

Full Council October 2026

White Ribbon Day 2026 – It takes all of us!

Motion

This council notes that White Ribbon Day on 25th November 2026, is a day when people across England and Wales come together to raise awareness of preventing gender-based violence and what needs to be done to challenge it.

This council believes that violence against women and girls doesn't come out of nowhere and that the root causes are harmful attitudes, behaviours and systems built upon damaging gender norms and narratives of masculinity.

This Council believes that everyone has a part to play in preventing violence against women and girls. It takes all of us to build a society that is free from violence and abuse.

We as local decision-makers have a key role in developing and promoting policies that address and prevent gender-based violence and lead by example in our communities.

This Council calls on all members to:-

- Mark White Ribbon Day publicly on 25th November by publicly wearing white ribbons.
- Challenge harmful content and comments you see and hear that contribute to violence against women and girls.
- Encourage councillors and staff to make the White Ribbon promise to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women and girls.
- Collaborate with local organisations and charities in the area who are working to prevent violence against women and girls.

Why is White Ribbon Day so important?

56% of women surveyed had been the recipients of sexually offensive jokes (Unite 2025)

70% of Gen Z women reported experiencing misogynistic content towards themselves on social media at some point, with 11% experiencing it at least once a week. (Amnesty International UK 2025)

44% of women in Wales said they felt unsafe when at home, walking in their local area or travelling. (WEN's State of the Nation 2026)

In 2026 2.2 million women (9%) in the UK experienced violence or abuse (CSEW 2026)