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In the far north of Warwickshire lies the smallest and perhaps the least well known Borough in the County – North Warwickshire, with its 62,300 residents.

We’re known as a ‘community of communities’ because of our diverse market towns, villages and hamlets, all of which have their own identities. I’ve also heard us called ‘the Near To’ Borough, because we are within such easy reach of Birmingham, Coventry, Leicester, Nottingham and Solihull!

The M6, M6 Toll, M42 and A5 all pass through the Borough and there’s a regular train service from Atherstone to London and from Coleshill Parkway, either west to Birmingham or east to Cambridge, Peterborough and Stansted Airport. These excellent transport links are a major attraction for companies such as Aldi, BMW, Ocado and TNT, which have selected North Warwickshire as the base for their businesses.

North Warwickshire can also be described as a ‘Borough of contrasts’ and for proof of this, look no further than the cover of this Guide.

North Warwickshire’s rich mining heritage is commemorated in the colliery wheel at the village of Baxterley, which is pictured alongside The Belfry, headquarters of the Professional Golfing Association and famous for four Ryder Cup tournaments. Then we have traders at Atherstone’s market in the historic market square; sailing at Kingsbury Water Park, the most popular of Warwickshire’s country parks; the engine production line at BMW at Hams Hall and lastly, St Peter’s Church, which dominates the skyline at Coleshill.

If you add in … numerous garden centres and golf courses … children’s farms, canalside walks and country shows … a castle which is still a family home… together with historic links to Boadicea, Richard III, Shakespeare and Lady Godiva, you’ll appreciate that North Warwickshire has an awful lot to offer! So, enjoy browsing through the information in this 2011 Guide. If you’re a new resident, a warm North Warwickshire welcome to you. If you’re working here, take some time out to discover the delights of the Borough. And if you’re a first time visitor, make sure you come back again, because although North Warwickshire may be small, we’re well worth a second look!

Welcome to North Warwickshire
a community of communities

Jerry Hutchinson, Chief Executive, North Warwickshire Borough Council
Atherstone is on the Roman Watling Street, which was also part of the London to Holyhead stagecoach route. In August 1485, Henry Tudor passed through Atherstone on his way to the Battle of Bosworth. He made his headquarters at The Three Tuns Inn and stationed his troops in the fields around Merevale Abbey. Nearby Mancetter was the site of a large Roman fort, allegedly the home of the 14th Roman legion. It is said that Queen Boadicea (Boudica) met her fate outside the fort in the Anker Valley.

Atherstone’s Market Square
Have a browse for bargains on Long Street, then take a detour to the pretty market square and admire the parish church of St Mary’s. Atherstone’s market dates back to 1246, when the Abbot of Bec, then Lord of the Manor at Atherstone, obtained a charter to hold a market on a Tuesday. Drop by on a Tuesday and Friday to buy fresh fruit and veg, household items and clothing at very reasonable prices.

The Square is the focal point for many events, including the ‘Summer in the Square’ music concerts and the popular Heritage Motorshow in September. On the last Saturday in November, it comes alive with dozens of stalls for the annual Dickens Night.

The town’s Christmas lights illuminate the festive window displays in the local shops, street vendors sell crafts, gifts and food, families enjoy the fairground rides and the grand finale is the spectacular firework display set to music. www.dickensnight.co.uk

Walk this way…
Walk away from the Market Square towards Coleshill Road and head towards the canal. Stroll along the canal towpath to watch the narrow boats navigate the locks and spot the stunning ironwork heritage sculpture by the bridge. This marks one of the starting points for the 25 mile circular route around North Warwickshire known as the North Arden Heritage Trail (see page 20).

The Ball Game
The town is renowned for its annual Atherstone Ball Game, which has been played since the 12th century, even during two World Wars! This no holds barred version of the beautiful game is played every Shrove Tuesday afternoon along Long Street using a ball, which is specially made each year. Originally a match between Warwickshire and Leicestershire lads, it now involves hundreds of players of all ages. The winner is the person left holding the ball when the klaxon sounds at 5.00pm.
Polesworth

In the 16th century, the site of Polesworth vicarage was then Polesworth Hall and the home of Henry Goodere. He was a friend of several poets who became known as the ‘Polesworth Circle’. This elite group included the poet John Donne and the dramatist Ben Jonson, whilst Michael Drayton, born in Hartshill in 1563, attended school here. Polesworth may also have links with the childhood and education of the great bard himself, William Shakespeare.

The Polesworth Poetry Trail
The town’s literary connections are now commemorated in the Polesworth Poetry Trail. Starting from the Abbey, follow the 10 waymarkers engraved with poems created by local people to celebrate the area’s history and heritage. A new phase of the trail will take walkers to Pooley Country Park (see page 19).

Polesworth Abbey and Gateway
The 12th century Abbey is at the heart of the town, next to the River Anker and Abbey Green Park. Visitors can stroll in the sensory garden, constructed on the site of the cloisters, where the Benedictine nuns would once have walked in prayer. Enjoy the Fairtrade refreshments in The Refectory and view the audio-visual presentations on the history of the Abbey.

The beautiful mediaeval, two storey Abbey Gateway has been restored to provide two guest apartments and is open to visitors on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Booking essential: 01827 892340.

The Abbey is open Tuesday - Friday 11am-4pm; Saturday 10.30am-1pm and Sunday 2pm-4pm.
Tel: 01827 892340 or see www.polesworthabbey.heralded.org.uk; email: polesworthabbey@aol.com

The Tithe Barn
A Grade II listed building, dating back to the mid 17th century, the Tithe Barn was renovated in 1995 along with the Hall Court site. It is now owned by the Parish Council and can be booked for meetings and community activities.

Coleshill

Coleshill is the most western of North Warwickshire’s market towns, characterised by its steep main street and range of specialised shops. It is an ancient coaching town, taking its name from the River Cole with its striking mediaeval bridge. During the 18th century, Coleshill became one of the coaching stops on the main London to Holyhead route. Nowadays, travellers are far more likely to take advantage of the train services and free parking at Coleshill Parkway, opened in 2007!

Stocks and schools
The town stocks, restored in 1998, are unique in Warwickshire, as they also combine a pillory and whipping post. These stand on Church Hill outside the old Market Hall, which houses a Heritage Centre and exhibition area and is also the headquarters of the Coleshill Civic Society. For details of events and to hire the Hall, ring: 01675 465557.

Further along is the house, which was Coleshill Grammar School, dating back to 1520. Next door, is the church of St Peter and Paul, which dominates the town and has superb views over the surrounding countryside. Worth seeing are the 12th century Norman font and the brass in the nave, displaying the six-fingered hand.

Coleshill’s markets
Every Friday morning, the WI Market meets at the Parish Rooms. On the fourth Friday of every month, the Farmers’ Market brings together a variety of local produce. Take your pick from free range eggs; bread, honey and home-made sweet and savoury pies.

Since 1982, Coleshill has been twinned with Chassieu in France and has developed close links with Usingen in Germany.
The Hall is a grade II listed building, site of special scientific interest and former home of two British naturalists, Francis Willoughby and John Ray. Beautiful walled gardens and nature trail, 40 acres of grounds, 16th Century jetted building, tea rooms, gift shop and Courtyard Craft Centre. Middleton Hall has a programme of events throughout the year.

The Peel Collection and Police Museum celebrates the life of Sir Robert Peel, who lived at nearby Drayton Manor and is famous for founding the modern police force, hence the name ‘Bobbies’. There were 6 Sir Robert Peels of Drayton Manor, who went from fortune and fame to a common grave.

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Business matters in the Borough

Coal mining was a major industry in North Warwickshire until the late 1980s. It provided employment for over 12,000 people in the 1940s and 1950s at 17 pits in the Borough at places like Baddesley, Birch Coppice, Dordon, Kingsbury and Polesworth. Daw Mill Colliery at Arley, owned by UK Coal, is the one remaining ‘super-pit’ in Warwickshire and is Britain’s biggest coal producer.

From mediaeval times, Atherstone was famous for its felt hats, trilbys, caps and even Tommy Cooper’s fezes! After the Second World War, the hatting trade suffered a huge slump in demand. To try and combat the decline, the Men’s Hat Promotion, chaired by local hat manufacturer, Gerald Austin, coined the famous phrase: ‘If you want to get ahead get a hat’. As fashion gradually became more casual, the hatting trade declined and the last factory, Wilson and Stafford on Colehill Road, closed in 1993.

Back to the 21st century and North Warwickshire is making a name for itself as a well-placed base for distribution due to excellent road and rail networks and our proximity to Birmingham International Airport. A few minutes from junction 10 of the M42 is Birch Coppice Business Park, owned by IM Properties. Its ideal location has attracted companies such as TNT, Severn Trent Services and UPS and online supermarket, Ocado will be locating there in 2012.

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Alistair Cochrane, Managing Director
TNT Express Services UK & Ireland

Coleshill is an increasingly attractive location for businesses since the opening of Coleshill Parkway station in 2007. The town has a number of industrial estates, whilst Coleshill Manor is a prestigious office development in the grounds of an 18th century Grade II listed manor hall. The National Manufacturing and Distribution Centre is at Hams Hall near Coleshill, close to Junction 9 of the M42 with the Channel Tunnel Rail Freight Terminal nearby. Businesses already established here include Sainsbury’s, E.ON and the BMW engine plant.

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Nick Spencer, Plant Director, BMW Plant Hams Hall.

From Birch Coppice, travel south on the A5 to Atherstone, which is the base for BHS’s distribution centre on Carlyon Road Industrial Estate and the headquarters of Aldi and TNT on the Holly Lane Industrial Estate.

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North Warwickshire’s countryside -

a breath of fresh air

Hartshill Hayes Country Park
Visit Hartshill Hayes and enjoy panoramic views across North Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire. The site was chosen for a fort in Iron Age times and the remains of Roman pottery kilns have also been found in the area. There are three walks through the Park, including a route which forms part of the North Arden Heritage Trail (see page 20) and a new downloadable MP3 ‘Miners Walk’. The Visitor Centre is open at weekends selling leaflets, gifts, snacks and drinks, whilst the children’s adventure play area is a popular attraction.

Kingsbury Water Park
Created from former gravel pits, Kingsbury Water Park consists of 30 lakes and pools set in 620 acres of landscaped countryside. In 2010, it was awarded the Enjoy England Quality Rose mark, ranking it alongside attractions such as Blackpool Tower and the Tower of London! With 350,000 visitors a year, it is the most popular park in the County.

There are footpaths and trails, Echills Wood miniature railway, fishing, bikes to hire and mobility scooters on loan. New for 2011 is the children’s play area in a newly landscaped area overlooking Bodymoor Heath Water. Sailing, powerboats, jet bikes and model boat clubs are also based at the Water Park.

Pooley Country Park
The third of North Warwickshire’s country parks is on the site of the former Pooley Hall Colliery at Polesworth, which closed on Good Friday 1965. It was the first mine to generate its own electricity from excess steam in the 1920s and the first to install pithead baths in 1928. This mining heritage is celebrated in the rainbow coloured colliery wheel erected on the site and in the memorabilia in Pooley’s Visitor Centre and Tea Room.

Enjoy a walk by the canal or meander along the paths used by miners as far back as 1846. Follow the spiral path up to Pooley’s golden tower of birch leaves, in memory of the first trees to grow on the site after the colliery closed. Relax and recuperate in the Tea Room and browse the artefacts commemorating life as a North Warwickshire miner. Just a short walk from Pooley is Alvecote Priory Picnic Area on the site of a former 14th century Benedictine Priory. This three acre site is a picturesque spot on the Coventry Canal, ideal for a family picnic.

For more details about all the Country Parks, including opening times and car parking charges, go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parks

Shustoke - the Reservoir
Owned by Severn Trent Water, Shustoke Reservoir is the ideal place for a gentle two mile stroll around the larger of the two reservoirs. This is also the home of Shustoke Sailing Club, whilst Shustoke Fly-fishers use the smaller reservoir.

Shustoke - the Show
The annual Whitacres and Shustoke Show at Blyth Hall near Shustoke, attracts hundreds of people from miles around. There are fairground attractions, falconry displays, classic cars, craft stalls and a charity horse show. The traditional horticultural tent houses award winning floral arrangements alongside prize winning cakes and vegetables.

www.whitacresandshustoke.com
The second Sunday in August sees the annual Fillongley Show held at Stonebridge Farm in Corley. Check out the details at www.fillongleyshow.org.uk
North Warks walks

The Borough’s beautiful countryside, canal towpaths and Country Parks are popular places for a gentle stroll or a bracing walk. The North Arden Heritage Trail, developed over four years, is a 25 mile route around the Borough using existing footpaths and passing through 12 parishes.

Each parish also has its own circular walk complete with specially commissioned art installations to commemorate local history and heritage. Look out for the stone bench at Baddestley, the family sculpture at Fillongley and the stepping stones at Shustoke. To find out more and to download copies of the walks, go to www.northardenheritagetrail.co.uk

North Warwickshire Borough Council’s sports and leisure centres - just for the health of it!

Four sports and leisure centres provide a range of sports, recreation and fitness activities for all ages. On offer are badminton, squash, football, exercise classes with everything from aerobics to Zumba and the popular Lifetimes Fitness Suites. Children can have fun at birthday parties and join in coaching courses and activities during the school holidays.

As well as the Fitness Suite and popular pool, Atherstone Leisure Complex has a Studio Gym offering a 30 minute full body workout and the latest ‘Powerplates’. The Memorial Hall next door is a regular venue for concerts and shows and is available to hire for weddings, exhibitions and meetings. Contact your local centre or the website at www.northwarks.gov.uk/leisure

North Warwickshire must be a golfer’s paradise, with eight courses scattered around the Borough. The most famous of these is at The Belfry, headquarters of the Professional Golfers’ Association. The Belfry has hosted the Ryder Cup tournament four times, with the last one taking place in 2002. Set in 500 acres of countryside, it has three 18 hole golf courses, including the famous championship course, The Brabazon.

As well as the Belfry, there are also courses at Lea Marston Hotel and at the Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel and Country Club. Other golfing venues include Atherstone, Maxstoke, Oakridge, Purley Chase, and Stonebridge golf clubs.

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Polesworth Sports Centre Cordon Road, Dordon. Tel: 01827 894091.

Tee time in North Warwickshire
Places to visit - from a book farm to a bird reserve

Astley Book Farm
Astley Book Farm opened in former farm buildings in 2004 and is, appropriately, situated on the Arbury Estate, the birthplace of the Victorian novelist, George Eliot. It now houses around 70,000 volumes and is known as ‘the largest second-hand bookshop in the Midlands’. Book-worms can enjoy a cappuccino and a cream tea in the coffee shop whilst browsing through their favourite literary work. The Book Farm is open every day from 10am - 5pm. Tel: 02476 490235
www.astleybookfarm.com

Ash End House Children’s Farm
Ash End House Farm is a family owned business, which has operated as a Children’s Farm for nearly 30 years. It provides an enjoyable and educational hands-on experience for children of all ages and their families. It now incorporates the Shire Horse Centre, the Big Barn play area and the farm allotments, where children can help harvest the vegetables and herbs. Ash End House runs a variety of events throughout the year, is a great venue for a children’s party and specialises in guided tours for school groups. Tel: 0121 329 3240
www.childrensfarm.co.uk

Broomey Croft Children’s Farm
Situated next door to Kingsbury Water Park, Broomey Croft Children’s Farm is an award winning children’s farm. Youngsters will love seeing and feeding the animals and visiting the play barn, gift shop and Granary Tea Rooms. An added extra is a free ride on the farm’s tractor and trailer! Broomey Croft welcomes children’s birthday parties and visits from schools and groups. However, it does close for the winter season from October until the February half-term. Tel: 01827 873844
www.broomeycroftfarm.co.uk

Hoar Park Shopping Village and Children’s Farm
Hoar Park dates back to the 1430s and nestles in 141 acres of wooded countryside. Its 18th century farm buildings have been converted into a number of small shops selling a range of goods from handmade chocolates and cupcakes to crafts and clothing. The Granary Antiques Centre and the award winning café and restaurant are also situated around the pretty courtyard. Other attractions include a children’s farm, a circular country walk, fishing pools and regular antiques auctions. Hoar Park is open Tuesday-Sunday. Tel: 02476 394433
www.hoar-park.co.uk

RSPB Middleton Lakes
Next door to Middleton Hall is Middleton Lakes, the RSPB bird reserve which opened in 2011. 400 acres of old gravel quarry have been transformed into a peaceful haven to enjoy walks and wildlife. With its lakes, reed beds, meadows and woodlands, Middleton Lakes looks set to become one of the best birdwatching sites in the area. Regular events include guided walks and family activities. Parking and entrance is free. Tel: 01827 259454
www.rspb.org.uk/reserves
A wealth of history and heritage

Astley Castle and Church
Once a fortified manor house, Astley Castle was built during the reign of Edward I. It was the family home of Lady Jane Grey who was Queen of England for nine days in 1553. Both Astley Church and Castle feature in the novels of George Eliot, who as Mary Ann Evans, grew up on the estate.

After World War 2, the Castle became a hotel until it was left derelict after a fire in 1978. In 2009, the Landmark Trust, which is a buildings preservation charity, began a scheme to rejuvenate the building. It now has a new future as a holiday let offering modern accommodation, whilst a heritage trail around the site will ensure its rich history is preserved. www.landmarktrust.org.uk

Blyth Hall
Blyth Hall, east of Coleshill, was built in the 16th century and then enlarged in 1625, when it became the home of the famous antiquary and county historian, Sir William Dugdale, Garter King of Arms. It was refronted early in the 18th century and contains fine staircases from both the 17th and 18th centuries. The Dugdale family still lives in Blyth Hall but opens up the grounds every year for the Whitacres and Shustoke Show.

Mancetter Manor
This is a fine timber framed hall house, of cruck construction, built about 1330. The Manor was the home of Guy de Mancetter who died in 1364, leaving the estate and an inheritance to his three daughters. Subsequent owners included the Glover family, who were staunch Protestants during the reign of Mary. Once a hotel and restaurant, Mancetter Manor is now privately owned.

Maxstoke Castle and Priory
This 14th century moated castle was built by William de Clinton, Earl of Huntingdon. Although the original wooden bridge and drawbridge have been replaced by a stonebridge, the gatehouse, crenellated curtain walls and corner towers remain complete. Inside the courtyard is a Tudor, timber-framed wing and much of the original dwelling house.

Sir Thomas Dilke bought Maxstoke Castle in 1599 and the Fetherston-Dilke family still owns and lives in it today. Every June, the family throw open their doors to the public for an Open Day to raise money for charity.

Maxstoke Priory, a mile and a half from the Castle, was also founded by William de Clinton in 1336 for Augustinian Canons. The remains today include two gatehouses, the church tower, granary and lengths of wall.

Merevale Hall
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Packington Hall
This 18th century building is the private home of the Earl and Countess of Aylesford. Packington Hall stands in a park of around 300 acres, with a deer park, fisheries and the Forest of Arden Golf and Country Club. The grounds were laid out by Capability Brown and his plans of 1751 are kept in the house. The Hall, built in 1693, is in the Italian Renaissance style, with interior design by Joseph Bonomi. The Hall and Park are not open to the public but there is some availability for small conferences and dinners. Tel: 01676 522020 and see www.packingtonestate.co.uk
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