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Great Alne Parish District Councillor Report July 2024

Councillor Thom Holmes

Stratford-on-Avon Parliamentary Election Results

The recent parliamentary election for Stratford-on-Avon concluded with the Liberal Democrat candidate Manuela Perteghella winning the seat. Manuela is the first Liberal in over 100 years to represent Aston Cantlow in parliament and the first female MP our area has had. She is in the process of being inducted into her new role this week and I will share details of how to contact her once her constituency office is up and running.

The result for the Stratford-on-Avon Parliamentary Constituency:

Seyi Agboola (Labour) 3,753 votes

Chris Clarkson (Conservative) 16,328 votes

James Phillip Crocker (Reform UK) 7,753 votes

Neil O'Neil (New Open Non-Political Organised Leadership (NONPOL) 186 votes

Manuela Perteghella (Liberal Democrats) 23,450 votes Elected

Doug Rouxel (Green) 1,197 votes

Kevin John Taylor 292 votes

The turnout was 70.2%

Number of ballot papers issued: 53,138

The turnout in 2019 was 74.72% - 73.97% in 2017 and 72.39% in 2015.

Operation Talkative: Knife Crime Initiative

The District Council has launched "Operation Talkative," an initiative aimed at reducing knife crime through community engagement and education. This project involves collaboration between local authorities, schools, and law enforcement to promote awareness and provide support to those affected by knife crime. Residents are encouraged to participate in community events and discussions to further this cause.

Pop-up Safe Spaces Introduced

New pop-up Safe Spaces have been established in various locations across the district to provide immediate support for individuals feeling unsafe. These spaces are equipped with trained personnel to offer assistance and ensure safety. This initiative is part of a broader effort to enhance community safety and support vulnerable populations.

Adoption of the Warwickshire Local Councils Charter

The District Council has adopted the Warwickshire Local Councils Charter. This charter is designed to foster better cooperation and communication between local councils and the district council, ensuring that local voices are heard and considered in district-wide decisions. The charter emphasizes transparency, accountability, and mutual respect in all interactions.

CCTV System Receives British Standard Award

Stratford-on-Avon's CCTV system has received the British Standard Accreditation for the seventeenth consecutive year. This accolade recognizes the high standards of management and operation of the district's CCTV services. The system plays a crucial role in crime prevention and response, providing vital support to law enforcement and contributing to community safety. Over the past year, the CCTV team has been instrumental in handling numerous incidents and providing evidence for judicial proceedings.

Free Trees for Farmers Initiative

The Warwickshire Rural Hub is once again offering free trees to farmers within the local authority areas, funded by Stratford-on-Avon District Council and other councils. This initiative, supported by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and the Trees Call to Action Project, aims to boost biodiversity, sequester carbon, and enhance the local landscape. Various tree packs are available, and farmers can apply for these trees to be planted this coming winter.

For more information, please visit the [Stratford-on-Avon District Council News](<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/1>).