

### WCC street lighting

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Elected Members have agreed a street lighting energy savings target of £500,000 per annum as part of the corporate savings plan. This is to be achieved by changing the operating regime of a significant proportion of street lights from all-night, to part-night operation.

Those lights affected would be switched off around Midnight until 05.30 when the lights will come back on again until dawn. An initial estimate suggests that approximately 20% of lighting will remain on and unaffected. The first full saving is to be achieved in financial year 2013/14 and subsequent financial years. In addition, the reduction in electricity consumed will also reduce CO2 emissions attributable to WCC.

Meetings and discussions have taken place between the Street Lighting team, Road Safety, Community Safety, and the Police to establish the criteria to be used when determining areas and locations where lights will remain operating all-night (e.g. certain traffic roundabouts, traffic calming, CCTV and Police priority areas).

With regard to consultation, it is proposed to send every WCC Elected Member an information pack identifying the lights that are proposed to remain operating All Night and those that are proposed to be changed to Part Night operation in their area, based on the criteria applied. **This will provide Members with sufficient information to enable a future debate at the Community Forums.** Also in relation to consultation, it is proposed to make extensive use of the web to assist in communicating proposals to the wider public and to gather and gauge responses to them. In addition, a request has recently been made by Cllr Whitehouse for a report to go to Communities Overview and Scrutiny to enable scrutiny of the proposals - date to be confirmed. Further information will be circulated when it is made available.

### Community Forum dates for 2012

Please circle these dates in your diary!

- Monday March 19th
- Monday June 11th
- Monday September 17th
- Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Venue information will be shared once fixed.

### Strategic alliance between Warwickshire and West Mercia police authorities

The Strategic Alliance recommendations, agreed by West Mercia Police Authority and Warwickshire Police Authority will enable both forces to meet the challenge of reducing policing budgets and provide greater operational and organisational resilience.

Both forces will retain Chief Constables who remain accountable to their Police Authorities for delivery of policing. Force identities will also be retained within an alliance and both forces and authorities are keen to stress that local policing priorities agreed with local communities and partners will continue to be addressed.

There will be a senior leadership team of seven officers and staff across both authorities.

The recommendations include a change to how forces are currently planning to deliver reductions in budget, through the creation of a single change programme for both forces, and the necessary legal agreements to enable officers and staff to operate across both force areas.

However, both forces will retain their separate governance and accountability arrangements (through their Police Authorities), policing budgets, assets and financial accounting arrangements, including independent financial advice.

Most importantly, both forces recognise that policing across both areas must continue to address the greatest harms within each area as well as continuing to operate effectively within communities to address local priorities agreed with the public and local partners.

Police Authorities have asked both Chief Constables to take forward the creation of a single change programme and the detailed design and implementation work required to make the alliance a reality. The overarching recommendation agreed by Police Authorities was:

"That a strategic alliance is formed between Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police using their resources to deliver all policing services to the people and communities of Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, Warwickshire and Worcestershire."

Further information can be obtained by visiting [www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshirepa.gov.uk)

# Behind the Scenes

## Kenilworth Community Forum – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011

'Behind the Scenes' is the newsletter of the Kenilworth Community Forum. If you want to find out more about the Forum's ongoing projects and priorities, important changes to local services, and public consultations, we aim to provide all the information here. For more information on any items listed please ring **01926 456103** and ask for Jane Coates or email [warwick@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:warwick@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Kenilworth is more popular than ever!

David Butler, Kenilworth's Town Centre Manager, has shared with us some amazing figures that show that the numbers of people visiting Kenilworth is bucking the national trend.

Year	Number of people, and trend (increase or decrease)
2007	6,400
2008	7,500 (+17% compared to previous year)
2009	7750 (+3% compared to previous year)
2010	7780 (+0.004% compared to previous year)
2011	9190 (+18% compared to previous year) (44% increase since 2007)

The information in the table, gathered by a company called PRMS, shows an increase in footfall in the town of 44% since 2007.

David Butler can be contacted at [david.butler@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:david.butler@warwickdc.gov.uk) or **01926 456012**.

### Good news on crime in Kenilworth

Source: Crime Information System and STORM Incident System, Warwickshire Police

Crime / Incident Type	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11
Total Recorded Crime	892	897	790	712
Domestic Burglary (Offences)	55	64	60	46
Criminal Damage (Offences)	262	156	160	142
Violent Crime (Offences)	160	136	60	82
Vehicle Crime (Offences)	86	153	131	86
Anti-Social Behaviour (Incidents)	837	720	632	583

The table to the left shows the trend for different types of recorded crime in Kenilworth since 2007. As you can see, there is a clear downward trend in all categories except vehicle crime, which has returned to its 2007/8 level.

**The next Kenilworth Community Forum is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm at Kenilworth School Upper School Hall, Leyes Lane, CV8 2DA. Please put the date in your diary!**



Community Forums

**Have you got any comments about the Community Forum, the way we publicise the Forum's work, or this newsletter? WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Contact **01926 456103** or [warwick@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:warwick@warwickshire.gov.uk)



### Community Payback

The Community Payback Scheme, managed by Warwickshire Probation Trust, is available to any organisation applying for funding to undertake:

- Environmental work
- Decorative work
- Clean-up work

The cost of using the Community Payback Scheme encompasses supervisor cost recovery and materials – the labour element of the scheme carries no charge to benefiting projects. Anyone who would like more information about what the Community Payback Scheme can do should contact **Frank Gravenor**, who is the Community Payback Scheme Manager for Warwickshire Probation Trust. Frank's telephone number is **02476 482882**, and he can be reached by email. [frank.gravenor@warwickshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:frank.gravenor@warwickshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk)

### Are you interested in WCC budgets?

The County Council wants to know whether communities are interested to be involved in some way in setting Council budgets. If you are interested please contact Jane Coates at [jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Older People in Action website

The Older People in Action (OPA) website is now 'live'. You can visit it at [www.olderpeopleinaction.co.uk](http://www.olderpeopleinaction.co.uk)

The website is designed to be a platform for local older people to:

- contact OPA,
- learn about events being held in the Warwick District Area,
- find out about local groups and services,
- generally keep informed.

As part of Older People in Action's signposting remit and desire to work in collaboration with its members, it is keen to include a small paragraph about other groups or organisations (e.g. a brief overview of who, what and where), such as:

- contact details,
- details of any events being held that are directly relevant and beneficial to older people.

If you would like to be included on the website, please contact **Sara French**, development worker at Older People in Action, on **01926 477517** or [sara@wcava.org.uk](mailto:sara@wcava.org.uk)

### WCC Big Society Fund

There is still time for local groups and organisations to apply to the Big Society Fund, a £125,000 countywide pot that is open to bids from local groups looking to take on the running of local services. **The closing date is 12pm, 16<sup>th</sup> September.** The application and supporting information can be downloaded from [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants)

Further support to apply to the fund can be obtained by contacting **Jane Coates** on **01926 456103** or [jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk) or Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) on **01926 477512** or [groupsupport@wcava.org.uk](mailto:groupsupport@wcava.org.uk)

### Priority actions for the Kenilworth Community Forum

Following the March community forum where much discussion took place about issues of importance to local people, a number of areas were identified:

#### Safer communities:

Preventing Antisocial behaviour

Tackling Antisocial behaviour

Neighbourhood Watch

#### Health and well-being:

Cycling around Kenilworth

Provision for older people

Sports, arts and cultural activities

#### Local housing issues:

Land for building on in and around Kenilworth

Variety of housing

Local jobs for local people

#### Economy, skills and employment:

Increasing non-retail businesses and jobs

Travel and travel links

Learning and skills development

We would like to hear from any local people who are particularly interested in any of these areas. Do you have a view that you would like to share? Are you part of a local group concerned with any of them? If so, please contact Jane Coates with your comments. [jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk) or **01926 456103**.

### Local Involvement Network procurement of services

The Warwickshire LINK (Local Involvement Network) is inviting appropriate organisations to deliver the following projects in the county:

- Giving Young People a Voice in Health and Social Care
- The Quality of Dental Provision: Improving the Experience for People with Learning Disabilities

Details of the projects can be found on the LINK website at

<http://www.linkwarwickshire.org.uk/tendering-information>

If your organisation has the expertise to deliver either of these projects then please complete the tender form, which can be downloaded from the above webpage.

The final date for returning the tender form is

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.**

Further information can be obtained by emailing: [linkofficer@wcava.org.uk](mailto:linkofficer@wcava.org.uk)

### New ways to keep in touch with your local police

Did you know that you can follow the Kenilworth Safer Neighbourhood Team on Twitter? If you are a Twitter user you can sign up to follow them at **@SNT\_Kenilworth** and receive notification to your phone. Sgt Kettle would like to stress that Twitter shouldn't be used for crime reporting, and that anyone wanting to contact the Police about a crime should do it in the usual way, by ringing **01926 415000**.

The police have also got a new webpage containing details of local crime issues, news stories, and crime mapping for local areas. The website can be found at <http://onlinenews.warwickshire.police.uk>

Following the refurbishment of the old police station at Smalley Place into the Kenilworth public service centre, due to take place in the coming months, the SNT will have a base there.

### Using YOUR Community Forum

Community Forums are public meetings held four times a year. The idea of the Forum is to give local residents the space to have their say on local issues, and to talk to the Councils, Police, and NHS about services and issues.

Is there an issue of relevance to the town of Kenilworth that you would like to see on the agenda of a future Community Forum? Please contact **Jane Coates** with ideas on **01926 456103** / [jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:jane.coates@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Warwickshire Local HealthWatch

A new service that will inform the delivery of health and adult social care services in Warwickshire was hailed as a pathfinder by the government in a statement issued recently. Even though Local HealthWatch will not be established until the autumn of 2012, Warwickshire County Council has made such progress that the Department of Health has given it pathfinder status. Warwickshire was one of 75 schemes applying for the status.

Local HealthWatch is a statutory service which will come into being throughout the country as a consequence of the Health and Social Care Bill currently making its way through Parliament.

The new organisation will have an important role in acting as 'consumer champions' and will provide advice and information to care users and patients, helping them navigate their way through local health and social care services. It will also provide a mechanism for evaluating local health authorities and councils' performance.

From April 2013 it will provide independent support to people wishing to make an NHS complaint. Through the Pathfinder Scheme, Warwickshire residents will be able to benefit from the service earlier than in other areas. Currently, Warwickshire's arrangements are being shaped by a transition team which, the DoH noted, is considerably ahead of most other counties in how far it has set up processes for HealthWatch to become functional in 2012.

Dr John Linnane, Director of Public Health for NHS Warwickshire and Warwickshire County Council, said: "HealthWatch will collect and analyse a wealth of information relating to health and care users' experiences. It will help all the care providing authorities in Warwickshire to look at areas of best practice as well as examples of where things could have been done differently. This will be an essential tool as we work with communities to improve their health and provide services to meet their needs."

### Forum Grant Fund

In March 2010 the community forum agreed to cover the cost of maintaining the speed camera equipment used by the Community SpeedWatch volunteers. The cameras recently required recalibration, and this has been carried out by TeleTraffic at a total cost to the forum grant fund of **£570**.