

Alcester Town Council
Annual Report from the Community Care Committee 2018-19

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. Cllr Kirsten Forbes joined the committee in February 2019. The Committee was clerked by Jenny Theobald.

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

Responsibility: The Community Care committee is responsible for Older Peoples' Services, Young Peoples' Services, Community Safety and Community Transport. It also oversees projects initiated under the ATC's Health and Wellbeing agenda.

Main activities of the year:

- Monthly progress meetings initiated with the Health and Wellbeing Coordinator to increase committee awareness and support of Health and Wellbeing projects
- Bee Online computer group established to assist older residents with IT issues
- Christmas Day lunch held for a second year for isolated residents
- New speed watch sites approved and Speed Watch sessions continuing to be held around the town
- Community outings arranged for older residents, including a cinema visit and a trip to the Motor Museum at Gaydon
- Defibrillator training events held for businesses in the town
- Formal monitoring of the Town's defibrillators put in place
- Health and Wellbeing Fair held at the Jubilee Centre to coincide with the Stratford Engage Festival for over 55s
- Support and promotion provided to the Alcester Drama Group for their annual production and their showcase performance at Rotary International
- Youth Council is meeting regularly, have received presentations on Young People's Mental Health and the work of the Town Council, and have started a Cinema Club
- Stratford RISE have held outreach sessions at the Depot to support parents and carers of young people in the town
- Community Allotment launched, with money raised for equipment, raised beds, shed and a polytunnel
- Carers Support event held at Globe House
- Citizens Advice outreach service restored in Alcester, with thanks to Nina Knapman and Warwickshire County Council
- Accredited Mental Health First Aid training arranged for and attended by young people from all three secondary schools in Alcester, with a follow-up research project planned
- Successful bid for £9000 from Public Health to fund the above project and to carry out repeat training courses in Henley and Studley
- Pilot sessions run by CAMHS for young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder facilitated and hosted at Globe House
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (an NHS review of health needs for our area) completed and a local launch arranged for May 2019
- Award of Community Grants to 16 local organisations and societies

Cllr Kathryn Cargill
April 2019