



## Police matters

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Contact information for the

Alcester South Safer

Neighbourhood Team is on the

village noticeboards

## Community Speed Watch

Three people have been trained, with a fourth waiting for training. Volunteers from both Great Alne and Wilmcote have participated in a joint training exercise and perhaps in future will conduct joint Speed Watch patrols.

Sites for Speed Watch exercises have been identified in Great Alne.

If you are interested in helping with this initiative, please contact Cllr Mr I Millard or the Clerk.

## CRIME REPORT

The Police have been unable to attend Parish Council meetings but have sent written reports indicating that once again there have been relatively few incidents in the village within the last few months.:

Incidents which occurred in Great Alne for the period August- November 2017:

- **Theft from vehicles-** 13/07 and 29/07/2017- Henley Road- Vehicles entered and searched for items of value
- **Suspicious incident-** 13/08/2017- Grey Vauxhall Y655TWZ- Occupants seen trying door handles of vehicles and homes
- **Suspicious circumstances-** 15/09/2017- Spernal Lane- Vehicle seen to be committing poaching offences in area
- **Burglary dwelling-** 10/07 and 01/08/2017- Spernal Lane (2 incidents) and 19/09/2017- Nightingale Close- Entry gained, suspects wanted car keys to high performance vehicle (Such incidents are currently prevalent in the area with Audi, BMW and Mercedes vehicles being targeted)

Alcester Police South SNT Forum Priorities for the next quarter are currently targeted patrols to deter burglary offences across Alcester patch, tackling vehicle crime and school parking and speeding patrols. 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. You can also report a crime to Warwickshire Police via their online services.

## Litter bin at the Memorial Hall

The litter bin at the entrance to the Hall car park was driven over and damaged irreparably at the beginning of November.

The bin belongs to SDC who have kindly replaced the bin but have removed the dog waste bin here- as **dog waste can now be put in any SDC litter bin.**

The Street Scene team at SDC were wondering if anyone had any info about how the accident was caused and who was responsible? If you are able to help please contact the Street Scene team on 01789 260616 or email at [streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

## Graffiti

The Parish Council undertakes weekly inspections of both the Recreation Ground (and also the defibrillator in the phone kiosk). Sadly, we have noticed an increase in graffiti on play equipment, gates and fences. With the new play equipment arriving soon, we should like to ensure that this will be respected by those visiting the facility. Please could we enlist your help in challenging the behavior or reporting it to the Clerk. Thank you!

## Church Land next to Nightingale Close

The Parish Council has been informed that the Coventry Diocese intend to sell the glebe land adjacent to Nightingale Close 'for housing' (with no detail provided as to type or scale of development). The Alcester Minster has objected to this proposal but their objections have been rejected by the Diocese and the Church Commissioners.

In the light of Stratford District Council's current planning policy it is highly unlikely that planning permission would be granted for housing on this land and the Diocese have been informed of this. They have also been informed that any such proposal would be likely to meet local opposition and would certainly be opposed by the Parish Council. Nonetheless it appears that they wish to find a developer to buy the land in the hope that at some time in the future planning policy becomes less restrictive on development in the Green Belt. To the knowledge of the Parish Council, no planning application has been submitted.

## MAUDSLAY PARK UPDATE

- Ms Mary Higginson is the newly appointed Village Manager( Tel: 488625). She is employed by the managing agents, Savills
- Work is still progressing well and the two apartment blocks will be handed over before Christmas
- There are currently 4 occupied properties
- There was an open event on 22 November at Theodore House , one of the apartment blocks.
- The Central Facilities building is progressing well- with water tightness now essentially complete. It is anticipated that this facility will open in April/May 2018

If you have any concerns about Maudslay Park please contact Ms Higginson, the Clerk or Cllr Mrs Louise Bennett who is the nominated portfolio holder on the Parish Council for this development.

## Western Power Distribution Priority Service Register- Power Cuts

If you rely on electricity for medical equipment or are elderly, very ill or disabled, you may need extra support during a power cut.

To join Western Power Distribution confidential and free Priority Service Register please call 0800 096 3080 or visit [www.westernpower.co.uk/PSR](http://www.westernpower.co.uk/PSR)

Who is eligible?

- Customers with medical dependencies on electricity- such as kidney dialysis, ventilator or oxygen concentrator users
- The elderly, disabled or chronically sick
- Customers who depend upon electrical equipment such as stair lifts or bath hoists
- If you have a communication need because you are blind, deaf, partially sighted, hearing impaired or you are unable to communicate in English
- Or if you have temporary vulnerabilities such as recent hospital leavers or households with new born babies

To report a power cut or call for information and advice phone 105 or 0800 6783 105

## Warwickshire Rights of Way Team - New online Fault Report system

This is a new way to report Rights of Way faults direct to the Team. It requires the user to log into the system as the members of Rights of Way Team do. This map-based system allows users to mark the location of the fault on the map and then to give a detailed description of the fault and its location. There is a search facility which has various options to get to an approximate location, for example a town or village, a grid reference, Post code etc. The map depicts all the Rights of Way in the County and users are able to zoom in and out in order to pinpoint the location of the fault. Once the spot is plotted on the map the detailed information of the problem and location can be added together with photographs (if available). The system will acknowledge the report by email giving a unique reference number by which the report can be tracked. Should the user wish to give further details or photographs at any time they can add to the original report themselves. The information is processed and automatically transfers into the main Rights of Way system. This system ensures that all contacts and reports are included on the system and will help to improve efficiency.

Link to new online reporting system: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rowreporting](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rowreporting)

## Update on Affordable Housing at Spernal Lane

Whilst planning permission has now been granted by Stratford on Avon District Council (SDC) to Linfoot Country Homes Ltd, this has resulted in a delay in the land acquisition and it is unlikely that work will commence on site until January 2018. This has had a knock on effect on the timing of the drainage works to the playing field.

The Parish Council has been contacted by Linfoot Country Homes Ltd with respect to street lights on the new estate road to the Spernal Lane development. Usually, where roads are to be adopted, Warwickshire County Council will require that a street light design is carried out in accordance with their approved lighting standards. As Great Alne Parish Council is the 'adopting' authority for street lights in Great Alne, the decision on street lighting along the new estate road lies with the Parish Council. It was agreed to accept Linfoot Country Homes Ltd's recommendation that, as developers, they will suggest the number of lights appropriate for the setting, without undertaking the WCC design, which the Parish Council then agrees to and WCC are advised.

**Those interested in the affordable homes on the development should ensure that they register with Home Choice Plus, SDC and MUST have a local connection with Great Alne to be eligible (See Parish Council website/News for further details)**