

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

You care about your local area and want to ensure it is protected; hence you are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Natural Environment, Historic Environment and Landscape all contribute to why your area is important to you; your plan can help ensure their protection and enhancement.

To be able to care for your area you need to know what you have. This is the evidence that underpins your plan. From this evidence you can find out what is important to your residents, which leads to your policies. This is where Warwickshire County Council's Natural Environment, Historic Environment and Landscape Team can help.

Your Neighbourhood Plan

NEXT STEPS

If you would like any further information or us to help you with your Neighbourhood Plan please contact:

Natural Environment

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Historic Environment

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Landscape

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Habitat
Biodiversity
Audit



Natural Environment, Historic
Environment and Landscape
support and advice when preparing
your Neighbourhood plan.

Find out how we can
help overleaf.



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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull area has nationally renowned natural environment data. Through the Habitat Biodiversity Audit we have mapped all the habitats and boundaries and use this information to understand how species move through the landscape.

From this audit we have identified county important sites and potential county important sites that act as stepping stones or wildlife havens. We also have species records, from bats to bees, for the area.

We pulled this together in a Sub-regional Green Infrastructure Strategy which you can reference as part of your plan. This information can be found on our green infrastructure webpage.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/greeninfrastructure

OUR OFFER

- Help you understand the evidence and its importance.
- Provide you with the information we have for your area in a report.
- Resurvey any parts of your area where the data is over 5 years old (best practice).
- Survey one or more of your potential county important sites to evaluate its importance.
- Help you form your Natural Environment policy.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Within the Historic Environment Record we understand a lot about the history of your area and how it has evolved through time and shaped the Historic Landscape.

Some of this information can be found on the Timetrail website; timetrail.warwickshire.gov.uk but the majority is available by contacting the Archaeological Information and Advice team.

OUR OFFER

- Arrange a time for you to come into our office and show you what we hold for your area.
- Provide you with the information we have from the Historic Environment Record (HER) for your area.
- Organise a Historic Environment Workshop to equip you with the skills to assess your own area.
- Help you form your Historic Environment policy.



LANDSCAPE

The Landscape Character Assessment process, pioneered by Warwickshire County Council, maps the County into Landscape Character Areas based on landform, scale, land use, field pattern, settlement pattern, important views etc.

These characteristics give each area its own identity and local distinctiveness and are brought together in the Warwickshire Landscapes Guidelines 1993; www.warwickshire.gov.uk/landscapeguidelines.

We can help you assess what is special about your landscape, how it is valued by local people and understand its sensitivity to change.

OUR OFFER

- Help you understand the information and its importance.
- Provide the information we have for your area.
- Help you to identify locally distinctive landscape features, characteristics and special qualities.
- Survey all or some of your area to form Landscape Sensitivity Maps.
- Help you form your Landscape policy.

CHARGING

There may be a charge for us to assist you.

SERVICE	NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT	LANDSCAPE
Meet with you to discuss our information and services Output: meeting.	Free	Free	Free
Provide you with the information we have for your area Output: data and summary report (paper & digital).	£500	£250	£250
Historic Environment Workshop Outcome: data and summary report from HER and tools to carry out your own assessment.	n/a	£1500 ¹	n/a
Landscape Workshop Outcome: data and tools to carry out your own assessment.	n/a	n/a	£1500 ¹
Habitat or Landscape Sensitivity Survey your area (or part of) Output: report (paper & digital).	Circa. £2000 ^{1*}	n/a	Circa. £3000 ^{1*}
Wildlife Site survey Output: report (paper & digital).	Circa. £750 per site*	n/a	n/a
Help you form your policy Output: meeting and written advice.	£250	£250	£250

¹ An information report is included in this cost

*Size dependent