

## 2. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

### (i) Burglary

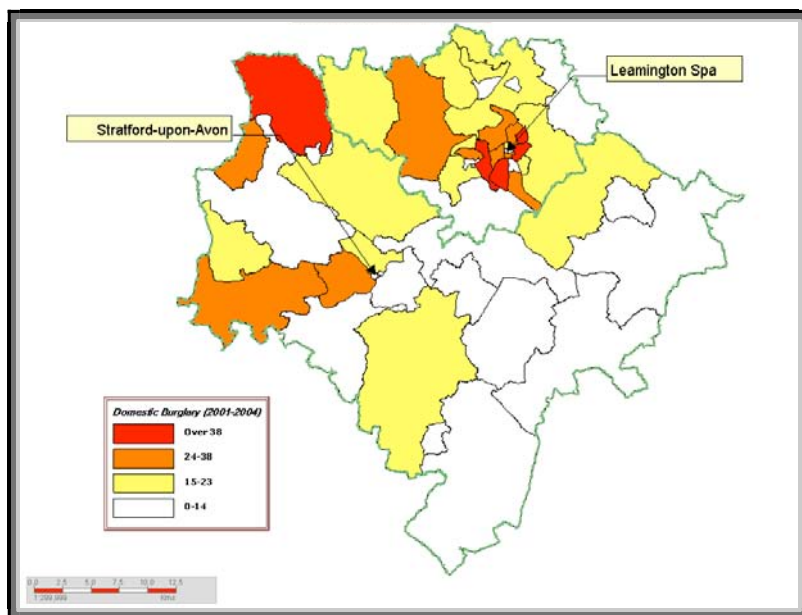
- *Warwickshire Context.* Since 1998/99 recorded domestic burglary has risen by 10.6% across the county, with incremental yearly increases evident post 2000/01. Rates per 1000 households are lower in the south of the County. Levels are now almost identical to the previous peak of 1999/00.

Year	Domestic Burglaries	Rate per 1000 Households	Change on previous year	Change on 1998/99
1998/99	2,886	13.8	-	-
1999/00	3,189	15.2	+ 303	+ 10.5%
2000/01	2,872	13.5	- 317	- 0.5%
2001/02	3,047	14.4	+ 175	+ 5.6%
2002/03	3,069	14.5	+ 22	+ 6.3%
2003/04	3,192	14.9	+ 123	+ 10.6%

- *South Warwickshire Context.* 1,156 domestic burglaries were recorded across South Warwickshire during 2003/04. Contrary to the trend for the county, this constitutes a decrease of 3.7% over the three-year cycle since the previous Crime and Disorder Audit (2000/01). However, a marked increase in the past twelve months may be noted, attributable to fluctuating levels of burglary in Warwick District.

Year	Domestic Burglaries in Warwick District	Domestic Burglaries in Stratford-on-Avon District	South Warwickshire Total
2000/01	782	418	1,200
<b>Three Year Cycle</b>			
2001/02	784	356	1,140
2002/03	629	377	1,006
2003/04	782	374	1,156

- In 2002 each district CDRP set a crime and disorder reduction strategy target to reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 2004/05: to 689 in Warwick District and 313 in Stratford-on-Avon District, representing decreases of 14% and 38% respectively compared with figures for 1999/00. Given the upward trend across the county, it is unsurprising to note that current levels remain considerably higher than these targets, despite reductions of 3% and 26% being attained. However, the target figure for Warwick District was achieved during 2002/03.
- *Mapping.* The following map has been produced using GIS systems to show the average volume of domestic burglary in each police beat across South Warwickshire per annum between 2001/02-2003/04. Beats shaded red are those falling in the highest quartile for burglary across Warwickshire County.



- There is a cluster of beats with high levels of domestic burglary located in residential areas close to Warwick and Leamington Spa town centres. Burglary is higher in the north-west than in other parts of Stratford-on-Avon District, though Tanworth is the only beat with sufficient volume to appear on the list. Three beats – Brunswick, Campion/St. Mary and Emscote/Myton - have ranked amongst the highest 20 beats for burglary across Warwickshire in each of the past three years and may be considered particular priority locations in South Warwickshire.

Police Beat	Average Number of Domestic Burglaries per annum (2001/02-2003/04)
Brunswick	89
Campion/ St. Mary	64
Lillington	56
Emscote/Myton	50
Tanworth	39
Queensway/Heathcote	39

- Property marking using Smartwater (DNA style forensic marking that can be detected under ultra violet light) has now commenced in South Warwickshire. To date parts of Brunswick, Tanworth and Gaydon/Kinerton have been covered. A roll out across Stratford-on-Avon is scheduled to take place during the third year of the current audit cycle (2004/05).
- Following Home Office research in 2001, the economic and social cost of an average domestic burglary stands at £2,300. Allowing for

inflation, this means that domestic burglary cost South Warwickshire approximately £2.79 million in 2003/04. Further police data reveals that the average value of stolen or damaged property per burglary over the same period was actually over £3,000 in Stratford-on-Avon District (£1,500 in Warwick), the highest figure across the county.

## (ii) Violent Crime

- *Warwickshire Context.* Recorded levels of violent crime have risen considerably across the county, with a 216% increase evident from 1998/99 to 2003/04. However changes in crime recording practices (including the inception of the National Crime Recording Standard in 2002) have had a particular impact upon the volume of violent crimes. Changes have not occurred immediately, but over a period of time. As a result, it is difficult to discern reliable trends post 2001/02, though it should be noted that the level of violent crime was showing incremental increases prior to this date. Nevertheless the volume of violent crime remains relatively low compared with the national picture.

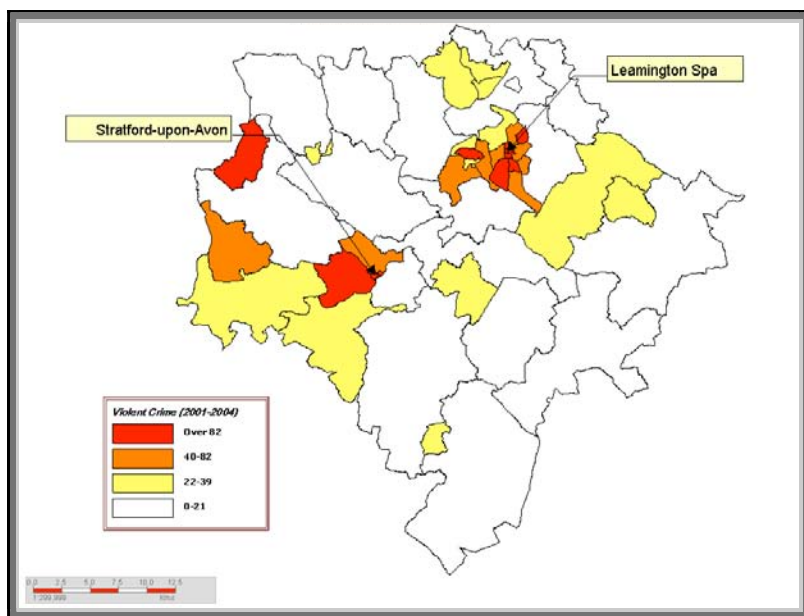
Year	Violent Crimes	Rate per 1000 Population	Change on previous year	Change on 1998/99
1998/99	2426	4.8	-	-
1999/00	2581	5.1	+ 155	+ 6.4%
2000/01	3118	6.1	+ 537	+ 28.5%
2001/02	4714	9.2	+ 1,596	+ 94.3%
2002/03	6315	12.5	+ 1,601	+ 160.3%
2003/04	7671	15.0	+ 1,356	+ 216.2%

- *South Warwickshire Context.* 3093 violent crimes were recorded across South Warwickshire during 2003/04. This constitutes an increase of 116% over the three-year cycle since the previous Crime and Disorder Audit (2000/01). This figure is actually considerably less than the 146% rise seen across Warwickshire County. Increases in the number of violent crimes have been incremental by year across both districts.

Year	Violent Crime in Warwick District	Violent Crime in Stratford-on-Avon District	South Warwickshire Total
2000/01	960	472	1,432
<b>Three Year Cycle</b>			
2001/02	1,399	716	2,115
2002/03	1,723	876	2,599
2003/04	1,907	1,186	3,093

- In 2002 each district set a crime and disorder reduction strategy target to reduce the number of violent crimes by 2004/05: to 1355 in Warwick District and 693 in Stratford-on-Avon District, representing decreases of 3% compared with figures for 2001/02. By 2003/04 recorded violent crime levels have actually risen by 36% and 65% in Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon respectively. The changes in the counting rules will account for this to a large extent, making any trends in impact and variation in violent crime reduction difficult to discern.

- In 2003/04 there were 14.9 violent crimes per 1000 population in Warwick District and 10.5 in Stratford-on-Avon District (the lowest rate across the county). The majority of crimes recorded (90%) were for violence against the person offences (2,788), predominantly s47 assaults (actual bodily harm) and common assault. There were 155 recorded robbery offences and 150 sexual offences during the same period. 61.7% of all violent offences in South Warwickshire occurred in Warwick District, though the proportion of sexual offences is more evenly split (53.3% in Warwick District).
- 87% of known offenders and 90% of victims in Warwick District were residents of the locality in 2003/04. The figures for Stratford-on-Avon District are rather different, with just 65% of known offenders and 61% of victims being district residents.
- Across South Warwickshire four fifths of offenders and three fifths of victims of violent crimes in 2003/04 were male.
- *Mapping.* The following map has been produced using GIS systems to show *the average volume of violent crime in each police beat across South Warwickshire per annum between 2001/02-2003/04. Beats shaded red are those falling in the highest quartile for violent crime across Warwickshire County.*



- There is a particularly noticeable cluster of beats around Leamington Spa Town centre experiencing high levels of violent crime. Further analysis reveals a distinct correlation between the location of offence and a number of pubs and clubs around the town. Stratford-upon-Avon Town centre also returns a particularly high volume of violent crime, again linked to the location of licensed premises. Indeed, alcohol

and/or drug related violence<sup>1</sup> (where the offender is perceived as being under the influence of an intoxicating substance), has increased by 44% in Stratford-on-Avon District and 29% in Warwick District over the past twelve months, though the proviso around counting rules still applies. 35% of all violent offences in South Warwickshire are alcohol related, a figure rising to 45% in Leamington Spa and 40% in Stratford-upon-Avon. However, the beats with the highest volumes of violent crime are not necessarily restricted to town centres – the residential beat of Brunswick has suffered more violent crime in the past three years than three of the four town centre beats in Leamington Spa. However, Studley emerges as the only high crime beat detached from these main towns.

- Six beats – Stratford Town, Old Town, Brunswick, Regency, Binswood and Clarendon - have ranked amongst the highest 20 beats for violent crime across Warwickshire in each of the past three years and may be considered particular priority locations in South Warwickshire.

Police Beat	Average Volume of Violent Crime per annum (2001/02-2003/04)
Stratford Town	260
Leamington Town – Old Town	172
Brunswick	152
Leamington Town – Regency	116
Leamington Town – Binswood	110
Lillington	110
Leamington Town – Clarendon	109
Packmores	106
Queensway/Heathcote	91
Shottery	84
Studley	83

- South Warwickshire has received Home Office funding to establish Operation Acquit aimed at tackling the issues of alcohol-related town centre violence and disorderly behaviour. This has provided enhanced policing through high visibility patrolling and CCTV in particular locations across Leamington Spa and Stratford-upon-Avon.
- As set out in the strategy documentation, the South Warwickshire districts have been working to develop a multi-agency response to domestic violence, including the establishment of Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Teams (DAMATS) and the Stratford-on-Avon Outreach Project (StOP). Whilst the actual level of domestic violence remains an unknown quantity due to under reporting, victims have been actively encouraged to come forward. In 2003/04 there were 1,222 incidents recorded by the police in South Warwickshire. The rates per 1000

<sup>1</sup> The extent of this problem is now measured under the Best Value Performance Indicator BV127d

population were 5.7 in Warwick District and 4.3 in Stratford-on-Avon District, below the county average of 6.0.

- Current statistics for 2003/04 indicate that South Warwickshire is beginning to witness an increase in the level of take-up of domestic violence services, whilst the number of referrals to the police is declining. This would suggest that the domestic violence service provision outlined above has become well established and is beginning to make a tangible impact.
- The average economic and social cost of a violent crime is £540 according to Home Office research (2001) though there are necessarily differing costs associated with particular classifications (e.g. £19,400 for a sexual offence). Allowing for inflation this equates to an overall cost of £6.5 million for South Warwickshire in 2003/04.

## (iii) Vehicle Crime

- *Warwickshire Context.* In 2003/04 the level of recorded vehicle crime fell to 7,256, equivalent to 14.2 offences per 1000 population, and 24.7% lower than the corresponding figure for 1998/99. This reaffirmed a general downward trend in vehicle crime after a period of fluctuation (2001-2003).

Year	Vehicle Crimes	Rate per 1000 Population	Change on previous year	Change on 1998/99
1998/99	9,635	19.0	-	-
1999/00	8,621	17.0	- 1,014	- 10.5%
2000/01	7,430	14.6	- 1,191	- 22.9%
2001/02	8,015	15.7	+ 585	- 16.8%
2002/03	8,477	16.7	+ 462	- 12.0%
2003/04	7,256	14.2	- 1,221	- 24.7%

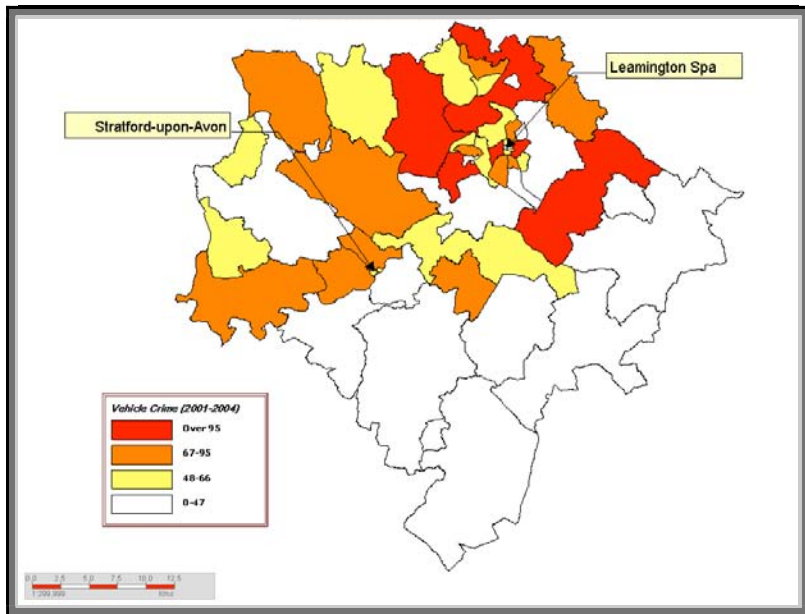
- *South Warwickshire Context.* During 2003/04 there were 2,568 recorded vehicle crime offences across South Warwickshire. The overall yearly patterns at District and South Warwickshire levels mirror the countywide trend. Over the three-year cycle since the previous Crime and Disorder Audit (2000/01), the level of vehicle crime has fallen by 16%. Furthermore, there have been substantial reductions in the past twelve months of 30% in Warwick District and 20% across Stratford-on-Avon District.

Year	Vehicle Crime in Warwick District	Vehicle Crime in Stratford-on-Avon District	South Warwickshire Total
2000/01	1,858	1,195	3,053
<b>Three Year Cycle</b>			
2001/02	1,924	1,265	3,189
2002/03	2,115	1,353	3,468
2003/04	1,479	1,089	2,568

- In 2002 each district set a crime and disorder reduction strategy target to reduce the level of vehicle crime by 2004/05: to 1,675 in Warwick District and 1,101 in Stratford-on-Avon District, representing decreases of 13% and 12% respectively compared with figures for 2001/02. By 2003/04 vehicle crime has actually fallen by 23% in Warwick District and 14% in Stratford-on-Avon District, meaning that both are on course to attain their respective targets.
- Vehicle crime can be further classified as either theft of a vehicle or theft from a vehicle. Proportionately 17% of vehicle crime in Warwick District and 22% in Stratford-on-Avon District involved the theft of a vehicle in 2003/04. By comparison, the countywide figure is 29%. The

proportion of vehicle crime which involves theft from a car is therefore greater in South Warwickshire.

- *Mapping.* The following map has been produced using GIS systems to show the average volume of vehicle crime in each police beat across South Warwickshire per annum between 2001/02-2003/04. Beats shaded red are those falling in the highest quartile for vehicle crime across Warwickshire County.



- Beats with high levels of vehicle crime are shown to be located rather sporadically, with only one in Stratford-on-Avon District, Southam West, (this beat includes motorway services). In Warwick District there appears to be a central band spreading outwards from Warwick and Leamington Spa. Campion/St. Mary is the only beat to have ranked amongst the highest 20 beats for vehicle crime across Warwickshire in each of the past three years, though each beat will have specific locations where action can or is being taken. These appear to be largely hotels, supermarkets, leisure facilities and A-road services – though many show a marked fall in the past twelve months, affirming the overall downwards trend.

Police Beat	Average Volume of Vehicle Crime per annum (2001/02-2003/04)
Campion/St. Mary	129
Southam West	113
Longbridge	112
Victoria	112
Stoneleigh	99

Hatton	98
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- During the current audit cycle work with hotels and conference centres to secure parking sites and thereby reduce vehicle crime across South Warwickshire has been carried out. A successful ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) scheme using equipment which automatically reads and checks car number plates against the police national computer has also been established in Warwick District and is to be introduced in Stratford-on-Avon during 2004/05.
- Following Home Office research (2001) the average economic and social cost of theft of a vehicle is £4,800 and theft from a vehicle £580. After taking inflation into account this equates to an overall cost of £3.6 million for South Warwickshire in 2003/04.

## (iv) Anti-Social Behaviour

- *Warwickshire Context.* During 2003/04 there were 43,448 incidents of anti-social behaviour,<sup>2</sup> representing a 46% increase on the level in 1999/00 and equivalent to 85 incidents per 1000 population. All categories of anti-social behaviour have shown an increase over this period with the exception of abandoned vehicles (-10%). There has been a significant rise in relation to nuisance behaviour (105%). This subject is explored further in the section on youth nuisance and disorder below.

	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	Change 99/00 - 03/04
Abandoned vehicles	3,540	3,960	3,587	3,731	3,169	-10%
Animal-related problems	1,932	2,703	2,740	2,345	2,222	15%
Criminal damage, vandalism	7,330	9,243	9,928	10,244	9,890	35%
Drug/substance misuse/drug dealing	2,077	2,563	2,860	3,099	2,863	38%
Hoax calls	4,755	8,375	7,378	6,129	6,084	28%
Intimidation/Harassment	1,275	1,803	2,008	2,001	2,147	68%
Noise	695	762	903	727	817	18%
Nuisance behaviour	7,666	11,051	14,574	14,855	15,715	105%
Prostitution, sexual acts	406	489	505	578	541	33%
<b>Total</b>	29,676	40,949	44,483	37,586	43,448	46%
Rate per 1,000 Population	58	80	87	74	85	

- *South Warwickshire Context.* There were a total of 17,503 incidents of anti-social behaviour across South Warwickshire during 2003/04. This constitutes an increase of less than 1% in comparison with figures for 2001/02. Though the number of incidents in Warwick District has actually fallen slightly over this period, the district accounts for 62% of all anti-social behaviour in South Warwickshire. The rate per 1000 population is also much higher in Warwick (85) compared with Stratford-on-Avon (59), which has the lowest rate across the county. Consistent with the countywide picture, the most common category of incident type in 2003/04 was nuisance behaviour (6,268), followed by criminal damage/vandalism (3,460).

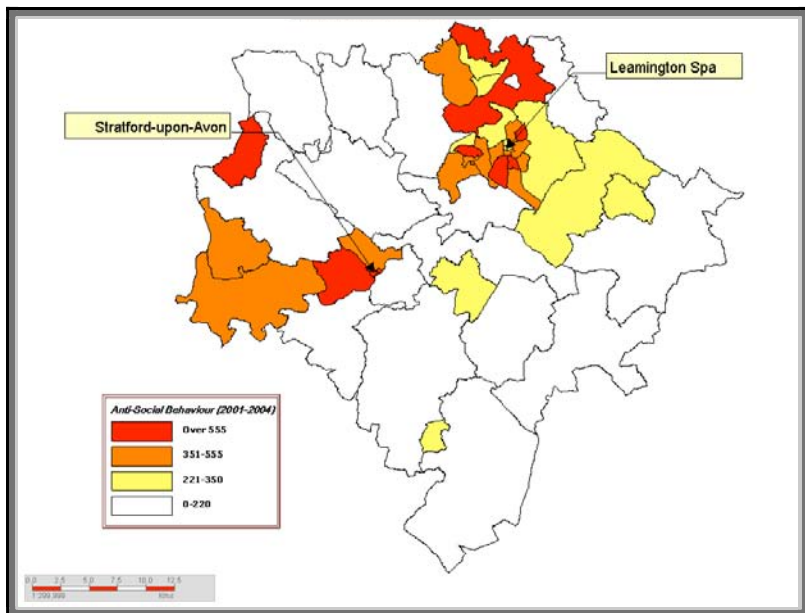
Year	Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents in Warwick District	Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents in Stratford-on- Avon District	South Warwickshire Total
2001/02	10,896	6,451	17,347
2002/03	11,141	6,158	17,299
2003/04	10,818	6,685	17,503

<sup>2</sup> following the Home Office 'one day count' definition (2003)

- The level of criminal damage in South Warwickshire has increased from 11.2 offences to 14.2 offences per 1000 population over the three-year cycle since the previous Crime and Disorder Audit (2000/01). The rate rise over this period has been proportionately greater in Stratford-on-Avon District.

Year	Criminal Damage in Warwick District (Rate per 1000 population)	Criminal Damage in Stratford-on-Avon District (Rate per 1000 population)	South Warwickshire Total (Rate per 1000 population)
2000/01	14.4	7.7	11.2
2003/04	16.2	11.9	14.2

- Targets specified in the crime and disorder reduction strategies (2002-2005) focused on youth nuisance rather than anti-social behaviour more generally. Data relating specifically to youth nuisance is considered later in this report.
- *Mapping.* The following map has been produced using GIS systems to show the average volume of anti-social behaviour in each police beat across South Warwickshire per annum between 2001/02-2003/04. Beats shaded red) are those falling in the highest quartile for anti-social behaviour across Warwickshire County.



- Beats experiencing high levels of anti-social behaviour are shown to be located in close proximity to Leamington Spa, Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon town centres, as well as Studley in Stratford-on-Avon District and Stoneleigh to the north of Warwick. The first five beats listed below are clear priority areas having ranked amongst the highest

20 beats for anti-social behaviour across Warwickshire in each of the past three years.

Police Beat	Average Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents per annum (2001/02-2003/04)
Brunswick	874
Packmores	799
Stratford Town	794
Lillington	762
Shottery	704
Stoneleigh	563
Studley	557
Queensway/Heathcote	556

## (v) Business Crime

- *Warwickshire Context.* Since 2001/02 business crime across Warwickshire has fallen by 5.7%. A decline in the ratio of crimes per workplace has also been evident. Countywide initiatives - Beating Business Crime, Business Watch Schemes, and the Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative – have provided a victim-orientated approach to crime reduction over this period. Falling business crime stands in contrast to the rising level of total crime over the same period. Nevertheless, crimes at business locations still accounts for approximately one third of all crime committed in the county.

	Total Crime	Business Crime	% Business Crime	Crimes per Workplace
2001 – 2002	42,211	15,844	38%	0.75
2002 – 2003	44,195	15,354	35%	0.72
2003 – 2004	45,581	14,935	33%	0.68

- *South Warwickshire Context.* 6,657 crimes were recorded as having occurred at business premises in South Warwickshire during 2003/04. A substantial reduction in the volume of business crime is evident in Warwick District, while levels across Stratford-on-Avon District have increased slightly. Each district set a crime and disorder reduction strategy target in 2002 to reduce the level of business crime by 2004/05: to 3797 in Warwick District and 2493 in Stratford-on-Avon District. The Beating Business Crime Database indicates that there were 3630 offences in Warwick during 2003/04, a decline of 16% over three years. By contrast the level has risen by 3% in Stratford-on-Avon, with 3027 offences recorded in the last policing year.
- In proportional terms business crime accounts for 34% of all crime in Warwick District and 40% in Stratford District. This represents a slight increase over the three-year cycle since the previous Crime and Disorder Audit (2000/01), when the proportions were 31% and 38% respectively. However, current proportions are noticeably lower than the figures for 2001/02 (38% and 44%), thus mirroring the countywide downwards trend.
- Both areas set the reduction of commercial burglary as further strategy targets. Against this crime type, levels have fallen to 461 offences in Warwick District and 474 in Stratford-on-Avon District, though in both cases this remains short of the 2004/05 target figures (427 and 403 respectively).
- Whilst reductions have been achieved against many crime classifications, levels of damage and violence have increased in South Warwickshire since 2001/02.

- Across both districts, shop and off licence premises are the most frequent offence locations, accounting for 41% of all business crime in Warwick and 28% in Stratford-on-Avon in 2003/04.
- During the current audit cycle a network of Business Watch schemes have been developed across South Warwickshire. These allow alert messages to be sent out, to encourage businesses to continually assess the risk of crime in their area and to proactively report suspicious activity. Scheme members are also supplied with A3 Business Watch boards aimed at deterring criminals, which can be displayed outside of their premises. Between April 2003- September 2004, 386 Business Watch messages were sent out (168 in Stratford-on-Avon District and 218 in Warwick District). At the request of the National Farmers' Union a Rural Watch Scheme was also created in July 2003 (25 messages sent out between April-September 2004).
- Priority beats for business crime are as follows:

	<b>Priority Beats</b>
<b>Stratford-on-Avon District</b>	Stratford Town Centre
	Clopton/Studley
<b>Warwick District</b>	Longbridge
	Warwick Town Centre

### 3. Fear of Crime

- *Warwickshire Context.* Warwickshire County Council conducts an annual Best Value postal survey focussed on public satisfaction with Council services. This includes a series of fear of crime indicators. Figures for the three key offence types - fear of burglary, physical assault and car theft - are all lower (percentage of respondents stating they are either 'very worried' or 'fairly worried') than the corresponding levels in the baseline survey, conducted in 2000. In 2003 fear of physical assault and car theft were also at their lowest ever position over the four-year period. Generally fear of crime is around 10% lower in the south of the county than the north.
- *South Warwickshire Context.* In their respective crime and disorder reduction strategies (2002-2005), each partnership stipulated targets to reduce fear of crime across the three categories by 2004/05 in comparison with the 2001 survey results. The table below shows the set targets and the annual results, including the original 2000 baseline figures. Since 2001 the fear of crime indicators have consistently fallen in Warwick District – strategy targets for physical assault and car theft were both achieved according to 2003 survey analysis, whilst burglary is just 1% short. By contrast fear of crime in Stratford-on-Avon District has shown greater fluctuation across the board, with a consistent rise evident in relation to the burglary figures over the past three years. For the first time since the inception of the Best Value survey, fear of crime is now slightly higher in Stratford-on-Avon District for burglary and car theft, whilst physical assault statistics are identical. However, all indicators remain well below the Warwickshire average for both districts.

	Percentage of respondents either 'very worried' or 'fairly worried' about...														
	... having their home broken into and something stolen					... being physically attacked by strangers					... having their car stolen				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	Target	2000	2001	2002	2003	Target	2000	2001	2002	2003	Target
Stratford-on-Avon	60%	52%	56%	59%	50%	38%	36%	39%	37%	34%	50%	49%	53%	48%	47%
Warwick	64%	60%	59%	54%	53%	43%	46%	46%	37%	40%	57%	50%	55%	46%	48%
Warwickshire	68%	62%	65%	66%		48%	46%	49%	44%		60%	56%	58%	54%	

- 56% of residents across South Warwickshire stated in the 2003 survey that they felt crime had got worse during the past three years, slightly below the Warwickshire average (59%). Less than 5% cited an improvement.
- Since the previous audit, Warwick District and Stratford-on-Avon District CDRPs have responded to community consultation by implementing action plans focussed on developments which residents indicated would help them to feel safer, including:

- Increased Police presence (visibility);
  - The introduction of Police Community Support Officers, aimed at providing a visible and accessible uniformed presence to improve public reassurance and the quality of life in the community;
  - Increased use of CCTV;
  - Improved street lighting; and
  - Developing the network of Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
- Residents were also asked to state whether they considered a range of anti-social behaviour related issues to be a problem in their local area. Using or dealing drugs was the greatest social concern, with 64% of respondents in Stratford-on-Avon and 58% in Warwick indicating that it was a 'very big' or 'fairly big' problem. For the most part concerns are noticeably lower in South Warwickshire than the results for Warwickshire County, the exception being people sleeping rough which is a greater concern in Warwick District than anywhere else across the county.

	Stratford-on-Avon	Warwick	Warwickshire County
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	14%	18%	<b>18%</b>
Teenagers hanging around on streets	52%	51%	<b>55%</b>
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to properties or vehicles	49%	51%	<b>56%</b>
People being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion	12%	19%	<b>21%</b>
People using or dealing drugs	64%	58%	<b>65%</b>
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	49%	49%	<b>49%</b>
People sleeping rough on the streets or in public places	22%	30%	<b>24%</b>
Rubbish and litter lying around	31%	44%	<b>54%</b>
Abandoned or burnt out cars	27%	23%	<b>33%</b>

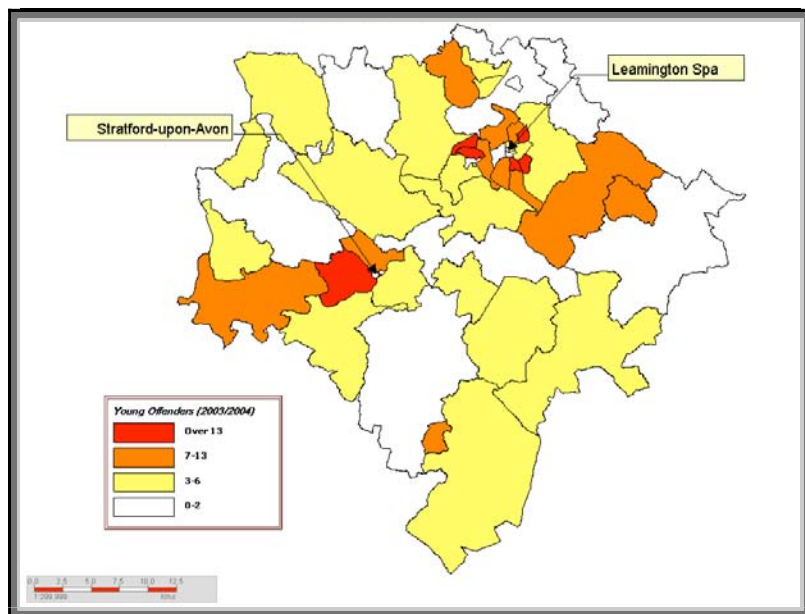
**4. Offenders**

(i) Young Offenders

- *Warwickshire Context.* Data from the Youth Offending Team indicates that, between 2000/01-2003/04, on average there were 925 young offenders (aged 10-19) each year.
- *South Warwickshire Context.* Approximately two fifths of young offenders over the four-year period described above reside in South Warwickshire, 68% of which come from Warwick District. The volume of young offenders has fluctuated over this period, reaching a peak in both districts during 2001/02. Current numbers are now slightly in excess of the corresponding figures for 2000/01.

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	Four Year Average
Stratford-on-Avon	111	135	109	116	118
Warwick	215	288	253	228	246
<b>South Warwickshire</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>364</b>
<b>Warwickshire</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>925</b>

- For both districts, the most common offence types are violence against the person, criminal damage and theft and handling.
- *Mapping.* The following map has been produced using GIS systems to show the residency of young offenders in each police beat across South Warwickshire for 2003/04.



- Beats with the highest volume of young offenders are shown to be residential areas around Warwick, Leamington Spa and Stratford-upon-Avon.

Police Beat	Young Offenders (2003/04)
Lillington	31
Shottery	23
Woodloes	18
Packmores	16
Brunswick	15
Sydenham	15

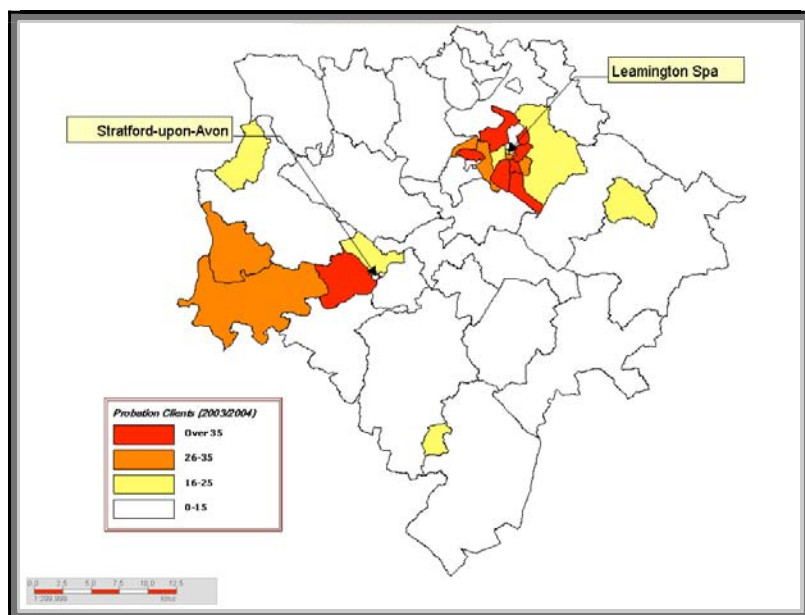
- Both CDRPs established strategy targets to reduce re-offending by 5% during the current audit cycle. Youth Offending Team statistics comparing 2002 levels with the first nine months for 2003 reveal that re-offending in South Warwickshire has fallen from 53.5% to 48%, constituting a decrease of 5.5%.

(ii) Adult Offenders

- *Warwickshire Context.* According to Probation data, the Service has dealt with an average of 3,217 clients between 2001/02 – 2003/04. Each year has shown an incremental rise.
- *South Warwickshire Context.* In line with the countywide trend, the number of probation clients in South Warwickshire has also increased steadily since 2001. During this period 71% of offenders resided in Warwick District, a similar figure to the proportion of young offenders described above. There were fewer probation clients per 1000 population in Stratford-on-Avon District (2.4) than anywhere else in the county, a figure more than doubled in Warwick District (5.2).

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	Three Year Average
Stratford-on-Avon	223	285	314	274
Warwick	598	663	744	668
South Warwickshire	821	948	1,058	942
Warwickshire	<b>3,082</b>	<b>3,197</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>3,217</b>

- *Mapping.* The following map has been produced using GIS systems to show the residency of probation clients in each police beat across South Warwickshire for 2003/04.



- Beats with the highest volume of adult offenders are once more shown to be within residential areas in close proximity to Warwick, Leamington Spa and Stratford-upon-Avon, though only one beat within Stratford-on-Avon District features within this list (Shottery). In terms of potential priority beats, Brunswick, Lillington, Shottery and Packmores are replicated in the adult offender list:

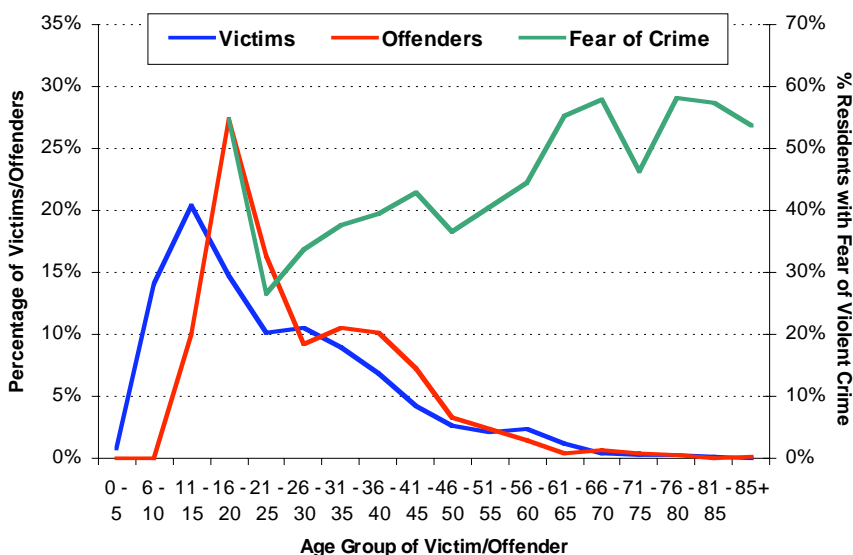
Police Beat	Probation Clients (2003/04)
Brunswick	96
Lillington	87
Shottery	75
Milverton	70
Queensway/Heathcote	58
Packmores	50
Whitnash	48
Campion/St. Mary	44

- Through use of the National Intelligence Model and a weighted matrix approach to suit local priorities, the Home Office Prolific and other Priority Offender Programme seeks to target, monitor and facilitate access to rehabilitation for the core group of offenders causing most harm to the local community. Warwick District and Stratford-on-Avon District will be responsible for identifying their top prolific and priority offenders as part of this process.

## 5. Victims

### (i) Victimization and Fear of Crime

- The data presented in this section is available on a countywide basis only. Nevertheless, both partnerships consider the ‘reassurance gap’ between risk of victimisation and fear of crime to be a significant issue within the South Warwickshire context.
- The following chart displays the age profile for violent crime victims and offenders in Warwickshire (2003/04). The percentage of respondents in each age bracket who indicated in the 2003 Warwickshire County Council Best Value User Satisfaction Survey that they were either ‘very worried’ or ‘fairly worried’ about being physically assaulted is also plotted, demonstrating the relationship between perception and risk.



- The highest proportion of violent crime victims are aged between 6-20, with one fifth of all victims falling in the 11-15 category. The experience of victimisation hence falls incrementally above the age of 26, with less than 2.5% of violent crime victims are above the age of 60. The age profile for violent crime offenders is shown to follow a similar trend, with the highest proportion of offenders (28%) between the ages of 16-20.
- In sharp contrast to these statistics, residents’ perceptions concerning fear of violent crime are shown to rise consistently from the age of 26. More than 50% of Warwickshire residents above the age of 60 feel worried about being physically attacked by a stranger, yet the actual risk of victimisation has been shown to be remote by comparison. This contradiction represents a significant ‘reassurance gap’ between perceptions of public safety and actual crime trends.

## (ii) Race and Hate Crime

- *Warwickshire Context.* Hate crime has been defined by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) as “a crime where the perpetrator's prejudice against any identifiable group of people is a factor in determining who is victimised.” Accordingly a wide range of offences relating to race, religion or sexual orientation may be covered. Since 1999/00 there have only been 550 reported incidents across the county, the vast majority of which (97%) have been race-related.
- *South Warwickshire Context.* Between 1999-2004 there were 204 reported race and hate crimes in South Warwickshire. The majority of these occurred in Warwick District (156), which is unsurprising given its larger non-white residential population. However, over the five-year period there were 32.8 incidents per 1000 minority ethnic population in Stratford-on-Avon District, far greater than the 17.5 incidents across Warwick. Until a slight drop was experienced over the past twelve months, levels had increased incrementally in both districts since 1999/00.

Year	Racial and Homophobic Incidents in Warwick District	Racial and Homophobic Incidents in Stratford-on-Avon District	South Warwickshire Total	Warwickshire Total
1999/00	23	3	26	56
2000/01	26	6	32	69
2001/02	33	8	41	163
2002/03	39	16	55	142
2003/04	35	15	50	120

- In South Warwickshire we are responding to the statutory duties of the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, which came in to effect in May 2002. The Stratford-on-Avon District Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy (2002-2005) included the stated aim to improve reporting and recording of racist incidents. A jointly funded Race Equality Support Worker post has since been established in South Warwickshire, designed to facilitate the establishment of a coordinated response to racial incidents and to coordinate anti-racist initiatives, including working with agencies across South Warwickshire to develop and adopt consistent reporting and recording of racist incidents. The Communities Against Racism (CAR) multi-agency racial harassment reporting project was re-launched by the South Warwickshire Districts in May 2002. However, it was suspended in May 2004 due to the fact that Warwick District Racial Equality Council was experiencing difficulties, culminating in its closure. The impact of CAR has not been evaluated to date, though regular reports were being made at each of the centres across Stratford-on-Avon District at the time of suspension (including District offices, Housing offices and the Citizens' Advice Bureau).

## 6. Young People

- *Warwickshire Context.* Youth nuisance and disorder is frequently raised within public consultation exercises as having a greater detrimental impact upon residents' quality of life than other classifications of crime and disorder. Recorded levels of youth nuisance incidents have risen significantly in Warwickshire County, with a 44% increase evident since 1998/99. There were 9,397 recorded incidents in 2003/04, which equates to 18.3 per 1000 population – in 1998/99 the corresponding rate was just 12.9.

Year	Nuisance Youth Incidents	Rate per 1000 Population	Change on previous year	Change on 1998/99
1998/99	6,537	12.9	-	-
1999/00	6,674	13.1	+ 137	+ 2%
2000/01	6,828	13.4	+ 154	+ 4%
2001/02	8,844	17.3	+ 2,016	+ 35%
2002/03	8,786	17.4	- 58	+ 34%
2003/04	9,397	18.3	+ 611	+ 44%

- A number of initiatives aimed at engaging with young people and reducing youth crime, nuisance and disorder have been introduced across Warwickshire under the Positive about Young People (PAYP) banner. PAYP consists of a prevention team which works on a one-to-one basis with at risk young people, and an operations team which seeks to engage with large groups of young people in the community. The objectives of PAYP are to reduce school exclusions, reduce absenteeism, reduce the number of young people going into care and to reduce the level of youth crime and offending.
- Youth Inclusion and Support Panels (YISPs) are a new joint-initiative between the Youth Justice Board and the Children's Fund, which seek to prevent the involvement of children and young people aged 8 to 13 years in offending and anti-social behaviour. YISPs are multi-agency panels that develop and oversee the delivery of individual action plans for children referred, based on a structured assessment of their needs and risks. YISPs are supported by dedicated co-ordination and key-work staff, but have a primary focus on facilitating better access to mainstream services for the child concerned. The Warwickshire YISP, known as CHARM (Children At Risk Management), pre-dates the recent development of YISP and has been able to inform the national agenda. Five panels are currently operational in the County (including two in Warwick District and Stratford-on-Avon District) and the initiative is also piloting an integrated referral database on behalf of ODPM, known as RYOGENS.
- The Holiday Activity Programme coordinated by PAYP delivers in areas of high impact across Warwickshire. 47 planned activity programmes were delivered in its inaugural year (2002), a figure which rose to 80 in

2003. In 2004 the programme made 35,495 contacts with young people in areas of high impact throughout the county.

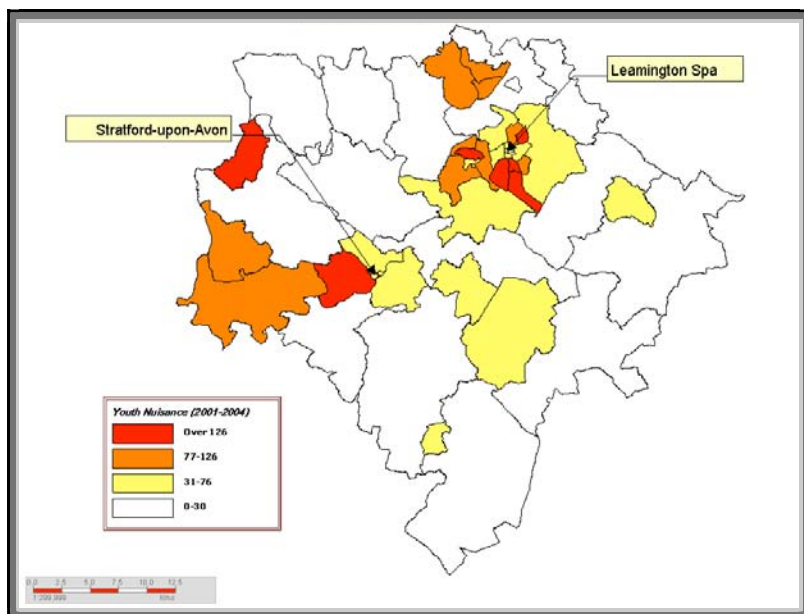
- Warwickshire Crimebeat is a fully functioning initiative with funding secured and with operational direction from Positive about Young People. There are approximately 450 young people between the ages of 5-25 involved in the development and implementation of projects. Key objectives include reducing vandalism, reducing theft, improving public safety and reducing bullying and violence inside and outside school.
- PAYP also coordinates the Positive Operational Drop-in Strategy (PODS). High level PODs are temporary structures used to provide interim solutions to the needs of the community until a more permanent arrangement is assessed. Medium Level POD sessions are held in existing buildings such as libraries, community centres and sports centres. PODs are accessed by the local young people as a drop in facility. Positive about Young People currently has 27 PODs running or being set up in high impact areas countywide.
- *South Warwickshire Context.* 3,549 incidents of youth nuisance were recorded across South Warwickshire during 2003/04. Slightly in excess of the underlying trend for Warwickshire County, this constitutes an increase of 51% over the three-year cycle since the previous Crime and Disorder Audit (2000/01). Current levels are also well in excess of the targets set by each district in their respective crime and disorder reduction strategies (2002-2005).<sup>3</sup>
- In an area where recorded youth nuisance incidents have historically been very low, there was a substantial increase within Stratford-on-Avon District (46%) in 2003/04 compared with the previous year. Warwick District witnessed an 8% decrease over the same period. Both Warwick (17.2) and Stratford-on-Avon Districts (11.9) are below the Warwickshire average in terms of incidents per 1000 population (18.3), with Stratford-on-Avon remaining the lowest across the county.

Year	Youth Nuisance Incidents in Warwick District	Youth Nuisance Incidents in Stratford-on-Avon District	South Warwickshire Total
2000/01	1,636	708	2,344
<b>Three Year Cycle</b>			
2001/02	1,988	1,054	3,042
2002/03	2,393	923	3,316
2003/04	2,203	1,346	3,549

- Mapping. The following map has been produced using GIS systems to show *the average number of youth nuisance incidents in each police beat across South Warwickshire per annum between 2001/02-2003/04.*

<sup>3</sup> The district targets were to reduce the number of youth incidents in 2004/05 by 6% compared with the figures for 2001/02.

Beats shaded red are those falling in the highest quartile for youth nuisance across Warwickshire County.



- In Warwick District beats with the highest levels of youth nuisance are located centrally - around Leamington Spa and Warwick, with a lesser number in the Kenilworth area. In Stratford-on-Avon District the primary high volume beats are Shotton (close to Stratford-upon-Avon Town) and Studley. However, it should be noted that Alcester (shaded amber) witnessed twice as many nuisance incidents in 2003/04 than in the preceding year. Lillington and Packmores have ranked amongst the highest 20 beats for youth nuisance across Warwickshire in each of the past three years and may be considered particular priority locations in South Warwickshire.

Police Beat	Average Number of Youth Nuisance Incidents per annum (2001/02-2003/04)
Lillington	195
Packmores	178
Brunswick	177
Whitnash	158
Studley	156
Shotton	130
Queensway/Heathcote	127