

Alcester Town Council

Autumn Newsletter



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope that you have had a great summer and enjoyed the fabulous weather. It has now been four months since I became Mayor and what an incredible time Kathrin and I have had. It has been such a pleasure representing the Town Council at the various civic events and we have met some wonderful and interesting people along the way!

One of the most enjoyable things about attending such functions around Warwickshire has been hearing so much positive feedback about our town. Many people have come to me and talked in glowing terms about our attractive High Street, vibrant festivals and unique community spirit. Others have spoken about some of the schemes we have in place such as Health & Wellbeing and Heart Safe and they have sought advice on how they could set up similar arrangements within their own communities. This makes me incredibly proud.

Back in June, along with Councillor Alison Brown, I took the opportunity of visiting some of our retailers on Swan Street and the High Street. It was great to hear their views on how our businesses are faring in the town in tough and uncertain times and I intend to continue making such visits throughout this mayoral year. We really are incredibly lucky to have so many vibrant, independent shops that add to the unique feel of the town and attract so many outside visitors.



Similarly, I want to promote further engagement in the community by getting out and about and talking to my fellow residents. If you do see me out and about please do stop to say hello, I would love to hear your views on how we as a Town Council are performing and your ideas on how we can adapt our services in the future.

Each year the Mayor holds a Civic Awards evening where the selfless contributions of residents are rightly recognised. I'm sure we all know someone who goes that extra mile in contributing and giving up their time to the town. It's part of what makes Alcester special. This year I am inviting residents to nominate a person or group who they feel should be recognised for the dedication to the local community. Details of the award categories are included on the inside pages of this newsletter.



Finally, I was honoured to receive on behalf of the Town Council, the MBE and other mementos that belonged to former resident Susan Jephcott who served as a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse at Alcester Hospital during the First World War. My fellow councillors and I were extremely grateful to Susan's nephew and former Mayor, Mr Lawrence Haines for his thoughtful gesture in presenting the medal. It serves as a reminder of the dedication of volunteers, including women, in this the centenary anniversary of the end of the war. We will endeavour to seek ways to display the award and engage with residents in this important year.

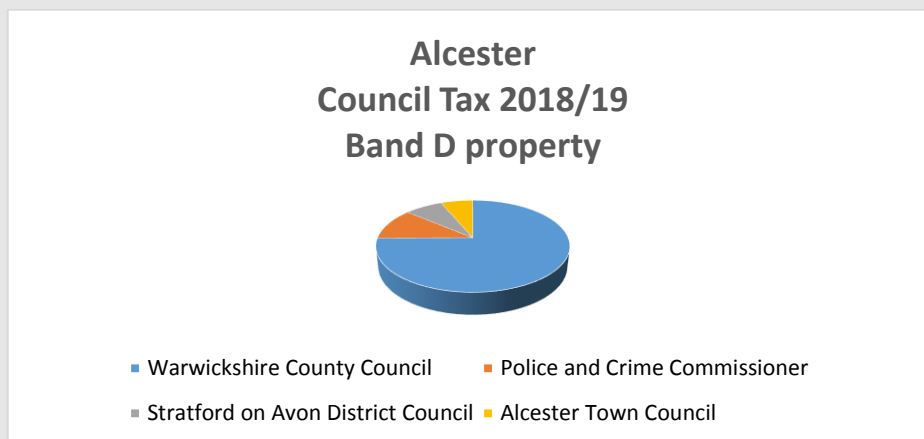
Cllr Andrew Foster, Mayor of Alcester

Mr L Haines and the Mayor, Councillor Andrew Foster

Clerks Corner

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is responsible for collecting Council Tax on behalf of various local authorities including the Town Council.

The pie chart below shows how the Council Tax paid by an Alcester Band D taxpayer is split.



Alcester Town Council receives its small share of the Council Tax via the “precept”. This precept is used to run council business and to provide a range of services to residents:

Service	Location
Play Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jubilee Fields Moorfields Collins Way Bleachfield Street MUGA at Jubilee Centre Skate Park
Recreational open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbey Fields Stratford Road Recreation Ground Weir Fields Former railway lines
Cemetery	Birmingham Road
Community Centre	Jubilee Centre
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleachfield Street North Bleachfield Street South Allimore Lane School Road
Litter and dog bins, benches, signs	Various
Litter picking/grass cutting	Play areas and open spaces
Watering	Hanging baskets and planters
CCTV	via SDC partnership
Civic and Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Parish Meeting Mayor Making Civic Service Awards Evening
Grants to Community Organisations	via Community Grant scheme
Communication	Website, newsletters etc

Vanessa Lowe, Town Clerk

ALCESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

During the summer months much work has been taking place on the Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan. There will be an opportunity for all residents to see progress made and provide your feedback on Saturday 29th September from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Town Hall, and from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Jubilee Centre. Tea and coffee will be available. Members of the Steering Group and Town Councillors will be there to discuss and answer any questions you have about the Neighbourhood Plan. We hope that as many of you will pop in as possible!



Alcester Singers Christmas concert is on Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm at St.Nicholas Church Alcester. The choir will be performing the joyous "O Come, Emmanuel" by Alan Bullard, along with other Christmas

music and seasonal carols, so come and join in with us to celebrate the start of Christmas!
Tickets £12 from 01789 488401

Citizens Advice Outreach to restart Alcester Outreach

Getting in a state firefighting work or housing problems?

Got yourself in a spiral with payday loans?

Struggling with disability and benefit red tape?

However big or small the problem the Citizens Advice South Warwickshire (CASW) can help. And that help comes free.

As a charity, Citizens Advice South Warwickshire has been faced with trying to do more when it is receiving less in grants to run the service. This is forcing us to only continue with projects that fund themselves and has resulted in the weekly Alcester Outreach service being withdrawn. Other services such as Reach Out and Help (for Crisis situations) and Reach Out to Older People continue to be available in Alcester in addition to Studley and Bidford Outreach and of course, you can reach us at our Stratford-upon-Avon office, by phone (**0300 330 1183**) or on our website www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk

CASW has approached a range of local funders, from charitable trusts to parish councils, to fundraise to keep this valuable service running. With further generous support, we will reinstate the service. I hope to have positive news for you in the future about the start date of this service, so that you will be able to access the help you need, when you need it, right on your doorstep.

Nina Knapman, CASW Trustee

MAYOR'S AWARDS EVENING 2018

Every year the Mayor hosts a Civic Awards evening where the contributions made to the town by individuals and organisations are recognised. This year, nominations are invited from residents ahead of the event which will be held on Friday 30th November at the Jubilee Centre.

If you would like to make a nomination then further details, including the nomination form are available on the Town Council website or from the office in Globe House.

The award categories are 'Citizen of the Year', 'Organisation of the Year' and 'Young Person of the Year' (aged 18 or under). Nominees must be Alcester residents.

The Mayor is keen to hear more about the many contributions made by residents and looks forward to receiving your nominations. The closing date for nominations is Friday 19th October.

BATTLE'S OVER Alcester Royal British Legion



This year marks another milestone in the history of world warfare.

The 11th of November this year is not only Remembrance Sunday, but also a Century since the conclusion of The Great War. This war was the most bloody conflict in modern times and the scar left is forever marked on the hearts of every family in the nation.

Alcester will be remembering, and giving thanks, to those from within our community who gave everything to keep us free from tyranny and slavery.

The Remembrance Weekend will be a very special time to remember. The Alcester Branch of the Royal British Legion, ably assisted by Alcester Town Council, Alcester Court Leet and Local Voluntary Associations will support a number of events.

- Saturday 10 November will see a re-dedication of the towns' war memorials, along with the dedication of a new memorial on the recently registered Centenary Field. In the evening there will be a Remembrance Concert at St Nicholas Church
- Sunday 11 November will start early, with a lone piper, piping "The Battles O'er, Sleep in Peace" on The Church Green at 6am. The Remembrance and Armistice Parade followed by the Remembrance Service will take place as usual and we anticipate a record attendance this year. At 7pm in the evening, and continuing with the theme of this special day, a short commemoration will take place at the new Centenary Memorial with the lighting of the Centenary Beacon. The Last Post will be performed and finally the Alcester Town Crier will bring a special message to the town.

Further information on the events will be available later in the summer.

Mike Gittus, Chairman Alcester Branch RBL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Here in the parish of Alcester, Stratford on Avon District Council are the planning authority and as such process all the planning applications and make decisions on each application.

A brief outline of the process on receipt of a planning application is as follows (fee payable):

- Registration and validation- Application given a unique case reference number
- Consultation- Neighbours, SDC councillors and town/parish council, specialist advisors
- Site visit- By case officer
- Report- By case officer
- Determination- This is done in two ways. For simple applications a senior officer will check the report and make a decision. However, when either the Town Council or the District Councillor have objected to an application and the case officer disagrees (or vice versa), the decision will be referred to Stratford District Council's Planning Committee (West) where the decision will be made. Members of the public are able to make representations at these Committee meetings
Decisions are made within 8- 13 weeks from the date of validation depending on complexity and the applicant notified
- Decision- Approval- The permission lists any conditions applied to make the proposal acceptable. There is usually a fee payable to discharge these
- Decision- Refusal- When an application is refused there is an explanation on the refusal notice
- Appeals- The applicant can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate if an application is refused or imposes a condition they think unjustified

For more information see <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-regeneration/the-application-process.cfm>

Alcester Town Council is a **statutory consultee** in the planning consultation process. It does not make decisions.

ATC Planning Committee meets fortnightly on a Monday at Globe House to discuss current planning applications and then submits a formal comment to SDC online. Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings. Agendas are published on the noticeboards and on the Town Council website. Meeting dates are published in the Connection magazine and can also be found on the Town Council website.

If the Planning Committee, or you as a member of the public, would like to object to a planning application there are only certain issues known as 'material considerations' that will be taken into account by SDC.

Material planning considerations can include (but are not limited to):

- **Overlooking/ loss of privacy**
- **Loss of daylight/ sunlight or overshadowing**
- **Scale and dominance**
- **Layout and density of buildings**
- **Appearance and design of development and materials proposed**
- **Disabled persons' access**
- **Highway safety**
- **Traffic and parking issues**
- **Community safety and crime prevention**
- **Drainage and flood risk**
- **Noise, dust, fumes etc**
- **Impact on character or appearance of area**
- **Effect on listed buildings/ conservation areas/ sites of archaeological value**
- **Effect on trees and wildlife/ nature conservation**
- **Impact on the community and other services**
- **Economic impact and sustainability**
- **Local needs for provision of affordable housing and public open space**
- **Government policy**
- **Proposals in the Local Development Plan**
- **Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)**

Non-material planning considerations are issues which cannot be taken into account by SDC when deciding on a planning application. Examples are given below:

- Who the applicant is/ the applicant's background
- Loss of views
- Loss of property value
- Loss of trade or increased competition
- Strength or volume of local opposition
- Construction noise/ disturbance during development
- Fears of damage to property
- Maintenance of property
- Boundary disputes, covenants or other property rights
- Private rights of way
- Private right to light
- Age, health, status, background and work patterns of the objector

Planning Application Alerts-

Want to know what's happening in your local area? Want to know about future planning development? Then sign up to Stratford on Avon District Council's Planning Application Alerts. Registering to receive alerts is simple. See www.stratford.gov.uk/planalert



Alcester Court Leet
Family FUN Day
8th September 2018
1-5pm Alcester Scouts & Guides Field
Moorfield Road
**BARBECUE & BAR, TRADITIONAL COUNTRY FETE
STALLS, RIDES, POCKET MONEY GAMES,
FAMOUS JOUSTER HORSE AND SPECIAL GUESTS:
MICKEY & MINNIE**

The poster features a decorative border of small flowers. At the bottom, there are illustrations of Mickey Mouse, a family of four (mother, father, girl, boy), and Minnie Mouse.



· CAFE ·
On the Field

The Jubilee Centre Group are opening a Café within the Depot building on Fridays between 3.30 – 5.30pm to serve users of the Jubilee Fields and surrounding area. It is a new initiative with the aim of developing the use of the Depot and its facilities.

The café will be run by volunteers who are looking for support regarding best times to open and additional volunteers. If you have any feedback to help the café become a success or would like to volunteer then please get in touch!

email alcester.jubileecentre@gmail.com or call 07984413028



SECO **ALCESTER 10KM 7 October 2018**

On Sunday 7th October the Alcester Seco 10k run is returning for its fourth year starting and finishing on the Alcester High Street. Last year 600 runners took to the streets to raise funds for the charity Kids Run Free along with over 200 children who took part in the free children's fun run.

To register and for more information please go to: www.raceways.eu



A letter from the Chairman; Sarah Bassett

Time really has flown by since I took the Chair in October 2014 and as an organisation, we have evolved almost beyond recognition. Business to Business memberships were almost non-existent and are now some

50 strong and we have new membership enquiries every month. The Autumn and Winter sees free monthly B2B networking events at The Moathouse and these are well attended by members and non-members alike. We have a superb website, a healthy following on social media and an opportunity to affiliate with Coventry and Warwickshire Champions. The potential for future growth is excellent as we look forward to 2018/2019.

Since our rather glorious win at the Great British High St awards in 2015, we felt the time had come to look at how we could support the Retail, Tourism and Hospitality sector. With the support of the Warwickshire Towns Network and the town centres team at Warwickshire County Council we created the brand "Visit Alcester", won funding for social media and off-line marketing training for our B2C sector businesses, installed free town centre wifi and footfall tracking software, joined the south Warwickshire destination management organisation "Shakespeare's England" and more recently we were awarded funding via the County Councillors grant fund to build a new website that will showcase Alcester as a destination. Currently under construction!

With the support of Alcester Community Trust, the recent Alcester Motor Show was a huge success, bringing in new visitors to the town from a huge geographical area and as such a date of Sunday 21st July has been set for next year.

The Game Fair brings some £30 million to the Warwickshire economy and whilst we don't see huge numbers of their audience visiting the town centre, the contractors & exhibitors bring valuable extra business to the town and the industrial estate businesses during the build up and break down periods. The information flyer we created was extremely well received and we hope that everyone included saw some benefit. This will also be sent out to the Camper Calling contractors who will be arriving on site in August.



Due to increasing amounts of consultancy, my time is being taken up more and more and therefore, I have decided to split the chamber into two separate organisations. The Alcester Chamber of Trade and Commerce will be a stand-alone organisation in support of the Business to Business sector and "Visit Alcester" and "Alcester Motor Show" will sit under an new organisation that will be known as the Alcester Retail; Tourism and Hospitality Partnership.

I intend to step down from Alcester Chamber of Trade and Commerce with effect from the start of the Chamber year 2018/2019 - 1st September 2018 and will then concentrate my efforts on the new partnership. The Chair of the Chamber of Trade is therefore ready for the taking! An incredible opportunity for someone in the B2B sector - Please enquire to chairman@alcesterchamber.co.uk for more information. The website, social media & chairman@alcesterchamber.co.uk email will all be handed over to the new chair.

The first action as I take the chair of the Alcester Retail: Tourism and Hospitality Partnership will be to form a small committee and its then straight into the deep end with completing our entry in the Great British High Street Awards 2018 !!!!



Depot Youth Club – Jubilee Centre

The youth club is going from strength to strength with approximately 30 young people coming along each week to enjoy a relaxed get-together and to use the club's facilities: table tennis, table football, darts, a Bluetooth music centre, a PlayStation and a pool table. Kids are welcome to free toast and squash and can purchase 'tuck' from the shop!

The club is open to youths from school Year 6 to 18 years old.

Phil, Edwina and Rosalind are keen to welcome any new members. The club is open on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Jubilee Centre off St Faith's Road in Alcester and is free to attend. We are also looking to recruit new volunteers so please do contact Phil Hodges on 07970 710769 if you are interested – we are a very friendly bunch!

Please note that the club is closed on Tuesday 7th August and Tuesday 14th August due to volunteer holidays and will re-open on Tuesday 21st August 2018.

HEALTH & WELLBEING



Hello, I'm Wendy Sherwood and I am the Health and Wellbeing Coordinator for Alcester Town Council, with the goal of enabling older people to lead healthy, independent and stimulating lives. My role is to support older people in identifying what provision or service they would like to see in Alcester that is not currently available and help shape these new activities, so they can meet their needs and therefore improve health and wellbeing.

Alcester Town Council are also interested in supporting younger people with mental health issues and a new initiative is currently being developed to help assist young people improve their mental wellbeing.

If there is something that you would like to attend that is not currently available or if you would like to help influence local services for older people or young people who need emotional support or have an idea of something you would like to develop but need some help to get a group going, please get in touch so we can discuss in more detail.

Wendy Sherwood, Health and Wellbeing Coordinator, Alcester Town Council. Tel: 01789 766084 email: info@alcester-tc.gov.uk

The Silver Line

Helpline for older people that offers information, friendship and advice 24 hours day, 365 days a year. Originally founded by Dame Esther Rantzen, it is the only national, free and confidential helpline for older people in the UK. The Silver Line also offers telephone and letter befriending by matching up a Silver Liner to a volunteer for regular conversation. So if anyone is lying awake at night - or feeling lonely at anytime - or is worried about a problem that they have - and think that a chat with someone friendly who cares might help, please call The Silver Line on 0800 4 70 80 90 www.thesilverline.org.uk

Engage Alcester
Join us at Alcester's

INFORMATION DAY
The A-Z Guide to the Second Half of Life

Make friends, try something new, have fun!

MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE FROM 50 TO 100+

- FREE entry and parking
- FREE tea, coffee and yummy cake
- FREE raffle entry
- Lots of stands, talks and workshops

Practical help and advice, information on local activity groups and volunteering opportunities

MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018
11AM to 2PM
Jubilee Centre, St. Faith's Road, Alcester. B49 6AG

Love Your Life - Engage!

BARN DANCE

GREAT ALNE MEMORIAL HALL
Friday 5th October 2018
7pm to 10.00pm

Dance to the lively music of the **Cat's Whiskers Barn Dance Band**
No experience necessary - let the caller guide you!
TICKETS £10
Delicious Fish 'n' Chip Supper included

*For further information, visit the Engage 50+ Festival website www.engagefestival.org.uk, call Sophie on 01789 268701 or email sunnysideup-uk@outlook.com.

TICKETS: Book via telephone or email as above or visit
Alcester Town Council offices, Globe House, Priory Road, Alcester B49 5DZ Tel:

UBUS is the ring and ride community transport service operating within Stratford District. All UBUS vehicles can accommodate a wheelchair. Residents living in an Orbit property are eligible for a £0.60 discount on their journey. UBUS can be used to visit friends, attend social groups, leisure activities or go shopping. It cannot be used to attend medical appointments. (For these, ring VASA on 01789 262889). Residents interested in registering with the service should ring 01789 264491.



Alcester Musical Theatre Company recently celebrated another NODA Best Show Award nomination, this time for their production of “Nine to Five” at the Palace Theatre in Redditch last October. This put them in the top three Best Shows from around 20 Amateur Theatre groups in their region. Congratulations go to the Show Director - Bev Hatton, the Production Team, Cast and Crew for once again achieving such a high standard.

AMTC are now rehearsing hard for their next major production – Lerner and Loewe’s “My Fair Lady” at the Palace Theatre in Redditch from the 3rd to the 6th of October 2018. Don’t miss this classic show! Advance tickets are available from the Company ticket secretary on 01789 763446 or direct from the Palace Theatre Box Office. If you would like to join AMTC then feel free to come along to their main rehearsal at Alcester Baptist Church Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30.



Like the idea of growing your own fruit and vegetables but not sure where to start?

Want to get a bit more active and make new friends?

Join the new Alcester Community Allotment and reap the benefits of your work through sharing the harvest.

All tools, advice and plants provided

Did you know?

- Residents in Warwickshire can now report Traffic Offences using digital evidence from dash cams. Follow the link for further details <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap>
 - Cyclists must not cycle on the pavement (Highway Code Section 64)
 - You can check the live feeds on Alcester’s rivers by going to <http://www.vision-link.co.uk/Gunnings-Bridge.php> or <http://www.vision-link.co.uk/oversley-bridge.php>
 - Western Power Distribution have a Priority Service Register for power cuts
- If you rely on electricity for medical equipment or are elderly, very ill or disabled, you may need extra support during a power cut. To join Western Power Distribution confidential and free Priority Service Register please call **0800 096 3080** or visit www.westernpower.co.uk/PSR

Who is eligible?

- Customers with medical dependencies on electricity- such as kidney dialysis, ventilators etc
- The elderly, disabled or chronically sick
- Customers who depend upon electrical equipment such as stair lifts or bath hoists
- If you have a communication need because you are blind, deaf, partially sighted, hearing impaired or you are unable to communicate in English
- Or if you have temporary vulnerabilities such as recent hospital leavers or households with new born babies

To report a power cut or call for information and advice phone **105** or **0800 6783 105**

Alcester's Roman Museum

Alcester was founded by the Romans in around AD 47 as a walled fort then became a bustling market town, with streets, temples and workshops. The town has been the subject of numerous archaeological digs and is one of the best understood Roman settlements in the country.

The Roman Alcester Museum opened in 2004 and looks after some of Alcester's Roman heritage. Based in Globe House, it is run by a charitable trust of dedicated volunteers who give their time and considerable expertise to this unique museum.

Roman Alcester offers hands-on visits for schools linked to the National Curriculum Key Stage 2 and in the school holidays the museum supports library activities for all children. This summer the 'Let's make digital discovery' day on the 24th August brought the Roman era right up to date!

Our volunteers can conduct tours of the museum and, by arrangement, guided tours of the town. Volunteers can make presentations to local groups and clubs either at the museum or at local venues. A 'friends of the museum' group called the Centurions arranges talks and trips.

Special events for 2018: On **Saturday, September 8th**, the museum will be holding a 'finds' morning. Residents and visitors can bring in objects to an expert from the museums service to see if they are Roman. Last year an object, uncovered in a resident's garden and used as a bird bath, was found to be a mortarium or ancient Roman pottery kitchen vessel used for grinding.

This year we will also open for the **Heritage Open Day** on the afternoon of **Sunday September 9th**.

Opening times: We are open throughout the week, except Tuesday, from 9.30 to 5.30pm and open on a Saturday from 10 am to 4pm.

Susan Juned, Chair, Alcester Heritage Trust

Abbey Fields, Green River Corridor

This Town Council project continues to move forward, and it is pleasing to see the footways establishing themselves over the entire site, linking Priory Meadow to the Nature Reserve, Jubilee Fields, Allotments and Cemetery.

The historic importance of the Abbey site continues to excite and engage the community, and many questions remain unanswered.



One such question relates to the archaeological digs that took place in the late 1930's at the rear of the Grammar School. There was considerable evidence of the medieval structure of the Abbey revealed by the dig, along with a number of stone coffins and artefacts. All these important works and finds were destroyed during the second world war during the blitz on Birmingham. The important location of the archaeology has been lost, and Alcester Town Council hopes that there are members of the community who may remember the dig taking place.

Picture of the 1939 excavation, by kind permission of the Evesham Journal

Picture of a possible location of the dig, the rectangular flattened area to the right of the mown circle?

Councillor Mike Gittus



FULKE GREVILLE FESTIVAL

A new festival to celebrate the life and achievements of Alcester's most famous Elizabethan, Sir Fulke Greville.

Alcester 28- 30 September 2018

Talks * Walks* Concert

Find out more and book your tickets at fulkefest.org.uk

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR


Alcester Male Voice Choir
Charity concerts welcomed. Registered Charity No. 514970

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to
say

OPEN EVENING OF SINGING

with a Modern Male Voice Choir

Come and sing with us or just listen

Wednesday 19 September at 7.30pm

People say that they are impressed because we have exciting and ambitious musical plans and that the music is relevant to today's concert goers. You are welcome to attend a rehearsal

Where we rehearse? Jubilee Centre, St Faith's Road, Alcester B49 6AG

More details? Ring 07886139781

**Would you like to enjoy the
advantages of using a computer,
smartphone or tablet?**

**Would you like things explained clearly
in plain English?**

**Then come
and talk to
us**

**We can
help**



Our computer drop-in sessions will run on the second Wednesday of each month 10am – 12pm at Alcester Unionist Club, 46 High Street, Alcester, B49 5AB. For further information call Wendy Sherwood on 01789 766084.

Supported by Alcester Town Council.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
ALCESTER
Warwickshire Police Advice- Keep
safe from burglary**

W.I.D.E. By following the simple guidelines of W.I.D.E you can reduce the opportunities of your home becoming a target of a burglar.

W – Window Locks Fit key-operated window locks to all downstairs windows, windows that can't be seen from the street and easily accessible upstairs windows, e.g. those above a flat roof or near a drainpipe. Locks should conform to British Standard BS7950 or EU equivalent.

I – Internal Lights Table / standard lamps should be placed on timer switches in different rooms around the house. Set them to come on go off at different times to give the impression that the house is occupied. You could also use a timer switch on a radio.

D – Doors Locks & Bolts External doors should be fitted with good quality locks which comply with British Standard BS3621 or EU equivalent and use them.

E – External Lights On Sensors External lights should be fitted with sensors. Dusk to dawn lights with low energy bulbs can be more effective as a deterrent than motion sensor controlled lighting. These should be fitted at the front and rear of your home to maximise your security.

Protecting Individual Items Remember you can protect individual items within your property by marking them (see property marking fact sheet for more details).

Warwickshire Police advise that overnight, valuable items, such as car keys, are:

- not left in locks
- not kept in plain view (but should be kept downstairs, out of sight. e.g. in a drawer).

The next meeting of NHW Alcester will be held on Wednesday 3 October 2018 in St Nicholas Church House, Butter Street at 7.30pm. Contact

details: nhwalcester@gmail.com or telephone Dorrie Manders on 01789 762999 Everyone is welcome.

Communicating with the Police :

Emergencies dial **999**

The Police Non Emergency number :101 To be used to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. **101** diverts to your local Police. Calls cost 15p per call, (landlines and mobiles)

Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team dial 101 or 01789 444816 Please feel free to contact the team direct: Email:

alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PS 542 Bob Shaw (Team Sergeant) **01789 444815**

PC Robert Davies(Beat Manager)
robert.davies@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO

Rebecca.morris@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO James.squire@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Thomas.bagg@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Call **Crimestoppers** anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is a charity who will pass on information to police without revealing any details of the caller.

Contact **Warwickshire Trading Standards** 01926 414040. [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#). Make a scam/rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via [Citizens Advice Consumer Service](#) on 03454 040506. Sign up to receive scam alerts at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams.

Action Fraud Report a Fraud or Cyber Crime to 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk. Avoid rogue traders. Use Warwickshire Trading Standards "No Rogue Traders Here" approved trader scheme.

Alcester is a relatively crime free area. We work together to keep it that way.



Tell Us
Once



TELL US ONCE

Tell Us Once is a service offered by most local authorities on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

The service allows a bereaved person to inform central and local government services of the death at one time rather than having to write, telephone or even attend each service individually.

The Tell Us Once service can save a great deal of time and effort.

It is essential to note that you must have registered the death and been given the unique Tell Us Once reference number before you can use the telephone or online service.

See www.gov.uk for further information

Alcester Festival & Events - Calendar 2018

Please find below a list of events due to take place in the next three months. Pick up a Festival and Events Guide from Globe House, or alternatively check local notice boards, websites and Facebook for further information!

4 Sept	Court Leet Ale Tasting	12 Oct	New to you Fashion Show
8 Sept	Court Leet Family Fun Day	20 Oct	Food Festival/ Church tower tour
14 Sept	Court Leet Flich Trials	21 Oct	High Bailiff's church service
22 Sept	Town Hall 400 th Anniversary Banquet	10 Nov	Royal British Legion Memorial Dedication
23 Sept	Mayor's Civic Service	11 Nov	Remembrance Day Parade
1-2 Oct	Mop Fair	17 Nov	Christmas Festival
3-6 Oct	AMT Company My Fair Lady	25 Nov	Christmas Light switch on
4 Oct	Court Leet elections	25 Nov	Rotary Tree of Light
6 Oct	Rotary Big Breakfast	2 Dec	Toy Service
7 Oct	SECO Alcester 10K run	6 Dec	St Nicholas Night/ Church tower tour

Town Council Meetings

Full Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at Globe House, Library meeting room 4, on the first floor (accessed via the Seggs Lane entrance) at 7pm prompt. All other Committee meetings are held on a Monday or a Tuesday in the Council Board room 7pm at Globe House, also accessed via the Seggs Lane entrance.

All agendas are published online at: www.alcester-tc.gov.uk and copies can also be found on the Council notice boards at Market Place and High Street three days before each meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of the Council meetings and are given time at the start of the meetings to raise any relevant issues. Minutes from each meeting can also be found on the Town Council web site once they have been signed.

The Alcester Town Council Facebook pages are another source of information regarding Council matters:

www.facebook.com/alcester.towncouncil,

for community health and well-being news see www.facebook.com/ouralcester

and for information on other events in the town, go to: www.facebook.com/alcester.

Please click "like" and share with your friends. We're on Twitter too: www.twitter.com/AlcesterTown

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Monday - Friday 9am- 1pm

If you would like to speak to the Clerk outside of opening hours, please call to make an appointment
Website: www.alcester-tc.gov.uk

