

Communities

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GO Plan 2026-2029 launched

The new Growing Opportunities Plan was launched in April 2026. Developed by the Social Inclusion Partnership, it focuses on key areas and actions to address social exclusion and supporting residents across the district.

The new web pages with links to the strategy, action plan, SIP members and how this has evolved since the Social Inclusion plan began in 2014 can be found here:

[Growing Opportunities Plan 2026-2029 | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

This newsletter highlights work so far and how you and your teams can support. If you want to find out more about the plan or how you could be involved, please contact socialinclusion@stratford-dc.gov.uk.



Community Grant Scheme 2025



So far, three projects have been awarded grants from the Community Grant Scheme 2025, a fund aimed at supporting valuable community assets in memory of the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Day in 2025. These small grants have supported a community centre, a village hall and a scout hut. More projects will follow soon.

You can keep updated on all projects here: [Community Grant Scheme 2025 | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Warm Homes Local Grant



Warm Homes local Grant is now into its second year of installations, providing our residents with green energy upgrades to their homes. In our first year, 16 homes were upgraded with solar panels, insulation and new energy efficient heating systems. Year two has got off to a great start with 15 homes started and nine completed in the first two months. We hope to deliver many more cost and carbon saving installations to our residents in the coming months.

Tablet Loan Scheme back at Stratford Library



The Tablet Loan Scheme is once again available at Stratford Library. This enables people without a tablet or want to test one out to borrow one for 6 weeks. Support is also given in how to use them and any associated apps.

For more information visit Stratford Library or call 0300 555 8171.

Get involved...

Do you have some time to spare to support a local voluntary organisation?

Increasing volunteer hours across the district is a key focus for the 2026-2029 GO Plan. Roles can be as varied and involved as you like, from helping out at a one-off event to becoming a Trustee, and everything in between. To find out about volunteering opportunities near you, visit the Warwickshire & Solihull Community and Voluntary Action - WCAVA website [Warwickshire & Solihull Community and Voluntary Action - WCAVA](#). You can also get time to volunteer through SDC. Speak to your manager to find out more.

Health screening test events – help spread the word

Health screening test events are continuing across the district this year. So far 1,666 people have received a test, including 980 PSA (prostate cancer) tests, of which 8 people have been subsequently diagnosed, many without symptoms. To find out more and book a test if you are a district resident, please visit [PSA Health Screening Events | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#) and please share with any friends or family who live in the district. It could save a life.



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