



ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

Statement on Crime & Disorder

Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placed a new duty on Police and Local Authorities to consider crime and disorder and community safety in all their activities.

It is the responsibility of Alcester Town Council (ATC) to have due regard to this when exercising its various duties and responsibilities.

ATC is committed to doing all it can to prevent crime and disorder in Alcester.

To achieve this, it closely monitors and reviews the work it carries out to ensure it meets this obligation as well as considering crime and disorder reduction in everything it does.

CCTV

ATC is a member of the Stratford District CCTV Partnership.

ATC pays an annual subscription to the Partnership which provides 5 CCTV cameras in Alcester which are monitored from the Stratford District Council Control Room 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The system provides an increased level of security within the town for the benefit of those who study, work, live in or visit Alcester.

CCTV staff have a direct radio link with the Warwickshire Police force control room, and officers on the ground. Warwickshire Police control room staff also have access to a monitor showing live feed images within their facility which, coupled with the radio contact, enables effective and rapid deployment of police resources.

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.

ATC has installed its own CCTV system at the Eric Payne Community Centre. It also funded a CCTV system for The Greig Hall as part of the renovation works concluded in February 2023.

The CCTV systems are a deterrent to reduce/prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Footage from both systems is available to the local police to enable them to identify individuals or to investigate complaints.

Road Safety and Speedwatch

ATC has set up a Road Safety and Speedwatch Working Group.

The Group runs regular Speedwatch sessions on sites approved by the police.

The Working Group works actively with residents to report concerns about road safety to the appropriate authority and to work on solutions.

General

ATC also works closely with Police and local agencies to prevent and combat crime and disorder within the community in the following ways:

- Regular communication with the Police, and other statutory authorities to seek advice, guidance and discuss new and ongoing initiatives and/or issues.
- Inviting the Police to attend ATC events, with the aim of maintaining and improving the crucial link with the community.
- Inviting the Police to attend the Depot Youth Club.
- Communication with Stratford upon Avon Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings relating to events held in Alcester. The group brings together relevant regulatory authorities to assist event organisers to conduct safe and lawful events.
- Supporting initiatives within the town that assist with crime and disorder prevention such as:
 - Community grants to Alcester in Bloom, Alcester Bunting and Lighting and Litter Free Alcester – all of which take a pro-active lead in encouraging pride in the town.
 - Reporting fly tipping to Stratford on Avon District Council.
 - Reporting fly posting and unauthorised signage to Stratford on Avon District Council – such posters can affect highways safety and detract from the amenity of Alcester.
 - Reporting highways repairs to Warwickshire County Council.
 - Prioritising removal of graffiti from ATC property as soon as possible.
 - Providing regular litter picking and bin emptying on ATC sites.
 - Educating residents on the problems of dog fouling and litter on social media.
 - Providing relevant information from the Police on its website and social media.

Approved by Alcester Town Council at a Full Council meeting on 5th September 2023.