District and County Councillor Report April 2023 from Kathy and Tom Wells

The Electoral Commission

ELECTIONS 4 MAY 2023

You now need photo ID to vote at a polling station Find out which photo ID is accepted and how to apply for free photo ID if you don't have any at: www.malvernhills.gov.uk/elections www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections



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Poll Clerks wanted

The MHDC Elections Team is looking for poll clerks to help on the day of the election on 4 May 2023.

Online training will be provided, and you will earn £220 for the day.

Please complete an expression of interest form on the Voting and Elections webpage.

New District Discount Book



Residents and visitors now have access to a new discount book containing hundreds of vouchers to spend on high streets across the district.

The District Discount Book is a new initiative created by Upton News and supported by MHDC.

It aims to generate footfall and new sales for local businesses within the district.

Booklets are on sale from Saturday, 1 April 2023 in local shops, community venues and online, for just £1.

Over 200 local businesses have signed up to feature their vouchers and discounts.

Visit <u>www.districtdiscounts.co.uk</u> for more information.

New Apprentice Support System Announced

The new Worcestershire Apprenticeships Account is an online system to make it quick and easy for prospective apprentices to connect with Apprenticeship providers.

Those considering apprenticeships will be able to submit an expression of interest to the local training organisations that offer apprenticeships in the sector they're interested in.

This should not only make it easier to connect with local training organisations, but also removes the problem that applicants often have when they're not quite sure what vacancy to search for.

Individuals who obtain an Apprenticeship from signing up to the WA Account, will be eligible for the £500 WA Bursary to help with those initial costs and give them the best start to their Apprenticeship journey.

Visit <u>www.worcsapprenticeships.org.uk/apprentices/worcestershire-apprenticeships-account</u> for more information.

Car parks achieve national award

Car parks within the Malvern Hills District have achieved a national award for their high safety standards.

The 14 car parks have been awarded the coveted Park Mark, which forms part of the Safer Parking Scheme.

The Safer Parking Scheme, a national standard for UK car parks, is aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime in parking areas, to ensure the safety of people and vehicles.