

**ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

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<b>TOPIC:</b>	Health and Wellbeing
<b>DATE:</b>	July 2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neurodiverse Friendly Town Project</li></ul> <p>The film is now completed and is available on YouTube (link from the ATC website). The launch took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> June at The Greig Hall and was well attended and very well received. We still have work to do to circulate widely and get as many shops and businesses on board with the project and to sign up to the pledge to receive their window sticker. Ten local businesses and organisations (including ATC) have signed up so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated Care Systems Project</li></ul> <p>The survey is now closed. There were 50 responses and we were given access to the raw data. The final summary has not yet been completed by WCAVA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grand Days Out</li></ul> <p>We have received more funding from Rotary to enable us to continue these popular trips. Latest outing was to Bodenheim Arboretum, with future trips to Spetchley Gardens in July and Birmingham Botanical Gardens in September. We plan to apply for more funding from the County Councillor Grant Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Holiday Lunch Club</li></ul>

	<p>We have received £2250 in grant funding from WCC to continue with the holiday lunches throughout the school holidays, as these continue to be popular and well attended. We are partnering with Everyone Active and Orbit to run family sports and other activities during the summer holidays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give and Take Events</li> </ul> <p>Two events have been run, one for books and jigsaws in May and the second for toys and games in June. Both were reasonably attended, although we ended up with a lot of surplus 'stock'. We will be trying two more sessions, one for tools, plants and seeds and the second for school uniform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Checks at the Community Shed</li> </ul> <p>The free health checks were well received and fully booked. Events for meditation and crafts are planned in the Shed, and there will be a trip out for Shed members in September. throughout the school holidays, as these continue to be popular and well attended. We are partnering with Everyone Active and Orbit to run family sports and other activities during the summer holidays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attending each week.</li> <li>• Ongoing Projects</li> </ul> <p>Well Connected, the Repair Café and the Youth Club continue to be popular and well attended. We had a special Bike Event and the Repair Café in May. The SPEND group continues to meet monthly, and although we continue to support the group we no longer attend.</p>
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**FUTURE PLANS:**

- Cook and Eat Your Lunch

We have applied for funding from Tesco's Cooking For All programme to deliver a cook and eat project for children during the summer holidays. We won't know the outcome of this application until the start of the summer break. We have applied for £1000 to run three cooking courses for 18 children in total.

- SDC Community Climate Change and Nature Fund Round 3

We are planning on submitting a bid for this round of funding (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> July). After attending Carbon Literacy training and armed with our Local Climate and Nature Action Plan, some ideas to submit could be:

- Greener Business Alcester, a communication plan to support local businesses to reduce their environmental footprint.
  - Alcester Nature Watch: Community Bioblitz and Photo Challenge.
  - Alcester Bee Friendly Town Initiative – continuing with our Bee Squared initiative
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- The next Working Group meeting is arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

