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# Great Alne Parish Council

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## Power cut? New phone number 105

There is a new national phone number "105" that has been launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area.

Key points to note about this service are:

- Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.
- 105 is just one of the ways that customers can contact their electricity network operator. Customers can also contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators are on social media too.
- 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.
- Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.
- Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.

## CSW Broadband Update

Superfast Broadband is now available in parts of Great Alne. Cabinet 2 opposite The Huff Cap/Appleby Close has been upgraded meaning that properties connected to the upgraded cabinet may now be able to order the improved service ie any premises on the Alcester side of the Memorial Hall.

If you wish to check which cabinet you are connected to and what speeds you might achieve, please visit <https://www.dslchecker.bt.com/>. For best results you will need to be able to enter a BT landline number for the property. If you do not have this then you can use your address, but it may be less accurate. It should be noted that customers are not restricted to buying a service from BT and that can go to any Internet Service Provider (ISP).

### Great Alne Parish Councillors:

**Lynn Bowring (Chairman) – The Old Cottage, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HR**  
**Paul Clark – 66 School Road, Great Alne, B49 6HQ**  
**Ian Millard – West Meadow Barn, Manor Court, Henley Road, Great Alne, B49 6HR**  
**Louise Bennett: 6 Nightingale Close, Great Alne, B49 6PE**  
**Marie Holding: 10 Nightingale Close, Great Alne, B49 6PE**

**Sarah Duran (Clerk) – 2 Flax Close, Alcester, B49 5DQ Tel no: 07833 790375**

**Any thoughts on the newsletter? Please let us know!**

## BITS & BOBS

Here are a few snippets that may be of interest to you!

### ➤ Warwickshire Health Transport

New service launched for help with transport to medical appointments. Phone 01926 412300 or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthtransport](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthtransport)

### ➤ VASA Community Transport

Now includes community transport for social inclusion (up until 3pm only) in addition to medical appointments. Phone 01789 262886 to register/book your journey

### ➤ Can you help to find Warwickshire's orchards and their owners?

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is asking for help from parish residents to help find the traditional and new orchards around the county, including school and community sites.

Even if you have only a few old trees, you may have an orchard.....the minimum size of a 'Traditional Orchard' is defined as 'five trees with crown edges less than 20m apart'. Details of the PTES national survey are available on the website: <https://ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/countryside-2/traditional-orchard-survey/?cat=95>.

This includes an interactive map showing the apparent sites of traditional orchards in our area and which of these have been surveyed already.



## Parish Council Meetings 2017

### Great Alne Primary School on Mondays

- 9 January
- 13 March
- 8 May (Annual meeting & Ordinary meeting)
- TBC May Parish Assembly
- 10 July
- 11 September
- 13 November

All meetings except the Annual Meeting have a 7pm start  
Everyone is welcome!

Draft Minutes are now available one month after Parish Council meetings.

Please see the website or contact the Clerk for a hard copy

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!



## Parish Update

- Voluntary First Registration of the Recreation Ground has been completed at the Land Registry
- Toddler area redesign project and potential funding streams- The Parish Council have received confirmation that the monies provided by Helical Bar (£34,791) for the new playground equipment are now being held by Stratford on Avon District Council (SDC) until required. Progress is being made with respect to funding for the essential drainage works required ahead of any equipment installation (see Affordable Housing update overleaf)
- Defibrillator- A funding application is in progress. BT is currently carrying out a Pay phone removal consultation through SDC. The Parish Council has registered interest in adopting the BT kiosk for community use
- New goal posts- These are not quite in line and the contractor will be returning to make good
- The Parish Council is still looking for just two more volunteers to assist with the Community Speedwatch initiative
- Green lane E5998 between Sernal Lane and Coughton Fields Lane- More replacement posts have been erected at the side of the track to try and deter off road vehicles from gaining access to the adjacent land and spoiling the terrain
- Natural Green Burial Ground (Alne Wood Park Sernal Lane)- Planning permission has been granted for change of use and opening hours. However, the Reception building can be used only by Heart of England Forest members for charity events and by local schools to visit and learn about the forest. The main Reception building will be open between 9:00- 19:00 hours only. The land and buildings shall not be used for any other purpose
- Reminder- **Dogs are not allowed in the Recreation Ground**- Dog poo has been found during weekly playground inspections- please do not let your dog out unattended near the park

## New Dementia Service Opens In Alcester

Following on from the successful Alcester (Dementia) Café, Carole Zambonini together with a group of volunteers, has opened the next phase in dementia care in Alcester - **Alcester Day Care**. The group is a "not for profit group" which has applied for charity status.

**Alcester Day Care** provides safe, caring and fun day time support for people with dementia whilst carers have some respite. It is open to anyone with dementia and runs from 9.30am - 3.30pm on Mondays at the Alcester Baptist Church Hall, Henley Street, Alcester, B49 5AJ. There are already plans to open a second day.

There is a cost of £35 for the day which includes a light lunch.

For more information or to book a place telephone: 07756 438356 or 01789 488088; email: [info@alcesterdaycare.org](mailto:info@alcesterdaycare.org) or visit the website: [www.alcesterdaycare.org](http://www.alcesterdaycare.org).

## Can we help?

Please complete and return this form to Sarah Duran, Clerk to Great Alne Parish Council, 2 Flax Close, Alcester, B49 5DQ

Do you have any comments or suggestions about the state of the footpaths, overhanging trees or pavements for example?

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Thank you.