



Great Alne Parish Council

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Crime Report and staying connected

There continue to be several incidents of vehicle crime, especially on driveways. Keys are being stolen from properties with the offenders returning later to steal the cars. There are also a number of burglaries especially from garages, sheds and outbuildings.

There are increasing concerns within Warwickshire and nationally regarding people having their drinks spiked in bars and nightclubs. The public are asked to remain vigilant and keep an eye on their drinks.

A regular update on these issues is issued by Warwickshire Police and can be found on their website <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/>. The Warwickshire Police community messaging system - 'Warwickshire Connected' – encourages direct engagement between the Community and the Police. This is a free messaging service where you decide when and how you hear about the issues that matter most to you, whether that be getting regular crime updates, the latest information on ongoing incidents and emergencies or learning more about what your local police are doing. It is also the place where you can get involved in helping to shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe and communicate on what matters are causing your communities harm. It is very quick and easy to sign up here: <https://www.warwickshireconnected.com>

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

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Facebook: Alcester Police

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

Diane Francis – 6 Millway Lodge, Woodland Drive, Great Alne, B49 6FX

Kyla Brown (Clerk) – 2 Gunn Court, Park Lane, Great Alne, Alcester, B49 6HS

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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 condition of the footpaths, pavements or overhanging trees for example?

New Waste Collection Service

From 1 August, Stratford District Council will roll out a new 123+ waste collection system in our area. This means:

- 1) A weekly food waste collection using food caddies (a small caddy for inside your property and a larger caddy to use outside and for collection);
 - 2) Fortnightly dry recycling collection
 - 3) Three-weekly refuse collection (using your existing grey wheeled bin)
- +) Fortnightly chargeable garden waste collection.

A collection calendar and information booklet will also be distributed. The benefits are both financial and environmental. The new service will support residents to be even better at recycling and reduce the amount waste going to landfill or incineration. The cost of treating and disposing of rubbish will reduce and the initiative supports the ambitions of the council to achieve carbon-neutral status by 2030.

The system will also bring with it more efficient vehicles and smarter routing.

For more information visit

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/123-waste-collections.cfm?frmAlias=/123/> or contact streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or tel 01789 260616

Defibrillators

There are now three life-saving defibrillators in Great Alne. One in the telephone box on School Road opposite the recreation ground; one in the main lobby at Great Alne Park and one that has been recently added at the Great Alne Cricket Club on Henley Road. All three are permanently available and accessible for public use. The rescheduled training session will be held towards the end of the summer for anyone interested in learning basic life-saving first aid and how to use the defibrillators. Details of the session will be circulated on Facebook, Meeting Minutes and on the Noticeboards.

Parish Council Meetings 2021

The next Parish Council meeting is on 7 July

2022. The meeting starts at 7pm. It will be held in the Function Room at Maudslay House, Great Alne Park, B49 6HX. Please see our Facebook page or website for updates.

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. 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.

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.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

On Sunday 5th June, 1pm-5pm, GAPC and The Mother Huff Cap invite you to our Jubilee Park Picnic at the Recreation Ground, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and National Thank-You Day.

This is a free family day filled with lots of fun and games including a bouncy castle, craft activities, children's entertainer, Jubilee-themed face painting and tattoos, treasure trail, raffle, bottle tombola, village rounders tournament, new skill zone and much more! We will also be burying a time capsule along with the planting of the first tree, a Queen Elizabeth acer, in our new Jubilee Copse, which will be followed by a short Church service to dedicate the tree and give thanks for Her Majesty's outstanding contribution and achievement at 3pm. Guests are invited to bring their own picnic, or food can be purchased from our BBQ and pop-up bar! Please note that card payments are accepted for the bar and BBQ, but cash is required for anything else.

We are running a number of competitions:

- **Jubilee Bake Off** - All entrants/cakes must be brought to the big marquee in the park by **midday on Sunday 5th July**. Anything goes in terms of size, design and decoration, so long as it has a Royal or Jubilee theme. A full list of every ingredient used in the cake *must* accompany your entry please. There will be 2 competitions - i) children up to age 12, and ii) adults. At the end of the event, the cakes will be sliced for the Cake Sale (all proceeds go towards fundraising; see below).
- **Best Dressed Jubilee Abode** - There are no rules for this one other than Jubilee-themed, so the more imaginative, eye catching and impressive the decoration, the better! Please submit your contact details and address to the Clerk at greatalne.parishcouncil@gmail.com by **midday on Saturday 4th June** so that the judges have time to visit your creations before the Picnic. If they are unable to visit before the Event, please email photos to the email address.
- **Best (Sustainable) Fancy Dress** - This is for the kids (big and small!). Anything goes, Jubilee or Royal themes; the only caveat being we are looking for creative sustainable costumes in a bid to avoid single use outfits/plastic. Please come to the Picnic in your creative Jubilee costume/hat etc for the judges to see.
- **Jubilee Family Treasure Trail** – copies of the Trail will be available at The Mother Huff Cap from the morning of Friday 3rd June until midday on Sunday 5th June. Follow the clues around the village and see if you can reveal the hidden word! Completed trails to be handed back to The Mother Huff Cap. All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw.

All competitions will be judged towards the end of the afternoon, with winners announced and prizes presented around 5pm. We have some fantastic Raffle prizes up for grabs – tickets will be available through School, The Mother Huff Cap, Great Alne Park or the Clerk. There will also be a Bottle Tombola for which we will be seeking donations from residents in the coming week. All funds raised on these two stalls and from the Cake Sale will be donated to Great Alne Primary School and a local charity, Welcome Here, Stratford-upon-Avon (for more on this charity, see over).

The Rounders Tournament will start at 4pm on the playing field. Teams of 8/9 are ideal and we can team players up on the day. The umpire is polishing up on the rules!

The Event will be rounded off with free live music at The Mother Huff Cap from 5-7pm.



Parish Council Update

South Warwickshire Local Plan/Council Merger

Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council have jointly decided to end their political merger talks to form a South Warwickshire District Council. At the Stratford District Council meeting held earlier this month, Councillors voted to formally end the discussions on the merger and determined that the submission to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to create a South Warwickshire District Council be withdrawn. Joint working on the South Warwickshire Local Plan and the South Warwickshire Economic Strategy will continue.

Council Tax Energy Rebate

The Council Tax Energy Rebates are now being paid to eligible residents who have paid the April instalment of their Council Tax bill by direct debit. 18,400 households have received their rebate so far. 1,500 of the rebate payments were rejected so SDC staff are contacting these residents by post to check the information they hold, for example bank details. SDC staff will contact residents who do not pay by Direct Debit; again this will be by post.

Scam phone calls are apparently being made to some residents claiming to be from SDC and asking for bank details so that the payment can be made. PLEASE NOTE this is not the case as NO phone calls are being made by SDC staff.

Community Speed Watch Group Formal Training Sessions

The Warwickshire Road Safety Unit has trained a number of new officers to provide the formal speed watch training for Community Speed Watch Group (CSWG) Volunteers, and we are delighted to have two sessions booked with our area trainer at the end of May and June. We have even been able to include some new volunteers from Kinwarton and Little Alne into our training group; and these volunteers ultimately plan to set up their own CSWG teams in these local villages.

At the end of the formal training we will have another 10 residents who are qualified to use the speed detection device. There is still time to sign up and get trained at the session in June, so if you would like to have an active role as part of our growing CSWG please contact the Clerk at greatalne.parishcouncil@gmail.com.

You will see the Team out and about at the specified locations in the parish over the coming months. Thank you to them and to the Team Leaders for their enthusiasm, commitment, and perseverance while we were waiting for the training to become available!

Community Pay Back Team Assistance

The Community Pay Back Team (CPBT) continue to carry out maintenance jobs for us at the weekends. The work they have done has made such a difference to many areas across the parish including the Church grounds, footpaths and pavements, and the Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall. Most recently they have fixed the five-bar gate at the bottom of Church Walk, cleared the undergrowth around the brook on the footpath from the back of the Church to the Mother Huff Cap and have erected a safety barrier to alert users of the water underneath. This path should now also be accessible for wheelchairs and buggies etc.

There is a long list of tasks that the CPBT plan to undertake over the summer months, including fixing various broken fences around the parish, clearing more footpaths, maintenance at the Recreation Ground and, hopefully, an exciting project at Great Alne School. The assistance they are providing not only keeps our parish looking well maintained and tidy, but it is also saving us all a good deal of money as the labour is free.

GAPC is very grateful for all the work undertaken by the Team and are impressed by the very high standard of work completed. We have had numerous comments and compliments by residents and visitors to the parish. The Team is hardworking, enthusiastic and keen to learn new transferable skills. A special thanks goes to the Supervisors of the Team who are extremely pleasant to work with and very solution-driven. No job is too much trouble for them. We are looking forward to working with the CPBT over the coming months and seeing what other wonderful improvements they can make for us.

Support for Ukrainian Guests in our area

GAPC is actively seeking ways to support new Ukrainian refugees arriving in our area. We are registered with WCC to offer support, services and local facilities if required. We are also working closely with local charity, Welcome Here: Stratford, who help refugees who have been forced to flee their homes as a result of war, conflict or persecution to rebuild their lives and achieve their full potential in safety and dignity. The charity has set up drop-in sessions for refugees and hosts with a view to sharing advice, answering questions and meeting new people. They have also set up a buddying scheme, with buddies linking up with hosts to share the support being given to hosted refugees. Regular updates are posted on the GAPC Facebook page, but please contact the Clerk if you would like further details.

Great Alne Park Update

- The Park Lane Entrance to Great Alne Park is now closed and the main Entrance, on Henley Road, is open. All traffic will use this entrance until Phase 3 groundworks commence, when the Park Lane Entrance will reopen temporarily.
- GAPC, our County Councillor Justin Kerridge and Inspired Villages have approached WCC seeking a reduction of the speed limit along this stretch of the Henley Road to 30mph. WCC are currently unsupportive of this proposal so other approaches are being considered, including private speed surveys and approaching our local MP, Nadim Zahawi, for support.
- A planning application was made by IV in December 2021 which included the addition of 5 new plots to be built in Phase 3. GAPC objected to this application, along with a number of GAP residents. Due to various issues the time for submissions is currently being extended.
- The Farm to Fork shop at Great Alne Park closed at the end of April. Inspired Villages are keen to hear your views on the future use of the shop. Please email your suggestions to GreatAlneParkOperationsTeam@InspiredVillages.co.uk
- Inspired Villages are also keen to seek residents' opinions on how the purpose-built medical centre facilities in Great Alne Park could be utilised for all people living in and around Great Alne. The medical centre was a planning requirement and IV are keen for all residents in Great Alne to benefit from it. The following survey requires responses to just a couple of questions regarding what medical services residents would like to see. All responses are anonymous. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KNQZVMG>



Tickets available at: www.alnefest.co.uk

Keep in touch

The 'Great Alne Parish Council' Facebook page provides regular updates and information concerning our Parish, including local road closures, events and news. All local residents are welcome to join.

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 business advertising and any business posts will be pre-approved by an admin before going live. Thank you for your understanding.

We're going paperless

Reducing its carbon footprint is one of GAPC's primary goals for this year. One of the easiest ways we can achieve this is to reduce our reliance on printed copies.

We have created a QR Code which can be scanned by most mobiles and electronic devices. The QR Code will take you to a link where you will be asked to register your address details to confirm that you no longer wish to receive a paper copy of the parish newsletter. All registered addresses will receive an electronic version going forward.

It will take just a minute or two to register. Please help us achieve our goal and environmental objectives by registering your address. The information will be used for the purposes of the newsletter only. Our Privacy Notice is available at [The Parish Council - Business: Great Alne \(greatalne-pc.gov.uk\)](http://The Parish Council - Business: Great Alne (greatalne-pc.gov.uk))

