

Title: Annual Performance Update from the South Warwickshire
 Community Safety Partnership (2023/24)
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 Wards of the District directly affected: All

Approvals required	Date	Name
Portfolio Holder	21/05/25	Jim Sinnott
Finance	NA	-----
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Chief Executive	21/05/24	Chris Elliott/Darren Knight/Dave Barber
Head of Service(s)	21/05/24	Marianne Rolfe
Section 151 Officer	NA	-----
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Leadership Co-ordination Group	NA	-----
Final decision by this Committee or rec to another Cttee / Council?	No (Information only report)	
Contrary to Policy / Budget framework?	No	
Does this report contain exempt info/Confidential? If so, which paragraph(s)?	No	
Does this report relate to a key decision (referred to in the Cabinet Forward Plan)?	No	
Accessibility Checked?	Yes	

1 Summary

- 1.1 Local Authorities have a legal duty to undertake scrutiny of crime and disorder at least every 12 months in accordance with the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
- 1.2 The South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (SWCSP) is the statutory body for reducing crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in South Warwickshire therefore the Council has taken the view that by scrutinising the effectiveness and performance of the Partnership, it is fulfilling its legal duty. Annual Performance Reports are therefore presented to this Committee on an annual basis.
- 1.3 This report highlights performance against priorities from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

2 Role and Responsibilities of SWCSP

- 2.1 Please refer to the Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) and SWCSP Partnership Plan 2021 – 2025 (Background Papers) which explain the governance and the roles and responsibilities of the SWCSP.
- 2.2 The current membership of the SWCSP Strategic Member Board is:

Cllr Jim Sinnott (Chair) – Warwick District Council
Cllr Natalie Gist (Vice Chair) – Stratford District Council
Cllr Judy Falp – Warwick District Council
Cllr Ian Davison – Warwick District Council
Cllr Andy Crump – Warwickshire County Council (Fire & Rescue)
Cllr Wallace Redford – Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Jem Pemberton – Warwickshire County Council
CI Faz Chishty – Warwickshire Police
Jackie Channell – NHS Integrated Care Board
Andy Wade – Warwickshire Probation Service

Also invited is the Police & Crime Commissioner and/or his representative.

The meeting is supported by senior officers from the responsible authorities.

3. SWCSP Priorities

- 3.1 CSPs must procure a comprehensive Strategic Assessment process every 4 years to inform priority setting and update the Community Safety Partnership Plan which sets out how the CSP is going to address the priorities.
- 3.2 The last Strategic Assessment was conducted in 2020, and an interim review of the Priorities and supporting action plans was carried out in 2023 and the refreshed document was adopted by the Board in September 2023. Current priorities are listed in Table 1.

SWCSP Priorities 2023 - 2025

Violent Crime	Focus on domestic abuse and the night time economy
Rape & Serious Sexual Offences	Focus on relationship between offender and victim, and student demographic
Serious Acquisitive Crime	Responding to volume crime and disorder emerging post Covid-19 including personal robbery in Stratford-upon-Avon District
Acquisitive Crime in Rural Areas	Including 'Rural Crime and Wildlife Strategy' definition
County Lines	Focus on knife crime, links to violence and substance misuse, and exploitation in Warwick District
Personal ASB	Focus on non-Covid-19 related incidents in Stratford-upon-Avon District
Cyber fraud	Focus on raising awareness and crime prevention
Hate crime	Focus on racism and homophobic related offences and incidents
Cross cutting themes	Reducing re-offending; drugs and alcohol

Table 1.

3.3 There are currently 3 SWCSP Action Plans to address the Priorities:

- **Serious Violence** – comprises 6 sub plans: Knife Crime, Night Time Economy, Domestic Abuse, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences, County Lines, Exploitation
- **ASB**
- **Rural Crime**

NB: For reasons of confidentiality, it's not possible for the detailed action plans to be shared outside of the SWCSP given that some information is classed as official/sensitive. The Partnership Plan does however provide a summary of content.

3.4 The SWCSP also takes account of a number of existing strategies and plans, contributing to their aims and objectives through participation in the relevant Strategic Partnership Groups and ensuring delivery of local interventions across these themes:

- Warwickshire Hate Crime Action Plan
- Warwickshire Drugs and Alcohol Strategic Plan
- Warwickshire Prevent Delivery Plan
- Warwickshire Cyber Crime Strategy
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy
- Warwickshire Integrated Offender Management Strategy
- OPCC Police and Crime Plan

4 Resources to Deliver Action Plans

- 4.1 The SWCSP does not have its own budget. The work of the SWCSP is funded through the core budgets of partners, via an annual bid to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and through external government funding opportunities.
- 4.2 During 2023/24 the SWCSP has been successful in bids to the OPCC, Safer Streets Round 5 and the new Serious Violence Fund, totaling **£144,424**. Table 2 shows the breakdown of that funding for Warwick District, the interventions being delivered as detailed within the relevant CSP Action Plans, and the CSP Priorities to which they relate.

GRANT/FUND	KEY INTERVENTIONS DELIVERED IN WARWICK DISTRICT	LINK TO CSP PRIORITIES
<p>OPCC £41,600</p>	<p>Target Hardening Interventions Warwick District (3k)</p> <p>Providing victims of Cuckooing, Domestic Abuse and ASB subscription free video doorbells to enhance feelings of safety within the home.</p> <p>Street Marshal Scheme - Leamington NTE (5k)</p> <p>Providing enhanced Street Marshal coverage to support the safe management of the nighttime economy during busy periods.</p> <p>Your Town Your Choice & Best Bar None Initiative (8.6k)</p> <p>Working in partnership with key stakeholders to provide community safety messages to users of the nighttime economy. Best Bar none has seen 20 town centre venues commit to ensuring their venues are safe and welcoming places for all.</p> <p>South Warwickshire Youth Diversion - Music Project (15k)</p> <p>Offering young people vulnerable to exploitation, opportunities to learn new skills in a positive environment and alongside qualified mentors. 19 young people have been referred into the project with subject areas now including computer game development and theatrical makeup.</p> <p>SEE CASE STUDY – APPENDIX 2</p> <p>CCTV Control Room Double Crewing (10k)</p> <p>Double crewing of CCTV staff during busy periods</p>	<p>Violent Crime</p> <p>County Lines</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Offences</p>

<p>SERIOUS VIOLENCE £10,000</p>	<p>Safe Space Initiative (7k)</p> <p>Leamington’s Safe Space (based at South Lodge) has been operational every Friday night from 22.00 – 04.00 since November 2023, ensuring that users of the nighttime economy have access to support and signposting.</p> <p>Warwick District Council’s Safe Space provision is the first of its kind in Warwickshire demonstrating our ongoing commitment to Community Safety. The scheme forms part of a package of interventions to enhance feelings of safety, reduce crime and disorder and protect people from harm.</p> <p>Safe Space Overview & Data</p> <p>Detached Youth Work – Warwick Mop & Pump Room Gardens. (3k)</p> <p>Providing a visible presence from youth workers for events such as Warwick Mop to engage with young people and safeguard from harm.</p>	<p>Violent Crime</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Offences.</p> <p>County Lines</p>
<p>SAFER STREETS ROUND 5 £102,814</p>	<p>Community Warden Team: Staffing, Resources and Training</p> <p>Funding has been used to increase the number of Community Wardens and purchase a variety of resources to support delivery of service. This includes two electric vans, new radios & body cameras, defibrillators, and water safety kits. In addition, the team have received training on a variety of key topics such as Fixed Penalty Notices, Dog Handling, County Lines, Profile Awareness and Conflict Management.</p> <p>Community Warden Overview</p>	<p>Violent Crime</p> <p>County Lines</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Offences</p> <p>Personal ASB</p>

Table 2.

5. Performance Monitoring and Review

5.1 The Business Intelligence Team (WCC) produce a series of quarterly reports for the SWCSP providing an overview of crime and disorder data which they obtain from the following sources:

- Police crime and incidents
- MASH referrals now Children and Families Front Door referrals
- Child Exploitation, Missing and Trafficking Framework
- Youth Justice Service
- Education Data
- Substance Misuse – CGL and Compass
- Domestic Abuse – Refuge and DACs: MARAC Performance Data
- Rural Crime Officer, Warwickshire Police

5.2 The [SWCSP Annual Performance Overview 2023/24](#) provides breakdowns of offences for the different crime types pertaining to each of the CSP Priorities by quarter since April 2023 and gives year to date comparisons.

6. Successful Outcomes

6.1 External funding has enabled the Community Safety Team to deliver successful projects and interventions addressing actions that support the CSP Priorities. These are some of the key achievements and outcomes:

- Successful delivery of Safer Streets Round 4 project – focussed on **enhancing feelings of safety within the Eagle Recreation Ground** in Leamington. Installation of CCTV and additional lighting alongside foliage management and improvements to park furniture has created a safer place for all to enjoy. (58k received from Home Office). Feedback from one resident – *'I wanted to say how much my family and I are enjoying Eagle Rec. The grass cutting and tidying of the space looks great. There's a lovely community feel in the early light evenings with lots of different groups using the space for football, cricket and kids enjoying the park.'*
- Successful delivery of OPCC funded projects which focussed on **diversionary activities for young people** on the periphery of criminal activity and/or vulnerable to exploitation. Access to professional music studio sessions, theatrical makeup courses and computer game development have all had a positive impact on young people across the district. The Community Safety team have provided Video Doorbells for vulnerable individuals & families who have experienced issues around Domestic Abuse, Serious Violence, County Lines or ASB.
- The team also launched an initiative to improve the operating standards of licenced premises in Leamington Town Centre. 20 venues signed up to receive free training on issues such as **Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) and drugs awareness**. WDC staff have been trained to conduct annual assessments to ensure venues are safe and welcoming.
- Successful delivery of Serious Violence funding projects which included the formation of **Leamington's Safe Space** initiative. Based out of South Lodge on Friday evenings the Safe Space team have been on hand to support anyone who feels unsafe or in need of support whilst using the nighttime economy. The team have supported people with a variety of issues including Domestic Abuse, Serious Violence, Mental Health, and intoxication.
- The Community Safety Team hosted a **Your Town Your Choice** event on Friday 13 October in Leamington Town Centre. A variety of partners were in attendance to promote a safe night out in Leamington. Cllrs and SLT joined the CST for a walk of the town showcasing the CCTV and Emergency Contact Point Services. There was some fantastic engagement and feedback received from partners.

- The **expansion of the Community Warden Team** has been made possible through Safer Streets 5, and most recently Hotspot Response Funding. The Team now has 8 full time staff (plus the Animal Warden). The funding covered the provision of 2 new electric vans, so the reach of the team is now significant as is their ability to quickly respond and be deployed to incidents across the district.

7. Risks and Challenges

- 7.1 The increased capacity of the Community Safety Team, with the addition of a second Community Safety Officer in January 2024 (grant funded fixed term contract to 31 March 2025) and having the Wardens, has put WDC in a much stronger position than our counterparts in the other districts and boroughs in that we can quickly respond to any funding opportunities that come up and be confident we have the operational resources to deliver. Funding applications are time consuming, resource intensive and have a very tight turnaround time but we are very much on the front foot as is clearly evidenced by our successes in the levels of external investment we have drawn in over the past 2 years.
- 7.2 However, the significant reliance on grant funding carries risks, and the challenges of finding alternative ways of sustaining this current level of service beyond March 2025 which is when all current funding streams conclude.
- 7.3 The Warden Team provides a much needed 'boots on the ground' visible presence, playing a pivotal role in keeping the community safe, providing ongoing reassurance and engagement with residents and key stakeholders, and responding, on average, to 200 incidents per month covering all crime types.
- 7.4 This success in itself presents a risk to the Council's reputation. If posts have to be terminated due to lack of resources post March 2025 and the service detrimentally impacted as a result, the reaction of residents and key stakeholders is likely to be a negative one.

8. Specific Workstreams 2023/24

- 8.1 In addition to the Board overseeing the Strategic Assessment process, priority setting and action plan implementation, it has other responsibilities to fulfil and is required to input into specific work streams. During 23/24 key activity has been:
- Feeding into the development and agreement of the **Warwickshire Serious Violence Prevention Strategy 2024-30**
 - Ensuring the local implementation of the **Warwickshire Serious Violence Strategy Delivery Plan** through alignment with the SWCSP Serious Violence Crime Action Plan
 - Inputting into the comprehensive **Warwickshire Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)** process and assisting in implementing the recommendations of that review
 - Participation in the **Home Office Consultation on the Review of CSPs and ASB Powers**

- Commissioning, overseeing, and approving **DHR Review Reports** for submission to the Home Office – currently there are 3 ongoing DHRs in Stratford District and 6 in Warwick District
- Ongoing **monitoring of South Warwickshire-wide and local emerging issues** through the Violence Against Women and Girls Board, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership, Hate Crime Partnership Board, Anti-Social Behaviour Steering Group, Modern Slavery Steering Group, Integrated Offender Management Delivery Board, and local Community Safety Partnership operational and problem-solving meetings.

Background papers:

[SWCSP Performance 2022/23 - Overview & Scrutiny Report 19 April 2023](#)

[SWCSP Partnership Plan 2021 - 2025](#)

Appendices:

1. SWCSP Terms of Reference (Updated April 2023)
2. LAMP Music Project Case Study