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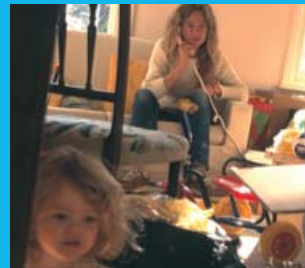


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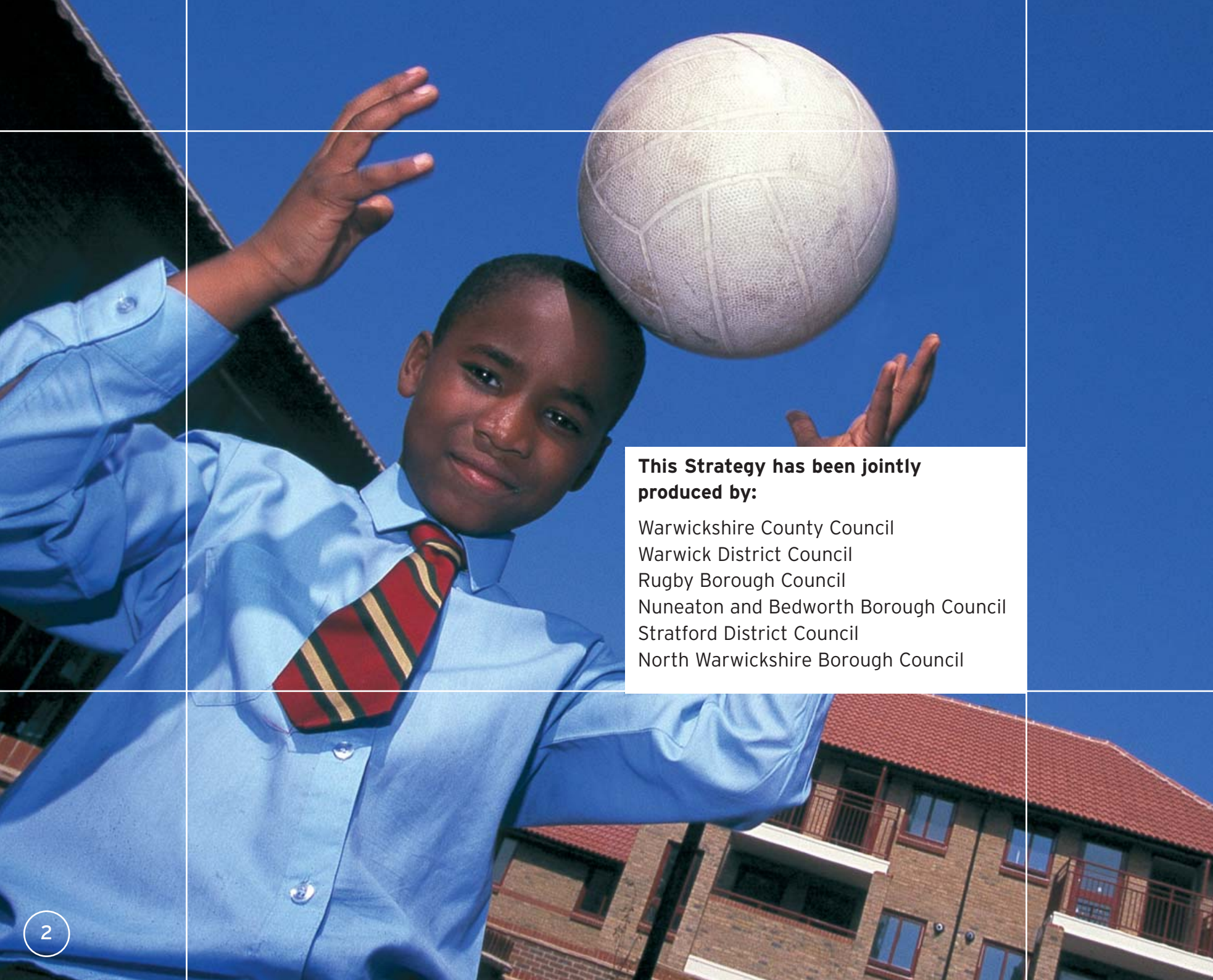
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Warwickshire

a vision for our future



local cultural strategy 2003 - 2006



This Strategy has been jointly produced by:

- Warwickshire County Council
- Warwick District Council
- Rugby Borough Council
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
- Stratford District Council
- North Warwickshire Borough Council

Introduction

Warwickshire local cultural strategy



This Cultural Strategy has been produced to generate support for the wide range of cultural projects and initiatives in our county.

It will help us to focus on our vision "to create a rich cultural life in Warwickshire which brings communities together, fulfils individual potential and contributes to a healthy environment and economy".

Warwickshire is a wonderful place and we hope that the outcome of this Strategy will be to improve the quality of life of everyone who lives, works in or visits our county. There is already a great deal of varied cultural activity in Warwickshire and our Strategy shows examples of what is already happening.

Our Strategy shows:

- Culture is for everyone
- What our Cultural Strategy can do for Warwickshire
- Our Cultural Strategy priorities
- How we are going to make our Cultural Strategy work



“Culture is about
everything we do
in our leisure time”



Culture is for everyone

Culture is for everyone. Culture is about the many leisure, sports, arts, heritage and other activities which we enjoy in our leisure time, with our families and friends or by ourselves. Culture is also an increasingly important business activity, offering employment to local people and attracting visitors to the area.

Culture is one of the main ways in which we express our values and personal beliefs. It is an important part of how we see ourselves as individuals and members of society. Our communities are drawn together by our common cultural interests.

In Warwickshire it is possible to spend time in many stimulating and enjoyable ways, for example:

- Taking part in or helping to coach young sportsmen and women for the Warwickshire Youth Games
- Watching the jousting at Warwick Castle or the Atherstone Shrovetide Ball Game
- Going to see Ken Dodd at Bedworth's Civic Centre
- Socialising with your friends at a youth shelter or youth activity in Nuneaton
- Enjoying the latest blockbuster movie or going clubbing with friends
- Borrowing a book or listening to storytime with young children at Whitnash Library
- Celebrating at the Mela in Leamington or singing Christmas carols in one of the county's many ancient churches
- Taking a backstage tour at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre or a dance workshop with Motionhouse
- Visiting the new Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, the Motor Museum in Gaydon, or St John's House Museum in Warwick
- Tracing your family tree in the County Record Office

These and many activities like them are part of our shared culture. They include everyone, of whatever faith or community, whether you are young or old, or live in the country or a town. Our Strategy will help make sure that we all enjoy and benefit from an increasing variety of cultural opportunities in our county.