



# Child Friendly Warwickshire

Bringing the county together to create opportunities for children and young people.



# Creating a Child Friendly Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council wants this exciting programme of work to help every child in Warwickshire to have the best life possible. To ensure the right focus, we asked over 1800 young people what mattered most to them and from this we developed our child friendly ambitions to help every child to be; safe, skilled, heard, healthy and happy.

The programme's success depends on involvement from a range of people, organisations and services working together across the county who share our ambitions and take a child friendly approach in all that they do.

We are continuing to engage with young people, families, services and businesses to share news, and encourage more people to consider what they can do to be more child friendly.

From helping to keep your local park clean, to businesses sponsoring Child Friendly events, no action is too small.

Many individuals and organisations in Warwickshire have already signed up as friends and you can keep up to date by subscribing to our regular newsletter.

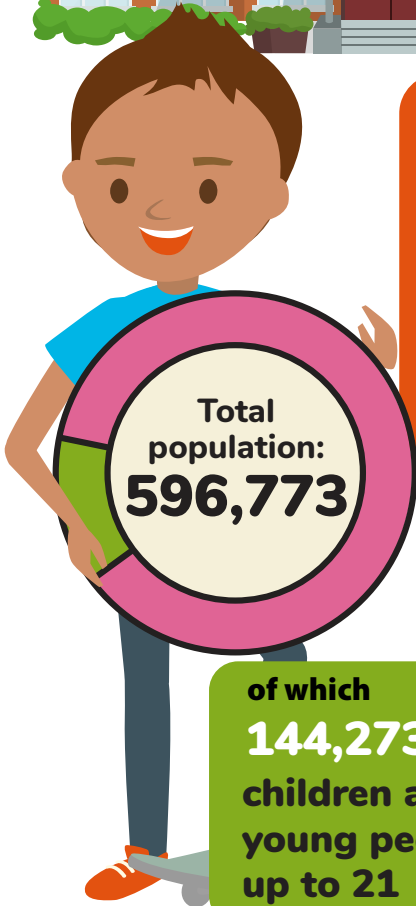
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[www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/](http://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/)



# Child Friendly Warwickshire supports all children and young people in the county:



at  
**250**  
State funded schools



Total population:  
**596,773**

Around  
**5,900**  
babies are born in Warwickshire each year  
Data from ONS



of which  
**144,273**  
children and young people age up to 21

And a further  
**26,051**  
age 21-25

Data from census 2021

## We want all young people to be:



### HAPPY

Above all else, we want this to be a county in which our children are happy. Young people have told us how important the green areas and public parks are to them as places to play and enjoy and we want to help create opportunities to access secure, green and clean areas for them.



### HEALTHY

Across the county there are a growing number of organisations and support services which aim to support healthy lives for young people, from physical to mental health.



### HEARD

Every child and young person is a member of our community and society. Being child friendly means there are opportunities for young people to participate in discussions, share their opinions and be listened opinions so they have a say in their future.



### SKILLED

Warwickshire is a county full of diverse education and training opportunities. Schools and colleges offer a variety of academic and vocational subjects to choose from and many employers will offer training and apprentice schemes. Warwickshire's economy includes booming industries ranging from the automotive industry to gaming and world class theatre and the arts.



### SAFE

Children and young people need secure, safe and stable lives at home and in their communities. Warwickshire's services and organisation work together across the county to keep children safe, educate people about danger and risk and protect young people from harm.

## We have...



...youth voice groups, projects, engagement, surveys and events to identify the priorities for children and young people, and to put them into action.



...a Fostering Friendly Employer scheme for businesses and organisations, which makes it easier for people to become foster carers and children and give young people safe and stable homes.



...set up an annual Youth Conference which is organised by young people, for young people. The conference brings together local organisations and young people to discuss important issues and topics identified the county's children and young people.



...a strong and growing network of Child Friendly Warwickshire friends, who make contributions to improve the lives of children and young people particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.

## Get involved

**Children in Warwickshire deserve to grow up and learn in a county full of opportunities and experiences for them to thrive and reach their full potential.**

Everyone can play a part in helping children and young people to be safe, skilled, heard, healthy and happy - every action is important no matter how small. Follow our social media accounts and tell us what you have been doing using **#ChildFriendlyWarwickshire**

## Become a friend of the programme

**We have a growing network of friends who share our values and you can join us. A friend can be a business, a charity or other third sector organisation, or simply someone who wants to help make a difference to children and young people in Warwickshire.**

Our friends are helping children through a range of activities to teach, mentor, care for, and support young people toward fulfilling futures. Find out more or become a friend at

[www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/our-friends](http://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/our-friends)



**Help us to shape  
Warwickshire in  
a way that leads  
to better lives for  
children where  
their voices,  
needs, and rights  
are visible and  
considered across  
the county.**



## **Find out more**

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