

Albrighton Parish Council



Albrighton Parish Council work for and on behalf of the community of Albrighton.

Community Partnerships

Albrighton Parish Council work with and are part of, a number of Community Partnerships. These Community Partnerships are working relationships with agencies and organisations who provide and deliver vital services for our community.

One of the most important Community Partnerships is with the **Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)** from West Mercia Police.

The Shifnal and Albrighton Safer Neighbourhood Team is:



There is also an Inspector and Sergeant responsible for our area:

- Inspector Nicola Roberts
- Sergeant Kate Oen

The SNT team have now moved to their new home and base at the Shifnal Community Hub.

The Role of a Police Officer and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is extremely varied and some of the duties and tasks are completed in the background without us even knowing. Just because they can't be seen they are still working extremely hard for our community in the background. There will also be times when their work is confidential particularly with on-going investigations and victim support, to name just two areas of their role.

The duties and tasks of SNT include:

- Community Liaison is where the team hold out-reach within the community	- Victim Support is where they offer support and advice to victims of crime	- Engagement within schools including safer outside of school patrols
- Risk Management plans with domestic abuse survivors and other victims of crime	- Supporting response teams to meet operational needs	- Engagement for the recruitment of cadets
- Liaison with and attending Town & Parish Council Meetings	- Monitoring of speed in areas highlighted as areas of concern	- Joint and Multi-agency meetings to help overcome on-going issues within the community

Plus much more.....

The Parish Council are currently in the process of setting up a regular police out-reach sessions with the Safer Neighbourhood Team for our area. We are hoping these will be every 4 to 6 weeks and will be an opportunity for residents, local people, businesses and the community to come and talk any issues or concerns they may have face to face at the Library Building with SNT. More information on this to follow.

West Mercia Police have a number of ways to keep you updated and informed on what policing is happening our area. One of these communication channels is Neighbourhood Matters, this system is a messaging system that enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can receive updates on crimes, latest information on on-going incidents and learn more about what we're doing in our community.

You're invited to sign up and become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with every incident. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive.

Please note that this service is not for reporting crimes or incidents – to make a report please contact West Mercia Police via the West Mercia Police website <https://www.westmercia.police.uk> or dial 999 in an emergency.

Parish Council's New Website

Albrighton Parish Council have successfully completed the procurement of a new Website supplier. The Parish Office and the Office Administrator are currently working with the new supplier to create and update the web pages and information for our community. The work also includes adding additional information relating to our community groups and businesses within the community of Albrighton. Please be patient while we are working on our new website, this new site will be in September 2022. Please note the website address will remain the same.



Albrighton on Holiday

Albrighton Library has a project taking place this summer for all residents of Albrighton and Library users. Albrighton on Holiday! How many miles will Albrighton Travel this summer?

We want to know where you go! Please send us a postcard for our amazing display in the library of where everybody has visited during Summer 2022. As at the 8th August we have travelled 7,959 miles so far. Please keep the sending the postcards.

Postal address: Albrighton Library, Station Road, Albrighton, Nr Wolverhampton. WV7 3QH

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Adrian Robinson has donated book vouchers from his Chairman's Allowance as prizes. Thank you to Councillor Robinson for his support of this project and for the book vouchers. There are 3 prizes which will be drawn using the postcards, the winners will be drawn at random on the 3rd October 2022.

The library has a very colourful wall display where your postcards can be found. Please come in and find your postcard!



Rhyme Time at Albrighton Library



Albrighton Parish Council has supported the return of Rhyme Time at Albrighton Library on the first Wednesday of each month with Lauren. This has been very successful and very well supported by our community. The feedback from our little borrowers has been overwhelming. The Clerk can hear the wonderful singing and participation from the Parish Office!

Come and join Lauren at Rhyme time from 10.30am for stories and singalongs, bring your teddies and join the fun. Biscuits and juice are also provided.

The next dates are:

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| - 7 th September 2022 | - 7 th December 2022 | - 1 st March 2023 |
| - 5 th October 2022 | - 4 th January 2023 | - 5 th April 2023 |
| - 2 nd November 2022 | - 1 st February 2023 | - More dates to follow |

Village Planters

Everyone will be pleased to see that the planters located in and around the High Street and Library Building are looking lovely and colourful. The Parish Council have pledged their support this year to plant and maintain the five planters and what a difference the flowers and shrubs make to the welcoming atmosphere of the village. We are in communication with and are hoping the Scouts will complete the winter bedding planting again this year. The Parish Council received lots of compliments last year when they completed this for the community.



The Parish Council Litter Warden will be watering the planters on a regular basis, please feel free to say hello if you see him out and about.

Ukrainian Tree of Hope



Albrighton Parish Council located a Tree of Hope for messages of love and support for the Ukrainian people. The Tree of Hope was located in Albrighton Library where visitors and the community could place their messages of support on the tree. At the end of June 2022 all the messages were collated together and sent with a letter from the Parish Council to the Ambassador of Ukraine to the United Kingdom at the Ukrainian Embassy in London on behalf of all the residents and community of Albrighton.

Messages of Congratulations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Albrighton Parish Council have invited the residents and members of the community to place messages of congratulations and thank you to the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee on. The Tree is located in Albrighton Library and messages have been placed on it. Albrighton Craft Group have made small decoration items and ornaments hung them on the tree with their messages.

Albrighton Parish Council at the end of the Summer will be sending these messages and items from the Albrighton Craft Group to Buckingham Palace for the Queen.

The Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council, Councillor Adrian Robinson, writing his thank you message to the Queen at Albrighton Library.



Parish Council Meeting Dates and New Committee Structure

At the Full Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th June 2022 the new Chairman of the Council, Councillor Adrian Robinson, put a proposal forward for a new committee structure. This new Structure would support the Parish Council, the services they deliver and the community.

The Full Council Meeting of the Parish Council is held the first Thursday of each month, except when it falls on a bank holiday.

Meeting dates:

Month	Date & Time	Notes
September 2022	1 st September 2022 at 7.00pm	
October 2022	6 th October 2022 at 7.00pm	
November 2022	3 rd November 2022 at 7.00pm	
December 2022	8 th December 2022 at 7.00pm	Change so not to allow too long between meetings at Christmas
January 2023	12 th January 2023 at 7.00pm	Change due to Christmas
February 2023	2 nd February 2023 at 7.00pm	
March 2023	2 nd March 2023 at 7.00pm	
April 2023	6 th April 2023 at 7.00pm	Note Good Friday 7 th April 2023
May 2023	4 th May 2023 at 7.00pm	Note Early May Bank Holiday 1 st May 2023

Albrighton Parish Council support the Full Council with a number of Committees, these are:

- Finance, Personnel and Grants
- General Purpose
- Planning
- Events

The Committees may wish to set up a Working Group to complete a specific and detailed piece of work on their behalf.

The Albrighton Trust Moat and Gardens 30th Anniversary Celebrations

It was wonderful to see the celebrations at the Albrighton Trust Moat and Gardens to celebrate their 30th anniversary. Congratulations to everyone involved and we do hope you had a wonderful day.

The Moat Project is such a wonderful facility and charity within the community that offers educational and recreational activities for people disadvantaged by disability, special needs or illness, and they welcome everyone and support everyone whatever their capability.

The Parish Council was represented at the event by Councillor Ron Cotterall whose family have been using the facility for a number of years. Councillor Cotterall had a really lovely time and thank you so much for the invitation.

Grant from Shropshire Council – Welcome Back Fund

Albrighton Parish Council worked in partnership with Shropshire Council and were allocated grant funding – Welcome Back Fund. The Welcome Back Fund was offered by Shropshire Council to prepare for the High Streets and communities throughout Shropshire to be fully re-opened after Covid-19.

The monies allocated to this project for Albrighton was £8,231.00 and had to be allocated / spent making sure the High Street was clean and tidy. There were a number of projects identified by the Parish Council with the monies allocated, the projects that were unable to be completed have now been identified with Shropshire Council and we hope that additional funding will be available in the near future to complete.

The Parish Council want to thank Shropshire Council for their support in providing this grant and also for their actions by completing the clean up to the High Street.

Also, during this time, the Parish Council were able to discuss the large pot hole in the car park within Albrighton with Shropshire Council and formulate a plan to have it filled in. Although this car park is not owned or managed by either the Parish Council or Shropshire Council, Shropshire Council very kindly managed to discuss the problem with the owners and arrange for this to be filled. Thank you again to Shropshire Council for all their help and support in getting the pot hole filled.

Albrighton War Memorial

In the April 2022 addition of the Parish Magazine the Parish Council provided a small update on the project to restore and refurbish the Albrighton War Memorial.

At the end of the First World War thousands of families around the world had been affected by the tragedy of the wounding or the loss of their own family members. At this time many villages, towns and communities were depleted of many of their young men and many wanted to commemorate the war and the people who fought in it, which resulted in a wide variety of memorials throughout the United Kingdom being created which included memorial rolls of honours being up in factories, sports clubs, railway stations, schools, and universities and so many places.

Like so many villages, towns and communities across the country Albrighton has a War Memorial. A War Memorial committee was set up in 1919 and by September 1920 the memorial was in place. The location of the memorial is due to a land donation from Mr and Mrs Heatley who owned St Cuthbert's Grange. This land was a sandstone quarry. John Campbel was the architect and originally from Wolverhampton. The body of Christ and the cross were constructed by sculptor William Aumonier and all the ironwork on the gates and the cross itself were created by master blacksmith Alfred Bucknell. The Memorial was dedicated in September 1920 and has stood in our community, to remember our community, for over 100 years.



Thank you to John Stretton for providing all the historical information and dates.

In 1923 the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923 was an act of parliament in the United Kingdom and this received Royal Assent on the 18th July 1923. The Act empowered county, borough, district and parish council to incur expenditure on constructing and maintain a war memorial within their area in which they were responsible.

The Local Government Act 1972 section 139(1) provides authority for the parish council to accept, hold and administer gifts of property for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish including works of maintenance or improvement. This power enables a parish council to have transferred to it a war memorial originally purchased by voluntary subscriptions.

Albrighton War Memorial has been transferred to Albrighton Parish Council even though this was originally created by donations from the community and is now the custodian of the memorial for future generations and the community of Albrighton.

The Albrighton War Memorial Working Group, Chaired by Councillor Richard Webster, is currently working with a special company to supply a comprehensive list of works and contractors including an indication of costs for the repair and restoration of the War Memorial following the Chris Pike Structural Report and the assessment undertaken by Kieran Elliott ACR before Covid-19.

The Albrighton War Memorial Working Group is also working with a number of grant providers nationally and locally to determine if funding would be available to support this project. Albrighton Parish Council have made a commitment so far of £10,000.00 towards the project in their precept for 2022/23 and Donington with Boscobel Parish Council have made a commitment so far of £5,000.00. Thank you, Donington with Boscobel Parish Council, for the donation and also for the proactive and productive partnership working on this project. Thank you, to all those who are part of the Working Group and involved in this project.

There are a number of names on the Albrighton War Memorial and part of the project is to identify these names, to remember them and collate any historical photos or information about the individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for us all. If there is a family member whose name is inscribed on the Albrighton War Memorial please let us know and we would welcome any information. Please contact Olivia at the Parish Office - Tel: 01902 375455 or email: admin@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Vacancies at the Parish Council

Albrighton Parish Council employ a number of staff to run the Parish Office and the Services within the community. The Parish Council currently has two vacancies, are currently looking to recruit to the following positions:

Village Warden		
Remuneration	:	£9.50 per hour (National Living Wage)
Hours of Employment	:	5 hours per week – Winter Hours October to March 10 hours per week - Summer House April to September including some flexible working to include evenings and weekends
Cleaner / Key Holder		
Remuneration	:	£9.50 per hour (National Living Wage)
Hours of Employment	:	7 ½ hours per week which is to cover 5 x 1½ hour cleaning spots at the Library

If you require any further information or a recruitment pack with regard to these posts or wish to speak to the Clerk to the Council, please contact Clare Turner – Clerk to the Council on 01902 375455 or email clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chairman of the Council's Update - Councillor Adrian Robinson

The Chairman's Charity supporting the Albrighton Food Bank received an extremely generous donation from the 1st Albrighton Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. The donation was so big I had to do two car journeys! I want to thank you all very much for the donation on behalf of the Community and look forward to working with you again in the future, hopefully holding a Harvest Festival collection? Watch this space.

The library is now a collection point for the Food Bank and holding a number of food parcels on behalf of the Albrighton Food Bank, if anyone needs or you know of anyone who would benefit from a parcel, please feel free to visit the library to collect one.

It really was wonderful to see the Albrighton Fayre take place this year and to see so many of the community and businesses take part in the parade and be part of the day. I want to personally thank the Fayre Committee for all their hard work in organising the event on behalf of the businesses and community and for such a wonderful day. I know lots of the community have given compliments regarding the event. Looking forward to next year.

Also thank you to the Albrighton Ladies FC for the invite on their float. It was my first time on a float and had a wonderful time. It definitely is a great way to travel and see the Fayre and everyone who attends.

Congratulations is definitely deserved for the Albrighton Ladies FC who won three leagues this year! Well done and good luck for the new season.

As an update I have attended a meeting with the RH Mark Prichard, MP as part of the Albrighton Ramp Committee to receive the latest update from the Department of Transport regarding the station ramp project. I know this project has been on-going for a number years and there has been lots of hard work and commitment to develop this project for this community. It is really disappointing to learn that the Department for Transport has now closed this project as not being viable. But thank you to all of those who worked so hard and for so long on this project even if it wasn't the outcome, we all wanted.

The month of August is summer recess at the Parish Council and so I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer Break and now is the run up to Christmas and the Annual Christmas Lights Switch-on.