

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT SUPPORT UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2021

The Parish Council is aware of the growing concern about the environment both globally and locally. In Alrewas we face the challenge of new housing developments and loss of green fields, the existing quarry at Alrewas and the recently approved quarry and factory at Orgreave, HS2 works and high local traffic levels.

We have adopted a Climate Change and Environmental Support Statement to guide our work to support the environment in our community. We see “Environment” in the broadest sense, to include the natural world and our countryside, but also our local facilities.



The Statement is available on our website:

www.alrewasparishcouncil.org.uk

So, what we have done to date?



- We have met with Staffordshire County Council to discuss the protection of public footpaths in the village
- We installed a Trim Trail on Walkfield to give adults some open air keep fit opportunities.
- We are working with Staffordshire County Council to explore the installation of a bus shelter on Main Street to encourage the use of public transport
- We have supported the Keep Alrewas Tidy litter pickers by supplying equipment
- We have reduced the amount of copying and paper used in the office
- We voted to stop Lichfield District Council using pesticides on the grounds which they maintain on our behalf.

Development in Alrewas:



- We liaise with Crest Nicholson, the developers of Green Acres, on a regular basis and have raised various environmental concerns with them and with Lichfield District Council. including the late delivery of the biodiversity plan and drainage issues. We also maintain a watching brief on other development projects, including Home Farm, and all planning applications to try and protect the conservation area of the village and the local environment.
- The Parish Council Quarry working group led a very strong campaign against the planning application to develop the Orgreave Quarry and factory. We worked with other local councils and made a strong case against the development. However, Staffordshire County Council did grant permission and we will now carefully monitor the site and the

way the operators work within the planning consent conditions.



The natural environment

- We have obtained external funding to rewild some areas in Alrewas to benefit wildlife and the wellbeing of residents.
- We have taken on responsibility to maintain the Willowave sculpture

SO, WHAT CAN WE DO NEXT?

We would like to hear what projects you would like us to consider in 2022 and beyond to help us develop our environmental work plan. Please contact the Parish Clerk. Thank you!

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