



Kinwarton Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2026

All parishoners are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings, which are usually held on the first Monday of the month at Church House, Alcester, starting at 7.00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

This last year has seen the resignation of the council's officers. Chairman Margaret Moore had been a Parish Council member for 40 years. We have planted a flowering cherry tree on the Winchcombe Road island in her honour.

Our Clerk, Zoe Illes-Cody, resigned to take up a post as a music teacher.

Cllr Mike Giddings also resigned.

We thank them for their services and welcome new Councillors Tina Ballinger, Tim Forman and Roger Rees.

Our new Chairman is Gill Forman, who is very experienced in council matters.

Zoe has been replaced by Jane MacDowall-Scott, who has previous experience at various levels of council work.



RIVERS ALNE & ARROW REVIVAL (RAAR)

This is a newly-formed local organisation to improve the condition of our local rivers and riverbanks. Last year, a group was organised to clear up Himalayan Balsam from the Arrow in Alcester.

This year, we are hoping they will help us clear the plants from the riverside in St Mary's Park.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this task, and with general clearing in the park. If you can help, please contact: riverarrowvolunteers@gmail.com or the Parish Clerk.

FLOOD PARISH COLLABORATION GROUP

Another local group, based in Henley-in-Arden, covering parishes along the Alne to Alcester, has also recently been set up. It aims to monitor, and hopefully alleviate, flooding of the villages along the Alne.

Great Alne Parish has already done a lot of work on cleaning out their drainage systems. This will reduce flooding on local roads, including Kinwarton.

We are fortunate to have St Mary's Park, which acts as a floodplain and slows the rate of water reaching Alcester Town.

Work is also planned to clear out the spillway along the north side of the Park.

ST MARY'S PARK.

There will be changes in the park this Spring to make access safer and easier. At the main entrance, the present gate will be replaced by bollards and the path resurfaced. Barriers will be erected along both bridge entrances to make access safer.

In the small copse area we are intending to create a wildlife area where the grass will be allowed to grow. The area will be clearly marked out and we would appreciate your assistance by not walking on this area and, if possible, try to discourage your dogs from fouling the area.

In this area we are also hoping to put up 'bee hotels' to encourage pollinating insects, and outside the park the verge will be planted with wild flowers.



Message from Alcester Academy

Just a polite reminder to parishioners that the bus turning circle at the top of Captain's Hill is private property and should not be used in any circumstances, especially to walk dogs. The school site team are experiencing more and more dog faeces left, that are causing health and safety issues.

Big Green Week

6th to 14th June is Big Green Week, when people are urged to take part in environmentally friendly activities.

Alcester TC has arranged a public meeting with the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network at the Eric Payne centre on 9th June.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR UNDER 13'S

Calling all nature lovers, photographers and curious explorers! Join our Nature Photography Challenge to discover, record and celebrate Alcester's amazing wildlife and habitats.

OPEN FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 - AUGUST 2026

We are looking for photos of wildlife, plants, trees, flowers, birds, insects or landscapes from around Alcester

No need for a fancy camera - smartphone entries welcome

Submit your best photos and the winners will feature in the 2027 Alcester in the Wild Calendar

FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW OR USE THE QR CODE ABOVE

<https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/information/natural-environment/>

ALCESTER IN THE WILD - A YEAR THROUGH YOUR LENS

Report Highway Issues

Warwickshire County Council is urging residents to report any highway-related faults. They have a dedicated section on their website. Faults which can be reported online include:

- Potholes
- Street light problems
- Faulty traffic lights
- Roadwork problems
- Blocked drains

By reporting issues to www.warwickshire.gov.uk, residents can help ensure that Warwickshire's roads, footpaths, rights of way and cycleways remain safe and well-maintained for everyone.

If you want to know more about what goes on in the District, sign up to receive an online fortnightly newsletter by searching for The Online View - Stratford on Avon.

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