

STYLE COUNCIL ...

Julie Torrance (pictured) is a local Image Consultant and Personal Stylist. Over forthcoming issues of All Things Local she will be providing you with tips and information on how to make the most of yourselves through your clothing.

This is such an exciting time of year. Spring always brings a feeling of freshness which is exactly what we have on the high street right now. The fashion this season is easier to wear; there is a look for everyone perfect for every shape and size you just need to know which look is right for you.

Don't leave it too late to shop! The weight and quality of the fabrics in the shops from March is perfect for our summer climate. Leave it later than May and you will find all you have to choose from are very light weight fabrics designed for holidays abroad. There are some great trends this season, thank goodness smocks are on the way out and we are starting to see a return to tailoring which we will all look and feel fantastic wearing.

Nautical is given a bright and breezy appeal, classic stripes mixed with stars using red, white and blue give the look an American twist. Look out for the pinstripe blazer and team with sailor pants, white linen trousers or white jeans. Accessorise the look with a red patent bag, pumps or wedges for a modern touch. Safari is back. Team crisp, neutral tailoring with batik print dresses, if you have great legs now is the season to show them off. Wear shorts with tailored, sleeveless belted jackets, keep the look simple and choose classic colours like beige, khaki and white. Shirt dresses are great for most women as they give structure with a feminine twist - accessorise with an animal print scarf and a mix of brown, gold and tortoiseshell bangles worn together on one wrist for impact, finish the look with wedges and a great bag.

Other trends to look out for are Audrey Hepburn style tailoring with fifties glamour which is a great look for our voluptuous British figures. Bold, floral prints in feminine, floaty dresses give a romantic touch and look out for a continuation of the maxi dress as Glastonbury festival has been the inspiration for many designers this season. Have great fun shopping but remember dress for your body shape and personality and only opt into the looks that suit your personality and lifestyle don't be a victim of fashion - look effortlessly stylish.

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