

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – AUGUST 2025

Actions/Issues arising from Full Council

- Updated Financial Regulations uploaded to the website.
- Action Plan 2025-26 uploaded to the website.
- The Greig Hall CIO notified that Cllr Andrews appointed as trustee.
- Moorfields clerk asked for more information about the role of a trustee.
- Quotation from McDonalds Surfacing accepted for footpath work.
- Thank you email to former Cllr Andrew Foster

ATC Operations

- Burials/interments in July 2025 – 2 ashes interments
- Income from EPCC in July 2025 - £1580 plus VAT.
- Surfacing work on footpaths at Jubilee Fields/Weir Fields completed.
- ND Friendly Alcester pledge sign up continues with shops and businesses.
- Initial meeting with Cllrs Leask and Ashfield to plan Window Wanderland 2026.
- Civic Service – 12th July 2025.
- Meeting with Cllr James Norris.
- Meeting with Cllr Tom Ballinger.
- **Advance notice** - SDC have advised that they are organising an Emergency Planning and Event Booking training session for Town and Parish Councils on Wednesday 24 September 2025. This training session will be online through Teams from 6-8pm.
Please let me know if you would like to attend.
- Highways Community Action Fund application acknowledged by WCC re safety survey for St Faiths Road. Update not expected until September.
- Email received from Dr Manuela Perteghella MP re Shottery link road – copied below

Dear all,

Over the past six months, my office has made every effort to maintain close and constructive dialogue with Warwickshire County Council, National Highways, and the developers, including Bloor Homes and Ward Williams, to ensure that the Shottery Relief Road and Wildmoor Roundabout projects are advanced in good time.

However, despite repeated requests for clarity and updates, we remain without:

- Any formal confirmation of a start date;
- Any clear indication of how close parties are to legal agreement or technical sign-off;
- Any publicly accountable plan for progressing the necessary road space approvals or construction programme.

My office has submitted a formal letter of support for the scheme to aid the process and support submission to National Highways. We are yet to receive any response.

This situation is, frankly, unacceptable. The residents of Stratford-on-Avon—many of whom are directly impacted by delays—deserve clarity, transparency, and a defined path forward. The continued lack of communication, tangible outcomes, or visible leadership on this scheme is a cause for growing concern.

I am therefore taking the following steps:

- I will be raising this matter in Parliament via a debate to highlight ongoing failures in the management of A46 infrastructure upgrades by National Highways.
- I will be contacting the CEO of National Highways directly as a matter of escalation

Until such updates are provided and there is demonstrable progress against the above points, there is no value in holding further meetings. These meetings must be used to advance delivery—not to reiterate the same unresolved issues.

If progress is being made behind the scenes, it must now be clearly and urgently communicated.

If there are further barriers or delays, we expect full transparency and a detailed explanation of the steps being taken to overcome them.

I urge all parties to treat this with the seriousness it demands. The time for noncommittal updates has passed.

Please feel free to share this update with your communities, parish and town councillors and other stakeholders in your network.

Kind regards,

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Letter of support referred to is here <https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Letter-of-Support-MP-Manuela-Perteghella.pdf>

External meetings attended

- NALC Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting – 7th July
- WALC webinar on devolution and LGR – 8th July
- Warwickshire Towns Network meeting – 10th July
- NALC/SLCC Steering Group on Martyn's Law – 28th July
- SDC High Street vacancies stakeholders group – 29th July
- Rural Enterprise Hub meeting – 30th July
- NALC Smaller Councils Committee – 31st July

Vanessa Lowe

Town Clerk

30th July 2025