



Police matters

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Contact information for the

Alcester South Safer

Neighbourhood Team is on the
village noticeboards or see

www.warwickshire.police.uk

Home Library Delivery

The Home Library Delivery Service is a free Warwickshire County Council service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity.

They deliver library books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences. They offer books in both large and small print and also talking books on compact disc.

They have a team of staff and volunteers who choose and deliver the library books and they often form close bonds with the people they visit. Please see <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice>

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 September- November 2018:

- **Suspicious incidents x3**
- **Burglary dwelling x4- all within the Shelfield area**

Please do not report crime or other incidents via Twitter or other forms of Social Media. Please call 101 or dial 999 in an emergency. Additional information is often required by officers in order for the police to act upon any information given.

Incidents reported across the area include:

- Car Key Burglary
- Number plate thefts

You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously with information about crime on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers is a charity who will pass on information to police without revealing any details of the caller.

Rogue Trader Alert

Please be aware of:

- Door to Door Mattress Sellers
- Insulation cold callers
- Apple Pay targeted by fraudsters
- Spotify Premium phishing emails
- Fake TV Licence refund emails
- HMRC paying 'refunds' direct
- Sim swap fraud

Contact Warwickshire Trading Standards on 01926 414040 to report a suspect rogue trader. For general advice on scams and rogue traders contact 0845 4040 506. For access to latest information on scams go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards or www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scams You can also report a fraud to Action Fraud on: 0300 123 2040

Vehicle Theft - Defrosting vehicles

Please do not defrost your vehicle by starting the vehicle and then leaving it unlocked and running. If you do, you are running a serious risk of the vehicle being stolen by thieves who roam the area looking for an easy and vulnerable target. If this happens, your insurance company may not pay out for the vehicle if it is stolen.

With the onset of the colder weather, darker nights and frosty mornings comes the need to defrost motor vehicles before use. Drivers become relaxed and complacent but there is a need to be aware of the risks and dangers involved. Drivers may only pop back into the house to make a drink, they may have CCTV installed at the property or even stand inside the house looking out of the window at the vehicle. However, it only takes seconds for thieves to run up to the vehicle, jump in it and drive it away before the driver can do anything to stop them. Motorists should check the weather forecasts and allow adequate time to defrost a motor vehicle whilst they are sitting inside it. Use covers or garages where possible the night before. For added safety and security ensure doors are locked even when the vehicle is occupied and defrosting.

Remember! BEFORE driving on the public highway, the windscreen and side windows should be fully clear of frost so adequate visibility is available for the driver.

It is an offence to drive a motor vehicle on the public highway with inadequate visibility. Likewise, it is also an offence to leave a motor vehicle on a public road with the engine running and unattended.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Here in the parish of Great Alne, Stratford on Avon District Council are the planning authority and as such process all the planning applications and make decisions on each application.

A brief outline of the process on receipt of a planning application is as follows (a fee is payable):

Registration and validation- Application given a unique case reference number

Consultation- Neighbours, SDC councillors and town/parish council, specialist advisors

Site visit- By case officer

Report- By case officer

Determination- This is done in two ways. For simple applications a senior officer will check the report and make a decision. However, when either the Parish Council or the District Councillor have objected to an application and the case officer disagrees (or vice versa), the application will be referred to Stratford District Council's Planning Committee (West) where the decision will be made. Members of the public are able to make representations at these Committee meetings.

Decisions are made within 8- 13 weeks from the date of validation, depending on complexity, and the applicant notified.

Decision- Approval- The permission lists any conditions applied to make the proposal acceptable. There is usually a fee payable to discharge these.

Decision- Refusal- When an application is refused there is an explanation on the refusal notice.

Appeals- The applicant can appeal to the Planning Inspectorate if an application is refused or if a condition is imposed that they think is unjustified.

For more information see <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-regeneration/the-application-process.cfm>

Great Alne Council is a **statutory consultee** in the planning consultation process. It does not make decisions.

The Parish Council may discuss current planning applications by email or at a Parish Council meeting and then submits a formal comment to SDC online.

If the Parish Council, or you as a member of the public, would like to object to a planning application there are only certain issues known as 'material considerations' that will be taken into account by SDC.

Material planning considerations can include (but are not limited to):

- Overlooking/ loss of privacy
- Loss of daylight/ sunlight or overshadowing
- Scale and dominance
- Layout and density of buildings
- Appearance and design of development and materials proposed
- Disabled persons' access
- Highway safety
- Traffic and parking issues

Non-material planning considerations are issues which cannot be taken into account by SDC when deciding on a planning application. Some examples include who the applicant is/ the applicant's background; loss of views; loss of property value.

Update on Affordable Housing at Sernal Lane

Work is progressing well at Salter's Oak on both the affordable rented homes and the local market homes for sales, with several of the local market homes nearing completion. Plots 3-10 were released for sale to local people only in October. Plot 1 & plot 2, the viewhome, have not yet been released.

Plots 4, 5 & 6 are already reserved, however if you have a local connection* to the Parish of Great Alne there is still time to reserve one of the remaining released plots before they become available to the open market in January 2019.

The viewhome will be available for local people only to visit by appointment from the 15th December. If you are interested in one of the properties and would like to see the viewhome please contact Peter Clarke New Homes on 01789 852180. The viewhome will launch to the general public on Saturday 12th January 2019 with an open weekend (12th and 13th January, 11am-3pm). Viewings will be by appointment only thereafter.

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.

*Local connection criteria apply.

Visit

www.linfoothomes.co.uk/developments.html