



# Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement 2022-26

## 2024 Annual Review

### Introduction

The Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement 2022-26<sup>1</sup> was agreed by the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board (SWPB) in March 2022. This followed a comprehensive review of the role, function, structure and priorities of the Board in 2021, through which three long term strategic ambitions were agreed:

- Address the causes of violence
- Safe, healthy and empowered communities
- Tackle discrimination in all its forms.

This review provides information on work undertaken under each of these ambitions at a countywide level in 2023/24, along with that planned for 2024/25. Although key work areas are presented under a specific ambition, the broad and wide-ranging nature of the ambitions means that many topics cut across more than one, enabling the work of partners to be aligned to deliver lasting impact for our local communities.

The existing Community Safety Agreement was agreed to cover the period until 2026. However, due to changing timescales over the Covid period, this is out of sync with other priorities and documents to which the agreement is intrinsically linked. Most notably, the Community Safety Partnership priorities will be agreed for a four-year period in early 2025 based on the findings of their Strategic Assessments, and a new Police and Crime Plan for Warwickshire will be developed during the second half of 2024.

A new Community Safety Agreement will therefore be developed in early 2025 and presented to the SWPB for agreement in June 2025. This will identify cross cutting themes and issues emerging from the CSP Strategic Assessments and priorities, and set out how they will be addressed through co-ordinated working at a county level. It will also include outcome measures that can be used alongside crime indicators to reflect the work of partners and assess the long-term impact of our activity in making Warwickshire's communities safer for all who live, work in or visit the county.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/safe-warwickshire-1/community-safety-agreement-2022-26>

## Address the causes of violence

### Key Achievements

- Development and agreement of the **Safer Warwickshire Serious Violence Prevention Strategy 2024-30**, setting out our long-term partnership approach to addressing the causes of violence: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/violence>
- Production of a **Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment**.
- Development and initial implementation of a **Serious Violence Prevention Strategy Delivery Plan**.
- Submission of the above documents to the Home Office ahead of the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 deadline to meet the requirements of the **Serious Violence Duty**.
- Development of a **Serious Violence Risk Profiling Tool**, using a range of data sets to support an evidence-based approach to targeting risk. Work highly commended in the Business Intelligence solution of the year category at the British Data Awards.
- Implementation of the **Whole Schools Approach** to preventing violence, including rollout of the Identity and Choices and Consequences programmes in priority locations.
- Delivery of interventions in Nuneaton and Bedworth in June 2023 as part of a focus on preventing violence and aggression linked to **the Knife Angel** monument.
- Commencement of the implementation of the **Safer Warwickshire Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2023-26 and Delivery Plan**, setting out our three-year partnership approach to ending VAWG in Warwickshire: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/violence/domestic-abuse-support-warwickshire/2>
- Continued implementation of the **Warwickshire Safe Accommodation Strategy 2021-24**, setting out our partnership approach to meeting the duties to provide safe accommodation and support within the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and including development of new Refuge provision: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/violence/domestic-abuse-support-warwickshire/2>
- Completion of a **comprehensive review of Domestic Homicide Review processes**, identifying changes which will result in significant time and budget efficiencies.

### Work planned for 2024-25

- Implementation of the **Serious Violence Prevention Strategy Delivery Plan**, with actions under the three pillars at the heart of the Strategy: preventing violence before it happens, responding to immediate risk and long-term support.
- Implementation of the **Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Delivery Plan**.
- Implementation of the **Safe Accommodation Strategy Delivery Plan** and development of a new **Safe Accommodation Strategy**.
- Implementation of findings from the **review of Domestic Homicide Review processes**.
- Ongoing **management of countywide and local emerging issues** through the Serious Violence Prevention Partnership Delivery Group, Violence Against Women and Girls Board, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership and local Community Safety Partnership operational and problem-solving meetings.

## Safe, Healthy and Empowered communities

### Key Achievements

- Implementation of **phase two of the Safer Streets Round 4 project**, utilising Home Office funding to deliver interventions designed to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls, Anti-Social Behaviour and County Lines activity and increase feelings of safety in targeted locations: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/crime-anti-social-behaviour/safer-streets>
- Submission of a successful application for **Safer Streets Round 5 funding** resulting in a further £820,000 for interventions in Warwickshire, and implementation of phase one of this project (weblink as above).
- Development of **Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour performance dashboards** for use by partners.
- Approval and implementation of the **Warwickshire Drugs Needs Assessment and Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership Delivery Plan**.
- Development of a **Reducing Re-Offending Strategic Framework and new Integrated Offender Management Delivery Board**, joining up work to tackle serious violence, drugs and alcohol and manage serious offenders to create a holistic approach to the reduction of re-offending in the county.
- Ongoing **work with and support to business communities**, including the implementation of the **ShopKind** campaign and **Best Bar None** scheme.
- Delivery of a second **partnership event** to raise awareness of the tools available to tackle **Modern Slavery**, and the partnership approach to this issue.
- Successful implementation of a **devolved decision-making pilot for cases involving potential child victims of Modern Slavery**.
- Agreement of a **co-ordinated approach to tackling Anti-Social Behaviour**, with a countywide Strategic Framework and local implementation and delivery.
- Development of **links to the Creating Opportunities agenda and other countywide strategic partnership Boards**, ensuring community safety activity is embedded in a broader multi-agency approach.
- Delivery of the **third Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board Big Conversation** event on safe, healthy and empowered communities in February 2024, with over 100 delegates attending to discuss existing good practice and implementing new ways of working in and with communities.
- Delivery of **targeted responses to local issues of concern** around Anti-Social Behaviour, acquisitive crime and rural crime.

### Work planned for 2024-25

- Implementation of **phase two of the Safer Streets Round 5 project** by March 2025.
- Implementation of the **Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership Delivery Plan**.

- Delivery of the **Reducing Re-Offending Strategic Framework** through the relevant partnership Boards.
- Agreement and implementation of the **Anti-Social Behaviour Strategic Framework**.
- Implementation of **Operation Resolve**, utilising £1 million available from the Home Office Hotspot Response Fund to deploy targeted patrols and wider activity in hotspot locations for anti-social behaviour and serious violence.
- Development of further **joint activity and delivery** with the Health and Wellbeing Board, Safeguarding Partnership, Local Criminal Justice Board, Road Safety Partnership and Suicide Prevention Partnership
- Embedding of **Creating Opportunities aims and objectives within community safety activity**, with a focus on delivery in priority Local Super Output Areas.
- Delivery and analysis of a **Your Say on Community Safety survey** seeking residents' views on crime, anti-social behaviour and feelings of the safety in the county, with the findings used to inform the 2024 Strategic Assessments and future activity.
- Ongoing **management of countywide and local emerging issues** through the Violence Against Women and Girls Board, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership, Hate Crime Partnership Board, Anti-Social Behaviour Practitioner Forum, Modern Slavery Steering Group, Integrated Offender Management Delivery Board and local Community Safety Partnership operational and problem-solving meetings.

## Tackle discrimination in all its forms

### Key Achievements

- Development and agreement of the **Strategy for Tackling Hate Crime in Warwickshire 2023-26**, setting out a joined-up approach to tackling hate across the county: <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/crime-anti-social-behaviour/hate-crime>
- Development and agreement of a **Hate Crime Partnership Action Plan 2023-26** to support the implementation of the strategy.
- Delivery of a **record number of Prevent training sessions**, with over 2,700 staff trained across multiple agencies and 99% of participants providing feedback that they had good or excellent understanding in how to act on concerns after the session.
- Development and implementation of the **Warwickshire Prevent Action Plan 2023-26**, delivering against ten agreed partnership priorities.
- Completion of **Annual Assurance Assessment for Prevent**, confirming the partnership is working well with evidence of compliance in every aspect. Performance assessed by the Home Office as exceeding requirements against all seven benchmarks reviewed.
- Delivery of the **second Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board Big Conversation** event on tackling discrimination in June 2023, with over 80 delegates attending to help shape the action plans for hate crime and Prevent and discuss how to build community cohesion in challenging times.
- Delivery of work by the Violence Against Women and Girls Communications Subgroup to **tackle misogyny**, involving men and boys in conversations so they feel comfortable in challenging inappropriate comments, attitudes or behaviour.

### Work planned for 2024-25

- Implementation of the **Hate Crime Partnership Action Plan 2023-26**.
- Further **development of the Hate Crime performance dashboard**, including outcome information where available to enable partners to understand and improve support available to victims.
- Implementation of the **Warwickshire Prevent Action Plan 2023-26**.
- Promotion of **Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act** to ensure community safety considerations are embedded as core business across Local Authority activity, including the identification of discrimination and support to those affected.
- Development and implementation of work to tackle misogyny through the **Violence Against Women and Girls Delivery Plan**
- Development of **cross-cutting links and a joint approach** between hate crime, Prevent and cyber-crime activity, with a particular focus on tackling online extremism.
- Ongoing **management of countywide and local emerging issues** through the Violence Against Women and Girls Board, Hate Crime Partnership Board, Prevent Steering Group and local Community Safety Partnership operational and problem-solving meetings.