

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT

NAME:	Mark Cargill
TOPIC:	EPCC
DATE:	March 2026
UPDATE SINCE LAST REPORT:	<p>The centre continues to be well used by a core user group which includes the following organisations: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Alcester Dementia Café· Alcester Male Voice Choir· The Crafty Lunch Club· Slimming World· Arden Foodbank· NHS Diabetes prevention· Depot Youth Club <p>There has also been a new regular booking from the MKMA Karate club who now hold training sessions every Saturday morning.</p> <p>An application has been made to SDC Community Grant scheme for funding to refurbish the main kitchen at the centre. We are hopeful of a successful application and look forward to being able to fit a new, and well overdue, kitchen to the site during 2026.</p> <p>The EV charger is working well and there has only been a slight increase in power usage at the centre although the monthly electricity bills have increased more significantly. This is more likely to be the increased utility costs rather than usage.</p> <p>A small increase in hire charges has been approved and will be implemented from April 2026.</p>
FUTURE PLANS:	Solar panels fitted to the roof could be well worth investigating to help mitigate the additional power usage from the EV charger and regular users of the centre.
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