



Application Form to join WRCI

Business Name

Contact Name

Business Address

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Post Code

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-mail address

Number of Staff

We wish to apply for Membership of the Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative with effect from the date below. We understand that there is a Membership fee to pay which the Local Branch will advise us of and the amount and date due.

Signature

Name (printed)

Date of Application.....

Send to: -
WRCI c/o Community Protection Team,
Leamington Police Station
Warwick Justice Centre
Newbold Terrace
Leamington Spa, CV32 4EL

WRCI Partnership

TO work in Partnership to Create a Safer Shopping Environment in Warwickshire.

TO reduce the level of retail crime, and anti social behaviour in member premises.

TO exclude persistent and prolific offenders and troublemakers from member premises.

TO protect staff from acts of physical violence and verbal abuse.

TO protect and create employment.

TO encourage greater economic investment by creating & promoting a safer place to shop, work and live.

With the full support and participation of everyone involved in WRCI, the message is: -

CRIMINALS.....
YOU ARE NOT
WELCOME IN
WARWICKSHIRE!



Working in Partnership to Create a Safer Business Environment

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Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative

The aim of the WRCI is to prevent persistent shoplifters and troublemakers from constantly plaguing business premises. The scheme is based on a proven Partnership approach in tackling major areas of crime.

Those businesses on the scheme compile and share a much higher quality of information than previously available, making better use of the information to identify the individuals who persistently shoplift. The information then allows a more targeted & focused response to catch & deter the lifestyle criminals by businesses and the Police. Convicted offenders can be banned from those premises in the scheme.

The WRCI is a professional approach in dealing with business theft that will result in a more appropriate response by the Criminal Justice System in dealing with these persistent criminals.

Objectives

- To exclude the persistent and prolific thieves and troublemakers from member businesses.
- To protect staff from acts of physical violence and verbal abuse.
- To reduce the incidence of crime, and the fear of crime, for the benefit of staff, customers and visitors.
- To improve the economic and general environment of the business community, subsequently improving prosperity within the area and helping to protect and create employment.
- To encourage greater economic investment by creating & promoting a safer place to shop, work and live.



The Benefits Advantages of Membership

- Part of a multi-agency team to reduce crime in businesses, in towns across Warwickshire.
- Added protection for business staff.
- Photographs circulated to aid identification of prolific offenders and excluded persons, through an online database.
- Door stickers are a visual deterrent to thieves.
- Support of Police, Crown Prosecution Service and the Courts.
- Helps to build staff confidence and morale.
- Creates a better environment for safer shopping.
- Free business crime advice.

Components

Radios

Most businesses in WRCI have a retail link radio to communicate with each other and the CCTV camera control room.

Cameras

In-house videos and Town Centre CCTV cameras detect, monitor and provide information on the actions of criminals.

Photographs & Data Files

The sharing of photos and personal information concerning convicted criminals known to be active, allows businesses to increase their knowledge of these criminals and improve the effectiveness in preventing and detecting crime.

Police

Apprehension & arrest of thieves. Developing an effective partnership between Police & the business community.

Magistrates

Recognising and acknowledging that exclusion orders have banned persistent lifestyle criminals from WRCI members businesses.

Other Key Players

Town Centre Managers, Shopping Centre Managers, Businesses, Local Authorities and Community Safety Partnership.



The Future Linking Together

Now

Many retailers are linked within towns using radios. These Warwickshire towns are also sharing information with each other within WRCI.

There are no boundaries to theft. Because of our rail & motorway networks, offenders are travelling more frequently to towns where they are not known. This is now being countered through the Partnerships Against Business Crime In Midlands.

PABCIM will facilitate data being shared between member organisations such as WRCI, Merry Hill, Walsall, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Coventry.

The Future

Towns and regions will be linked together nationally.

