

## Report for Full Council on Alcester Connected for Climate and Nature project

### December 2025

We are currently working in partnership with the following -

- Elizabeth Lake (LEAF)
- Patrick, Gary and Myles at CPRE Warwickshire (Hedgerow Heroes)
- Olivia Williams at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust
- Schools in Alcester
- Bob Sherman, Jacky Lawrence and Susan Juned at Low Carbon Warwickshire Network
- Jo Worthy Jones at Haven 4 Wildlife
- Rosemary Collier at SWAN
- Magnus Throckmorton at Coughton Court
- The Big Green Week (Stratford upon Avon 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June) Janet Palmer
- Eleanor Cooke (River Arrow and Alne Revival) and Rosa Burden (Jubilee Fields and the community orchard)
- All Things Rural
- Jean Langdon (Kinwarton PC)

Update so far:

- 11,250 spring bulbs have been planted at Alcester Grammar, St. Nicholas School and Alcester Academy. See article:



- CPRE have agreed to help and fund us to plant 200 metres of hedgerow in Weir Fields and Bleachfield Street Park. This will take place between 7<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Poster below:



- WWT have agreed to plant some trees and wildflowers on council land. Poster below:



- WWT are delivering a hedgehog assembly at St. Nicholas School on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.
- Jo at Haven 4 Wildlife is helping plan the Hedgehog Evening (24<sup>th</sup> Feb) and Bee Festival, the Bioblitz and 'climate change and your garden' talk. (taking place during BGW)
- I have recruited volunteers to help with the planting days, Big Green Week, Bee Festival and LCWN event. (Bioblitz and garden/nature walk to take place during BGW)
- Coughton Court have agreed to host the **Bee Festival on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. Planning is underway for a fun 'bee inspired' morning.
- Elizabeth Lake has agreed to help with school engagement and will host some workshops in the spring involving older students (Alcester Grammar and St. Benedicts) to help deliver these workshops to primary school children. Crafty Lunch Club are also keen to be involved, and they will have a bespoke workshop.
- I have designed a flyer for the photography competition. Poster below. Chosen photographs will be used for the calendar.



A flyer for the Nature Photography Competition for Under 18's. The flyer has a dark green background. At the top left is a QR code. To its right is the title 'NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR UNDER 18'S' in white. Below the title is a line of text: 'Calling all nature lovers, photographers and curious explorers! Join our Nature Photography Challenge to discover, record and celebrate Alcester's amazing wildlife and habitats'. The middle section is a white rounded rectangle containing a photo of a woman with a camera, the text 'OPEN FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 - AUGUST 2026', a list of subjects to photograph (wildlife, plants, trees, flowers, birds, insects or landscapes), and a note that smartphone entries are welcome. The bottom section is another white rounded rectangle with text about submitting photos for the 2027 Alcester in the Wild Calendar, instructions to click a link or use the QR code, the URL 'https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/information/natural-environment/', and the title 'ALCESTER IN THE WILD - A YEAR THROUGH YOUR LENS'. A circular image of a forest floor is on the right side of the bottom section.

**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR UNDER 18'S**

*Calling all nature lovers, photographers and curious explorers! Join our Nature Photography Challenge to discover, record and celebrate Alcester's amazing wildlife and habitats*

**OPEN FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 - AUGUST 2026**

**We are looking for photos of wildlife, plants, trees, flowers, birds, insects or landscapes from around Alcester**

**No need for a fancy camera - smartphone entries welcome**

**Submit your best photos and the winners will feature in the 2027 Alcester in the Wild Calendar**

**FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW OR USE THE QR CODE ABOVE**

<https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/information/natural-environment/>

**ALCESTER IN THE WILD - A YEAR THROUGH YOUR LENS**

- I have asked the Community Shed to make some hedgehog houses and the sewing group to make some knitted bees and hedgehogs.
- We have ordered hedgehog highways.
- We have created a web page and designed signage for our 'leaving nature' sites. These have been installed. We intend to leave certain council owned areas to nature, plant wildflowers/bulbs and shrubs/trees.
- I have investigated Bee Friendly Town accreditation.
- I have started planning an event in partnership with the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network to launch during the BGW.

For further information or to get involved with anything listed above, please do not hesitate to contact me – [wendysherwood@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:wendysherwood@alcester-tc.gov.uk)

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**12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**