

Alsager Town Council



Welcome to Alsager Town Council's Christmas Newsletter

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION 2025/26

We would like your thoughts to help to plan our budget for 2025/26.

We want to hear from you - our residents, our businesses and community groups.

Future Plans

Cheshire East Council is experiencing some very hard decisions on achieving a balanced budget and endeavouring to push some costs on to Town Councils. We have been asked to support the following ;

- Car park charges: to keep free parking at Fairview Car Park Cheshire East Council ask for an annual contribution of £225,000, which is £40 per household.

The Town Council find the figures unreliable and too vague to make such a huge commitment for the next five years but when the charges have been in place for a year they can revisit the decision.

- Library services: to keep the same level of services at Alsager Library Cheshire East Council ask for an annual contribution of £22,000 which is £4 per household. Without this the Library will have to close 3 ½ hours a week.

The Town Council has decided against this cost, as is not sustainable and they feel Cheshire East will try and burden more.

- Leisure services: Cheshire East Council asks for an annual contribution of £20,000 which is £4 per household.

Due to lack of information of the consequences of this contribution, the Town Council are still unable to make any decisions.

The Question What do you want the Town Council to deliver for you as our residents?

- **GRANTS** - We will contribute up to £35,000 of grants to our local community groups in 2024/25 to assist groups to deliver events such as the Carnival, the Christmas Light Switch on and new groups such as Aura and the Big Clothes movement.
- **ALSAGER CIVIC** - We will support the operation of our Civic building by over £100,000. We deliver many community events to support all age groups in the Town with different needs.
- **ALSAGER INSTITUTE** - We endeavour to make the building sustainable but the Charity needs our officer time and financial support of over £20,000.
- **PLANTING** - We endeavour to keep the Town looking attractive and service 8 tall planters and 6 hanging baskets - Would you like to see more planting?
- **TOWN RANGERS** - We have recently employed two Town Rangers to keep the town looking tidy and purchased an electric van for accessibility across the Town.
- **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** - The Town Council is revisiting the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure we are proactive with planning applications and achieving sustainable development.

Let us know what you think

- The draft budget for 2025/26 is on our website www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk
- Please let us know your thoughts by providing your responses via the contact details below.

Please email the Town Clerk at clerk@alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01270 876440.
or write to Alsager Town Council, 3 Lawton Road, Alsager, ST7 2AE.
This consultation will end on Sunday 10th November.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Email: clerk@alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01270 876440



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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development they want to see to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>)



Although it is the guidance from National Government, many of the decisions about where housing sites will be in Alsager are made by Cheshire East Council in their Site Allocation Plan. (https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/planning/spatial-planning/cheshire_east_local_plan/site-allocations-and-policies/site_allocations_and_policies.aspx)

However, there is still a lot that can be worked on. The Alsager Neighbourhood Plan is a key document that sets the vision for Alsager and some key areas that planners and developers need to comply with when they submit planning applications. It also sets a vision for the town centre and identifies the open spaces around Alsager that need protecting and enhancing.



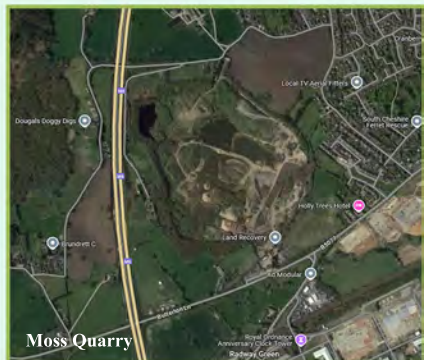
The existing Neighbourhood Plan for Alsager was worked on by local residents, Town Councillors and approved after a referendum in 2019 when all Alsager Residents had the opportunity to vote on the plan.



Most Neighbourhood Plans are reviewed every 5 years, to check whether they need to be updated to keep up with the changes that happen at National, County Council and local level. So, the time is right to look at updating the current plan. A lot of time and effort went into producing the existing Alsager Neighbourhood Plan and it is only intended that the update will bring it up to date and to include a plan for future developments. The updated plan will plan up to 2040.

The current Neighbourhood plan can be seen on the Alsager Town Council Website www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk/original-neighbourhood-plan/

The process of updating the plan has already started but is in its very early stages, its not too late to get involved, if you would like to be invited to a future meeting of the group that is looking at updating the plan, please email clerk@alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone the Town Council on 01270 876440 for more information.



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Alsager Mayor's Newsletter



80 Years D-Day Memorial Anniversary (RBL event) - 6th June 2024

Alsager Town Council along with the Royal British Legion - Alsager Branch, were on the Civic Green with members of the public to show their respects and the raising of the flag.

This was followed by a wonderful lunch prepared by the Luncheon Club.

It was a great event also supported by the helpers from the Alsager Market Makers - Crochet Club



Alsager Sainsburys Progress Meeting 16th August 2024

Great afternoon spent at the new site for Sainsburys Alsager. All is on track for completion in spring 2025. Along with borough councillors, Rod and Reg, we were presented with the architectural designs and walked through the site. The important news to share is that the store will be run using energy provided by the most up to date systems including solar and net-zero solutions.



Alsager Garden Show 7th September 2024

Great event held in the Civic with over 400 attendees. Presented all the prize winners with their trophies. The new Mayor of Cheshire opened the event.



SAVE THE DATES

22nd February 2025
MAYORS BALL

23rd March 2025
ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING
AND AWARDS
EVENING

2024/2025 Mayor Charities

 **STROKE
SURVIVORS**
Speech & Language Support Group

**YOUNG
CARERS**

A.C.T. ALSAGER COMMUNITY THEATRE PRESENTS

Sunday 8th December

£12.50 Per head

Coffee and Cake available at small extra cost

A Charity Event in aid of Stroke Survivors

A Murder Mystery written by Ian McCutcheon

The KNIFE Before Christmas

The Mayor's Special Event

Alsager Civic, 3 Landon Road, Alsager, ST7 9AE

7:00 pm for 7:30 pm Start

Includes Chip Bap Supper

Tickets: 0333 666 3366

www.alsagercommunitytheatre.org.uk



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DECEMBER EVENTS

at Alsager Civic

(SAT) **7** | 80S VS 90S
CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

(SAT) **14** | 'THROUGH THE DECADES'
CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

(WED) **18** | CHRISTMAS INDOOR
MARKET

(SUN) **22** | KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

(TUES) **31** | NEW YEAR'S EVE
FAMILY PARTY

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

CONTACT THE CIVIC FOR MORE INFO

01270 879711 - enquiries@alsagercivic.org.uk



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SUNDAYS



ALSAGER CIVIC

Looking for a party venue that won't break the bank?

We offer flexible Sunday slots with prices starting at £135 for 3 hours. You will have access to our large main hall (suitable for up to 200 guests) and our fully equipped kitchen.



CHRISTENINGS



BABY SHOWERS



KIDS PARTIES

SURROUND SOUND SYSTEM
STATE OF THE ART LIGHTING
FULLY STOCKED BAR



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ALSAGER TOWN
COUNCILLOR'S



MEET & GREET

HAVE A PROBLEM?
COME ALONG
TO OUR SUPPORT
LET US HELP



FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
10.30AM TILL 12.00PM
ALSAGER CIVIC



PARIS 2024

PARALYMPIC GAMES

Alsager Town Council would like to acknowledge and congratulate the most decorated Paralympic of Paris 2024;
Poppy Maskill on her amazing achievement of winning 3 Gold and 2 Silver medals for GB.



Alsager Town Council DEFIBRILLATOR GRANTS



Alsager Town Council offers defibrillator grants for any group that wishes to purchase and install one in Alsager.



There is a meeting of the Alsager Grants Panel scheduled for **21st January 2025**. If you would like a grant to be considered at that meeting, please **submit an application by the end of 2024**.



FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE FOUND AT
www.alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk/grants/
OR PHONE 01270 876440 FOR AN APPLICATION PACK



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Your Alsager

A warm welcome to our new Town Ranger



It's our pleasure to introduce to you, the first of our two new Town Rangers, Mr. Desmond Jones. Des has over 30 years of experience and expertise looking after both grounds and buildings maintenance with a local Council. You will see Des out and about in the Town working hard to improve our environment. Please feel free to stop and chat with him. Your views and opinions are incredibly important to us. Your ideas will form the cornerstone of our work over the forthcoming year.

*Mr. Desmond Jones
in front of the
new, all electric
Town Ranger van.*



At the beginning of November, we will also be appointing another new Town Ranger. Both of the rangers will be covering the whole week (Monday to Friday). The best way of contacting your local Town Ranger service is by either having a chat with them (out and about) or send them an email at townranger@alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Alsager Civic Lunch Club has been serving elderly members of the community for over 40 years. However due to low volunteer numbers, they may soon have to cease operation.

Can you lend a hand on a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime? No special skills required! Full training given in a friendly environment.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE
CONTACT
[ALSAGER.CIVIC.LUNCH.CLUB@
GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALSAGER.CIVIC.LUNCH.CLUB@GMAIL.COM)



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Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008, as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010. New developments that create net additional 'gross internal area' of 100 square metres or more, or create new dwellings, are potentially liable for the levy. Alsager Town Council has been in receipt of CIL monies from recent housing developments.

Please let us know what you would like to see in the Town and surrounding areas using the checkboxes below.

You can either drop your response into the Town Council offices or Alsager Civic, via e-mail Clerk@Alsagertowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01270 876440.

Conversely you can complete our online survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KMYVGF/>



- ☐ To install two concrete chess tables and seats outside Alsager Civic
- ☐ To provide cycle parking areas along Lawton Road
- ☐ To provide mobile and in situ Speed Display Unit to control speed through the Town
- ☐ To provide Tree Planting
- ☐ To improve Playparks across the Town
- ☐ To purchase electronic information boards within the Town to improve communication with residents

Please only tick one box. The deadline for receipt of the questionnaire is 30th November 2024.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10.00AM - 12NOON



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