



Warwickshire Adult Community Learning

September 2026 – July 2027

Courses in **South Warwickshire**

Learning changes lives



Introduction



Warwickshire Adult and Community Learning (ACL) offers courses for adults and families across the county. Whether you want to develop skills for employment or everyday life, support your children's education, gain confidence or improve your physical or mental wellbeing, we have a range of opportunities on offer.

**For our centres,
your eligibility
and fees
please see pages
11 and 12**

Not online?

To find out about FREE computer courses for beginners call us on **01926 736392.**

You can explore the breadth of courses we offer in these pages, including stories from some of our learners. To find out more details, including what courses are available near you, visit our webpages at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl

Chryssa's Story: Learner, Volunteer, Employee

I first joined an Adult and Community Learning ESOL course in 2023 to improve my English and build my confidence, especially in speaking. As an ESOL learner, I knew that practising in real situations would help me progress faster. When my tutor mentioned the volunteering opportunity I didn't hesitate because I saw it as a chance not only to develop my skills but also to give something back to the community. I understood the challenges that other learners were facing, and I wanted to support them. Volunteering felt like the right step for my personal growth and for becoming more involved in British culture and everyday life.

Professionally, volunteering gave me a much better understanding of how ACL works and what is expected in a British workplace. It helped me build relationships, expand my network and show my commitment. This experience played a key role in helping me secure my first job in England as a Learning Support Assistant at ACL because I had already proved my dedication, reliability and ability to support others. Volunteering became the bridge between being a learner, becoming a volunteer and finally gaining employment.

Volunteering with ACL has been one of the most valuable steps in my journey. I felt supported, welcomed and trusted, and that motivated me to give my best. I am grateful for the opportunity, and I would encourage anyone to get involved because the experience can truly open doors and change your confidence.



Computer and Digital Skills



Technology is rapidly changing the way we live work and learn, connecting us and creating new possibilities and challenges as it does so. Is this new way of working a mystery to you? Do you want to learn how to use a computer, be safe and shop online, or complete a simple online form?

People enrol on our courses for all sorts of reasons: rediscovering a forgotten passion, exploring the capabilities of their own devices, getting the most out of social media, designing a website, improving job prospects, or simply staying in touch with family and friends.

Whether you're looking for a new challenge, want to develop existing skills or gain a qualification, we offer a range of part-time daytime and evening courses, from those designed for the absolute beginner to ones for more advanced learners. Many of our courses are FREE.

We offer specialist tutors and a friendly, welcoming environment. Once you contact us we can discuss your needs to ensure you join the course that is right for you. Unlock your potential today!

FREE COURSES

Basic Computers for Beginners (Stage 1)

Suitable for those with little or no previous experience of computers and who would like to develop their skills and confidence in this subject.

Developing Skills with Computers (Stage 2)

A follow-on course to Stage 1, or for those who have some basic computing skills. Topics include using email, basic word processing, file management and online safety.

Essential Digital Skills – Entry Level (Stage 3)

A follow-on course to Stage 2. It will further support and develop your skills and confidence, whilst focusing your learning towards gaining a recognised qualification at Entry 3.

Essential Digital Skills - Level 1

Develop skills in using spreadsheets, video conferencing, shopping safely online and solving basic technical problems. You will need to have completed Essential Digital Skills at Entry 3, or have an equivalent level of skills.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Pound Lane	Mon - Fri	9.30 - 12.00 13.00 - 15.30	1 week - 20 weeks	Rolling programme
Venture House	Tue & Thu	9.30 - 12.00 13.00 - 15.30	1 week - 20 weeks	Rolling programme

Other courses may include such topics as:

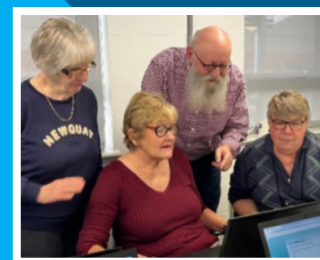
- Microsoft Office Applications
- Google Applications
- Being Online/ Connecting with Confidence

Please ask for further details

*"I recently retired and decided I must upskill myself in information technology. The classes are relaxed with lots of opportunity to practise our skills. I want to thank Warwickshire County Council, our lecturer, and last but not least, my lovely co-learners - I also learnt a lot from them". **Paula.***

*"The tutor gives us confidence. It is wonderful, bearing witness to the smiles, the thrill of seeing classmates "get" something, realising they can do it... a few weeks making up from decades of losing out." **Mark.***

*"I couldn't be happier or prouder with what I've achieved so far" **Adrian***



English



Build Your Confidence in English – Start Your Learning Journey Here!

Do you already have a good understanding of English but want to build your skills even further?
Would you like to feel more confident in reading, writing, speaking and listening?
Are you hoping to achieve a recognised English qualification?

If so, ACL's English courses are here to support you every step of the way!

We offer a wide range of FREE English courses for adults, designed to help you grow your skills at a pace that suits you. From short taster sessions to Functional Skills and GCSE English, there's something for everyone. Whether you want to communicate more confidently in everyday life, boost your job prospects, or move on to further study, we have the right course for you.

Why Choose ACL?

- Courses suitable for **all levels**
- **Online** and **face-to-face** learning options
- **Friendly, supportive tutors** who help you learn at your own pace
- **Flexible times and locations** to fit around your life

GCSE English Language Course

Our GCSE English course can be completed in just one academic year. With a focus on practical, real-life content, it's a great opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification, build your confidence, develop your skills, and open doors to further education or new career opportunities.

Functional Skills English

Our Functional Skills programmes cover all the essentials: Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening. Delivered in a welcoming and supportive environment, these courses are available both online and in person, with classes offered at a variety of times and locations. Whatever your starting point, our tutors will help you progress and achieve your goals.

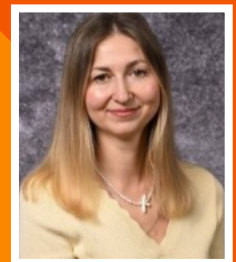
Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Pound Lane Learning Centre, Leamington	Mon	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00	35 weeks	Rolling programme - enrol throughout the year
Online	Mon-Fri	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00 16.00-18.00 18.30-20.30	35 weeks	

Antonina's Story: Finding Her Voice Through Learning

When she arrived in the UK from Ukraine, Antonina quickly realised that improving her English was key to unlocking new opportunities.

“Without English, it would be hard to get a better job and succeed in the UK. I failed my writing at first, but I kept going and eventually I passed. I am very proud and feel more confident now.”

Antonina has achieved Functional Skills English Level 1 and is now progressing confidently towards Level 2.



Maths



Build Your Confidence in Maths – Start Your Learning Journey with Us!

Do you feel unsure about your maths skills?

Would you like to feel more confident with numbers and everyday calculations?

Do you need a recognised qualification to help you get a job or progress in your studies?

If so, you're in the right place!

At ACL, we offer a variety of **FREE** Maths courses for adults, designed to support you no matter where you're starting from. Whether you want to build your confidence or work towards a GCSE, we're here to help you reach your goals.

Our Courses Include:

- Short introductory courses – ideal for easing back into learning
- Functional Skills Maths – from Entry Level up to Level 2
- GCSE Maths – perfect for learners aiming for a nationally recognised qualification or preparing for further education or employment

Why Choose ACL?

- Learn at your own pace in a supportive, welcoming environment
- Step-by-step courses that help you build skills steadily and confidently
- Gain the maths skills you need for independence, employment and everyday life
- Flexible learning options – join us online or in person
- Friendly, experienced tutors who support you every step of the way
- You can study in flexible ways that fit around work, family and other commitments

Our classes are relaxed, encouraging and designed to help you succeed, whether you're refreshing the basics or working towards a qualification. Whatever your goal, we'll help you get there with confidence.

Venue	Days Available	Session Times (typically)	Course Length (typically)	Frequency
Pound Lane, Learning Centre, Leamington	Tues-Thurs	10.00-12.00 13:00-15:00	35 weeks	Rolling programme - enrol throughout the year
Online	Mon-Fri	10.00-12.00 13.00-15.00 17.30-19.30 18.30-20.30	35 weeks	

Solomon's Story: Building Confidence Through Maths

"I joined the Functional Skills Maths course at ACL to continue my education and work towards higher education. The course helped me improve my maths and gave me much more confidence in my abilities."

Through supportive teaching and practical learning, Solomon developed key maths skills and learned how to use online tools like Padlet, helping him stay organised and confident in his learning. With clear explanations and step-by-step support from his tutor, even challenging topics became easier to understand.

"I feel proud of what I've achieved. This course has motivated me to keep learning and move on to the next level."



Arts & Crafts, Languages, Life Skills and Wellbeing

Looking to learn something new, boost your wellbeing, or grow your confidence?

We're here to support you every step of the way. Whether you're interested in picking up a new skill, learning a language, or doing something for your wellbeing, we offer a wide range of courses designed to fit around your life - daytime or evening, in person or online.

Our courses are designed to help you feel more confident, open new job opportunities, and support your journey into further learning. With new courses starting each term and running throughout the year, there's always something to explore.

To find out more about the courses currently available, please visit our website. If there is a course below that isn't on our website, please contact: acl@warwickshire.gov.uk to make an enquiry. Enquire and enrol at the earliest opportunity and reserve your space!

Here's a quick guide to help you choose the right level:

- **Beginners** – Perfect if you're completely new to the subject
- **Beginners Plus** – Ideal if you have completed a year of learning and want to continue
- **Intermediate** – Ideal if you've already completed a year or two of learning
- **Advanced** – For those who've completed intermediate courses and want to improve
- **Mixed ability or not specified** – Suitable for anyone

Course	Venue	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Weeks	COST		
							A	B	C
Art & Textiles Mixed Ability	Pound Lane	Mon	13.00-15.00	28/9/26	7/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Art Mixed Media	Pound Lane	Tue	16.00-18.00	29/9/26	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Business Start Up & Branding	Online	Wed	18:30-20.00	30/9/26	9/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Christmas Cupcake Workshop	Pound Lane	Fri	10.00-16.00	18/12/26	18/12/26	1	£30	£15.00	Free
Creative Stitch for Mixed Ability	Pound Lane	Fri	10.00-12.00	2/10/26	11/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Drawing & Painting for Beginners & Improvers	Pound Lane	Tue	18.30-20.30	29/09/26	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Drawing & Painting for Mixed Ability	Online	Thu	19.00-20.30	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Dressmaking Skills Mixed Ability	Pound Lane	Tue	18.30-20.30	29/9/26	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Dressmaking Skills Mixed Ability	Pound Lane	Wed	13.00-15.00	30/9/26	9/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
French Beginners Plus Term 4	Pound Lane	Thu	10.00-12.00	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
French Intermediate Term 7	Pound Lane	Mon	13.00-15.00	28/9/26	7/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
German for Beginners	Online	Wed	18.00-19.30	30/9/26	9/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Holiday French for Beginners	Pound Lane	Thu	13.00-15.00	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Introduction to British Sign Language Beginners	Pound Lane	Tue	18.30-20.30	29/09/26	08/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Introduction to British Sign Language Beginners	Pound Lane	Thu	10.00-12.00	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Introduction to British Sign Language Beginners	Pound Lane	Thu	13.00-15.00	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free



Italian Culture and Conversation Advanced Term 8	Pound Lane	Thu	12.30-14.30	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Italian for Beginners	Pound Lane	Tue	12.30-14.30	29/9/26	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Land Art Photography with a Smartphone Intermediate Term 7	Online	Wed	15.00-16.30	30/9/26	9/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Latin for Beginners	Online	Thu	10.00-11.30	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Patchwork and Quilting Mixed Ability	Pound Lane	Fri	13.00-15.00	2/10/26	11/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Pilates	Pound Lane	Tue	17.45-18.45	29/9/26	8/12/26	10	£45.00	£22.50	Free
Preparation for Work	Online	Tue	18.30-20.00	29/9/26	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Printmaking- Mono Print	Pound Lane	Mon	10.00-12.00	28/9/26	7/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Printmaking- Mono Print	Pound Lane	Tue	13.00-15.00	29/9/12	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Spanish Beginners Plus Term 4	Pound Lane	Wed	13.00-15.00	30/9/26	9/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Spanish Culture & Conversation Advanced	Pound Lane	Tue	15.00-17.00	29/9/26	9/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Spanish Intermediate Term 7	Pound Lane	Wed	10.00-12.00	30/9/26	9/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Sugarcraft Mixed Ability	Pound Lane	Tue	18.30-20.30	29/9/26	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Sugarcraft Mixed Ability	St Wulstan Church	Thu	18.30-20.30	1/10/26	10/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free
Sugarcraft Mixed Ability	St Wulstan Church	Tue	10.00-12.00	29/9/26	8/12/26	10	£90.00	£45.00	Free

Beverly's Story: Turning Creativity into a Lasting Skill

How learning sugarcraft at ACL helped Beverly develop confidence, creativity and a lifelong hobby

Beverly Brown enrolled on an ACL sugarcraft course with the simple aim of learning a new skill. Recently retired, she was looking for a creative course she could enjoy as a hobby, but what she gained went far beyond her expectations.



Over time, Beverly developed advanced cake decorating techniques, including complex sugar flower arrangements. Her confidence grew to the point where she designed and created a three tier wedding cake for her son's wedding, putting her own ideas into practice rather than relying on books.

"I was delighted with the results and with the confidence I now have to create my own designs."

One of Beverly's most memorable moments came early in her learning journey, when she completed her first Christmas cake and mastered the technique of covering a cake with marzipan and icing techniques, skills she still uses today.

The supportive and engaging environment at ACL allowed Beverly to learn at her own pace, share ideas with others, and revisit techniques to improve and refine her work.

Beverly continues to attend her weekly classes, enjoying the opportunity to keep learning and developing her skills. She plans to carry on making cakes for friends and family and hopes to create more wedding cakes in the future.

Her journey shows how ACL courses enable learners to discover new talents, build confidence and enjoy learning at any stage of life.

Family Learning



Family Learning is learning that takes place among family members including parents, grandparents and carers. It's about discovering and exploring things together, learning in a relaxed atmosphere and is an opportunity for parents and carers to discover how their children learn and develop.

You can contact the team by emailing FamilyLearningACL@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling **01926 736392**.

Family Learning runs lots of courses and workshops, as well as qualifications. Courses are run in community venues like Children and Family Centres, Nurseries and Schools. Family Learning courses include:

Family Food • Family Money Matters • Understanding your Child • Story Explorers (REAL programme) • Primary Reading, English and Maths • Story Sacks • Film Club • Play and Learn Phonics • Story in a Box

Family Learning Qualifications

Level 1 'Moving On' Certificate

Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning

Moving On is our unique programme, designed specifically for parents and carers to gain a Level 1 qualification in a family-friendly, flexible way. Supporting Teaching and Learning is a qualification that enables you to work in support roles in schools.

Why do this course?

- You can help your children
- You can brush up your own skills and get back into learning
- It is a progression route into employment or further education
- You could choose to progress onto a University of Warwick Lifelong Learning Degree

Level 1 is a FREE course, Level 2 has fees, but is FREE if you meet certain eligibility criteria.

Our courses offer:

- In person and online opportunities, to allow you to choose your learning pace and fit around your family life
- Support and guidance from experienced and qualified teachers

- L1 Modules that are meaningful to family life
- L2 Modules that develop skills for working in support roles in education

Example modules from Level 1:

- Making and Using Story Sacks
- Supporting Children's Literacy and Numeracy Development
- Family Relationships
- Family Cooking Skills
- Using Craft Activities with Children and Young People
- Understanding Play
- Understanding Children's Language and Communication Development

Learners who complete one or both qualifications will be offered a guaranteed interview for a Degree course at the University of Warwick from the list below:

- **BA (Hons) Early Childhood**
- **BA (Hons) Child and Family: Health and Wellbeing**

Please see university website for fee information, terms and conditions about their courses

Active Learning



Our Active Learning programme is a suite of courses for adults with SEND and/or learning differences. Our courses promote independence, build confidence, and develop new skills.

Classes are small, supportive and fun, led by highly experienced teaching and support staff. We can also support you to access English, maths and IT qualifications and support you on your journey to employment.

Our courses include:

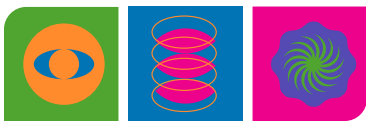
Life Skills, Basic Cooking Skills, Art, Music, Drama and Work Readiness. We currently run these courses in Leamington and Nuneaton.

Warwickshire libraries are FREE to join. You can do this online or visit your local library to sign up.

As a member you can borrow books including eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and eNewspapers.

Some libraries offer free digital device access, tablets, and IT help sessions.

For further information pop into a library or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries



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Warwickshire Libraries

Andrew's Story

Andrew, who is currently a learner on Active Learning's Visual Art, felt motivated to enrol in his course because

"I wanted to paint and make new friends."

He really values the time he gets to spend on his art projects and is looking forward to creating artwork to put on his wall at home.

"I have socialised more, I've made friends. I feel happy."

Andrew feels attending this class has made his personal life better and he enjoys the sense of achievement he feels when immersing himself in his art. He adds *"The staff support me well, the staff make the course fun... they involve me."*

Andrew has great advice for any adults thinking about joining ACL classes: *"I would say DO IT!"*



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



Is this for me?

Yes, if you are looking to improve your English for work, study, or everyday life. Apply if you are 19+ and meet our residency criteria (see page 11).

What will I learn?

You will gain skills to improve your communication, give you better job opportunities, take your first step towards other qualifications or help you feel more independent in managing your daily communication tasks.

What can I expect?

Develop your English part-time (2 hours per week) and have the option to take exams at a range of levels throughout the year.

Why would I join?

To build your confidence whilst making friends from different backgrounds, share experiences, and practise English in a friendly, supportive environment. The courses will help you learn about British culture and customs and will be helpful if you are working towards citizenship or residency. You will also be supported to progress to further provision with us like Maths, Family Learning or Digital Skills.

What will happen once I register for a course?

You will be invited to an appointment to see an ESOL tutor who will check your residency and English level. We will then talk to you about the best pathway for you. This will also give you an opportunity to discuss your career aspirations and additional learning needs.

What should I bring to my appointment?

Please bring your ID and your residency proof to show you are eligible to study with us. The courses are free, but you might have to pay for exams, depending on income - you will be asked to show evidence at your appointment.

Will I be offered a course at the appointment?

The appointment will help decide on the best class for you. If you meet the residency criteria to study with us, we aim to place you onto a course. If no place is available you may be placed on a waiting list and we will share alternative ESOL provision in the area. If you are not eligible for our provision, we aim to share other providers in the area who may be better suited for you.

What if I can't attend a course every week?

If you are unable to attend a regular session, please discuss your availability at your assessment. We can explore other options with you.

ESOL applications are now open on the website – apply NOW. Look out for an email that will invite you to book in for a face-to-face appointment with us at a centre close to you.

Venue	Day	Time	Course Length	Cost
Pound Lane	Mon to Thu	Various	2-hour weekly session (term time only)	FREE COURSE (exam fees may apply)**
Lomas Suite, Stratford Hospital	Wed	Daytime		
Tyler House, Stratford				

The Story Gardens of Warwick: making memories in Warwickshire's green spaces



"We learn so much about one another and our cultures come together in such a lovely way" Carolina

ESOL groups from Leamington visited Hill Close Gardens in Warwick where learners engaged in activities to learn the horticultural and social history of the restored Victorian gardens. Learners found many familiar plants from their home countries, and shared stories about green spaces in their own countries.

Enrolment Fees and Eligibility

Am I eligible?

We accept learners aged 19 or over on 31/08/2026. You must be legally resident in the UK, and may be asked for evidence of this.

We are not funded to work with learners living in the West Midlands Combined Authority area. If you pay your council tax to Coventry, Birmingham, Solihull, Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley or Wolverhampton please contact us for more information as different fee rates may apply.

Fees

English, Maths, most Family Learning and some other classes, including Essential Digital Skills, are **free**. You will be required to complete an eligibility form for all English, Maths, IT

and ESOL classes that are **free**. Please bring some form of ID with you such as a passport, birth certificate, residence card etc

Details of the fees for each course can be found on our website. Please contact us for further advice. For ESOL and some other courses, you may be eligible for a free course and exams if you earn less than £25,750 per year.

Where fees apply, we operate the following categories:

- A** Full fee (depending on eligibility and/or non Warwickshire resident)
- B** Discounted fee (50% for learners aged 66 or over)
- C** Fully remitted (FREE for learners in receipt of qualifying benefits)

Make a Difference. Volunteer with ACL!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back, grow your confidence and connect with your community? Perhaps you have a specific set of skills and prior knowledge in education. Join our vibrant team of volunteers at ACL and help adult learners thrive!

We're inviting you to be part of this rewarding journey. We're proud to have a dedicated group of volunteers who support our tutors and learners across a wide range of subjects in venues throughout the county. You can volunteer flexibly and work towards your career goals.

Why volunteer with ACL?

- Support learners in their classes and help them build skills for life
- Share your knowledge and make a real impact
- Grow personally while helping others succeed

Many of our volunteers are also learners themselves and they've found the experience incredibly positive and fulfilling.

Hear from our volunteers:

"It improved my self-esteem by being useful to other people."

"It makes me more confident."

"It keeps me engaged in the community."

"I get enormous satisfaction."

"I've enjoyed the interaction with both the students and the teacher."

Volunteers consistently say they enjoy working with a diverse group of learners and watching their confidence grow. Whether you're looking to give back, gain experience, or simply meet new people, volunteering with ACL is a fantastic way to make a difference.

How to Enrol

Sign up online

By visiting our website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/acl and following the 'Booking onto a course' link to search available courses. You can then fill in our online enrolment form to apply for a course or enquire if the course is full. Please enquire about a course if you are interested and it is not listed. New courses and updates can be found on our website.

Sign up by phone

If you need support you can ring **01926 736392** to talk to one of our friendly staff. Please be aware that there may be a long wait at busy times.

Sign up in person

By visiting one of our main centres to enrol or enquire. See September enrolment dates below.

You can sign up now online or by phone, or attend an enrolment session in September at the following locations:

Leamington Spa:	Rugby:	Nuneaton:
Wednesday 9 September 2026 12pm - 7pm Pound Lane Learning Centre, Lillington, Leamington Spa CV32 7RT	Thursday 3 September 2026 12pm - 7pm Hill Street Youth & Community Centre, Hill Street, Rugby CV21 2NB	Monday 7 September 2026 12pm - 7pm Hatters Space, Upper Abbey Street, Nuneaton CV11 5DN

ACL teaching venues

Pound Lane Learning Centre: Pound Lane, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7RT

Venture House: Avenue Farm Industrial Estate, Birmingham Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0HR

Saint Wulstan Church: 5 Wood St, Southam CV47 1PP

Tyler House: Tyler Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6TY

Lomas Suite, Stratford Hospital: Arden St, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6NX

