



## Albrighton Parish Council

### **£400 raised for two charities following the Santa Walkabout**

In December 2024, the Parish Council hosted a festive Santa Walkabout to raise funds for two local charities: Albrighton Relief in Need and Home-Start Telford. The event was a success, with £400 raised through the generosity of participants and donors. This amount will be split equally between the two charities, providing valuable support to those in need in the community. A special thanks goes to the Parish Council staff and councillors who volunteered their time to make the event possible, and to the members of the public who came to see Santa, especially on the rainy days, showing great community spirit.

### **Local Elections May 2025 – become a Parish Councillor for YOUR Community**

Local elections will be held in May 2025, marking an important transition for the communities of Albrighton and Donington with Boscobel. As part of ongoing changes, both Albrighton Parish Council and Donington with Boscobel Parish Council will dissolve, and a new, unified parish council will be formed in April 2025, Albrighton and Donington Parish Council. During the period leading up to the May elections, interim councillors will serve to ensure the continued representation of the local communities. This new council structure will provide a fresh opportunity for local residents to engage and participate in shaping the future of their area. Becoming a Parish Councillor is an excellent opportunity to make a meaningful difference in your local community. As a Parish Councillor, you'll have the chance to represent your neighbours, influence decisions that impact daily life, and help shape the future of your area. Whether it's improving local facilities, supporting community events, or addressing local issues, your role will directly contribute to the well-being and development of the community. It's a rewarding position where you can bring your ideas to the table, work alongside passionate individuals, and ensure that local voices are heard. If you're eager to make a positive impact and help guide your community toward a brighter future, standing for election as a Parish Councillor is a great way to get involved.

### **What do I need to become a Parish Councillor?**

- Be a British or Citizen of the Commonwealth
- Be at least 18 years old
- Registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked, or owned property in the area for at least 12 months before
- Not be disqualified for reasons such as bankruptcy, certain criminal convictions, or being employed by the local council.

If you meet these requirements and are passionate about making a difference, putting your name forward for election is an exciting and impactful way to serve your community.

If you have any questions or would like more information about becoming a Parish Councillor at the upcoming elections, please contact Joanne (Jo) Cox, Clerk of Albrighton Parish Council. Telephone 01902 375455 or email [clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@albrightonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **Update report from Chairman Councillor Colin Noakes**

A belated happy new year to you all. I hope 2025 is a very prosperous and healthy year for you. Out and about in the Village during the festive season it was great to see so many people enjoying all the pubs and restaurants Albrighton has to offer. We are lucky to have so many great entertainment venues on our doorstep.

Over the Christmas period Jo Cox the APC Clerk and I were invited to the Melville Club's Christmas party and what a lovely afternoon it was. The volunteers at the club served a lovely meal and worked really hard to ensure everyone had a good time. I would like to thank all the volunteers and members of the Melville for making us feel so welcome. Santa Claus visited the village just before Christmas. This was an APC staff led initiative and what a great success it was. The happiness on the children's faces was a joy to behold. Thank you to all staff and Councillors who helped with this. This was such a success I hope the new Council will make it an annual event.

We have some big events happening in the village this year. Albrighton Parish Council and Donington & Boscobel Parish Council will cease to exist from the 31st March 2025 and Albrighton and Donington Parish Council will be formed. Elections for the new Council will take place on the 1st May 2024. I would encourage any residents who are thinking about becoming a parish councillor to put their name forward when the time comes. It is important that all eligible residents vote in the election, to ensure that the new Council reflects the wishes of the village.

The planning application by Boningale Homes for the 800 homes etc. on land off Cross Road is likely to go before Shropshire Council's Planning Committee in the early part of 2025. Providing it comes before the Committee prior to the elections I intend to speak in opposition to the development on behalf of the Parish Council. If it happens after the election and I'm not re-elected, I'm sure a Councillor from the new Parish Council will speak on behalf of the residents of Albrighton.

In the meantime, I'm off for a bit of winter sun so I will be out of the village for the next few weeks. Councillor Dave Meyrick, Vice Chair of APC will be deputising for me while I'm away.



**Chairman Councillor Colin Noakes**

## What's on at Albrighton Library

### Shropshire Local Mobile

Shropshire Customer Service member will be able to assist with bus passes, blue badges, rail cards, accessing council services and many more at Albrighton Library.

Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (9:30am to 12:30pm)
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (9:30am to 12:30pm)

### Social Media Safety and Awareness – for young people and/or their parents!

Join Shifnal and Albrighton Safer Neighbourhood Team on Friday 21st February from 10am to 11am for a social media safety and awareness talk. The hour session gives the chance for young people and their parents/carers to come along and discuss any concerns or issues they have regarding social media. Although the talk is a group session, there will be opportunity to speak privately with local officers should you wish!

### 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:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <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> |
|---|--|

### 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 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)



**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 from 9:30am

For more information, please email [wren.assessment@gmail.com](mailto: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/>