

A

“celebrate and take pride in
our natural environment”





Taking pride in Warwickshire

Cultural activities can help us understand, take greater pride and get involved in our environment. Our parks, countryside, canals and rivers, historic town centres and villages are a source of pride to all of us and make a great difference to our everyday quality of life. Because our quality of life is important to us we want to make sure that our communities benefit from good new development while conserving the best of our historic assets. We also need to create the built heritage of the future, encouraging imaginative new buildings and public spaces.

Our priorities are to:

Build awareness of, celebrate and take pride in our built and natural environment. We will do this by working with local heritage, conservation and other groups concerned with our environment. We also plan to develop a wide range of cultural activities such as sports events, festivals, walks and tours to encourage us to use and appreciate our natural and built environment

Take a more imaginative approach to making Warwickshire vibrant and attractive, by developing public art programmes in town and country, championing high quality new architecture and creating special events to liven up public spaces. We want to bring artists, craftspeople and designers to work with local communities, so you can help decide how the places where we live, work and play should look

Make sustainability central to all our actions to improve the environment. To do this, we will work with agencies responsible for the natural and built environment to increase public access and cultural use. We will also make quality of life a main part of planning gain proposals by putting sustainable cultural facilities for local people as a high priority in our negotiations with developers.

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a bright blue t-shirt, is smiling and looking down at a large, leafy green plant in a black plastic pot that she is holding. The background shows a residential street with brick houses under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The image is overlaid with a white grid.

B

“support and sustain
the grassroots
organisations”



Growing the grassroots

Cultural opportunities need to be available to every person and group within our diverse communities. To do this we need to support and sustain the grassroots organisations, to encourage and develop local facilities. It is vital that we nurture the community and voluntary groups that play such an important role in local sports, arts, environmental, local heritage and other activities, so that they can continue their excellent work across the county.

Our priorities are to:

Support the voluntary and community sectors, both by acknowledging and promoting their work and supporting the work of the Warwickshire Compact which provides a framework for partnership work with the voluntary sector. We must also help to develop skills and build capacity to make these organisations even more effective

Celebrate local communities and diversity, through encouraging projects, festivals and activities that promote Warwickshire's traditional, as well as changing, cultural assets

Build stronger links with projects that contribute to a sense of active citizenship, community safety, lifelong learning, environmental well-being and health, and make sure that local cultural organisations are represented in Local Strategic Partnerships

