

Alcester Town Council
Annual Report from the Community Care Committee 2017-18

Membership: The standing members were Cllrs Kathryn Cargill (Chair) Andrew Foster, Chris Brannigan, Alison Brown, Gill Forman, Chris Gough, Clive Neal Sturgess and Julie Smith. The Committee was clerked by Jenny Theobald.

Meetings: The committee met every month except April when insufficient members were able to attend to make the meeting quorate.

Responsibility: The Community Care committee is responsible for Business and Tourism, Older Peoples' Services, Young Peoples' Services and Community Safety

Main activities of the year:

- A new Health and Wellbeing Coordinator appointed, working on a job share with the existing Coordinator
- Elderberries is now well established and running independently of ATC
- Christmas Day lunch held for between 40 isolated residents
- Town Emergency Exercise held in November with representatives from WCC, SDC and residents including training for flood wardens
- New Speed Aware volunteers vetted and trained, and approx. 15 Speed Watch sessions held around the town since May 2017
- Councillor visits to Community Flood Group event in Long Itchington
- Defibrillator training events held for Town Councillors and residents
- Audit undertaken of the Town's community safety equipment.
- New emergency equipment (camp beds and blankets) purchased through a grant provided by the Moorfields Trust.
- New WIFI installed on the High Street and data on footfall analysed with the Chamber of Trade
- Town Guides produced and distributed around the town
- Councillor attendance at Terrorism Awareness and Digital Marketing training
- Support and promotion provided to the Alcester Drama Group for their annual production
- Youth Council is meeting regularly and developing ideas for a Cinema Club, a cafe at the Depot and compiling a directory of youth organisations in the town
- Survey conducted by H&WB Coordinators to identify isolated residents and their needs
- Community Allotment and computer clubs established
- Alcester Directory of local activities and information has been updated and distributed around the town
- Community Transport Working Group established
- Consultation event held between community representatives and VASA
- Social inclusion transport ideas being developed and a trial community outing arranged for April
- Award of Community Grants to local organisations and societies

Cllr Kathryn Cargill

April 2018