

# **Community Pack**





## Introduction

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership recognises the importance of supporting everyone who have been affected by a road traffic collision. For victims, families, and witness, Warwickshire Police's Family Liaison Officers work closely with Brake to offer support.

The 'ripple effect' of road crashes impacts more than 500,000 people in the UK every year, both physically and mentally according to research from the Transport Safety Research Centre. This pack has been developed to signpost the wider community to support after a collision. There is further information about ways the community can leave tributes and visit the memorial in Warwickshire as a safe and peaceful place to reflect and remember.

# **Support Services**

If you or anyone close to you have been adversely affected by this incident then there are a number of free online and face to face support services who you can talk to for help and support in dealing with your feelings, concerns and grief.

#### AtaLoss.org

AtaLoss.org is a bereavement signposting and information website which signposts anyone bereaved to appropriate support to suit them and their circumstances. Filters available on www.AtaLoss.org help to identify support whatever your circumstances, including.

- $\cdot$  Over 1500 support services of all types, local, regional, and national
- · Information about specialist and mental health services
- · Easy access to helplines if you need support urgently.
- · A free webchat service to enable you to get counsellor advice
- · Hundreds of free resources
- · Pages of practical information on a wide range of topics
- · Everything translatable into 100 languages





#### Sue Ryder Bereavement Support

Sue Ryder Bereavement Support offers online bereavement support for anyone needing support.

This is available immediately 24/7 in the form of an online community, text service and online tools and information. Find full details here <u>https://www.sueryder.org/how-we-can-help/online-bereavement-support</u>

#### **Child Bereavement**

Child Bereavement UK helps families to rebuild their lives when a child grieves or when a child dies. They support children and young people up to the age of 25 when someone important to them dies or is not expected to live long.

They also offer support to parents and the wider family when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying. Most of their guidance is available on their website and is available to download and print, a live chat facility is also available. Find more details here <u>https://www.childbereavementuk.org</u>

#### **Cruse Bereavement- Coventry and Warwickshire**

National Helpline 0808 808 1677 is open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 5pm (excluding Bank Holidays) with extended hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 8pm.

Cruse also offers face to face group sessions in the local area, find more details at www.cruse.org.uk

#### Hub of Hope

Hub of Hope is a UK signposting mental health service directory provided by the national charity, Chasing the Stigma. You can access 1000's of mental health services for free to find the right support for you whatever your circumstance and wherever you are. Find out more here <u>www.hubofhope.co.uk</u>





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#### **Drug and Alcohol Services**

There are a range of local services for adults and young people affected by alcohol and/or drugs.

Change Grow Live (CGL) can support anyone aged 18+ with any concerns about their drug and/or alcohol use and have hubs in Learnington Spa, Nuneaton, Rugby, and Stratford-upon-Avon. CGL offer personalised 1-1 care and group support.

For more information see: <u>https://www.changegrowlive.org/drug-alcohol-service-warwickshire</u> or call 01926 353 513 or email Warwickshire.Info@cgl.org.uk

Compass can support children and young people aged 5-25 with any substance misuse issues or concerns including drugs, alcohol, smoking and vaping. Compass offer age-appropriate information, 1:1 support and group work for any individual needing support with their own substance use, or who have been affected by another's drug and alcohol use.

For more information and online referral form see: <u>https://www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-cypdas/</u> or call: 01788 578 227

For more information see https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/alcohol









# **Warwickshire Remembers**

We understand how important it is never to forget the lives lost and those people seriously injured on our roads and that's why Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has created an online space for you to leave a tribute. This can be anonymous if you wish. Please do what's right for you. (https://warksroadsafety.org/warwickshireremembers/).

Warwickshire Remembers, provides an online space to visit whenever you want from a mobile or computer to add or read tributes and remember those lost or seriously injured. By posting a tribute you are also helping to raise awareness of the long-term consequences of a collision, to all those affected.

We are offering the opportunity to leave a tribute as one way you can remember a loved one, but here are some other ways you may prefer. Please do what is right for you.

- Naming a star in memory of the person who has died.
- Creating memory blankets or memory bears for children and adults
- Memory boxes
- Photo albums or photo frames
- Creating a song as a legacy to the person who has died.
- Christmas decorations engraved with the name of the person who has died.

#### **Memorial for Road Traffic Victims**

A new permanent memorial for Road Traffic Victims has been officially unveiled at Hartshill Hayes Country Park and is available for you to visit. It is hoped the memorial, the first of its kind in the county, will offer a peaceful location for people to be able to gather to pay tribute to family members, friends, or colleagues whose lives have been affected by a road traffic collision in a safe environment.

Commissioned by Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, the memorial can be accessed by walking behind the building in the main car park towards the children's play area. Then continue along the path taking the left fork up into the open area, the memorial is situated on the right of the path as you reach the highest point. (What 3 words:///highlight.canoe.test)

As Hartshill Hayes is not a memorial arboretum, sadly we are not able to accept floral or other tributes (like artifacts and candles) to be laid around the base of memorial.

