



Great Alne Parish Council

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Crime Report

While incidents of crime in Great Alne remain low, there have been an increasing number of reports regarding vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour on the roads in and around our parish.

In relation to the use of quad bikes and 4x4 vehicles on local U-routes and E-roads such as Stroat Lane, Alcester police have informed us that as far as they are concerned, these lanes are legally useable by motorists, with there being no speed restrictions listed. It is not acceptable for vehicles to be stopped, blocked or drivers harassed for legal usage. Any evidenced anti-social behaviour or traffic offences such as erratic driving or riding without helmets on motorcycles and no insurance can be reported and investigated through normal police reporting channels.

A regular update on crime within the area and useful information is issued by Warwickshire Police and can be found on their website <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>.

Is your vehicle attracting thieves (reminder)?

Follow these ten simple rules to protect your car.

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| 1. Lock your vehicle | 2. Keep the keys safe |
| 3. Be aware of carjackers | 4. Park responsibly |
| 5. Watch for illegal tow trucks | 6. Fit good in-car security locks |
| 7. Double-check electronic locking | 8. Before you buy, check for cloning |
| 9. Secure your port | 10. Be aware of test drive thieves |

For more details on these 10 useful tips, visit the Great Alne Parish Council website: <https://www.greatalne-pc.gov.uk/>

Great Alne Parish Councillors:

Lynn Bowring (Chairman) – The Old Cottage, Henley Road, B49 6HR
Paul Clark – 66 School Road, Great Alne, B49 6HQ
Ian Millard – West Meadow Barn, Manor Court, Henley Road, B49 6HR
Hazel Mainwaring - Hill View, Burford Lane, Shelfield B49 6JH

Kyla Brown (Clerk) – 2 Gunn Court, Park Lane, Great Alne, Alcester, B49 6HS
Tel no: 07833 790375
greatalne.parishcouncil@googlemail.com

Can we help?

Please complete and return this form to Kyla Brown – 2 Gunn Court, Park Lane, Great Alne, Alcester, Warwks B49 6HS

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

Speeding and Road Safety

The Parish Council continues to be concerned about the speed at which vehicles drive through the village. Clerks from local councils are meeting virtually in April with the WCC Lead Commissioner for Safety Engineering, and Chief Inspector Faz Chishtry from Warwickshire Police, to discuss concerns about speeding and other road safety issues in our villages. An update on developments and plans for initiatives with the help of the Speed Awareness Group will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in May.

Join us and have your say!

It has never been easier to attend the bi-monthly Parish Council meetings and now may be the perfect opportunity to learn more about the Parish Council and get involved. Meetings should start to be held face to face again as we head into summer - although we await final guidance from the Government on timing, in line with the easing of restrictions. Updates on location, along with the agenda and any supporting documentation, will be posted to the website, Facebook and noticeboards at least three days in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, or if there are any items you would like to be considered for adding to the agenda, please contact the Clerk.

Cyclists and Walkers

Please remember:

- Walkers (unless in large groups) and runners should face oncoming traffic.
- Cyclists should ride with the traffic.

Parish Council Meetings 2021

The next Parish Council meeting is on 19 May 2021

Meetings start at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome.

It will be held either via

Zoom or in person,

depending on

Government Guidance.

Please see our

Facebook page or

website for updates.

Confirmed meeting dates for 2021 are:

- 19 May
- 7 July
- 15 Sept
- 17 Nov

COVID-19

**WASH HANDS
COVER FACE
MAKE SPACE
FRESH AIR**

**For the latest updates, please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>**

Latest Coronavirus Information

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Stratford District Council (SDC) continue to provide support and assistance for residents as we start to ease out of this national lockdown. There are initiatives and information available to support local individuals, families and businesses who have been adversely affected during this difficult time. This includes a wide variety of services such as the Local Hardship Scheme, Warwickshire Carer Wellbeing Service, Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action 'Telephone Befriending Service' and funding for VASA to provide free transport to those in the priority age groups to get to their vaccination appointments. If anyone would like any further information on these schemes and support services, or needs assistance in finding some specific assistance, please contact the Clerk.

Alternatively, please call Alcester Community Resilience (which has a sub-group in Great Alne, co-ordinated by The Parish Council Chairman, Lynn Bowring):

- Helpline: 07707 598379
- Email: alcester.response@outlook.com
- Alcester Community Resilience is also on Facebook

Should you require a Covid test, our local walk-through test centres are at:

- Stratford Leisure Centre Car Park, Bridgeway, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6YM
- Redditch (Trescot Road Car Park), Redditch, Trescott Rd, Redditch B98 7AH
- Stourbridge Road Car Park, Bromsgrove B61 0AB

Telephone number to book an appointment for these sites is 0300 303 2713.

Asymptomatic community testing is available at the rear of The Other Place Theatre Royal Shakespeare Company, 22 Southern Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6BH, for anyone in any age group with no Covid symptoms, but who requires a test.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Following the retirement of one of our Members, Great Alne Parish Council is seeking to co-opt a new Member to join our team. The term of office will last until the next elections in May 2022, when all Members must be re-elected.

Applications in writing, together with a brief statement of reasons why you wish to be a Councillor, are invited from any parishioner who feels they could contribute to the working of Great Alne Parish Council and who is keen to be involved in shaping their community's future.

No experience is necessary, and training is available. Applications should be emailed or posted before the closing date of **26 April 2021** to:

Clerk to Great Alne Parish Council
2 Gunn Court, Park Lane, Great Alne, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 6HS
Tel: 07833 790375 or Email: greatalne.parishcouncil@googlemail.com
Further information is available on our Facebook page and website.



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](https://www.pnn.police.uk)

Twitter: @AlcesterCops

Instagram: southwarwickshiresnts

Facebook: Alcester 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

The new owners have recently submitted new plans to SDC: these are publicly available by visiting the 'Planning' page of the Parish Council website.

In brief, the proposals include the: "erection of 2 new dwellings, re-configuration of public house car park and beer garden including demolition of modern garage." The major change from the original plans being the erection of 2 dwellings rather than three.

Flooding

As we move into spring, it's fair to say that to a greater or lesser extent, most parts of the village experienced some flooding or drainage issues over the winter. While the Parish Council are still pushing for a comprehensive survey from WCC's Flood Risk Management Team, the Team came to the village in mid-January and jetted the drains along the bottom end of Spenal Lane. However, following a particularly heavy period of rain, the drains were quickly blocked up again from the amount of rainwater and soil running off the nearby fields. WCC's Highways Department have confirmed that they are planning to clear the system out again and potentially survey the drains with a camera to see if there are any issues along the system which they need to be aware of.

Litter picking weekend!

The Parish Council, in collaboration with the Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall, are organizing a 'Great Alne Family Litter Picking Weekend' on **Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th April 2021**. This will be a Covid-safe way of having some outdoor fun while helping to look after our lovely local environment.

There will be two 'Base Camps': i) outside the front of the Memorial Hall on Henley Road, and ii) outside Hill View, Burford Lane (which is next door to Burford Lane Farm). The Parish Council will provide litter pickers (disinfected between uses), refuse sacks and disposable gloves. We are also happy for you to return the sacks to the Base Camps for disposal. All we need is an hour or so of your time to help us pick up litter in any part of our parish. Please contact the Clerk to book your time slot for the litter pickers. There will be a small thank-you for each child who takes part (please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult for the litter picking). Further details and times will be posted on our Facebook page and website. Depending on the success of this initiative, we hope to establish this as a regular event for our village!

Recreation Park – New 'Playground Friends' Group

The recreation ground is likely to be increasingly utilized over the coming spring and summer as restrictions ease and the weather improves. It needs a spring clean and tidy up! The Parish Council is seeking volunteers to form a volunteer maintenance group, or local 'Playground Friends' group. Being part of this group would mean engaging twice a year with buckets, mops, sponges and brooms to help clean down the equipment and sweep up the twigs and branches in the toddler area.

Your help would make the playground a nicer area in which to play and keeps the equipment clean and safe for all our children.

If you would like to become a volunteer member of the Playground Friends group, please contact the Clerk.

Tel: 07833 790375 or email greatalne.parcouncil@googlemail.com

Stratford District Council Green Waste Initiative

From 1st April 2021, emptying of the green bin will only be carried out where residents have subscribed to the Garden Waste Service and are displaying a valid permit on their bin.

The registration cost is £40 per bin. Residents can subscribe to the service online (www.stratford.gov.uk/gardenwaste) or by phoning 01789 260 628.

Residents can also request up to three food waste caddies which can be put out alongside the green bin and will be emptied at the same time.

There are notices on the village noticeboards regarding this initiative.

Dog fouling

Following a number of recent complaints about the increase in dog fouling, the Parish Council contacted SDC for further guidance. Since October 2020, Great Alne falls under a Public Spaces Protection (Dog Fouling) Order, which sets out a number of penalties and fines that can be imposed if someone is caught allowing their dog to foul anywhere in our village and fails to pick it up. Not being aware of the fouling, or not having a receptacle to pick it up, is not an excuse under the Order.

Please be aware that only a police community support officer or person authorised by SDC, has the relevant authority to impose a fine. Please use judgment and caution if you decide to approach someone who has failed to pick up after their dog. The Parish Council has put up several new dog fouling signs around the village which highlight the potential fine. If anyone feels their street or a specific location could benefit from a new sign, please contact the Clerk as there are a few left.

A further deterrent which SDC suggest is working as an effective deterrent in some villages, is the use of temporary yellow line paint to spray a ring round the dog mess on the street. The Parish Council would like to hear from volunteers who would be interested in helping us with this initiative (with guidance of course!).

Great Alne Park Update

Ben Ling, Site Manager for Inspired Villages has provided the following update:

As the current Coronavirus restrictions are starting to ease we are looking forward to reopening the restaurant and welcome back the local community. Based on the current Government roadmap we are expecting to be open from week commencing 17th May. We will hopefully be able to hold some events in the amphitheatre this summer, with the performance of the Petticoat Council planned for June. This is the story of the first all-female-run council in Britain; a real-life group of housewives from a rural Warwickshire village who broke down barriers to transform their community. We think this will be a fantastic performance and will share further details once it is confirmed.

The medical centre and farm shop are expected to open in the next few weeks, and we are pleased to share an update from the shop operators:

"We are thrilled to introduce ourselves and our wonderful new farm shop to you all. The team here at Farms To Fork are excited to share with you the news of our shop. We are currently working behind the scenes to finish setting things up and we will share the news of an opening date once this has been finalised. However, please find below a list of our opening times in which we will be operating within:

Monday – 08:00 – 17:00

Tuesday – 08:00 – 17:00

Wednesday – 08:00 – 17:00

Thursday – 11:00 – 19:00

Friday – 08:00 – 17:00

Saturday – 08:00 – 12:00

Sunday – Closed

A short questionnaire has been put together and a link has been attached below. We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete and return to us as we would love for you to have a say in what we stock in your local farm shop! Please also visit our website at: www.farmstofork.co.uk and follow us on social media@farmstoforkltd."

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back into Great Alne Park very soon!

Facebook

We are delighted to see so many residents of our Parish join our Facebook page, 'Great Alne Parish Council'. We will continue to post regular updates on the page, including general information concerning our Parish, local road closures, events and news or information of interest. It's a great forum for two-way communication, so please help us to spread the word so that we can get information and updates to as many residents as possible, as quickly as possible.

We do ask for members to please respect one another's opinions and ensure the group remains a friendly, useful group to be part of.

We kindly request that it is not used for advertising.

Allotments at Great Alne Park

If you would like to rent an allotment at Great Alne Park, please contact the reception team on 01789 489101 for further details. Each Plot is rented for a period of 12 months and you can be added to the waiting list if there are no plots available. The current rent for the period is £25.00 for a full plot for residents within the boundary of the Alcester Town Council.

Fly Tipping

Please report any fly tipping by emailing: streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or via the online form by visiting the Stratford-on-Avon District Council website.