

District Councillor Report April 2017



There was a good turn out to hear our local MP David Warburton, talk in the village hall earlier in March. He covered a wide spectrum of topics ranging from life as a new MP in the Commons, with amusing anecdotes, as well as discussing areas such as Brexit, the proposal for a local railway station, HS2, the duelling of the A303, free schools and the recent budget. He will be returning in the future so if you missed the opportunity to meet him, don't worry as he will be back!

SSDC are warning residents to be wary of Council Tax scams over the next few weeks as bills start being delivered to households. The scams are claiming to reduce monthly payments or get money back for a small fee – please do not give over any bank details as all they are interested in is getting money out of you. The key things to check when you receive any communication from SSDC is that SSDC will always write to you using your name, not sir/madam, and they will never ask for your bank account details on the phone or via email to refund overpaid council tax. Do not get caught out. If you are unsure about anything please call 01935 462462 and speak to a legitimate member of the SSDC advisory team.

As you will see, the scaffolding has gone up around certain areas of The Bell; the owners are currently trying to secure the very unstable skittle alley roof and shore up the premises to keep it as water tight as possible. They have enquired as to the possibility of the development being available for social housing and the need for such housing in the village, is currently being researched by SSDC.

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