



## Albrighton Parish Council

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# Monthly Newsletter

## September 2024

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### Update on the Albrighton War Memorial

As of 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024, work took place to re-install the Albrighton War Memorial to the original site following essential and vital refurbishment works on the structure and surroundings. This project has been in the works since 2022 and has been a long laborious project for Albrighton Parish Council and its War Memorial Working Group. The project was estimated at approx. £50,000, of which Albrighton Parish Council and its working group ensured that it sought donations and grants from a variety of sources to ensure that it did not need to significantly increase the Council's precept through Council Tax for local residents. We currently await the final bill for this work and will update members of the public when this has been finalised.



Work in progress on re-installing the War Memorial

To mark the War Memorial's refurbishment, Albrighton Parish Council will be hosting a re-dedication event on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 2pm, 104 years on since the initial dedication on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1920. Our thanks to Reverend Mary Thomas who will be conducting the service, Grosvenor who carried out the specialist work, War Memorials Trust, Albrighton Parish Council staff, the War Memorial Working Group, organisations and those who donated to the project and those who intend to join us on the day for a momentous once in a lifetime event.

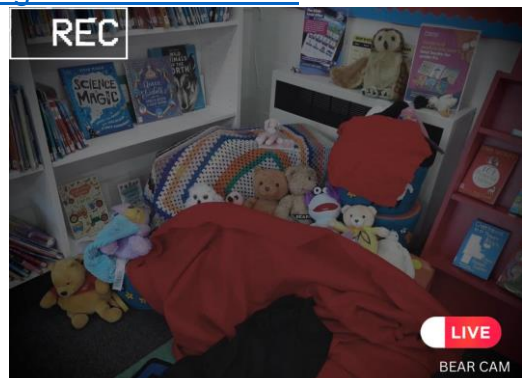
Albrighton Parish Council look to put in place a maintenance contract for future years to ensure the War Memorial's viability for many years to come. We will remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our lives today. ***Lest we forget.***

More information on the War Memorial and the project can be found on our website:

<https://albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk/services/albrighton-war-memorial>

### Bedtime Bears Sleepover

In July we hosted our first Bedtime Bears Sleepover for children, which was a great hit! We are so pleased that the children enjoyed the event and we have also received compliments from residents who followed along on social media. We hope to host another sleepover for the bears in the Autumn/Winter, so stay tuned!



## **Upcoming Council Meeting dates:**

Full Council at 7.00pm in the Red House, High Street, WV7 3LU

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**May elections to take place Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Finance, HR and Grants Committee at 6.00pm in the Meeting Room, Library Building, Station Road WV7 3QH

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

General Purpose Committee at 6.00pm in the Meeting Room, Library Building, Station Road WV7 3QH

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Planning Committee – adhoc meetings. Location, time and date dependent on Planning Applications received.

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 - 6.00pm - Red House, High Street, WV7 3LU



  
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# Community Grant Funding

Apply for Grant Funding towards your community event/project

**Key dates:**

Grant Applications will be discussed 3 times yearly. Please return completed forms by 15th May 2024, 4th September 2024 or 8th January 2025.

Return by email: [clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Return by post: Clerk to the Council, Albrighton Parish Council, Library Building Albrighton near Wolverhampton, WV7 3QH

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MEETING AND MAY FORFEIT THEIR APPLICATION NOT BEING DISCUSSED CONSIDERED UNTIL THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

Visit: <https://albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/grants> for more information on the process and application forms

**We have awarded grant funding for organisations such as The Red House, Albrighton Allotments, Albrighton and District Swimming Pool, Albrighton and Donington Fayre and other local community groups**

## Update report from Chairman Councillor Colin Noakes

It's been an eventful summer in Albrighton. The annual Summer Fayre was a resounding triumph. I had the privilege of helping to judge the floats, which was no easy task as they were all well-decorated. I then took part in the procession and was amazed how many people had turned out. What a great advert for the village and a fantastic day out for all who attended. Well done to all the organisers and helpers who made it such a great success.

As I write, work to reinstate Albrighton's War Memorial is well under way and should be fully restored by the time you are reading this. What a fantastic effort by the working group, which is a collaboration between Albrighton Parish Council and Donington with Boscobel Councillors and John Stretton from the Historical Society. This project has only been possible thanks to all the generous donations given by individuals, companies and organisations. Thank you to all for making this worthwhile project happen.

The rededication ceremony for the monument is planned for 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024. There will be a church service at St Mary's Church at 2pm followed by a short ceremony at the monument. Light refreshments will be served at the Red House afterwards, all are welcome to attend.

Work continues on the King Charles III Coronation Garden. This is a rewilding project on Albrighton Parish Council owned land at the end of Worthington Drive, which aims to combine a natural wildlife habitat with a pleasant space for residents to sit. The raised beds have now been put in place thanks to generous donations of soil and compost from Severn Trent and David Austin Rose's. Wildflowers will be sown in the beds to attract bees and wildlife. A special thanks to Kit George from Galliford Try for his assistance with the beds. Not forgetting a massive thanks to the Albrighton Parish Councillors who continue to volunteer their time and labour to bring this project to fruition.

The outline planning application by Boningale Homes for a residential development on Patshull Road has been submitted. If granted, this development would see the loss of a considerable amount of the village's greenbelt and a significant expansion of the village.

This application has generated substantial opposition within the village and Albrighton Parish Council voted unanimously at their recent planning meeting to object to the proposal.

As a town planner by profession, I'm committed to ensuring any expansion of Albrighton is sustainable and proportionate to the character and size of the village. In addition, we must protect, wherever possible, our important green spaces. In my opinion any new development in the village should not be to the detriment of existing residents.



I have had many invitations to attend events in and around the village, unfortunately due to prior personal commitments it's mean I've not been able to attend, but please don't hesitate to invite me to future events.

Well, that's it for this month, I hope you all enjoy what's left of the summer.

Chairman Councillor Colin Noakes

# What's on at Albrighton Library

## Information, advice, and support

Shropshire Council and their partners attend Albrighton Library every third Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 12:30pm. This is a free information, advice, and support session. You can expect help and support with:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Housing Support</li><li>- Children's Health and Wellbeing</li><li>- Dementia Support</li><li>- Financial Advice</li><li>- Healthy Living Advice</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Home Fire Safety</li><li>- Domestic Abuse Support</li><li>- Drug &amp; alcohol Support</li><li>- Getting Older</li></ul> |
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## Rhyme Time with Lauren

Join Lauren 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10:30am for stories, songs and lots of fun! Rhyme Time is targeted for ages 0-4 year olds, but older siblings are welcome to come along during half term. Please note that parents/guardians must accompany children at all times. Spaces limited to 30, but no need to book!



### Age UK Albrighton Friendship Group

Join Age UK 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – 2-4pm

For people aged 60+ to catch up with friends or meet new people from your community for a friendly chat while enjoying a cup of coffee or a slice of cake. .

For more information, please call 01743 233 123 or email [enquires@ageukstw.org.uk](mailto:enquires@ageukstw.org.uk)



Shropshire  
Community Blood Pressure Checks

**Blood Pressure Monitoring** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.



SEND Drop-in Session with Georgina Roycroft from Wren Support – every first Friday of the month starting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 9:30am

For more information, please email [wren.assessment@gmail.com](mailto:wren.assessment@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.wrensupport.co.uk/>



Health, Wellbeing and Prevention Team will be hosting Quit Smoking Sessions from September onwards. Dates and times to be confirmed.