Alderton Newsletter - October 2026

1. ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
Meeting agendas, minutes and finances are online at: https://aldertonparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/

PLANNING UPDATES

Proposed Development – Land south of Beckford Road [now 32 houses] 24/00393/OUT
There are still some highway issues under discussion.

Proposed Development – Land Behind 52-74 Willow Bank Road [48 houses] 2400801/FUL
No further news.

Dibden Lane – 26/00588/PIP, Land on the South Side of Dibden Lane [up to 9 houses]
The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that this proposal was **refused**. Thanks to all residents who wrote in, in a limited time period.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY
Once again, many thanks to the 195 households who completed the survey – a 45% response rate is a very high return for surveys of this type. The Parish Council received a full report just before the September meeting and opened discussions on how to respond. The intention is to come to a conclusion by the end of the year. There was support for a range of actions across a broad spectrum. Information about the survey results will go onto the Parish Council website.

ROAD CLOSURES - Willow Bank Road, 2-4 November [09.30 to 15.30 daily]

EMERGENCY PLANNING
The Council received a presentation from the Tewkesbury Emergency Planning Officer and were encouraged to develop their own local plan dealing with any local emergencies.

SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD
The Parish Council are signing a lease with Gloucestershire County Council to take over responsibility for the old School Playing Field. There will be further consideration of potential usage.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - This has been paused subject to review. More information awaited.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 20 October 2026, 7pm, in the Village Hall.

Welcome to new residents

Our monthly newsletter is available by email at www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/newsletter-signup. Visit www.aldertonvillage.co.uk for information on village news.

Follow us on social media at www.facebook.com/aldertonglos & www.instagram.com/alderton_glos or join our WhatsApp groups (**Alderton Residents** and **For Sale/Free**) for local updates and to buy/sell. To join, contact Mark on 07973 963539 or mwjmail@gmail.com.

2. ALDERTON BUSINESSES & SERVICES

ALDERTON VILLAGE STORE & POST OFFICE

Hello everyone, My name is Harry, and together with Kiran and my family, we are delighted to have recently taken over the Alderton Village Shop. We're excited to bring it back to life and provide the village with a local shop everyone can rely on.

We have now reopened following some refurbishment and are building up our stock, with a good range of everyday essentials, fresh products and loads of new alternatives. The Post Office is also fully up and running, and we're committed to providing a reliable and friendly service.

Our opening hours:
Shop - Monday to Saturday - 8am to 6pm; Sunday - 8am to 4pm
Post Office - Monday to Saturday - 9am to 5pm

Most importantly, we want the shop to feel like a real part of the community. We hope to get to know our customers, support the village wherever we can, and create a friendly place to pop in: whether you're picking up essentials, using the Post Office, or simply stopping for a chat.

We're really excited for the future and grateful for all the support we've already received. We look forward to welcoming you in!

Harry & Family

THE GURKHAS AT GARDENERS ARMS

www.thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk / 01242 620257 / info@thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk

Discover vibrant dishes, full of flavour and cooked to perfection at The Gurkhas at Gardeners Arms. Whether you're joining us for a relaxed lunch, an evening meal or simply satisfying a food craving, the team looks forward to welcoming you.

With Christmas approaching, we are now taking bookings for Christmas Day 2026. Let us take the stress out of Christmas Day so you can simply relax, indulge and enjoy quality time with your loved ones. Our Christmas menu is packed with all the traditional favourites and more to make the day feel extra special.

Advance bookings only and it's £64.99 per adult or £29.99 per child (10 & under).Available Christmas Day, 12pm - 2pm or 3pm - 5pm only.

As always, everyone is very welcome at The Gurkhas. Come and enjoy the vibrant flavours of our Indian and Nepalese food, a drink at the bar, or simply some time with friends and neighbours.

Book your table:
☎ 01242 620257
🌐 thegurkhasatgardenersarms.co.uk

ALDERTON VILLAGE HALL

www.aldertonvillagehall.co.uk
bookings@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk / enquiries@aldertonvillagehall.co.uk

Our monthly café/coffee mornings are usually held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am -12 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for fresh coffee, tea or hot chocolate and delicious home-made cakes made by the Village Hall volunteers. Come along on your own or meet up with friends.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD - CANINE COFFEE MORNING, 10AM - 12PM
Well-behaved dogs on leads, big and small, are very welcome to join us for this special morning. Homemade doggie treats will be available to buy as well as the usual tea, coffee and cakes. Takeaways also available.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH - JIGSAW SWAP COFFEE MORNING, 10AM - 12PM
Have you finished with a jigsaw and would like a new one to challenge you over the dark winter nights? Then come along to our jigsaw swap and see what you can find. There will be a communal jigsaw for everyone to help complete during the morning.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH - CHRISTMAS CAFE, 10AM - 12PM
A festive morning of Christmas fun with refreshments, delicious homemade cakes, and a Christmas raffle along with a sprinkling of lots of Christmas cheer. Community carol singing and a performance by our very own village handbell ringing group, the Alderton Belles. Everyone welcome. Come and join the fun!

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

https://gloucester.diocesedirectory.org/places/29675 / julia.hook@btinternet.com

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH - PET SERVICE, 10.30AM
Do bring all your pets and the family to our informal relaxed service, so we can celebrate the pleasure they bring to us.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH - 10.30AM
The Archdeacon of Cheltenham will be coming to our 10.30am service.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 10.50AM
We shall meet at the War Memorial at 10.50am, which will be followed by a service in Church.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5TH - CHRISTMAS FAIR, 2PM

This will be held in the Village Hall from 2.00 - 4.00pm

MEDIEVAL MARKS TALK
Tickets for this have all been sold. Sarah is looking into organising another local history talk as this has been very popular.

KNEELER CUSHIONS
Thank you to all who purchased a kneeler cushion, raising £92 to date for church funds. There are still a small number left (£2 each). Please contact Sue on 07768 974253**.**

OAK HILL CoE PRIMARY SCHOOL

https://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/

We have enjoyed a great start to the academic year, with new pupils and staff joining the team, great learning opportunities and fun along the way.

We are already looking forward to our Y5/6 residential to Devon in October and rehearsing for the Young Voices trip in January.

Our open events are scheduled and we look forward to showing off our wonderful school to families joining us. Please see our poster for more details.

ALDERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP

www.ourwatch.org.uk

Come and see us at the Village Hall coffee mornings which we will be attending each month commencing on Saturday 3 rd October from 10:00 until 12:00. We will be on hand to share the benefits of the Neighbourhood Watch Group and to listen to any questions or concerns that you may have about local crime.

Neighbourhood Watch Membership is free. We will be delighted to welcome new members. You can join on-line at www.ourwatch.org.uk or contact me directly on 07799 347259 and help us to develop our community.

You can pick up free Neighbourhood Watch window stickers and leaflets and, if you wish to, sign up to become a member of the group.

Neighbourhood Watch Groups can make a real, long-lasting difference to their communities: increasing cohesion; helping to prevent crime; increasing neighbourliness and community wellbeing; supporting vulnerable people and increasing the voice of the community with other organisations.

We are working with and supported by the Tewkesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Alderton Parish Council.

Being a member of our group will enable you to receive crime prevention advice, local information, and help us to make Alderton a better place to live.

Please email alderton.neighbourhood.watch@gmail.com for more information.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERTS

If you would prefer not to become a member of the Alderton Neighbourhood Watch Group, but would still like to be sent alerts about local crime and crime prevention advice by email, you can register for the alerts at www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk

We look forward to getting to know many more of you in the village.

3. CLUBS & SOCIETIES

ALDERTON GARDENING CLUB NEWS

www.aldertonvillage.co.uk/alderton-gardening-club / aldertongc@gmail.com

Alderton Gardening Club met at the Village Hall on Thursday 10th September, welcoming David Higginson, proprietor of New Leaf Plants in Sedgeberrow, as our guest speaker. New Leaf is one of Britain's principal propagation nurseries for climbers and clematis, supplying garden centres and nurseries throughout the country on a wholesale basis.

David took over the business in 2016, although the site has been home to a nursery since 1985. The 25-acre site includes extensive glasshouses and polytunnels, together with a reservoir used for irrigation, and employs around 50 people. David particularly praised the skills and dedication of the nursery's staff, including many from Thailand, who play an important role in propagating and nurturing the young plants.

It takes around 18 months to produce a saleable plant, and New Leaf grows an impressive 400 different varieties of clematis. David gave us a fascinating insight into the amount of work involved, explaining that even with such careful cultivation, a proportion of plants will inevitably fail.

The main focus of the talk was on pruning and renovating climbers and clematis, together with advice on plant care, growing conditions, diseases and their control, and suitable composts. David also demonstrated how to take clematis cuttings and showed us some young plants developing roots from recently taken cuttings.

Pest control at the nursery makes use of natural predators, including wasps, alongside organically based products such as SB Plant Invigorator. The talk gave members a real appreciation of the skill, time and expertise required to produce the plants we see for sale in garden centres.

After speaking for around an hour, David answered questions from an audience of more than 65 members and guests. Following a well-deserved round of applause, Chairman Tom Cullimore gave the usual club notices and gardening jobs and tips for September. Julia Maxwell then organised the nine-prize raffle.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed David's informative presentation, and members were delighted to hear that he has kindly invited the club to visit New Leaf Plants next spring. Members were also able to purchase New Leaf clematis at special prices.

Next month, the club welcomes BBC Gardeners' World presenter Sue Kent for "Creating Beautiful Borders". The event is fully sold out, with a bumper raffle and refreshments planned. Members are asked to arrive early to help avoid congestion, and the evening will once again be recorded by volunteers from The Cotswold Listener for their visually impaired audio magazine.

4. GREAT WASHBOURNE

Great Washbourne's Harvest Festival was held on Sunday, September 20th. Many thanks to all who joined us for the service and for the harvest lunch. As the weather was behaving, we were able to have the harvest lunch out in the churchyard which was very pleasant and enjoyed by all. A cash & produce collection was made for the North Cotswold Foodbank.

The Great Washbourne Family Quiz has been postponed until 10th April 2027. More details to follow.

5. EVENTS

DAYLESTONE PARK COFFEE MORNING, FRI 9TH OCT, 10AM

Join us for a relaxed morning of coffee and conversation.

- Fresh coffee and something sweet
- Easy conversation with neighbours and friendly faces
- Pop in, meet our team, and enjoy a relaxed morning

Join us at the Daylestone Park Show Home, off St Margaret's Drive, Alderton, GL20 8FQ

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DAYLESTONE PARK OPEN HOUSE EVENT, SAT 17TH OCTOBER, 10AM - 5PM

Come and visit our Open House Event, tour our beautifully crafted homes, and explore the development and what we can offer.

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DEBRIFRILLATORS

To use both defibrillators, take your mobile phone as you need to call 999 to get the release code.

	Rear of porch, Alderton Village Hall	**Right-hand side of Pavilion, Alderton Playing Field**
Address	2 Dibden Lane, Alderton	Beckford Road, Alderton
Postcode	GL20 8NT	GL20 8NL
What3Words	https://w3w.co/taking.scramble.reporting ///taking.scramble.reporting	https://w3w.co/dazzling.rounds.seemingly ///dazzling.rounds.seemingly

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