

What is a Local Area Agreement?

A Local Area Agreement (LAA) is a contract between central government, local government and various partners who work with local people. This contract has been drawn up to deliver the priorities of local people, to improve their quality of life and make a real difference to their communities.

But no one organisation is in charge of making sure this contract delivers on what it written, instead many different organisations are working together as one to make this happen.

So does Warwickshire have one?

Yes! Central government requires us to have an LAA, and they have been introduced across the country over the last three years. Warwickshire was in the last round of local authorities that needed to have an LAA in place by April 2007. The Warwickshire LAA signed off in March 2007.

Partnership is key

Effective partnership working is the key to tackling many of the challenges facing the county. The complex and wide range of issues which are tackled by the LAA cannot be looked after by just agency or organisation working alone, they require the joint efforts of many different organisations who are working closely together.

And the partners include....

Warwickshire County Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Rugby Borough Council
Warwick District Council
Stratford on Avon District Council
NHS Warwickshire
Learning and Skills Council
Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership
Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership
Coventry & Warwickshire Infrastructure Consortium
Warwickshire Probation Service
The Warwickshire Further Education Colleges
Warwickshire Police Authority
Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber
Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (on behalf of town and parish councils)
Coventry Diocese
The five district-based Local Strategic Partnerships
Warwickshire Rural Community Council
Greater Warwickshire Sports Partnership

Real solutions to local problems

The LAA tackles issues which have the greatest impact on the quality of life of local people, and it responds to issues that the public have identified as being of real significance to them.

Many of the topics covered by the LAA are relevant to the whole county, but local solutions will be developed when tackling the issues concerned, one size will not fit all!

The Big Picture

There are 52 outcomes which will result from the LAA being put into practice, together there are all aimed at the main theme of the LAA which is:

Narrowing the gap between the most disadvantaged people and communities and the rest of the county.

And the LAA is supported by three main aims:

- 1) Listening to Warwickshire
- 2) Narrowing the gap
- 3) Improving access to public services

These aims will be achieved and the theme upheld by improving services to the community through partnership working and focusing on those areas that are of real need and importance to the community.

The vision for our LAA

The overarching vision of the LAA is to make a real and lasting difference to the well being of people living in Warwickshire. This will be achieved by narrowing the gap in achievement and quality of life issues that exist between the more prosperous and high achieving communities, and those that are affected by different types of disadvantage.

Q4**If you do not find it easy, what are the main difficulties for you?**

Please tick all the boxes that apply

	Lack of information on location	Lack of information on availability/ opening hours	Distance to service or facility	Cost of service	Physical access to buildings	Limited transport available	Limited access to computers or the internet	Concern for safety
Corner shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shopping centre/supermarket	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local hospital	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publicly accessible green space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transport facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bank/cashpoint	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council/neighbourhood office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Childcare facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other difficulties, please specify

Section 3: About You

Q8 Are you male or female?

Please tick one box only

Male

Female

Q9 What age group are you?

Please tick one box only

16 – 24

55 - 64

25 – 34

65 – 74

35 - 44

75 - 84

45 – 54

85+

Q10 To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?

Please tick one box only

White

British

Irish

Any other White background
(tick and write in below)

Black or Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black background
(tick and write in below)

Mixed

White & Black Caribbean

White & Black African

White & Asian

Any other White background
(tick and write in below)

Asian or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Any other Asian background
(tick and write in below)

Chinese and Other ethnic groups

Chinese

Any other ethnic background
(tick and write in below)

Q11 In which of these ways does your household occupy your current accommodation?

Please tick one box only

Owned outright

Rented with job/business

Owned, with mortgage

Rented privately, unfurnished

Rented from council

Rented privately, furnished

Rented from Housing Association

Other (tick and write in below)

Q12 Is there a car or van normally available for use by you or any members of your household?

Include any provided by employers if normally available for private use by you or members of your household

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

If yes,
how many

Q13 Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?

(long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time)

Please tick one box only

Yes (please continue to Q14)

No (please go to Q15)

Q14 Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

The following questions refer to your current main job, or (if you are not working now) to your last main job. Please tick one box only per question.

Q15 Do (did) you work as an employee or are (were) you self-employed?

Please tick one box only

Employee

Self-employed with employees

Self-employed / freelance without employees (go to Q18)

Q16 For employees, indicate below how many people work (worked) for your employer at the place where you work (worked).

Continue to Q17 when you have finished this question.

For self-employed, indicate below how many people you employ (employed). Go to Q18 when you have completed this question.

1 – 24

25 or more

Q17 Do (did) you supervise any other employees?

A supervisor or foreman is responsible for overseeing the work of other employees on a day-to-day basis

Please tick one box only

Yes

No

Q18

Please tick one box to show which best describes the sort of work you do.

If you are not working now, please tick a box to show what you did in your last job

Please tick one box only

Modern professional occupations

such as: teacher - nurse - physiotherapist - social worker - welfare officer - artist - musician - police officer (sergeant or above) - software designer

Clerical and intermediate occupations

such as: secretary - personal assistant - clerical worker - office clerk - call centre agent - nursing auxiliary - nursery nurse

Senior managers or administrators

(usually responsible for planning, organising and co-ordinating work and for finance)
such as: finance manager - chief executive

Technical and craft occupations

such as: motor mechanic - fitter - inspector - plumber - printer - tool maker - electrician - gardener - train driver

Semi-routine manual and service occupations

such as: postal worker - machine operative - security guard - caretaker - farm worker - catering assistant - receptionist - sales assistant

Routine manual and service occupations

such as: HGV driver - van driver - cleaner - porter - packer - sewing machinist - messenger - labourer - waiter / waitress - bar staff

Middle or junior managers

such as: office manager - retail manager - bank manager - restaurant manager - warehouse manager - publican

Traditional professional occupations

such as: accountant - solicitor - medical practitioner - scientist - civil / mechanical engineer

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey.