

Alcester Town Council



Winter Newsletter

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It is hard to know where the last three months have gone! Life in Alcester is gradually returning to something like normal, and that brings back many of our favourite events that mark the year's passing. In September I was able to hold my Civic Service at St Nicholas and I was delighted to welcome many Mayors and Chairs from neighbouring parishes and counties to Alcester. The mop was also able to return, as was the Alcester 10k run and the Rotary Big Breakfast. In September, Alcester British Legion held a 100 years rededication ceremony for the town's war memorial, now resplendent after a long-planned clean (see photo- left).



I have been able to attend a number of charity events hosted by other civic heads. The Proms in the Park at Leamington was held by Leamington British Legion. Sitting in the park on a sunny afternoon listening to the band, the difficulties of the preceding months began to fade away. I also particularly enjoyed a guided historical tour of St. Mary's Collegiate Church in Warwick, at the invitation of the Mayor of Warwick. This landmark church has a long and splendid history. There is also an interesting connection with Alcester. We of course have Sir Fulke Greville's tomb here in St Nicholas church. At St. Mary's there is a Greville family crypt housing all his illustrious descendants.

In October we welcomed the High Sheriff to Alcester, for a 'pit stop' on her five-day charity bike ride around Warwickshire to highlight local businesses and voluntary organisations (see photo below). We were

able to offer her refreshments and a sunny afternoon. I gather that she was far less fortunate on the remaining days of her tour! Also in October, Cllr Gill Forman and I were invited to give a presentation to Alcester Mothers' Union on the work of the Town Council and the role of the Mayor. We found there was so much to talk about that we actually overran our allotted time! Our talk was very well received, with many people surprised at the scope and variety of our work and projects.

You will hopefully have seen that the scaffolding has come down at the Greig Hall, as work on the roof nears completion. The next jobs are mainly inside, with the installation of insulation and replacement electrics. Various fundraising events are happening, and you will probably have seen the amazing news that the Friends of the Greig have now raised a staggering £100,000! We are also planning the first event at the hall itself in many years, although much of it will, for obvious reasons, be happening outside. On Saturday 4 December there will be a Welcome Back Alcester Christmas Fayre at the Hall, with live music, hot food, Santa's Grotto and Christmas gift stalls. It will be on for much of the day, so do please come along if you can and join in the fun.



All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and to look ahead with hope for 2022.

Cllr Kathryn Cargill, Mayor of Alcester

CLERKS CORNER

Alcester Town Council is a member of the Stratford District CCTV Partnership Forum which manages the CCTV cameras in public areas of the town. The Town Council contributes £5000 a year towards the CCTV coverage of Alcester. The monitoring of all cameras, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is carried out from one location- the Stratford-on-Avon District Council CCTV Control Room.

All of the cameras and the control room have recently been upgraded guaranteeing high quality pictures that are admissible in court as evidence. All staff work a rotating shift pattern ensuring optimum cover at peak times. CCTV staff have a direct radio link with the Warwickshire Police force control room and officers on the ground.

Footage of incidents is routinely made available to the police for use in the investigation of reported crimes, missing persons or suspect activity and is used to assist in the prosecution of offenders in the courts. Recent successes in Alcester include one incident where CCTV operators managed to locate a person with dementia who had gone missing. This person was quickly found and returned to their carers. On another occasion a male believed to be wanted and who was missing was located using the CCTV cameras.

Vanessa Lowe, Town Clerk



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ALCESTER WELCOMES NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR



Cllr Wendy Mills was co-opted in October 2021 as a town councillor for Alcester Oversley ward.

Wendy is Alcester born and bred, having attended Alcester schools and lived here for many years so the town is dear to her heart. She is married to John, who was Alcester Court Leet High Bailiff in 2013, and they have a daughter and two grandsons.

Wendy has seen Alcester grow over the years but it remains a wonderful town with a rich heritage, thriving shops and businesses, lovely green spaces and community spirit. Wendy is a member of several clubs and organisations and is currently a committee member of Alcester and District

Local History Society.

As a Councillor she will try to ensure that Alcester retains its special character. This sentiment was behind the creation of the town's Neighbourhood Development Plan. Wendy was the Chair of the Steering Committee and worked with a team of councillors and residents through many stages to its successful adoption by Stratford District Council in July 2021. This means that decisions on future planning applications will have to take into account policies which local people feel are important.

Nothing stays the same. There will be changes and the town will evolve but Wendy believes this should be sympathetically managed. In her career she has over 20 years' experience of managing change, which included planning, working on and auditing a variety of projects, large and small.

Have you heard about StreetSafe? This is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell the Police about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe. This could be because of environmental issues such as street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours- perhaps being followed or verbally abused. For more info see <https://bit.ly/3DIF6gQ> or www.police.uk/StreetSafe

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

I think I say this every time, but it has been a very busy period. The main business of the council is the merger with Warwick District Council and the climate change agenda.

The merger is designed to save money due to the parlous state of the finances of both councils. The consultation has now ended and the headline results are expected shortly. Without the merger and additional funding from Government, we will have consumed our reserves within 4 years. We are proud of the services we offer and the value for money that our residents get. We want to retain that. However there are many schemes competing for limited funds. Climate change is one and it is essential that the ambitious paper that went through cabinet on 1 November is appropriately funded.

You may have seen the consultation on boundary changes proposed by the Boundary Commission. This independent review occurs every few years and takes into account the changes in population. If you want a say on how the boundaries are proposed then please go to <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/council-democracy/the-local-government-boundary-review.cfm>

If you have any issues please contact me on mark.cargill@stratford-dc.gov.uk

Cllr Mark Cargill, Alcester & Rural Ward



NEWPORT'S
School Foundation

NEWPORT'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Newport's School Foundation was founded in 1582 to assist poor children of Alcester to obtain an education.

Currently the Foundation offers financial assistance to pupils, or former pupils, of the three secondary schools in Alcester between the ages of 16-25 to further their education. For further info about what they do, eligibility and how to apply have a

look at the [website](http://www.newportsschoolfoundation.org.uk/) www.newportsschoolfoundation.org.uk/

Professor Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Clerk, Newport's Schools Foundation



PRESENT a CONCERT of CHRISTMAS

CHORAL MUSIC and TRADITIONAL CAROLS

On Saturday 4th December 2021 at 4.00pm

in St Nicholas Church, Alcester.

The afternoon will feature "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten and Traditional Carols.

Tickets £10. Under 14s free.

Buy tickets from Humphries Shoes, High Street, Alcester or
at the door on the afternoon of the concert or
by telephone on 01789 764 023.



SANTA RETURNS TO OVERSLEY!

After the surprise appearance of Santa in his grotto last year in **Oversley Green**, we have heard a whisper he's returning to **Elm Drive** on **Monday 20** and **Tuesday 21 December** from **4.30-7.30pm**

This year, Santa's little helpers will be serving hot chocolate (Covid restrictions allowing) and there will be an opportunity to have a gift from Santa (at a small charge).

Follow the '**Snow White Trail**' around Oversley with a series of pictures and clues to lead you to the grotto.

Follow the trail from **Saturday 11 December** starting at **Oversley Bridge**.

All proceeds towards The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.





The Alcester Town Council **GONE FISHIN'** course ended with some big catches at Broad Acres Farm in Hanbury. Would be anglers received tuition in basic fishing skills from experienced coaches, with funding from the Angling Trust and Sport England. Fishing can be a hobby, a sport, something to enjoy or love, an opportunity to switch off or relax and is a brilliant way to spend time with family and friends.



RIVERSIDE ANGLING CLUB, RIVER ARROW

The Alcester membership is now at a total of 34. After the recent heavy rains the river is back to normal and plenty of chub, dace and the occasional barbel are being caught. Local Alcester resident, Tim Keam had this fine catch of chub recently off the Alcester town stretch. Any photos of fish caught from the Riverside Alcester town stretch please contact me and the best one could be included in the next edition of the ATC newsletter. Best of luck!

R A Jones, Hon. Secretary, Riverside Angling Club Tel: 07745358603



ALCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR- LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



“Joining the Alcester Male Voice Choir is one of the best decisions I made”. This comment is heard time and time again from new members who in many cases felt nervous or unsure about joining a choir and taking their place in such a well established group.

Judith Land BEM the choir’s founder and Director of Music understands those reservations but explains “We are a modern Male Voice Choir, and we really do welcome new members. Most new

members settle very quickly, usually after just one or two visits. There are no stressful and embarrassing auditions and you do not have to be able to read music. Help and guidance is available every step of the way, you will make new friends and have a lot of fun. You will also have some unforgettable, exciting and rewarding experiences and probably be healthier through singing. All we ask is that you enjoy singing and commit to attending rehearsals on a weekly basis. New members only take part in concerts when they feel they are ready, no matter how long that may take with no pressure to do so.”

The choir rehearses at the Eric Payne Community Centre off St Faith’s Road Alcester on Wednesday evenings and has over the years raised thousands of pounds for charities and good causes through regular concerts within the Warwickshire area and beyond.

Gentleman interested in joining the choir should contact Judith on 07886 139781 or email judithamvc@hotmail.com

Advanced notice - Our annual concert will be held at Pershore Abbey on Saturday 2 April 2022. More details available in the new year.



The Alcester Heritage Trust runs the **ROMAN MUSEUM** and has been successful in winning a small Covid recovery grant from the West Midlands Museum Development Programme. The grant will help the museum revitalise its schools, summer activities and education programme.

The Museum Trust is completely run by a dedicated group of volunteers. School visits have always been a major source of the museum's funding, but the Covid pandemic resulted in the museum closing, with no school visits for a year. A programme of recovery is planned for 2022 with more children’s craft sessions and a Roman Festival as an ambition for next year.

Susan Juned, Chair, Alcester Heritage Trust



MARATHON KIDS UK

Our Parks event, held every Saturday at 9.30 am at Jubilee Fields, continues to draw both mini-runners and parents. Whatever the weather, our Community Ambassadors will be on hand to provide an extremely fun and free running session that will allow you to gradually reach the Marathon milestone. If you want to instill in your children a lifelong love of physical activity, bring them to Jubilee Fields and show them how much fun health can be.

Our Teens for Teens programme, which is currently in its second phase of piloting at Alcester Academy, will also be launching soon. The year 10 participants will assist us in teaching year 7's the value of physical activity and how its effects correlate with mental health. We are very interested to see how it is received, and we hope that this new method of activating children will be enjoyable for all.

In addition, MKUK's partner Raceways hosted the Alcester 10K on Sunday 10 October for the sixth year. There was a fantastic turnout, and we want to thank everyone who came, as well as our amazing volunteers and sponsors.

Starting on the High Street, it was once again a fantastic way to take in some of the countryside's most picturesque views. Participants received a t-shirt, a medal, and post-race snacks.

Raceways Events, as usual, held a free to enter 1km Kids Fun Run that began and ended alongside the adult finish line. Everyone who participated received a medal, and it was great to see families having a good time together. To get involved with Marathon Kids UK go to our website www.marathonkids.co.uk

ALCESTER YOUTH PROJECT



In 2018, the members of Alcester Youth Project successfully took on the challenge of raising funds to match a grant from the District Council to replace and refurbish the equipment at the Hopkins Precinct Play area.

The team surveyed parents, met with contactors and district council staff. Through and after the Covid-19 lockdowns, they researched, sourced, drafted and submitted numerous grant applications to raise £21,000.

The play area opened on 15 October in time for half term. A few pieces of equipment are not yet completed as they are waiting for parts held up by UK customs and other supply chain hitches. Once these are sorted, the contractors will be back on site.

The district council also provided new tables and benches.

A big thank you to the Alcester Youth Project team and the district council staff for all their hard work.

Susan Juned, Chair, Alcester Youth Project

THE GREIG HALL

Work is progressing on the refurbishment with the portico repairs complete and the roof almost done. Following that we will be looking at the electrics and heating systems.

The intention is to start the refurbishment inside when safe

to do so and that's when we will need willing volunteers to help clean and paint. Thank you to all who have volunteered so far. It is really inspiring.

We are hosting the 'Welcome Back Alcester' event in the Greig Hall this year as a thank you to the residents of Alcester, post pandemic. There will be a Christmas Fayre in the hall, Santa's grotto, face painting, hot food and drink, live entertainment and more! It will be a day for all the family. We hope to see you on Saturday 4 December. The official opening is at 12 noon but the Fayre is open from 11am. It is also an opportunity to have a look around and see how much work there is still to do.

You may have seen our 'guests' around the hall over the past few weeks. The BBC have been filming episodes from Shakespeare & Hathaway in and around the area. They even filmed one scene inside the hall. They have rented our car park as a hub for the actors and support crew. The contribution to our funds is most welcome.

Needless to say we will continue fundraising and exploring grant opportunities to enable us to complete the restoration. When we are as complete as possible we will transfer the hall to a Community Interest Organisation - a charity - to run it. Hopefully we will be in a position to open the hall in the spring of next year. I look forward to seeing you on the 4 December.

Cllr Mark Cargill, Chair, Greig Working Group

2021 ALLOTMENT COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations to all of the people that have a town council allotment! This year it was extremely difficult to judge because of the exceptionally high standard of allotments across all four sites.

The judging this year took place on 7th August, and was conducted by the Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Cargill, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tim Forman and the chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor Mike Bowe.

All four allotment sites, Bleachfield Street North, Bleachfield Street South, School Road and Allimore Lane were assessed and individual allotment winners are as follows:

Bleachfield Street North: Mrs J Bowen, Plot 6

Bleachfield Street South: Mr J Jones, Plot 124

School Road: Mr R Taylor, Plot 18

Allimore Lane: Mr M Harrington, Plot 212

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the Reg Grummet trophy for overall winner of the best allotment in

2021 is Mr M Harrington, Plot 212 Allimore Lane.

Congratulations on an excellent allotment!

Owning an allotment is a great way of keeping fit and healthy and can be a great way to get the whole family involved in a hobby, if you are interested in taking on an allotment of your own, please contact the Town Council at Globe House or ring 01789 766084.

BUSINESS AND TOURISM WORKING GROUP



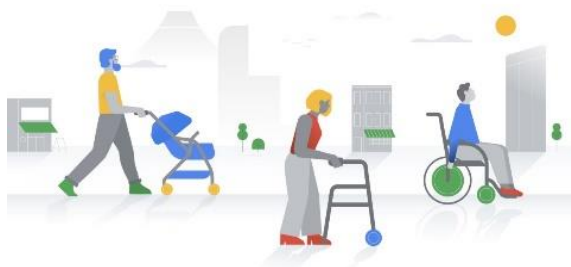
Alcester Town Council are delighted to announce that **Window Wanderland** will take place in 2022 for the third year running. Last year we had 28 excellent entries and the competition was won by Sean and Sally Macreavy with their 'Underwater' entry.

This time, the event will run from 15 to 22 January 2022. Judging will take place on the evening of 22 January 2022 conducted by the Mayor and Consort who will award a prize to their choice of best window. Entries can be made via the website www.windowwanderland.com/event/alcester-2022/. If you don't want to be a 'Window Maker' you can just download the map from the website and be a 'Window Wanderer' and enjoy an evening stroll admiring the entries.

High Street accessibility.

Following an enquiry from a member of the public, Alcester Town Council conducted a survey of the High Street regarding entrance accessibility. Thank you to Mike and Tina Clark for assisting with the survey.

The results are now being analysed and the Council is working on a project to support businesses to provide better access for customers with disabilities. We are also hoping to make information available to visitors to the town on the provision of facilities for access for those with disabilities.



Christmas Late Night Opening

Alcester Town Council are promoting two late night opening evenings in the run up to Christmas. These will be Thursday 9 and Thursday 16 December. We hope as many businesses as possible take advantage of this opportunity.

Cllr Vaughan Blake, Chair, Business and Tourism Group



Christmas Carols on the Green

**Saturday 18 December at 10.00am outside St Nicholas,
organised by Alcester Churches Together [ACT]**



Join us to sing some well-known carols to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour

Christmas Services in Alcester



Alcester Baptist Church Tel: 01789 766376 am.alcesterbaptist@gmail.com

Sunday 5 December	10.30am	Toy Service
Sunday 19 December	10.30am	Family Nativity Service
Friday 24 December	3.30pm	Christingles, Carols and Candles
Saturday 25 December	9.30am	Christmas Day Celebration with Communion
Sunday 26 December	10.30am	Boxing Day Family Service



Alcester Methodist Church churchcommunityandoutreach@gmail.com

Sunday 12 December	10.30am	Christmas Breakfast Service
Sunday 19 December	10.30am	Carol Service
Tuesday 21 December	10.30am	Open Morning Special
Saturday 25 December	10.30am	Christmas Day Service



Alcester St Nicholas Church

Sunday 19 December	6.30pm	Town Carol Service
Friday 24 December	5.00pm	Crib Service
Friday 24 December	11.00pm	Sung Holy Eucharist
Saturday 25 December	11.00am	Christmas Family Communion
Sunday 26 December	10.00am	Minster Celebration Communion

Tel: 01789 509278(morning) or Email: administrator@alcesterminster.org
for information about Arrow, Coughton, Great Alne, Haselor, Kinwarton, Sambourne or Weethley.



Our Lady & St Joseph's R C Church catholicchurchalcester.org.uk

Friday 24 December	5.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
Friday 24 December	8.00pm	Christmas Mass during the Night
Saturday 25 December	10.00am	Mass of Christmas Day
Sunday 26 December	10.30am	Mass

Will you be alone this Christmas Day?

Just moved to the area and want
to meet new friends?

If so, join us for the

Alcester Community Christmas Day Dinner

11am - 4pm at the Eric Payne
Community Centre, St Faith's Road,
Alcester B49 6AG

Call us or email for your invitation:

Tel 07414 851644

Email: alcester-ccd@hotmail.com

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Can you spare an hour or two on Christmas Day, or
a few hours before the big day? Call or email:

07414 851644 alcester-ccd@hotmail.com



ALCESTER WAR MEMORIAL TOWN HALL- ALL CHANGE!

The AGM of the War Memorial Town Hall Trust took place on 3 November 2021. It was a well-attended meeting. The object of the Charity is the provision and maintenance of the historic Grade 1 hall in memory of those who gave up their lives in the First World War, for the use of inhabitants of the Town of Alcester. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and day-to-day management. A dedicated group of people, many of whom are not trustees, carry out all the routine maintenance tasks and bookings. All have a pride in this ancient hall, which, ultimately belongs to the residents of Alcester. The last eighteen months and Covid-19 meant the hall could not open in the normal way but, thankfully, the finances are still in good shape. The historic hall would not be the beautiful historic hall it is today without active support from the town. The trustees would welcome residents able to offer skills to help the hall in the future.

After being the Chair for the last four years, Susan Juned stood down. In thanking everyone for their support, she wished all the trustees well in working to ensure the preservation and maintenance of this town hall, on behalf of the community, and wished

them great success for the future. After an election, the current trustees were re-elected and Cllr Gill Forman took over as the new Chair.



ALCESTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB- DAVID TAYLOR MEMORIAL MATCH

Saturday 30 October marked the first anniversary of the loss of our beloved Chairman, Dave Taylor, who passed away on the 22 October 2020 after contracting coronavirus.

Dave had been involved with the advancement of both junior and senior football in Alcester for the past twenty years. Alcester Town FC has grown from having just one junior U14 side in the 1990s to have having 22 sides today (19 youth sides and 3 adult sides).

Dave was on the committee that opened the new 12 acre Stratford Road Ground in Alcester in 2008 and oversaw the refurbishment of the old golf driving range into the great facility we have today. He was also involved in Alcester Town FC becoming a prestigious FA Charter Standard Community Club in 2009.

Dave became the Chairman of Alcester Town FC in 2013 and worked tirelessly for the club up until his death last year. During his tenure, he saw the first team rise from Division Three of the Stratford Alliance to Division Two of the Midland Football League. In 2020, in honour of his hard work, Dave was awarded the 'Outstanding Contribution to Sport' – the most prestigious award in the Stratford-on-Avon District Community Sports Awards. He was presented with a trophy by the athlete, Iwan Thomas MBE.

Recently, a memorial bench was unveiled in the spot where Dave sat every Saturday watching the junior and adult teams playing. His partner Anne, daughter Charlotte and mother Carole were all in attendance and the players gave a minute's applause for Dave before kick-off.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Awarded 2021/22

ORGANISATION	GRANT AWARDED £
1. Alcester in Bloom	1500
2. Alcester Town Football Club	800
3. Malt Mill Residents Association	500
4. Oversley Green Residents Association	250
5. Alcester & Avon District Girl Guiding	800
6. Run Alcester	500
7. Alcester Minster	650
8. Alcester Rugby Club	800
9. Alcester Bowling Club	500
10. Alcester Victoria Silver Band	500
11. Men in Sheds	750
12. Stratford Music Network CIC	209
13. Depot Youth Club	350
14. Alcester Community First Responders	673
15. Heart of England Town Criers	400
16. Alcester War Memorial Town Hall	500
17. Alcester Male Voice Choir	1800
18. Kids Run Free	500
19. Alcester Bunting and Lighting	800
Total	12782



Have a passion for not cooking? Then you might want to consider attending Alcester Town Council's **COOK AND EAT YOUR TEA** course. The first one called – Lads Night In, was very successful with participants enjoying their first cooked meal together using fresh ingredients and making everything from scratch.

Our next course, called Impress Don't Stress, for teenagers is already fully subscribed.

If you are interested in the Family Tea Time course starting in January 2022, please contact Wendy Sherwood.

Email: info@alcester-tc.gov.uk or phone: 01789 766084 / 07434664435



PLANNING MATTERS - UPDATE

The Planning Committee members are:

Cllrs Mike Bowe, Chair, Mark Cargill, Vice Chair, Vaughan Blake, Kathryn Cargill, Kirsten Forbes, Gill Foreman, Tim Foreman, Matt Hempell, Wendy Mills and Clive Neal-Sturgess and all their contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

The committee responded to a total of 28 planning applications and met by ZOOM on the 5 scheduled dates during the period August through to October, with 21 planning applications presented. The 7 remaining applications arrived outside of those meetings. Because all 7 applications required a response

before the next scheduled meeting, committee members considered, debated, and responded via email.

You can view response by the committee to all applications by visiting the Council website at www.alcester-tc.gov.uk and clicking on Town Council/Committees/Planning Committee/Minutes.

A resident living within Alcester's Conservation Area attended the meeting held on 2 August. The purpose of their attendance was to provide the committee with an outline of the refurbishment proposals for their property. The committee was pleased to offer advice to the resident on the correct application process for their plan.

I would like to remind residents that all planning meetings are open to the public whether a specific application applies to them personally or you just wish, out of interest, to see how councillors debate the merits of planning matters that impact on the community.

To whet your appetite here is a peek behind the scenes at what the purpose and objectives of the planning committee are:

PURPOSE

- To provide a group which will assess current planning applications that affect the parish, formulating responses on behalf of Alcester Town Council
- To report to Full Council on all related matters

OBJECTIVES

- To assess planning applications from Alcester residents, businesses, and groups, resolve on behalf of the council and comment to the appropriate Planning Authority
- To assess planning issues from other agencies that may have an impact on Alcester
- To assist with the monitoring of the Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan and housing needs objectives
- To assess market applications and respond with a decision
- To address Alcester Town Council projects which may require planning applications

If you are interested to see how the process works in real time and observe how the committee consider, debate, and respond to planning applications I encourage you to contact the Committee Clerk by email at: administration@alcester-tc.gov.uk

Cllr Mike Bowe, Chair, Planning Committee



ALCESTER & BIDFORD

Alcester and Bidford Rotary Club is a friendly group of people who are committed to helping local and international communities. We have been in action for 11 years and have contributed to many charities, including:

Dementia support in Alcester and Bidford, First Responders, Scouts and Youth Clubs, Parkinson's, OAP Christmas parties, Goodwill and Growth for Africa, Global Sight Solutions, ShelterBox and Alcester Resilience.

Our biannual fund raisers, the Big Breakfast in Alcester and Bidford, were hailed as another great success!

We are looking for new members of all ages and backgrounds to boost our team so if you are interested in having fun whilst helping others why not join us?



You are welcome to come along to one of our meetings to hear more about what we do and meet our members.

For more information about visiting meetings or joining our Rotary Club contact our secretary Jackie on 07775975316 or email: alcesterbidfordrotary@gmail.com



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ALCESTER

Rise in burglaries and thefts from motor vehicles in Stratford district.

Warwickshire Police are warning people in Stratford district to be vigilant after a rise in burglary, and theft from motor vehicle incidents in the past few months. As part of their ongoing investigation, they have been carrying out multiple lines of enquiry across the district. If you see anyone acting suspiciously or are a victim of crime, please get in touch by contacting the Police online, calling 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress. Please ensure windows and doors are locked, all valuables remain out of sight, alarms are set and lights are left on if leaving the house. Vehicles too, should be locked, windows up and no valuables in sight. Park vehicles in a garage where possible, use a steering wheel lock and never leave the keys in the ignition - particularly on cold mornings. Police are committed to locate those who are responsible and are currently looking into a number of lines of enquiry. Many people have commented about this issue on social media. However, Police would ask you to get in touch with them direct using the reporting options available if you spot something that doesn't seem right.



NHS COVID PASS Criminals are sending imitation text messages, emails and making phone calls pretending to be from the NHS. They are offering fake vaccine certificates for sale online and through social media. If you are contacted about your NHS COVID Pass be alert to links and attachments in unexpected text messages or emails, never respond to requests for money, passwords or financial details. Only use the official NHS COVID Pass website: www.nhs.uk/nhscovidpass. The NHS COVID Pass is available to demonstrate your COVID-19 status either in a digital or paper format via the NHS App, the NHS website or by calling 119. For information on how to get your free NHS COVID Pass, visit www.nhs.uk/nhscovidpass

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 to your local Police. Calls cost 15p per call (landlines and mobiles).



Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team dial 101 or 01789 444815/444816

Please feel free to contact the team direct by email:

SGT 1685 David Ebbs
PC 1672 Beat Manager Rob Davies
PCSO 6327Carolyn Davis

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robert.davies4@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk
carolyn.davis1@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk
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PCSO 6111Gary Johnson-Jones

Online reporting services are also available on our website - <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>

Alcester Office - 01789 444816

Twitter- [@AlcesterCops](https://twitter.com/AlcesterCops)

Facebook- [Alcester Police](https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterPolice)

Instagram- [southwarwickshiresnts](https://www.instagram.com/southwarwickshiresnts)

Facebook- [Warwickshire Police](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshirePolice)

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 Warwick Trading Standards on 01926 414040 to report a rogue trader. For general advice on scams and rogue traders contact 0845 4040 506.

Action Fraud Report a Fraud or Cyber Crime to 0300 123 2040

To join Neighbourhood Watch Alcester, contact nhwalcester@gmail.com or telephone Dorrie Manders on 01789 762999

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

Town Council Meetings


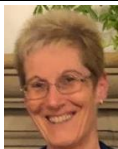

















With effect from 1 September 2021, most Council meetings will be held in person at Globe House. Community Care and Community Facilities meetings are held bimonthly. Planning Committee meetings will be held in person, by email or online via Zoom.

Agendas are published online at www.alcester-tc.gov.uk three days before each meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings and are given time at the start of the meetings to speak. Draft and approved Minutes from meetings can also be found on the Town Council website.

Alcester Town Council Facebook page is another source of information regarding council matters www.facebook.com/alcester and we are also on Twitter: www.twitter.com/AlcesterTown

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