

Council news round-up

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This week's news from around the Council.

- **Winter safety and weather**

The cold weather is still with us so please make sure that you keep checking the local weather forecast for warnings about icy or snowy weather. Click [here](#) to find out about the weather forecast for your area and click [here](#) for advice about driving in snow and icy conditions. Click [here](#) to view the gritting route map produced by Staffordshire County Council.

Stay wrapped up warm and wear shoes with good grip if you're heading outside. Keep your home heated to at least 18C if you can and remember to check on any frail or older neighbours, especially those living alone.

- **Save the date**

The next Let's work together free training session will take place on Monday 25 February 2019 in the Council Chamber. The theme will be community support and the session will include presentations from Healthwatch, Compton Care, Supported Futures and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue. For more information and to book a place, please call **01902 696238** or email policyandpartnershipevents@sstafs.gov.uk

- **Treecycle success**

Thanks to a 'Tree-mendous' effort from South Staffordshire residents and your bin collection crews **450** Christmas trees were collected at the kerbside over the last two weeks, and all of these were composted at a local facility. Click [here](#) to see more. #treecycle

- **Candidates and agents' briefing session**

The first candidates and agents briefing session will take place on Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 5pm to 6.30pm at the Council Offices in Codsall. The session will be an opportunity for potential candidates and their agents to collect their nomination packs. For more information, please click [here](#).

- **Local history unearthed at Baggeridge**

Some of Baggeridge Country Park's history came to the surface this week with a digger finding an old mine cart and part of a brick culvert. Click [here](#) to see some pics and like Baggeridge's Facebook page for regular news about the park.

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- **Switch and save**

If you'd like help switching your energy supplier, the Good Life Energy team will be visiting the Council Offices every Thursday between 9.30am and 1pm. Remember to bring along a recent energy bill.

Freephone: **03333 058671**

Email: info@cebltd.com

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/energy

- **South Staffordshire Connect service now available**

The South Staffordshire Connect dial-a-ride bus service is now available. This local, bookable bus service is once again helping many people who struggle to get out and about and it is aimed at residents who live away from regular bus routes or who find it difficult to use a standard bus. The new Connect service operates between 10am and 3pm to three zones. For more information, please click on the following for more information - [Zone 1](#), [Zone 2](#) and [Zone 3](#).



- **Warmer Homes - funding now available for broken gas boilers**

Do you or anyone you know need help to replace an old or broken gas boiler? Funding is available through the Council's Warmer Homes scheme so please get in touch. Funding is for South Staffordshire residents on limited household incomes with hard to heat homes or for residents who are vulnerable to the cold through ill health or age. Please apply now before the funding runs out.

Warmer Homes South Staffordshire.

Freephone **0800 193 1902** or email info@mea.org.uk

- **Reminder - please help support World Cancer Day on Monday**

The Enterprise and Growth Team will be raising funds once more for World Cancer Day on Monday 4 February 2019 through the sale of cakes and fruit pots. Last year's event was very successful and as we have some master bakers in the team we hope you will support us on the day! Monies raised will be split between Cancer UK and Compton Care.

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- **Community Lottery 'triple' superdraw - one week to go!**

On Saturday 9 February 2019, there will be a Community Lottery 'triple' superdraw taking place. Supporters will be in the chance of winning either an Amazon Alexa Fire7 Table with Alexa, four tickets to The Up Beat Beatles at Dudley Town Hall or four tickets to see Aretha: Respect at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. To be in with the chance of winning one of these fantastic prizes, please support the Community Lottery before the draw on Saturday 9 February 2019. Tickets cost just £1 a week. Play today at www.southstaffslottery.co.uk . Good luck!

Regular information

- **Committee/Panel meetings**

Next week, the following public meetings are scheduled:

- **Asset Scrutiny Panel** - Tuesday 5 February 2019 - 5pm - Bill Brownhill Room

- **5 Rating**

The following organisations have achieved a 5 Rating following their food inspections this week - Greenway House Residential Home in Lower Penn, Catch Corner in Acton Gate, St Michael's C of E School in Penkrige, Basil's Restaurant in Kinver and Ye Olde White Hart in Kinver.

Everyone is encouraged to submit news items, please email: comms@sstaffs.gov.uk