

Great Alne Parish Council

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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 September 2019 – December 2019:

- Suspicious activity x 2
- Burglary/Theft x2
- Antisocial behaviour x 1

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.

Top tips from Warwickshire Police this Christmas:

- Cars - Always lock doors and windows and consider use of a **steering lock**.
- Keep presents or shopping out of sight.
- Thieves look in glove compartments first for mobile phones and valuables, take them with you.
- Going on holiday? Leave lights and a radio on timer switches and ask a neighbour to go in and collect mail.
- Hall tables are the first place thieves look for valuables.
- Secure your shed with a bolt and padlock and consider fitting an alarm.

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

Marie Holding: 10 Nightingale Close, Great Alne, B49 6PE

Hazel Mainwaring - Hill View, Burford Lane, Shelfield B49 6JH

Joanne Bullingham (Clerk) – Oakfield Cottage, Stratford Rd, Wootton Wawen, Henley-in-Arden B95 6DF Tel no: 07833 790375

Speeding Awareness Group – Calling for Volunteers!

We are receiving an increasing number of calls, emails and complaints from residents about the speed at which traffic is passing through the village. The Parish Council share these concerns. Some time ago, the idea of setting up a Community Speed Awareness Group was suggested but due to lack of volunteers, this could not be pursued. We thought we would ask again to see if anyone would be interested in taking part in this. Full training will be provided. If you are interested, please email greatalne.parishcouncil@googlemail.com.

Join us and have your say!

2019 has been a busy year for the council. We really appreciate people giving up their time to attend the meetings and would encourage more people to come along and share their views. The meetings last for about 2hrs but you can stay for as much or as a little as you like. We hope to see you there in the New Year!

Stay safe – re-visit your Security arrangements

The PCSO's officers who attended our November meeting advised residents to have a fresh look at the security around their houses. It is easy to become complacent but a regular assessment of what measures you have in place could make all the difference. The Alcester South Team are very happy for people to contact them if they have any queries on security at home or need advice.

Parish Council Meetings 2020

Great Alne Primary School on Wednesdays

- 15 January
- 18 March
- 20 May
- 15 July
- 16 September
- 18 November
- Parish Assembly - 16 May

Meetings start at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

More dates for your diaries!

8th May 2020 - VE Day 75th Anniversary – events being held at the Memorial Hall
27th June 2020- Alne Fest at the school

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!

Great Alne School- Annual Christmas Decoration Competition

The Parish Council were delighted to join forces with Great Alne School this year and judge the annual Christmas Tree Decoration competition. The Chairman was so impressed with the wonderful effort and creativity demonstrated by the children. It was extremely difficult to make a decision but finally, the winners were announced as: Emily Butler -KS1 Winner and Emma Willmott - KS2 Winner. Both were awarded with a selection box for themselves and £50 for them to spend (with the help of their teachers!) on something of benefit and interest to their particular class! Well done to you both.



A huge well done to all of the children who took part. What a creative group you are! The Parish Council very much hope to work together with the school over the coming year and introduce the children to who we are and what we do. They are after all, Great Alne's future Councillors!

Can we help?

Please complete and return this form to Joanne Bullingham – Oakfield Cottage, Stratford Rd, Wootton Wawen B95 6DF

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





Police matters

Main contacts for Great Alne are:

PC Rob Davies

(Beat Manager)

PCSO Carolyn Davis

PCSO Gary Johnson-Jones

Alcester Police Station, Priory
Road, Alcester, B49 5DZ

Tel: 01789 444816

(Team voicemail) or 101

E-mail:

alcestersouth.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

pnn.police.uk

Twitter: @AlcesterCops

Instagram: southwarwickshiresnts

Facebook: Warwickshire Police

Contact information for the
Alcester South Safer

Neighbourhood Team is on the
village noticeboards or see
www.warwickshire.police.uk

Parish Council Update

The Huff Cap

2019 has seen the very disappointing closure of the Huff Cap. At this time, the owners are exploring alternative uses for the site. We will keep residents updated as soon as we have further information. In the meantime, we appreciate residents are unhappy with the general state of repair of the grounds of the pub and we have contacted the owners to request they take action on this.

Flooding

During the extreme wet weather over the last few weeks, there have been concerns over flooding/drainage in lots of different parts of the village. The Parish Council have been in contact with County Highways who confirmed the drains had been recently cleared and they are done so on a cyclical programme. County Highways did report problems with the drainage systems being simply overwhelmed due to the excessive rainfall and waterlogged ground conditions. County Cllr Rickhards suggested that the Parish Council request a comprehensive survey from the Flood Risk Management Team. The Chairman and Cllr Clark will review the village and compile a list of areas of concern before requesting the survey. Other Parish Councils have seen considerable improvements following this type of survey and necessary work so we hope it can be of benefit to Great Alne.

Spernal - Coughton Fields Lane - U_route

On Wednesday 27th November, a contractor put strategically placed large tree trunks at both ends and in the middle of the U_route. The Parish Council are very hopeful that this will help to resolve the long-standing issues of anti-social behavior in this area. Please send any feedback to greatalne.parishcouncil@googlemail.com.

Street Lights

We are aware that several street lights within the village are not working. These have been logged with Warwickshire County Council. Due to the age of these lights, in most cases, new poles and lamps are required which is costly. The Parish Council have ring-fenced funds to pay for these and will continue to put money aside for these necessary replacements. Replacements are scheduled in for January 2020.

Pavements

Ongoing concerns over the poor state of the pavements between the Memorial Hall and the Church have been raised with County Highways repeatedly and, whilst repairs are on their programme, delays continue. We have expressed our concerns clearly and County Highways confirmed that whilst there is very little they can do to improve the condition of the footway without a full scheme to address the surface, they have now put this as priority number 1 for the Stratford Area. The Parish Council will continue to chase this up and report back at each meeting.

Alne Cote Corner

The Parish Council had requested that the 30mph speed sign be moved so that it sits at the Alcester side of Alne Cote Corner. Sadly, WCC Traffic and Safety have refused this request. Whilst they are happy to move the sign closer to the bend, they will not include the bend itself within the 30mph zone. The reasons are complex and it was agreed that the Parish Council should request clarification in writing – this will be provided at the January meeting. Traffic and Safety have offered to install an extra reflective chevron which the Parish Council have accepted.

Salter's Oak Update

Following an 18 month build programme construction at Salter's Oak (Linfoot Oaks) is now complete. Since the last update the remaining three local market homes for sale have completed and been handed over to the new owners, plots 16 & 17 (the final two affordable homes to rent) have been handed over to Orbit Homes and Warwickshire Rural, and the new residents have moved in. All of the site hoarding was removed in August and the marketing sign board has recently been dismantled and removed so that the grass seeding to this area could be finished. The estate road and private access roads were tarmacked in early October giving a finished look to the whole area.

Landscaping work continues as certain aspects can only be carried out at certain times of the year. Bare root planting, including the hedge along Spernal Lane (in front of plots 13-17), the landscape buffer belt, the balancing pond area and the open spaces will be done over the winter months, whereas the seeding to these areas balancing pond area and buffer belt (and any topping up as required to the open spaces) will be carried out in the early Spring. The landscaping that has already been undertaken is developing well and as it starts to mature will encourage wildlife.

As most of the works have finished this will be the final Salter's Oak update and some of the residents have kindly provided some comments on how they have settled into their new homes (and for those who weren't already resident in Great Alne, into the community).

"We were the first to move in on the site, and although construction was still continuing, we very much appreciated the courtesy and thoughtfulness of all those employed by Linfoot Country Homes during our settling in period. We are extremely happy with our new home, the quality of the build and interior are excellent and any issues we have identified have been quickly remedied to our full satisfaction. We would whole-heartedly recommend Linfoot Country Homes for quality construction with a personal touch." Mr & Mrs Jones (local market connection)

"For many years, our connection with Great Alne has been transitory, observed as a neat and tidy village on journeys to and from the Vale of Evesham, the Cotswolds and beyond. Since September, it is no longer "en-route" but the start and finish of all our journeys; it's now our domicile, our new home and community here on Linfoot Oaks in Spernal Lane. It's a thoughtful and well-planned development with extensive open spaces, tastefully integrated into the surrounding landscape, eco-friendly and earning many compliments from visitors and friends."

We are settling in and finding much to do. Acquaintanceships and friendships to build, community activities to discover, local bridleways and footpaths to explore and an extensive history to appreciate, aided by the publication by Frank Wain and John Earle, gifted to us by a friend and local resident. We look forward to being part of our new community here in Great Alne." Mr & Mrs Hawkins

Facebook

The Parish Council now have a group on Facebook. Please search 'Great Alne Parish Council' to join. We hope that this can be of great use to residents, allowing us to share information more quickly. We kindly request that this group is not used for advertising.

Broadband Update

Did you know that fibre broadband may be available to you already?

CSW Broadband have already completed upgrades to several parts of Great Alne.

To find out if you can get fibre broadband:

1. Enter your landline number or address into the [BT Broadband Availability Checker](#).

If fibre is available, either 'VDSL Range A & B' or 'WBC FTTP' will be listed in the 'Featured Products' column of the results table along with the speeds you are likely to achieve.

2. Remember, that if fibre is available, **you will need to order the improved service** to benefit from it. Use a comparison site such as: MoneySavingExpert.com, Broadbandchoices, [Broadband Genie](http://BroadbandGenie) or Cable.co.uk to find / order a broadband package that meets your needs.

Recreation Ground – no dogs allowed

We kindly ask residents to remember that no dogs are allowed in any part of the recreation ground at any time. This is to protect young children from contamination by dog faeces. Please make use of the many beautiful footpaths the village is lucky to have.

Fly Tipping

Please ensure any rubbish which is unsuitable for the weekly collection is taken to the recycling centre, Burton Farm in Stratford-upon-Avon. We are receiving complaints that items such as fridges, washing machines etc are being left on grass verges. Please help to keep our village tidy.