

Title: South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Annual Performance Report (2024/25)

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Wards of the District directly affected: All

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## **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 June 2024 to 1 June 2025.

## **2 Responsibilities of CSPs**

- 2.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are statutorily responsible for formulating and implementing strategies for:
  - The reduction of crime and disorder (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment)
  - Combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances
  - The reduction of reoffending
  - Preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence and reducing instances of serious violence
- 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  
Warwickshire County Councillor (Fire & Rescue) -TBC following AGM  
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CI Simon Ryan – 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.

[SWCSP Board Terms of Reference](#)

## **3. Strategic Assessment 2025 - 2029**

- 3.1 The CSP must produce or procure a Strategic Assessment to inform its priorities and to update the Partnership Plan which sets out what the CSP is doing to address these priorities.

- 3.2 Following a comprehensive review of the Strategic Assessment process in Warwickshire during 2020 it was agreed that a full document will be produced for each CSP on a four yearly basis.
- 3.3 The Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan are reviewed annually against in-year reporting. These annual and biennial processes enable any emerging issues to be identified and to inform any new proposed priorities, ensuring the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan remain valid.
- 3.4 Based on the 4 yearly cycle, the 6-month process began last September of producing the Strategic Assessment report which would inform the new CSP Priorities for 2025 to 2029.
- 3.5 MoRiLE (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement) scoring sessions took place with partners and specialists discussing each of the community safety themes to complete a picture for each district and borough. This analysis also assists in identifying specific issues in an area which will inform priority setting.
- 3.6 The final Strategic Assessment Report was presented to the SWCSP Board in February 2025 and the new Priorities for 2025 to 2029 were approved.
- 3.7 A sanitized version of the full [SWCSP Strategic Assessment 2025-29](#) has been produced specifically for this committee. The full written analysis and infographics have been removed due to the sensitive nature of this information and in line with data sharing agreements.

#### **4. CSP Board Activity 2024/25**

- 4.1 In addition to the Board overseeing the Strategic Assessment process this past year and approving the new Priorities for the next 4 years, it has also carried out the following activity:
  - Overseeing the effective and efficient use of external funding to deliver on Priorities
  - Receiving and scrutinising quarterly performance reports – directing action regarding highlighted areas of concern
  - Consideration of national developments e.g. new bills, duties and the implications for CSPs
  - Consideration and sign up to the Warwickshire ASB Strategic Framework
  - Ensuring compliance and delivery on the Serious Violence Duty
  - Consideration of the results of the Countywide [‘Your Say on Community Safety’](#) survey and implications for Warwick and Stratford Districts.
  - Commissioning, overseeing, and approving Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) Reports for submission to the Home Office – currently there are 3 ongoing DARDRs in Stratford District and 4 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.

## **5. Delivery of Priority Action Plans 2024/25**

- 5.1 The South Warwickshire Operational Partnership (SWOP) is responsible for receiving the approved Priorities from the Board and developing the action plans to deliver them. SWOP is made up of senior officers from the Responsible Authorities and housing providers, collectively these are the Relevant Authorities for information sharing.
- 5.2 Whilst the new Strategic Assessment process was being conducted, SWOP continued with delivery of the current action plans supporting the existing Priorities:
- **Serious Violence** – comprises 6 sub plans: Knife Crime, Night-time Economy, Domestic Abuse, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences, County Lines, Exploitation
  - **Anti-social Behaviour**
  - **Rural Crime**
- 5.2 In addition to the direct delivery of the above action plans, there is also the requirement to contribute to and participate in the relevant County-wide Strategic Partnership Groups and ensure delivery of local interventions across these community safety themes:
- Hate Crime
  - Drugs and Alcohol
  - Reducing Reoffending
  - Cyber Crime
  - Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
  - Violence Against Women and Girls
  - Prevent

## **6 Resourcing Action Plan Delivery**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 During 2024/25 the SWCSP has been successful in bids to the OPCC, Safer Streets Round 5, Serious Violence Fund and Hotspot Response totaling £306,842 allocated to Warwick District.
- 6.3 The Council's Community Safety Team has also benefitted from UKSPF funding for the last 3 years. The allocation for 2024/25 (Year 3) of £368,600 has resourced a raft of community safety interventions, projects and initiatives, all aligned to the delivery of the SWCSP Priority Action Plans.
- 6.4 Table 1. shows the breakdown of the total funding of £675,442 for community safety for Warwick District, the interventions delivered as detailed within the relevant CSP Action Plans, and the CSP Priorities to which they relate.

Table 1.

GRANT/FUND	KEY INTERVENTIONS DELIVERED IN WARWICK DISTRICT	LINK TO CSP PRIORITIES
<p>OPCC £30,000</p>	<p><b>Target Hardening Interventions Warwick District (4k)</b></p> <p>Providing victims of Cuckooing, Domestic Abuse and ASB subscription free video doorbells to enhance feelings of safety within the home and capture evidence to assist police investigations.</p> <p><b>Diversionsary Activities (10k)</b></p> <p>Delivering VR sessions focusing on knife crime and opening conversations amongst young people surrounding the choices of carrying a knife. The VR sessions are interactive and include further lesson plans to discuss the choices in further detail and engage in conversations. We want our Community Wardens and Youth Clubs to deliver sessions within their youth clubs over several weeks to continue the conversations and help to reduce the risk of young people becoming involved in knife crime. 526 young people have engaged in the project.</p> <p><b>Targeted Youth Outreach Facilitated by Young People First (14k)</b></p> <p>Detached youth work is of vital importance as it addresses the unique needs and challenges faced by young people who may not be engaged in traditional youth services or programs, and who may be at risk of exploitation or engagement in risky behaviours. We have delivered detached youth work in a consistent location - in Leamington Town Centre (a well-known ASB and Serious Violence hotspot).</p> <p><a href="#">Detached Youth Work - Report (1 Sep 2024 - 28 Feb 2025).docx</a></p> <p><b>ASB Staff Training (2k)</b></p> <p>Janine Green, an expert and award-winning, is nationally recognised as a leading ASB and Community Safety practitioner, delivered an in-depth training course on the practical use of the tools and powers and mediation available to council officers. The session was tailored for Warwick District and partners from Warwickshire SNT, Environmental Health and housing. Training</p>	<p>Violent Crime</p> <p>County Lines</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Offences</p>

	a range of partners has provided professionals with the knowledge and confidence to use the tools which will reduce crime and ASB.	
<b>SERIOUS VIOLENCE</b> <b>£15,000</b>	<p><b>Safe Space Initiative (6k)</b></p> <p>Leamington’s Safe Space (based at South Lodge) continues to operate every Friday and Saturday night from 22.00 – 04.00, 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><a href="#">J28290 Safe Space update infographic 2024_2025.pdf</a></p> <p><b>The Student Voice (4.5k)</b></p> <p>The Student Voice is a web-based contextual safeguarding tool designed to help schools capture real-time insights into students’ safety experiences across various environments, including school grounds, local communities, and home settings. By utilising interactive maps and a traffic light (RAG) rating system, students can anonymously or confidentially report areas where they feel safe or unsafe, facilitating early intervention and targeted support from safeguarding and community safety teams.</p> <p>Key Features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive Reporting: Students can pinpoint specific locations and situations where they feel at risk, providing detailed context for their concerns.</li> <li>• Comprehensive Coverage: The platform addresses a wide range of issues, including peer-on-peer abuse, mental health challenges, bullying, and online safety, ensuring that various aspects of student well-being are considered.</li> <li>• Hotspot Mapping: Safeguarding/Community Safety teams can visualise and monitor</li> </ul>	<p>Violent Crime</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Offences.</p> <p>County Lines</p>

	<p>'hotspot' areas with higher incidences of reported concerns, allowing for proactive measures to enhance safety in these locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource Provision: The app offers students access to support resources, guidance, and emergency contact information, promoting self-help and awareness.</li> </ul> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Students: Provides a secure and user-friendly platform to voice concerns without the need for face-to-face disclosures, which can be intimidating.</li> <li>• For Schools: Enables the collection of actionable data to inform interventions, supports compliance with safeguarding guidelines, and fosters a culture of openness and proactive support within the school community.</li> <li>• For Community Safety: Provides a valuable insight into the lived experience of children and young people's concerns in the community. The data captured will enable us to identify places and spaces where young people feel unsafe and respond with appropriate interventions. This platform also allows us to give feedback to students on how we've addressed their concerns, building a culture of 'you said, we did'.</li> </ul> <p>Through a combination of UKSPF and Serious Violence funding we have funded access for 8 schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnold Lodge</li> <li>• Aylesford</li> <li>• Champion</li> <li>• Kingsway Primary</li> <li>• Myton School</li> <li>• North Leamington</li> <li>• Trinity</li> <li>• Warwick School</li> </ul> <p><b>Serious Violence Parents/Carers support sessions (4.5k)</b></p> <p>This initiative delivered a series of workshops designed to break down barriers for parents,</p>	
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	<p>create a supportive network within the local community, and empower parents to seek assistance proactively. The overarching goal is to prevent serious youth violence by enabling parents to identify and access support at the earliest opportunity, thereby reducing the risk of their children becoming offenders. A total of 61 families attended sessions resulting in increased knowledge and confidence in supporting young people.</p>	
<p><b>SAFER STREETS ROUND 5</b></p> <p><b>£ 186,380</b></p>	<p><b>Community Warden Team: Staffing and Training: (125,628)</b></p> <p>Funding has been used to increase the number of Community Wardens conducting high visibility uniformed patrols across hotspot areas within the district.</p> <p>The Warden team have completed Community Safety Accreditation Training to give them additional delegated powers from Warwickshire Police to aid them in effective enforcement of the districts' Public Spaces Protection Orders.</p> <p><b>CCTV Installation x3: (£60,752)</b></p> <p>Three new CCTV cameras linked to the WDC control room have been installed in hotspot locations.</p> <p>York Walk Old Warwick Road Rugby/Warwick New Road</p>	<p>Violent Crime</p> <p>County Lines</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Offences</p> <p>Personal ASB</p>
<p><b>Hot Spot Response:</b></p> <p><b>£75,462</b></p>	<p><b>Community Warden Staffing: (£68,848)</b></p> <p>Funding for two full-time Wardens to conduct targeted patrols of six hotspot areas for ASB and Serious Violence in Leamington. Key objectives are to reduce ASB and Serious Violence, enhance public confidence and safety.</p> <p><b>Hotspot Coordination: (£6,614)</b></p> <p>Coordination of Warden Rota to ensure patrols are conducted at the right times to address emerging issues. Monitoring positive outcomes to share with the Home Office and other partners.</p>	<p>Violent Crime</p> <p>County Lines</p> <p>Personal ASB</p>
<p><b>UKSPF</b></p> <p><b>£368,600</b></p>	<p><b>Lighting Projects at Victoria and Mason Park (£164k)</b></p> <p>Solar bollard lighting was installed around the circular route in Victoria Park. The lights provide a</p>	<p>Violent Crime</p>

	<p>way-finding solution for the community to access this green space after dark. The bollards get brighter as people approach.</p> <p>Mains lighting installed covering Victoria Park Skate Park. This solution ensures skaters can use the park safely in low light. The lights are on a timer and will go off at 10pm each night.</p> <p>Solar bollards were installed in Mason Park in Lillington following concerns from the local community about feeling unsafe after dark. The columns have been installed on the main route from the rear of the youth club to Fell Close to provide a safe walking route through the park.</p> <p><b>CCTV Installation/Upgrade x3 (£36.5k)</b></p> <p>Three CCTV cameras installed/upgraded in hotspot locations for ASB and Serious Violence.</p> <p>Both installations within Pump Room Gardens and Packington Place have already resulted in positive outcomes with operators and Community Wardens working together to disrupt drug activity, resulting in seizure of weapons, drugs and persons arrested. Victoria Park camera upgraded for better clarity at night. CCTV infrastructure also relocated from Christine Ledger Square to Radcliffe Gardens to maintain wireless network.</p> <p><b>Emergency Help Point Maintenance (19.3k)</b></p> <p>A maintenance contract to regularly service our 14 emergency contact points across the district to ensure the public can reach out to our CCTV team where required.</p> <p><b>Silence of Suicide Training and Welfare Sessions. (4k)</b></p> <p>Warwick District's Community Safety Team commissioned SOS to deliver a 1-day suicide prevention training programme, this included our Community Warden team who offer a visible, uniformed presence across the district.</p> <p>In addition, they are continuing to deliver community outreach sessions with a focus on the nighttime economy in Leamington. These sessions involve two suicide prevention officers engaging with members of the public</p>	<p>County Lines</p> <p>Hate Crime</p> <p>Rape and Sexual Offences</p> <p>Personal ASB</p>
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in the high footfall areas of Leamington Town Centre and working with the Community Safety Team from our designated Safe Space initiative. They had a branded welfare van which is kitted out with a seating area in the back for confidential conversations to take place, this has proved to be popular with those who are struggling with their mental health.

**Fallow Hill Community Engagement Sessions (10k)**

[Fallow Hill & Youth Club \(1\).docx](#)

**REACT Case Management System (41k)**

Warwick District Council's Community Safety Team has purchased REACT, a new Anti-Social Behaviour Case Management System, which will enable officers to deal with cases more efficiently. REACT and the accompanying ASB App will also allow the public an easier reporting pathway with access to regular updates on the progress on their case. The system will also support incident reporting for our Community Warden Team; key data will provide analysis to monitor emerging trends and team performance.

**Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative (6k)**

Funding to support local businesses in Warwick who wish to trial membership to the partnership retail crime initiative. Businesses have access to a shared intelligence system called DISC which allows an efficient reporting pathway to the police and access to galleries of prolific offenders to watch out for. 19 retailers and 4 pubs are now onboard across the town

**Community Safety Officer Salary (55k)**

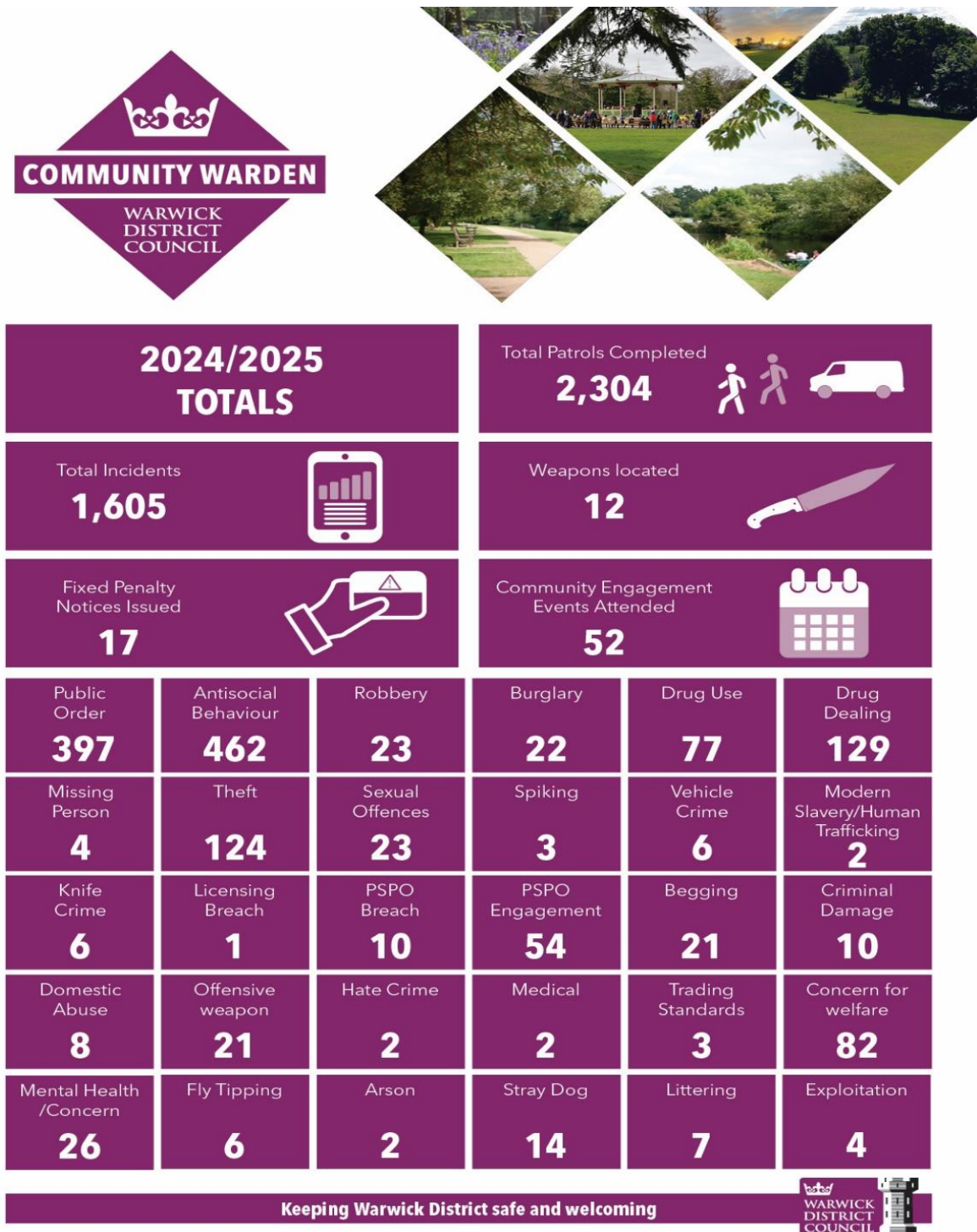
One year contract extension for a Community Safety Officer post to continue project delivery, ASB case management, bid writing and partnership activities.

**The Student Voice (33k)**

See update in Serious Violence section

## 7. Community Warden Overview

7.1 The Community Warden service has continued to deliver visible, impactful community safety work across Warwick district throughout 2024–25.



## 7.2 High Visibility and Community Presence

Wardens have provided a consistent, uniformed presence across towns and neighbourhoods, patrolling high footfall areas, antisocial behaviour hotspots, and key public spaces. Their approachability and visibility have helped build trust within local communities, contributing to increased feelings of safety among residents and visitors alike.

### 7.3 Support and Signposting

Wardens have supported vulnerable individuals through direct engagement and by signposting to relevant services, including housing support, mental health provision, substance misuse teams, and local charities. They play a crucial role in early intervention, often de-escalating situations before they require police involvement.

### 7.4 Partnership Working

The service continues to work closely with a wide range of partners including Warwickshire Police, elected members, children’s services, community safety officers, local schools, housing associations, businesses, and voluntary organisations. This joined-up approach ensures that responses to antisocial behaviour and community concerns are coordinated and effective.

### 7.5 Disruption and Deterrence through Operation Resolve

Community Wardens have been central to Operation Resolve, working collaboratively with police and enforcement partners to disrupt and deter antisocial behaviour and serious violence. Their local knowledge and regular engagement have contributed to early identification of emerging issues and supported targeted interventions

In 2024/25, our Community Wardens frequently matched, and in many instances, surpassed our police colleagues in outcomes such as the use of ASB powers and the seizure of weapons. This has contributed to consistent reductions in both Serious Violence and ASB across all our designated hotspot zones, see statistics below.

Quarter	ASB 3-Yr Av	ASB 2024/25	SV 3-Yr Av	SV 2024/25
Q1	153	95 (-38%)	48	43 (-10%)
Q2	155	90 (-42%)	60	50 (-16%)
Q3	141	86 (-39%)	72	45 (-38%)
Q4	126	89 (-29%)	54	44 (-18%)

### 7.6 Supporting the Night-Time Economy and Safe Space Initiative

Wardens have played an instrumental role in managing the night-time economy, working alongside partners including Street Pastors and Safe Space volunteers. Their presence during weekend evenings has helped maintain public order, offer reassurance, and support those who are vulnerable or in need of assistance. Their involvement in the Safe Space initiative at South Lodge has been vital to its continued success.

## **7.7 Intelligence Gathering and Enforcement**

The Community Warden service has been highly effective in gathering local intelligence, which has directly supported the wider Community Safety Team in identifying persistent offenders and taking proportionate enforcement action. Through their daily engagement with residents, businesses, and partners, Wardens have built a trusted presence that encourages the sharing of information relating to antisocial behaviour and criminal activity.

This intelligence has informed the use of key antisocial behaviour tools and powers, including Community Protection Warnings and Notices, as well as supporting case building for joint enforcement action. Wardens have also played an instrumental role in enforcing the District's Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), issuing fixed penalty notices for breaches such as street drinking, dog control violations, and antisocial behaviour in public spaces.

Their enforcement activity not only addresses harmful behaviour but reinforces public confidence that concerns are being acted upon quickly and visibly.

## **7.8 Support to Animal Welfare and Stray Dog Management**

Community Wardens have provided vital support to the Council's Animal Warden service, increasing operational resilience and ensuring timely responses to reports of stray or lost dogs. Working closely with the Animal Warden and local kennels, Wardens have helped ensure that dogs are safely collected, cared for, and reunited with their owners or transferred to appropriate facilities. Their involvement has enhanced the Council's ability to respond to animal welfare concerns efficiently, especially during peak times or out-of-hours situations.

## **8. Rural Crime Action Plan Performance**

- 8.1 Crime occurring in rural areas accounts for one third of all recorded crime in South Warwickshire. This is due to the large areas classified as rural in Stratford-upon-Avon District, with nearly two thirds of the total recorded crime in this district alone occurring in rural areas.
- 8.2 Within South Warwickshire there are two Rural Crime Advisors (RCAs) based in the Stratford District Council Community Safety Team who carry out dedicated work with individuals, businesses, and communities to reduce the impact of crime in rural areas.
- 8.3 The posts are jointly funded by Stratford District Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, who also created the Warwickshire Police Rural Crime Team (RCT). The RCAs work alongside the RCT and local policing teams, as well as with other partner agencies, to deliver the CSP Rural Crime Action Plan.
- 8.4 Warwick District benefits from a proportionate allocation of RCA resource, covering the SNT geographies of Warwick Rural West and Warwick Rural East. Quarterly performance reports for 24/25 were submitted against the following KPIs:
  - *Number of rural crime victim referrals received, and visits conducted*

- 12 referrals were received and subsequent visits carried out.
  - These involved farms, residential properties, heritage sites and small businesses.
  - Support provided includes crime prevention advice and information packs, loan of crime prevention equipment e.g. cameras and alert systems, monitoring and updates to police
  - Visit to Newbold Comyn to assess and input into actions to address disruption to badger sets and cycle trails
- *Number of rural crime awareness raising events held*
    - Attendance at Kenilworth Livestock Market. At this event they specifically focussed on the stall holders who were either farmers or small business owners, visiting each stand discussing crime prevention and handing out farming/business crime prevention information packs.
    - Attendance at the Van and Caravan Crime Prevention Event at Weston under Wetherley/Hunningham.
    - Attendance at the NFU Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Event at NAC
    - Also assisted police with Operation Recall which involves raising awareness with the public of the need to keep dogs on leads around livestock. Work included discussions with National Trust properties (x2), veterinary practices (x4) and public houses (on dog walking routes).

## **9. Performance Monitoring and Review**

- 9.1 The Business Intelligence Team (WCC) produce a series of quarterly reports and annual performance reports for the SWCSP providing an overview of crime and disorder data which they obtain from the following sources:
- Police crime and incidents
  - Children and Families Front Door referrals
  - Child Exploitation, Missing and Trafficking Framework
  - Youth Justice Service
  - Probation Service
  - Education Data
  - Substance Misuse – CGL and Compass
  - Domestic Abuse – Refuge and DACs: MARAC Performance Data
  - Rural Crime Team, Warwickshire Police
- 9.2 Breakdowns of offences for the different crime types pertaining to each of the CSP Priorities since April 2024 with year-to-date comparisons and a summary of key findings can be accessed in these performance reports [Q4 2024/25](#) and [March 2025](#) . (Annual Performance Reports are only produced in years 2 and 3 of the 4-year strategic assessment cycle).
- 9.3 This [table](#) shows the reported crime and ASB by ward between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## **10. Risks and Challenges**

- 10.1 Whilst external funding to deliver community safety initiatives can support innovation and provide much needed resources, there are risks in terms of sustaining these interventions. Many external grants are time-limited, creating uncertainty about the future of funded programmes once the funding period ends.
- 10.2 Bidding for and managing external grants requires the skills and experience of bid writing and involves time-consuming monitoring, reporting and compliance. Warwick District Council's Community Safety Team has been exponentially more successful than our counterparts in other districts and boroughs as they have had the capacity to manage both external bids and internal delivery effectively.
- 10.3 For 2025/26 the Community Safety Team has been successful in bids to the Hotspot Response Fund (£95k), Serious Violence Fund (£15k), OPCC (£35k) and Leamington Town Council (£14k), the latter covering the running costs for the Safe Space for the next 12 months.
- 10.4 One of the two community safety officers is currently on a fixed term contract which ends March 2026. Building permanent capacity within the Team is essential to maintain the level of service delivery, ensure that future funding opportunities are maximised and to provide a stable foundation.
- 10.5 The Community Warden Team's current establishment comprises 4 x permanent FTE, 1 x permanent PTE and 1 x FTC FTE (to October 2026). This year's Hotspot Response grant has funded 2 additional FTC FTE warden post for the next 12 months.
- 10.6 Their role is key to delivering against the CSP Priorities acting as both deterrents to crime and anti-social behaviour and enablers of early, low-level intervention.
- 10.7 The Warden Team has been in existence for less than 2 years, and its impact in that time has been significant, enhancing feelings of safety, supporting enforcement and building stronger community ties. Long term, core funding is essential to maintain consistency, visibility and impact and to retain trained and experienced staff.
- 10.8 The district's Public Spaces Protection Orders are currently under review, and the Wardens, as authorised officers, play a crucial role in reinforcing compliance in PSPO areas, with a visible presence that helps deter problematic behaviours. The review is proposing additional new orders, so sustaining the capacity of the Community Wardens as front-line enforcers is vitally important.
- 10.9 Community Safety Partnerships are at the frontline of delivering safer communities. However, new and evolving legislation is placing additional duties and expectations on these partnerships. Effective governance, resourcing, and

inter-agency coordination will be essential to meet new statutory responsibilities while maintaining public trust and ensuring community safety.

Key legislative developments include:

- Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022
  - Serious Violence Duty - CSPs have a legal duty to work collaboratively to prevent and reduce serious violence
  - Data Sharing Requirements – public bodies must share information more systematically
- Respect Orders and ASB Powers
  - Ensuring consistent application of tools and powers, meeting community expectations and legal requirements
- Martyn’s Law
  - Requires venues and public spaces to take steps to protect the public from terrorist threats

These legislative changes significantly expand the statutory responsibilities of CSPs and local authorities, demanding stronger collaboration, new capabilities, and sustained investment to effectively protect communities and meet legal obligations.

## 11. Conclusion

- 11.1 To summarise, this report demonstrates that the South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership has made positive progress in addressing local priorities such as anti-social behaviour, violent crime, and crime prevention in the Warwick district. However, new legislation, resource pressures, and rising demand highlight the need for continued performance monitoring, strengthened partnership working, and a focus on long-term sustainability.

### Background papers:

[O&S CSP Performance Report 2023](#)

### Glossary

SWCSP	South Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership
SWPB	Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board
SWOP	South Warwickshire Operational Partnership
OPCC	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
DARDR	Domestic Abuse Related Death Review
DACS	Domestic Abuse Counselling Service
MoRiLE	Management of Risk in Law Enforcement
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
GOSS	Going Out Staying Safe
RASSO	Rape and Serious Sexual Offences
NTE	Night-Time Economy
SOC	Serious Organised Crime
CGL	Change Grow Live – (Drug and Alcohol commissioned service)

WRCI	Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative
CIOG	Community Impact Operational Group
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
CSO	Community Safety Officer
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
WDC	Warwick District Council
SDC	Stratford District Council
WCC	Warwickshire County Council
RCAs	Rural Crime Advisors