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## Unauthorised Encampments— positive news update

During the summer, our ward was particularly hard hit with unauthorised encampments both on council and private land. The three of us were in regular contact with all the relevant authorities all summer, and continually pushing for solutions to this issue as one group moved around Strawberry Fields, Brownsover, Boughton Vale and Coton Park.

In August, Rugby Borough Council took the bold step to apply for an injunction and on 31 August this was granted, to prevent unauthorised encampments on council land. This now means that any unauthorised encampments on RBC land can now be moved on without the need to obtain a court order.

This solved one of the issues, however did not deal with any encampments on developer land—of which there is a large amount in this ward, especially on both Eden and Coton Parks.

Your three councillors called a meeting, chaired by Cllr Seb Lowe, towards the end of August with Warwickshire Police, Coton Park Residents' Association, Eden Park Community Association, Mark Pawsey MP, local developers and RBC.

The result of the meeting is a Protocol, developed by Warwickshire Police and agreed by Cala Homes, which provides a guide of what to do and who to contact when an unauthorised encampment occurs. This does not transfer responsibility to the police but instead advises land owners of what they can do and at what point the police can get involved. Nothing like this existed and as we discovered this summer, when people are on holiday, workers on building sites often don't know what they can or cannot do. Hopefully this will make life easier for all residents going forward. **As a result of these actions this protocol is now being adopted nationally.**



Councillor Sebastian Lowe  
chairing the Protocol meeting  
in August

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## Grit Bins on Strawberry Fields!

Jill has been trying to organise grit bins through her WCC budget, in various locations across the ward following last winter's snow and ice.

Strawberry Fields had no grit bins at all, so two were allocated to Staveley Way, one near Rothley Drive and one near Helmdon Close.

Boughton Vale has also not had many grit bins, so these are now being looked at for Larkspur, Sorrel Drive, Cornflower Drive and Mallow Way.

## Tree Cutting!



Cllr Sebastian Lowe helping out a local resident

A local resident contacted us recently about overhanging trees from a local park, in his garden.

As RBC do not cut back trees in private gardens, Carolyn and Seb went round one Saturday in October to help him out and cut back the tree, as Seb bravely climbed the ladder!

## New Bus Shelters

From 16th November, there will be new bus shelters installed in two locations in the ward.

One will be on Staveley Way, at the bus stop near Charwelton Drive, a popular stop.

The other will be on Coton Park Drive near the shops. This is a really popular bus stop and many people working in the area, as well as residents and shoppers use this stop, plus it is at the top of the hill so does suffer from the bad weather in the winter. These have both been paid for via Cllr Jill Simpson-Vince's WCC budget.

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