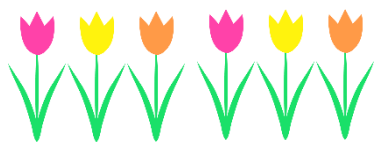


Alcester Town Council



Spring Newsletter



Issue 53 March 2019

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In the blink of an eye, my time as Mayor is almost over. Kathrin and I have had an incredible year made more enjoyable by the support and encouragement that we have received along the way. The role of Mayor has been described as playing the lead role in a play that has no script. At times this has seemed very apt!

In January I was invited along with our Town Clerk to a meeting of the Alcester Youth Council. We were very impressed with the engagement of our youth councillors and their ideas for the town especially concerning facilities for young people and community safety. My thanks to Councillor Julie Smith for the kind invitation and the staff and students for hosting the meeting and expressing their views so well. I look forward to following up on their suggestions and working with our youngsters during the remainder of my term.



We like to think that we punch above our weight at Alcester Town Council, and this is especially so in the area of Health and Wellbeing. A great deal of important work has been undertaken by Councillor Chris Brannigan through his role as the Chair of the Alcester Health and Wellbeing Board and Wendy Sherwood as Health and Wellbeing Coordinator. Recent focus has been on help for local young people who may be suffering from mental health issues. Local, national and international evidence has shown there is a need for support for children and young people in relation to their mental health. The Town Council has been working in partnership

with an organisation called Lifespace on a project to recruit and train thirty-two students from Alcester in Mental Health First Aid for young people. Anyone who would like to learn more about this important work should contact Wendy Sherwood in the first instance.

I was pleased to offer my congratulations to our new councillor, Kirsten Forbes, who was co-opted onto the Council at the meeting held in January. Kirsten will be well known to many in the town through her involvement with several local organisations. My fellow councillors and I are very much looking forward to working with Kirsten and I hope that her election will inspire others to stand as candidates when all sixteen council seats become vacant in May. If you are interested in standing as a candidate please contact the Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe who will be able to provide more details.

As you may be aware, my chosen charity for this Mayoral year is Warwickshire Young Carers. They provide confidential advice and support to young people aged 8 and above who have caring responsibilities at home. This can affect the young people in lots of ways and the charity aim to support them. The money that we raise this year will fund a residential experience for targeted young carers during the school holidays, something that they really enjoy. It gives them an opportunity to engage in activities such as team building and new challenges to help with self-esteem and confidence as well as the chance to make new friends. My thanks to everyone who has supported this charity by attending our fund-raising events.

I'm delighted to say that any early concerns about balancing work and family life and being Mayor have been completely unfounded! This has been due to the invaluable support of my fellow councillors, town council staff and of course my wonderful family. I don't know where I would be without the invaluable help, guidance and support from the Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe, Assistant Town Clerk, Sarah Duran and Deputy Mayor, Gill Forman. I wish the next Mayor all the very best of luck and my good wishes to you all.

Cllr Andrew Foster, Mayor of Alcester

Clerks Corner

Elections May 2019

Town Council elections will take place on Thursday 2nd May. Some of our long standing Councillors plan to retire so we are keen to recruit some new Councillors. If you are interested in standing, please contact the Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe on 01789 766084 or by email clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk for an informal chat on what is involved. Alternatively, please come along to any Town Council meeting and see for yourself!

Precept 2019-20

The Town Council sets the precept each year in January. The precept is the primary source of income for the Town Council and is a small part of the Council Tax which residents pay to Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

At the Full Council meeting on 8th January 2019, the Town Council agreed to request a precept of £259,832 from Stratford on Avon District Council for the year 2019-20. The precept in 2018-19 was £250,746.

The Council has increased its total expenditure budget by 2% for the forthcoming year. This increase is required to cover the statutory increase in the minimum wage in April 2019, rises in local government salary scales and reduction in the amount of Council Tax support grant received from Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

The agreed precept will result in a small increase in the precept charge to Alcester residents (Band D) from £116.34 to £118.64 per annum. This rise of £2.30 per Band 'D' property is equivalent to 4 pence per week.

The Town Council uses the precept to run council business and to provide a range of services to residents. These include four allotment sites, four playgrounds, the cemetery on Birmingham Road, civic and community events, grants to voluntary organisations, the Health and Wellbeing project, maintenance and upkeep of the Jubilee Centre, maintenance of Priory Meadow, Centenary Field and other open spaces and miscellaneous street furniture such as signs, benches and bins.

Jubilee Centre

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request in the last edition for views on the proposed renaming of the Jubilee Centre. In light of the views expressed, the Council has decided to defer a final decision until a later date.

Vanessa Lowe, Town Clerk

Advance Notice- Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7pm

Alcester War Memorial Town Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all the local government electors of the Parish.

It is not a meeting of the Town Council.

Anyone may attend and registered electors of the Parish may speak and vote during the meeting.

The Town Council would like to invite all local voluntary trusts and organisations to attend.

Please contact Alcester Town Council for more information on:

01789 766084 or clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk

UPDATE ALCESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The plan contains draft policies on Housing and the Built Environment; Economy; Transport and Infrastructure; Community, Leisure and Well-being and the Natural Environment. When the plan is finalised, anyone submitting planning applications must follow the policies in order that future development respects the needs and character of the town.

In December the Steering Group considered the many responses received during the public consultation. Appropriate revisions have been made to the plan and it has now been submitted to Stratford District Council for approval. The next stage will involve an Independent examiner who may suggest further amendments.

If you require more information please contact Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, c/o Alcester Town Council. Globe House, Seggs Lane, Alcester, B49 5DZ, or by email to administration@alcester-tc.gov.uk.

Wendy Mills- Chair, Alcester Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

PLANNING MATTERS

Since the December Newsletter the Planning Committee have considered various applications, all of which are on the Town Council website, the most important of which are:

Nov 5: 18/01417/LBC & 18/01416/FUL- Lloyds Bank TSB Plc Stratford Road Alcester B49 5AX.

Proposed: Proposed external slopes to pavement outside, plus guard rails, to create inclusive access into the bank. For: Mr M Lickley Lloyds Banking Group. Holding objection submitted- ATC now in receipt of copy of WCC Highways comments to SDC. Highways have objected therefore **OBJECTION SUSTAINED**

Dec 10: 18/03254/LBC- 16 Oversley House Kinwarton Road Alcester B49 6PX.

Proposed: Replacement of ten windows and two doors, changing from timber to uPVC frames. For: Mr J Nicklin. Based on SDC's current conservation policies, the Planning Committee is left with no alternative but to submit a comment of **OBJECTION**

Jan 21: 18/03558/LBC - Oversley Castle, The Forge Church Lane Wixford B49 6DH.

Proposed: Installation of first floor gallery to converted barn range (approved for conversion as part of application ref. 13/01141/LBC). For: Ms C Sunderland. The Chair of the Planning Committee, Cllr Neal-Sturgess met with the architect last week. This is a retrospective application. The gallery was not in the original plans and the Conservation Officer considers that cutting through a tie-beam is in breach as the building is Grade II listed. The architect is not in agreement and is challenging the decision. **HOLDING OBJECTION** pending a structural engineers report.

17/03089/FUL - SIG Roofspace Alcester Heath Alcester B49 5JG. Proposed: New side extension to northern elevation of principal building and variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission reference 17/00756/VARY to state 'The premises hereby approved shall not operate outside the hours: 0700 - 2300 Monday to Friday and 0700-1300 hours Saturday. There shall be no movement of materials within the areas of storage shown on drawing reference RS-F-EXT- Storage-01-RevF, including any movement of materials onto or off racking and storage areas hereby approved outside of the hours 0700-2100 hours Monday to Friday and 0700-1300 hours Saturday. For: SIG Trading Ltd. Amendment/additional information received by SDC on 30 August 2018 for the application as follows: Additional lighting information in response to Environmental Health comments dated 30th August 2018. Details include a revised Isolux plan and details of replacement the existing floodlights with new wall and column luminaries.

The agent has confirmed the removal of the 2 mobile lighting towers and provision of 2 permanent lighting columns within the centre of the service yard therefore the lighting angle, height and design of the columns can be controlled.

The agent has confirmed that the floodlights within the service yard will be operated only between the hours of 7am and 9pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm on Saturday.

The lighting within the staff car park abutting the B4090 Alcester Heath Road will not be operated outside the hours of 7am and 11pm Monday to Friday and 07:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays.

The Chair outlined the criteria that ATC had previously used in objection as follows:

- Lighting- Addressed by current amendments which are acceptable to SDC's Environmental Protection Officer
- Noise levels- ATC subsequently supported recommendations made in the SDC September 2018 Environmental Protection Officer's report
- Flooding- WCC have no objection
- Traffic Management Plan- Now submitted and WCC have no objection
- Landscaping- Issue still outstanding

The Planning Committee felt that they were in a difficult position. Some issues have been addressed and it would be unwise to go against SDC officer's recommendations. ATC whilst feeling 'boxed in' (concerns remain about a lack of trust and planning creep) would also lose credibility. In conclusion, following much discussion, it was agreed to submit a response of **NO OBJECTION but make representation on the enforcement of the following conditions prior to the start of the proposed increased working hours:**

- External physical indicator to show the height of the racking stack
- All lighting to be timer controlled
- Landscaping/ screening in place
- Traffic Management Plan
- Noise lock- only one door open at any one time and none after 9pm
- Monitoring of noise levels at the boundary to comply with Environmental Protection Officer's recommendations

The Planning Committee registered a request to speak at the SDC Planning Committee on 30 January 2019.

Professor Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess, Chair Planning Committee

Help for Alcester people in need of advice

Citizens Advice South Warwickshire will be restarting advice sessions in Alcester- offering their expert and confidential help to those in need.

An outreach advisor will be available to meet people on the first and third Thursdays of the month at Globe House. Appointments will need to be booked through the Citizens Advice office in Stratford upon Avon. Citizens Advice South Warwickshire, a local charity, has been able to continue the sessions for a year from March 2019 thanks to funds from a host of community groups in the Alcester area. Alcester Town Council, Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council are all behind the relaunch, working together to bring the advice service back to the people of Alcester.

Nina Knapman, Trustee at CASW said:

“Our outreach services are so important because we can’t always assume that people can travel to our offices in Stratford or find all the solutions they need with our website information. Face-to-face contact can help people who are getting overwhelmed by problems of debt, benefits claims or housing issues. We are grateful for the funding from so many groups so that our outreach work can get to those in need”.

Mark Cargill, County Councillor for Alcester said:

“The cessation of Citizens Advice South Warwickshire outreach for the residents of Alcester was a major concern to me. I am delighted that, with local community support and in partnership with the Town, District and County Councils, an arrangement has been made allowing us to restart this vital service. I hope that CASW outreach will now remain in Alcester, continuing their support for our residents”.

If you would like an appointment, please call **01789 200136** to arrange a time and date.



Dear Householder

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE AT RISK WITHOUT A WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR

As part of the Fire Service strategy to death and injury due to fire in the home, we are carrying out Fire Safety, Safe and Well visits in the local communities of Warwickshire.

If you have or have not received a Fire Safety, Safe and Well visit in the past 2 years, we can visit your property and give you if required up to date FREE Fire Safety and Wellbeing advice.

Our Fire Safety, Safe and Well visits include valuable Fire safety information to help keep you and your family safe. If you have smoke alarms, we will check they are working and sited correctly. If not we will fit smoke detectors where required **FREE OF CHARGE**.

We will then arrange a suitable time to visit you. And remember: **ALL OFFICERS WILL ATTEND IN UNIFORM, IN A FIRE APPLIANCE AND ALWAYS CARRY ID. PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK TO SEE THIS ID!**

We have already fitted free smoke detectors and given advice to many people in the area. If you would like a free Fire Safety, Safe and Well Visit,

To take advantage of this free service please call

01926 466282 or visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Alcester Defibrillator Finder

Quick access to Defibrillators saves lives...

24 hour Defibrillators at:

- Alcester Academy, Gerard Road
- Alcester Grammar School, Birmingham Road
- St Benedicts School, Kinwarton Road
- Unionist Club, High St
- Jubilee Centre, off St Faith's Road
- Minerva Mill, Station Road
- Alcester Football Club, Stratford Road
- Alcester Rugby Club, Birmingham Road
- Alcester Health Centre, Fields Park Drive

Internal Defibrillators (not available 24 hours):

- St Nicholas School, St Faith's Road
- Our Ladies School, St Faith's Road
- The Greig Sports Hall, Gunnings Road
- Unique Smiles, Priory Road



Alcester is a Heart Safe Town- please share this information, quick access to Defibrillators saves lives for more information contact Cllr Alison Brown 07763 492821

Free Sandbags for Residents

In the event of flooding in the town, sandbags are available from Alcester Town Council offices in Globe House and can be filled with sand from bins located at the Recreation Ground, Stratford Road and at the entrance to the allotments on School Road.

Council Elections May 2019

Have you ever thought about being a Councillor? A Councillor is someone who is elected by local people to represent the residents of an area. This can be at parish or district level. When elected, the term of office is four years unless there is a by-election mid-term, when a Councillor will serve for the remaining period of the term of office.

If you are thinking of standing for election, you may wish to have a look at the [Be a Councillor](#) pages on the Stratford on Avon District Council website and where you can download relevant information booklets which give an indication of what the roles entail. Alternatively you can call 01789 260210 for copies to be sent to you. The Government Equalities Office may be able to help people with a disability with financial support in order to stand for election. For more information please see the [guidance on gov.uk](#).

How to prepare for bad weather

Know your free emergency numbers - In a power cut call 105 or, for a gas emergency, dial 0800 111999.

Prepare your home – keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Vulnerable households can also get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register.

Keep your eyes open – keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours.

HEALTH & WELLBEING



Coventry and Warwickshire's emotional well-being and mental health services for children and young people



**Are you the parent or carer of a
Warwickshire child?**

**Would you like to join us for a coffee and learn about common emotional
wellbeing concerns in childhood?**

Would you like to find out what you can do to help your child?

Alcester Town Council are working with RISE (Previously CAMHS) to offer coffee mornings at The Depot in Alcester to discuss particular topics about common emotional wellbeing concerns in childhood. The RISE team of specialist mental health professionals are facilitating **FREE** coffee and information sessions. Sessions will include a presentation of a topic, with refreshments available before and after and a chance to meet other parents.



**17 June 2019 from 9:30am – 11:00am -
Understanding & Supporting Children and
Young People for Self-Harm.** (aged 12-18
years) What is self-harm, and how can we help
our young people?

One to one Consultations with a mental health
clinician are also available if you would like to
have the opportunity to speak in confidence to a
member of our Specialist Mental Health
Professionals Team.

All coffee mornings and consultations are aimed at early intervention and prevention and may not be useful for those already involved with RISE Mental Health Services. These sessions are not suitable for parents of children with moderate to severe learning difficulties.

To book your place on any of the sessions,

email: risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk or call mobile 07917 504682.

(Please book an appointment, you may be turned away without an appointment due to group capacity). **All sessions held at The Depot, Jubilee Centre, Off St Faith's Road, Alcester B49 6AG**

BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM

Fancy a trip out for the day?

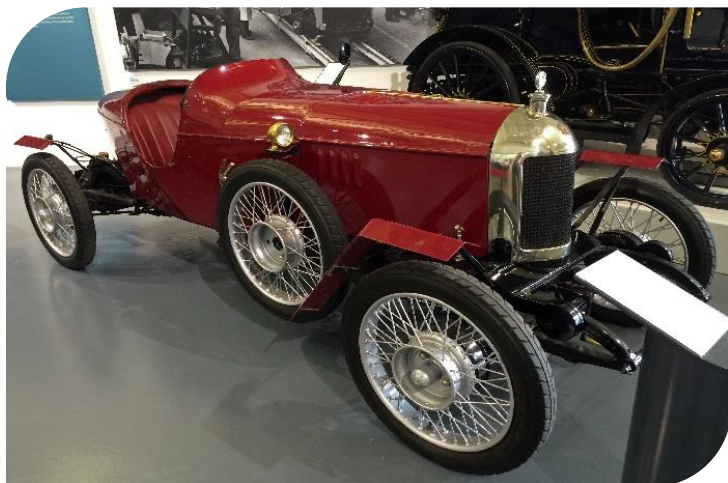
**Come along to The British Motor Museum!
Transport is FREE!**

When: Wed 3rd April

Time: 10:30am pick up – tour at 11:30 -12:30 returning from The British Motor Museum at 3pm



Cost: £12.50 per adult £9.00 per child



Trip organised by Alcester Town Council. To book a place contact Wendy Sherwood by Monday 25 March on 01789 766084 or email: info@alcester-tc.gov.uk

Did you know you can report Unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller Encampments online?

There is a consistent, county wide approach to managing Unauthorised Encampments within Warwickshire. This approach aims to ensure that the local communities and the travelling communities are treated fairly.

An unauthorised encampment is a site where Gypsy and Traveller, camp on land they do not own and do not have permission to use.

ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

Alcester Male Voice Choir 45th Anniversary Concert -
Tickets now on sale



To celebrate their 45th anniversary the Alcester Male Voice Choir will be holding a very special concert in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm and tickets are now available .

The concert theme is " Music for everyone" and this is reflected in the programme put together by Choir Founder and Director of Music Judith Land BEM. Songs will include This is the Moment, Land of Music, Aint Misbehavin, Zum Sanctus, I'm Goin Up Yonder, Rachie, Tell My Father, World in Union, Hey Jude, Fly me to the Moon, Beyond the Blue Horizon, Benedictus and many others. The choir will be supported on stage by Elliott Rooney

accompanist, Christopher Allsop on the organ, Sara de Visser- soprano, Epsie Thompson- flute and Lizzie Parkes on the guitar.

Tickets are priced at £20 each for the front Nave and £18 each for the rear Nave. Coach transport is also available from Alcester, Redditch and Henley in Arden at just £8.50 return per person. To purchase concert and coach tickets call the AMVC Box Office on 07752 563068 or 07886 139781

Alcester's Roman Museum

A dedicated group of volunteers has run Alcester's Roman Museum since it opened in 2004. Running the museum requires many diverse skills, from meeting and greeting our visitors and keeping the place tidy right through to managing, marketing, running school visits and fund raising. If you have any skills that we could use to help look after the museum, please get in touch to have a chat.

Come along, have a look around the museum, pick up a leaflet and speak to our existing volunteers. Have a look at our website www.romanalcester.org or our Facebook page @RomanAlcester, then contact myself or another Trustee to find out more. Barbara Swinn organises our volunteer rotas and she and



Margaret Sheldon organise the school visits.

We are always on the lookout for people to join our teams. You really do not need to be a Roman specialist to help us! Any training and knowledge is easily accessible and we will help. It is an enjoyable way of being involved in an active community and meeting new people.

The museum has an active friends group called the Centurions, run by Fiona Flear, which organises visits and talks for the members. New members are always welcome.

The museum also is open to organisations who want to visit and hear more about the Roman history of Alcester.

Contact: Susan Juned (Chair) 01789 762751 Email: susan.juned@gmail.com

Susan Juned, Chair, Alcester Heritage Trust



Newport's School Foundation

Are you between 16 and 25 years old and looking for funding to help with your further or higher education?

Newport's School Foundation exists to assist children from Alcester and the surrounding districts who went to, or are in, any of the secondary schools in Alcester who might need financial support. We can help in various ways with costs of Apprenticeships, College, or University for books, tools, computers, bus passes etc. At present our website is under development, but if you want to make a request, or have your questions answered please contact the Clerk at c.e.n.sturgess@bham.ac.uk

ALCESTER MINSTER CHURCHES

2019 EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday (remembering the Last Supper)

7.00 pm **Communion Supper at Sambourne**
8.00 pm **Sung Eucharist (with optional feet washing)**
 at Alcester

Good Friday (remembering Jesus' death)

9.30 am **Family Service at Alcester**
10.30 am **Walk of Witness leaving from outside**
 Alcester Baptist Church
2.00 pm **Meditation at Haselor**
7.00 pm **Meditation at Weethley**

Easter Saturday (preparing for Easter Day)

3.00 pm **Alcester Churches Together at the Daffodil Cross**
8.00 pm **Easter Eve Vigil and Sung Eucharist at Alcester**

Easter Sunday (celebrating Jesus' resurrection)

9.00 am **Communion Services at Alcester, Coughton,**
 Haselor, Kinwarton and Weethley
11.00 am **Communion Services at Alcester, Arrow and**
 Great Alne

Easter Garden

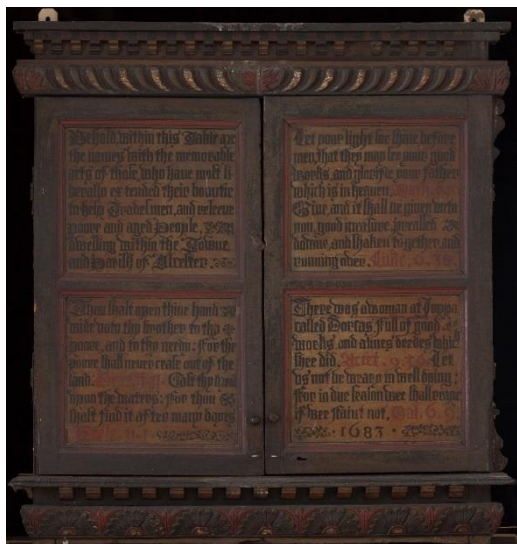
in St Nicholas Church Alcester
open to visitors from Maundy Thursday



EASTER:
Reconciliation
& **HOPE**

For further info:
alcesterminster.org

Alcester's Unique Painted 17th Century Benefactions Board



Housed within St Nicholas Parish Church is an artefact of national importance which was probably made and painted locally some 400 years ago specially for the town. On the two sheets of parchment enclosed within it are listed many acts of charity for the benefit of the town from 1562 to 1904. These include Fulke Greville giving 300 pounds for building the Town Hall in 1618, Walter Newport giving 400 pounds in 1600 to establish the free school which became the Grammar School and William Smallwood giving 4000 pounds in 1892 to build the Alms Houses on Birmingham Road.

The Board is normally hung on the North wall of the church but



has had to be removed while renovations to the stonework are carried out. This presented an ideal opportunity for some long-overdue cleaning, analysis and conservation of this important piece. Paint analysis and examination by a timber furniture conservator will provide a greater understanding of this unique Board.

£15000 is needed to fund the work of the various specialists involved and to improve security and lighting of the Board.

If you would like to know more about this Benefactions Board or wish to contribute towards the costs please contact David Moulson at dmoulson@hotmail.com or on 01789 764092.



Alcester Methodist Church are holding a special service to celebrate the church anniversary on 10th March 2019. The church are looking for anyone who may have got married at the Methodist Chapel or baptised or even remember going to Sunday School here. They would love to hear people's stories of the church. They are also collecting memories and memorabilia of anything associated with the church. This will culminate with a service on 10th March led by an Alcester boy now Local Preacher, James Knott and a shared lunch to follow. Please contact Sally on 07884191101.

Is superfast broadband near you?

1. Check whether fibre broadband is available to you by entering your landline number or address into the [BT Broadband Availability Checker](#).

If fibre is available, either 'VDSL Range A & B' or 'WBC FTTP' will be listed in the 'Featured Products' column on the left hand side of the results table along with the maximum and minimum speeds you are likely to achieve.

Our [How to use the BT Broadband Availability Checker](#) web page includes clear and concise information on how to make sense of the Availability Checker results.

2. Remember, that **if fibre is available, you will need to order a fibre broadband package. You will not receive the upgraded service automatically.** To find an Internet Service Provider and a fibre broadband package that suits your needs, you can use a broadband comparison site such as:

MoneySavingExpert.com

Broadbandchoices

Broadband Genie

Cable.co.uk





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ALCESTER

Seven ways to spot a scam

It can be difficult to spot a scam. Fraudsters are extremely cunning and good at creating convincing scams. Ask yourself the following simple questions. If you say yes to any of the following, there is a good chance it's a scam.

1 Contacted out of the Blue? An unsolicited call can be a sign of being contacted by a company you don't want to deal with. If you're called by a company, make sure you do all you can to verify the identity of the caller. Ask them to give you details that only the company will know. For instance, your service contract details, payment details or bank account details. If you're not 100% convinced of the identity of the caller, hang up and contact the company directly from a different phone. There are some instances, though, where it's best if you're the person to instigate the first contact. For instance, if you're looking to make an investment or if you're looking for a new bank account or credit card, you should always be the first one to make contact.

2 Is the deal too good to be true? Scams will often promise high returns for very little financial commitment. They may even say that a deal is too good to miss. Use your common sense, if a deal is too good to be true, it inevitably is.

3 Asked to share personal details? Never share your personal details with anyone you can't validate is who they say they are. Phishing emails or phone scammers will often try and get valuable personal data from you, and they can use this to steal your identity or steal your money.

4 Pressurised to respond quickly. Never proceed unless you are absolutely certain your money will be safe. Once you transfer, it may be too late. Scammers will often try to hurry your decision making, always take a breath and think things through. Salesmen in particular should always give you time and space to make an informed decision, anyone who tries to rush you is not to be trusted.

5 Are the contact details vague? Vague contact details can be a PO box, premium rate number (starting '09') or mobile number. If anything goes wrong it's important you can contact those involved. This will be difficult if you don't have accurate contact information. Premium rate numbers are also a favoured trick for squeezing every penny they can out of you.

6 Spelling or grammatical mistakes? Legitimate organisations will rarely, if ever, make glaring spelling or grammatical mistakes, and if so they will usually be an isolated incident.

7 Are you asked to keep it quiet? Being asked to keep something quiet should be a red flag. It's important you can discuss any agreements with your friends, family or independent advisors. Often asking you to stay silent is used to keep you away from the advice and support you need in making a decision.

The next meeting of NHW Alcester will be held on Wednesday 5 June 2019 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** Robert.shaw@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PC 1672 Robert Davies (Beat Manager) robert.davies@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6320 Hayley Wright hayley.wright@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6327 Carolyn Davis carolyn.davis1@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

Alcester Office - 01789 444816

Always report an active crime on 999. Non-emergency calls can be made on 101.

- Twitter - @AlcesterCops
- Facebook - Alcester Police
- Instagram – southwarwickshiresnts
- Facebook – Warwickshire Police

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.

Alcester Festival & Events - Calendar 2018/19

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!

2 Mar	Rotary Big Breakfast	13 April	Alcester Singers Easter Concert
5 Mar	Pancake Races	20 April	Town Criers Competition
9 Mar	Afternoon Tea Charity Fashion Show	11 May	Court Leet Assizes
15 Mar	AMTC Murder Mystery	16 May	Court Leet Ale Tasting
29 Mar	Court Leet "A Taste of Warwickshire"	18 May	Alcester Food Festival
2 April	Annual Parish Meeting	27 May	Church Restoration- See your Teddy Fly
4 April	Church Restoration Lunchtime Concert	1-2 Jun	Alcester Town Football Tournament

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

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