



Police matters

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Contact information for the

Alcester South Safer

Neighbourhood Team is on the

village noticeboards or

www.warwickshire.police.uk

Householder waste- things you should know!

Individual householders have a duty of care where contractors working on their behalf are disposing of waste products. Please check that your reputable contractor has the necessary facility and ability to dispose of your waste safely and securely. Fixed Penalties are currently being considered.

For your information: Items that are not accepted at the tip include paint, chemicals, asbestos, tyres, gasbottles, ammunition/explosives, fireworks, medicines, clinical waste.

CRIME REPORT

PC Rob Davies attended the March Parish Council meeting. He was originally covering for another member of staff at Alcester South SNT but will now be staying in post as he enjoys policing here. PC Davies reported that there had been three incidents in Great Alne for the period January- March 2018 to include:

- **Attempted burglary:**
 - Henley Road- end of January
 - Sernal Lane- January/February
- **Suspicious circumstances-** 'Nottingham Knockers'- recent incidents of aggressive pedlars trying to circumvent the law with changes to practice

PC Davies reminded the meeting that all the contact details for Alcester South SNT are on the website and to call 101 for non- emergencies. It is anticipated that the Police will have mobile numbers shortly and it will be possible to contact them this way in future.

Drone Laws in the UK - what are the rules?

At the moment, there is nothing to stop you buying a drone and taking it out flying, as long as the drone weighs less than 20kg and you are not using it for commercial reasons. However, you must avoid flying it within 150 metres of a congested area and 50 metres of a person, vessel, vehicle or structure not under the control of the pilot. That's probably going to be fine if you're flying the drone in your back garden, but if you're in a park, for example, you need to be very careful about making sure you're not flying it within 50 metres of other people. See "<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2016/04/18/drone-laws-in-the-uk--what-are-the-rules/>". The Police advice is that any such occurrence should be notified to them on 101 and some arrests have already been made locally.

Alne cote Corner

The Parish Council has been very concerned about the number of accidents at this location- particularly this winter.

County Cllr Mr C Rickards attended an informal meeting recently with the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Mr L Bowring, Cllr Mr I Millard, the Clerk and Mr M McDonnell, Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Traffic and Road Safety Engineer to consider road safety improvements here and elsewhere in the village.

The proposals outlined are acceptable to both County Cllr Rickards and the Parish Council and were approved at the March meeting. Proposals include improved signage at Alne Cote Corner, repeater signs and reminder 30mph roundels through the village on the B4089 carriageway, and consolidation of the 30mph signs and gateway furniture at each end of the village to give greater visual impact.

The estimated cost for the scheme is £13,688 plus the time of an officer. County Cllr Mr C Rickards has indicated his approval and that this will come from his Delegated Transport fund for the next financial year.

Point to note: It was confirmed by WCC that the temporary speed limit on the B4089 at Maudslay Park end of the village remains in place only until the end of June 2018.

Litter

The Parish Council has received complaints about the increasing amounts of litter and fly tipping in and around the village. It was agreed that this was a problem and had become more prevalent in the usual hot spots of Pelham Lane and along the Uroute (formerly the Eroad) between Sernal and Coughton Fields Lane. If you have any bright ideas about how to tackle this problem, please get in touch!

Remember- dog waste can now be put in any litter bin!

UPDATE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT SPERNAL LANE

SALTERS' OAK, SPERNAL LANE, GREAT ALNE

Work has now commenced on Salters' Oak, Linfoot Country Homes' new site for local people at Sernal Lane. The development, which overlooks open countryside and will have large, open, landscaped areas, comprises a mix of 17 two, three, four & five-bedroom family homes built in a mellow brick or with a render finish, of which 10 are local market homes for sale and 7 are available for rent through Warwickshire Rural Housing Association.

The 10 local market homes for sale will be available exclusively for the first 12 weeks of marketing for people with a local connection to the Parish of Great Alne. This is to ensure that local people have the opportunity to purchase the houses before those who have no connection to the village. In order to benefit from the local connection you need to satisfy any one or more of the following criteria:-

- You were born in the Parish of Great Alne or born to parents who were ordinarily resident in the Parish at the time of birth
- You currently live in the Parish and have done so for at least the past 12 months
- You used to live in the Parish and did so for a period of not less than 3 years
- You currently work in the Parish and have done so for at least the past 12 months for an average of not less than 16 hours per week
- You have a close family member (mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter) currently living in the Parish and who has done so for a continuous period of not less than 3 years

Although release dates and prices are not yet available for the individual local market houses these will be completed on a rolling programme with the first properties anticipated in November 2018 and the final properties anticipated in July/August 2019. Plans will be available to view at the Great Alne Parish Assembly on Thursday 24 May 2018.

A viewhome will be launched in Autumn 2018 (dates are subject to the build programme and will be confirmed later in the year) with prices and details made available beforehand to ensure that local people have plenty of notice prior to the commencement of the 12 weeks sales period.

If you would like to register your interest in the local market homes for sale please email info@linfoothomes.co.uk, call 01789 488208 or visit us at the Parish Assembly.

If you are interested in one of the affordable homes to rent please contact Neil Gilliver or Philippa Osborne at Warwickshire Rural Housing Association on 0300 123 4009.

PLEASE NOTE: 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 (see above) with Great Alne to be eligible (See the Parish Council website/News page for further details).

Maudslay Park update

- In addition to the cottages already on site, Inspired Villages Group (IVG) have now completed the build on their first apartment block, Theodore House, which contains 12 homes
- Contractors are working towards the completion of the second apartment block, Millway Lodge, which is due to be completed soon and also Maudslay House, which contains all facilities including a bar and restaurant. Maudslay House is due for completion late spring/early summer
- A New Assistant Manager, Ms T Digby, joined the team in March 2018. Ms Digby has previous experience in managing retirement villages and services

If you have any concerns about Maudslay Park please contact Ms Higginson on 01789 488625 or the Clerk.

Casual Vacancy

A vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Great Alne due to the resignation of Councillor Louise Bennett on the 30 April 2018.

Any ten local government electors for the Parish may require an election to be held to fill the vacancy. To do this, they must send a written request to the Returning Officer, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HX which must reach him not later than 22 May 2018. No set form of words is necessary. If sufficient requests are received by the Returning Officer, an election will be held. If sufficient requests are not received, the vacancy will be filled in due course by co-option by the remaining members of the Parish Council.