Introduction

This partnership plan overview has been prepared by the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership to help set out the objectives and aims of the partnership for the 2015/16 year. This is intended to inform local residents and other stakeholders including the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner of the specific actions the partnership will carry out during the forthcoming year.

North Warwickshire is a rural borough and the vision for the borough is “Rural North Warwickshire; a community of communities. A place where people want to live, work and visit, now and in the future, which meets the diverse needs of existing and future residents, is sensitive to the local environment, and contributes to a high quality of life. A place which is safe and inclusive, well planned, built and run, and offers equality of opportunity and good services for all.”

Foreward by Councillor David Reilly
Chair of the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and the Borough Council’s Safer Communities Sub Committee.

As a Community Safety Partnership we are committed to working together to reduce crime and disorder across North Warwickshire. Our goal is to ensure that North Warwickshire remains a healthy, happy, prosperous and safe place to live, work and visit.

We are a multi-agency partnership and we work together to focus our shared efforts and assets to protect vulnerable people and places, prevent and rehabilitate offending behaviour, and provide support to empower local communities to tackle local problems.

This plan sets out our priorities for the coming year. They are based on the findings of the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment for 2015/16. We have set ourselves challenging priorities to protect our people and communities from anti-social behaviour, violent crime, substance misuse and property crime. During the coming year we will strive to build on our successes of the last year, the notable of which are:

- We provided professional safeguarding and health support to 53 victims of domestic violence.
- We worked hard to reduce anti-social behaviour with some notable successes in tackling the use of off-road motorcycles and the provision of diversionary activities through our ‘Dob-Em-In’ and BEATS initiatives.
- Working with the Warwickshire Integrated Offender Management Scheme we focussed local joint efforts on preventing recidivism and achieve a local reoffending rate of 22% which is better than the county average.
- We saw the number of reported crimes reduce again. Reported crime in North Warwickshire has reduced by 40% over the last decade from over 5,000 recorded offences to a little over 3,000 last year.
During the coming year we will work closely with our Parish and Town Councils, the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board and our neighbouring community safety partnerships based in Nuneaton and Bedworth, Rugby and South Warwickshire. We will also ensure that North Warwickshire’s interests and needs are effectively supported by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire, the Youth Justice Service, the Drug and Alcohol Action Team and Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse.

If you think we can help make your community a safer place then please contact us.

David Reilly  
Chair North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership
The North Warwickshire Overview

North Warwickshire is a low crime area however there are crime and disorder problems which require attention and the fear of crime amongst local residents is often disproportionately higher than might be expected.

The borough is often targeted by cross border offenders from neighbouring areas including Solihull, Coventry, Birmingham and other areas and safeguarding our communities who live and work on the boundaries of our borough is a priority for our partnership.

Anti social behaviour concerns are regularly highlighted at Area Forums for priority attention by the local Safer Neighbourhood Teams and other partners. A multi agency problem solving approach is taken when developing actions to address the concerns. Throughout last year reports of motorbike nuisance and inconsiderate and dangerous car parking have been a regular issue across the borough.

Problems associated with licensed premises are considered by a multi agency group and this can lead to requests for a review of licenses and conditions.

Domestic Abuse is a significant element of the violent crime experienced within the borough. During 2014/15 36% of the violence offences were domestic violence related with 204 crimes being reported during the year.

Rural Crime

An analytical overview of rural crime recently prepared by the Warwickshire Observatory has evidenced that during 2013 North Warwickshire experienced 2151 reported crimes in rural areas; this accounted for 72% of all the crime in the borough. Rural crime is defined as any crime that has occurred in a rural lower super output area. North Warwickshire has 28 rural (74%) and 10 urban (26%) lower super output areas.

The analysis found that in North Warwickshire 78% of domestic burglaries, 60% of violent crime, 72% of burglary other offences, 63% of criminal damage, 79% of vehicle crimes and 83% of theft other offences were all reported in rural areas.

As a partnership we consider rural crime to be a significant priority. As a result significant work is being carried out to support and enhance a Warwickshire Rural Watch Scheme.

The Rural Watch Scheme forms part of the Rural Crime Project which is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and builds upon the good practice of the Horse Watch Scheme. A Rural Crime Co-ordinator, with support of Warwickshire County Council Community Safety Team and the Police manage the scheme and the schemes website. The website provides an extensive range of crime prevention and target hardening advice which is an excellent crime prevention tool. The Community Safety Team continue to identify crime trends and patterns in the rural communities and direct the Co-ordinator as necessary.

The website address is:

www.warwickshireruralwatch.co.uk
Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras

The implementation of the North Warwickshire Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera Scheme is helping address the rural crime issues being experienced. Cross border offenders are believed to be responsible for the vast majority of the crimes in our rural wards and the ANPR cameras are providing real-time intelligence to identify and prosecute offenders who target our rural communities.

Arson Reduction

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service carry out patrols in rural locations to help prevent risk of small deliberate fires and anti social behaviour. The Bike Team patrols are carried out over the summer months and during the time around Bonfire night and Halloween. Teams of firefighters working with PCSO’s to patrol hard to reach areas to engage with young people and members of the local community using cycles.

North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership

The partnership includes all the named responsible authorities including North Warwickshire Borough Council, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Warwickshire & West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company and other partners.

The work of the Partnership is overseen strategically by a North Warwickshire Responsible Authorities Group.

How is the partnership organised?

Partnership activity is carried out at both a district and county level through a number of existing groups and arrangements. At a district level a North Warwickshire Responsible Authorities Group provides leadership and strategic direction in a local context. This group oversees the work of a number of operational groups that are set out below:

Special Interest Group: The Special Interest Group focuses on our higher volume crimes including violent crime, vehicle crime, business crime, domestic burglary, anti social behaviour incidents and other specific crime types. The group also supports our Arson Reduction Task Force with Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service. To supplement the work of this group a monthly partnership tasking meeting is held to consider emerging issues of crime and anti social behaviour.

Vulnerable Victims Case Management Group

This group was set up in 2013/14 to oversee individual case management plans for identified vulnerable victims. Risk Assessments for repeat victims are carried out and high risk cases are subject to specific case management plans. The group includes representatives from the Responsible Authorities and other partners including Victim Support.

Integrated Offender Management: The Integrated Offender Management Group is a multi agency scheme to help reduce the reoffending of identified offenders who commit a disproportionately large amount of crime. The requirements for the scheme are part of the statutory responsibilities of Community Safety Partnerships. The role of the group covers a wider Integrated Offender Management role to help respond to duties to reduce reoffending.

Multi Agency Action Planning: Specific multi agency meetings are arranged as necessary to identify actions to address the community priorities agreed through Area Forum Safer Neighbourhoods presentations and discussions.
Northern Warwickshire Domestic Violence Forum: The Domestic Violence Forum is a multi agency forum arranged jointly with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and the voluntary sector to help improve support services for victims of domestic abuse. The Community Safety Partnership in conjunction with the Council’s Housing Division helps provide additional support services provided by the Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Counselling Services which seek to improve access to support services for local residents.

At a county level there are also a number of partnership arrangements which contribute towards the locally based activity and local strategy. The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board supports the following county wide arrangements:

County Wide Integrated Offender Management Steering Group: This group is a combination of two groups to oversee the work of each of the district based IOM schemes and a group to oversee the Drug Intervention Programme (treatment services for drug misuse) and other interventions for alcohol and drug misuse organised at a county wide level.

Drug and Alcohol Management Group: A multi agency group to co-ordinate partnership activity aimed at reducing the impact of alcohol and drug misuse across Warwickshire.

Community Safety Officers Group: This partnership group meets to help share good practice and shared objectives between partners.

Youth Justice Management Group: The Warwickshire Youth Justice Service is a multi disciplinary team which works in partnership with other teams and agencies including Social Care, Probation, Police, Education and Careers and health. The Youth Justice Service (formerly the Youth Offending Service) works with young people aged between 10 and 17 years who have offended or are likely to do so. The Youth Justice Service aims to prevent young people offending and works with young people, parents and victims of crime.

Warwickshire Casualty Reduction Partnership: This is a partnership working to reduce road deaths and injuries. The partnership includes Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police, Coventry and Warwickshire Ambulance Trust, NHS Warwickshire, the Highways Agency and Warwickshire Fire and Rescue.

Taking into account the findings of the North Warwickshire Strategic Assessment 2015/16 the following priorities for the year 2015/16 have been agreed by the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership;

Violent Crime with a focus on:
- Town centre alcohol and drug related violence
- Sexual violence
- Domestic abuse related violence
- Violence with injury

Anti Social Behaviour with a focus on:
- Personal anti social behaviour
- Tackling motorcycle nuisance
- Diverting youth related anti social behaviour
- Tackling alcohol related anti social behaviour
- Town centre locations

Property Crime
- Preventing the theft of and from vehicles
- Preventing residential and non residential burglary other with a focus on rural locations
Drugs and Alcohol Harm Reduction with a focus on:

- violent crime and anti social behaviour

The partnership activity will include prevention, education, access to treatment and support, reducing offending and criminal behaviours, rehabilitation of offenders with drug and alcohol addictions and supporting local communities.

Reducing Re-offending with a focus on:

- Supporting the Warwickshire Integrated Offender Management Scheme and the seven pathways to reducing reoffending including
- Employment, training and education
- Accommodation
- Health
- Drugs and alcohol
- Finance, benefits and debt
- Children and families
- Attitude, thinking and behaviour
- Tackling cross border and repeat offenders of serious acquisitive crime

The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership will work to deliver local projects and initiatives to address the priorities within this partnership plan by supporting and facilitating the delivery of the following objectives:

1. **Violent Crime**
   - Coordinating a joined up approach to problematic licensed premises through a Multi Agency Licensing Enforcement meeting
   - The provision of counselling services for victims of domestic abuse
   - Working with young people to reduce the risk of them becoming a victim and or an offender of violence and sexual offences
   - Championing and raising awareness of safeguarding and protecting vulnerable people
   - Promoting awareness of the risks associated with alcohol and drug misuse
   - Supporting the Atherstone Town Safe scheme to reduce incidents of violent crime

2. **Anti-social behaviour**
   - Reducing the risk of harm for vulnerable victims by implementing multi agency case management plans
   - Working with young people to reduce the risk of them engaging in anti-social behaviour by providing positive diversionary activities
   - Working with local communities to help reduce incidents of motorbike nuisance including implementing environmental security measures and promoting the “Dob em in” reporting initiative
   - Promoting awareness of the risks associated with alcohol and drug misuse to young people and their parents and signposting local support and treatment services
   - Target identified town centre and other hot spot locations using the sara problem solving approach
   - Deploying mobile cctv cameras at priority locations to enhance public reassurance and prevent incidents of anti social behaviour

3. **Domestic Burglary**
   - Reducing the risk of repeat victimisation of domestic burglary victims in priority locations through the provision of crime prevention advice and security measures
   - Working with local communities to encourage participation in Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch
4. **Vehicle Crime**
   - Reducing the risk of repeat victims of theft from vehicles in priority locations through provision of crime prevention advice and security measures
   - Target hardening priority locations using the S.A.R.A problem solving approach

5. **Burglary Non Dwelling**
   - Reducing the risk of repeat victims of burglary in priority locations through provision of crime prevention advice and security measures
   - Working with local communities to encourage participation in Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch
   - Support the Warwickshire Rural Watch Scheme to reduce crime in rural communities by promoting effective techniques for engaging rural communities to enable them to become more self resilient in preventing crime.

6. **Reducing Re-offending**
   - Effectively supporting and contributing to the Integrated Offender Management Scheme for the identified offenders from North Warwickshire
   - Supporting the County wide arrangements for offender engagement with and retention in drug and alcohol treatment services
   - Reducing offending by cross border offenders committing serious acquisitive crime by maximising the use of the network of automatic number plate recognition cameras within the borough to analyse and share intelligence to inform targeted policing operations
   - To consider the scope to enhance the network of automatic number plate recognition cameras within the borough

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