ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2025

Actions/Issues arising from Full Council

- Signed Armed Forces Covenant sent to Ministry of Defence.
- · Strategic Plan update uploaded to the website
- Updated Community Engagement Policy and Action Plan uploaded to the website.

ATC Operations

- Burials/interments in November 2025 none.
- Income from EPCC in November 2025 £1720 plus VAT.
- Dr Manuela Perteghella MP emailed the Town Clerk to report that she had mentioned our ND Friendly Alcester project in Parliament:
 - https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2025-10-16/debates/abc238e3-75ae-416c-8546-94b495bb8b1c/details#contribution-A4AF6933-8145-4FAB-83ED-F4F5667BED4A
- Remembrance Weekend
 - Remembrance Sunday parade went very well. Thank you to the Deputy Town Clerk and the Facilities Manager for all their efforts in making it run so smoothly. An excellent turnout from the public. Very positive feedback received.
 - The Armistice Day ceremony also went well with a good turnout and a visit from BBC Midlands Today!
- Thanks to former councillor Vaughan Blake for producing the Events Guide 2026 which will be distributed with the newsletter.
- The newsletter will be distributed to all households from the beginning of December.
 We now produce 3200 copies to include distribution to the latest new houses on the Bloor Estate.
- Bloor Homes Street Naming ceremony
 - A very moving event for all involved on 19th November. With thanks to Bloor Homes for hosting and to the Deputy Town Clerk for all the effort she made to contact the seven families involved and to ensure that everything went perfectly on the day even if it was perishingly cold!
- River Arrow and Alne Revival (RAAR) ATC has been supporting this new CIC which hosted an excellent event at the EPCC on 8th November.
- The Mayor and the Town Clerk met with Maggie Payne and Steve Felix from Blenheim Nurseries on 24th November to discuss the sockets for the hanging baskets for next year. Some are broken and need replacing.
- Notification from Alcester Town FC that the football club will shortly be submitting a
 new planning application to Stratford DC for a 50-seater spectator stand. The stand is
 a mandatory ground grading requirement as stipulated by the Football Association for
 the level that the Mens 1st team play at and needs to be installed by 31st March 2026.

The materials used in the construction of the stand are similar to those used for a shipping container and it measures approximately 7m x 3m. It would come delivered fully assembled meaning that it is easy to move should the need arise, please see the photo below of the stand installed elsewhere:



External meetings attended

NALC Smaller Councils Committee – 4th November
Meeting with Ali Chafekar, SDC Economic Development and Investment Manager with Cllr
Mills re new signage for town centre – 5th November
SDC Parish Forum – 6th November
RAAR event – 8th November
SDC information session on Community Grant scheme – 13th November

<u>Vanessa Lowe</u> <u>Town Clerk</u> <u>26th November 2025</u>