

# YOUR COVENTRY

News about what's going on in  
your city ♥ summer edition 2026



- Lots of love for our parks
- Praise for caring services
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Food for thought

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### Welcome to this summer edition of Your Coventry.

There has been a lot happening in the city in recent months and plenty to celebrate.

Coventry City Football Club will return to top-flight football after their remarkable season, and hundreds of thousands of people joined the celebrations organised by the club in partnership with Coventry City Council (see photo, right). The Sky Blues have also been awarded the Honorary Freedom of the City – a fitting way for the whole city to say thank you and recognise everything the club has given to Coventry.

## LEADER'S MESSAGE

### Your update from the Leader of Coventry City Council Cllr George Duggins

Away from the celebrations, there has been important recognition for two of our largest services. The Care Quality Commission has rated our Adult Social Care Services as good, while Ofsted has awarded our Children's Services an outstanding rating. These are results that our staff should be incredibly proud of. We intend to build on them and do all we can to ensure people are supported throughout life in the best way possible.

In this edition of Your Coventry, we have news about our parks and green spaces for people of all ages, and details of how we are helping residents – particularly our young

people – secure employment and training opportunities. There's also a reminder that eligible children can sign up to a food and activities programme running throughout the summer.

I hope you enjoy the read, and as always, have a great summer.



## Preventing homelessness in Coventry

We're strengthening our approach to homelessness prevention with the launch of a new team of officers dedicated to offering earlier advice, faster intervention and improved access to support for residents at risk of losing their home.

In the last financial year (2025/26), the Council prevented or relieved homelessness for 1,255 households, supporting residents to find solutions and avoid crisis wherever possible.

Funded through additional government support, the team will focus on providing timely advice, carrying out urgent assessments, and responding quickly to residents who need help.



**Cllr Naeem Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, said:**

*"This is really good news. With social housing in short supply, early engagement with people who are struggling to stay in their home is more important than ever."*

### Supporting tenants and protecting renters' rights

Recent changes to renters' rights mean that 'no fault' evictions have now been abolished. The team will

work to ensure tenants understand their rights and work closely with enforcement colleagues to prevent illegal evictions.

Find out more about the changes to renters' rights. Visit [coventry.gov.uk/rentersrightsact](http://coventry.gov.uk/rentersrightsact)

To get in touch with the Homelessness Prevention Team call **024 7683 4025** or e-mail [homelessness@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:homelessness@coventry.gov.uk)

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## Shaping the future of unpaid carers

There are estimated to be more than 27,000 people with caring responsibilities in Coventry, many with no financial support.

Many carers are juggling work and care, this includes adults, parents and young carers.

Without carers our health and social care systems would be overwhelmed.

We're now developing a five-year Carers' Strategy to help us set our key priorities and identify where we need to develop carers' support.

Visit [carerstrusthofe.org.uk](http://carerstrusthofe.org.uk)  
[coventry.gov.uk/bridgitcare](http://coventry.gov.uk/bridgitcare)  
[mytime4carers.co.uk](http://mytime4carers.co.uk)



## Good news for Adult Social Care

**The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has rated the Council's Adult Social Care Services as good.**

It follows a detailed inspection of local Adult Social Care services in the city.

**Cllr Linda Bigham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, said:**

*"The overall positive findings of the inspection are testimony to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of all those involved in the delivery of Adult Social Care in Coventry. I am incredibly proud of having the privilege of being Cabinet Member for a*

*service area that supports some of our most vulnerable residents."*

**Chris Badger, CQC's Chief Inspector of Adult Social Care and Integrated Care, said:**

*"The Council's work has a positive impact on people's lives, and we look forward to seeing how their plans further develop and improve access to services."*

The Council is now working to build on the improvements that have been made.

For information visit [coventry.gov.uk/adultsocialcare](http://coventry.gov.uk/adultsocialcare)

## What a way to celebrate an outstanding summer



**The Council's Children's Services has been awarded an 'outstanding' rating by Ofsted.**

The news comes 12 years after the service was rated as 'inadequate'.

A team of Ofsted inspectors was onsite earlier this year meeting with a wide range of staff and teams across Children's and Education Services.

The service was judged 'outstanding' in four areas; the experiences and progress of children in care, the experiences and progress of care leavers, the impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families, and overall effectiveness. The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection was judged as 'good'.

**Cllr Mal Mutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said:**

*"This is brilliant news and is a credit to the determination of everyone involved to put the welfare of children, young people and families at the heart of all we do. So many people are involved in giving children the best start in life."*

The report said:

*"The Council had demonstrated an unwavering ambition and commitment to children in Coventry...despite a significant rise in demand for services"*

Inspectors praised areas including: Family Hubs, the Fostering Service, the Virtual School, and the Lifelong Links scheme.

# Sky Blues awarded Honorary Freedom of the City

Coventry City FC has been awarded the Honorary Freedom of the City in recognition of its promotion back to the Premier League and outstanding contribution to the life of the city.

The Sky Blues were crowned EFL Championship champions and returned to the Premier League after 25 years. It covers the club in its entirety, recognising the players, management, staff, owner and the supporters.

**Cllr George Duggins, Leader of Coventry City Council,** who nominated the club for the honour, said: "Awarding the Honorary Freedom of the City is our way, on behalf of the whole city, of saying thank you and



recognising everything the club has given to Coventry. "This achievement belongs not only to the team and everyone at the club, but to the generations of supporters and communities who have always stood behind them."

# On your marks for Sports Fest

Hundreds of people will be able to test their sporting credentials as Sports Fest returns to the city centre.



The Council, CV Life and dozens of partners will be hosting six days of free sporting activities in Broadgate from **Tuesday 11 to Sunday 16 August.**

Last year, more than 16,000 people got involved throughout the event.

There will be many different sports and activities to try, along with stalls highlighting the benefits of healthy and active living.

Every year, clubs, charities and sports organisations deliver activities that are suitable for all ages and abilities.

# Opportunities to apply for job roles



The Council and dozens of partners are planning more community-based events to support residents, including young people, into employment.

A recent Job Fest event was a huge success, with over 630 people going along to meet local employers, explore training opportunities and apply for roles on the spot.

Employers such as Screwfix, The Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC), The Department for Work

and Pensions (DWP) and a range of local training providers were all in attendance.

Five Coventry Job Fests have now been held in the city, with total attendance reaching over 1,800 residents.

## Register at the Job Shop

You can also visit the Job Shop in West Orchards Shopping Centre, Smithford Way and see one of our team or you can register online with the venue where you can access training, one to one job coaching and lots more. Visit [coventry.gov.uk/jobshop](http://coventry.gov.uk/jobshop)

# Love parks? Find out about volunteering and lots more

Parks are at the heart of our communities, and as part of Love Parks Week we want to help residents of all ages enjoy any of the 400 green spaces across the city.

Whether you're looking to find your nearest park, volunteer your time, get involved in sport, or book a space for your own event, there's something for everyone. Our dedicated team is here to help.

Our Parks and Urban Ranger Team works closely with volunteers and friends of park groups, and together they support a wide range of work to maintain and enhance our parks and open spaces.

To find out more about volunteering at your local park or green space get in contact at [coventry.gov.uk/friends](http://coventry.gov.uk/friends)

## 11am to 3pm Saturday 25 July Swanswell Park and Pool

Includes Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Dr Bike, Mencap and details of the Big Clean-Up Project. Come and enjoy lots of hands-on, family-friendly activities.

# Skate park expansion plans at War Memorial Park



Plans to almost double the size of a local skate park are being supported by the Council.

Coventry Planning Committee approved plans to renovate and extend the skate park in the Coventry War Memorial Park. The skate park was built more than 20 years ago.

**Dr Susie Cowley-Haselden, from the War Memorial Ramp Renovation Group,** said:

"We started this campaign in 2019, so it's great to finally have planning permission.

"A skatepark provides resilience for the community, regardless of age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status. Now, the campaign will be working hard to secure funding for the build."

**Cllr Kamran Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing,** said:

"This is an exciting project that has great potential."

Work will start once funding is secured.

To support the project visit [crowdfunder.co.uk/p/covskatepark](http://crowdfunder.co.uk/p/covskatepark)

# Revamp for play area

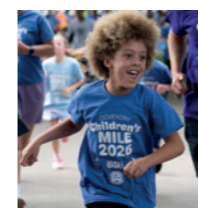
Big changes are coming to War Memorial Park's play area, and the Council needs your thoughts on the current play area, to help make the new one even better.



The current play area has been a place for families to enjoy for years, but it's time for an upgrade. We're adding a brand-new play area and a modern Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).

Help us make the play area better by visiting [coventry.gov.uk/wmpplayarea](http://coventry.gov.uk/wmpplayarea) and telling us your thoughts.

# Miles of smiles



Hundreds of school children from all over the city completed the annual Children's Mile recently.

Runners, joggers, walkers and wheelers took away a t-shirt and goodies as a memento of the fun-filled day.

# Coventry HAF

FREE fun, food and holiday activities

the summer programme runs from 21 July - 1 September 2026

Eligible children can book now

Find out more at [coventry.gov.uk/haf](http://coventry.gov.uk/haf)

# BANDS in the PARK 2026

2pm to 3.30pm

**Sunday 2 August**  
Nauls Mill Park  
**The Mudlands String Band**

**Sunday 9 August**  
Holbrooks Park  
**Coventry Festival Band**

**Sunday 23 August**  
Spencer Park  
**Non Stop Bop**

**Sunday 6 September**  
War Memorial Park  
**City of Coventry Brass**

**Sunday 13 September**  
Caludon Castle Park  
**Dunchurch Band**



**Fly-tippers**  
we're watching you

Report fly-tipping offenders at [coventry.gov.uk/FlyTipping](http://coventry.gov.uk/FlyTipping)

Maximum penalty  
**£50,000**

Coventry City Council  
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## Helping victims of anti-social behaviour

Coventry City Council has been awarded anti-social behaviour ASB Help Pledge Status in recognition of improvements made to its Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review process.

The Review, which was known as the Community Trigger, gives victims of persistent anti-social behaviour the right to request a review of their case where they believe the response from agencies has not been adequate.

ASB Help is the national charity supporting victims of anti-social behaviour and working with organisations across the country to improve responses to ASB.

In addition to achieving Pledge Status, Coventry has also been recognised by ASB Help as an example of best practice, with the Council's revised procedures and partnership approach being highlighted to other organisations seeking to improve their own ASB Case Review arrangements.

**Cllr John McNicholas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion**, said:

*"No-one should feel that they have been left without support when experiencing persistent anti-social behaviour. The ASB Case Review process provides an important safeguard, ensuring that agencies come together to review cases where victims feel more could have been done."*

You can request an ASB Case review and check you meet the qualifying criteria, by visiting - [coventry.gov.uk/asbcasereview](http://coventry.gov.uk/asbcasereview)

Coventry has also recently secured Purple Flag Status for the work the city is doing to create a safer city centre.

## Reporting an urgent pothole problem

We set aside an extra £7 million to invest in local services this year, and this includes pavement and road repairs.

We now have four extra repair gangs working across the city to fix some of the issues. You told us this was important to you, and we are making a difference.

**Cllr Patricia Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services**, said:

*"I'm really pleased that we could identify new cash to invest in the*

*city's roads and pavements. We know this matters to people however they travel and it matters to us too. It was a tough winter, so this investment really matters."*

**Get in touch**

To report an urgent pothole issue, please contact our Customer Services team on [coventry.gov.uk/reportit](http://coventry.gov.uk/reportit)



## Community tidy-up

**Citizen Housing and the Council joined together recently to help clean up a neighbourhood in Coventry.**

As part of a series of Tidy Friday events, local volunteers joined Citizen and Council workers in Wyken, to clear bulky waste items, litter-pick hedgerow and green spaces and plant shrubs and flowers.

Look out for dates of future community clean-ups.

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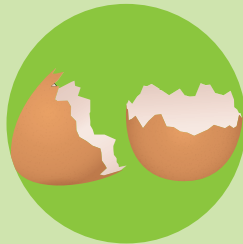
**FREE weekly food waste collections start week beginning  
7 September 2026**

**You will be able to recycle all of your  
cooked and un-cooked food waste**

**✓ Yes please**



**All uneaten food and  
plate scrapings**



**Eggs and eggshells**



**Mouldy, and  
out of date food**



**Rice, pasta  
and beans**



**Raw and cooked meat  
and fish, including bones**



**Bread, cakes  
and pastries**



**Dairy products,  
cheese and yoghurt**



**Tea bags and  
coffee grounds**



**Raw and cooked  
vegetables and fruit,  
whole and peelings**

**✗ No thanks**



**Packaging**



**Liquids**



**Oil or liquid fat**



**Non-food items**

- You don't need to use liners or bags – but if you do, compostable only please
- You can keep your new bin inside or outside
- Please do not put food waste in the bin until a week before collections start

**[coventry.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://coventry.gov.uk/foodwaste)**

