

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT

NAME: Cllr. Clive Neal-Sturgess

TOPIC:

Community Resilience Flood Panel

DATE:

4th November 2025

UPDATE:

- The 8th October was the date for the first Flood Watchers event held at the Greig Hall with attendees' participation in the Q&A session producing a good exchange of ideas.
- Engagement with residents on the Oversley Mill Park is ongoing to find solutions to the excess growth of reeds in the riverbed. Ragley Estate have visited the location earlier this month. The Environmental Agency have clarified their passive role in removing the reeds and we are awaiting a reply from Ragley Estate to hear what work they might be prepared to undertake.
- Development of drain location maps situated in the most at-risk flood areas of the town is ongoing and we hope to have them completed in time for the next Flood Watchers meeting. We have received maps of the entire Alcester Drain system but have yet to decipher them.
- We are building a list of names and contact details for Severn Trent and the Environmental Agency, but this is an ongoing exercise.
- We have already established good contacts with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Heart of England Forest.

FUTURE PLANS

- Confirm next Flood Watchers meeting for early November.
- Sign up volunteers to agreed roles.
- Develop reporting and contact methods to and from volunteers.
- Meet with Cllr Ruth Ashfield to discuss flood awareness message to Swan Street, High Street and Bulls Head Yard retailers.
- Assess current P E for flood watchers use.
- Investigate possible community leaf gathering solutions to avoid blockage of drains during the Autumn season.