

**ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – JANUARY 2025**

**Actions/Issues arising from Full Council**

- Uploaded Community Engagement Action Plan to website
- Uploaded updated Co-option Policy to website
- Notified The Greig Hall CIO of the appointment of Cllr Wendy Mills as a trustee
- Responded to Law Commission consultation on Burial and Cremation.

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**ATC Operations**

- Burials/interments in December 2024 – 1 ashes interment.
- Income from EPCC in December 2024 - £1110 plus VAT.
- The weekend of 7/8<sup>th</sup> December saw the arrival of Storm Darragh. A large ash tree fell in Moorfields Park which blocked the rear entrance of Waitrose. We were grateful to Trees 'N' Gardens for dealing with this so promptly on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The tree was subject to a TPO and SDC have asked us to plant a replacement in due course.  
We also lost two very large conifers in the old cemetery. The work to remove these is almost complete.
- Staff have been making efforts to tidy up the loft at the EPCC. New shelving has been purchased to create better storage for the Repair Café equipment. Other users are being contacted with requests to keep their sections tidy.
- 50% of allotments have now been renewed and paid for. We have had a number of allotment holders who are giving up their allotments – we will be able to release these to those on the waiting list.
- Wendy organised a festive “thank you” tea for over 30 volunteers from the Repair Café and Well Connected Computer Club at Hillers on 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- The office is closed for Christmas from 1 pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and reopens on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

**External meetings attended**

- Meeting with Cllr Chris Lambert, Southam Town Council re management of community halls – 10<sup>th</sup> December
- WALC Clerks operational meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Interview with a think tank called Reform (unconnected with the political party) regarding their project entitled 'Reimagining the local state' – 17<sup>th</sup> December

Vanessa Lowe

Town Clerk

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024