

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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TOPIC:	Health and Wellbeing and Youth Engagement
DATE:	December 2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neurodiverse Friendly Town Project Shops and businesses are continuing to sign up – there are now 32 on board. There were 10 at the time of our last report in July.• Integrated Care Systems Project This project is virtually complete, but still awaiting the report from WCAVA.• Grand Days Out We have received funding from the County Councillor Grant Fund to enable us to continue these ever-popular trips.• Holiday Lunch Club These have continued throughout the summer and October half term and continue to be popular and well attended. The next one will be during February half term.• Well Connected The Well Connected computer group is still flourishing. Four training sessions on specific topics will be delivered during the normal Wednesday group sessions in January. Topics are currently being decided by the group's regular members and will be advertised when the votes are in. Sessions will as always be open to all.

- Nutrition for Life

Cllr. Vicki Holyland will be delivering a healthy eating talk at the Greig Hall on January 16th. This will include hints and tips, a goodie bag for all attendees and recipe ideas.

- Ongoing Projects

The Repair Café and the Youth Club continue to be popular and well attended. We ran another Bikeability course in October half term.

- Window Wanderland

This event will be taking place from 28th February 2026 for a week. The theme this time will be HOPE. We have received some funding to help support the project and buy materials. We have created an opportunity for young people to volunteer to support WW this year.

- Coventry and Warwickshire CDA

We hosted some further courses for residents at the EPCC. These workshops looked at saving money, including cooking on a budget, energy saving tips and shopping for less.

- Alcester Connected for Climate and Nature (funded by the SDC Community Climate Change and Nature Fund)

This new project aims to connect and create habitats and engage schools and residents in nature-based activities. Plans include developing hedgehog houses and highways, bee friendly projects, a Bioblitz event, a photography competition, wildflower, tree and hedge planting in schools and public places and the publication of an Alcester nature calendar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Club
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The Youth Club has changed its meeting day from a Tuesday to a Thursday. There is now one session for all age groups. The Club remains popular and very well attended. The Club are having a Christmas trip to go ten pin bowling. The Youth Club leader offers one-to-one mentoring sessions.

FUTURE PLANS:

- Youth Engagement

A proposal is being produced to canvas views from our young people about what they would like to see in the town. Expectations must be managed!

Cllr Andrews has approached St Benedict's and the Academy to see if her experience with women's employability initiatives would be helpful to them.

- The next Working Group meeting will be arranged for February 2026