

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT

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TOPIC:	Health and Wellbeing and Youth Engagement
DATE:	July 2026
	• Neurodiverse Friendly Town Project Shops and businesses are continuing to sign up – there are now 38 on board. The film has over 1000 views • Integrated Care Systems Project This project is complete and we have the report. • Grand Days Out Using funding put aside for the Neurodiverse Support Group, we have planned two trips this year, one to the RAF Museum and one to the Memorial Arboretum. We cannot use WRCC Back & 4TH and the private coach company is more expensive but seats more people. 59 are booked onto the Arboretum trip. • Holiday Lunch Club These have continued to be popular and well attended. We had one during May half term and plan to deliver one every Wednesday throughout the summer. • Well Connected The Well-Connected computer group is still popular. Four training sessions on specific topics were delivered in Jan/Feb. Delivered by Ability

	Net, they covered; staying safe online, shopping and banking online, accessing public services, getting to know your smartphone or tablet, using a computer for documents. • Nutrition for Life Cllr. Vicki Holyland delivered a healthy eating talk at the Greig Hall on January 16th. This was very well attended. • Ongoing Projects The Repair Café and the Youth Club continue to be well liked. Repair Café Alcester attended a Parliamentary Repair Event on 25th March and took part in The Big Fix during May. • Window Wanderland This event took place in February 2026. The theme was HOPE and was well supported and enjoyed by residents and participants alike. 25 took part and Cherry Trees was the overall winner. ATC have decided to have a break from Window Wanderland for 2027. <u>Youth Engagement</u> · The Youth Club continues on a Thursday evening from 6.30 pm, with between 30 and 50 youths attending each session. · During the last term, the Youth Club had a presentation from Crime Stoppers. There was education given regarding the dangers of knife crime and information of how to contact Crime Stoppers.
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	· The Youth Club is well supported by well established volunteers and three young people from Alcester Grammar School doing their silver DofE award. · The Annual Trip to Drayton Manor is planned this year for early September.
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FUTURE PLANS:

- Bikeability – there are plans to organise Bikeability sessions over the school summer holidays based at the Eric Payne Community Centre as previously.
- Holiday Lunch Club to run during the school summer holidays.
- There are plans to start gender specific sexual health and contraception training, for specific year groups at the Youth Club in September.
- Volunteer Event in the Autumn