

The Warwickshire Third and Public Sector Partnership Group has been created to improve the way the sectors work together to support the citizens of Warwickshire. The Group looks at the big picture of how services are funded and delivered. It works to find solutions that reduce the negative impacts of change.

The Group is made up of equal numbers of Third and Public Sector representatives, 24 in total. It meets four times a year.

The 12 Third Sector representatives have been selected by a group of their peers following an application process. Each of them represents a 'theme' area, and is in contact with a network of Third Sector groups and volunteers whose interests lie within that theme.

The 12 Public Sector representatives attend on behalf of Public Sector agencies in Warwickshire.

Third Sector representatives will be reviewed every 18 months. This will mean a nomination and election process, with successful candidates being chosen through voting by Warwickshire's Third Sector.

Public Sector agencies will seek to ensure consistency of attendance by suitably senior representatives of the agency.



Adam Farrell, Coleshill Community Partnership

Third Sector representative for 'Employment and Economy'

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Adam is the Chairman and a founding trustee of the Coleshill Community Partnership. The Partnership is based in Coleshill, North Warwickshire and provides a range of community based projects aimed at addressing barriers people face when accessing services and employment. Adam is an experienced fundraiser. He currently works for a regional charity in Wolverhampton as a Volunteer Development Manager.

Adam lives in North Warwickshire and is a trustee of two further local charities and a member of many other local voluntary groups. Adam is also a Town and Borough Councillor for Coleshill North.

Adam is keen to ensure that the voluntary sector develops an effective employment support offer to those who require assistance to enter the employment market.



Aidan Knox, Citizens Advice Bureau, Warwick District

Third Sector representative for 'Advice provision'

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Aidan is the Manager of Warwick District Citizens Advice and he works in close partnership with all of Warwickshire's Citizens Advice Bureaux, which support and advise 27,000 clients per year. Citizens Advice services are primarily delivered by volunteers with over 260 working across the county.

Aidan has been involved with the voluntary advice sector since 1996 both as a volunteer and in paid work roles. He has been a Volunteer Adviser, a Caseworker, and the Chair of a London Borough Citizens Advice Bureau. He has also worked for a Local Authority as an Adviser, Service Manager and as a Commissioner of third sector services.

Aidan is fully committed to liaising with providers and service users to bringing the voice of this crucially important and cross cutting work within the voluntary sector to the Third and Public Sector Partnership Group.

Charles Barlow, Voluntary Action Stratford on Avon

Third Sector representative for 'Rurality'

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Charles is the Lead Officer of Voluntary Action Stratford-on-Avon District (VASA). VASA's work is varied and includes supporting the many voluntary and community groups in Stratford District, as well as running the Volunteer Centre and delivering a number of key services direct to the public. With Stratford District being a mainly rural area Charles is familiar with the issues affecting rural communities. This is helped by Charles living in a rural community and being a former employee of Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

Charles is keen to improve his links to networks in the north and east of the county to ensure the whole of rural Warwickshire is represented at meetings of the Partnership Group.



Elizabeth Phillips MBE, Age UK Warwickshire

Third Sector representative for 'Older People'

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Elizabeth Phillips is the Chief Executive of Age UK Warwickshire (AUKW), formerly Age Concern Warwickshire. AUKW has developed a wide range of practical and emotional services to help older people age 50 plus retain their independence in safety and security for as long as possible. AUKW's most important services are Information and Advice, responding to over 9,500 enquiries each year; a Housing Team which includes a Care and Repair Agency (adaptations and repairs), Home Safety Check service, Housing and Care Options Advice, Handyperson and Gardening, plus Day Opportunities for the frail or those with dementia, a Home Support Service i.e. practical support in the home, Psychological Support including Friendship and Counselling and a range of Ageing Well activities.

AUKW also has older people hubs situated in Atherstone, Rugby and Leamington Spa. AUKW works in partnership with many other agencies, these include the CABx, WREP and Orbit Housing Group.



John Davis, Warwickshire Vision Support

Third Sector representative for 'Equalities: Disability'

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John Davis is the Manager and Senior Rehabilitation Officer at Warwickshire Vision Support. This is the operating name of Warwickshire Association for the Blind, which has been providing services for visually impaired people in Warwickshire and Coventry since 1911.

Warwickshire Vision Support provides rehabilitation services for visually impaired people under contract to Warwickshire County Council. In addition, they have 7 weekly Drop-In Centres and 14 Clubs that provides a network of support across the County. These are supplemented by Eye Clinic Advice Services, Home Visiting Reader/Escorts, IT Training and a Shopping Service in Warwick/Leamington. John has extensive experience of working with people with hearing loss, physical disability and long term chronic conditions. He also has experience of people with

learning difficulties, mental health issues and dementia. He has links to organisations that support the needs of all these groups of people.

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Kate Farmer, Domestic Abuse Counselling Service

Third Sector representative for 'Community Safety'

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Kate Farmer is the chief officer for DACS 'The Domestic Abuse Counselling Service' for Warwickshire. As a psychotherapist working in the field of domestic violence for over eighteen years, Kate has a broad range of strategic and operational relationships with community safety colleagues such as the Police, Social services and Courts with domestic abuse and safeguarding responsibilities.

DACS provides counselling services to both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence seeing in excess of 100 people each week throughout the county of Warwickshire. DACS actively facilitates and promotes a multi-agency approach to their work and Kate is an active member of the Warwickshire MARAC (multi agency risk assessment conference).

Kate Farmer has a comprehensive understanding of the community safety arena and is keen to broaden her understanding in partnership with all colleagues.

Maria Fennell, Springfield Mind

Third Sector representative for 'Mental Health'

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Maria is the CEO of Springfield Mind, a Mental Health Charity and Limited Company. The charity covers South Warwickshire. Prior to coming into this role Maria worked in Mental Health in the NHS for over 30 years. In her NHS role Maria covered the whole of Warwickshire and Coventry.

Maria is committed to improving services in the community and believes that one of the major ways to achieve this is by partnership working and engagement.



Paul Tolley, Warwickshire Community & Voluntary Action

Third Sector representative for 'Countywide infrastructure contract provider'

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Paul has over 15 years' experience of volunteering and working within the care and voluntary sector with a strong background in rights-based work including advocacy. As Chief Executive of Warwickshire CAVA he has had the role of bringing together 5 separate infrastructure organisations to form a more dynamic and responsive organisation that better meets the needs of the local Third Sector.

Since the formation of Warwickshire CAVA, Paul has led the creation of the Warwickshire Partnership through which Infrastructure services have been funded by County Council, District and Borough Councils and Health. He chaired the Coventry and Warwickshire Infrastructure Consortium and established new social enterprises for the benefit of the local voluntary and community sector working in partnership with Citizen Advice Bureaux and Age UK Warwickshire.

Warwickshire CAVA facilitates and hosts several local forum based networking events that help the third sector to develop and engage in partnerships and collaboration.



Simon Lieberman, Orbit Heart of England

Third Sector representative for 'Housing'

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Simon is the Community Investment Manager at Orbit Heart of England where he has worked for 10 years. Orbit Housing Group is a housing association with 38,500 homes of which about 10,000 are in Warwickshire making Orbit the largest housing provider in the county. Orbit has ambitious plans to build new affordable homes and invest in communities where their customers live. Its investment is focused on four priorities: employment and skills, financial inclusion, wellbeing and digital inclusion.

Orbit is committed to working in partnership with the public, private and third sector and aims to build better partnership for the housing sector working through the partnership.



Stan Orton, Dordon and Polesworth Surgeries Patients Forum

Third Sector representative for 'Physical Health'

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Stan is the current Chair of the Dordon and Polesworth Surgeries Patients Forum. He also serves as the Chair of the Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group's Patients Forum, and represents this body at

Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group bi-monthly Board Meetings.

Stan is an observer on the George Eliot Hospital Patients Advocacy Forum. He is a long-term resident in Rural North Warwickshire, and has concerns about the provision of medical services in the Rural Communities.

Vic Jones, Warwickshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services

Third Sector representative for 'Children and Young People'

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Vic is currently the Chief Officer of Warwickshire Children and Voluntary Youth Services. WCVYS' mission is to strengthen, champion and sustain the work of the voluntary organisations in order to improve outcomes for children and young people across Warwickshire.

Vic has always worked within the children and young people's sector within early intervention, youth work, health, housing and mental health. She is passionate in getting a good deal for children and young people and excited by this opportunity to champion the voluntary sector's contribution to achieving this.

WCVYS currently facilitates the County VCS Forum for those working with children, young people and families and the District/Borough Youth Networks. Vic believes these will be a great way to support a two dialogue and listen to the issues been faced by the sector to feed into the new Partnership.