

**ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

<b>NAME:</b>	Gill Forman
<b>TOPIC:</b>	Cemetery
<b>DATE:</b>	February 2026
<b>UPDATE SINCE LAST REPORT:</b>	<p>The number of interments for 2025 was 17. There were 5 burials and 12 Interments of cremated remains.</p> <p>The project to replace the Lych gates is ongoing, and a detailed inspection of the roof and walls has been completed.</p> <p>The wooden roof tiles were in an extremely poor condition and were falling apart, especially on the North facing side of the roof but the joists and other supporting woodwork is in surprisingly good condition considering its age.</p> <p>In January, all the roof tiles were replaced with new cedar tiles and new oak wooden crosses were installed on top of the ridge to replace the old crosses, which had fallen into disrepair.</p> <p>In an attempt to prevent the path that runs through the cemetery becoming too muddy and slippery during the wet winter months, the ground staff have added wooden bark chippings to the path.</p>
<b>FUTURE PLANS:</b>	<p>To complete the renovation of the Lychgate, the wooden gates will be replaced with new like for like gates utilising the existing ironmongery, new quotes are due for this work. The tiled flooring will also be renovated, along with some minor work to repair the roof support walls.</p> <p>The removal of the wall between the old and new cemetery remains a project for the coming year, as does the replacement of a storage unit for the ground staff equipment.</p>

