

# Warwickshire Remembers Toolkit





## **About this toolkit**

# It is important that we never forget the individuals whose lives have been lost on our roads.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is committed to support victims and families of road traffic collisions. The partnership has developed a toolkit to help local organisations, community groups, and faith groups who wish to mark the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims on Sunday 19 November. This toolkit contains tools and ideas to be used or adapted to fit the needs of your community. You can also develop your own resources. Most people in your community will know someone whose life has been lost on our roads and we hope you can help acknowledge this and demonstrate your support by taking a moment on 19 November 2023 to show that these individuals are not forgotten.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is also inviting the public to a memorial service to 'Remember the lives lost and injured on Warwickshire's roads.' It will be held at St Mary's Church, Warwick at 3:00pm on Sunday 19 November 2023. Open to all faiths, the service will start promptly at 3pm and last no longer than one hour.

In 2020, we organised a virtual service from St Mary's Church in Warwick, which was streamed online on the World Day of Remembrance. The service is still available at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPHhFf">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPHhFf</a> swyw and may give useful inspiration for those wishing to organise their own service.

The toolkit will give background information about the day and suggested reading and wording for services.

This toolkit also provides several updated graphics suitable for sharing on social media and newsletters, web pages and intranet sites to help spread the message about the World Day of Remembrance. Please help to share these as widely as you can.

Thank you for your support.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership





# World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDoR) is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year.

It is a high-profile global event to remember the many millions who have been killed and seriously injured on the world's roads and to acknowledge the suffering of all affected victims, families, and communities.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership aims to remember the people killed and empathies with the suffering of bereaved families, to raise awareness of the magnitude and impact of road traffic crashes on families and society and to show support for the victims and families in Warwickshire.

# Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership brings together representatives from Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service, and Warwickshire County Council Transport & Highways Teams, and other key organisations to coordinate the road safety strategy and initiatives across the county.

In Warwickshire in 2022,19 (2019, 34) people lost their lives and 236 people (2019, 282) were seriously injured in road traffic collisions. Globally, road traffic crashes are a leading cause of death among young people, and the main cause of death among those aged 15–29 years. Source: Brake

Our strategy to 2030 is to reduce fatal and serious casualties by 50%, using a safe system approach, and working towards vision zero. More information about our work can be found on our website: https://warksroadsafety.org/





# Suggested readings.

#### Death is nothing at all.

I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I and you are you.

Whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way you always used.

Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed, at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Pray, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the

corner. All is well.

#### **Henry Scott Holland**

#### **But Not Forgotten**

I think no matter where you stray, That I shall go with you a way.

Though you may wander sweeter lands, You will not forget my hands,

Nor yet the way I held my head Nor the tremulous things I said.

You will still see me, small and white And smiling, in the secret night, And feel

my arms about you when

The day comes fluttering back again. I think, no matter where you be, You'll hold

me in your memory

And keep my image there without me, By telling later loves about me.





# Memorial for Road Traffic Victims in Warwickshire

As a county, we are committed to ensuring that we pay tribute to those individuals whose lives have been lost or injured on our roads. Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has commissioned a permanent memorial for all.

The permanent memorial is situated at Hartshill Hayes Country Park as part of their commemorative woodland.

The memorial can be accessed by walking behind the building in the main carpark towards the children's play area. Then continue along the path taking he 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)

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.

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. However, we are offering the opportunity to leave a tribute on our website at https://warksroadsafety.org/warwickshireremembers/

## **Submitting an Online Tribute**

Our online space can be access through the Partnership website or by the following <u>link</u>. During these difficult times, many of us turn to nature for a sense of peace and tranquility. To reflect this, we have used the colour green and the symbol of a tree for this memorial. When adding your tribute online, you can select a leaf design that appeals to you the most such as a heart shaped leaf or an acorn to symbolise a young life lost.

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.





## Social media assets



We will never forget the individuals whose lives have been lost on our roads.

On Sunday 19 November 2023, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, please take a moment to remember those people who needlessly die every year on our roads.



Join us at a special service of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 3pm Sunday 20 November St Mary's Church, Warwick World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic

Remembering lives lost and injured on Warwickshire's Roads #WDoR2023

