Ufton Parish Council Meeting – June 3rd 2025

District Councillor Report: Susan Ostrander

Headlines

1. District Council Subsidised Health Screening
2. Road closures – A423 6th to 9th June
3. Follow-up to queries from Parish Councillors

1. District Council-Subsidised Health Screening Events

Stratford-on-Avon District Council has partnered with the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust (GFCT) to deliver a series of health screening events for residents across the District.

These events offer men and women the opportunity to undertake simple blood tests that can help identify early signs of potential health issues. Where necessary, individuals can then follow up with their GP for further advice or treatment.

- **PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) testing** – for men aged 40 and over
- **Diabetes and cholesterol screening** – for men and women aged 18 and over

Upcoming local screening dates and venues are:

- **Saturday 14 June** – Studley Leisure Centre, Pool Road, Studley, B80 7QU
- **Saturday 12 July** – Southam Leisure Centre, Welsh Road West, Southam, CV47 0JW
- **Saturday 2 August** at The Greig Leisure Centre, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, B49 6AD
- **Saturday 13 September** at Stratford Leisure Centre
- **Saturday 11 October** at Shipston Scout Hut, New Street, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4EW

The events will run from 10am until 2pm at each of the locations and people are able to book at a discounted rate of £14 for each test.

Spaces are limited and need to be booked in advanced at: https://sdc.mypsatests.org.uk/

2. Road Closure

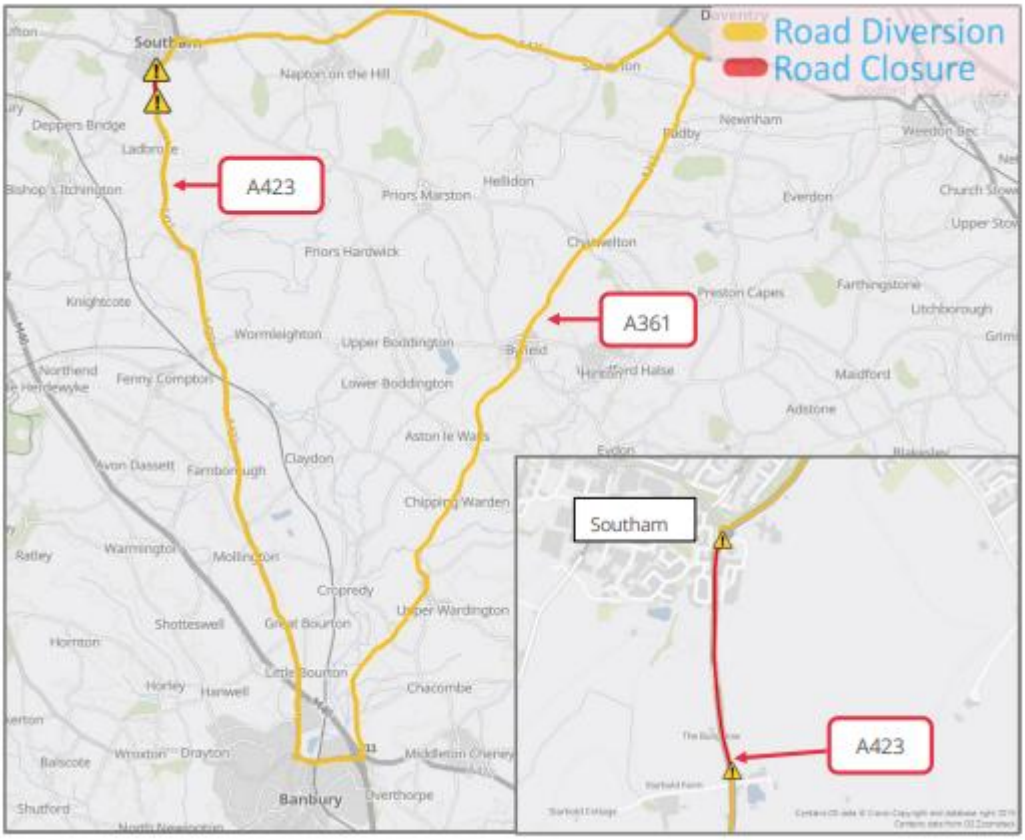
Road closure: From 7pm on Friday 6 June to 6am on Monday 9 June 2025

Single lane closure: Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June 2025

Purpose: EKFB are building a new road bridge for the A423 to pass over the HS2 railway line. Last month they started to construct an upgraded plant crossing over the A423. This weekend (6th to

9th June) they will be completing this work, so that the large earth moving vehicles can cross the road to begin to build the approach roads to the new bridge over the summer.

A section of the A423 Banbury Road between Ladbroke and Southam will be closed. Access will be maintained for residential properties within the closure area, including properties on Starbold Farm.



3. **Follow -ups:**
    a. **Flies and smells possibly from the Ufton Landfill Site**. I note that this has been an even bigger problem but possibly due to a similar site in Warwick: MP Matt Western takes the fly issues plaguing residents to parliament - The Leamington Observer

    I asked the Environmental Health Team at SDC a series of questions on this and these were the responses:

    1. *What is Stratford-on-Avon District Council's (SDC) role and remit versus that of the Environment Agency?*
    The Environment Agency (EA) is the primary regulatory authority for this site, which operates under an environmental permit (EPR/UP3598EV/V006). This permit includes conditions requiring the operator to use Best Available Techniques (BAT) to manage environmental impacts, including odour and fly control.
    SDC's role is limited in this context. While we have powers under Statutory Nuisance legislation, we can only act with the express approval of the Secretary of State. Even if such approval were granted, the operator's compliance with BAT

would likely constitute a valid Best Practicable Means defence, making enforcement under nuisance legislation extremely difficult.

2. *What were the conclusions when this was last investigated?*
Our records show that a number of complaints have been received over recent years. These were referred to the Environment Agency, in line with their regulatory responsibility. Similar concerns have also been raised by residents near a permitted facility in the Warwick area.

3. *What can be done about this now?*
We recommend the following steps:

- Residents should continue to report issues (e.g. odours or flies) directly to the Environment Agency via their 24-hour incident hotline (0800 80 70 60) or online at www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident.
- If residents are dissatisfied with the EA's response, they should be encouraged to follow the Environment Agency's formal complaints procedure, which is available on their website. Our ability to intervene directly remains constrained by the current regulatory framework.

b. Ad Hoc Fly Tip Collections: John Taylor asked if SDC will collect items they see that have been fly-tipped when drivers are out collecting other rubbish that has been fly-tipped.
Response: I have had a response to this from StreetScene but I am still not sure if they do or don't so I have followed it up. I may know the answer at the meeting. Watch this space.....

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