

**Alsager Town Centre  
Facebook Comments**

**June Buckley's (Town Centre Working Group member) postings - Summer 2017**

Following our discussion, June has posted some questions to What's Going On In Alsager.

1 Name 10 good things about Alsager (11/5/2017)

Lots of positive comments, including from recent incomers

2 Hi everyone. We loved your comments yesterday. So now can we have some suggestions about your wish list to improve the look and visitor experience of the Alsager High Street. We are thinking that all sorts of funding could be applied for. So be imaginative but please keep the negativity to a minimum (12/5/2017)

3 What should we do with the town square (5/6/2017)

Lots of comments, including concerns about limits imposed by Asda ownership

4 Hi Everyone. Can I have your thoughts please? What suggestions do you have for making the B'Hoys Gardens (the ones by the chippy) more attractive and visitor friendly to encourage people to walk down to that end of the village, and then pause to admire The Mere? What do you all think of these railings? These comments will go to the Neighbourhood Plan Team (22/6/2017)

5 4/7/2017 There is a proposed meeting between Cheshire East Highways and the Neighbourhood Plan Team in late July. Do any of you have any issues in Alsager town centre with traffic, parking or related matters - as driver, cyclist or pedestrian? If so are there specific places or times of day? [separate document for summary of FB comments]

6 20/7/2017 What are your thoughts? Would you like the whole of Alsager High Street to have a uniform paving - from the Shady Grove/Fields Road junction to either Hall Drive or Blue Bell Way. This would have the benefit of identifying the High Street and giving a unified and attractive look to Alsager's High Street

7 23/7/2017 Firstly can I say - I am not saying we should have this in Alsager, but this YouTube video tells the story of Shared Space in Pointon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vzDDMzq7d0>

## **Problems**

parking - parents picking up kids from school  
lack of facilities  
dead town  
any other nearby town is better  
mish mash of buildings

## **Other issues**

Alsager Fair Trade status (eg did this prevent Asda having George?)  
Alsager Mere Association - first event on 15 April [Mandy Robertson, group of people living on and near the mere] - this might have been a hoax  
Christchurch runs Revive, a youth club for years 7-11, Fridays in term time 7.30-9.30, in the church hall

## **Required facilities**

coffee shops (more or less?)  
Costa?  
petrol  
bookies  
superstore  
M&S food  
George clothing  
Home Bargains  
Aldi or Lidl  
Iceland  
branded clothes shops  
support independent local businesses  
somewhere to look around other than charity shops eg Home Bargains  
another decent chippy where you can park  
Greggs  
things for kids to do, especially junior to teens - youth club, roller disco or modern equivalent

## **Suggestions**

Survey of those parking in town centre - why, how long, impact of charging, how often

## **Town square improvements**

- more of a community hub
- flowers and pots - to soften the area
- benches and tables
- free wifi
- water feature

- less litter - litter bins
- keep it clean eg chewing gum problem
- need to keep it open space for events - stalls, Italian cars, etc

### **B'Hoys Garden improvements and Mere access**

- metalworker to design artistic gates and railings eg man who does "fairies" at Trentham
- professional landscaping - more light
- currently too dark - cut back the trees
- too much litter (even though there are litter bins)
- make a jetty out into the Mere with fence around
- wild flower garden
- mermaid statue
- do the railings stop the birds wandering?
- other lakes and canals do not need railings
- railings are drab and depressing
- more seating
- a hide to watch nature closer up
- ask chippy next door if they are prepared to open up part of their area to the waterfront to make a bigger area for public access
- cafe - perhaps run by chippy
- relocate some businesses to other side of the road, knock down a couple of shops of the waterside to create public space
- sandpit / paddling pool for children
- pool and fountain
- flower beds used to be interconnecting pools - the water was pumped from the mere to the top and all the now flowerbeds are connected beneath the paths
- Studio S Dance and Fitness (part of Senate) have cafe leading down to the Mere
- proper fence down the chippy side
- gates seem to be locked sometimes eg on Sundays - deep them open
- a bit of community sharing by the residents would not go amiss
- need to be able to feed the ducks
- don't spend the money unless something really stylish is planned - else disappointment
- get children involved - what would they like?
- multi-coloured railings, paddling pool (also for boats), fountain
- a walkway connecting the two public access areas - possibly a floating pontoon
- fishing from the pier/pontoon
- planting fruit and veg and herbs for everyone to use
- remove entrance gates and open up access
- planting - contemporary interpretation of reed beds flowing down towards the water (grasses and wild flowers)