



Making Warwick District a **safer place**

The people of Warwick District can feel safe in the knowledge that CCTV throughout the town centres is helping to protect them as they work, shop and enjoy themselves in the area both during the daytime and the evening.

The CCTV system which we have had in place since 1995 and expanded both in 1997 and 2002, has contributed to the area being safer and more welcoming to visitors, and is a fine example of the public and private sectors working together in partnership on a project that benefits everyone in Warwick District.

The strength of our CCTV system lies in the excellent partnership between Warwickshire Police, Warwick District Council and private sector organisations.

Initiatives and partnerships such as this not only help to reduce crime and disorder, but also allow the people of Warwick District and businesses trading in the area to enjoy a safe and secure environment.

A full copy of the CCTV Code of Practice is available for inspection at Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 5QG

If you are concerned about any aspect of CCTV please contact:
Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa CV32 5QG



Delivering CCTV in partnership with



A guide to Warwick District Council's Code of Practice
for the use of CCTV surveillance systems





What is CCTV?

CCTV stands for Closed Circuit Television. There are CCTV cameras in most public areas within the towns within the District, and they are there to protect the people who live, work, shop or spend leisure time in the area.

The cameras are monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by CCTV professionals in partnership with Warwickshire Police.

All images are recorded, and there is continuous liaison with the Police, who can be alerted to any incidents in seconds. Recorded images can be made available to the police to help ensure convictions in court.

Areas covered by CCTV in Warwick District include...

- Royal Leamington Spa & Old Town
- Warwick Town Centre
- Kenilworth Town Centre
- Whitnash Acre Close & Recreation Ground
- Coppice Road & Washbourne Field
- Lillington Crown Way Shopping Precinct & Mason Avenue, Community Centre
- Jephson Gardens Temperate House
- All Warwick District Council Multi-storey Car Park and Housing cameras

The corporate vision for the district is to be safe, healthy, fair and prosperous, now and in the future.

The aim of CCTV in Warwick District is...

- To reduce crime and the fear of crime, making our streets safer for everyone
- To make our car parks safer and more secure
- To help the Police identify offenders
- To contribute towards the management of the District
- To provide evidence for the Police or other statutory prosecuting body

How CCTV works

Surveillance using CCTV cameras is governed by a Code of Practice and is strictly regulated in accordance with the Data Protection Act, The Human Rights Act, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Warwick District's CCTV cameras do not record any sound, and no dummy cameras are used.

All images from all cameras are recorded and retained for 28 days in a secure environment unless required by the Police or other statutory prosecuting body.

The Police are governed by the same regulations as the District Council, as well as by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

Recorded images are not made available to commercial organisations or the media under any circumstances. The Warwickshire Police reserve the right to publish images to help solve crimes.

Signs stating that CCTV cameras are in operation are displayed as required by the Data Protection Act 1998.

Privacy Zones are fitted to prevent cameras seeing into private property.

CCTV in the area is regularly audited to maintain compliance with Warwick District Council's Code of Practice and with the law.

The control room is a restricted area and there is no right of access to anyone other than authorised staff.

Police requests to see video tapes or photographs are recorded.