

Albrighton and Donington Parish Council

Local Elections 1st May 2025

Every 4 years Local Elections take place to appoint Councillors to Town and Parish Councils. These Councillors represent the local community that they serve from providing ideas and initiatives, turning ideas into action and developing the future of the Parish/Town they stand in.

Nominations for Albrighton and Donington Parish Council closes on 2nd April 2025, and statements of persons nominated will be displayed no later than 23rd April 2025. These notices will be posted on our website, social media, notice boards outside the Red House and within the Library Building.

In the event that not enough persons stand for election, notice will be given for uncontested Councillors. We hope that as a newly formed Parish Council, we will be able to hold an election to appoint Councillors to represent our community. We strongly urge residents to please use your right to vote at the upcoming elections.

Key dates to remember:

- 10th March – Notice of Election
- 11th March – Nominations Open
- 3rd April – Statement of Persons Nominated
- 14th April – Last Day to Apply for Postal Votes
- 23rd April – Last day to apply for Proxy Votes
- 23rd April – Notice of Poll
- 1st May – Elections take place
- 1st May – Last day to apply for Emergency Proxy

Albrighton War Memorial Working Group dissolved

The Albrighton War Memorial Working Group originally formed in January 2022 following Council's recommendation that the War Memorial required significant and extensive work on raising funds and the organisation of works required to restore the Memorial back to its former glory, and a place people can feel proud our history is remembered for years to come. We would like to thank all members of the Albrighton War Memorial Working Group for their extensive work and dedication on this project, of which would not be possible for this project to come to fruition. Our thanks are also extended to those who have donated their time, money and works to completing this task. More details on this project can be found on our website:

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

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

1ST APRIL 2025 TO 30TH APRIL 2025

Albrighton and Donington Parish Council are hosting a photography competition for residents to submit photos of our Parishes! These can be any time of year whether it's summer, winter, spring or autumn!

Prize

1st place
£20 Amazon Gift Card

Best
photographs
submitted will be
featured on our
website and in
the United
Benefice Parish
Magazine



Examples:

Buildings
Natural landscapes
Street Scenes
Landmarks

Anything else you can
think of that shows off
our Parishes!

How to enter:

Email your photo submissions to: olivianeal@albrightondonington-pc.gov.uk

Subject heading: ADPC Photo Competition (your name)

Email content: Please include a brief description about your photos (i.e. location) and confirm you are happy for your photos to be shared on our website and publications. If you are under 18, please ensure a parent/guardian sends the email and confirms they are happy for your entry to be included.

Terms and Conditions:

- Photos must be in a jpeg format
- No identifiable photos of people (i.e. portraits)
- Photos must be emailed to the Parish Council Office no later than 30th April 2025
- Maximum of 3 photo entries per person
- Must be willing for photos to be used on the Parish Council website and publications (with credit)
- Recent photographs within the past 3 years preferred
- Those under 18 years of age must have parent/guardian's permission



Update from Councillor Colin Noakes, past Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council

This will be my last update as Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council. Albrighton Parish Council will cease to exist on the 31st March 2025 and a new Parish Council, Albrighton and Donington Parish Council will be formed on the 1st April 2025. There will be six interim Councillors until the elections in May. The new elected Councillors will officially assume their role on the first public Council meeting on the 14th May 2025.

It has been an honour and a privilege to represent APC at functions both inside and outside of the Village. I am proud of the achievements that the staff and Councillors of APC have achieved during my time on the Council.

The jewel in the crown for me, was the restoration of the Village's War Memorial which was rededicated this year. This project was a culmination of years of work between APC, D&BPC the History Society, and other individuals from the Village. This was no easy task and a steep learning curve for those involved. However, they have succeeded in restoring the monument to a beautiful condition.

I was also proud of APC's involvement in getting the parking charges removed from the Crown car park. This for a time was a blight on the Village, causing parking problems on the High Street and surrounding roads. Together with assistance from the Civic Society and individual residents, who formed a working group, we were able to get the brewery to reverse their decision to charge for parking.

Other noteworthy achievements were APC, in association with the management and customers of the Harp PH were able to have a defibrillator installed in the disused phone box on the High Street. Contributing to another facility in the Village that has the potential to save lives.

Also, the Coronation Garden at the end of Worthington Drive is now taking shape. As I write there is a new pathway being installed to run between Loak Road and Worthington Drive. A new bench is also imminently being placed adjacent to the path. Wildflower seeds have been liberally sown in the garden, and I am hopeful of a wonderful flower display this Spring and Summer. This project is aimed at turning this once untidy piece of ground into a wildflower and wildlife haven. One of the highlights of the year for me was playing Santa Claus in APC's Santa drive around the Village. Seeing the joy and wonder on the children's faces was an absolute pleasure. This was a staff led initiative who freely gave up their time to be involved.

APC has also been able to support many local organisations this year, through the grant scheme. This year donating £22,570.00 to community schemes. This has helped local organisations have the means to continue and even expand to provide much needed facilities for residents.

Finally, I would like to thank all the APC staff and those APC Councillors who have supported me throughout my time as Chairman. I hope the new Council will build on the work of APC and continue to improve Albrighton for all its wonderful residents.



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 10am to 12noon. 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">- Housing Support- Children's Health and Wellbeing- Dementia Support- Financial Advice- Healthy Living Advice | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Home Fire Safety- Domestic Abuse Support- Drug & alcohol Support- Getting Older |
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Stay and Play and Rhyme Time with Lauren

Join us every Wednesday from 10:30am to 11:45am for Rhyme Time with our trained librarian Lauren who will sing songs, read stories and help your child build key core strength and skills for life! Rhyme Time is targeted for ages 0-4 year olds. Dates during term time and subject to change. Please note that parents/guardians must accompany children at all times. Spaces limited to 30, but no need to book!

Lego Club

Join us every Thursday and Friday from 3pm to 4pm for our new after school Lego Club! Aimed at children aged 7 to 12. Lego will be provided, just bring your imagination!



Age UK Albrighton Friendship Group

Join Age UK 4th 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



Blood Pressure Monitoring 2nd Thursday and 4th Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.



SEND Drop-in Session with Georgina Roycroft from Wren Support – every first Friday of the month from 9:30am

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



Women's Coffee Morning – Shropshire Supports Refugees host a Women's Coffee Morning every Thursday from 9:10am to 10:10am. A great way for the Afghan residents to interact in the community.

<https://www.shropshiresupportsrefugees.org/>



Health, Wellbeing and Prevention Team will be hosting Quit Smoking Sessions from September onwards. These are pre-booked session hosted every Wednesday in the Library meeting. <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/public-health/healthy-shropshire/stopping-smoking/>



Chatty Café Scheme at Albrighton Library – Every Monday from 2pm to 3pm.

<https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/venue/albrighton-library/>