

ALBRIGHTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

(Albrighton, Boningale, Donington-with-Boscobel & Tong)

Main Aim: To improve the appearance of our villages, amenities and the quality of life within them.

A New Civic Society Year, A New Committee with New Committee Members

We met on 7 November 2023 and our thoughts returned to basics as we reflected on our Main Aim (as above) which led to our establishing what projects/issues we need to tackle.

Many of the Society's members have expressed disappointment regarding vehicular parking in Albrighton. Initially West Midlands Trains reduced car parking spaces at the Rail Station and then imposed parking charges. This has clearly driven motorists to park in nearby roads which has a great impact on the traffic safety close to the Surgery and St Mary's C of E School. We are now faced with parking problems on the Crown car park, effectively the main village car parking area. This issue came about since the Brewery would not renew the Lease of the car park to Shropshire Council. The Brewery then imposed parking charges which has resulted in a great reduction of vehicles using the car park. The one-hour free car parking does not give sufficient time for those wishing to spend longer using the village amenities. The ability of residents from our four villages and beyond to visit shops and businesses has been greatly affected which in turn will no doubt damage the future viability of Albrighton as a vital community hub.

Shropshire Council's Plan states: *"Albrighton will act as a Key Centre & contribute towards strategic growth objectives in the east of the County, delivering around 500 dwellings and 5 hectares of employment development. New housing and employment development will respond to local needs."*

The lack of repairs to roads and footpaths including those where pedestrians have suffered falls and serious injury remains concerning. The Society and Parish Council have repeatedly sought information from Shropshire Council, promises have been made but not kept.

Most decisions regarding Albrighton seem to be made by people who do not live here! We are now considering what action can be taken to prevent what appears to be the continuing deterioration of our precious village.

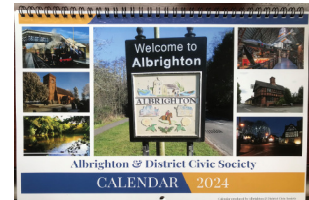
Albrighton & District 2024 CALENDAR

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

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

The Calendar is available from: -

- Emporium Card Shop, Station Road
- Albrighton Library
- Village Hardware Shop, High Street
- St Mary's Church Centre



Please Renew your Subscription or Join the Society

at our stall to be outside the Methodist Church from 10am on **Saturday morning 9th December** or use the slip below. Many thanks to the Methodist Church for allowing us to be there.

Please tear off the slip below and send your subscription (or a donation) to

31/32 High St or 56 Station Road or 8 Rushey Lane, Boningale
or Elwood House, Cross Road (corner of Whiston Close)



Renewal / new member < Amount paid: £1 individual or £2 family < (<-please delete as appropriate)

Name/s: Tel No.....

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e-mail (if any):..... Date.....

There is absolutely no obligation to be a helper but if you do wish to be a volunteer helper with some of the work we do please tick - please say what.....

For those who may wish to pay by BACS: Sort Code 30-10-12, a/c No.00732758 and email mikepitchford02@hotmail.co.uk with information requested above.

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