



North Warwickshire Borough Council

North Warwickshire's community plan is the outcome of a broader consultation that also covered the local plan and the area business plan.

North Warwickshire has recently drafted its first community plan, developed through community consultation, and has just had its first partnership meeting.

The Borough was considering developing an LA21 strategy and consultation process, when community planning appeared on the horizon. It therefore decided to undertake a broader, more integrated consultation called quality of life. This was undertaken jointly on the local plan (with its more land-based questions), the county's area business plan, the community plan and sustainability issues. This was done partly with the intention of mainstreaming LA21 into community planning and this 'has succeeded 100%'. It has also brought other benefits: improved sharing and coordinating of information; increased links between agencies that will help to underpin the LSP; and the revitalising of local democracy, crucial to the development of a robust plan.

The authority feels very positive about the range of consultation techniques it has used, which have included:

- PEOPLES PANEL - access to 1000 people to explore local issues
- CONSULTATION DROP-INS - 11 shops and Post Offices across the Borough.
- LOCAL MARKET CONSULTATION - At all local markets
- EVENT - Dickens Night is an event held every year in Atherstone. The team were available throughout the night to talk with people at the event
- PUBLIC WORKSHOPS - Quality of Life in the main settlements
- YOUTH EVENT - involving about 50 young people. This has now developed into a Youth Forum (Y4M) for North Warwickshire
- PARTNERSHIP DAY - about 100 participants from across the Borough, involved in a visioning day.

Consultation on the 8 key themes in the Plan is continuing. A forthcoming conference, involving 120 local organisations will focus, in part, on the theme of 'community' for which there is no clear delivery mechanism. It is hoped that the conference can help identify a framework and some organisational linkages, which could overcome the lack of an obvious service deliverer.

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