

ALBRIGHTON & DISTRICT **CIVIC SOCIETY**

(Albrighton, Boningale, Donington-with-Boscobel & Tong)
Main Aim: To improve the appearance of our villages and the quality of life.

We are holding our

Public Meeting & AGM **at 7.30pm on MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023**

This year the meeting will be at the new

Midland Air Ambulance Headquarters, Neachley Lane, Cosford TF11 8UR

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity (MAAC) opened its new, purpose-built Airbase and Charity Headquarters in Cosford in July. We are very grateful to MAAC for kindly offering to host our meeting in October. The Charity are very much looking forward to meeting members of our Society and will be providing behind-the-scenes tours of their exciting new building on the night. The guided tour will provide an insight into the state-of-the-art facilities and attendees at the meeting will be able to see the helipads, aircraft hangar, and training and development zone. We will be given a special look at the exciting on-site simulation suite, which provides a realistic training environment – complete with sights, sounds and even smells – which will be used by the Charity's clinicians to hone their advanced skills in lifelike situations.

To meeting is open to all residents. For reasons of security and to suit the size of the venue, we have to limit the size of the audience. **Admission to the meeting will be by ticket only. The tickets are free** and will be available after 10th September from the following:

Emporium Card Shop, Station Road

Village Hardware Shop, High Street

Peter Woodman, 31/32 High Street (next to Balance Shop, Millers Green)

Number of tickets is limited so please get your tickets soon as once they are gone, they are gone.

Car Share

As car parking at the Airbase is limited, please can you offer a lift to any friends and family who are also coming to the meeting.

If you don't know of anyone to give you a lift, please call committee member Peter Illes at 01902 441748 who will endeavour to organise someone to give you a lift there and back.

Meeting Agenda. The Chairman and Treasurer will present their Reports.

We will present the winners of the School Awards Scheme with the Cup and Shields – this year the theme was *Albrighton & Donington Nature Reserve and its Animal and Bird life*.

The front garden competition had a good response and the winners of the Best **Front Garden**, the Best **Window Box** and the Best **Hanging Basket/Container** will be presented with their certificates and prizes

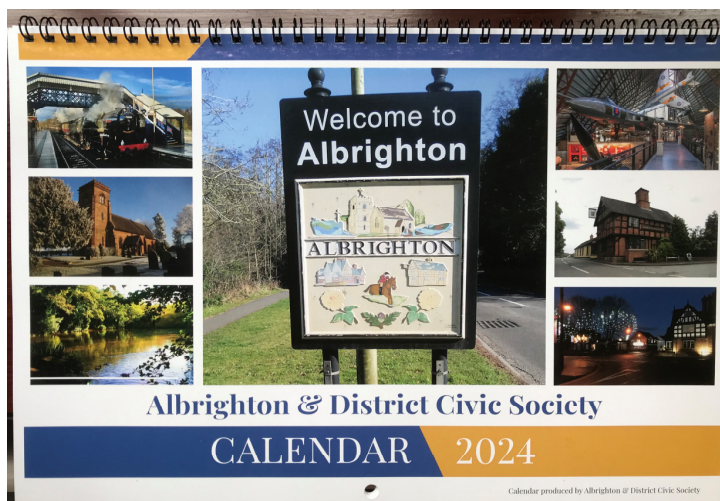
We are very grateful for the sponsorship and prizes provided by these local garden and plant businesses:- Albrighton Garden Centre, David Austin Roses & Kingswood Road Nurseries.

A Midlands Air Ambulance officer will make a presentation which will be followed by a guided tour of the Airbase. Finally, there will be a general Questions and Answer session when residents may wish to suggest topics/projects for the Society to tackle.

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Our Civic Society 2024 CALENDAR

Many people told us that our 2023 Calendar was excellent and asked us to make another one for next year.



We have had photographers out around our four villages and we have included some outstanding photographs. We had contributions from Albrighton Cricket Club, Albrighton Bowling Club, Midland Air Ambulance, RAF Cosford Museum, Shropshire Star and many others. We listened to residents' comments about this year's calendar and so this improved 2024 calendar has twice the amount of space to write notes.

The calendar is on sale at £5, which includes an envelope.

It makes a really great Christmas gift to send to friends and family here and abroad.

The Calendar is available from: -

**Emporium Card Shop, Station Road
Village Hardware Shop, High Street
Albrighton Library
St Mary's Church Centre
...and at the Public Meeting on 9th October**

We are very grateful to Charlene (Emporium), James and Emma (Hardware Shop), the Library and St Mary's Church Centre for offering to sell these on our behalf with the whole price coming to the Society. So, after we have covered the design and printing costs there will be a small contribution to the Society's funds.

The state of some parts of the village

The poor appearance of the village often comes up at committee meetings as members report the comments they receive by residents. One of the key aims of a Civic Society is to represent the needs of a local community to promote Civic Pride and to make the place more attractive, enjoyable, and distinctive and to encourage maintenance and upkeep of our environment. Those members who are also councillors report that the parishes are also concerned. There are several areas where elderly pedestrians have had accidents due to poor footpaths. We all can see several areas which have become very scruffy including the east end of Station Road (and this is a main entrance point for visitors and presents a bad first impression of the village), the poor state of the village green roads and the dreadful appearance of the pavement in front of the row of shops on the High St (estate agent, butcher, hardware shop etc). This last area was notified to Shropshire Council more than two years ago, and whilst they promised to remove the trees whose roots have damaged the adjacent footway and replace them with a more suitable variety and to repair the surface, little has happened. Similarly with proposed repairs to Station Road. The damage to the old TSB Bank by the car crash has resulted in an unsightly screening off and we hope it doesn't remain for any length of time and becomes another eyesore at the centre of our shopping area.

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