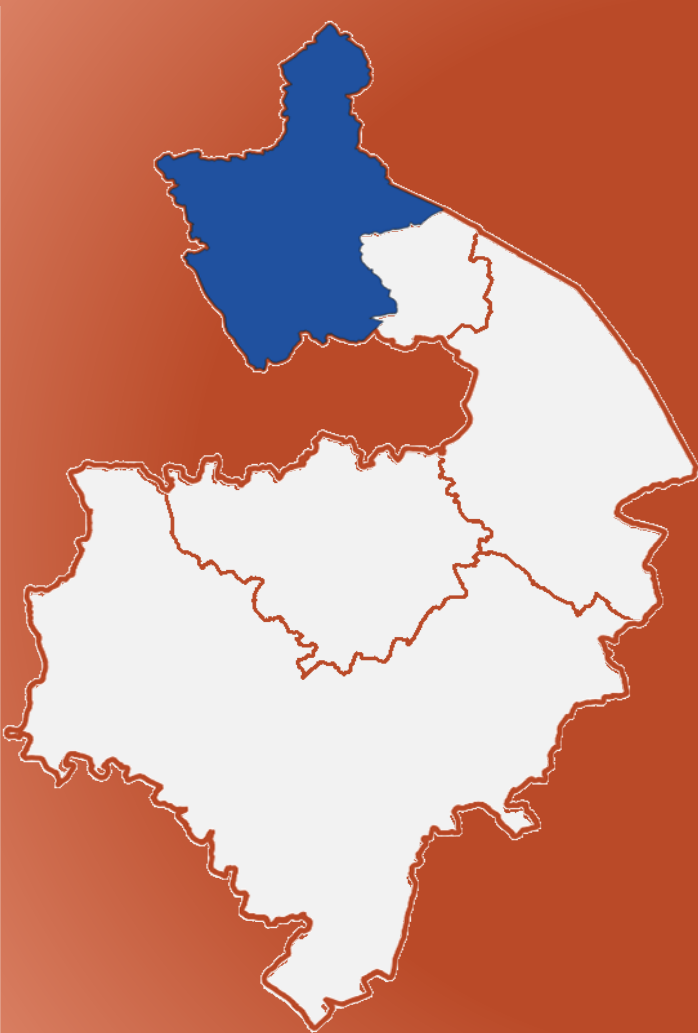


North Warwickshire Borough CSP Strategic Assessment *(Sanitised Version)*

2025/26 to 2028/29



Confirmed Priorities



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Time Period

The examined period for this Strategic Assessment document is 1st August 2023 – 31st July 2024, with more recent data used where available. Certain data sets were not available between these dates so where alternative time periods have been used they have been outlined within the report.

Notes to the Data

Where 'Rate per 1,000 Population' is shown, this is based on ONS Annual Mid-Year 2023 Population Estimates. Partnership data has been obtained from a number of community safety partners in Warwickshire and is referenced throughout this report.

In addition, virtual and online consultations took place in May and June 2024 for this year's Strategic Assessment process to ensure that all available information was gathered and used in the analysis. The Warwickshire Your Say on Community Safety Survey was also conducted in July 2024, with resident responses used to further inform this analysis.

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Introduction

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are statutorily responsible for formulating and implementing strategies for:

- The reduction of crime and disorder (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment)
- Combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances
- The reduction of reoffending
- Preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence and reducing instances of serious violence

The CSP must produce or procure a Strategic Assessment to inform its priorities and to update the Partnership Plan (also locally known as the “Community Safety Plan”) which sets out what the CSP is doing to address these priorities. Following a comprehensive review of the Strategic Assessment process in Warwickshire during 2020 it was agreed that a full document will be produced for each CSP on a four yearly basis. MoRiLE scoring is also carried out every two years with all CSP partners as part of the Warwickshire CSP Strategic Assessment process. The Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan are reviewed annually against in-year reporting. These annual and biennial processes enable any emerging issues to be identified and to inform any new proposed priorities, ensuring the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan remain valid.

The purpose of this report is to provide the CSP with:

- 1. A review of the current 2021/22 - 2024/25 priorities**
- 2. Analysis of crime and disorder to inform priority setting**
- 3. The identification of any emerging themes for consideration**
- 4. A series of tailored recommendations**
- 5. Proposal for the suggested 2025/26 - 2028/29 priorities**

This is a sanitised version of the full North Warwickshire Borough CSP Strategic Assessment 2025-29. The full written analysis and infographics have been removed due to the sensitive nature of this information and in line with data sharing agreements.

Home Office Changes & Caveats

The following changes have affected volumes of recorded offences within the time period covered in this report – from April 2022:

- June 2022 – New offence of ‘Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation’ (included within Domestic Abuse offences)
- May 2023 – Principle Crime Rule reversing the amendments made in 2018 for stalking, harassment and controlling and coercive behaviour. Previously these offences were recorded in addition to the most serious notifiable offence. However, this is now no longer the case and has contributed to a reduction in overall volumes of offences, most notably within domestic abuse trends.
- May 2023 – new guidance amending the threshold for Malicious Communications. This has increased the threshold and is likely to have led to a reduction in overall volumes of offences, most notably within domestic abuse trends.
- May 2023 – burglary classifications amended to Residential Burglary – home; Residential Burglary – unconnected building; Burglary Business & Community.

MoRiLE Scoring

MoRiLE (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement) Thematic Guidance specifically for CSPs was introduced in 2020 to assist CSPs with the setting of priorities, strategic planning and allocation of resources. This guidance was first used as part of the 2021-25 Strategic Assessment process to assess the level of risk for Warwickshire community safety themes. Countywide MoRiLE scoring sessions were held in September 2024 with partners and specialists, and the themes were grouped using a red, amber and green colour-coded risk banding system, following the guidance. These risk bands are used to guide prioritisation, with detailed analysis within the full Strategic Assessment report informing whether these are current or emerging issues for the CSP.

Priorities – Current (2021/22-24/25) and Confirmed for 2025/26-2028/29

The below illustrates the previous priorities for 2021/22 to 2024/25 and the confirmed priorities for 2025/26 to 2028/29. The new priorities for 2025/26 to 2028/29 were agreed by the North Warwickshire CSP Board on 19th March 2025.

Current Priorities for 2021/22 to 2024/25



Confirmed Priorities for 2025/26 to 2028/29



Additional Themes of Note

Theme of Note: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Theme of Note: Hate Crime

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Theme of Note: Rape and Other Sexual Offences

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Theme of Note: Harmful Practices

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Theme of Note: Serious Organised Crime (SOC)

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Theme of Note: Cyber Fraud

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to continue monitoring Personal and Nuisance ASB but with a specific focus on long-term repeat victims of Personal ASB.
- NW CSP to continue to identify vulnerable communities where awareness and support services should be promoted in relation to Harmful Practices. Engage with the Violence Against Women and Girls Board where this community safety theme is addressed.
- NW CSP to adopt 'Business Crime at Motorways Services in North Warwickshire Borough' as a specific priority.
- NW CSP to focus crime prevention messaging on advising residents against sharing sexually explicit photos via social media.
- NW CSP Board members to use their influence to encourage national activity in relation to the Online Safety Act.

Cross Cutting Theme – Vulnerability with a focus on indicators most relevant to the CSP

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to continue with the cross-cutting theme of 'Vulnerability' with a focus on 'Vulnerable children in North Warwickshire Borough, and improving attendance and behaviour at school'.
- NW CSP to support 'Creating Opportunities' activity in Mancetter South and Ridge Lane LSOA and Atherstone Town Centre LSOA.

Cross Cutting Theme – Reducing Reoffending

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to continue with 'Reducing Reoffending' as a cross-cutting theme.
- It is recommended that the Reoffending Tracker is used regularly by Youth Justice Service teams to help identify early issues to help improve reoffending performance and outcomes for individuals, liaising with CSP agencies where appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

Cross Cutting Theme – Public Perception of Crime

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to remove 'Public perception of crime' as a cross-cutting theme.
- NW CSP to encourage more engagement from local residents with community safety surveys and the Streetsafe Tool to provide a more in-depth indication of the public perception towards crime and anti-social behaviour. Consideration of using focus groups to gain qualitative based responses.
- NW CSP to consider crime prevention activity to focus on safety during the hours of darkness to improve feelings of safety.

Cross Cutting Theme – Substance Misuse

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendation:

- NW CSP to retain 'Substance misuse' as a cross-cutting theme.

Current Priority – Violent Crime - Focus on Knife Crime, Domestic Abuse and Alcohol Related Offences

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to reframe 'Violent Crime' to solely 'Domestic Violence' as a priority due to the majority of offences being domestic related, with a focus on 'reducing and preventing long-term repeat victimisation'.
- NW CSP to consider monitoring alcohol related violence under the cross-cutting theme of 'Substance Misuse'.

Current Priority – Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) - Focus on Residential Burglary (Dwelling), Vehicle Crime and Personal Robbery.

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to consider amending the priority to be reframed as 'Residential Burglary and Vehicle Crime in locations close to the M6 Motorway (i.e. Curdworth, Fillongley and Coleshill Wards)'.
- NW CSP to remove 'Personal Robbery' from this priority but it is recommended that the CSP consider crime prevention activity in public places around the borough to prevent increases in personal robbery offences.

Current Priority – Rural Crime (based on the rural and wildlife crime strategy definition)

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendation:

- NW CSP to retain 'Rural Crime' as a priority, following the definition of the rural and wildlife strategy.

Current Priority – Road Safety - Focus on Road Traffic Collisions Resulting in People being Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI)

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to retain 'Road Safety with a focus on Killed and Seriously Injured' as a priority.
- NW CSP to continue to engage and support the work of the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, focusing on risk groups identified in this analysis – pedestrians, young drivers and older residents.

Emerging Theme – Business Crime

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to consider adopting 'Business Crime at Motorways Services in NW Borough' as a priority, with a focus on crime prevention to reduce reports of shoplifting and freight crime.
- NW CSP to work with the WCC Community Safety Team Business Crime lead and NaVCIS to implement prevention strategies at *[removed for sanitisation purposes]* Motorway Services.
- NW CSP to work with the Integrated Offender Management Team to identify opportunities to disrupt persistent shoplifters at *[removed for sanitisation purposes]* Motorway Services.

Emerging Theme – Environmental ASB

Written analysis has been removed from this section as part of the sanitisation process.

Strategic Recommendations:

- NW CSP to adopt 'Environmental ASB with a focus on Fly-Tipping' as a strategic priority.
- NW CSP to consider installing cameras at the main fly-tipping hotspots and along key routes to identify offenders.
- NW CSP to monitor fly-tipping incidents through monthly and quarterly processes to identify key hotspots for crime prevention activity.
- NW CSP to continue to urge the Government to review sentencing guidelines for fly-tipping, so that offenders are given bigger fines for more serious offences to act as a deterrent.

Recommendations Table

Recommendations for 2025/26 - 28/29 are listed in the table below and were adopted at the North Warwickshire CSP Board on 19th March 2025.

Section	Recommendation	Action Assigned to	Adopt/Reject
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	NW CSP to continue monitoring Personal and Nuisance ASB as 'business as usual', but with a specific focus on long-term repeat victims of Personal ASB.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
Harmful Practices	NW CSP to continue to identify vulnerable communities where awareness and support services should be promoted in relation to Harmful Practices. Engage with the Violence Against Women and Girls Board where this community safety theme is addressed.	NW CSP	Adopt
Cyber Fraud	NW CSP to focus crime prevention messaging on advising residents against sharing sexually explicit photos via social media.	NW CSP (<i>also acknowledged that WCC CS Team are already doing this countywide</i>)	Adopt
	NW CSP Board members to use their influence to encourage national activity in relation to the Online Safety Act.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
Vulnerability with a focus on indicators most relevant to the CSP	NW CSP to continue with the cross-cutting theme of 'Vulnerability' with a focus on 'Vulnerable children in North Warwickshire Borough, and improving attendance and behaviour at school'.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	NW CSP to support 'Levelling Up' activity in Mancetter South and Ridge Lane LSOA and Atherstone Town Centre LSOA.	NW CSP	Adopt
Reducing Reoffending	NW CSP to continue with 'Reducing Reoffending' as a cross-cutting theme.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	It is recommended that the Reoffending Tracker is used regularly by Youth Justice Service teams to help identify early issues to help improve reoffending performance and outcomes for individuals, liaising with CSP agencies where appropriate on a case-by-case basis.	YJS	Adopt
Public Perception of Crime	'Public perception of crime' to be removed as a cross-cutting theme.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	NW CSP to encourage more engagement from local residents with community safety surveys and the Streetsafe Tool to provide a more in-depth indication of the public perception towards crime and anti-social behaviour. Consideration of focus groups to gain qualitative based responses.	NW CSP	Adopt
	NW CSP to consider crime prevention activity to focus on safety during the hours of darkness to improve feelings of safety.	NW CSP (<i>also noted that WCC CS Team are seeking clarification on street lighting policy</i>)	Adopt
Substance Misuse	NW CSP to retain Substance misuse as a cross-cutting theme.	NW CSP Board	Adopt

Violent Crime - Focus on Knife Crime, Domestic Abuse and Alcohol Related Offences	NW CSP to reframe 'Violent Crime' to solely 'Domestic Violence' as a priority due to the majority of offences being domestic related, with a focus on 'reducing and preventing long-term repeat victimisation'.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	NW CSP to consider monitoring alcohol related violence under the cross-cutting theme of 'Substance Misuse'.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC) - Focus on Residential Burglary (Dwelling), Vehicle Crime and Personal Robbery.	NW CSP to consider amending the priority to be reframed as 'Residential Burglary and Vehicle Crime in locations close to the M6 Motorway (i.e. Curdworth, Fillongley and Coleshill Wards)'.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	NW CSP to remove 'Personal Robbery' from this priority but it is recommended that the CSP consider crime prevention activity in public places around the borough to prevent increases in personal robbery offences.	NW CSP	Adopt
Rural Crime (based on the rural and wildlife crime strategy definition)	NW CSP to retain 'Rural Crime' following the definition of the rural and wildlife strategy definition as a priority.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
Road Safety – focus on Road Traffic Accidents resulting in Killed and Seriously Injured Incidents	NW CSP to retain 'Road Safety with a focus on KSIs' as a priority.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	North Warwickshire CSP to continue to engage and support the work of the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, focusing on risk groups identified in this analysis – pedestrians, young drivers and older residents.	NW CSP and Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership	Adopt
Business Crime	NW CSP to consider adopting 'Business Crime at Motorways Services in NW Borough' as a priority, with a focus on crime prevention to reduce reports of shoplifting and freight crime.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	NW CSP to work with the WCC Community Safety Team Business Crime lead and NaVCIS to implement prevention strategies at <i>[removed for sanitisation purposes]</i> Motorway Services. <i>(NW CSP Board meeting acknowledged that a lot of preventative activity has already taken place at this location.)</i>	NW CSP and WCC Community Safety Team	Adopt
	NW CSP to work with the Integrated Offender Management Team to identify opportunities to disrupt persistent shoplifters at <i>[removed for sanitisation purposes]</i> Motorway Services. <i>(Police highlighted in the NW CSP Board meeting that a Problem-Solving Plan is being set up for this location.)</i>	NW CSP and IOMT	Adopt
Environmental ASB	NW CSP to adopt 'Environmental ASB with a focus on Fly-Tipping' as a strategic priority.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
	NW CSP to consider installing cameras at the main fly-tipping hotspots and along key routes to identify offenders.	NW CSP	Adopt
	NW CSP to monitor fly-tipping incidents through monthly and quarterly processes to identify key hotspots for crime prevention activity.	NW CSP	Adopt

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	NW CSP to continue to urge the Government to review sentencing guidelines for fly-tipping, so that offenders are given bigger fines for more serious offences to act as a deterrent.	NW CSP Board	Adopt
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