

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT

NAME: Cllr Clive Neal-Sturgess/Cllr Colleen Chester/Cllr Mike Bowe

TOPIC: Community Resilience Flood Panel

DATE: 6th January 2026

UPDATE

- Meetings with Flood Watcher Volunteers took place during the **first week of December. 4 volunteers were signed up to their agreed roles and methods for reporting observations established.**
- A poster campaign advertising the roles for volunteers has generated additional interest and meetings with these potential volunteers are scheduled for early January.
- The Court Leet has expressed a wish to assist the Panel with its **flood resilience tasks**, and a meeting is planned in January to establish roles that they may undertake.
- **Concerted efforts by the Panel and ATC officers have resulted in Warwickshire County Council Highways Dept. clearing blocked drains at key locations. Discussions are continuing with WCC regarding further action required at specific drains that are still causing problems.**
- We have made contact with Stratford District Council Streetscene services regarding road sweeping in the town. Planned road sweeping took place week commencing 8th December 2025. We now have the road sweeping schedule for the **town and will be working with the officer responsible for Alcester to deliver a better co-ordinated sweeping service.**
- We are meeting with Severn Trent Water Authority's recently formed Community Flooding Resilience Team on 13th January 2026. We aim to learn how their remit will align with our

objectives and for them to explain the workings of their water management assets in our town.

- Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

The Trust has successfully bid for £280k CIL monies to fund **natural flood management work for the River Arrow and Alne** upstream of Alcester. The panel will keep Council updated on the progress of these exciting and important planned projects.

- Oversley Bridge camera.

Whilst monitoring the river levels at Oversley bridge during storm Claudia it became apparent that the camera at Oversley bridge was non-operational. We are in contact with the Environment Agency to have the camera reinstated and will update Council on progress made.

- **The Councils website references to flooding has been updated** and the Flood Working Group page is being changed and will include a link to our new Facebook Page.

- Henley and surrounding Parishes Flood Working Group.

Beaundesert and Henley-in-Arden Joint Parish Council are looking **to establish a multi parish flood working group that will develop a collaborative approach to flood resilience.** Cllr Chester has volunteered to be involved in this initiative with the inaugural meeting planned for early new year.