

The County of Warwickshire

Warwickshire is at heart of the country, with some of the most attractive towns and villages in England set amongst beautiful countryside. Warwickshire lies at the crossroads of the nation's transport network with many miles of motorway across the County. The county is split into five districts each with their own distinctive feel, these include; North Warwickshire, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Rugby, Stratford and Warwick.

The County boasts a proud mining and manufacturing tradition, is famous over the world as Shakespeare's County and is the cultural gateway to the West Midlands region. Located close to London and the south-east as well as the Birmingham conurbation, Warwickshire is an attractive place to live, work and play. It has a good quality of life, where levels of crime are low, educational attainment levels are high and there is a healthy and attractive environment.

Warwickshire has a diverse population with relatively high numbers of Asian Indian residents and, more recently, an increasing number of economic migrants from Eastern Europe. Warwickshire's customer profile is particularly diverse and presents a number of challenges for the way we deliver our services to meet different needs. There are many different groups each with a unique combination of interests, needs and preferences.

In terms of quality of life, the County has seen further improvements in many indicators. Crime levels are down, health levels continue to improve, educational attainment remains strong and several of the environmental indicators are demonstrating improvements. Of the indicators contained in the latest Quality of Life report, 46% are demonstrating positive medium term trends, and a further 42% are experiencing moderate performance.

More information on County of Warwickshire can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website, www.warwickshire.gov.uk

County Facts

- **Covers 764 square miles (1,979 sq km)**
- **Population of 522,220 (mid-2006 estimate)**
- **Split into 5 districts**
- **Includes 170miles of motorway**
- **Famous as Shakespeare's County**

