

# InTouch

Latest News from **Admirals & Cawston**

From Dean Richards, Carolyn Watson-Merret, Mark Williams & Peter Butlin

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## "We are listening in Admirals and Cawston!"

**We have launched a wide-ranging listening exercise across the area with the aim of ensuring we are continually working to residents' latest priorities.**

As our area grows and the needs and priorities of local residents and businesses change, it is vital that we continually update and refresh our work based on your feedback, so that the area can continue to thrive and flourish. We have launched an extensive exercise to give every resident across Admirals and Cawston the chance to respond and we need you to please get involved.

Local Community Campaigner Dean Richards, is leading on this project on behalf of your local Conservative Team. A letter from him with more information is also enclosed.

We will be knocking on doors, emailing, making telephone calls, employing every method

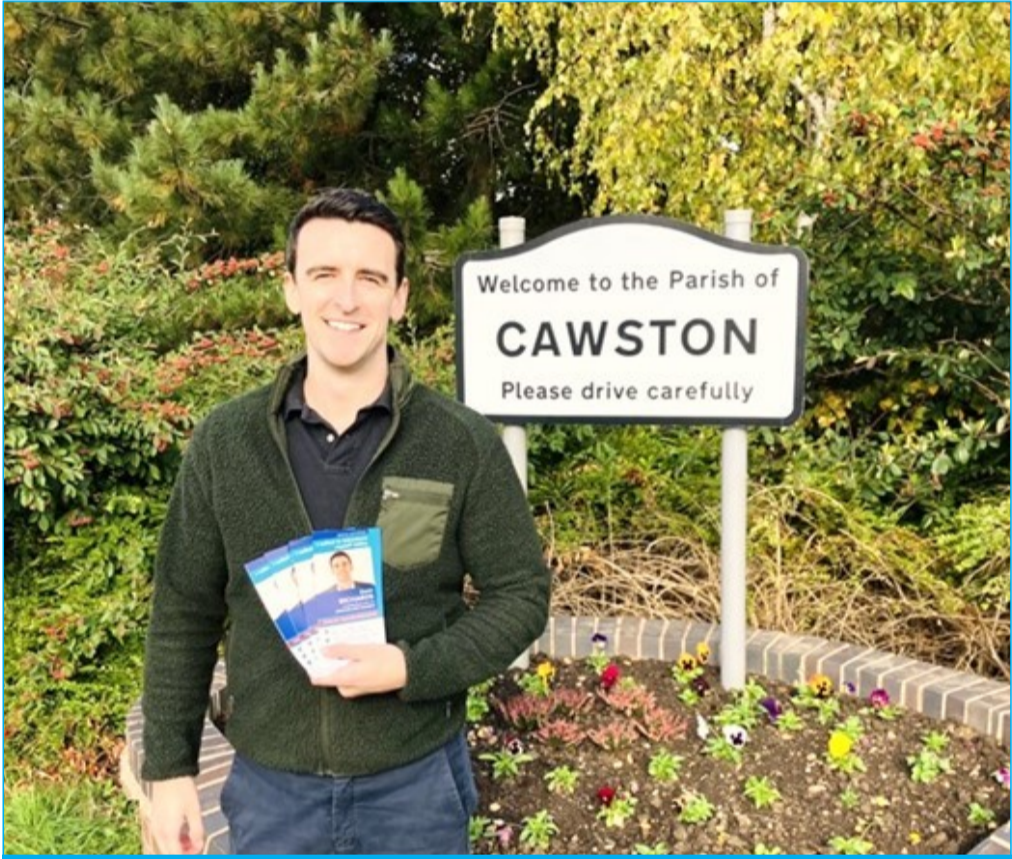
possible to get in touch and hear your views on the local area. You can also participate online at the links below.

*Dean Richards: "I live here, so I have ideas about priorities but we need your input as well"*

As Admirals and Cawston are two relatively distinct areas, we are running separate surveys for both so we can tailor policy for each area. Visit -

[deanrichardscawston.co.uk](http://deanrichardscawston.co.uk)  
[deanrichardsadmirals.co.uk](http://deanrichardsadmirals.co.uk)

For the latest updates on this project, please follow [fb.com/deanrichards.ac](https://fb.com/deanrichards.ac)



Local Community Campaigner Dean Richards emphasised the importance of gathering up-to-date information as the area grows; "it's so important people feel their local representatives are listening."



The roadworks on the Coventry Road, near the Cawston Grange Drive roundabout are proceeding at pace. This will add an additional lane for the turn into Ophelia Crescent, ensuring a safer junction, but also improved traffic flow for drivers on their way into and out of Cawston.

Following initial issues with traffic signals causing some tailbacks, traffic now flows well with minimal wait times. Work is due to be completed in early 2023.

## Admirals Park due for significant investment

**Great news as Apple Grove Park in Admirals has been awarded a significant grant of £100,000, which was secured by your Conservative-run Rugby Borough Council.**

The council has published a blueprint for the revamp of the park and play area in Apple Grove, following the award of the grant from the FCC Communities Foundation.

Residents are now being invited to have their say on the plans. The masterplan was drawn up following a public consultation, with the refurbishment including a range of new play equipment, paths and landscaping work.

Visit [rugby.gov.uk/applegrove](http://rugby.gov.uk/applegrove) to view the refurbishment masterplan and take part in the consultation before the closing date of Thursday November 3.



Local Community Campaigner Dean Richards wants residents to contribute to the consultation for Apple Grove.

# Town Centre Master Plan taking shape

The way to re-develop a town centre, such as Rugby, is via regeneration funding. To be considered for funding, we need to have a properly researched, evidenced and consulted plan in place.

In November 2020, Rugby Borough Council appointed Avison Young as the consultants to do this work. This followed a government recommended tender process.

They were given the remit by the then portfolio holder to "take nothing off the table," no idea was too radical and they weren't to feel constrained by anything.

This masterplan will primarily deal with Rugby Borough Council owned sites, but the vision covers the whole town centre.

Our Market charter dates back to the 13th century and we are proud of that heritage. We want the market to be a key part of the town centre. The days of town centres being full of retail shops are over, people shop online and so we have to adapt our town centre accordingly.

Your Conservative leadership and councillors want Rugby to have a great town centre and we want to move forward positively.



We need to be brave with our town centre but also realistic. Town centres are changing.

## Mark Pawsey MP fighting for A&E care at St Cross

Local MP Mark Pawsey is campaigning for Accident & Emergency care at the Hospital of St Cross.

Our local hospital lost its A&E department in the 1990s and Mark is leading the campaign to bring it back.

Last year Mark launched a survey on local healthcare and an overwhelming number of local residents responded to say they wanted an A&E at St Cross.

Since then Mark has secured a debate in Parliament on this pressing issue and has called upon the government and the NHS to work together to bring Accident & Emergency care to Rugby.



Mark Pawsey MP at St Cross

## MARK PAWSEY MP REPORTING BACK

### Town Centre

The last few years have been incredibly difficult for small businesses across the country.

Mark is fully supportive of the Conservative-led Borough Council's efforts to regenerate the town centre and the support provided to small local businesses by the government through initiatives such as the Towns Fund.



### Access to GPs

Residents in Rugby deserve good access to GPs. That is why the government has committed £1.5bn to create an additional 50 million GP appointments by 2024 and is also supporting the training, retention and recruitment of GPs.



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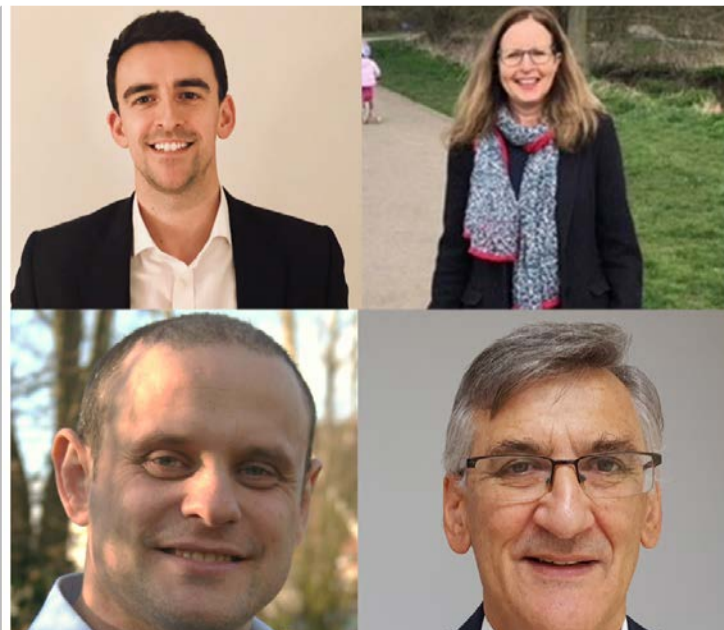
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## Warwickshire PCC Plan

Having been re-elected 12 months ago, Philip Seccombe has produced a Police & Crime Plan for 2021-25 setting out priorities in the County.

Key priorities are to reduce crime, particularly violence and organised, and to deliver visible and effective policing. These include reducing the demand for drugs and the number of re-offenders. Philip has provided extra funding to the Force to increase police officers and we are on course to reach 1,100 by the end of the year, a record number for Warwickshire.

Philip also wants to keep people safe from harm, to reduce violence against women and girls, reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries on our roads, to address the growing problems of mental health, reduce domestic abuse and to support the most vulnerable and homeless in our communities. These can only be achieved by working closely with partners