

ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2026

Actions/Issues arising from Full Council

- Uploaded Environmental Policy to website.
- Uploaded Data Protection Complaints Procedure to website.

ATC Operations

- Burials/interments in August 2026 – 1 double interment
- Income from EPCC in August 2026 - £1400 plus VAT.
- Local Government Reorganisation

I attended a meeting on 19th August at Stratford District Council with David Buckland (Chief Executive) and Marcia Eccleston (Monitoring Officer). The Town/Parish Clerks of the main rural centres like Alcester were all invited.

We were given an update on progress on LGR which was broadly what Cllr Juned had shared with us last month.

SDC confirmed that parish/town council elections would be held as normal in May 2027 but councillors would serve a 5 year term until May 2032 so that future elections lined up with unitary elections.

Alcester's request for a transfer of assets was discussed. SDC don't currently have a policy allowing community asset disposal so each individual disposal would require a formal valuation and Cabinet approval. This is clearly not going to be practical for anyone so they are proposing a new Community Asset Transfer Policy which will delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise transfers of community or uneconomic assets. They are planning to use our sites as a pilot. The new Policy will be presented to Cabinet in September and subject to approval, we should be able to move forwards with our transfers after that.

The powerpoint presentation is available here: [LGR Briefing David Buckland](#)

- At the time of writing, the kitchen renovation at the EPCC is well underway and should be complete by the bank holiday weekend. It is looking very smart!
- Holiday Lunch Club has continued through the summer holidays and has been popular as usual. Many thanks to Wendy Sherwood and Anita Hellyer for their efforts in providing lunches for so many children over the past 7 years.
- Wendy Mills and I have arranged for SDC to run a survey for residents on the priorities for the new corporate strategy for 2027-2031. The survey will be a 4 page pull out in the September newsletter. You can also complete it online – the link is here: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/AlcesterTCStrategy2027>
- There is a Grand Day Out booked for 8th September to Gloucester Quays and Cathedral – please book a seat on the coach by calling the office if you would like to go. A

bargain at £5. We are currently seeking grant funding to continue the Grand Days Out scheme.

- We have received a donation of £750 from funds left in the Alcester Chamber of Commerce bank account which will be used for the Visit Alcester website.
- Staff have met with the Alcester 10k team to check arrangements for this year's race on 11th October.
- The Community Picnic took place on Jubilee Fields on 25th August. A great success by all accounts. This replaces the previous day trips to the seaside and is funded by donations held by the Town Council from various sources. Many thanks to Ali Buchanan and her team for continuing to organise this event.

External meetings attended

NALC Management Board – 18th August

Meeting with Chief Executive SDC – 19th August (see note above)

WALC Clerks operational meeting – 27th August

Vanessa Lowe

Town Clerk

26th August 2026