



## Police matters

Main contacts for Great Alne are:

**PC 781 Pete Essex**

(Beat Manager)

**PCSO Tom Bagg**

(Shared mobile number **07979**

**704373**)

**PCSO Rebecca Morris**

**PCSO James Squire**

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Alcester Police Station, Priory Road, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 5DZ

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Contact information for the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team is on the village noticeboards or see: [www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/as](http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/as)

## Parish Plan

The Parish Council would like to review the 2009 Parish Plan. Would you be interested in helping with any aspect of this? Perhaps you might consider delivering questionnaires, collating information, offering administrative support or report writing?

The Parish Council would be delighted to hear from you if you could assist in any small way. Please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

## CRIME REPORT

The Great Alne area is now covered by three Police Community Support Officers - Rebecca Morris, James Squire and Tom Bagg together with Police Constable Essex who all operate from Alcester Police Station.

The Police were unable to attend recent Parish Council meetings but once again report that there have been relatively few incidents in the village within the last few months. There have been two burglaries- velux windows from a non- secure steel container at Maudslay Park and a purse stolen from a classroom at Great Alne Primary School. There has also been one attempted burglary in Park Lane. There have been the usual reports regarding off road vehicles in the Stroat Lane area. PCSO Tom Bagg has recently received training in off-roading and is now the nominated contact for these issues. He will be regularly patrolling the problem areas and liaising with the Parish Council in an effort to catch and deter offenders. In addition, the Alcester South Community Forum recently agreed that patrols of green lanes in Great Alne and Newnham would be one of the three Police priorities for the next quarter.

**Alcester Police Surgeries.** On **Thursday 19th May** a member of the Alcester South SNT will be on hand to answer questions or to listen to your concerns. 'Surgeries' take place at Waitrose supermarket between 11am and 12midday.

As always, please do get in touch with the local Police team if you see any suspicious activity or for crime prevention advice. Please use 999 for an emergency or 101 for non-emergency calls. Additional contact details are on the left of this page.

## Are you worried about ID theft?

**Question:** Your external hard drive, which contains lots of personal information and irreplaceable work, has disappeared- possibly stolen. You are now worried about your identity being stolen too. What can you do?

**Answer:** Good news! Advice and support can be obtained from 'Get Safe Online' (<https://www.getsafeonline.org>). Its CEO, Tony Neate, who was a member of the police force for 30 years, says the first thing to do, after reporting the theft to police, is to let your bank and building society know. Change all your passwords on your email addresses, online banking, PayPal, Twitter etc. Experts recommend a password with at least eight characters, a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and keyboard symbols such as % or &. However, changing numbers to letters, for example E to 3, is a technique well known to criminals and is best avoided.

A good idea is to think of a phrase or line from a song and use just the first letter of each word. Neate also says: "Consider signing up to a credit check organisation, as they can check your credit history and help prevent identity theft. Keep an eye on your bank statements and, if you see anything suspicious, let your bank know as soon possible."

If you have information you are worried about losing, an external hard drive or memory stick can be useful but remember it is also an appealing target. Make sure important documents and photos are backed up online in a cloud service.

## Do you know about Clare's Law?

**The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme** (DVDS) was launched by the Home Office on 8 March 2014. You may have heard the scheme referred to as 'Clare's Law'. The aim of this scheme is to give members of the public a formal mechanism to make enquiries about an individual who they are in a relationship with or who is in a relationship with someone they know, and there is a concern that the individual may be abusive towards their partner. There are two ways in which a disclosure can be made to a person under the DVDS.

**Right to Ask** Under the 'Right to Ask' application a member of the public can proactively seek information that is held by police on a new or existing partner. Once an application has been submitted the police will carry out a number of checks to see whether relevant information exists. If it does, this information will be passed to a local multi agency decision making forum (MARAC) where a decision will be made about whether or not to make a disclosure. The decision making forum will assess the application as to whether a disclosure would be lawful and proportionate to protect the potential victim from harm.

**Right to Know** Requests are triggered by police where indirect information or intelligence held by them or other agencies indicates that an individual is at risk of harm from their partner. Again, this information will be passed to a local MARAC where a decision will be made about whether or not to make a disclosure. The decision making forum will assess the application in the same way as under Right to Ask.

If at any stage in either pathway the police identify that the potential victim is at immediate risk of harm, they can bypass the decision making forum and make a disclosure straight away.

If you want to find out more about the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme you can:

- Call the police on 101
- Visit your local police station
- Speak to your local officer or team

## MAUDSLAY PARK UPDATE

- Helical Bar have taken over management of the development from Urban Renaissance Villages
- Consequently, Mr I Jones, URV is no longer involved with Maudslay Park and our contact there is now Mr Will Parry, Helical Bar
- Progress continues to be made on site but due to various delays a decision has been taken to close the Sales Centre for the moment
- The show homes are due for completion May 2016
- The main contract should be signed with Seddon Construction shortly with Seddons commencing onsite in May 2016. Phase 1 works, including the Club House, should be completed by the end of 2017
- Changes to the Section 106 Agreement have been applied for. A report has been submitted to the District Council setting out these proposed amendments. They include making a commuted sum payment to upgrade the children's play area on School Road in lieu of providing a duplicate facility at Maudslay Park

The Parish Council continue to have regular update meetings on site.

If you have any concerns about Maudslay Park you are welcome to address them directly to either the Clerk or Cllr Mrs Louise Bennett who is the nominated portfolio holder on the Parish Council for this development.

## Opportunity to Play Bowls

CSW Sport is in partnership with Health Trusts and the National Governing Bodies of Bowls to promote greater physical activity across the sub-region. Bowls as a sport can be played across all ages, cultures, faiths, social classes and has a range of rule sets that will accommodate all levels of aspirations.

### But did you know...

Playing Bowls regularly has significant health benefits such as promoting flexibility, suppleness, fitness and stamina. It is ideal for the older person who (perhaps) would struggle with some types of sporting activity.

### And also...

Most Bowls clubs have a really active social scene. From barbeques to quiz nights, dances to celebrations in the clubhouse, bowls members have extended friendship networks and fairly full social calendars. Clubs are often situated in very attractive environments. There has been significant feedback from participants who have found that being a part of this vibrant social network has helped them through some very difficult times in their lives.

Several clubs across the region are offering this facility as a pilot scheme eg Stratford Leisure Centre on Tuesday and Friday mornings. (There is a small attendance charge (£2-£2.50) per visit. If you would like further information or have any questions please contact Ian McLean on 02476 574890 or visit [www.cswsport.org.uk](http://www.cswsport.org.uk)