

**To: The Chairman and Members of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee**

**(Councillors Jarvis, Barnett, Bates, Clews, Davey, Humphreys, Jackson, Melia, Osborne, O Phillips, Ririe and Watson)**

**For the information of the other Members of the Council**

**For general enquiries please contact Democratic Services on 01827 719221 or via e-mail: democraticservices@northwarks.gov.uk**

**For enquiries about specific reports please contact the officer named in the reports.**

**This document can be made available in large print and electronic accessible formats if requested.**

## **SAFER COMMUNITIES SUB-COMMITTEE**

**20 NOVEMBER 2023**

The Safer Communities Sub-Committee will meet on Monday 20 November 2023 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire.

The meeting can also be viewed on the Council's YouTube channel at [NorthWarks - YouTube](#).

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.**
- 2 Apologies for Absence / Members away on official Council business.**
- 3 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

#### 4 **Public Participation**

Up to twenty minutes will be set aside for members of the public to put questions to elected Members.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board must register their intention to do so by 9:30am two working days prior to the meeting. Participants are restricted to five minutes each.

If you wish to put a question to the meeting, please register by email to [democraticservices@northwarks.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@northwarks.gov.uk) or telephone 01827 719221/719226/719237.

Once registered to speak, the person asking the question has the option to either:

- (a) attend the meeting in person at the Council Chamber;
- (b) attend remotely via Teams; or
- (c) request that the Chair reads out their written question.

The Council Chamber has level access via a lift to assist those with limited mobility who attend in person however, it may be more convenient to attend remotely.

If attending remotely an invitation will be sent to join the Teams video conferencing for this meeting. Those registered to speak should dial the telephone number and ID number (provided on their invitation) when joining the meeting to ask their question. However, whilst waiting they will be able to hear what is being said at the meeting. They will also be able to view the meeting using the YouTube link provided (if so, they may need to mute the sound on YouTube when they speak on the phone to prevent feedback).

- 5 **Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 3 July 2023** – copy herewith, to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (WHITE PAPERS)**

- 6 **Fly Tipping Update** – Report of the Chief Executive

#### **Summary**

This report provides Members with an update on the work that the Environmental Health, Transformation and Streetscape Teams have undertaken in order to try and reduce fly tipping across the Borough.

The Contact Officers for this report are Cath James (719295), Sharon Gallagher (719292) and Milen Woldeab (719326).

7 **The Serious Violence Duty - Report of the Chief Executive**

**Summary**

This report provides an update on the requirements of the Council in meeting the Serious Violence Duty.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).

8 **North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update - Report of the Chief Executive**

**Summary**

This report provides Members with an update on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).

9 **Atherstone Town Centre PSPO – Report of the Chief Executive**

**Summary**

This report provides Members with an update on progress with the proposal that a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is made in relation to Atherstone Town Centre.

The Contact Officers for this report are Julie Taylor (719437) and Clive Tobin (719251).

STEVE MAXEY  
Chief Executive

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE SAFER COMMUNITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

3 July 2023

Present: Councillor Jarvis in the Chair.

Councillors Barnett, Bates, Clews, Davey, Gosling, Melia, Osborne, O Phillips, Ririe and Watson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Humphreys and Jackson.

#### 1 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared at the meeting.

#### 2 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Safer Communities held on 16 March 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3 **The Serious Violence Duty**

The Chief Executive provided a summary of the requirements of the Council in meeting the Serious Violence Duty and proposed suitable governance arrangements to meet the responsibilities.

##### **Resolved:**

- a That the adoption of the Serious Violence Strategy be noted;**
- b That funding of £10,000 to support local interventions 2023/4 be noted;**
- c That both the commitment to participate and contribute to the development of the countywide delivery plan, develop the Local Delivery Plan, and contribute to the implementation of the Local Delivery Plan to reduce serious violence in North Warwickshire be noted; and**
- d That the Terms of Reference for the Safer Communities Sub Committee to include a specific reference to scrutinise the crime and disorder and serious violence duties be noted.**

#### **4 North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update**

The Chief Executive provided Members with an update on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and about progress with the agreed priorities from the Strategic Assessment 2021/2022 and latest crime statistics.

##### **Resolved:**

- a That Members consider the update and identify any areas for further scrutiny and consideration;**
- b That Members note progress of the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Plan; and**
- c That Members note that the three applications for the CSP grant were turned down.**

Councillor Jarvis  
CHAIR

## Agenda Item No 6

### Safer Communities Sub-Committee

20 November 2023

#### Report of the Chief Executive

#### Fly Tipping Update

### 1 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the work that the Environmental Health, Transformation and Streetscape Teams have undertaken in order to try and reduce fly tipping across the Borough.

#### **Recommendation to the Board**

**That the report be noted.**

### 2 Background

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is not to update members on fly tipping incidents as this will continue to be undertaken by the Corporate Director – Streetscape to the Safer Communities Sub-Committee. This report intends to provide members with an update on the work that the Transformation team working with Environmental Health, Streetscape, Communications Team, Community Development and Legal colleagues are undertaking, to reduce fly-tipping within the Borough.

#### 2.2 **Why have we looked at improving fly-tipping enforcement?**

- It impacts our residents and visitors to the Borough;
- It's the second highest crime type within the Borough;
- Our previous approach was silo based working, with our focus being to clear fly-tipping as quickly as possible;
- We had a very reactive rather than proactive approach to the service;
- Our data that we captured was to enable us to provide statutory performance figures to the Environment Agency;
- The Council spends in excess of £205,000 per year on addressing Fly-Tipping within the Borough.

### 3 CCTV Cameras

- 3.1 In order to help reduce fly-tipping, we had been deploying wildlife cameras in rural locations where we experience high levels of fly tipping. These cameras have limited memory for recording images and quickly drain the batteries, they then require checking at least on a weekly basis. If fly tipping is reported in these locations, we then have to review large amounts of data which is incredibly inefficient to see if there is any evidence, we can take formal action on.

- 3.2 We are deploying some new Artificial Intelligence cameras. The cameras will:
- Intelligently detect events and footage, which is immediately transmitted over a secure IoT network to the iDefigo cloud platform. This will alert our Environmental Health team immediately and they will be able to action accordingly;
  - Provide good quality timely evidence to enable us to carry out successful prosecutions, or issue fixed penalty notices both of which should act as a deterrent and help to reduce fly tipping in the Borough;
  - The new AI cameras have a better battery life, filtered and cloud stored images will vastly improve the efficiency of our detection of fly tipping by reducing the time spent maintaining the cameras, reviewing images, and providing evidence that we would otherwise not have had;
  - For more information about these AI cameras which are ideal for remote locations in our rural Borough, watch this video: [iDefigo BBC Click June 2022 - YouTube](#).
- 3.3 We are trialling this technology in the Borough. The team are utilising an interactive Power BI report displaying hotspots, volumes, and waste types, which enables managers to make timely decisions. Using this map, locations of the AI cameras have been determined. These cameras have been deployed in two locations. since 9 February 2023 and 15 June 2023, fly tipping in these areas has reduced significantly. The cameras can be moved if the team determine another hotspot should be monitored. The council have been successful in a bid for additional cameras in the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). This will enable the council to monitor 4 additional hotspots.

## 4 Case Studies

- 4.1.1 Fly-tipping incident reported on Packington Lane, Maxstoke. The waste which included carpet, settee and household waste was cleared by Streetscape team on 16 June 2022. Within the waste, two individuals' details were located at the same address.
- 4.1.2 A council tax search was conducted. Both individuals are no longer linked to the address, but we did have forwarding addresses.
- 4.1.3 The first individual was invited to attend an interview under caution. The individual was able to provide evidence showing she was no longer at the address at the time of the incident and had no access to the property since 2019.
- 4.1.4 The second individual was invited to attend an interview under caution. The individual's sister contacted the case officer to advise the individual suffers from severe panic attacks and cannot travel to the council building in North Warwickshire for the interview.
- 4.1.5 In order to pursue the case further, the case officer arranged for the interview to be conducted at Birmingham City Council's offices on 27 June 2023, as the individual lived within the area. His sister was able to attend as an appropriate adult. They provided evidence showing the individual does own the property, but they enlisted

an estate agent to manage the property. With the information provided, further enquires are being made to determine the fly-tipper.

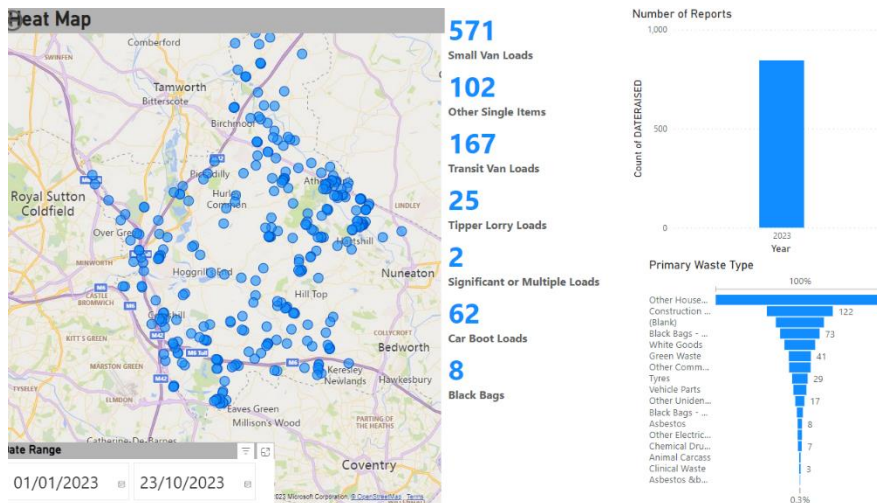
4.1.6 The Environmental Health team received a report of a fly tipping incident on Howe Green Lane, Astley. The witness noted a registration vehicle number driving away from waste disposed on the lane. The team obtained a witness statement.

4.1.7 However, after reviewing the witness statement, the officer noted the witness did not see the occupant of the vehicle disposing of the waste. This is a requirement to conduct a DVLA check. For this reason, this case could not be pursued further.

## 5 Measures/Performance Information

5.1 We are required to submit data every three months to the Environment Agency. However, going forward we wanted more data and with a faster response.

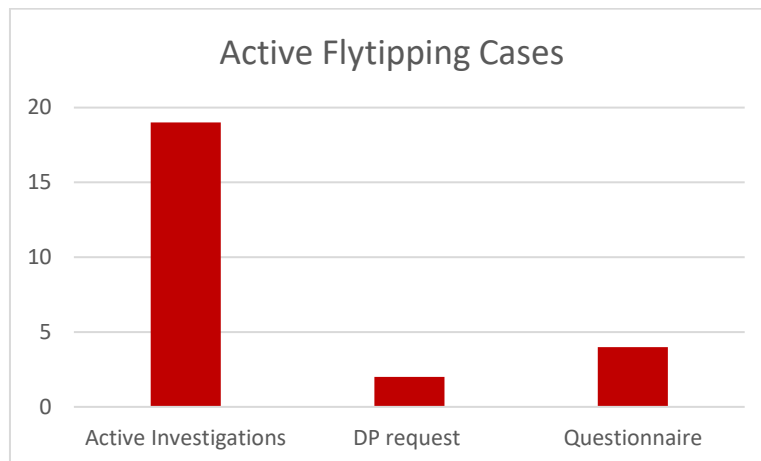
5.2 We are working on a dashboard (by utilising Power BI Pro) and it will be available to view the real time data, at any time which can be monitored by the relevant officers:



[The interactive map can be found by following this link.](#)



5.2.1 The Environmental Health team have the following active cases:



## 6 What next?

6.1 Environmental Health have now gone live with the new management information system. Going forward we will be logging all fly tipping clearances (whether it is a member of the public, Councillors, Officers, or our Contact Centre Team) on the customer portal. As part of logging the request, the customer will be asked if they know who tipped the waste and if they are willing to provide a witness statement. The crew will be provided with a mobile device with a data card to access the system to pick-up and complete their jobs. Once the clearance has been actioned it will be assigned to Environmental Health and Legal colleagues to see if any further action can take place. The team are aiming to have the system available before the end of year. Environmental Health are also conducting training sessions for colleagues in the Streetscape team to ensure evidence is being collected accurately.

## 7 Report Implications

### 7.1 Financial Implications

7.1.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

### 7.2 Safer Communities Implications

7.2.1 These are set out in the report.

### 7.3 Legal Data Protection and Human Rights Implications

7.3.1 Fly tipping is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. That Act also creates a Duty of Care which requires producers of waste, including householders, to take all reasonable measures to ensure that it is disposed of lawfully and, where applicable, only transferred to someone who is authorised to transport or dispose of it. Failure to comply with that duty is also an offence.

7.3.2 The use of any cameras is subject to a protocol to ensure compliance with the relevant legal requirements for surveillance. The protocol has been reviewed as required to comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulations and updated guidance prepared by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner. It is also necessary to obtain authorisation for covert surveillance under RIPA, which must then be approved by the Magistrates Court. It is essential that this authorisation is obtained prior to deployment for covert surveillance otherwise any evidence obtained may be excluded by the Courts.

**7.4 Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

7.4.1 Tackling fly tipping will make positive contributions towards improving the environment and sustainability. The fly tips create adverse impacts on the local environment and use significant resources in removing them and carrying out investigations.

7.4.2 By reducing fly tipping the quality of life in local communities will be improved.

**7.5 Risk Management Implications**

7.5.1 None relating to this report.

**7.6 Equality Implications**

7.6.1 There are no known adverse impacts on any groups having protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010. The adverse impacts of fly tipping on the local environment is often in rural locations although not exclusively.

**7.7 Links to Council’s Priorities**

7.7.1 The ongoing actions will contribute towards the priorities of creating safer communities and protecting our countryside and heritage.

The Contact Officers for this report are Cath James (719295), Sharon Gallagher (719292) and Milen Woldeab (719326).

**Background Papers**

Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D

Background Paper No	Author	Nature of Background Paper	Date
4	Transformation Manager and Environmental Health Manager	Fly Tipping <a href="#">Safer Communities 16 March 2023.pdf</a> (pages 5-10)	Mar 2023

## Agenda Item No 7

### Safer Communities Sub-Committee

20 November 2023

#### Report of the Chief Executive

#### The Serious Violence Duty

## 1 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the requirements of the Council in meeting the Serious Violence Duty.

### Recommendation to the Board

- a To note funding of £10,000 to support local interventions 2023/4;
- b To note both the commitment to participate and contribute to the development of the countywide delivery plan, develop the Local Delivery Plan, and contribute to the implementation of the Local Delivery Plan to reduce serious violence in North Warwickshire; and
- c To note the Terms of Reference for the Safer Communities Sub-Committee have been amended following the last meeting to include a specific reference to scrutinise the crime and disorder and serious violence duties.

## 2 Report

- 2.1 The new Serious Violence duty came into effect on 31 January 2023 as a result of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 whereby the Act placed a new duty on 'specified authorities', including North Warwickshire Borough Council, to

- (1) conduct a Strategic Needs Assessment;
- (2) develop a Serious Violence Prevention Strategy; and
- (3) develop and implement a Serious Violence Delivery Plan for the local area.

- 2.2 As reported at the meeting in July, the Duty requires specified authorities to work together to share information, target their interventions, collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence within their local communities. In Warwickshire the agreement between districts and the County was that Warwickshire County Council would act as a lead. By adopting this approach,

the burden of meeting this duty on the relevant authorities, including North Warwickshire Borough Council, in meeting the Duty is reduced and North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership will receive funding to deliver tailored local responses, embedded through local community involvement, case management and governance structures.

- 2.3 To note, Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 19 (11) has been amended to ensure that local authority scrutiny of crime and disorder matters also includes reference to the serious violence duty and the Council's constitution has been amended accordingly following a recommendation at the last meeting as follows:

**“C. Powers Delegated to the Safer Communities Sub-Committee**

To implement the approved Crime and Disorder Strategy with a specific obligation on discharging the serious violence duties, focussing on drugs and alcohol issues, support to victims, reducing offending behaviour, partnership working and CCTV.”

- 2.4 The Duty is a key part of the Government's programme of work to prevent and reduce serious violence taking a multi-agency approach to understand the causes and consequences of serious violence, focusing on prevention and early intervention, and informed by evidence. Serious violence has a devastating impact on the lives of victims and families, instils fear within communities and is extremely costly to society. Incidents of serious violence involving knives and other weapons have increased significantly, with regular media broadcasts of young people sustaining life changing injuries or death as a result.
- 2.5 The 2022 Act also introduced Serious Violence Homicide Reviews, which require specified authorities to conduct a review into the circumstances of certain homicides where the victim was aged 18 or over, and the events surrounding their death involved, or were likely to have involved, the use of an offensive weapon. These reviews will be like Safeguarding Serious Case Reviews or Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- 2.6 Warwickshire County Council will undertake the following on behalf of all the specified authorities to discharge the Duty:
- Undertake a countywide Strategic Needs Assessment but with deep dives into areas most affected by serious violence, or where the causal factors related to serious violence are evident.
  - Agree a joint Warwickshire Delivery Plan that provides all the specified authorities and Community Safety Partnerships with the evidence that they are meeting the requirements of the Serious Violence Duty.
  - Fund a dedicated Countywide lead officer to support all the specific partners to meet the duty.
  - Develop and implement of a 'Contextual Safeguarding Common Assessment Framework' for serious violence interventions, delivered to all specified authorities and relevant authorities.

- Provide a training programme for front line teams on the Duty, signs and symptoms of serious violence involvement, intervention options and clear referral pathways. This will include ensuring specified authorities have processes in place for data protection compliance, designated lead officers and referral pathways.
  - Expand the current Whole Schools Violence Prevention programme, accessible by all secondary schools in the county.
  - Develop bespoke interventions that improve pathways into support, such as access to mental health, employment, or vocational attainment.
- 2.7 The Home Office have commissioned Crest Advisory Group to work with the specified authorities on their readiness and to provide tailored support to local areas. Alongside this the Home Office has set out a series of mandatory requirements for specified authorities to deliver against with clear time frames. The latest update is set out below:

<b>Serious Violence Requirement</b>	<b>Current situation</b>
<p><b>March 2023:</b> Specified authorities will need to provide an existing or produce a new Partnership Agreement to demonstrate that all the specified authorities under the legislation are included in the local delivery of the Duty, and that decision making is being shared between them.</p>	<p>A Partnership Agreement has been prepared. The Agreement defines the 'local area' as Warwickshire.</p> <p>The Agreement sets out the governance arrangements at county and local CSP/District/Borough level. This was reported at the July Meeting of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee.</p>
<p><b>30 April 2023:</b> Delivery Plan - The specified authorities will need to jointly agree the activity they will deliver under the Duty.</p>	<p>An advanced draft version of the Delivery Plan was submitted to the Home Office by the end of September deadline. This included funded interventions for each District and Borough (previously circulated). A final version will be submitted by the Home Office deadline of 31 January 2024. This will be reported to a future meeting of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee.</p>
<p><b>January 2024:</b> Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) - must be created jointly by all the specified authorities within a local area to formulate a robust, common understanding of the serious violence problem within that area. The SNA will need to be used to develop a definition of serious violence for the purpose of the Duty and inform the development</p>	<p>Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) – The first draft has already been consulted on with all relevant partners. A deep dive exercise on a number of key themes is being developed along with further analysis of a number of qualitative case studies. There is a cross partnership meeting on 27 October to consider the analysis and the final SNA will be complete by 3 November. The SNA will be presented</p>

Serious Violence Requirement	Current situation
of a local strategy to address findings.	to the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board on 5 December for approval. The SNA will also be reported to the Safer Communities Sub-Committee.
<p><b>January 2024:</b> – Local Strategy - the local strategy will need to set out how actions being undertaken by the specified authorities will address findings of the SNA in alignment with the area’s local definition of serious violence. This is where the specified authorities can demonstrate that they are meeting the multi-agency elements, providing both short-term and long-term solutions.</p>	<p>The Warwickshire Serious Violence Prevention Strategy has been developed and was approved by the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board in December 2022. However, the strategy will be updated based on the findings of the SNA and presented to the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board in December for approval.</p> <p>The strategy will also be reported to the Safer Communities Sub-Committee.</p>

## 2.8 Next steps

To continue meeting the requirements of the duty and in preparation of the final strategy, the next quarter is very busy and includes:

- 6 November – Serious Violence (SV) Prevention Delivery Group – to agree the recommendations of the SNA and core changes to the current SV Prevention Strategy.
- 13 November – Serious Violence Theory of Change Workshop – the Home Office require a Theory of Change Model to be included as part of the SV Strategy.
- 17 - 22 November – update of the Warwickshire Serious Violence Strategy, including an editorial group drawn from leads across the Specified Authorities.
- 21 November – Serious Violence Executive meeting – draft of the SV strategy for comments and amendments.
- 5 December – Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board – SV prevention Strategy 2024-30, and SNA to be adopted by the Board.
- 6 December – Corporate Board report to be completed and draft to provide to all Specified Authorities to agree the local governance arrangements that they wish to use to “endorse” the strategy and SNA.
- 15 December WCC Corporate Board – for endorsement.
- Late December – late January – local governance processes/meetings/committees, as required.
- 30 January Serious Violence Executive – to review the overarching SV delivery plan for 2023-25.

- 31 January – Warwickshire SV Prevention Strategy and SNA to be submitted to the Home Office.
- 2.9 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has specific functions granted to them through the legislation, including a requirement to administer and distribute funding provided by the Home Office. The funding allocated to Warwickshire PCC is £575,214 over three years. The 5 District and Boroughs will receive an equal amount of £10,000 for violence prevention programmes in 2023/4. In North Warwickshire the funds will support activities around Domestic Violence following a report identifying increasing levels of Domestic Abuse in North Warwickshire. The details of this work are not finalised however the money will support a Refuge drop-in service in Coleshill.
- 2.10 A Serious Violence Prevention training programme will be rolled out in 2023/4 part funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **3 Report Implications**

#### **3.1 Financial Implications**

- 3.1.1 The initial £10,000 Serious Violence funding will be allocated to domestic abuse interventions. Further funding will be announced in year 2. There are various areas for consideration that include domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, and diversionary activity for young people. This is yet to be confirmed.

#### **3.2 Safer Communities Implications**

- 3.2.1 These are set in the report and the appendices.

#### **3.3 Legal, Data Protection and Human Rights Implications**

- 3.3.1 Community Safety Partnerships are constituted under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended. This requires the Council to work with the police, the fire and rescue authority and the county council to implement a strategy for the reduction of crime.
- 3.3.2 The 2022 Act introduces a similar duty for the Council to work with partners to plan together to exercise their functions to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area. This includes working with those bodies listed in paragraph 2.2 and education, prison, and youth custody authorities to prepare a strategy to reduce serious violence.
- 3.3.3 The Council is required to have a committee that scrutinises the crime and disorder work of various organisations within the Borough. The Council has decided that this Committee will fulfil that requirement.

#### **3.4 Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

- 3.4.1 By working to reduce crime and disorder, the partnership is contributing towards improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to North Warwickshire.

### **3.5 Health Implications**

- 3.5.1 The work of the partnership has several synergies with contributing towards healthier communities. These include tackling violent crime, supporting victims of domestic abuse, tackling alcohol and drug misuse, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

### **3.6 Risk Management Implications**

- 3.6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment includes risk analysis of risk and harm. The analysis uses an adapted Association of Chief Police Officers' Model (ACPO 3 PLEM). This is a basis scoring matrix for levels of harm. The assessment also includes consideration of a Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MORILE) matrix. The key risks for the partnership are identified within the strategic assessment prepared each year.

### **3.7 Equality Implications**

- 3.7.1 The work of the partnership includes several activities which contribute towards equality objectives. These include support services for victims of domestic abuse, reducing repeat victimisation, monitoring of hate crimes and rehabilitation of offenders.

### **3.8 Links to Council's Priorities**

- 3.8.1 The Council has a priority for creating safer communities.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).



**Agenda Item No 8**

**Safer Communities Sub-Committee**

**20 November 2023**

**North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership.
- 1.2 The report includes information about progress with the agreed priorities from the Strategic Assessment 2021/2022 and latest crime statistics.

**Recommendation to the Sub-Committee**

- a That Members consider the update and identify any areas for further scrutiny and consideration;**
- b That Members note progress of the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership; and**
- c That Members note that the success of Funding bids.**

**2 Consultation**

- 2.1 Consultation has taken place with the relevant Members and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

**3 Background**

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee has previously received reports from the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership regarding progress with the actions included in the partnership plan. The last report was received on 3 July 2023.
- 3.2 The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership prepares a Partnership Plan considering the findings of the Strategic Assessment. This plan sets out our priorities for the coming year.

- 3.3 We have set ourselves challenging priorities to protect our people and communities from violent crime, make our roads safer, prevent and reduce crime in our rural communities, and to prevent and help the police detect house burglary, vehicle crimes and robbery.
- 3.4 North Warwickshire is a low crime area however we do experience crime and disorder problems and as a result the fear of crime amongst residents is often higher than we would hope.
- 3.5 Considering the findings of the North Warwickshire Strategic Assessment 2021/22 the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership core priorities are:
- **Violent Crime** - With a focus on knife crime, domestic violence and alcohol related violence.
  - **Serious Acquisitive Crime** - With a focus on residential burglary dwelling, vehicle crime and personal robbery.
  - **Rural Crime** - Based upon the rural and wildlife crime strategy definition.
  - **Road Safety** - With a focus on traffic accidents resulting in killed and serious injuries
- 3.6 Cross Cutting Themes - there are cross cutting themes which we consider represent a risk to community safety in North Warwickshire. These are:
- **Vulnerability and Exploitation**
  - **Reducing Re-Offending**
  - **Improving Public Perceptions of Safety**

**Areas of Concern** – these are issues that have been identified as emerging issues. They are actively monitored by the partnership and include:

- **Hate Crime** - the partnership will support the countywide approach to tackle hate crime through the work of the Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership.
- **Prevent** - the partnership will support the countywide approach to the Prevent strategy.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** - the partnership will monitor and where necessary respond to personal, nuisance and environmental anti-social behaviour including deliberate small fires.

3.7 The Community Safety Partnership delivers local projects as detailed in the partnership plan and influences many of the countywide services to ensure residents in North Warwickshire get a fair share in service provision.

... 3.8 Attached at Appendix A is a copy of quarter 2 Community Safety Performance Monitoring Report. This is the latest in a series of quarterly reports produced for the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership, providing an overview of recorded crime and disorder data. Included in this report is data obtained from partners relating to the North Warwickshire Priorities for 2021-2025. The data provides an overview of recorded crime and disorder and shows the following position, comparing back over the last 12 months plus the three-year average.

#### 4 **NW Community Safety Partnership Performance**

4.1 The performance data identifies areas of concern for the CSP. These are:

- **Vehicle crime** - At the end of the year, nine wards have seen significant increases in thefts from motor vehicle offences compared to last year. Fillongley Ward has seen by far the highest volumes although 39 offences were at the Welcome Break services. Car parks, especially those at hotels and other venues, were also of note in this ward and across the Borough.

**Action** – See the update on Operation Array below

- **Domestic abuse** - This district was the only area in the County to show increased volumes of reported offences of domestic related violence without injury this quarter. Analysis indicates that this may be due to increased volumes of stalking offences in the borough compared to last year. Referrals to Refuge in North Warwickshire are higher than last year. Data suggest that the district are consistently showing some of the highest proportions of perpetrators that have a criminal record known to the Police (Refuge data) although this may be based on small volumes. Offences have increased in the East Safer Neighbourhood Team area this year compared to last year. The highest volumes have been reported from Atherstone Central Ward.

... **Action** – In response the CSP analyst have undertaken an in-depth review of this data in time to circulate with this report – see Appendix B. A follow up meeting is required to consider activities.

- **Wounding Offences** – Although section 20 offences have reduced significantly compared to last year, the number of section 18 offences have increased. This represents a possible emerging issue of concern due to this being the more serious wounding offence. Three of the section 18 offences this quarter involved a knife. Six of the section 18 offences were in a public place.

**Action** – It is recommended that the CSP consider requesting further analysis relating to wounding offences in the borough to aid in targeting of resources. This could form part of the serious violence duty delivery plan.

- **Killed and/or Seriously Injured** - Incidents are more than double for the same quarter last year, although there have been no fatalities this quarter. The long-term trend shows that KSIs are a continuing area of concern for the CSP.

**Action** – In response it is recommended that the CSP commission analysis to understand the increases, to help focus resources and tackle the higher volumes of incidents this year.

- **Exploitation** – Reported offence volumes of child sexual exploitation are significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels. However, eight of the offences this quarter occurred prior to 2023 (72% of the offences reported this quarter). Referrals to Children and Families Front Door (previously MASH) from North Warwickshire Borough remain lower than most other districts and boroughs. In contrast, schools both fixed term and permanent exclusion rates are the highest for secondary school children in this borough compared to the rest of the county. Persistent absence rates are also of concern for secondary school children in the borough, with the overall absence rate being the highest in the county in the Autumn term 2022/23.

**Action** – In response it is recommended that the CSP continue focusing on supporting schools and children who are excluded and absent from school in the borough. Various work is already being undertaken in the Hartshill area.

## 5 Partnership Plan 2023 – Quarter 2 Updates

5.1 The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership has a statutory requirement to prepare a Partnership Plan based upon the findings of the annual Strategic Assessment. The existing Partnership Plan has been reviewed and updated in line with the agreed priorities and recommendations identified in the 2020/21 Strategic Assessment.

5.1.1 The Community Safety Partnership delivers local projects as detailed in the partnership plan and influences many of the countywide services to ensure residents in North Warwickshire get a fair share in service provision. Whilst the priorities for the CSP remain the same the action plan will be reviewed over the next twelve months given changes in the community safety partnership landscape. This will be considered at the North Warwickshire Responsible Authorities Group who approves the priorities. A summary of the current plan includes:

## 5.2 Problem Solving Meetings

5.2.1 Chaired by the North Warwickshire Police Inspector, Problem Solving Meetings are held monthly where problem solving plans are discussed. North Warwickshire has a new Police Inspector which is Jack Pritchard.

5.2.2 The meetings are informed by the latest crime statistics, any emerging issues raised by partners and the Police plus anecdotal information. The latest meeting discussed:

**Vehicle crime** - Every single victim of vehicle crime is visited in North Warwickshire and vehicle packs are provided to help prevent future thefts. This is also to ensure no investigative opportunity is missed when details have been taken over the phone. Officers will speak with the victim, issue vehicle crime pack, provided house to house door knocks and explore CCTV opportunities.

Officers have also conducted a joint vehicle operation with Staffordshire Police this month four people have been arrested.

**OP Array** – Off-road bike patrols are continuing with the off-road bike trained officers. Several bikes have been seized with a couple of them being stolen motorbikes from the Atherstone area over the past month. Inspector Pritchard plans to draft a new policy on the off-road bike police response. Furthermore, Warwickshire County Council plan to update the new 'dob 'em in' campaign.

**Atherstone Town Centre** – Work is underway to implement a PSPO for alcohol and substance misuse in Atherstone (Market Square and Long Street) following ongoing ASB issues experienced by residents and particularly the local businesses. The Police have undertaken consultation in September 2023, considered and/or implemented a number of interventions/powers that to reduce ASB and the persistent drinkers in the town.

**Burglary** – There has been an increase in residential burglaries in Water Orton and surrounding areas. The Police have shared a range of crime prevention messages, foot patrols, increased visibility and late-night crime operations. This is still an ongoing operation.

## 5.4 Anti-Social Behaviour Meetings

The multi-agency anti-social behaviour tasking and case management meetings continue to be held monthly. The meetings are Chaired by Julie Taylor and consider ASB cases (victims) and ASB operational issues that consider interventions/powers that partners can issue to reduce ASB, re-offending behaviour and criminality. Hotspot locations are also discussed at the meeting, identifying collaboration multi-agency responses. A few task

and finish group meetings have been set up to consider specific locations and offender/victim long standing issues. Details cannot be documented for confidentiality reasons, however this requires focussed work.

5.4.1 A reduction in ASB has been reported over the last quarter. Unfortunately, with Police staff changes some data has been unavailable and in terms of how this feels, this does not match.

	Oct 22	Nov 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	March 23	April 23	May 23	June 23	July 23	Aug 23	Sept 23
<b>North</b>	20(↓)	20(↓)	19(↓)	-	-	-	24	11	20	12(↓)	-
<b>South</b>	18(↓)	12(↓)	11(↓)	-	-	-	16	16	22	23(↑)	-
<b>East</b>	18(↓)	38(↑)	17(↓)	-	-	-	26	20	34	22(↓)	-
<b>West</b>	21(↑)	14(↓)	14(→)	-	-	-	15	11	19	15(↓)	-

## 6 CSP Partnership Plan Updates

6.1 The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership updates include:

- **CCTV** – Several new cameras have been purchased via successful funding applications. Five CSP cameras were purchased this year and a further four are to be ordered. The current CSP CCTV cameras vary in how they operate, the quality of their images, and how images can be downloaded. The proposal is to reduce the number of cameras that the CSP owns and access funding to replace old cameras. In total, the CSP will have replaced nine cameras with new ones.

A feasibility study is being considered to identify if Polesworth Town Council CCTV cameras could be merged with the control room in Atherstone. The CSP has been successful in obtaining funding to undertake this work.

Funds have been secured for each of the three towns via Safer Streets funding to improve cameras, technology and/or advance changes to implement CCTV improvement.

In total over £108,000 has been secured via external funding in 2023.

- **ASB youth related issues** – Following several ASB related youth issues further work is being undertaken (with a particular focus in Hartshill and Kingsbury) to identifying better interventions, support and diversionary activity. A new operation ‘Outfitter’ will focus activity on key individuals that are causing ASB in the Hartshill/Camp Hill area.

An ASB task and finish group has been established in Kingsbury and several solutions have been identified to tackle ASB off-road biking, including a new CCTV camera and K barriers being installed on the footpath to the recreation area. The car park layout will be changed to include humps and kerbing to stop young adults doing donuts in the car park, work is ongoing to see if the bench in the park can be relocated, and diversionary activity is being explored.

Twelve referrals have been made to the Turnaround Project run by the Youth Justice Service.

- **Improving Public Perceptions of Community Safety** – an update on the operation of CCTV is set out above.. In addition, the Safer Neighbourhood Team have been busy over the last quarter addressing local priorities, attending engagement events and listening to local concerns alongside providing prevention advice – see Police newsletters Appendices C and D.

• • •

- **Kingsbury injunctions** - In April, North Warwickshire Borough Council had obtained a High Court injunction against protests taking place outside the site. The order gives a power of arrest outside the terminal and at the junctions of nearby roads. Since the court first granted an interim injunction in April 2022 more than 139 arrests have taken place leading the court to find 70 people had breached the order and were in contempt of court. This was 108 separate breaches. It has largely been reported that JSO will continue to protest here. This number of breaches shows that the Order remains necessary and, were it not in place, there would be a significant risk of further disruption to the community, including risk of harm to individuals and their property. On 8 August the Court made a further Order that the final hearing of the Council’s application will take place in November 2023.

- **Home Office CSP review meeting** – A CSP Review is taking place from a recommendation from Part Two of the Police and Crime Commission Review. The meeting focussed on clarifying the role of CSPs, and improve their transparency, accountability, and effectiveness, plus make it easier for them to serve the needs of their communities. The Home Office is currently in the evidence gathering stage of the Review and are keen to talk to people who worked with CSPs.

## Safer Warwickshire Board update

- **A partnership mapping and outcomes workshop** took place on 19 October 2023. The event focussed on providing information on a proposed new framework for work to reduce re-offending and a draft new SWPB governance structure for discussion.
- **Big Conversation** - the second Big Conversation event took place 14 June, at the Holiday Inn, near Coventry, focussing on an ambition to address serious violence and to tackle discrimination in all forms.
- **Prevent** – as reported at the last meeting the Warwickshire Prevent Steering Group undertook a partnership self-assessment exercise to identify the current Warwickshire position. There is an enhanced and increasing level of scrutiny from the Home Office around the Prevent Duty, and a need for all relevant partners to evidence how they are meeting their statutory requirements. A self-assessment was undertaken on behalf of the CSP and in discussion with the Prevent Officer.

In terms of training and demonstrating due regard to the duty, arrangements the Prevent Office will provide several training sessions for staff, Management, Safeguarding leads. Dates are currently being finalised.

- **Hate Crime** – see ‘Big Conversation’ update.
- **Violence Against Women Group (VAWG)** – the strategy was approved by the Warwickshire County Council Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023. An illustrated Strategy should be available soon. All performance measures have been signed off by the task and finish group. Refuge will be providing a variety of training sessions including two multi-agency tech based Domestic Abuse sessions and three LGBT specialist Domestic Abuse sessions.
- A domestic abuse report has been prepared identifying six recommendations. A local meeting was held to consider the recommendations. It was agreed that further analysis is required to look at themes behind the data such as mental health, housing, finances, alcohol, and drugs etc. However, the need for more drop-in services and education was welcomed. Funded via the Serious Violence money, work is ongoing to establish a second drop-in service in the Coleshill area.
- **Warwickshire Re-offending Board** – whilst the Re-offending Board is working well, there has been some issues with engaging partners in the work of the Re-offending Board. A meeting will be held between representatives from the Police, Probation and County Council to discuss a way forward, including how the statutory



requirements on partners to reduce re-offending could potentially be delivered through existing forums.

- **The Safe Accommodation Working Group** – the group is currently collating a Domestic Abuse survey results on housing providers and how they respond to Domestic Abuse.
- **Domestic Homicide Review** - North Warwickshire currently has one new Domestic Homicide. The first panel meeting took place at the end of June. There are two DHR currently in North Warwickshire.
- **The Drugs and Alcohol Strategic Partnership (DASP)** – Warwickshire County Council commissioning are undertaking some service reviews and then this will produce options on their contracting arrangements, one of the options will be jointly commissioned with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- **Serious Violence Duty** – A separate report has been prepared. The duty was implemented on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 that requires all specified authorities to work together to share information, target their local interventions, collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence within their local communities. Authorities on whom the Duty is placed are required to carry out a strategic assessment and have adopted a strategy to tackle serious violence. This should be in place by January 2024.

**Road Safety** – Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is operating well with quarterly Strategic and Operational Board with regular meetings of the five working groups which make up the elements of the Safe System.

The Partnership is supporting a number of a grant application to the Road Safety Trust to support work in educational research, evaluation of the mature driver reviews and implementing the Safe System into planning services.

The partnership has developed a central reporting system for speed concerns. The system allows for a consistent approach across the organisations. The system will be evidence led using collision, casualty, and speed data to assess the concern. The results will be posted on the partnership website to improve transparency of the process and in turn improve public confidence.

- In 2022 there were eight Fatal casualties, 53 Serious casualties and 144 slight casualties in North Warwickshire.
- The Road Safety Education are currently delivering in 12 schools across Warwickshire as well as support the SNT team with their Junior PCSO scheme.

- On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the Partnership ran an event aimed at older drivers and riders as the local collision data supported an event. This was a great success.
- Two holiday sessions of scooter training take place in April and August at Kingsbury Water Park and Coleshill Memorial Park. These were supported by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue with vehicle checks.
- Two child car seat check events took place in February and May at Dobbies Garden Centres at Atherstone and Coleshill. These were supported by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue with vehicle checks.

## 7 Community Safety Grant 2022/23

7.1 **Police and Crime Commissioner funding** - in 2021/2 the Police and Crime Commissioner confirmed an allocation of £22,469 to the Warwickshire Community Safety Partnerships. This was a reduction of £9,922.00 from the 2020/21 allocation of £32,391.

7.1.1 In 2022/3 The CSP applied for three bids. The PCC awarded the CSP two bids totalling £8,000 of which £3,000 was for the Mentoring Project that received funding direct from the PCC and from each district, leaving the CSP just £5,000 to address local CSP Priorities.

7.1.2 In 2023/4 the CSP made an application for three projects from the Community Safety 2023/4 grant application: The fund's total £35,000. All three bids were turned down.

7.1.3. Following further discussions with the OPCC Office funding has been allocated for two projects that totals £23, 538 including:

1. **Project 1: OPCC Reference 2023/24-042 – Off-road bikes crime prevention & nomad camera project for North Warwickshire.** This project will involve the installation of a K Barriers, including ground prep and labour required, at two sites: Brett's Hall recreational ground and Kingsbury recreational ground, plus a Nomad camera in Atherstone at a cost of £5,000 – (NOMAD Mini HD IR & 5 x 10gb 4G Airtime Agreement). This is following numerous reports about off-road bikes on the footpath in and around Manor Road, Atherstone. The offer is for a grant totalling **£17,558** for the period April 2023 to March 2024.
2. **Project 2: OPCC Reference 2023/24-041 – Crime Prevention equipment for North Warwickshire.** The proposal is to continue to undertake meaningful and targeted engagement and prevention work. Funding has been awarded to purchase prevention equipment. The offer is for a grant totalling **£6,980** for the period April 2023 to March 2024.

7.1.4 The Police and Crime Commissioner Officer wrote to each Council to confirm an allocation of £10,00 for Community Safety Partnership CCTV. This was a one-off payment will be used to fund costs to undertake a feasibility study around a possible control room merge of Polesworth into Atherstone CCTV control room.

#### 7.1.5 **Safer Streets 5**

£42 million has been allocated through the Safer Streets Fund to deal with neighbourhood crime, violence against women and girls (VAWG) and anti-social behaviour (ASB). Warwickshire has submitted three Safer Street 5 proposals and secured the full £1m over 18 months. In North Warwickshire the applications made around CCTV total £73,495.

#### 7.1.6 **Serious Violence Money**

An allocation of £10,000 was identified by Warwickshire County Council for each district. North Warwickshire allocated funds will support work around increasing levels of domestic abuse following a report prepared by County CSP performance analysts. This will help to address recommendations set out in a recent Domestic Abuse Report. The funds will help support a new drop-in service in Coleshill.

### 8 **Summary**

8.1 Members are requested to note the report and the progress updates provided by the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and identify any areas for further consideration as highlighted in the report.

### 9 **Report Implications**

#### 9.1 **Finance and Value for Money Implications**

9.1.1 The reduction of £9,922 in the 2021/22 community safety grant for North Warwickshire made it difficult to support individual community safety projects and has resulted in some difficult conversations in the past, especially about future long-term projects and how these will be funded. The allocation of funding in 2023/24 is of great concern.

#### 9.2 **Safer Communities Implications**

9.2.1 These are set out in the report and the appendices.

### **9.3 Legal, Data Protection and Human Rights Implications**

- 9.3.1 Community Safety Partnerships are regulated by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the 1998 Act) as amended. The 1998 Act requires the Council to work with the police, fire and rescue authority and county council to implement a strategy for the reduction of crime. The actions set out in this report and the associated partnership plan contribute to the discharge of that requirement.
- 9.3.2 The deployment of CCTV and ANPR cameras are subject to several legal provisions, including the Protection of Freedoms Act, UK General Data Protection Regulation, Human Rights Act, and others. The deployment is also subject to guidance prepared by the Information Commissioner's Office and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner.
- 9.3.3 The Council is required to have a committee that scrutinises the crime and disorder work of various organisations within the Borough. The Council has decided that this Committee will fulfil that requirement.

### **9.4 Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

- 9.4.1 By working to reduce crime and disorder, the partnership is contributing towards improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to North Warwickshire.

### **9.5 Health Implications**

- 9.5.1 The work of the partnership has several synergies with contributing towards healthier communities. These include tackling violent crime, supporting victims of domestic abuse, tackling alcohol and drug misuse, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

### **9.6 Risk Management Implications**

- 9.6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment includes risk analysis of risk and harm. The analysis uses an adapted Association of Chief Police Officers' Model (ACPO 3 PLEM). This is a basis scoring matrix for levels of harm. The assessment also includes consideration of a Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MORILE) matrix. The key risks for the partnership are identified within the strategic assessment prepared each year.

### **9.7 Equality Implications**

- 9.7.1 The work of the partnership includes several activities which contribute towards equality objectives. These include support services for victims of domestic abuse, reducing repeat victimisation, monitoring of hate crimes and rehabilitation of offenders.

## 9.8 **Links to Council's Priorities**

9.8.1 The Council has a priority for creating safer communities.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).



**Notes to this report:**

This is the latest in a series of quarterly reports produced for the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership, providing an overview of recorded crime and disorder data.

Included in this report is data obtained from partners relating to the North Warwickshire Priorities for 2021-2025, as shown in the graphic on this page.

Comparisons to last year are included in this report following the colour coding method of:

- Green** = greater than 5% reduction
- Amber** = within +/- 5%
- Red** = greater than 5% increase

It must be noted that the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and consequent lockdowns occurred throughout 2020/21 and as such any long term trends including this time period must take into account irregular trends during this time.

As of Q2 2021 additional partner data has been included to provide CSPs with a broader overview of trends relating to the priorities. As this is a new process, some data comparisons may not yet be available.

The figures should not be reproduced outside of the Partnership without permission from the owners of the data.

Report produced by: Sarah Parker, Business Intelligence Analyst (CSP), Warwickshire Business Intelligence, October 2023, [businessintelligence@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:businessintelligence@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Sources:**

- Police Crime and incidents - SAP BI 4.3, Crime Information System Warwickshire Police, STORM Incident System, Warwickshire Police, October 2023
- MASH Referrals now Children and Families Front Door Referrals- - Business Intelligence, WCC. Contacts have been excluded. Each child within each Contact and Referral is counted as one. District is based on the District as recorded within the form. This is based on the date of contact as recorded within the form.
- CE Missing and Trafficking Framework – Business Intelligence (Children and Families), WCC
- Youth Justice Cohort information – YJS
- Substance Misuse – CGL Warwickshire and Compass Warwickshire
- Domestic Abuse – Refuge and DACs; MARAC Performance Data
- Rural Crime according the Rural and Wildlife Crime Strategy – Rural Crime Officer, Warwickshire Police
- KSIs – WCC Road Safety Team
- Education data, Business Intelligence, WCC.
- Streetsafe - <https://knowledgehub.group/group/streetsafe/dashboard>

**North Warwickshire CSP Priorities for 2021-2025**





Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Priority – 1) Violent crime with a focus on knife crime, domestic abuse and alcohol related violence

Indicator	Q2 2023/24	Q2 2022/23	Q2 vs same period 22/23
<i>Violence with injury</i>	144	125	15.2%
<i>Violence with injury - domestic abuse flag</i>	48	48	0.0%
<i>Violence with injury - domestic abuse flag - as a % of total</i>	33%	38%	-5.1%
<i>Violence with injury - alcohol related flag</i>	18	11	63.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	233	292	-20.2%
<i>Violence without injury - domestic abuse flag</i>	90	99	-9.1%
<i>Violence without injury - domestic abuse flag - as a % of</i>	39%	34%	4.7%
<i>Violence without injury - alcohol related flag</i>	13	14	-7.1%
<i>Violence with and without injury - alcohol related flag</i>	31	25	24.0%
<i>Rape</i>	5	7	-28.6%
<i>Other sexual offences</i>	22	29	-24.1%
<i>Section 18 Wounding</i>	16	8	100.0%
<i>Section 20 Wounding</i>	5	0	500.0%
<i>Knife related violent crime</i>	3	8	-62.5%
<i>Possession of Article with Blade or Point</i>	4	4	0.0%
<i>Possession of other Weapons</i>	16	10	60.0%

**Violence with injury** offences have increased compared to last year. The proportions of those offences that are domestic related have reduced suggesting an increase in **non-domestic related violence with injury**. The majority of offences were assaults. 8% of the offences were ‘non-fatal strangulation and suffocation’ offences and a further 8% related to “owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog”.

Just over half of all **violence with injury** offences occurred in a public place which is a change to the trend seen in the last quarter. Six offences occurred in 4 schools in the borough, and this is the same volume as in quarter one. One offence involved a knife, and this was domestic abuse related. Twelve offences involved alcohol and one was hate-related.

**Violence without injury** offences continue to show quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year reductions and it is likely that this is largely due to some changes to Home Office Counting Rules that came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 23 which has affected how DA will be recorded, including relating to multiple offences previously being reported for one incident. However, this reduction does not necessarily mean a reduction in the actual number of incidents occurring in many cases.

**Rape offences** have decreased to the lowest quarterly totals seen in the borough since 2015. However, the number of **other sexual offences** remains at ‘typical’ volumes for the borough.

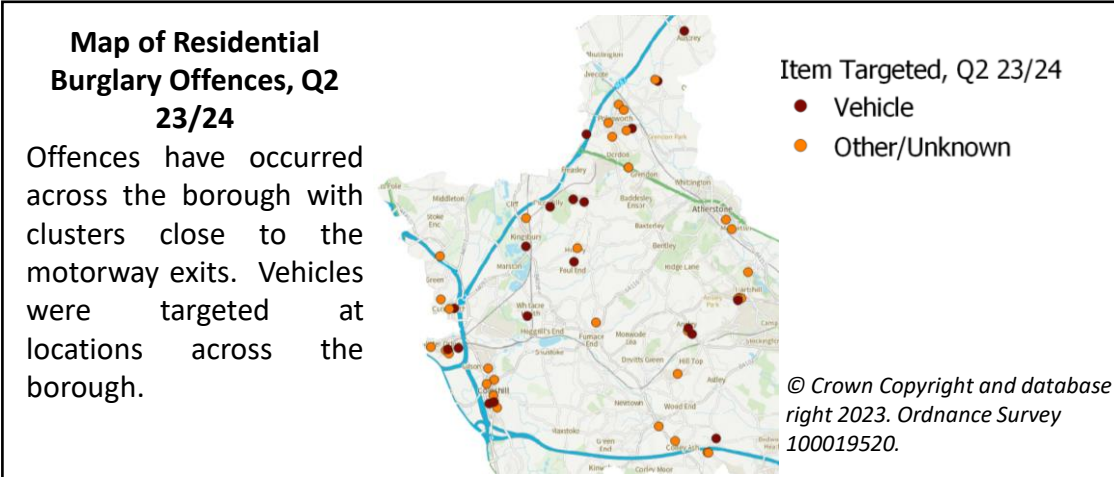
**Wounding Offences** – Volumes of **section 18 offences** have reached the highest levels ever recorded in the borough. This is largely due to 8 offences recorded in July alone. None of the **Section 18 offences** this quarter involved a knife although a baseball bat or other similar item was mentioned in a third of the offences. **Offences** this quarter occurred in both a public place and home address in equal volumes although only one offence was flagged as ‘domestic related’. Although volumes of **section 20** offences are higher than last year, this is in comparison to the unusually low volumes in quarters 1 and 2 last year in the borough. Volumes this year are more ‘typical’ for the county.

**Knife Crime** – After the unusually high quarterly volumes of **violent offences involving a knife** in the borough during the last quarter, offence volumes have significantly reduced. Analysis tasked in the last CSP Board meeting to understand that increase has been completed. Key findings show that 64% of the offences occurred in a private dwelling, with 2 offences being duplicate offences. In most cases, where known, a knife (or bladed article) was not used in the assault but was used as a threat. There were 4 incidents where the knife (or bladed article) was used. Over half of the offences last quarter occurred in Atherstone and one occurred at a school. Suspects and victims were most likely to know each other with suspects being mainly males aged 17 to 39 although victims were either male or female (with no majority trend) aged 12-58 years old. School exclusions data is not yet available for the full latest academic year.



Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Priority – 2) Serious Acquisitive Crime focusing on residential burglary (dwelling), vehicle crime and personal robbery  
3) Rural crime based on the rural and wildlife crime strategy definition

Indicator	Q2 2023/24	Q2 2022/23	Q2 vs same period 22/23
<b>Serious Acquisitive Crime Total</b>	<b>197</b>	192	<b>2.6%</b>
<i>Theft of Vehicle</i>	<b>48</b>	67	<b>-28.4%</b>
<i>Theft from Vehicle</i>	<b>86</b>	83	<b>3.6%</b>
<i>Residential burglary</i>	<b>54</b>	33	<b>63.6%</b>
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	<b>9</b>	9	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Rural Crime Offences</b>	<b>48</b>	60	<b>-20.0%</b>



**Serious Acquisitive Crime – Thefts of and from vehicles** offences continue to be reported in reduced volumes compared to last year. However, seasonal analysis suggests that volumes of offences will increase over the next two quarters in the borough, and *it is recommended that crime prevention activity is planned in relation to this.*

**Residential Burglary** offences are at much higher levels in the borough during this latest quarter and indicates a return to the volumes seen prior to the pandemic. This trend has also been reflected in Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough and may suggest possible cross-border offending. Higher volumes are also likely during the next quarter based on seasonal trends. 31% of offences were attempted burglary and the rest involved entry being gained. Two were aggravated burglaries. A summary of the offences this quarter is below:

- Where a time was stated, offences occurred mainly between 20:00 and 03:00.
- The majority of offences involved a rear door lock being damaged to gain entry to the property.
- Vehicles were targeted in 35% of offences, being stolen using keys taken from inside the property. BMWs and Volkswagens were the most stolen vehicle type although other vehicle makes were also targeted.
- In a number of offences victims were in the property at the time and were either unaware of the burglary occurring or disturbed the offenders.

*It is recommended that crime prevention activity is focused around preventing vehicles being targeted, as well as methods to prevent rear door locks being forced. Overnight targeted patrols around motorway exits is also suggested to identify suspects and intercept stolen vehicles.*

**Personal robbery offences** are at the same level as last year but with a slight increase compared to quarter 1. This increase is likely to continue over quarter 3 in line with seasonal trends and *it is recommended that crime prevention activity is planned in relation to this.*

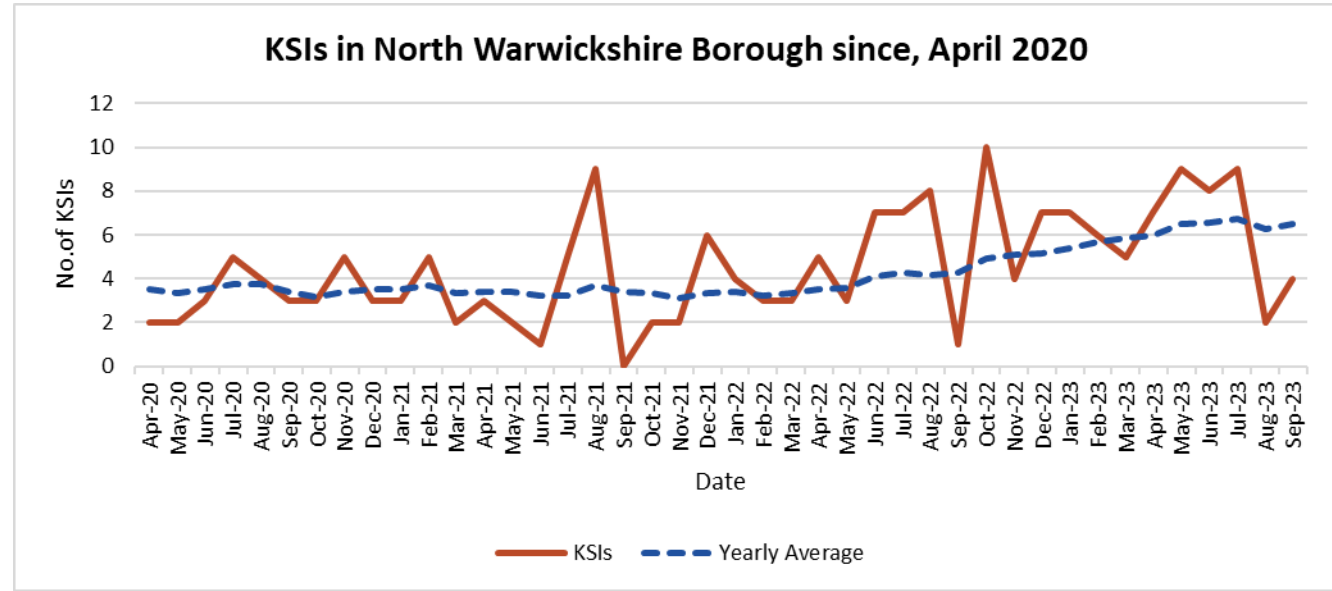
**Rural Crime** – Rural crime is at volumes slightly lower than last year and last quarter.



Performance – South Warwickshire CSP Priority – 4) Road Safety with a focus on road traffic accidents resulting in Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI)

Indicator	Q2 2023/24	Q2 2022/23	Q2 vs same period 22/23
People killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions	15	16	-6.3%
<i>Fatal</i>	3	2	50.0%
<i>Serious</i>	12	14	-14.3%

**KSI** – Collisions involving **seriously injured incidents** remain lower than for the same quarter last year. However, those resulting in a **fatality** have increased compared to last year and are one incident higher than in the last quarter. The long-term trend shows that KSIs have been increasing over the last 12-month period and are a continuing area of concern for the CSP.





Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Cross-Cutting Theme – Public Perception of Crime

**Perception of Crime** – There have not been any reports relating to North Warwickshire Borough since July 2022.

*With the lack of responses to this tool from residents of the borough, it is recommended that the CSP considers another form of measurement to identify trends in the perception of crime, or encourage residents to make use of the Streetsafe tool.*

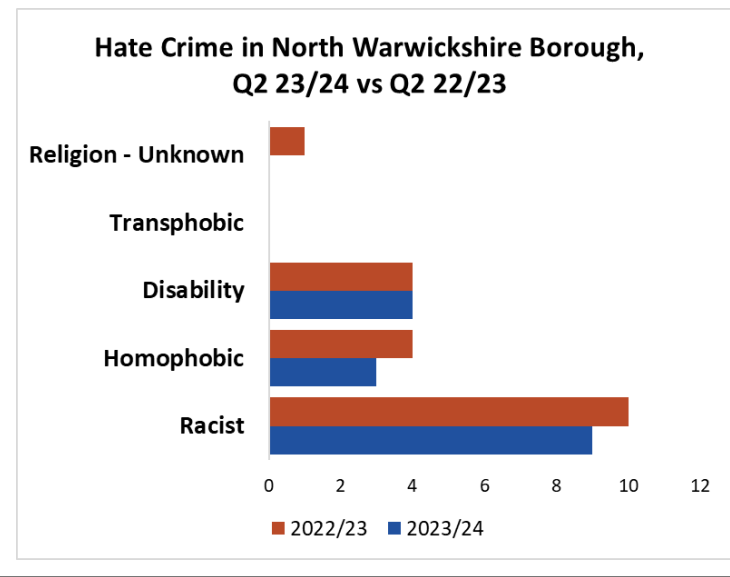
*\*StreetSafe is a non-crime anonymous online reporting tool for members of the public to report where women feel unsafe and why. The tool launched on 2nd September 2021.*



Performance – North Warwickshire CSP Cross-Cutting Theme – Vulnerability

Indicator	Q2 2023/24	Q2 2022/23	Q2 vs same period 22/23
<i>Hate Offences and Non Crimed Investigations</i>	<b>18</b>	20	<b>-10.0%</b>
<i>Domestic Abuse Offences and Non Crimed Investigations</i>	<b>270</b>	287	<b>-5.9%</b>
<i>CSE Offences</i>	<b>5</b>	5	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents</b>	<b>276</b>	321	<b>-14.0%</b>
<i>Personal</i>	<b>55</b>	62	<b>-11.3%</b>
<i>Nuisance</i>	<b>200</b>	226	<b>-11.5%</b>
<i>Environmental</i>	<b>21</b>	33	<b>-36.4%</b>
<b>Deliberate small fire Incidents (WFRS)</b>	<b>7</b>	21	<b>-66.7%</b>

**Hate crime** – Offence volumes are lower than last year and the last quarter but are at ‘typical’ volumes for the borough. In addition, reports to other partnership agencies in the borough are very low. **Racist** hate crime remains the most prominent in North Warwickshire Borough.



**Exploitation** – Reported offence volumes of **child sexual exploitation** are slightly lower than the last quarter and level with last year. In addition, referrals to **Children and Families Front Door** (previously MASH) are lower than in previous years in the borough for quarters 1 and 2 and this is not a countywide trend. This may be a genuine reduction but may also indicate a lack of awareness of exploitation in the borough. There is no new update available relating to schools’ exclusion and absence rates – please see last quarter’s report for the most up to date trend information. New trend data for the latest full academic year (22/23) will be available in quarter 3.

**Domestic Abuse** – Offence volumes so far during 2023/24 for **North Warwickshire Borough** are lower than last year. This is significant as volumes last year were already lower than in previous years, but it is of note that some of this reduction is likely to be due to recent Home Office recording changes (see page 2). However, despite these reductions, the borough continues to be of note for some of the highest rates of repeat victimisation in the county. Victims are more likely to be female in **North Warwickshire Borough** than elsewhere in the county.

**ASB** reports continue to be in much lower volumes than in previous years but have increased slightly compared to quarter 1 and this is in line with seasonal trends. After the unusually high volumes of Environmental ASB noted in the last quarter, volumes have now reduced during this latest quarter.

**Deliberate Small Fires** volumes have reduced compared to quarter 1 which is in contrast to seasonal trends which would usually suggest an increase during quarter 2. This may be in part due to the lower temperatures during the summer months than in previous years.



Performance – North Warwickshire Ward Breakdown – Areas of Concern

SNT Area and Ward	Violence With Injury (Year to Date)		S18 Woundings (Year to Date)		Residential Burglary (Year to Date)	
	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24	22/23	23/24
<b>North:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
Baddesley and Grendon	21	4	0	0	3	0
Dordon	16	14	1	1	5	4
Newton Regis and Warton	8	5	1	2	2	4
Polesworth East	12	9	1	0	1	4
Polesworth West	4	11	0	2	1	4

<b>East:</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>
Atherstone Central	26	39	3	5	6	2
Atherstone North	24	27	3	1	2	1
Atherstone South and Mancetter	24	20	1	0	3	3
Hartshill	16	18	1	1	6	4

<b>South</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>
Arley and Whitacre	22	29	1	2	5	12
Coleshill North	10	11	1	0	4	5
Coleshill South	11	21	0	3	7	8
Fillongley	15	20	3	3	2	8

<b>West</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>
Curdworth	13	10	1	0	4	14
Hurley and Wood End	12	14	2	1	3	9
Kingsbury	20	15	0	1	4	2
Water Orton	9	12	1	3	8	7

- The increase in **violence with injury offences** so far this year is due to offences in the east and south SNT areas of the borough. **Atherstone Central Ward** has seen the largest volume increases to the highest volumes, with offences mainly occurring in a domestic setting (65% of offences in this ward).
- **Section 18 woundings and residential dwelling burglary offences** have increased in almost all areas of the borough (except the east SNT area).
- **Arley and Whitacre and Curdworth Wards** have seen the largest volume increases of **residential dwelling burglary** to the highest volumes so far this year in the borough. These wards border each other and this proximity may indicate that the same offenders are targeting both areas. However, there is no pattern in the type of item stolen or method of entry to suggest this.

Note – mapping to Ward level often results in a small amount of data loss (missing/incomplete coordinates), therefore the ward totals combined may not add up exactly to the District total.

North Warwickshire Borough 2023/24



Indicator		2022/23 Total	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total to date	Performance vs same period 22/23
Priority Theme: Violent crime with a focus on knife crime, domestic violence and alcohol related violence	Violence with injury	531	38	44	54	54	42	49	44						325	3.8%
	Violence with injury - domestic abuse flag	190	15	11	18	22	13	13	16						108	-7.7%
	Violence with injury - domestic abuse flag - as a % of total violence with injury	36%	39%	25%	33%	41%	31%	27%	36%						33%	-4.1%
	Violence with injury - alcohol related flag	54	2	2	6	6	6	6	5						33	13.8%
	Violence without injury	1,101	85	85	88	84	79	68	88						577	-10.4%
	Violence without injury - domestic abuse flag	434	30	37	27	37	30	22	34						217	-8.8%
	Violence without injury - domestic abuse flag - as a % of total violence without injury	39%	35%	44%	31%	44%	38%	32%	39%						38%	0.7%
	Violence without injury - alcohol related flag	73	7	4	9	6	5	2	4						37	-19.6%
	Violence with and without injury - alcohol related flag	127	9	6	15	12	11	8	9						70	-6.7%
	Rape	32	4	4	3	3	1	1	5						21	10.5%
	Other sexual offences	104	7	5	5	7	7	8	18						57	5.6%
	Section 18 Wounding	38	2	5	3	8	3	5	2						28	16.7%
	Section 20 Wounding	10	0	2	0	2	1	2	0						7	75.0%
	Knife Related Violence	29	4	8	2	2	1	0	1						18	12.5%
	MARAC - Number of cases discussed (NORTH WARKS & N&B)	359	21	27	23	24	51	23	TBC						N/A	N/A
	% of repeat cases	30%	5%	7%	57%	50%	47%	48%	TBC						N/A	N/A
% of mental health involved	93%	81%	56%	65%	79%	73%	83%	TBC						N/A	N/A	
% of alcohol involved	75%	57%	41%	65%	63%	69%	74%	TBC						N/A	N/A	
% of drugs involved	69%	76%	44%	78%	63%	55%	57%	TBC						N/A	N/A	
Possession of Article with Blade or Point	29	2	2	0	1	2	1	2						10	-37.5%	
Possession of Other Weapons	31	4	2	8	7	5	3	2						31	47.6%	
Priority Theme: Rural Crime	Rural Crime Offences*	170	27	19	16	16	7	25	TBC						TBC	TBC
Priority Theme: Road Safety	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions	70	7	9	8	9	2	4	TBC						TBC	TBC
	Fatal	7	0	1	1	2	0	1	TBC						TBC	TBC
	Serious	63	7	8	7	7	2	3	TBC						TBC	TBC
Priority Theme: Serious Acquisitive Crime focusing on:	Theft of Vehicle	262	11	20	14	15	17	16	17						110	-29.9%
	Theft from Vehicle	314	21	15	24	36	22	27	17						162	-16.1%
	Residential burglary (dwelling only)	144	11	17	9	21	17	16	8						99	20.7%
	Personal Robbery	31	5		2	3	3	2	1						17	-5.6%

# North Warwickshire Borough 2023/24

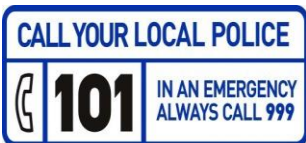


	Indicator	2022/23 Total	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total to date	Performance vs same period 22/23
Cross-Cutting Theme: Vulnerability and Exploitation	Modern Slavery	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0.0%
Other Performance Measures of Note: Anti-Social Behaviour	Total Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	1,046	81	71	72	81	103	95	76						579	-20.2%
	Personal	193	12	9	13	18	12	27	20						111	-13.3%
	Nuisance	751	60	53	49	57	84	60	55						418	-21.3%
	Environmental	102	9	9	10	6	7	8	1						50	-25.4%
	Deliberate Small Fire Incidents (DSFs)	39	5	1	3	5	2	0	1						17	-46.9%

Sources: STORM Incident System, Warwickshire Police  
 Business Objects, Warwickshire Police  
 MARAC Performance Data, Refuge  
 Deliberate Small Fires, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue  
 KSI data, Road Safety Team WCC  
 Rural Crime Officer, Warwickshire Police  
 WFRS

\* This is based on themes specific to the rural crime strategy (e.g. acquisitive crime on farms, equine, livestock offences, etc). This is a new measure for 2019.

# North Works West & South Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



Follow us on Facebook, Search for Atherstone & Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team  
October 2022



## Welcome PC Johnny Howells

Coleshill West SNT welcome PC Johnny Howells as the new beat manager.



Coleshill SNT welcomes PC Johnny Howells to the team. In the space of 15 years, he has worked for West Midlands, Leicestershire and Warwickshire Police in different departments. PC Howells has a wide knowledge and experience of the policing role.

PC Howells will be the beat manager of the West patch covering Kingsbury, Hurley, Piccadilly, Wood End, Cliff, Hoggrills End, Middleton, Wishaw, Curdworth, Water Orton, Lea Marston, Hams Hall, Whitacre Heath, Nether Whitacre & Bodymoor Heath

We look forward to him joining the team and we wish him the best of luck in his new role. If you see him out on patrol, please say hello!

## Get your Catalytic Converter marked

Water Orton BMC Garage are now marking catalytic converters.

Following recent incidents of catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles in the North Warwickshire area, Warwickshire Police are pleased to advise that there are a limited number of kits at BMC Garage in Water Orton where you can take your vehicle and have the catalytic converter marked for free.

Residents must be from North Warwickshire Borough.

To arrange please contact the BMC garage and arrange an appointment to take your vehicle in.

**BMC Garage  
Marsh Lane  
Water Orton  
B46 1NW  
01217479966**



We are hoping to set this scheme up in other garages around North Warwickshire.

## Stolen vehicle

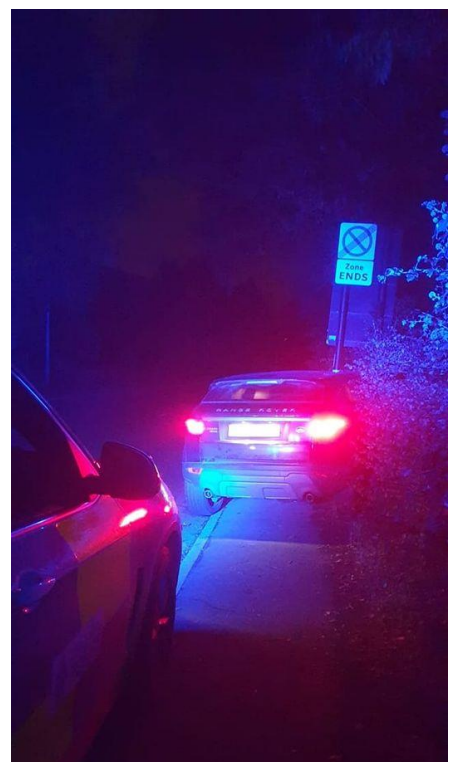
Officers from Coleshill Patrol Unit found a stolen vehicle.

In the early hours Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, officers from Coleshill Patrol received a call from a member of the public in Furnace End Coleshill reporting their Range Rover Evoque was being stolen off the driveway of their home.

Officers attended the area and located the Stolen Range Rover being driven at speed on Bennetts Road Keresley End towards Coventry. They pursued the vehicle into Coventry and then back into Ash Green and Bedworth. The driver eventually pulled over and stopped on Vicarage Lane Ash Green giving himself up.

A 20-year-old male was arrested for Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Dangerous driving.

Officers recovered the stolen vehicle from the scene.



## Get Connected with Warwickshire Police

**Coleshill SNT have been promoting Warwickshire Connected.**

Get connected with what is happening in your local area, keep up to date and get involved in shaping what goes on where you live or work.

Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police where you decide when and how you hear about the issues that matter most to you, whether that be getting regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what your local police are doing.

This is also the place where you can get involved in helping to make your local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in your area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe and tell us what matters are causing your communities harm.

Follow the link to sign up today:

[www.warwickshireconnected.com](http://www.warwickshireconnected.com)



Also please follow our Facebook page where we put updates of what Atherstone and Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Teams get up to.

There are updates on going incidents, appeals and much more.

We will be posting about upcoming events also so please take a look, see when they are and come along.

We like to be as accessible as possible so using our social media page is a great way for us to communicate with our communities.

## Warwickshire Police are recruiting!

**Warwickshire Police are currently recruiting Police Community Support Officers.**

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) inspire confidence on the streets of Warwickshire. They strive to make our communities safer and stronger yet perform one of the most demanding roles in the modern police force. PCSOs can't make arrests and they don't carry handcuffs or a baton. They rely on their ability to understand and communicate with some of the most challenging people in some of the most difficult situations.

No two days are ever the same; working with a diverse group of colleagues; people get to know you, talk to you and share their concerns with you.

### PCSO Ben Cole

"The role of a PCSO is so varied - every single shift brings with it different challenges, different people and different circumstances.

"Generally, I do a lot of foot patrol as well as vehicle patrols due to the large area that I cover. I also attend parish council meetings and undertake targeted patrols in any antisocial behaviour hotspots.

"I thoroughly enjoy being out in the community, it is a very rewarding job when you can get out and deal with local issues at source, and manage your workload to prioritise issues.

"The job is so different on a day-to-day basis, which is why I love it so much."



**You should expect to join Warwickshire Police as a Police Community Support Officer in Spring 2023 (subject to you getting your application in by 26th September 2022).**

Warwickshire Police has gained a reputation as a pioneering and innovative force, responsible for policing a large diverse, multi-cultural population. If you are looking for a fresh challenge which offers a genuine opportunity to make a real difference to people's lives, variety, and the chance to broaden your experience, then Warwickshire Police is the force for you.

Visit the Warwickshire Police Jobs website today to apply!



# Community Engagement

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, PCSO Smith from Coleshill SNT conducted patrols around Kingsbury village.

PCSO Smith has been conducting foot & vehicle patrols around Kingsbury village today.

She engaged with local businesses, residents and even popped into the knitting club at Jubilee Court. It was lovely to speak to the locals about community issues and discuss ways to resolve them.



On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Coleshill South SNT officers were in Ansley Common.

After reports of ASB from local community officers have patrolled this evening Brett's Hall Estate Park and been to Ansley Recreation ground.

Two youths were searched by officers at Brett's Hall Estate and small amount of cannabis found on one youth.



On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, PCSOs from Coleshill SNT attended Coleshill Carnival.

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Coleshill West SNT attended Hurley Fun Day.

Hurley SNT Beat Bobby attended the Hurley fun day recently.

A superb day had by all and a real pleasure to get out on foot and be visible. Our wonderful North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Team was also in attendance offering support and advice.

A cracking day in the Sun.



PCSO Yaqub from Coleshill SNT took part in the Coleshill Carnival Parade whilst on cycle patrol. It was nice to see the community attending the event and it was nice to speak to the local community.

PCSO Smith conducted foot patrols around the Memorial Park and engaged with local residents.

Crime prevention advice was given along with some free pens and purse bells.

## And the beat goes on...

Officers from Coleshill SNT have been conducting foot patrols around the villages over the last month.



We try to get around our lovely villages on foot patrol every shift we do. We like to engage with locals and discuss any issues they are facing to try and resolve them.



If you see officers out on foot patrol, please come and speak to us.



## Still focused on Road Safety

**Community Speed Watch coming to a village near you...**

Our Fabulous Speed Watch teams have been conducting speed watch operations over the last month. We value their voluntary work and thank them for helping stop drivers speeding through our villages.

Please follow the speed limit when driving through the villages. It is in place for a reason.



**Parking on zig zags ...**

Coleshill West SNT officers have been patrolling Water Orton shops following regular complaints of illegal parking.

This vehicle was seen on those patrols contravening white zig zag lines at a pedestrian crossing. The driver has been reported for the offence.



How can people think it is acceptable to park this way endangering lives of other road users?

**The penalty for parking on zig zag lines is a £100 fine and three points.**

Please park responsibly and think about the safety of other road users.

## Rest Peacefully Sovereign Lady

Coleshill SNT mourns the loss of Queen Elizabeth II



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth died peacefully at Balmoral on Thursday 8th September 2022 at the age of 96.

Coleshill SNT feels the loss of our sovereign lady. We have been out visiting our communities in this period of mourning for the country.

Long live King Charles III



PCSO 6239  
Craig Marshall



PC 1464  
Simon Ackroyd



PCSO 6280  
Mo Yaqub

### North Warwickshire West and South Safer Neighbourhood Teams



PS 671  
Adam Skelsey



PCSO 6067  
Peter Beale



PC 2190  
Johnny  
Howells



PCSO 6360  
Demi Smith

Email:  
[nws.snt@warwickshire.poli  
ce.uk](mailto:nws.snt@warwickshire.poli.ce.uk)

Email:  
[nww.snt@warwickshire.poli  
ce.uk](mailto:nww.snt@warwickshire.poli.ce.uk)

### Our Partners



## Parking Enforcement in North Warwickshire

North Warwickshire have new parking enforcement.

Parking charges in North Warwickshire commenced from Monday 21st February 2022.

You have up to 2 hours FREE parking, **but you will still need to print a ticket.**

You can pay via the card machines in the car parks  
Or by using the RingGo app:

<https://orlo.uk/VkPqQ>

Please respect wardens when they are operating their duty and park responsibly.

We will be continuing to conduct school parking patrols in the villages.



# North Works Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



Follow us on Facebook, Search for Atherstone & Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team  
November 2023



## Stolen vehicles recovered!

### Two Stolen Caravans and one trailer found.

Officers from SNT have been supported by Warwickshire Rural Crime Team and have recovered two reported stolen caravans and a reported stolen trailer.

One person is in custody and investigations are ongoing.



If you suspect a vehicle has been stolen, please contact us and we can complete the relevant checks on the vehicle.

## MP Surgeries in North Warwickshire

This month officers from Atherstone and Coleshill SNT have attended a couple of MP Surgeries in North Warwickshire.

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. PCSO Smith and Beale attended MP Craig Tracey's surgery at Jubilee Court, Kingsbury.

It was great to link in with residents and discuss ways to solve issues in the local area.

We look forward to attending the next surgery.



On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, PCSO Smith and Beale attended MP Craig Tracey's HS2 Surgery in Water Orton.

Thank you to the residents who came along to discuss the issues that they are facing.

We look forward to attending further surgeries soon. Please look out on this page to see when the next one will be.



## Get Connected with Warwickshire Police

Coleshill SNT have been promoting Warwickshire Connected.

Get connected with what is happening in your local area, keep up to date and get involved in shaping what goes on where you live or work.

Warwickshire Connected is a free messaging service brought to you by Warwickshire Police where you decide when and how you hear about the issues that matter most to you, whether that be getting regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what your local police are doing.

This is also the place where you can get involved in helping to make your local area a safer place, tell us what police should be doing in your area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe and tell us what matters are causing your communities harm.

Follow the link to sign up today:

[www.warwickshireconnected.com](http://www.warwickshireconnected.com)



Also please follow our Facebook page where we put updates of what Atherstone and Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Teams get up to.

There are updates on going incidents, appeals and much more. We will be posting about upcoming events also so please take a look, see when they are and come along. We like to be as accessible as possible so using our social media page is a great way for us to communicate with our communities.

# Bobbies on the beat

**Atherstone and Nuneaton SNT conducted motorcycle patrols over the weekend at known ASB hotspots.**

They were also joined by the Rural Crime Team. The aim was to disrupt illegal off road Bikes causing issues.

Thankfully most riders we encounter are lawful. We would encourage legal riding with consideration to other road or green lane users. This also includes riding at reasonable time of the day to reduce further ASB.

Areas patrolled included, Camp Hill, Bedworth, Bulkington, Piccadilly, Kingsbury, Ansley, Ridge Lane, Atherstone Town, Baddesley, Warton, Austrey and No Man's Heath.



## **Signed, Sealed, Seized.**

Atherstone officers saw this vehicle driving around the area with no insurance.

No excuses! No insurance, No vehicle.



**Officers this month worked in partnership with the local council assisted in the eviction of a property linked to long term criminality and ASB in the Atherstone area.**



**Atherstone officers have spoken with the driver of this vehicle.**

On speaking with the driver, it has been found they have no insurance and only had a provisional licence.

The vehicle has been seized and the driver reported for no insurance and driving other than in accordance with their licence.



# Community Engagement

**This month, PSCO Scott said his goodbyes to the Co-op staff at Station Street, Atherstone.**

The store will close on Saturday and reopen in the new year as Tesco.

Looking forward to seeing all the staff in the new year and working together under the retail radio scheme.



**Polesworth and Birchmoor have seen an increase in theft from motor vehicle in recent months. Some vehicles appeared to be unlocked overnight.**

SNT officers worked with North Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch at two locations to promote crime prevention.

This allowed locals to approach us whilst out in the community. We also did some crime prevention leaflet drops to as many residents as possible. Cycle patrols were also conducted at the same time to increase our ability for engagement and show a presence.



**Atherstone officers were called to Dobbies Garden Centre following reports of a theft in progress.**

On arrival, three youths didn't want to hang around and ran off in different directions.

Two were soon found and detained by PC Taylor and PCSO Scott while PC Hughes and PCSO Jenkins located the third male hiding in a bush nearby.

With the assistance from our patrol officers, all three youths were searched, and a number of items were recovered and returned to store.

Investigation is on-going.

## **Ongoing Antisocial Behaviour in Kingsbury village.**

Officers from Coleshill SNT and our special constables have been conducting high visibility patrols around Kingsbury village following reports of Antisocial behaviour, particularly at the wing's theatre, Pear Tree Avenue car park and Jubilee Court.

Multi agency meetings are being held to conduct a joint approach on tackling the issues the village is facing.

If you witness Antisocial behaviour, please contact us on 999 in an emergency and 101 in non-emergency circumstance.



## We want to know what you think!

Atherstone and Coleshill SNT are community-based officers. We want to know what our communities would like to see us prioritising.

If you would like to raise a priority with us, click on the link and fill out the form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx...>

or scan the QR code and fill in the boxes for it to be considered.



## Vehicle Crime awareness

Theft from cars is one of the local policing teams priorities.

We have made numerous linked arrests recently and conducted various operations but one of the main targets for criminals is unlocked vehicles. Please make sure your vehicle and property is secure.



## Community Speed Watch

PCSO Yaqub has been training volunteers for speed watch this month.

This month, the speed watch teams have been out conducting speed checks in the villages.

The community speed watch groups are a valued part of our communities. They take time out of their lives to help make our communities safe on the roads.

If you would like to sign up to be a member of your local speed watch group, email [nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)



We are looking to set up a speed watch group in Coleshill Town and Kingsbury. If you would like to put your name forward to be trained, please email the above email address. We will be looking to get volunteers trained in November, so apply now so you don't miss your chance!

**Warton have joined our Community Speed Watch family!**

The Community Speed Watch Groups are regularly out conducting speed checks and are there to support the local villages regarding the speeding issue.



## Arrests this month.

**A male was taken to custody and was spoken to by immigration services after being stopped in a vehicle at Corley Services on 13<sup>th</sup> September.**

Officers identified via immigration that he had entered the country illegally and was arrested.



**A male was arrested at Corley Services after a cloned Honda vehicle was observed by officers.**

As officers approached vehicle, it has reversed into the police vehicle.

The driver was detained, and a roadside drugs wipe conducted. Suspect failed the procedure and was arrested.

The suspect is also a non-driving licence holder with no insurance.

Male was taken to custody.

**A man has been arrested following a report of a robbery in Atherstone on 20 August.**

At around 7am, it was reported that a woman in her 80s was walking along South Street when a man approached demanding her bag. After taking the bag the woman was pushed to the floor.

The victim suffered injuries to her face and hands.

Following CCTV enquiries officers identified a suspect and a 20-year-old from Atherstone was arrested on suspicion of robbery. He was taken to police custody.

If you have any further information on this incident, please contact Warwickshire Police at [www.warwickshire.police.uk/report](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/report) or call 101. Alternatively, information can be provided anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Theft from Employer – Coleshill**

Scott Winter, a 48-year-old man from Revesby Walk, Birmingham, has been charged with theft from his employer after being spotted allegedly removing cash from the tills at a supermarket in Coleshill.

The supermarket security team had been alerted to a particular key being used on the tills repeatedly, and later allegedly spotted Winter taking money from the tills.

The police were called, and Winter was arrested.

In total, an estimate of over £75,000 was alleged to have been taken over the course of a year.

**On the evening of Sunday 17th September officers attended Corley Services Southbound on the M6 and intercepted this cloned Honda CRV.**

Officers boxed the vehicle in on the main carpark and the driver attempted to escape by reversing into officers.

But officers swiftly arrested the driver who had no driving licence, no insurance and was in possession of class A drugs.

The driver also failed a roadside drug test.

In the boot of the vehicle was a drone which had been modified to carry packages and had the lights covered over.

We found a sealed package inside the vehicle containing eleven mobile phones, micro-SD USB readers, USB cables and plugs, tobacco and rizla papers.

The vehicle sat nav was set for a nearby prison in Leicestershire.

The driver and passenger were further arrested on suspicion of attempting conveyance of prohibited articles into a prison.

Vehicle seized.







INSP 1392  
Jack Pritchard



PS 671  
Adam Skelsey

**Meet the team.**

**North Warwickshire Central & East Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
Covering: Atherstone Town, Hartshill, Ridge Lane, Mancetter and Oldbury



PCSO 6162  
Gavin Scott



PC 2267  
Stephen Taylor



PCSO 6361  
Emily Jenkins

Email:  
[nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nwe.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

**North Warwickshire North Safer Neighbourhood Team** Covering: Dordon, Polesworth, Birchmoor, No Mans Heath, Austrey, Alvecote, Shuttington, Warton, Badesley Ensor, Baxterley, Seckington, Newton Regis, Grendon and Grendon common.



PC 2129  
Mike Redman



PCSO 6098  
Simeon Hodson

Email:  
[nwn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nwn.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

**North Warwickshire South Safer Neighbourhood Team** Covering: Coleshill Town, Fillongley, Corley, Packington, Maxstoke, Shustoke, Arley, Old Arley, Ansley Common, Ansley village, Birchley Heath, Furnace End and Over Whitacre



PCSO 6239  
Craig Marshall



PC 1372  
Mark Breeze



PCSO 6280  
Mo Yaqub

Email:  
[nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nws.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

**North Warwickshire West Safer Neighbourhood Team** Covering: Kingsbury, Cliff, Hurley, Wood End, Piccadilly, Middleton, Wishaw, Curdworth, Water Orton, Nether Whitacre, Whitacre Heath, Lea Marston, Hams Hall, Hoggrills End and Bassetts pole



PCSO 6067  
Peter Beale



PC 2190  
Johnny Howells



PCSO 6360  
Demi Rose Smith

Email:  
[nww.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:nww.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

**Our Partners**



**Agenda Item No 9**

**Safer Communities Sub-Committee**

**20 November 2023**

**Atherstone Town Centre PSPO**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on progress with the proposal that a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is made in relation to Atherstone Town Centre.

**Recommendation to the Sub-Committee**

- a That the Safer Communities Sub-Committee recommend that Executive Board approves commencement of the formal consultation on the proposed PSPO, as set out in Appendix 1; and**
- b That provided the consultation does not identify any significant reason not to make an Order, the Safer Communities Sub-Committee recommend approval of the proposed PSPO to the Executive Board.**

**2 Consultation**

- 2.1 Consultation has taken place with the relevant Members and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

**3 Background**

- 3.1 Members will recall that in July this year, as part of the Partnership Update, the Sub-Committee received a report stating that the Police had contacted the Council requesting that we work with them to address crime and anti-social behaviour in Atherstone Town Centre. The report stated that a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) covering the Market Square, Long Street, and nearby areas may be an appropriate way of doing so.
- 3.2 This report provides further background and context for the proposed PSPO and summarises the relevant provisions of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the 2014 Act) which introduced PSPOs as a tool for councils to address anti-social behaviour (ASB) in their areas.

3.3 The purpose of this report is to update the Sub Committee on the development of a PSPO for the town covering the areas concerned, and to seek approval for consultation on the draft PSPO as set out in Appendix 1.

...

#### 4 **Strategic Priorities**

4.1 The PSPO supports the Council's vision of 'Protecting the rurality of North Warwickshire, supporting its communities, and promoting the wellbeing of residents and business. A key priority is to ensure North Warwickshire is 'Safe, Liveable and has Locally Focussed communities'. The proposed PSPO in Atherstone Town Centre will address and reduce anti-social behaviour and the detrimental impact it causes, including to the most vulnerable people in our community and support the Council's overall vision.

#### 5 **Public Space Protection Orders**

5.1 PSPOs were introduced by the 2014 Act as part of a revised range of tools available to councils to address anti-social behaviour. Rather than targeting specific individuals or properties, PSPOs focus on specific types of behaviour in a location and the impact of that behaviour on communities and individuals.

5.2 PSPOs can last up to three years before councils are required to review them, at which point they may be removed, amended, or extended by up to a further three years. The length of a PSPO should reflect the need for a proportionate response to the problem and can be reviewed at any time to vary the prohibitions or area to which it applies. There is no limit on the number of times a PSPO may be reviewed and renewed, provided on each occasion there is evidence which justifies doing so.

5.3 Orders can be introduced in a specific public area where the local authority is satisfied on reasonable grounds that certain conditions are met, namely that the activities concerned:

- have had (or are likely to have) a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality,
- are (or are likely to be) persistent or continuing in nature,
- are (or are likely to be) unreasonable, and
- justify the restrictions being imposed.

5.4 As a minimum, the PSPO must set out:

- what the detrimental activities are,
- what is being prohibited and/or required, including any exemptions,
- the area covered,
- the consequences for breach; and
- the period for which it has effect.

## **6 North Warwickshire Safer Communities Partnership**

- 6.1 The North Warwickshire Safer Communities Partnership (NWSCP) is our local community safety partnership which brings together both statutory and strategic partners, as required by the Crime and Disorder Act.
- 6.2 The role of the NWSCP is to facilitate information sharing, identify local priorities and coordinate a planned response to the prevention of crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and reoffending, at a borough level.
- 6.3 In North Warwickshire there is already one PSPO in place in Fillongley, and consultation has commenced on a further PSPO relating to dog fouling. This proposed PSPO relates to alcohol consumption and substance misuse in Atherstone Town Centre, in particular the Market Square and Long Street areas.

## **7 Statutory guidance**

- 7.1 Statutory guidance has been issued under the 2014 Act by the Home Office which the Council must consider when considering introducing a PSPO. In addition, the Local Government Association (LGA) has produced guidance for councils considering making a PSPO. The LGA guidance advises on the practical implementation of the statutory guidance.
- 7.2 The 2014 Act and statutory guidance sets out the process councils must follow before an order is introduced. This includes determining the scope, areas covered and impact of the PSPO, as well as how each of the restrictions meets the legal test. Our Legal Services team have provided advice and scrutiny against the statutory guidance. The proposed PSPO:
  - has been discussed at multi agency meetings including NW Problem Solving and ASB Group.
  - is supported by data collection and analysis.
  - has included non-statutory stakeholder consultation including sending a survey to over 70 local businesses seeking their views on ASB in the town area and its impact on business.
  - follows consideration and use of alternative ASB tools to address this problem which demonstrate that work should be undertaken to develop a PSPO.
  - if made, should be subject to careful enforcement planning.

## **8 Consultations**

- 8.1 A range of stakeholders were identified including residents, businesses, ward councillors, and Police, Community Safety meetings and internal Council teams.

### **8.1.1 Partner and public surveys**

In order to scope the behaviours and locations that should be considered for a PSPO we carried out a survey in September 2023.

### **8.1.2 Notification to relevant councils**

The statutory guidance requires councils to notify relevant county and parish councils when reviewing or developing a PSPO. Both have been informed of the Council's intentions.

## **9 Statutory partners**

9.1 Statutory partners have been contacted including Warwickshire Police.

## **10 Statutory Consultation**

10.1 The non-statutory steps set out in paragraphs 8. and 9. above have been highly effective in identifying the types of anti-social behaviour which are affecting those in the locality, the impact of that behaviour, and the areas which may benefit from protection by a PSPO. The engagement with Atherstone Town Council has also highlighted how a PSPO could impact on their use of the Market Square for public events. The Town Council is due to consider this matter further at a forthcoming meeting and will provide further feedback to the Council shortly, which will assist in refining the terms of any PSPO.

10.2 Against the background of this non-statutory consultation, the Council now seeks to commence the formal statutory consultation, the results of which can be considered when the Council decides whether to make a PSPO. The statutory consultation must contain details of the proposed PSPO so that those consulted can comment on its terms and extent.

10.3. The informal engagement has shown that some privately owned areas of land may benefit from protection by a PSPO, for example, shopfront areas which are not part of the adopted highway, alleyways and accesses. Identifying this land is crucial to ensuring that the correct areas are covered.

## **11 Report Implications**

### **11.1 Finance and Value for Money Implications**

11.1.1 None.

### **11.2 Safer Communities Implications**

11.2.1 These are set in the report and the appendices.

### **11.3 Legal, Data Protection and Human Rights Implications**

11.3.1 The test in the 2014 Act which applies when considering making a PSPO is set out above. The Act requires consultation with specific bodies, those in the area likely to be affected by a PSPO and, including the owners and occupiers of the land which to which it would apply. The statutory consultation must include the prohibitions which would be included in the proposed PSPO, along with the area it would apply to. If those details are not included, then it is not possible for those consulted to respond effectively.

11.3.2 If a PSPO is made then it may be challenged in the High Court within six weeks of it being made. If such a challenge is made, the Council will need to show that it carried out the appropriate consultation when deciding whether to make the PSPO. Also, if a person is prosecuted for breaching any PSPO, it is a defence to show that it includes a prohibition which the Council did not have power to include. Proper consultation will allow the Council to identify all relevant areas of land, ensure that the views of owners and occupiers are considered, and that all prohibitions are within the Council's power.

### **11.4 Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

11.4.1 By working to reduce crime and disorder, the partnership is contributing towards improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to North Warwickshire.

### **11.5 Health Implications**

11.5.1 The work of the partnership has several synergies with contributing towards healthier communities. These include tackling violent crime, supporting victims of domestic abuse, tackling alcohol and drug misuse, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

### **11.6 Risk Management Implications**

11.6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment includes risk analysis of risk and harm. The analysis uses an adapted Association of Chief Police Officers' Model (ACPO 3 PLEM). This is a basis scoring matrix for levels of harm. The assessment also includes consideration of a Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MORILE) matrix. The key risks for the partnership are identified within the strategic assessment prepared each year.

## 11.7 Equality Implications

11.7.1 The work of the partnership includes several activities which contribute towards equality objectives. These include support services for victims of domestic abuse, reducing repeat victimisation, monitoring of hate crimes and rehabilitation of offenders.

## 11.8 Links to Council's Priorities

11.8.1 The Council has a priority for creating safer communities.

The Contact Officers for this report are Julie Taylor (01827 719437) and Clive Tobin (01827 719251).

### Background Papers

Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D

Background Paper No	Author	Nature of Background Paper	Date
1	North Warks Community Safety Partnership	Results of survey relating to ASB in Atherstone Town Centre	August 2023



North Warwickshire  
Borough Council

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014**  
**SECTION 59**  
**PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND**  
**SUBSTANCE MISUSE)**  
**NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL ORDER \*\*\*\*\***

North Warwickshire Borough Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) and under all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following order:

1. This order may be cited as the North Warwickshire Borough Council (Atherstone) Public Space Protection Order 2023 No 1 (Alcohol consumption and substance misuse).

2. **Location** - This order relates to the public space within the area of Market Square and Long Street, Atherstone, and includes adjoining alleyways as shown edged in red on the attached Plan at Appendix 1 (the restricted area) unless subject to exemptions.

3. The Council is satisfied that the three conditions below have been met, in that: -

- a. Activities carried out in the restricted area as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the restricted area and they will have such an effect.
- b. The effect, or likely effects of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.
- c. The restricted behaviour is or is likely to be unreasonable.



## **PROHIBITIONS:**

4. The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements at all times: -

- a. Persons within the restricted area must not without reasonable excuse ingest, inhale, inject, smoke or otherwise use intoxicating substances. 'Intoxicating substances' is given the following definition (which includes - what are commonly known as 'legal highs'): substances with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system.
- b. Any person who uses or is in possession of intoxicating substances in breach of this prohibition must surrender those items to a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or Authorised Person from the Council.
- c. Persons within the restricted area must not without reasonable excuse consume alcohol.
- d. If a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or Authorised Person from the Council reasonably believes that any person is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of this prohibition the Officer / Authorised Person may require the person:
  - i. not to consume alcohol or anything that the Officer / Authorised Person believes to be alcohol; and/or
  - ii. to surrender anything in that person's possession which is or which the Officer / Authorised Person believes to be alcohol or a container for alcohol.

## **5. FIXED PENALTY NOTICES AND OFFENCES:**

In accordance with section 63 and 67 of the Act:

- a. any person found to be in breach of this Order by consuming alcohol who refuses to stop doing so or refuses to surrender the items to a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or Authorised Person from the Council without reasonable excuse is liable to get a Fixed Penalty Notice up to £100 or on summary conviction to a maximum fine not exceeding level 2 (£500).
- b. any person found to be in breach of this Order by consuming intoxicating substances or refusing to surrender those items to a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer or Authorised Person from the Council without reasonable excuse is liable to get a Fixed

Penalty Notice up to £100 or on summary conviction to a maximum fine not exceeding level 3 (£1000).

A constable or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. The person will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100 (discounted to £75 if paid in 10 days).

## 6. EXEMPTIONS AND APPEALS

### EXEMPTIONS

- a. Premises authorised by a premises licence (other than Council operated licensed premises) to be used for the supply of alcohol.
- b. Premises authorised by a club premises certificate to be used by the Club for the supply of alcohol.
- c. A place within the curtilage of the premises described at (a) and (b) above.
- d. Premises which by virtue of Part 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 may at the relevant time be used for the supply of alcohol or which, by virtue of that Part, could have been used within 30 minutes before that time.
- e. A place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of alcohol are at relevant time permitted by virtue of a permission granted under Section 115 of the Highways Act 1980 (highway related use).

### APPEALS

**Any challenge to this order must be made to the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made.**

The order will come into force on \*\*\*\*\* and remain in place for the period of three years.

Date this        day of        2023

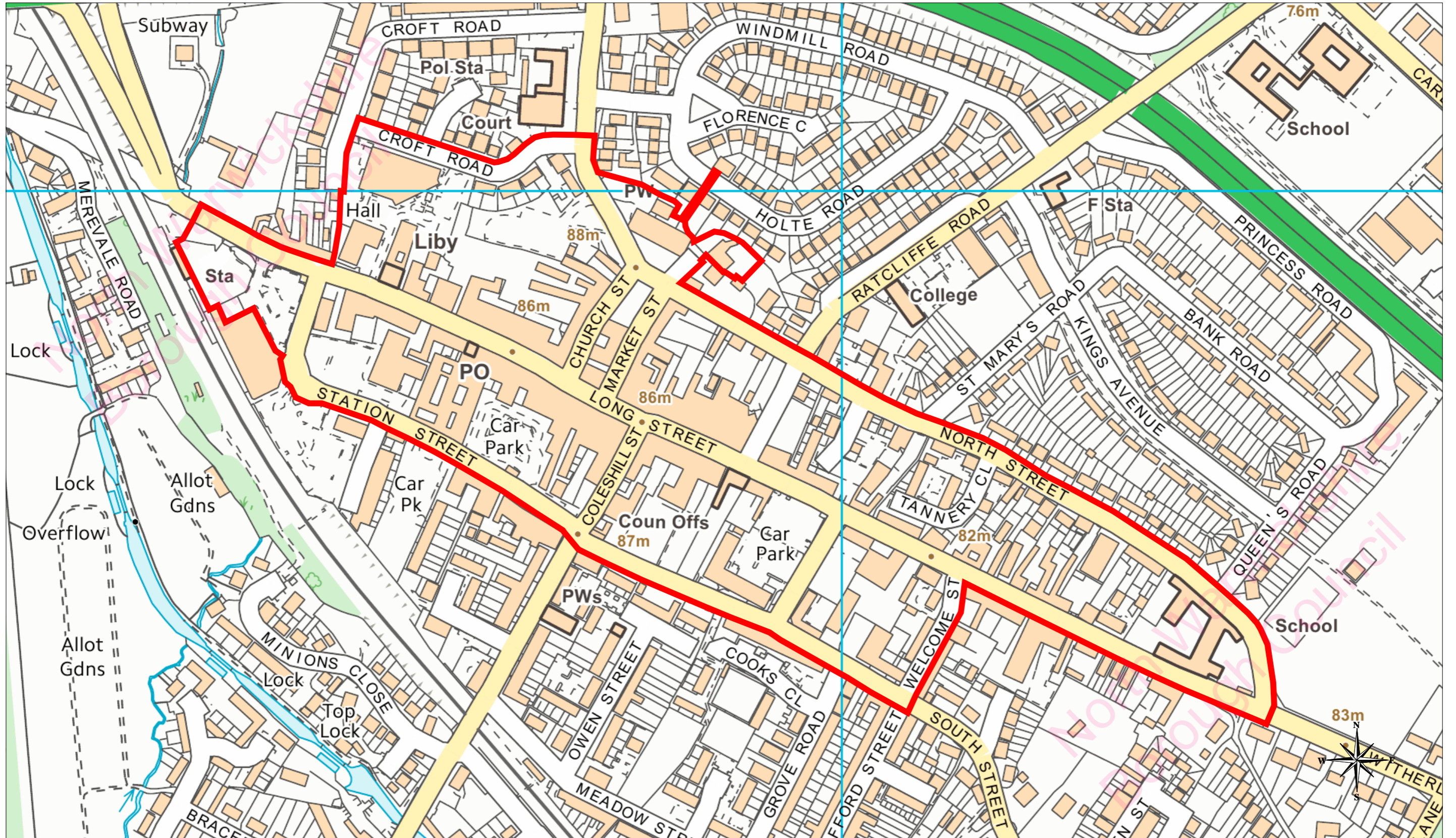
The Common seal of

North Warwickshire Borough Council

Was here unto affixed in the presence of –

Designated Officer

# Atherstone PSPO



North Warwickshire  
Borough Council

(c) Crown Copyright and database rights 2023  
Ordnance Survey 100017910



Operator:	xxxxxx
Department:	xxxxxx
Drawing No:	xxxxxx
Date: 09/11/2023	Scale: 1:3173

## Atherstone Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

	Question	Yes	No	Comments
1	In the last 3 months, have you noticed Anti-Social-Behaviour (ASB) in Atherstone Town Centre?			
2	If so, are there are any specific locations in Atherstone Town Centre where you have experienced ASB. (Street name, shop name, landmarks etc)			
3	What days and what time of day does this occur?			
4	What impact has this ASB had on you when you are in Atherstone Town Centre?			
5	Attached is a copy of a draft Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).			
6	Do you agree that this PSPO would help deal with ASB in Atherstone Town Centre?			
7	Do you think that any additional or alternative prohibitions should be added to the Draft PSPO to deal with the ASB?			
8	Do you have any suggestions/recommendations as to how we can reduce the impact of such behaviour?			
9	Do you own any land within or adjoining the plan attached to the draft PSPO?  (a) If so, please identify that land;  (b) If so, do you agree that this should be included in the PSPO if made?			