



# Warwick District 2020

The Community Plan for Warwick District



**Warwick Partnership**

ACHIEVING MORE BY WORKING TOGETHER

# foreword

We are all stakeholders in the future success of our area. But success does not just happen; it requires detailed planning and teamwork.

Such a plan should cover all sectors of the community and issues like **safety, health, equality, economic growth** and **sustainability**.

To create Warwick District's Community Plan, the Warwick Partnership brought together representatives from the public as well as local councils and agencies covering business, education, health, police and the voluntary sector.

Our first Community Plan, published in 2001, covered the period 2001–2003. At the end of that period we reviewed achievements and assessed future needs. This document results from a public consultation carried out last summer and takes account of changes within the area.

As you can imagine, in a rapidly changing, uncertain world, developing any long-term vision is not easy. We have no crystal ball. But I believe the key objectives laid out in the plan provide a sound framework for future measurable development.

Throughout history, our strength has always been our people. From mediaeval kingmakers through to Georgian and Victorian town fathers, the area has benefited from public-spirited and talented people.

In just one example, undoubtedly Dr Jephson would be delighted to discover that a garden named in his honour has been recognised as the best public park in the country.

Talented people still live here, providing the driving force we need for success. Our District and County Councils are recognised as being at the forefront of delivering excellent services. We have a sound local economy, along with schools and colleges envied by many. Add first-class healthcare, a vibrant voluntary sector and cultural organisations striving for and achieving excellence and you can see there is much to applaud.

In commending this plan to you, I wish to thank everyone involved in its preparation for their hard work and professionalism. I believe it is a credit to them. It is our duty to ensure that everyone shares the facilities we enjoy, now and in the future.



**Keir McDonald**  
Chair of the Warwick Partnership



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# introduction

Warwick District 2020 is Warwick District's Community Plan, explaining how we plan to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of our area over the next 15 years.

Warwick District 2020 is the area's second community plan:-

- It sets a long term vision, which was adopted for the first Community Plan in 2001
- It also identifies long-term objectives, shorter-term priorities and actions to help achieve the overall vision and
- Provides a framework for the main organisations to work in partnership and take those key actions forward

## Review of Community Plan 2001 – 2003

After extensive consultation with local people, the District's first Community Plan was published in 2001. In 2004 the first task of the new local strategic partnership, the Warwick Partnership, was to review achievements, identify areas needing more work and consider new emerging issues.

The review also assessed new and up-to-date statistics such as the 2001 Census and Warwickshire County Council's Quality of Life Report in order to determine major trends and issues affecting the area.

A review of current and emerging strategies and plans, at local and national level, was also carried out through discussions with organisations, partnerships and community representatives.

## Warwick District 2020

This document builds on the achievements of the first Community Plan. As well as progressing work on longer-term actions identified in 2001, it now incorporates new actions which reflect the changing needs of our local community.

The Warwick Partnership consists of major public sector agencies together with representatives of the business, voluntary and community sectors. (Details of the membership are continued on page 17. It has been the driving force behind the development of Warwick District 2020.

Last year's review confirmed the vision set out in our first Community Plan:

**'We want Warwick District to be safe, healthy, fair and prosperous, now and into the future.'**

Underpinning this vision are six strategic objectives that embody the main themes affecting our quality of life. These relate to a community that is:

- **SAFE**
- **HEALTHY**
- **FAIR**
- **PROSPEROUS**
- **COHESIVE**
- **SUSTAINABLE**

In this plan these six objectives form a framework within which to set priorities and state how we will meet them. We have tried to be realistic in what can and cannot be achieved. The vision and objectives take us 15 years into the future but a staged approach is needed to get there. Three-year action plans, to be reviewed regularly, will provide the flexibility to

respond and adapt to social, economic and environmental changes on both a local, regional and national scale.

## What's in Warwick District 2020?

The main part of this document is explaining HOW we aim to achieve the vision i.e. the action plan.

Each section of each strategic objective sets out

- **Where we are** – what are the key issues?
- **Where we want to be** – our priorities
- **What we will do** – key actions over the next 3 years

Some of these actions are new, while some are developments of existing plans and activities. But they all have one thing in common – their success depends upon agencies working together. We realise that we may not achieve a 100 per cent success rate but these actions will take us in the right direction towards a **safer, healthier, fairer** and more **prosperous** community.

After three years, following a period of consultation, we will review our priorities and identify new actions and targets for 2008 - 2011.

Many of the actions in the plan address a number of challenges, in other words they are cross cutting. For example, the important issue of affordable, quality housing impacts on the health and well-being of local people, the economy and the environment.

## Fundamental Principles

A '**fair**' and '**cohesive**' community form two of the six strategic objectives, but they are also key principles that influence the way in which all actions are carried out. Ultimately, the plan seeks to redress imbalances across all aspects of life and increase opportunities for the most disadvantaged.

It is focused on:

- **improvement for all**
- **fastest improvement for the most deprived**
- **better access to services**

As part of the review process, the plan will be monitored to see how it is addressing those factors that leave some people feeling they are not enjoying the quality of life experienced by others in their community. Factors include: unemployment, low income, poor housing, high crime, poor environment, bad health, disability, old age, lack of education, prejudice or discrimination, rural and cultural isolation.

Warwick District 2020 seeks to embrace the diversity of the area. The Warwick Partnership has consulted widely with different cultures, faiths and minority ethnic groups. This has resulted in valuable contributions, which influenced the Priorities and Key Actions.

## Links to other plans

Warwick District 2020 is the overarching plan for Warwick District. It sets the context and direction for other plans.

In addition to working to their own corporate plans, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwick District Council, the South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust and the Council for Voluntary Service, as members of the Warwick Partnership, are committed to Warwick District 2020. Every effort has been made to ensure that our partners' aims and objectives support those of Warwick District 2020 and vice versa.

The Community Plan provides the opportunity for these key agencies to work together on specific actions that they could not address in isolation. Although the Community Plan is not all encompassing, in that it does not detail day-to-day work of key service providers, or reflect all the activities going on in Warwick District it is a partnership document addressing jointly identified priorities in collaboration with the local community.



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*safe*  
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Priorities	Key actions	Lead agency
<p><b>S1</b> Reduce crime particularly drug and alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour</p> <p><b>S2</b> Reduce fear of crime</p> <p><b>S3</b> Work towards providing a safer physical environment</p>	<p><b>Develop local community forums</b> in which people can engage with Police and councillors and can contribute to neighbourhood action plans to improve the social and physical environment of their areas</p> <p><b>Establish stronger links with young people</b> and the groups that represent them</p> <p><b>Improve and increase access to drug treatment services</b></p> <p><b>Improve the safety of parks and open spaces</b></p> <p><b>Increase the visibility of uniformed presence</b></p> <p><b>Reduce the incidence of Anti-Social Behaviour through effective partnership working</b></p>	<p><b>Warwickshire Police</b></p> <p><b>Warwickshire County Council</b></p> <p><b>South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust</b></p> <p><b>Warwick District Council</b></p> <p><b>Warwickshire Police</b></p> <p><b>Warwick District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership</b></p>

### Some of our targets 2005 - 2008

- Reduce recorded crime by 15%.
- Reduce anti-social behaviour by 5%.
- Reduce business crime by 15%
- Reduce violent crime by 6% by 2007/08.
- Ensure that everyone in Warwick District has access to a local community forum by March 2007.
- Recruit young people's representatives to all community safety priority action groups by March 2006.
- Carry out a review of the park ranger service by September 2005 with the aim of extending the service by March 2006.



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<p><b>H1</b> To enable families to provide a healthy start to life and sustain a healthy lifestyle</p> <p><b>H2</b> To enable everyone to lead a healthy and active life by providing appropriate and accessible information and opportunities to participate in activity</p> <p><b>H3</b> To support older people, carers and those cared for in improving health, independence and quality of life</p>	<p><b>Develop a family centre</b> on the Packmores Estate in Warwick</p> <p><b>Improve access to teenage friendly sexual health services</b></p> <p><b>To increase the number of, and support existing, smoke free environments</b></p> <p><b>Help community facilities achieve the Heartbeat Award</b> particularly within black and minority ethnic communities</p> <p><b>Introduce a 'Culture Card'</b> to encourage the participation of local people and increase usage of local facilities</p> <p><b>Increase walking opportunities</b> across the district</p> <p><b>Increase number and range of sports and leisure activities for young people</b></p> <p><b>Reduce the risk of falls and accidents amongst older people</b></p> <p><b>Provide benefits and welfare rights advice</b> to carers of those with special needs/mental health problems</p> <p><b>Provide information on preventative health programmes</b> particularly targeting 'at risk' groups</p>	<p><b>Warwickshire County Council</b></p> <p><b>Warwickshire County Council /South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust</b></p> <p><b>South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust</b></p> <p><b>Warwick District and Warwickshire County Councils</b></p> <p><b>Warwick District Council</b></p> <p><b>Warwick District Council</b></p> <p><b>Warwick District Council</b></p> <p><b>Age Concern Warwickshire</b></p> <p><b>Warwickshire County Council</b></p> <p><b>South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust</b></p>

### Some key targets 2005 - 2008

- Reduce the number of under 18 teenage conceptions by 50% from the 1998 baseline.
- In 2005/6 we will establish a walks programme and organise 10 walks. We will then expand the scheme by at least 5% per year in the period to 2008.
- Organise falls prevention courses for up to 75 older people and carry out 250 physical activity and mobility sessions by April 2006.
- Establish a community health education programme targeted at high risk groups, that includes at least one major promotional event per year.
- Ensure all publicly owned buildings are smoke free by December 2006.
- Pilot a "Culture Card" at the area's main leisure facilities by March 2006.



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<b>F1</b> To explore ways of providing more affordable, accessible and sustainable housing	<b>Act on the findings of the housing needs study</b> particularly addressing black and minority ethnic issues <b>Identify public land</b> for affordable housing development	<b>Warwick District Council</b> <b>Warwick District and Warwickshire County Councils</b>
<b>F2</b> To achieve equality of access to essential services	<b>Increase the number of first/one stop shops</b> and explore the feasibility of mobile ones in rural areas	<b>Warwick District and Warwickshire County Councils</b>
<b>F3</b> Reduce poverty in the most deprived areas	<b>Improve transport links to health clinics, hospitals, surgeries</b> <b>Create a cultural activity database</b> to improve access to such information	<b>South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust</b> <b>Warwickshire County Council</b>
<b>F4</b> Provide lifelong learning and increase opportunities for skills development	<b>Maximise people's income</b> by helping to increase benefits take up and improve access to debt advice <b>Stop people going into debt</b> by providing money management training <b>Pilot a home based adult learning project</b> <b>Help to provide training for those working with under 5's</b> and in residential/care homes <b>Help to develop an integrated programme of learning centres called 'Choices'</b>	<b>Warwick District Welfare Rights Group</b> <b>Warwick District Credit Union</b> <b>Warwickshire County Council</b> <b>Warwickshire County Council</b> <b>Warwickshire County Council</b>

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- Implement the findings of the Warwickshire Black and Minority Ethnic Housing Needs Study, focussing on awareness and communication methods.
- Undertake a joint mapping exercise and establish a database of land available for affordable housing by December 2005.
- Establish one stop shops in Kenilworth by September 2005 and in Whitnash by January 2006.
- Expand the current Royal Leamington Spa based financial literacy training programme to the whole of Warwick District by March 2006.
- Pilot a home based adult learning project in the Packmores area of Warwick by April 2005 and in Lillington by December 2005.
- Through Warwick District Welfare Rights Group we will bring benefits to the most deprived people in Warwick District, bringing in £4 of new benefit for every £1 invested in the service.