs to drains on Dormer Place that caused flooding over the summer.

LIB DEM PLAN TO HALVE ENERGY BILLS

Bold plan to slash energy bills and cut the cost of living



Energy bills have skyrocketed in recent years. The Lib Dems' plan will cut bills in half.

“ The Lib Dems are leading the fight to cut the cost of living. Our plan to halve energy bills will save people hundreds of pounds a year.

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The Liberal Democrats have launched a new plan to halve energy bills, putting hundreds of pounds a year back in people's pockets.

Residents across Leamington have been pushed to breaking point by the cost of living crisis in recent years – and energy bills are one of the biggest pressures.

Under the plan, the typical household bill would fall from £1,720 to around £850.

Local Lib Dem Councillor Max Langer said, "Energy bills have been out of control for too long.

"It's time for action that will cut costs and ease the strain on pensioners and hardworking families.

"Far too many people are struggling to make ends meet as prices go up and up. Only the Liberal Democrats have a plan that will make a real difference to people's finances."

The Lib Dem plan would break the link between gas and electricity prices, letting people benefit from clean, low-cost power. It would also speed up investment in renewables and insulation to bring bills down even more.

Sign our petition today and back the Lib Dem campaign!

SIGN THE PETITION: LibDems.org.uk/energy

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Each year, I'm able to distribute an £8,000 pot of money to support community groups working across our community. The first round of funding has now been distributed and I'm thrilled to be able to support the below groups:

- Warwickshire Vision Support**
Who support those with visual impairments.
- Welcome Here**
Providing bikes for the children of refugees to access school & college.
- Beyond the Bump UK**
Providing early postnatal support to underrepresented and vulnerable mothers.
- Leamington Eco Hub**
A community space to educate and support local environmental initiatives.
- Abandofbrothers**
A group supporting young men dealing with trauma.

If you're a member of a group that needs funding, find out more at:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/clrrgrants



Have an idea or concern?
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UPCOMING EVENTS

As we hurtle towards Christmas, there's lots going on locally that you can get involved with!

- ◆ **Parade Markets**
Parade Sundays from 5th October
- ◆ **Leamington Christmas Tree Festival**
All Saints' Church 3rd November to 7th December
- ◆ **B'ham Conservatoire Xmas Concert**
Holy Trinity Church Friday 5th December
- ◆ **Leamington Lantern Parade**
Royal Pump Room Gardens Sunday 7th December
- ◆ **Myton Hospice Santa Dash**
Victoria Park Sunday 14th December