

 WARWICKSHIRE POLICE	POLICY
Security Classification	OFFICIAL
Disclosable under Freedom of Information Act 2000	YES

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POLICY TITLE	Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS)
REFERENCE NUMBER	WP325
Version	1.0

POLICY OWNERSHIP	
DIRECTORATE	Local Policing
BUSINESS AREA	Prevention

DATE FIRST IMPLEMENTED	06/08/2026
CURRENT VERSION EFFECTIVE FROM	06/08/2026
REVIEW DATE	06/08/2028
RISK RATING	HIGH
EQUALITY ANALYSIS	LOW
TIER	1

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1.0 POLICY OUTLINE

This policy explains how Warwickshire Police will implement Section 40 - 42 of The Police Reform Act 2002 in implementing the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS). This policy is primarily aimed at police officers and police staff engaged in the accreditation process and those working with approved organisations' and accredited employees.

2.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of the policy is to explain how Section 42 Police Reform Act 2002 allows the Chief Constable to accredit an employee of an approved organisation with powers. The Chief Constable will only approve employers who are fit and proper and designate employees who are suitable, capable and trained to the required standard. The powers exercisable are listed in Section 41 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (as amended). It is at the Chief Constable's discretion as to which powers will be designated. Powers will only be designated according to the needs of the community and their contribution towards crime, its reduction, the reduction of disorder and anti-social behaviour. Accredited employees will display identification and evidence of their accreditation, which will be produced on demand. The prime role is to increase feelings of public security and reassurance. The Chief Constable has established a CSAS and has consulted with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Local Authority in whose area it operates.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS of the POLICY

This policy takes into account:

- Code of Ethics
- Code of Practice on the Management of Police Information
- Risks / Health and Safety considerations
- Human Rights / Equality / Data Protection / Freedom of Information
- Legal considerations
- Staffing / Training

4.0 CONSULTATION

Key stakeholders in the development of this policy are:

Previously the Critical Friends Group, and local stakeholders.

Please state which Head of Department or Chief Officer has been consulted on and approved this procedure:

Chief Officer/Business Lead Consulted	Date Approved
Chief Inspector Jem Mountford.	28 July 2026

5.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

The history and rationale for change to policy will be recorded using the below chart:

Date	Author / Reviewer	Amendment(s) & Rationale	Date of Approval / Adoption
Feb 2017	Janet Marsden/ Ch Supt 944 Hill	Harmonisation	JNCC 10/05/2017
June 2026	Sian Battle-Welch	Update, de-harmonisation (to Warwickshire only version) and update and expansion of explanation of what CSAS is.	Republished 06/08/2026

6.0 EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

A 'Health and Safety, Risk and Equalities Assessment' has been conducted and is available on a separate document.