



Police matters

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Report crime...when it happens!

We urge residents to report crimes/disturbances/nuisances at the time of the event. The police may not be able to do something straight away (a common reason for not making the call) but they have a considerably better chance of taking action if they have the information available to them as soon as it happens. Your Parish Councillors are very happy to discuss any concerns/issues you have and take these forward with the police but they need to have the calls/data in order to act and make a difference.

Crime Report

The Police continue to send weekly written reports indicating the incidents in the village within the last few months.:

Incidents which occurred in Great Alne for the period April 2018 – August 2019:

- Vehicle crime x 5
- Burglary/Theft x6
- Damage to property x 1
- Antisocial behaviour x 4

A weekly newsletter is issued by Warwickshire Police and can be found on their website <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/> - Click 'My Area' and then 'Alcester South'. This report contains all incidents from the local area that week as well as advice around crime prevention.

We strongly recommend residents sign up to receive this newsletter as it provides a good report of crime in the area which will help people to increase vigilance and awareness in the necessary areas.

Theft of vehicle number plates

Great Alne residents have suffered from a couple of incidents of this nature in the last few months and Warwickshire Police have provided this useful information.

Vehicle number plate theft is a national problem and has increased in recent years in part due to an increase in the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras. Offenders have looked at ways to hide the identities of their vehicles so they can engage in criminal activity whilst avoiding detection. Number plates are being stolen from vehicles of all makes, models and ages.

What you can do:

- Non reversible screws have been developed to help combat this crime. The number plate screws are special one-way devices that cannot be unscrewed once fitted. Any attempt to steal the plate would require force, causing the plate to break. Therefore, if the thief steals the plates, they are damaged in such a way that makes them useless for criminal purposes.
- Traditional number plates are fixed to vehicles using plastic bolts. If non-reversible screws are not available, it is recommended that double sided tape is used instead of plastic bolts. This makes the plate harder to remove and may well lead to the plate breaking and therefore rendering it useless if pulled off. When taking your vehicle for its next garage maintenance visit ask for your car number plates to be attached in this way.
- Check to see that your vehicle still has its number plates before and after you use it. If you find the plates gone, report to police straight away.

UBUS

Stratford-on-Avon District Council have reminded us that UBUS is a discretionary service that they choose to support. They fully appreciate the importance and value it provides individuals who would otherwise struggle to get out and about. They have asked us to remind residents that this service needs to be utilized well in order to maintain the funding and encourage people to sign up. They are also asking for small contributions towards the running costs and Parish Councillors will discuss this at the September meeting. Should you wish to register with UBUS, please call 01789 26 44 91.

Salter's Oak Update

The development at Salter's Oak is now nearing build completion. Eight of the ten local market homes for sale (plots 2-9) have been sold with seven of the properties handed over and occupied. The remaining sold property is due to be handed over at the end of August/early September. Plot 10, the completed 2-bedroom cottage has now been reserved, and construction on plot 1 (where the site cabin was situated) is close to completion and it is anticipated that it will be handed over in early September.

Five of the seven affordable homes to rent (plots 11-15) were handed over to Orbit and Warwickshire Rural Housing Association on 30th July and the residents have now moved in. Plots 16 & 17 are due to be handed over shortly.

The hoarding that runs in front of plot 1 and between plots 1 & 2 (the 2 properties at the front of the development) is due to be removed mid-August and once the kerbs to the right of plot 1 have been installed the developers can prepare for the estate road to be tarmacked. The landscaping to the communal areas will continue in line with the planting seasons.

The street name for the development, with the exception of Sycamore House, which has its own direct access onto Sernal Lane, is Linfoot Oaks, and we are extremely pleased that it has been named in memory of Ken Linfoot, Linfoot Country Homes' founding Chairman and Chief Executive, who was such an active and well-respected member of the Parish.

Great Alne Park

Kelly Webb, has provided the following update:

'The team at Great Alne Park would like to thank everyone who attended Parkfest on 20th July 2019. There was a fantastic turnout and the day was enjoyed by all.

Great Alne Park are planning another music and dinner evening in September and more information will be provided soon. A Christmas menu will also be created soon.

The Thursday themed evenings are going well and they have a steady number of people attending every week. Great Alne Park would love to see more residents each week. Please call to book your place.

Sunday lunch is proving very popular and booking is a must! Bookings can be made by emailing Kelly or calling 01789 489103. If it is out of hours, there is an answerphone where booking requests can be left.'

Kelly regretfully informed us that Tina Digby is no longer the Village Manager. She resigned from this post in early August. Kelly said 'Tina will be greatly missed. She made such an impact on moving the village forward in such a positive way'.

Cricket Club

With only one game to go (as of 28/08/19) the Saturday league side are second in the table, 22points ahead of third place. Only the top two teams are eligible for promotion to division three - fingers crossed!

Thanks to some better weather, the Sunday side have managed to play the majority of their matches. These have been both enjoyable and competitive – always played in the right spirit.

For the first time this season, an additional fixture was added which saw Great Alne Cricket Club play Great Alne Park. This was enjoyed by all.

40+ children had a fantastic time at Kids Week which started on 22nd July.

This week is run by volunteers and the cricket club are tremendously grateful to all of their helpers for making it such a success.

Broadband Update

Whilst some residents have excellent broadband speeds, the more remote areas of the parish are still only receiving broadband download speeds of around 0.5mbps. We appreciate how frustrating this can be! Parish Councillor Hazel Mainwaring has been in touch with David Platts (Head of ICT and Revenues) at Stratford District council to gather more information. Mr Platts confirmed that Stratford District Council have included Great Alne in their bid for funding as part of the government's £200m Rural Gigabit Broadband Connectivity Programme for rural areas. These more remote properties are due to be upgraded as part of the Contract 3 roll-out in 2020 but he is working to progress the matter further to try and speed up the roll out.